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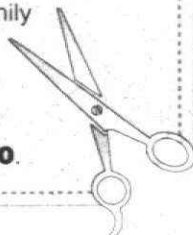
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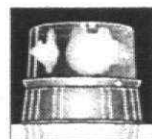
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Police merger gains momentum



BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Now the work begins. "We are in the process of deciding what this animal looks like," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, about the

A new study could be the spark that ignites a merger of some police functions among the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities. The communities are looking at ways it could be accomplished.

proposed consolidation of certain police services.

McCarthy is leading a subcommittee of community leaders, including police chiefs and financial experts, to determine just how possible consolidation of dispatch, records and

lockup among five communities would work and what it would cost.

"You really need to first of all talk about what happens if the communities stay separate and if they merged what would it look like," McCarthy said.

Based on a lengthy report by consultant Donald Bachand and William Barnett, the communities — Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships and the cities of Plymouth and Northville — decided to launch a

more in-depth study into merging certain functions of the police departments.

Though also charged with considering full consolidation of the five departments, the consultants recommended only partial shared services.

"Although the report also demonstrates both cost savings and service improvement for a full merger, given the political issues and the much

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First game



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joining in: Four-year-old Anthony Fuciarelli was skating with his dad, Larry, when he joined some older boys for his first hockey game on the skating ponds behind Canton Township hall this week.

Chamber assists 'Santa'

More than 70 Canton Chamber of Commerce members and guests raised \$200 for "Santa's Christmas Fund," founded by the chamber's honorary member, Gene "Santa" Reeves.

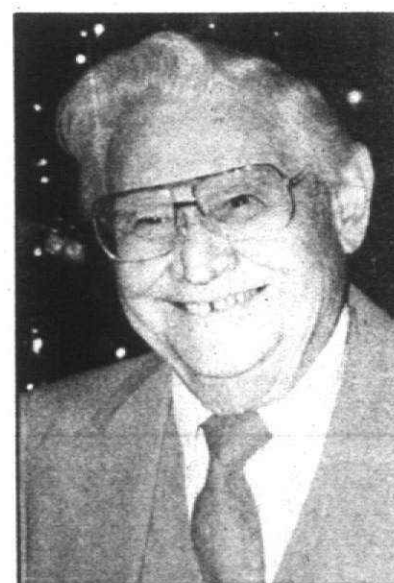
The fund-raising was part of the chamber's annual holiday party Dec. 3 at the Gainsborough Club House in Canton. The 91-year-old Reeves, dressed in a traditional Santa suit,

■ **Gene Reeves was the original Santa who rode in the J.L. Hudson's Thanksgiving parade for 10 years.**

told members and guests that he has helped the needy for more than 57 years. Reeves was recently named as the Michigan Jaycees Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Reeves was the original Santa who rode in the J.L. Hudson's Thanksgiving parade for 10 years. Since that time, all of his Santa work has been done for children's charities. The gifts he buys with money raised will be delivered to the Bryant School, Dorsey Street Community Center, Foster Grandparent Association, respite centers and area group homes.

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Gene "Santa" Reeves

School finances, Mettetal dominate headlines

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

1993 was a year of agreement and disagreement for Canton Township. Undoubtedly, school finances, property-assessment increases and Mettetal Airport dominated the emotions of news watchers during the year. Here's a peek at some of the major news events in the community in 1993.

January

Bad news for girls in the Plymouth-Canton school district. According to the Michigan Education Assessment Program test, they didn't do as well as the boys in math and science.

Dr. Charles Fisher, awaiting a retrial in his wife's 1984 duct-tape murder, was charged with two felonies after a fellow prison inmate accused him of trying to get the other inmate to take the fall for the murder charge. Fisher was later convicted of the lesser felony charge.

Canton became the place to live. Residential prices and sales continued to grow. For the first time, the median price for Canton homes topped the median price in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Elvis Presley stamps sold out at the Canton post office within 20 minutes. The Canton finance branch had 8,000 stamps to sell.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New mayor: Detroit Mayor-elect Dennis Archer wowed community leaders who heard his December address before the Canton Economic Club.

February

Art took the spotlight in Canton with the beginning of the township's very own Project Arts, designed to provide cultural activities for adults and children.

The purchase of Mettetal Airport rose from the dead with the state's announcement of its inten-

tion to buy the facility within months.

Robert Gale, a third-grade teacher at Farrand Elementary, was found not guilty of hitting a student in October 1992.

March

The township's farmers got a shock in their mailboxes when they received their property-assessment notices. Many of the farmers received triple-digit increases, while other property owners suffered in their own way with double-digit hikes.

Canton Township made television news with reports from children in the Westpoint Manor Mobile Home Park on Michigan Avenue that an unidentified man tried to abduct at least one girl at a nearby bus stop.

More than 400 property owners filed appeals in person with the board of review over their assessment increases. With written appeals, the board expected to exceed 600 appeals.

The Homeowners Advisory Council of Canton got a new lease on life after more than 1 1/4 years of dormancy. Township Supervisor Tom Yack requested the rebirth of the group.

What was later to cause anxiety among homeowners, a mandatory pre-sale house inspection

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Merger from page 1A

greater complexity and cost for full merger, as well as the greater resistance to it, we do not believe full merger should be considered for immediate implementation," according to the report.

The continuing investigation is based on the notion that Canton's public safety building would be used for combined dispatch and backup services.

"We would give up operational control to a group (such as an intergovernmental authority) made up of all the communities," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

The subcommittee is faced with answering some big questions. What do we need in communication equipment in the five communities? said McCarthy, suggesting some of the items under study.

Through the subcommittee is trying to move expeditiously on its study, members have not set a deadline. The idea is provide each community with enough information about what it would cost, how it would work and other items, such as equipment needs, that would help each a decision on shared services.

The subcommittee will report back to the full committee. I would anticipate each of us would go back to our boards and present the results and discuss whether it would serve as to do this."

Santa from page 1A

Falerno's restaurant provided the food for the chamber's annual holiday party, while Silver Sounds Professional DJs provided entertainment. Door prizes were designed by Amour Flowers and Gifts.

The chamber will continue to

McCarthy said.

The goal of any shared services program is improved efficiency and cost savings. No doubt a major long-term savings in a partial consolidation would be in a reduction of the workforce and consequently, salaries. But McCarthy made it clear no employee in any of the five communities would be terminated should services be consolidated.

"We said it would be by attrition only," McCarthy said. "That has to be stressed."

McCarthy also said the public should realize that officials are wearing two hats in the study of partial consolidation. "We are looking for ways to consolidate to save money, and we're looking to do what's best for the individual taxpayers."

The proposed consolidation does not include the communities' fire departments. "We all run the same kind of police forces," Yack said, adding the fire departments are operated differently.

With consolidation, civilian employees could operate dispatch and lockup. "The sworn officers would get back on the street immediately," Yack said. "Even though this wouldn't be a monumental change to our residents, it's really the behind the scenes stuff that would change."

collect donations for Gene "Santa" Reeves. Anyone who wants to contribute may call the chamber at 453-4040, or make donations to "Santa's Christmas Fund," 37789 Hixford, Apt. F-12, Westland 48185.

Money crisis remains under new plan

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland schools will continue to face a money crunch under the state Legislature's finance-reform package, but the problem won't be as severe as officials previously feared, Superintendent Larry Thomas said Tuesday.

"It's not the worst-case scenario, and it's not the best-case scenario," he said. "We're right in the middle of where we wanted to be."

In dollar terms, it will make little difference in Wayne-Westland, which draws about 300 students from western Canton Township, whether Michigan voters approve a ballot proposal to raise the sales tax or whether a legislative backup plan goes into effect, boosting the state income tax, Thomas said.

The March 15 ballot proposal would increase the sales tax from four cents to six cents, while the backup plan would raise the in-

come tax from 4.6 percent to 6 percent. Both measures contain other provisions, as well, and hopes of closing the spending gaps between wealthier and poorer districts.

Either way, Thomas predicted that Wayne-Westland would see minimal gains that would put per-pupil spending at \$5,100.

In fact, the district is expected to receive an additional \$5 million to \$6 million in revenues. But the increase, Thomas said, will only offset a recent money crunch that caused the school board to spend about \$7 million from its surplus, virtually depleting general fund reserves.

With either plan, Thomas said, the district should be able to maintain the status quo, though he doubts that officials could restore programs that have been reduced or eliminated because of money woes.

"It's not going to be a windfall of money coming to our district,"

he said during a telephone interview. "We'll still have to be careful how we spend money."

Still, district officials had feared a much-worse scenario. They had believed future revenues would be linked to Wayne-Westland's current 37-mill tax rate, which plummeted 10 mills in one year.

The reduction was triggered by a two-year, 7.75-mill tax that expired in June and by an automatic tax rollback mandated by the state Headlee Amendment. In the aftermath of the 10-mill decrease, local voters twice refused to approve another tax hike.

That sent local officials into a virtual panic, especially when state legislators this year abolished the old system of school property taxes. Wayne-Westland educators received strong indications that future revenues would be based on the 37-mill tax rate, instead of the 47-mill rate of the previous year.

Now, however, Thomas said the

district's revenues will be based on a two-year average of the two millage rates. He credited the money-saving measure, in large part, to the strong lobbying efforts of Randy Liepa, the district's assistant superintendent for business and operations, and Greg Baracy, assistant superintendent for general administration.

Local officials made several trips to Lansing and made numerous telephone calls to legislators to plead their case.

"I'm extremely pleased" that legislators listened, Thomas said. "I really think that both of them (Liepa and Baracy) had an influence."

Their efforts were particularly important to Wayne-Westland, he said, because the district had the biggest one-year millage-rate decrease in the state. Local officials have repeatedly stressed that linking future revenues to the 37-mill rate would have catastrophic consequences.



Out of business: Highland Superstores Inc. announced the closing of its Plymouth headquarters as the firm, the city's biggest taxpayer, went out of business.

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program, was introduced at a township board study session. The plan was put on ice later in the year.

At long last, Canton was recognized when the school board changed the name of its two high-school campus to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

April

The school district put 83 teachers and administrators on layoff notice. Board president Roland Thomas said the layoff notices were to keep within \$4 million in budget cuts.

Also on the school front, five candidates, including incumbent trustee Dave Artley, announced their intentions to seek election to one seat.

School officials decided to ask voters in June to renew 17.74 mills and approve 4 additional mills for two years. Meanwhile, Gov. John Engler planned to ask voters to cut property taxes and raise the state sales tax to 6 percent, as well as to hold assessment increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

May

Mettetal Airport continued in the news, as a Canton Township study committee reviewed the proposed state purchase of the facility.

The 3M company promised to get started cleaning up a site on Michigan Avenue where old paint and adhesives were dumped in the 1960s.

School board candidate the Rev. Bill Myers planned to leave the district, but remain in the race. If he got the job, he said he would push for the appointment of Pat Liljestrand, past president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters organization.

June

The month began with the defeat of the Proposal A tax-shift plan. Meanwhile, local school officials wasted no time in making multi-million-dollar cuts following voter rejection of their 4-mill increase. The millage renewal, however, was approved. Incumbent David Artley was voted back on the board.

The Canton Liberty Fest opened with the dedication of the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park. Festival-goers gained 1,024 signatures for a petition drive to get a full-service post office into Canton.

July

The schools were back in the news with a board decision to ask voters again for 4 mills for two years at a special Aug. 17 election. The board said it wanted to stave

off \$4.6 million in cuts. But the board also recalled 10 teachers and six administrators who were pink-slipped.

A contract between Canton Township and the state — which bought the facility for more than \$4 million — over the purchase of Mettetal Airport was signed, sealed and delivered. The agreement granted the township certain assurances, such as an advisory board and a promise not to expand the facility.

Superintendent John Hoben got a passing grade in his yearly evaluation from the school board. His average score was down a bit from the previous year.

A plan to seek natural beauty road designation for a portion of western Canton was announced — a first in Wayne County.

Residents at Canton Commons Apartments said they had had enough with graffiti, fights, gunfire and vandalism by teens and young adults at their complex. While residents called the teens gangs, police began evaluating the problem. Canton director of public safety John Santomaro said he would put a stop to the problems, but he asked parents to help control their children. A task force was later formed.

August

State Rep. Jerry Vorva of Plymouth took the heat from educators at a forum on education reform for his vote to let property tax support for schools and for suggesting educators should make sacrifices.

And they meant no. Plymouth-Canton voters again said no to a school district request for an additional 4 mills. Immediately, booster club members made their pleas to school officials to save sports and other activities from cuts.

September

Plymouth-Canton teachers voted to freeze their salaries, postponing a raise for one year, paving the way to bring back 30 of 42 teachers laid off following the defeat of the 4-mill property tax increase.

Good news arrived for Canton Township property owners in the form of the township board's decision not to increase the tax rate even a small amount. Instead, officials balanced the budget with increased revenue from new construction and rising property values.

Good news also arrived for the school district with a more-than-\$2-million bonus school aid package from the state. Seventeen teachers were rehired. The board also decided to put some money into textbooks and restore bus



Pressing the flesh: Gov. John Engler took time from marching in Plymouth's July 4 parade to shake hands with parade watchers along Main Street.



Wayne-not: Renee Reyer of Canton and Phyllis Counts of Livonia protested the selling of the film "Wayne's World" by McDonald's, saying it wasn't fit for young kids.

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transportation for the talented and gifted program.

October

Retired U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell of Plymouth complicated the GOP race for U.S. Senate when he announced he will seek the seat held by Democratic U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle, who announced he wouldn't run for the post he has held since 1976. Many Canton and Plymouth Republicans were expecting to support the candidacy of GOP state chairman Spencer Abraham.

School Superintendent John Hoben had questions and reservations about Gov. John Engler's schools and school-finance reform plan. Yet Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he was all for the plan.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development came through with a \$3.4-million grant to build a 56-unit apartment building for low-income senior adults next to Canton Place.

Fiegel Elementary School canceled its Halloween celebration in favor of a Harvest Festival. Principal Barbara Young said there were "many destructive and violent aspects of Halloween. I thought we could do better for the children."

November

While the Mettetal Advisory Board came up with a wish list of improvements for the facility, state aviation representatives accepted proposals from less than 10 individuals and companies interested in managing the airport. School district followers got a shock when Dean Swartzwelder, school board treasurer, resigned not long after undergoing cancer surgery.

The Canton Public Library celebrated its fifth year in its own building on Canton Center Road, with a midnight madness celebration.

The school board moved on with the appointment of Sue Feiten of Plymouth Township to fill the vacancy left by Swartzwelder. Feiten founded the Class-size Action Partnership in July. She was selected over 14 other applicants.

A Canton resident and a Livonia resident picketed area McDonald's restaurants for the sale of the "Wayne's World" video, joining a national movement.

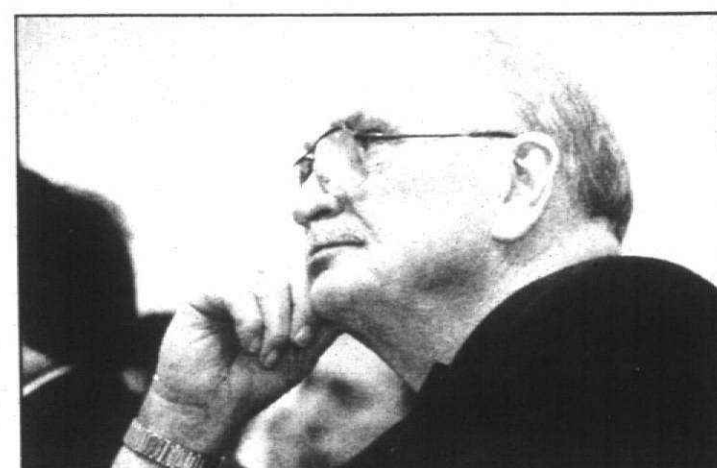
December

Five communities — Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships, as well as the cities of Plymouth and Northville — launched a grand-scale investigation into the sharing of police ser-

vices. Tensions flared again when a state aviation representative included plans for moving the Mettetal Airport runway 300 feet south of its current position on a wish list of improvements for the airport. The head of the state aviation division said there is no intent to break an agreement with Canton Township.

As was anticipated, school Superintendent John Hoben announced he will step down in June from the job he has held for 23 years.

A sell-out crowd of more than 400 local officials, judges, business people, educators and students listened as Detroit Mayor-elect Dennis Archer shared his vision for metropolitan Detroit at the Canton Economic Club.



Retiring: Longtime Plymouth-Canton schools Superintendent Mike Hoben announced this month he would retire in 1994.

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NEWSPAPERS

Test of time

Area attorneys discover appeal of movies isn't brief

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Through the years, the courtroom has inspired its share of top-notch movies, plays and books. The recently released movie "The Pelican Brief," based on John Grisham's book, joins such films as "Twelve Angry Men," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "The Firm" (another Grisham-based effort), "The Verdict," "Anatomy of a Murder" and others.

Lawyers have some definite ideas about what constitutes a first-rate courtroom movie/legal thriller. Judge James Garber of the 35th District Court, which serves the Plymouth-Canton-Northville communities, considers "Presumed Innocent" his favorite.



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

That movie, based on Scott Turow's book of the same name, was filmed partially in Detroit and starred Harrison Ford as a prosecuting attorney charged with murder. Garber, whose legal experience includes work on the Wayne County prosecutor's staff, as a defense lawyer and as a judge, considers "Presumed Innocent" the most realistic portrayal he's seen.

"Both the movie and the book were about as accurate as anything you're going to see. And also a heck of a good story," said the judge, who hasn't yet seen "The Pelican Brief."

He's read all of Scott Turow's and John Grisham's books. Both Turow and Grisham are attorneys. Garber's favorite Grisham book is the author's first, "A Time To Kill."

Garber has a tough time watching such television shows as "L.A. Law," finding them to be highly inaccurate. He has some thoughts on why the courtroom generates so many good stories.

"Trial is drama. Trial work is not boring at all," Garber said. "It's a very exciting thing."

Often, courtrooms attract veteran "court watchers," who enjoy

seeing the day's events. There's a competitive aspect to trial work, he added, particularly when it involves serious crimes such as murder and rape. Good trial lawyers often have experience in drama, Garber said, and actors too often indicate an interest in the law.

A classic Plymouth-based attorney Elizabeth Johnson, who hasn't seen "The Pelican Brief," also liked "Presumed Innocent" and appreciated its realistic qualities. She doesn't give it top billing, however.

"Actually, I think my favorite is 'Adam's Rib.' It was an early film that showed women in the courtroom," the Plymouth resident said. The 1949 courtroom movie starred Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy as a husband-and-wife lawyer team on opposite sides of a criminal case.

Women attorneys and judges appear regularly in movies now, but that wasn't true when "Adam's Rib" was made. Johnson, who practices both civil and criminal law, doesn't see a tendency for criminal cases to dominate civil ones in movies.

"I think they generally get a fairly even dose. Hollywood's given pretty equal billing to civil and criminal cases," she said. "The Verdict," which Johnson liked, involves a civil case; that 1982 film starring Paul Newman tells

of a medical malpractice case handled by a down-on-his-luck lawyer. Johnson has another favorite, particularly appropriate for this time of year, "Miracle on 34th Street," in which Kris Kringle is put on trial and forced to prove his existence, is a perennial holiday favorite of hers.

Michael Reynolds, Wayne County assistant prosecutor, cast his ballot for a 1979 Australian film. "My favorite courtroom movie is 'Breaker Morant,'" said Reynolds. The movie starred Bryan Brown and Edward Woodward; it's set during the Boer War (1899-1902) in South Africa. "Breaker Morant," which Reynolds has seen five or six times, tells of three Australian soldiers put on trial for "trumped-up war crimes charges." The British want the soldiers convicted to appease the Boers, so they bring in a top-notch trial lawyer to prosecute. The soldiers are defended by an inexperienced solicitor, a lawyer in the British court system who doesn't ordinarily handle courtroom appearances.

Reynolds isn't sure just who'd play him, jokingly suggesting such stars as Kevin Costner or Mel Gibson. A more likely choice, he added, would be Danny DeVito. "God knows, in his first dramatic role."

Coast Guard auxiliary serves community

The U.S. Coast Guard has chartered a new Coast Guard Auxiliary Division composed of some 100 auxiliaries in Wayne County.

This is the first new division in Michigan in more than 10 years.

The division has been created to help facilitate the changing needs of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The new division, which will meet monthly in Livonia, consists of five flotillas — two from Livonia, one in Plymouth, and two from Detroit.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the volunteer civilian component of the Coast Guard dedicated to boating safety and support of the regular Coast Guard. The auxiliary promotes boating safety through its programs of search and rescue, public boating education, and courtesy vessel examinations.

Capt. Dennis W. Cleveland, U.S.C.G. chief of boating safety division, 9th Coast Guard District, presented the charter to Auxiliary Division Capt. Edward Sawle at a ceremony Dec. 17 in the VFW hall in Plymouth.

Commodore Fred Davis of the auxiliary jointly swore in the new division officers and staff before auxiliaries and guests. Cleveland and Randy Strobbridge commended the members of Division X for their enthusiasm and renewed interest in the organization.

In separate remarks, Cleveland spoke of the increased need for auxiliary participation in duties historically assigned to U.S. Coast Guard officers and enlisted ranks.

Cleveland emphasized that the auxiliary will be challenged to devote more time to operational support in supplying trained crew for U.S. Coast Guard facilities in the Great Lakes Region, specifically Coast Guard Station, Belle Isle, in Detroit.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary may call (313) 535-5974. For information on boating safety classes in the area, call (313) 478-3177.

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School finance bill frosts business

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Business is the interest that appears to have been left in the frigid cold as the state Legislature rewrote school finance laws last week.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce this week threatened a lawsuit against the property tax portion of the complex plan.

Owners of business property and second homes will pay 24 mills. Homeowners will pay 12 mills under the legislative bills or six mills if voters on March 15 hike the sales tax.

"High tax rates discourage economic activity and act as a disincentive for private businesses and entrepreneurs," said Rep. Greg

Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, in a protest against the ballot proposal.

The Michigan Constitution, however, appears to allow one property tax rate for business and one for homes. "Every tax other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform upon the class or classes on which it operates," says sec. 3 of Art. IX, the Finance and Taxation article.

Currently, all classes of property — homes, farms, commercial, industrial, mining and forests — are charged the same millage rates within a district. Statewide average is 34.5 mills for school operations.

The Legislature in July wiped out local school operating property taxes to the tune of \$6.9 billion.

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Don't allow your pets to freeze in winter

The Michigan Humane Society urges owners to take precautions for their pets during winter.

Indoor pets should make shorter trips outside, and short-haired breeds may need a coat or sweater when out for walks. Dry your pet's feet to eliminate slush and salt deposits which can cause irritation.

Cats often seek warmth by climbing onto car engines. Be sure to knock on the hood of the

car or sound the horn before starting the engine.

Antifreeze is a sweet-tasting substance that attracts cats and dogs and can be fatal if ingested. Keep antifreeze out of your pet's reach and clean up any spills immediately.

It is recommended that outdoor pets be brought inside during severely cold weather but be given adequate time on a porch or other in-between area for body tempera-

ture to adjust. If a pet must stay outside, be sure that adequate shelter is provided. Dog houses should be in good repair, with no leaks or gaps, and should be elevated to keep the floor dry.

Clean, dry straw should be used as bedding. Doors should be covered with a flap to stop drafts and should face southeast, away from prevailing winds.

An outside pet's food and water should be increased during cold

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E.V. Hill

LA minister speaks at prayer breakfast

The Rev. E.V. Hill of Los Angeles, Calif., will be the keynote speaker at the 1994 Wayne County Prayer Breakfast.

The breakfast will occur 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, in the Riverview Ballroom of Detroit's Cobo Center. Tickets are \$15 a head. Call Olivia Townsend at 224-6076, or Dorris Tilmon at 224-0756.

Hill is the pastor of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church and played a role in providing spiritual leadership during and after the L.A. riots last year. Hill's church was one of the few buildings that stayed open to the public during the riot, yet it was untouched by trouble.

Home, garden show set for February

The second annual Spring Home & Garden Show is set for Feb. 3-6 at the Novi Expo Center on Novi Road at I-696.

The show will feature more than 200 exhibitors displaying the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, remodeling, furniture, arts, crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

Highlights include TV gardening commentator Jeff Ball's "Yardening Academy" and lawn care information, demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling, the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association grants and a treasure chest contest with daily prizes.

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$5 for people older than 12 years of age, \$3 for people between the ages of 6 and 12. Those 5 years old and less get in free.

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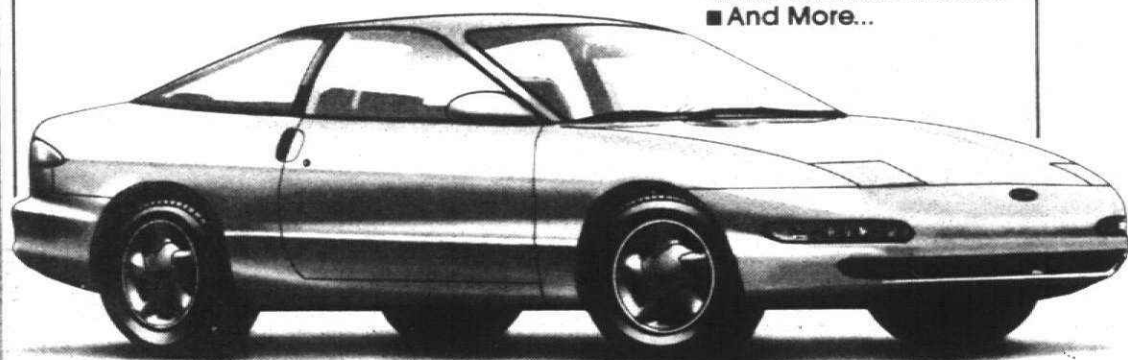
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AROUND
CANTON

Goal reached

Susan Luszczyński and Marilyn Whiteman of Professional Pet Sitters reached their goal of collecting 500 pounds of pet food for the Michigan Humane Society and the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

The women collected the food from customers and others in November and December. The fundraiser was designed for less fortunate animals. It provided people who wanted to give to the two organizations the convenience of having Luszczyński and Whiteman picking up.

"We hope to collect 1,000 pounds next year," Luszczyński said.

Chamber chief to speak

Canton Chamber of Commerce president Tom Adamusik will be the keynote speaker at the chamber's annual meeting at noon Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road. The chamber will be celebrating its 23rd birthday.

Adamusik's topic for the luncheon will be "What's Ahead for the Chamber." The meeting will include installation of the 1994 board of directors. Members also will vote on by-law changes at the meeting.

For reservations, call the chamber at 453-4040.

Patrols at CEP

Canton police will begin enforcement of all traffic and ordinance violations on the Canton Educational Park campus.

CEP security chief Thomas George asked Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro to patrol the area. George had to make the request because CEP is private property.

Grand opening

The grand opening of Pizza One has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at 6108 Canton Center Road in the Sunlight Plaza. The owners are Tom Barker and Todd Franklin.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gifted: Ray Fraser of Canton is a psychic, medium and healer.

Canton psychic ponders the spiritual life

■ Canton resident Ray Fraser, a psychic, medium and healer, believes the purpose of existence is to develop spiritual consciousness. He knows many are skeptical about his view of the world.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ray Fraser believes we are all here for a good reason.

"This is such a temporary state. It

can be gone in a flash. There has to be something more valuable than this," said Fraser, a psychic, medium and healer.

In other words, we're here to accomplish something in our spiritual lives. "The purpose of our physical existence is develop our spiritual consciousness," said the Canton resident. "Before you were a physical person, you were a spiritual person. You choose the life patterns you will live before you come into the physical. People who go through and make no progress have to start all over again.

It's an opportunity to advance and eliminate spiritual imperfections."

Fraser doesn't fool himself. He knows many people just don't buy this philosophy. "With the orthodox Christian philosophy, there's a stigma on it. Most people deny this because they are afraid of ridicule. Yet the Bible is filled with mediumship. There is talk of prophecy, spiritual life.

"People have been indoctrinated in believing this is the work of the devil. We believe this is a gift we develop

and a gift given to us to help other people."

The gift, Fraser said, is the developed ability to perceive a spiritual presence. He is a psychic, the physical part of mediumship. But he's also a certified healer through the Spiritualist Church. "It is a concept that people are responsible rather than the salvation concept. To us, Jesus was a great teacher."

Fraser says he was about 7 or 8 years old when he noticed he was dif-

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTIST SPEAKS
Artist/teacher Edee Jopich will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at Plymouth Township clerk's meeting room, corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor roads. Public invited, no charge. Sponsored by Three Cities Art Club.

VOLUNTEERS
Plymouth YMCA needs help at its coffee tent during the Ice Festival, Jan. 12-17. 453-2904.

FIREARM SAFETY
Course is offered 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10 and 17, at Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth Township. Evenings, 535-0436.

COUPON BOOKS
Orders for Entertainment '94 books can be bought for \$40 at three locations: Canton VFW Post 6967, 495-0465 or 455-8438; Plymouth Optimists Club, proceeds to benefit children's causes throughout southeast Michigan, Bill Von Glahn, 453-8253; or Plymouth Community Family YMCA (also Gold Coupon Book, \$10), 453-2904.

FLAGS AVAILABLE
Contact The American Legion, Passage-Gayle Post 391, in Plymouth. Jim Maahs, 455-5541, or Jim Barbour, 451-8659.

PLYMOUTH CLASSES
Parks and Recreation, 455-6620.

YMCA adult and youth classes, 453-2904.

FOR KIDS

YOUTH FREE THROW
Boys and girls ages 10-14 may participate in local level competition for 1994 Knights of Columbus International Championship, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at St. Thomas a' Becket gym, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Entry forms available at parish office or call F. Rodriguez, 459-6026.

SATURDAY CLUB
Arts, crafts, field trips and music for kids ages 6-12, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth, 453-8480.

LEADERS CLUB
National YMCA program for kids ages 11-15 offers social and volunteer opportunities every other Tuesday, Plymouth YMCA office, 248 S. Union. Call Colleen Anderson, 453-2904.

CLASSES
Plymouth Parks and Recreation, adult, preschool, youth and special events, 455-6620.
Plymouth YMCA youth classes begin in January. Register in person, 5-7:30 p.m. Jan. 5, 10 or 11.

YMCA office closed through Jan. 2, 453-2904.

HEALTH

FREE EYE EXAMS
Low-income families without health insurance must return applications by Jan. 25 for examinations to be performed during "Save Your Vision Week," March 6-12, 1994. Write for application: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141, or call 1-800-766-4466.

WEIGHT WATCHERS
Meetings are at 5:45 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, and daily hours at Weight Watchers Center—H, 44734 Ford, near Kmart, 1-800-487-4777.

SMOKE STOPPERS
Stop smoking/weight control clinic is offered 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

Free assessment and introduction to smoking cessation program at Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Pat Harris, 712-4141.

RUNNING
Spitfire men's and women's running club, ages 15 and up, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Canton High School track. Call Mike or Betty Krachak, 451-5966.

Group walks for walkers, 10 a.m. Monday-Friday, St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton, 455-9042.

EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY
Canton Parks and Recreation Canton Crickets preschool program lottery numbers can be picked up 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Winner notified week of Jan. 4-7.
New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township; preschool, early primary kindergarten, Me and My shadow Classes, and LEGO Logo classes. 420-3331.

St. Michael Christian School, Canton, openings for 4-year-olds. 459-9720.
Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth, 3- and 4-year-olds. 453-5464.

FREE CLASSES
For non-high school graduates, IBM training and GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 451-6555.

READING ASSISTANCE
Free adult tutoring and confidential skills assessment. Community Literacy Council, 451-6555.

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The National Kidney

Foundation of Michigan Inc. is seeking volunteers to serve as a community representative acting as a liaison between foundation and community. Call Michael Hart, 800-482-1455.

CALL TO HELP
Growth Works, 271 S. Main, Plymouth, office work, 455-4095.

Chambers of commerce in the Plymouth-Canton community, 326-4444.
Plymouth Arbor Health Building Urgent Care, and McAuley Health Building, Canton, 572-4159.
Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

SENIORS

SIXTY PLUS
Club meets for noon potluck Monday, Jan. 3, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. Bring own service and dish to pass. Steven Walters, city manager of Plymouth, will speak on "Being Left-Handed." 459-9195.

HELP
Information center offers senior programs, help with prescriptions, health-screening programs or income services. 422-1052.
Senior Alliance links seniors with residents willing to help with outdoor chores. Also, prescription assistance and holiday meals to eligible seniors, 722-2530.

Buy or sell used adaptive equipment (wheelchairs, motorized carts, walkers, van lifts, etc.), 1-800-237-3422, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.
Focus:HOPE provides food to eligible Canton seniors at the Canton Recreation Center, 397-1000, Ext. 278.

Classes at Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620; Canton Recreation Center, 397-5446.

SENIOR WORKERS
Child & Family Service LIFEWORK, a United Way agency, coordinates a

senior community service employment program for food service, library, gift shop cashier and clerical positions. Call Sally Kruger, 483-1418 or 1-800-242-6120.

CLUB CALL

CANTON NEWCOMERS
Pizza and games night is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough Road, 453-3693 or 455-8352.

WOMAN'S CLUB
Plymouth club meets at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Topic is "A Woman and Her Money," investment management and estate planning.

MONTHLY CLUBS
Three Cities Art Club, 7 p.m. first Monday, Plymouth Township Hall. Programs include guest demonstrators. New members welcome. 397-0562.

Canton Democratic Club, 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday, Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, 721-2170.
Experimental Aircraft Association, 8 p.m. third Thursday, EAA Hangar at Mettetal Airport, 453-8969.

Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, 7:30 p.m. fourth Thursday, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, 397-2973 or 397-1111.

VFW Canton Post No. 6967, 8 p.m. first Monday, Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695, 1226 S. Mill, Plymouth, 397-2444 or 459-8027.

Piecemakers, 7 p.m. third Thursday, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, 455-3838.

Woolgatherers Knitting Guild, 6:30 p.m. third Thursday, Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township. Call Karen Rumpitz at 420-4022.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Toastmasters Oral Majority Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's

Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Call Ken Morley, 277-2709 (evenings).

IN SUPPORT

MEDICAL SUPPORT
Multiple sclerosis exercise program and support group meets 6-8 p.m. Fridays, Livonia YMCA, 261-2161, Ext. 312.

Stroke support for Canton residents, call Marilyn Schneider, 397-2241, after 6 p.m.

Parkinson group in Western Wayne, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Livonia Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, 421-4208 or 459-0216.

Heart patients, 7:30-9 p.m. third Friday, Arbor Health Building Community Room, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Jack Bologna, 459-8787 (days).

ADDITIONS
SAFE, Setting Addicts Free Eternally, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor, Canton. Interpreted for the deaf. 453-4785.

Women's therapy group for adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families, call Elizabeth Broderick at Growth Works, 455-4902.

Never Say Never obsessive-compulsive group, 7 p.m. every other Thursday, First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Call Lois Turpel, 522-3022, or Audrey Harrison, 453-0354.

Families Anonymous, 8 p.m. Sundays, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. 397-8595.

MORE SUPPORT
Co-dependents Anonymous is a 12-step program for men and women whose common problem is self-defeating behavior in relationships with themselves and others. Meets 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, 476-5465.

Meet Your Needs, 7 p.m. Mondays, Full Gospel Church, 281 E. Spring, Plymouth, 453-0323.

Starting Over for young widows and widowers, 7-8:30 p.m. first and third

Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township, 677-0500.

NEARBY

BALLET
Performance of Children's Ballet Theatre is 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Edsel Ford High School auditorium, 20601 Rotunda, Dearborn. Canton resident Jillian Mitchell will perform.

MESSIAH
"Messiah" concert is 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at St. Peter Church, 95 Market St., Mt. Clemens, between North and South Gratiot. 468-4578.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
Battle Creek Festival of Lights concludes Friday evening. Fireworks finale. (616) 962-2240.

Germania Club Downriver offers New Year's Eve party at Germania Haus, 23156 King Road, Browns-town. Dinner 8-9 p.m., dancing 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday. Reservations, 479-4278.

First Night Wayne is non-alcoholic New Year's Eve celebration for entire family, 6 p.m. to midnight Friday in downtown Wayne, along Michigan Avenue east of I-275, exit 22 from I-275. 721-7400.

EDUCATION
Campus Visitation Day at Madonna University, Livonia, is 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17. 591-5052.

KIDS
Music class for kids ages 5-7 meets 11 a.m. Saturdays, kids ages 8 and older may learn a wind instrument or drums noon Saturdays. Both classes meet Jan. 8-March 12 at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. 525-8846.

Creative Center for Young Children sponsors an indoor carnival 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday at 47300 W. 12 Mile Road. Proceeds to Child Abuse & Neglect Council for Oakland County. 348-3820.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum gives demonstrations in its Science Circus, 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and 2-4 p.m. Sundays. Family Camp-In session is here. Information, 995-5439.

HEALTH
American Red Cross sponsors Save-A-Life, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton. Appointments, 1-800-582-4383 or 494-2800.

Catherine McAuley Health System offers free cardiovascular education program 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. 712-3583. Other classes at various locations include "Risk Factors For Heart Disease in Adults," 632-5200; "Personal Ex-

ercise and Weight Loss Management Class," (517) 545-6517; "Share and Care" cancer support group, 712-3958; "Beyond the Basics" diabetes class, 712-2431; Women's Luncheon Series includes "Making Your New Year's Fantasy Into a Reality," 545-6266.

St. Mary Hospital offers Focus on Living cancer support group 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5. 591-2600, Ext. 2469. Diabetes support group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. 591-2922.

ADULTS
Poetry competition is sponsored by Schoolcraft College and The MacGuffin literary magazine. Open to all Michigan residents, may submit up to five previously unpublished, original poems of 50 lines or less, typewritten, names and addresses cannot appear on the manuscripts, but should be placed with daytime phone number on 3-by-5-inch index cards. Entries must be received by Feb. 1. Mail to: "Poet Hunt," Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, Mich. 48153. 462-4400, Ext. 5292 or 5327.

Ypsilanti-Willow Run Branch of the NAACP will conduct annual Jubilee Day celebration in recognition of Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln Jan. 1, 1863, at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at Community Church of God, 565 Jefferson, Ypsilanti. 485-7515.

Beginner dance class is offered at 7 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 3, at Jane Adams Elementary School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford. Sponsored by Redford Parks and Recreation, 471-4168.

Family Business Council (FBC) offers discussion sessions on support systems, focusing on problems in multi-generational businesses, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11. (810) 952-5800.

Architecture and Design program is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Lawrence Technological University, on 10 Mile Road at Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (810) 356-0200, Ext. 4050.

Ford Seahorses SCUBA Diving Club is sponsoring The Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival Feb. 12 at Ford Motor Co. world headquarters, Dearborn. Tickets, 769-2458.

The University of Michigan Museum of Art presents tours to Italy, April 26-May 11; and China, May 9-26. (313) 747-0517.

MUSICALS
Ann Arbor debut performance of Trio Tchaikovsky is 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St. Bordin String Quartet performs Jan. 25-29. 764-2538.

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CAMPUS PIPELINE

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Nancy C. Pennington, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170.

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Veronica Aittama (cum laude).

CARIE HOWE of Canton was among 34 Michigan men and women nominated by U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle to the nation's armed-service academies: the Military Academy (West Point), the Naval Academy (Annapolis), the Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy. The candidates were chosen from more than 350 applicants throughout the state. Admission is based on scholastic examination scores, physical aptitude scores, high school class standing, leadership potential, medical examinations and an evaluation of the "whole person." Each student will be committed to spending no less than five years in the

service following graduation.

CANTON RESIDENTS were among 276 freshmen who were new members of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University this fall. They averaged a high school grade-point average of 3.85 and a composite average aptitude score of 27.3 on the American College Test. They are Stephanie Gray, Michelle Magers, Michelle Marchewka and George McConnell.

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Lake study



Survey team: Tony Lertola and Eldon Duncan of Metco Dunn Land Surveyors recently surveyed Wilcox Lake for the department of natural resources as part of a study of lakes in the Hines Park area.

Health, fitness merge at facility in Plymouth Township

The new MedHealth Fitness and Wellness Center on Halvard Drive in Plymouth Township sticks out from other exercise centers because it employs several professional staff members. The professionals consist of exercise physiologists, physical therapists, certified athletic trainers and others who can provide clients with supervision and instruction at no extra cost to members.

MedHealth also has a variety of modern aerobic equipment including tread mills, Lifecycles, Stairclimbers, rowing machines, Nautilus machines and free weights.

Aerobic exercise classes are taught by instructors certified by the American College of Exercise

and the American Physical Fitness Association.

A variety of aerobic classes are offered all day long, ranging in intensity from beginner classes to advanced step classes.

MedHealth offers a wellness program in which the member completes a medical history form, a health risk appraisal and a cho-

lesterol profile with his or her physician.

The member is given an initial assessment to obtain base values for various fitness tests.

This program is beneficial for individuals who have not exercised for a long period of time, those who have health problems, those who want extensive exercise or others who want to know more

about their health.

The new Plymouth facility also has orthopedic and sports medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation and cardiac rehabilitation offerings.

For more information, call 459-1800.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT F. HARRIS
Services for Robert F. Harris, 86, were Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Vermuelen Memorial Funeral Home, Livonia.

He was born Dec. 24, 1906, in Remus, Mich. He died Sunday, Dec. 19, in Dearborn. He retired from Ford Motor Co. as an assembler. He enjoyed sports, music, dancing, traveling, gardening and the theater.

He is survived by his wife, Helena M. Harris of Canton; one daughter, Joan H. Robak of Canton; one son, Robert W. Harris of Dallas, Texas; three grandsons; one great-grandchild; one brother, Simon Harris; and two sisters, Nila Harris and Dorothy Harris.

The Rev. Jerry Varnell officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association of Michigan, Wayne County Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley 48072.

Arrangements were made by Vermuelen Funeral Home.

JOHN J. STEMPECK
Services for John J. Stempeck, 71, of Westland were Thursday, Dec. 23, at Vermuelen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 26, 1922, in Wilmerding, Pa. He died Tuesday, Dec. 21, in Farmington Hills. He was a supervisor for Kenwal Products, retiring in 1987. He was a member of VFW Post No. 6840.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy V. Stempeck of Westland; one son, Gary J. Stempeck of Westland; three daughters, Shirley A. Body of Holly, Nancy Tychevich of Canton and Bonnie L. Bulky of Detroit; six grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Stempeck of Dearborn and Stanley Stempeck of Detroit; and one sister, Bernice Karwan of Garden City.

The Rev. Chris Warden officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan, 18860 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 48075.

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He was born Oct. 24, 1913, in Farmington Hills. He died Wednesday, Dec. 22, in Farmington Hills. He retired from Chrysler Corp. in 1974 after 40 years as a new car repairman. He was a member of St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland.

He is survived by his wife, Helen V. Novak of Canton; one son, Gregory Novak; three stepsons, Richard Skrzypek of Highland, Lawrence Skrzypek of Detroit and Kenneth Skrzypek of Westland; one daughter, Cindy Bahkne of Roseville; nine grandchildren and one sister, Ethel Brancalone of Detroit.

The Rev. John F. Hall officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the church in the form of Mass offerings. Arrangements were made by Vermuelen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home.

GERALD C. WOODWORTH
Services for Gerald C. Woodworth, 90, of West Palm Beach, Fla., previously of Plymouth, were Thursday, Dec. 23, at Northrop Funeral Home, Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

He was born Jan. 12, 1903, in Salem, Mich. He died Saturday, Dec. 18, in West Palm Beach, Fla. The Woodworths lived in the Northville area until 1962, when they moved to Plymouth, and then to West Palm Beach. He graduated from Northville High School in 1920, then worked for Elmer Smith, a real estate broker.

He then went in business with his father, the F.R. Woodworth variety store. They sold the store to D&C Co. in 1932. Mr. Woodworth retired in 1959. He served on the city council of Northville. He was a member of the Optimist Club. He is survived by one nephew, Dennis Ferguson of Plymouth.

The Rev. Douglas W. Vernon officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Salvation Army.

THEODORE H. STRASEN

A look back

Schools, rights dominate year

Following tradition, we're recapping our 1993 regional editorial positions, absorbing space dealing with our community that usually appears at the top of this column. Local editors recap their stands in either the issue before this one or in early January.

In our corner of Michigan, it was a year that saw school reform, individual rights — particularly assisted suicide — and our suburbs' relationship with Detroit dominate our news pages, editorials and columns.

Those issues also pervaded the letters and columns written by your neighbors who contributed to our editorial and Points of View pages.

School reform

■ Financial: We have been firm on reinstating the property tax as one way to fund schools. In March we opined that the property tax always will be with us and is a good reflection of the cost of living. If the property tax were cut, the money would have to be made up elsewhere.

The state House, Senate and even Gov. John Engler have come around to our way of thinking. The recent agreement on schools would reimpose some school property taxes eliminated last summer — plus having voters choose between raising the personal income tax or the sales tax.

■ Educational: We opposed charter schools, for fear that they were only a euphemism for funding private and religious schools. However, we recently endorsed the House "academy" plan, which allows only public schools and state and community colleges to create charter schools. We'll need to revisit the newly finalized version, which would allow private groups or other public agencies to open charter schools with the sanction of one of the three types of public schools.

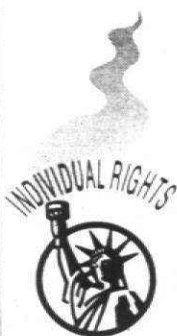
Another element of school reform that we champion, but that remains unaddressed, is consolidation of districts. There are too many — 562. Some are small — Clareville has just 1,700 students. That's less than some of our high schools. Financially and educationally, these districts are too small to deliver excellence. How inappropriate to divide communities such as Redford Township into three school districts and West Bloomfield into seven.

Other areas of school reform that we endorsed include the Head Start program for every child who needs it; using schools after hours as community centers; and moving teachers away from the chalk-and-talk routine toward group problem-solving.

Individual rights

■ Assisted suicide: No matter what you think of Dr. Jack Kevorkian and his two local attorneys, Geoffrey Fieger and Michael Schwartz, the issue of how to treat the terminally ill should be handled the way it has been for years — taking people off life support according to their previous instructions or by mutual consent of doctor and family and/or by utilizing hospice services, which offers palliative care to patients who are terminally ill.

The circumstances around assisted suicide aren't the same as for suicide. We can't know if a person is freely giving up the right to stay



alive. Those with serious diseases or conditions could be encouraged to die quietly because it is cheaper than paying health costs. And elderly patients may opt for assisted suicide solely to make sure they aren't burdens on their children.

It takes an extraordinary effort to commit suicide. It takes less of an effort if someone helps one do it. Those who are in a weak condition, or who are depressed, may not do what they want but instead succumb — literally and figuratively — to external pressures.

The U.S. Supreme Court has never ruled on the right to die. Until that happens, Dr. Jack Kevorkian must desist from assisting in suicides.

■ Abortion rights: To no avail, we opposed both informed consent and the 24-hour waiting period before an abortion can be performed. At some point, we hope that a more informed Legislature will do its duty and overturn the law passed this summer, which is demeaning to women in premise and damaging to women as applied.

We suggest that instead of doctors showing these women pictures of the fetus in several growth stages, they should be shown pictures of families living in abject poverty, and of the deformities that can develop in a fetus subjected to nine months of drug or alcohol abuse.

The state has no business influencing what should be the most personal of moral decisions in such a heavy-handed, one-sided way.

■ Detroit/suburban relationship: ■ Eight Mile plan: We hit hard on the city of Livonia, the state's eighth-largest city, for its failure to pay its share (\$7,000) in funding the Eight Mile Boulevard Association.

That association is a collection of 12 communities working with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to improve the Eight Mile business district.

Eight Mile is not just a road. It is the boundary, symbolically and in reality, of Detroit and many of its suburbs. In failing to meet its financial commitment, Livonia is sending a detrimental message.

■ New mayor: Detroit mayor-elect Dennis Archer spoke in our suburbs — to groups in Birmingham, Farmington Hills and Canton Township. He has met with our county executives, L. Brooks Patterson and Ed McNamara, as well as Gov. Engler and President Bill Clinton.

It's clear Archer is doing his part to build bridges between our communities as well as to promote the area statewide and nationally.

And so in congratulating him on his victory, we called on our community leaders to pledge their cooperation.

We called on McNamara and Patterson to cooperate on the regional issues of transit and water.

And, lastly, we called on all of us to work to trample the racism that has kept good people on opposite sides of Eight Mile.

If these are carried out, 1994 should be a very good year in our corner of metro Detroit.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Will the Detroit Lions make it to the Super Bowl?

We asked this question at Play It Again sports in Canton.



"I don't think so. They might win the first game of the playoffs." **Zack Fox** works in Canton



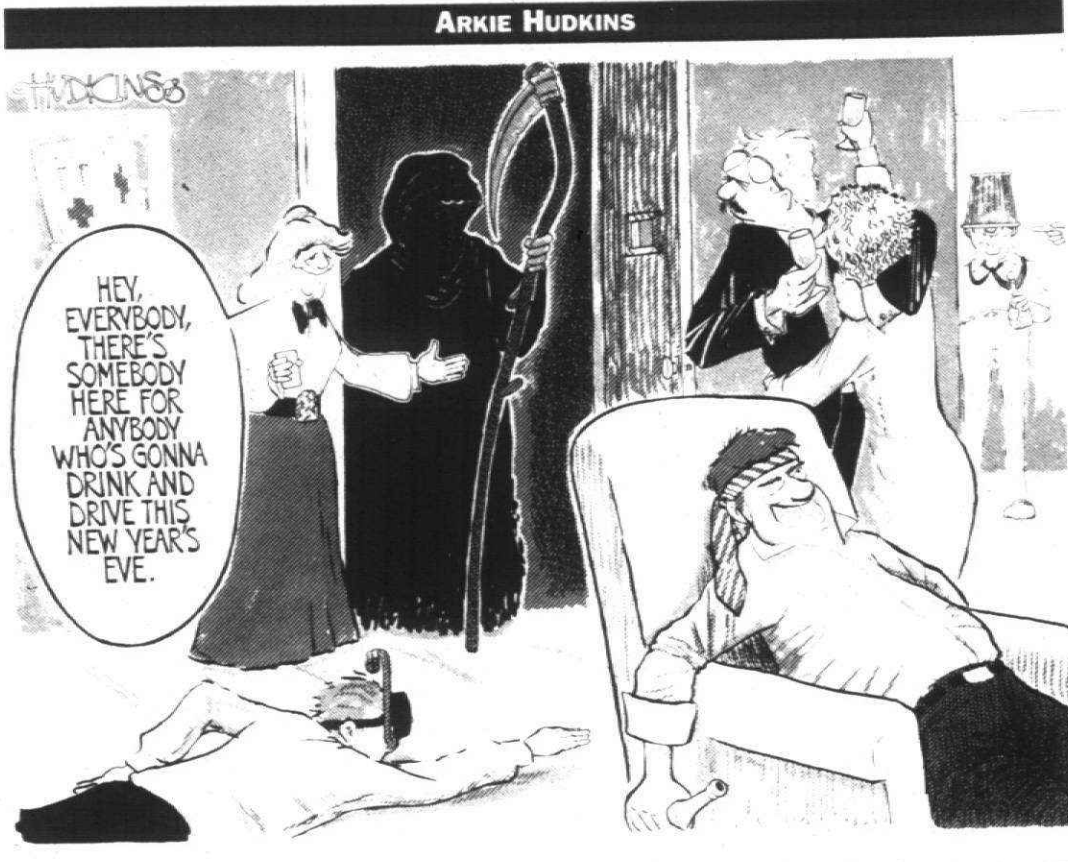
"I don't think so." **Ryan Miller** Canton



"The playoffs maybe, but not the Super Bowl." **Scott Beiring** Canton



"No way." **Kelly Walkmeyer** Canton



LETTERS

Democratic stooges

I will not mince words. I feel a profound disgust with the Democratic members of Michigan's House of Representatives. House Democrats have sought to hijack the school finance and reform debate and turn it into one of the biggest tax increases in Michigan's history.

House Democrats fear of their masters in the education monopoly is so intense that they are willing to thwart every attempt to meaningfully reform education in this state.

To a great extent, the Democratic Party has abandoned its liberal roots as the party of the working man and the poor. The Democratic Party has now become the party of the "public sector" in general and the teachers union in particular.

House Democrats must feel that the taxpayer/public is incredibly stupid and will not notice their sellout to the education unions. The 1994 elections will likely put an end to any hope of a Democratic majority in Michigan's House of Representatives. Unlike House Democrats, the voters and taxpayers are not the dupes and stooges of the teachers unions.

The best Christmas present the parents and children of Michigan could receive from Lansing is not higher taxes and further bloating of teacher salaries, but a tax cut and a decrease in public sector spending with its resulting job growth in the private sector economy. When the private sector is growing, "real" jobs will increase. Only then will we be able to say with confidence: "The children now have a future."

Walter Warren, Westland

Protest valid

In reference to Tedd Schneider's article regarding the "Wayne World" protest (Dec. 9), I would like to offer the following observations:

Mr. Schneider says he's for free speech but "just liked it better when the things that moved people to protest actually meant something."

McDonald's is constantly promoting itself as a family restaurant, but aggressively promotes a movie which is totally anti-family. The majority of "humor" and joke lines depend upon sexual situations or references, including illicit sex scenes.

Also, McDonald's includes a "Time Out" promo in all or most of the "Wayne World" videos, in which Arsenio Hall and Magic Johnson urge teenagers — not to abstain — but to use condoms to help prevent AIDS despite the fact that condoms have a failure rate as high as 33 percent.

I agree with, support and congratulate the two ladies Renee Reyer and Phyllis Counts for their stand in what Mr. Schneider refers to as a "silly protest."

Barb Schmid, Canton

Inspection questioned

After reading the article of Dec. 16 regarding the home buyer winning \$31,000 in a lawsuit for breach of contract and viola-

Democratic stooges

tion of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act, I really wonder what the purpose is of the Canton Township building inspection department. I think it would not only inspect for compliance with building codes, but consider structural integrity including quality of materials used. It would seem this should all go together.

Judging by the inspection of an outside inspection contractor, there is a definite conflict not only concerning structural integrity, but also whether the house meets the code in the first place.

Since the building department approved the house, I suppose they would look like a bunch of fools if, during the lawsuit, they changed their minds.

I would have thought that the building department would be more interested in working for the benefit of the future homeowners, who will live and pay taxes in the community. Rather, it seems, they would prefer to not ruffle the feathers of developers and builders.

In Canton Township, at least, it appears to be the old story of "buyer beware" because no one else is looking out for you.

Tom Tipi, Canton

Union becomes issue

ME, the Michigan teachers' union, has finally and rightfully become an issue in state education reform.

As an ex-teacher and member of a family which places the utmost value on education, I want to see truly good teachers receive compensation commensurate with the crucial role they play in our society and in the lives of our children.

As a businessman, I want to see value for our education dollars. I want to see children who learn and whose thirst for learning is nurtured by our schools.

I believe that we can have both value and an adequately compensated professional teaching corps.

Education reform does not mean paying teachers less. It does not mean shortchanging our children. It should mean rewarding teachers with a full measure of recognition for their professional work and children with the vision of and preparation for a bright future.

Education reform may mean weeding out excessive costs due to union monopoly, teachers who are less than professional, duplicate services, questionable programs, administrative waste.

It should mean involving families and businesses in an enterprise which so profoundly affects our community and ourselves throughout our lives.

R. Thomas Hunter, Ph.D., Bloomfield Hills

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number. Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Shopper abhors malls, but where else is there to go?

The merchants of Plymouth are obviously not ordinary people. With the utmost concern and respect, please come to.

Labhor malls. Everyone I know dreads either having to go to work in one. They seem to represent the era in which the need and desire of the general store was shoved aside.

Small-town department stores also went under, to the annoyance of every one young and old. What many small business people have ignored with all their good intentions happens to be our basic needs.

Is it possible that they confuse our hopes for personal service with their own needs to personalize us with their often inappropriate tastes?

We do have great admiration and respect for small business and many of us are more than willing to go out of

our way and out of our budgets to support them.

Unfortunately, we are oppressed with "specialties" while simple purchases are not addressed. This drives many of us to malls where we are equally disappointed with the overwhelming quantity and the underwhelming quality of both product and service.

In all fairness, I sympathize with the person who must work in a mall as much as the small-business person. Cease groaning and try offering basics.

Am I the only one who has braved malls of epic proportions and nonetheless left without The Holy Grail — a plain white cotton shirt of respectable weight and price?

I, for one, would be willing to pay more to find such essentials in town. Instead, we have shops full of T's

GUEST COLUMN

■ Forgive me, but there are far too many "Arts and Crafts" shops. In this I mean that for every admirable piece of one we have a pathetic piece of the other.

adorned with hideous designs. It reminds me of wandering into the cereal aisle in a typical market — these "choices" baffle me right off, and away to a simple piece of toast.

The malls are inundated with "Heart" stores, "Pig" stores, "Bear" stores... does anyone remember the

old "Saturday Night Live" skit about the "Scotch Tape" store?

Forgive me, but there are far too many "Arts and Crafts" shops. In this I mean that for every admirable piece of one we have a pathetic piece of the other.

Don't assume that people's sense of taste is only in their mouths, and try not to drive folks away with guilt over their lack of appreciation for your peculiar specimens on display.

Drop affectations, investigate customer needs and do not rely on seasonal gimmicks. Don't dress up, listen up.

For many of us, mega shopping centers are murder — not a personal or enjoyable experience, just an irritating chore.

We would love to give downtown Plymouth our few extra dollars of spending money if you would be a bit

more realistic. Offer us simple cloth, notions and sundries and put your own uniqueness in their proper place, should you hope to endure. Believe it or not, many of us would rather invest in a timeless white shirt than some pointless accessory to an essential we cannot find in the same community of merchants.

Get together. Local artists and crafters alike would get yearlong appreciation from folks who can be assured their basic needs are attended to in a reasonably economical and truly personal manner.

Dorothy Matsu is a Plymouth Township resident. If you would like to comment on a local topic in the form of a guest column, call Jeff Counts at 459-2700.

Society accepts guns, violence as way to handle wrongs

QUESTION: The recent killing of the Chelsea schools superintendent makes me wonder if there is any safe occupation left in our society. Is a school superintendent's job becoming that dangerous now? Did you know Joe Piasecki?

ANSWER: Yes I knew Joe Piasecki, one of the finest young men to cross my path at that time.

He was project director in the central office in the West Bloomfield schools the year before I took the position of assistant superintendent in that district. Joe moved on to take the position of principal of Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School. Then he went to Breckinridge as a superintendent, and on to Chelsea.

On more than one occasion Joe and I talked. He was highly motivated to become a superintendent. Joe asked me, "How should I structure my career, because I want to be a school superin-

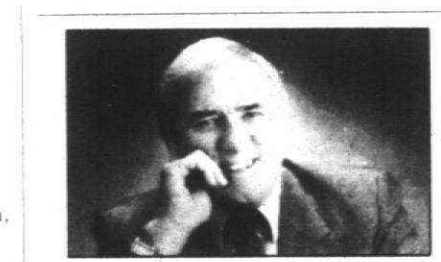
tendent in a major school district someday."

I said, "Joe, to become a school superintendent in a major district, you need to get superintendent experience in a class B, C or D school district or stay in one major district and work your way up the ladder. You are not going to get the Farmington, Plymouth, West Bloomfield, Romulus or any other major school district's superintendency without a central office track record."

What a tragedy, because Joe would have realized his dream. Joe would have been a fine major school district superintendent. Joe was a bright, warm and caring human respected by teachers, parents, students, his board and his superintendent colleagues.

As far as your question, "Is a school superintendent's job becoming that dangerous now?"

The answer is that all supervisory positions are now more dangerous. It is



DOC DOYLE

much more dangerous for anyone in any leadership role in this day and age in which violence and the gun rule and those who commit the crime win.

After the flowers are laid on Joe's grave and the case goes to court, I see the following:

■ Stephen Leith's lawyers will jump on the theory that the medicine Leith was taking, Prozac, caused him to become violent.

■ I heard the file that Piasecki may

have kept in his office had something to do with the shooting. These types of file, which I kept in my office, were simple notes of meetings in the office held with board members, principals, parents, custodians and teachers. The notes were of no significance for the personnel file. If a major issue arises with a teacher or administrator, the issue is written up and the teacher or administrator has the right to review the document under the Bullard-Plawewski law.

His lawyers could use the "file" scenario to say that's what drove this poor, misunderstood, tenured educator. Hey, Piasecki's wife (a widow) and the children will soon get over it and life will go on. If found guilty, it will go on for Leith, who will probably be in 7 to 10 years, maybe 5 with good behavior. After all, he was sick! That's our system.

So, yes, a school superintendent, a school principal and a teacher's job is

much more dangerous in this day and age.

Want examples? A close colleague, an early-riser superintendent in this readership area, had a "crazy" follow him for several blocks into the school's empty parking lot at 6 a.m. one morning. The superintendent had the foresight to not pull into a parking stall and get blocked in, but made a slow turn to get out of the lot at the time he saw the guy jump out of the front seat with a shotgun. My superintendent friend went through two traffic lights with the guy following him and lost him when he pulled into the police parking lot.

Another superintendent has received a frightening letter every month on the same day from some person out there. It has been going on for two years.

James "Doc" Doyle, a former teacher/school administrator/university instructor, is president of Doyle and Associates, an educational consulting firm.

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Sen. Faust fights Engler on spending

Gov. John Engler's plan to start an endowment fund for state parks and the Civilian Conservation Corps is drawing fire from Sen. William Faust, D-Westland.

Reason: Engler wants to use proceeds from sale of the state Accident Fund. Faust says that that money, by law, should go to the budget stabilization (rainy day) fund.

"I don't question the merits of the programs Gov. Engler wants

to fund, but I do question the timing and the funding," Faust said. "Now that the election year approaches, the governor has decided to support funding for the very groups he has ignored and angered over the last three years."

Faust said Engler vetoed funding for the CCC his first two years as governor and restored it, at a lower level, during his third year.

The Accident Fund was a state-owned workers comp insurance

business that Engler, over Democratic protests, won authority to sell.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs gave birth to the idea of an endowment fund for state parks, whose funding has suffered under two governors since 1982. MUCC advocates a one-year, one-cent increase in the sales tax to set up an endowment fund to support park operations.

Engler's budget for fiscal 1995

proposed using \$40 million of the Accident Fund sale money to create a state park endowment fund, \$20 million to create a CCC endowment fund and \$11.5 million to repay the veterans trust fund.

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Bridges to get fixed

The Michigan government has plans to rebuild or replace 275 bridges in two years, including one in Westland.

The Ann Arbor Trail bridge over the Middle Rouge River will be rebuilt for \$220,000 in 1994 or 1995, along with 21 other high-priority projects.

Westland Department of Public Services Director Carl Clark said engineering plans must be submitted to the state. Construction, which will close the bridge for "a number of months," will occur in late 1994 or early 1995, Clark said.

All told, the 275 projects are expected to cost \$84 million. The federal government pays 80 percent of that, Michigan government 15 percent and local governments 5 percent.

The state transportation department says that 38 percent of Michigan's 6,500 bridges on local roads require weight restrictions or are inadequate for the traffic they carry.

State offers free stalking pamphlet

The state government has produced a pamphlet about Michigan's new stalking law, which makes it illegal to repeatedly bother people and frighten them.

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SPORTS SCENE

New Cougar coach

Bob Eisiminger now has two varsity head coaching jobs at Garden City High School. Eisiminger, who has coached the varsity football team since 1988, is the new Garden City varsity baseball coach, athletic director Bob Dropp announced.

Eisiminger has coached junior varsity baseball the past two years. Eisiminger replaces Dropp, who resigned as baseball coach in spring 1993 after coaching Garden City West and Garden City High to a 406-227 overall record in 28 seasons.

The Cougars, who were 20-8 last year playing in the defunct Northwest Suburban League, will join the Red Division of the new Mega Conference. Wayne Memorial is one of the baseball teams in the Red Division.

Eisiminger said he foresees no major problems with balancing both coaching duties. He has hired former Westland John Glenn baseball star Gary Pierce as one of his assistants. Eisiminger said he talked to Farmington Hills Harrison football and baseball coach John Herrington before agreeing to take a second varsity job.

"It's going to be challenging but we're lucky enough to have a football technique class (in the off-season) and that takes care of a lot of off-season work," Eisiminger said. "Both will get the amount of attention they need. The Red Division will be challenging, starting off right with a bang with teams like Wayne and Lincoln Park."

Steve Avery visit

A baseball clinic, sponsored by Concealed Security and featuring Atlanta Braves pitching sensation Steve Avery, will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at Taylor Truman High School.

Pre-registration cost is \$12.50 per person or \$15 per person at the door. Lunch is available for \$3.

Other instructors include Concealed Security coach and Madonna assistant Lou Pirronello, Madonna assistant Ed Dreslinski, summer league coach Al Fernandez, Dearborn Divine Child coach Mark Falvo, Allen Park Cabrini coach Howard Inch and professional scout Glenn Murdock.

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Excitement on, off field in '93

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The assignment is to find the top 10 stories of 1993.

OK, where do we start?

"Over there," the boss says, pointing to several piles of newspapers from the past year. "Your Christmas vacation is over."

So, after spending several hours flipping through the year's newspapers, and another half-hour in the bathroom washing off all the newspaper print, here they are:

1. Sports avoid the ax: With five communities (Plymouth-Canton, Redford, Garden City, Livonia and Westland) facing the prospect of no sports in 1993-94, what sports story could have made more news in the spring and summer?

Up until the last week of summer vacation, in fact, co-curricular activities in Livonia and Plymouth-Canton were in limbo.

■ In Livonia, a one-mill tax increase to pay for co-curricular activities was passed by voters Aug. 30, only three days before the first scheduled football game.

"The last thing these people (voters) wanted is a tax increase but they did it for the kids," Livonia Public Schools Administrator Jack Kirksey said. "Fifty percent of the callers at the phone banks were middle and high school kids. They worked on something they really believed in. It was a great civics lesson for them. They could either watch the world go by or step in and get involved."

■ In Plymouth-Canton, the outlook was even dimmer. Days before the start of the fall sports season, a four-mill property tax that would help pay for co-curricular activities was defeated by voters.

Teams continued to practice, however, hoping another plan would follow.

A plan was found as teachers voted to approve a pay freeze, which helped keep co-curricular activities alive.



Chuck Gordon
Glenn coach

■ In Westland, in the wake of an earlier millage defeat, the school board saved co-curricular activities by offering a pay-to-participate plan on Aug. 2.

■ In Redford, there was no millage or tax increase, just an inspirational Extra Curricular Task Force headed by Redford Union athletic director Jim Gibbons, which is designed to raise \$200,000 to keep co-curricular activities going. The fund-raising task force includes several activities, including the raffling off of a 1966 Ford Mustang donated by school board president George Fuhs that drew international attention.

■ In Garden City, a millage renewal and increase in June assured continuation of co-curricular activities.

2. Madonna volleyball gains national prominence: The Madonna University volleyball team, coached by Jerry Abraham, reached the NAIA national tournament in San Diego, Calif., where it was eliminated by No. 2-seed Henderson State in the quarterfinal.

The Crusaders, who were 43-6 in



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Balancing act: Sophomore Melissa Hopson helped the Plymouth Salem girls gymnastics team gain first place at last winter's Class A state meet in Trenton.

the regular season, proved they weren't there on vacation when they upset No. 1 seed Montevallo, Ala., 15-12, 15-4, in pool play.

"We're going out there to win it all," senior hitter Kari Van Deusen said before leaving for the West Coast. "We're going for the gold."

Abraham's team has a heavy Ob-

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Names make news

Stories worthy of 2nd look

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

These stories didn't make the top 10, but who could forget them?

Winter

Plymouth Salem's Tom Baker and Livonia Churchill's Kal Kaliszewski making Parade Magazine's All-American soccer team.

Former Churchill soccer players Jeff Cassar and Mike Gentile and former Redford Catholic Central player Kerry Zavagnin playing key roles for the U.S. Under 20 National Soccer Team in the Seventh World Youth Championship in Adelaide, Australia.

Farmington Hills Mercy sophomore Niki Gable placing 10th in the slalom and ninth in the giant slalom at the Class A state meet.

Westland John Glenn 160-pound wrestler Mike Reeves winning his second-straight Class A championship and going 44-0 as a senior.

Stevenson's Mark Goeke winning the 100-yard breast stroke and John Glenn's Matt Martin the 100 butterfly in a state record time at the Class A state meet. CC's James Leslie taking second in the 500 freestyle.

Plymouth Salem setting a school record with 36 volleyball wins.

Redford Thurston beating Divine Child for a Class B district volleyball crown.

CC's controversial 4-3 OT victory over Livonia Stevenson in the Class A hockey regional and the Shamrocks' 2-1 loss to Alpena in the championship game in Flint.

Salem graduate Jill Estey setting the career assists record at the University of Illinois.

Spring

Salem's girls track team placing second in the Class A state meet, led by Tonya Wheeler's second-straight 400-meter title.

CC, led by do-it-all runner Eric McKeon, taking third at the Class A boys state meet.

Farmington Hills Harrison's Don Bryant winning the 110 hurdles at the Class A meet.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Touchdown: Livonia Stevenson tight end Nick McLaren caught a game-winning pass on the last play of the game against Livonia Franklin.

CC lacrosse team finishing runner-up to state champion Detroit Country Day, 9-8.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic grade school in Farmington Hills winning the Catholic Youth Organization championship in three sports.

Four-time All-Observer choice Kelly Holmes of Canton pitching a no-hitter with no walks and still losing to Livonia Ladywood, 1-0, in the Class A district softball final.

Canton's girls soccer team losing to Troy Athens in the Class A final for the second-straight year, 2-0.

Salem graduate Todd Marion, a University of Michigan relief pitcher, becoming the first reliever ever to make the All Big Ten team.

Redford Thurston winning its first baseball district title since 1986 with heroic junior Jeff Lance providing the momentum, hitting an eighth-inning grand slam and pitching a complete game to beat Dearborn Divine Child, 7-3.

Redford Union winning its first district baseball title since 1985, beating Farmington Hills Harrison and North Farmington on the same day in a rain-shortened format.

RU ending Garden City's reign as Northwest Suburban League girls softball champion.

Madonna's baseball team, coached by Mike George, winning the NAIA District 23 championship for the first time.

Franklin boys basketball coach Dan Kennedy leaving after one year to accept a professional basketball contract in Germany.

Summer

John Glenn baseball star Aaron Scheffer signing with the Seattle Mariners and CC star Brian Paluk turning down an offer from the Kansas City Royals to play basketball and baseball at Saginaw Valley State University.

Churchill graduate Mark Rutherford being named Most Valuable Player of the East team in a 7-6 loss to the West in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star game at Tiger Stadium.

Former Franklin all-state quarterback Rich Popp, 28, accepting his first varsity head coaching job at Southfield Lathrup.

Mark LaPointe leaving his first-year job as Canton varsity baseball coach for personal reasons.

Madonna University softball coach Dave Racer saying he resigned because of business reasons.

Stevenson grad Scott DeWolf's gold medal at the U.S. Junior Nationals Swimming Championships.

The Nothdurft Senior Softball Team winning the National ASA 55-over championship in Fort Payne, Ala.

Fall

Farmington Hills Harrison senior tailback Scott Gurke receiving another year of eligibility after missing the fall semester with major knee surgery.

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If you're not musical, consider joining a theater group in your community. Audition for a part, volunteer to help behind the scenes or sell tickets.

Support community theater, orchestras and chamber groups by attending plays and concerts, or buy season tickets when they go on sale this summer and fall. Theater and music enriches our lives — don't miss out on the wonderful opportunities in your community.

The Ridgedale Players in Troy continue their 1993-94 season 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7-8, 14-15 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 and 16 with "Catch Me If You Can," a classical murder mystery/comedy. Call 433-1572 for tickets.

They're also hosting auditions for adult singers and dancers of all ages for "Lil Abner" at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, (between Crooks and Livernois) 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11. Call director Genie Garner, 852-2728 for information.

Auditions for The Theatre Guild's production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" are at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 or 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, in Redford. Roles for nine men ages 20 to 70, one woman in her early 20s. Readings from script, call 537-4145 for information.

The Plymouth Oratorio Society is holding its first rehearsal 7:15-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 4800 Warren. They are preparing for the May 1 performance of Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms," and Haydn's "Nelson Mass."

The Oratorio Society is open to all adult singers and experienced high singers without audition. Robert Pratt has been the conductor of the group, which has more than 100 members, since its inception.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- Barbara Michals reviews the musical "Little Me" now playing at the Birmingham Theatre.
- Find out what's new at the movies.

Gender switch suits 'Little Me' star



BARBARA MICHALS

"Switching from a man to a woman was never a big deal for me. I'm not built like a big truck driver, and luckily I look good in a dress," said Charles Busch, an actor who has spent the last 10 years specializing in women's roles. "I took to walking in heels like a duck to water, though after a couple of hours it is excruciating."

Busch was speaking by telephone from New York where he is rehearsing for the lead in a revival of "Little Me," the wacky 1962 musical-comedy opening Dec. 29 at the Birmingham Theatre. The title character, Belle Poitrine, is a stage and film star from the wrong side of the tracks who strives to acquire wealth, culture and social status. Busch will play an older Belle, looking back at her life in a series of flashbacks.

Based on a book by Patrick Dennis, the author of "Auntie Mame," "Little Me" was adapted for the stage by Neil Simon. The Cy Coleman score includes the hits "I've Got Your Number" and "Real Live Girl." Director Worth Gardner has chosen non-traditional casting, with both men and women crossing gender lines, to make the show more tongue-in-cheek.

An accomplished playwright himself, Busch is best known for starring in his own comic spoofs — "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom," "Psycho Beach Party," "Times Square Angel," "The Lady in Question" and "Red Scare on Sunset." "Vampire Lesbians" ran five years, the longest running non-musical in off-Broadway history.

Along with "some down-and-out friends who also wanted a career in

ON STAGE

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the theater," Busch formed his own company, Theatre-in-Limbo, in 1984. Now he has fictionalized an account of his career as a drag star and the success of his company in "Whores of Lost Atlantis," a comic novel just better to expose all for their nuttiness."

"How 'Vampire Lesbians' came about is such a miraculous story, and I'd be exaggerating it so much in the retelling over the years anyhow, that I just had to write the story," Busch said. "Also I realized that by treating my friends as fiction, I could better expose all for their nuttiness."

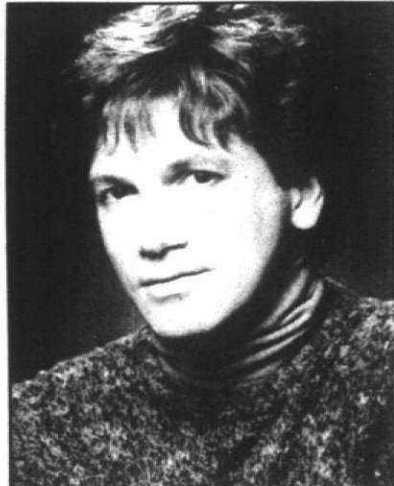
For Busch, "Little Me" fulfills a fantasy because it's his first musical and he gets to sing five numbers. Though none of his own plays were musicals, he describes them as "musicals without music" because "the stories were so outlandish and the acting style so flamboyant." "Little Me," he said, is similar to the shows he has been doing for years.

Does a successful drag star aspire to play male roles as well?

"I do worry, what if they don't believe me as a male?" Busch said. "The next play I've written for myself I will have a male role, and I will have



A grand lady: Actor Charles Busch will portray Belle Poitrine in "Little Me" at the Birmingham Theatre. Busch is well-known for his performances in drag.



Writer stars: Charles Busch, author of "Whores of Lost Atlantis," will star in the Birmingham Theatre revival of "Little Me" through Jan. 30.

a male role in a play this spring by a famous playwright. I'm OK as long as I stick to comedy. Recently I was in a production of "The Maids," an angry, bitter play, and the critics just didn't buy me in it at all."

Busch said his becoming a drag performer stems from growing up watching old films on television with his father, a movie fanatic.

"It always seemed my alter ego was a 1940s great lady. On stage I aspire to the elegance of Norma Shearer, the toughness of Stanwyck, the zinness of Lucille Ball and the scariness of Joan Crawford," he said.

While Busch acknowledges that some drag performers can be demeaning to women, he said that the female characters he has created are a tribute to women.

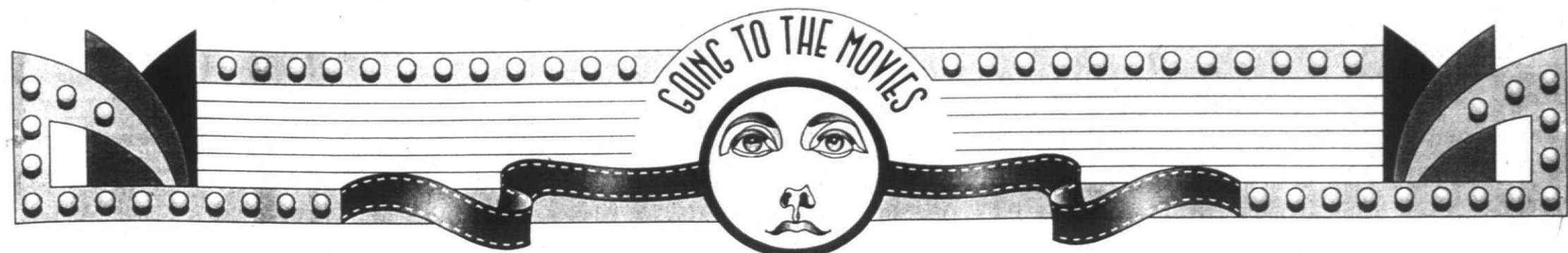
"I play strong career women. I'm

close with my two sisters, and there's certainly nothing grotesque or angry in my drag portrayals," he said.

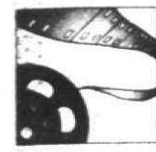
Digressing for a moment from his usual light-hearted approach, Busch said that his motto is loosely quoted from Jean Cocteau: "Whatever is really odd about you and other people criticize you for, nurture it because that's who you really are."

What's the hardest thing about transforming himself into a woman on stage? "Nothing really," Busch said. "But I recently wore my first tuxedo. Between the studs, the cummerbund and the bow tie, getting dressed took forever. Now that was a real drag."

Barbara Michals is an inveterate play-goer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.



'Tombstone' sheds new light on Old West hero



In the Western boomtown of Tombstone, violence is a way of life, and law and order have rendered to the ruthless villains of the time.

But when Wyatt Earp (Kurt Russell) rides into town hoping to enjoy a quiet retirement and open a business in town, all that changes.

A retired U.S. Marshall of Dodge City, an unwilling Earp straps on his holster and assumes the role of restoring order to the lawless frontier town.

Along with his friend, the lethal Doc Holliday (Val Kilmer) and brothers Morgan (Bill Paxton) and Virgil (Sam Elliott), Earp sets out to wrest control of the city from the clutches of anarchy.

And on a windswept day seething with tension, these men stride toward a battle they neither wanted nor expected. They are drawn into one of the bloodiest feuds in the history of the Old West, in Hollywood Pictures' "Tombstone."

From Hollywood Pictures, Andrew G. Vajna presents "Tombstone" directed by George P. Cosmatos from a screenplay written by Kevin Jarre. Producers are James Jacks, Sean Daniel and Bob Misorowski. Buzz Feitshans and Vajna serve as executive producers. The film is distributed by Buena Vista Pictures.

Much more than the typical tale of the Old West, director Cosmatos found in the screenplay an opportunity for a western version of "The Godfather."

I saw the film as a great American saga of a family, the West, and people victimized by clans and mobs with whom they were forced to do business," he said.

"The situation was the country's first experience with organized crime, and if Wyatt Earp and his brothers had not shown up in that part of Arizona, it would have been a bastion of crime that might have been very difficult to stop in years to come."

Kurt Russell, who portrays the legendary Wyatt Earp, did a great deal of research for the role, calling upon stories that have been passed down in the Earp family through Glen Wyatt Earp, an actor and cousin of the real Old West hero, who also has a role in the movie.

"The characters are well drawn. It's a great story and not weighed down by what I consider a 1950s sort of mentality of what the Old West was like. There are some tough characterizations that have

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not been backed away from by anyone on this film. This is a script that offers drama, comedy, action and romance," Russell said.

In "Tombstone," Russell portrays a character about whom the public already has strong preconceived notions.

"I think Wyatt is darker than we've ever seen him," Russell said. "Although he did things of mythical stature, he was a man torn by family problems, who was in constant turmoil, and was at times self-doubting. I think he was a real-life Hamlet, who by all accounts was incredibly cool under pressure."

The friendship between Earp and Doc Holliday had endured through history and was fascinating to actors Russell and Val Kilmer, who plays Holliday.

"Doc values and respects Wyatt because he's a very solid character. Doc points out that Wyatt is the only human being that ever gave him hope," Kilmer said of his character.

"Tombstone" has 85 speaking roles and attracted the kind of cast that is the answer to a director's dream.

Oscar-winner Charlton Heston portrays Western rancher Homer Hooker. Jason Priestly takes on the role of Billy Breckenridge referred to as "Sister Boy" in the film. Stephen Lang plays Ike Clanton; Powers Boothe plays Curly Bill; and Michael Biehn plays Johnny Ringo.

Russell said none of the characters shied away from portraying all facets of their characters' personalities — the flaws and the heroic feats.

Unlike most westerns, the "Tombstone" scripts offer good roles for women.

Dana Delaney, of China Beach fame, plays Josephine Marcus. "Josephine could have been one of the first feminists," Delaney said. "She was a high spirited woman from a wealthy Jewish family in San Francisco who ran away to join a theatrical troupe. I think she had romantic visions of the West and wanted to find a real Western hero, which she surely did. She loved Wyatt Earp until the day he died. They remained together for 40 years."

Cosmatos said this film is driven by authentic and historical detail and therefore tough, strong and interesting women are part of the package.

Great pains were taken to make

"Tombstone" an authentic representation of the Old West. The entire film was shot on location, and the horsemen are all accomplished riders. A group of 50 re-enactment experts of the period, the Buckaroos, were called upon to recreate the time.

"There are small, magic moments that every once in awhile occur when making a movie," Russell said. "Shooting the gunfight sequence was one of them. It took three days to cover the entire scene, which is about six and a half minutes long. We worked long and hard on it. Just as the director said 'action' there was a large crack of rolling thunder. We went perfectly through the scene. It worked just right.

When it was over, everything was quiet, almost as though a train wreck had just happened, and once again, a long crack of ominous thunder punctuated the end. I hope it looks as good on screen as it felt."

The entire film was shot in and

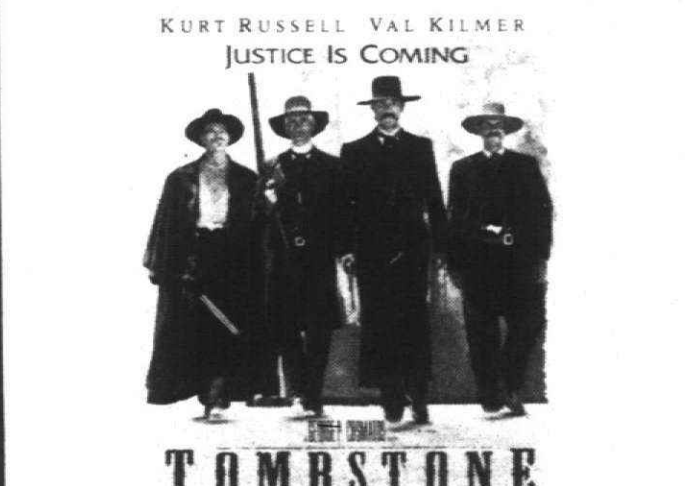


Gunfight: On a windswept day in 1881, four men including Doc Holliday (Val Kilmer), Virgil Earp (Sam Elliott), Wyatt Earp (Kurt Russell) and Morgan Earp (Bill Paxton) are caught in a battle that quickly becomes a part of Old West legend.

around Tucson where the actual events took place 112 years ago. Designers spent months refurbishing the Old Tucson Studios set, and the result is unlike the towns seen in most westerns.

"Tombstone" opens this week.

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music of Cole Porter, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 and runs through Friday, Jan. 29 at the playhouse on Lone Pine Road just west of Cranbrook. Call 644-0527.

■ FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Arthur Miller's "All My Sons," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and runs through Feb. 26 at the player's barn, 32332 Twelve Mile,

Farmington Hills. Call 553-2955 for tickets.

■ VILLAGE PLAYERS

"The Music Man" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, and runs through Feb. 12 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Call 644-2075.

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ginning in 1987. He is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and the University of Michigan School of Music.

Speaking of supporting the arts, if you haven't made New Year's Eve plans, consider spending an evening with family and friends enjoying top-name local entertainment, including Carvin and Michael of the Grammy Award-winning Winans, in an alcohol-free setting at First Night in Birmingham.

During the First Night celebration, which begins 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, and concludes at midnight in Shain Park with a countdown to 1994, downtown Birmingham churches, community centers and schools host a variety of entertainment.

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Golden poetic thoughts for the holiday

Recently, we sent out a call, asking readers for input in terms of topics and items of interest. I am grateful for the excellent response.

In keeping with the holiday spirit of sharing, I would like to share with readers excerpts from a collection of poems submitted by a creative poet, Dorothy Aust. She is a senior citizen, mother and grandmother, who has lived in Livonia for 35 years.

Her poetry has been published in local newspapers and even national publications. Here are four of her poems to ponder.

Through the Eyes of a Child

Morning . . .
Mother! Mother!
Come and see!
The sky is open
And I can see . . . the sun!
Night . . .
Mother! Mother!
Come and see!
The sky is closed
And I can see . . . the stars!
Wonder . . .
Are all the stars
Little holes
In the sky
Where the sun . . . peeps through?

Why Hubby Comes home to a Messy House

Doing the dishes is the most absurd thing
While out in the garden, I hear the birds sing!
Who wants to be making a rumpled old bed
With thoughts of the swimming pool filling her head?
The floors are all dusty, the pictures askew.
The meat isn't thawed out to make dinner's stew!
The baby needs changing, her clothes are a mess
With jelly and grape juice all over her dress!
The wash is a mountain o'er which I can't see . . .
But "Search For Tomorrow" is on the TV!

Grandmother

She called me in from a summer ball game
And seated me by an old quilting frame.
"Here's a needle," she said, handing me thread
and a thimble to put on my finger.

My hands were calloused from holding the bat.
The sweat was streaming from under my hat.
At thirteen, sewing is something you dread
When your team needs a good home-run swinger.

In anger, frustration, I said, "I can't!"
But Grandmother Rice was adamant.
"You have a good head and two hands," she said
As she gave me a swat, a real stinger.

She taught me patience in round full measure . . .
That frustrating quilt is now a treasure!

Early Christmas Shopper's Lament

Last New Year's Day, all full of bruises
I resolved . . . no more excuses,
To do my Christmas shopping early,
Avoid a disposition surly.
Avoid the crowds and Santa's lines.
Avoid expensive parking fines.
No Christmas carols in my ears.
A month ahead of time, my dears.
I would not shop 'til I was dizzy
And get myself all in a tizzy.
I would not shop 'til I was beat.
I'd save my aching, tired feet!

Thanksgiving came and I had won . . .
My Christmas shopping was all done!
December's here, and now I doubt
My plan was wise . . . I feel left out.
I see the people hurrying
With bags and packages piled high.
The rush is on, the sales are tempting

But I lost out by my pre-empting.
The gifts I bought seem not quite new . . .
Think maybe I'll exchange a few . . .

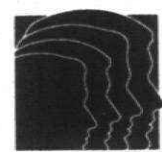
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Career dressing

WRC boutique clothes women for work

■ The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College wants its students to look good when they head out for employment interviews or their first job. That's why the center has opened its own basement boutique.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



It may not be as trendy as its chic Madison Avenue predecessors and may not have the labels of the best-known designers, not to mention a stylish storefront and fancy window display.

That doesn't matter since this place offers its "exclusive" clientele career dressing at the right price. The place is The Boutique, one of the many services offered through Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

"This completes the circle," said Nancy Swanborg, WRC director. "We prepare our students to return to the work force and this gives them what they need to get started or have a job interview."

"When you've been at home for 20 years, you have a lot of jeans and sweat suits; you don't have a lot of the clothing you need for work. That's why this is all business clothes; you won't find any sweat suits, jeans or shorts here."

Housed in the basement of the center, the Boutique is open to women in the displaced homemaker, single parent and homemaker programs. Neatly organized racks of clothes stand side by side. Wicker screens and trunk serve as the backdrop for selected accessories and create a changing room.

A silk bamboo plant stands guard next to a full-length mirror and track lighting runs through selected spots of light around the room. Garment bags from major retailers are spruced up with red bows and hung around to camouflage unsightly pipes and vents.

Well aware that women re-entering the work force after a long absence or entering for the first time lack appropriate clothing, Marlene Kershaw, coordinator of the displaced homemakers' program, came up with the idea for the boutique. It took nearly a year for the idea to become a reality.

Dream to reality

A committee made up of the center's peer counselors, literally went down in the center's basement and began dreaming about what they would like. With help from the college's physical plant, which painted walls, and smart shopping, they were able to transform a portion of it into the boutique.



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Dress success: Nancy Swanborg, director of the Women's Resource Center, shows off some of the work clothes available to women whom the center helps.

The clothing racks and track lighting were bought "at a very good price" when Alvin's went out of business, and the wicker came from a sale at Pier 1 Imports. Even the rose-colored carpeting had a good price. It was a remnant.

By last spring, the center was ready for the clothing obtained through donations. "We started talking to our friends about the boutique," said Swanborg, who also offered kudos to the Jos. A. Banks stores at Laurel Park Place in Livonia and Birmingham. The retailer provided the boutique with a variety of suits customers had traded in on new outfits as part of sales promotion.

But Swanborg offers the highest praise for a trio of volunteers - Margaret Adams, Darleen Kolenda and Pat Blomberg - who transformed the basement into the boutique.

"Margaret really took the raw materials and devoted the summer to creating the boutique," Swanborg said. "She pressed and sized the clothes, created the sign and hung the garment bags and mobile to decorate the downstairs area."

The clients make an appointment to visit the boutique and work with a volunteer who helps create a wardrobe that takes advantage of what the woman has available. Mixed in with the business suits are a selection of dresses, dress slacks and

a few coats, some accessories such as scarves and purses and a few slippers.

"We try to make sure they have one complete outfit, but people have been generous with us so we try to be generous with our clients," Swanborg said. "For students who have a job, we make sure they have enough clothing for a week by mixing and matching."

"Working with a volunteer has made all the difference for some. It's helped them maximize the minimum that they have."

And to make the experience a positive one, the women leave with their selections in the garment bags, "just like they would had they shopped at Hudson's or Jacobsons," she added.

Nothing's wasted

Nothing is wasted at the boutique. Clothing unsuitable for work is recycled - given to the Salvation Army or resale shops. Nothing, Swanborg stressed, is thrown away.

Adams, when the such items have turned up, has been able to make up small bags filled with cosmetic and perfume samples to give to the clients. As Swanborg sees it, the added extra shows the staff is "interested in the success of the whole person."

But as good as it sounds, the boutique does have a few drawbacks. Even though the boutique is well stocked, most of the clothing is small-

er sizes (6-12). What's now needed is the 14-plus sizes for larger women.

It also would be nice to complete the outfit with a pair of dress shoes and Swanborg is hoping some shoe stores might consider providing certificates that would cover the cost of a pair of shoes.

So if you're trying to make room in your closet for your new Christmas outfits, keep the Women's Resource Center Boutique in mind. Donated clothing, especially sizes 14 and up, should be clean, in good condition and suitable for the workplace.

Closed for the New Year's holiday, the center will be open for business Jan. 3. However, because of the college registration rush, Swanborg asks that people with donations call first "so we don't have everyone coming at once."

Swanborg isn't certain how many women have made use of the boutique, but quickly tells some stories about their experiences. It is those experiences, she said, that make it all worthwhile.

"It's great to hear how they felt the day they went for their interview or how they felt the day they started their job and it's because of that suit."

The Women's Resource Center is on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. To make donations to the Boutique, call 462-4443.

Stressed out? The C's have a way of solving it

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Julius Segal, an international authority on stress, recently learned firsthand about the subject on which he counsels his patients. Prior to a Dallas speaking engagement, he encountered a rather embarrassing situation.

"As I was going from my seventh-floor room to the lobby, an eager young couple approached me and wanted to sell me two tickets for tonight's lecture at half price," he said. "Without thinking, I said, 'No thanks. I'm speaking there tonight. I'm getting in free.'"

Segal used that experience to begin his talk about "Winning Life's Toughest Battles" for the recent Livonia Town Hall luncheon. Segal, a psychologist, writer and lecturer, is the author of six books and more than 150 magazine articles. The name of his speech is also the title of his latest book, which shows how anyone can unlock their powers of healing and growth.

Stress means different things to different people, he said.

"The least effective thing you can do is say, 'You think you have problems; let me tell you about mine.' That doesn't mean a thing to the sufferer," he said.

He described three different stressful experiences - a young girl born into poverty who was

placed in a foster home; a woman who was brutally attacked by an assailant; and a Vietnam veteran who spent 9½ years as a prisoner of war. All three people, he said, are now well-adjusted members of society. Instead of dwelling on their terrible past, they were able to use their experiences to contribute to the future.

For example, the woman who was brutally attacked now works for the Victims Assistance Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health.

From these three people arose characteristics which allow people to survive enormous strains of stress. Those six "C" characteristics are: sense of control, continuity, conviction (meaning), clear conscience, compassion and communion.

Feeling a lack of control is common in people he has seen.

"They get this feeling: 'There's nothing in my bag of tricks to put me back in control,'" he said.

Many people take control of little things to put perspective back in their lives. For example, some senior citizen homes let resi-



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On time: Watch in hand, Dr. Julius Segal acknowledges the applause at the end of his talk on stress.

See STRESS, 2C

Writer wants smooth relationships

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Mrs. Green, I always read your column and decided that I would like to hear what you have to say about my handwriting.

I am 30 years old and right-handed. I am a stay-at-home mother with three wonderful kids, a 6-year-old daughter, a 4 1/2-year-old son and a 2 1/2-year-old daughter. I enjoy being with my kids and I am involved in all of their schools.

Thank you for your time. K.K., Beverly Hills

Adaptable and flexible are traits that quickly come to mind as I study this sample of handwriting. The writer wants smooth relationships with those around her and will often compromise to keep peace and harmony.

She is gracious even to the point of flattering those she needs. She has a need for acceptance and emotional support from other people.

This young woman is gentle and sensitive. She tends to keep an open mind to the thoughts and ideas of others. There is almost a

naive quality about her.

The empathy she feels for other people cannot be missed. And yet she also feels that "charity begins at home" and will pretty much take care of these needs before venturing out in doing for others.

Our writer has a strong dislike of friction and will try to avoid it in any way she can. Has she known too much of it in her past?

Seemingly, she was raised in a home with more female nurturing than male. She did not view her parents as united in her upbringing. As a result, she became quite objective. She does not rush into decisions, but tends to analyze how she personally will be affected before becoming involved.

Hearth, home and family are areas of highest concern and much happiness. At this particular time, her interests are mainly concerned with practical, everyday matters. Appearances are quite important to her.

Loyalty is evident here. To those who are meaningful in her life she is loyal. To the things in which she believes strongly she is also loyal.

There is imagination in the handwriting as well as a feeling for language and sound. She may have a facility with foreign languages. Art aptitude may also be one of her gifts. She is versatile and has been exposed to some of the finer things in life.

Good line spacing always sug-

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gests a sense of organization and order. Her daily routine and home are well-ordered.

Higher than average intelligence can be gleaned from this handwriting. Often her mind is working ahead, finding new or creative ways of handling her tasks.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at

Wonderland Mall elects board

Wonderland Mall's Merchants Association has elected its 1994 board of directors.

The board includes: George Deeb of Precision Watch and Ringsmith, Ken Hauser of Livonia Gold and Silver, Susan Frederick of Cooper's Watchworks, J.W. Thomas Property Manager, Toni Severinski of Casual Corner,

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Special thanks to C.M. of Redford for her detailed feedback. I realize how busy you are and I appreciate the time you spent to prepare this information for me.

Gail Hagan of Lynn's Hallmark, Dawn Ostrega of Pretzel Peddler, Vi Khoury of Cards N' Things, Melanie Williams of Arby's, Christopher Holmes of Athletic X-Press, Kevin Fitzpatrick of Footlocker, and David Kirvan of Meyer Jewelers. The mall is at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads in Livonia.

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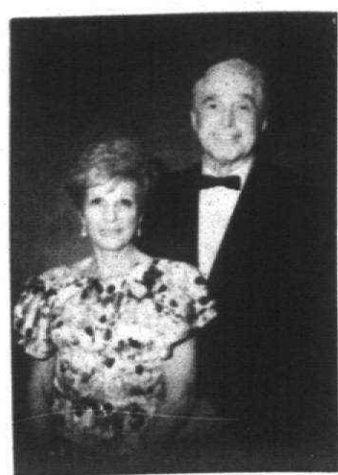
John and Janet Dillon

Judge and Mrs. John M. Dillon of Redford Township celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with family and friends at a tea dance Nov. 28 at Western Golf & Country Club, then headed off for a Caribbean cruise.

John Michael Dillon and Janet Marie Golata, both of Detroit, were married Nov. 28, 1953, at Visitation Catholic Church in Detroit. They lived in Detroit through 1957, when they moved to Redford Township.

Avid golfers, the Dillons are the parents of four children: Marybeth of South Lyon, Maureen Dillon Egan of Bloomfield Hills, John Dillon of Livonia and Andrew Dillon of Redford Township. They also have five grandsons and a granddaughter.

Dillon retired last year from



17th District Court in Redford. He was the longest-serving elected official in township history.

The Dillons belong to St. Valentine Catholic Church, where he works with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She sings with the Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines, an all-women barbershop chorus for which she also serves as a board member.

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Schoen

Livonia residents Harold (Hal) and Jeanne Schoen recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Dec. 17, 1943. They lived for two years in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he served at the Naval Air Station as an instrument flight instructor for U.S. Navy fighter pilots.

After World War II, the Schoens moved to Ann Arbor, where he resumed his career with Michigan Bell Telephone Co. They had two sons, Phil, born in 1946, and Chip (Harold Jr.) in 1949. They lived there until 1954, when they moved to Livonia.

He continued to work for Michigan Bell and retired as a senior accountant in its Southfield accounting office in 1981. He also was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve until his retirement and

served as a "bird dog" for the U.S. Naval Academy, finding and guiding promising candidates in their quest for admission to the academy.

He also is a member of the Plymouth Elks Club, Livonia Kiwanis Club and American Legion and is active in both the Livonia and Michigan Republican Party organizations. He also is a vestryman at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

Busy raising their two sons, she also was involved with the Livonia Public Schools' PTO 1954-67. She was a Cub Scout den mother 1954-60 at the old Stark School and Church School teacher and superintendent at St. John's 1954 through the 1980s.

She also is a member of the Vivians, the Elks' auxiliary, and the Women's Republican Organization in Livonia.

The Schoens also have five grandchildren — David, Karen, Jessica, Matthew and Shemia.



Oliverson

Jim and Sara Oliverson of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an elegant party given by their children Jim Oliverson, Lynda McGlothlin, Gary and Sharon Buddenberg and Gary and Sheryl Buddenberg — and grandmother Bessie Fowler.

The party was at Ernesto's in Plymouth and included 73 family

members and friends.

The Oliversons exchanged vows on Dec. 23, 1943, at St. Raphael Church in Garden City. They met while students at the Garden City No. 1 School. She is the former Sara Fowler.

A native of Garden City, he is a retiree of the Gulf Oil Co. She moved to the community in 1939 and is a retiree of National Bank of Detroit.

The Oliversons also have nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Support groups meet special needs

An 8-year-old boy is very angry. He draws pictures in red and black. Although he won't admit it, his mother is dying of cancer. Yet his sister is as cheerful and bubbly as a 6-year-old should be.

On the day of their mother's funeral, the boy draws a picture of himself in yellow, a color which symbolizes happiness. His sister, however, is very sad. She doesn't understand why her mother has left.

Children who lose someone close may deal with grief in unique ways. It is important that these children be allowed to express themselves and understand that their feelings are normal.

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan's grief support programs for children provide an opportunity for children to explore their feelings and share experiences with each other.

"Children are so open, honest and relatively simple in telling us how they feel through their actions, drawings and behaviors," said Anne Byrne, a registered nurse and director of Children's

■ 'When children share their experiences of losing their loved ones in a group setting, they feel they are not alone. The group provides a safe environment to share their grief.'

Tasneem Kapadia
children's grief counselor

Hospice.

Each group is led by a professional, experienced in helping grieving children. Using art, puppets, stories and play, the group leader helps children express their grief and develop coping skills.

During weekly sessions, children talk about their loss and share memories of their loved one. By acknowledging their grief, children gain a greater understanding of life. They realize that their feelings are normal and healthy.

"When children share their experiences of losing their loved ones in a group setting, they feel they are not alone," observed children's grief counselor Tasneem Kapadia. "The group provides a

safe environment to share their grief."

Grief support groups are open to children ages 6-15 who have a family member or friend who is terminally ill or has recently died. Counselors are available to meet with parents or guardians at any time to discuss their child's concerns and progress.

Groups are small so that children can receive individual attention. Programs last six weeks and

meet throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Registration is required but there is no fee.

The Children's Hospice bereavement program, established in 1992, has provided to more than 70 children. Parents, children and area health care providers commend the program, said Byrne.

For more information on dates and times, or to register, call Byrne at Hospice of Southeastern Michigan at 559-9209.

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan is community resource on living with terminal illness, death and grieving. Hospice also offers grief recovery seminars, grief support groups and special programs, such as coping with the holidays after the loss of a loved one.

Singles to hold party

The Farmington Single Professionals and Metropolitan Single Professionals will be joining forces for a New Year's Eve party at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington.

The party will start at 8:30 p.m. and costs \$30 for dinner (chicken carbenara over fettuccine or beef tips burgundy over

wild rice, broasted Italian redskin potatoes, Caesar salad and vegetables) with one specialty coffee drink, party favors and dancing to live music. No alcoholic beverages will be served.

For reservations, contact the Farmington Single Professionals at 478-9181.

Hey, it's the season to order your cookies

You can order your Girl Scout cookies... now!

Local Girl Scouts will be taking advance orders for Girl Scout cookies Jan. 7-23. Proceeds from the sale support a variety of programs for local Girl Scout troops.

Cookies are priced at \$2.50 per package. There are seven varieties of cookies: Samoa, Thin Mint, Trefoil (shortbread), Tagalong, Do-si-do, Chalet Creme and the brand-new Juliette.

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dents choose which movie they are going to see or what will be on the dinner menu.

"They're encouraged when they take control of some aspect of their lives," he said.

Continuity is also important to those who are suffering.

"Beset by crises... nothing seems the same. We need some continuity day to day," he said.

For instance, when he lost two family members in a year, Segal said it was tough to him to continue writing in his journal every day.

"(But) I forced my rear end in front of the computer every morning. I did not give up that regular part of my existence."

When a tragedy occurs, the person often feels like there is no meaning in his or her life. He gave an example about a man who was lost and stopped to find out where he was. The person answered, "You ain't lost; you just need directions."

"We can't go through life without a purpose," Segal added. To recover from a traumatic event, the person must not feel guilty about the incident, Segal said. He said these people often suffer "life's second injury."

"We pour salt on wounds and say, 'I could have done something.'"

Compassion often aids in recovery as well. For example, John Hinkley's father is coping with his son's schizophrenia by helping parents of other patients.

■ 'The least effective thing you can do is say, "You think you have problems; let me tell you about mine." That doesn't mean a thing to the sufferer.'

Dr. Julius Segal

Finally, he said, it's helpful to talk with other people about problems.

Many people in the audience, such as Mary Kay Wilhelm, were uplifted by Segal's talk.

"I think he gave hope for a lot of people with problems," said the Livonia resident.

"He was real interesting, a very dull word for a very informative speech," added Monica Gilroy, also of Livonia.

During his career, Segal has appeared on the "Today" and "Tonight" shows as well as the Phil Donahue show. He was also among the mental health team who worked with the 52 hostages who were held captive in Iran.

The next Livonia Town Hall will be Jan. 19 and will feature Weldon Petz. His topic will be Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln. The lecture will be at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Tickets for the lecture are \$10 and available at the door.

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I know I will! I'll have a ball! 'Cause golly, how I miss it all!

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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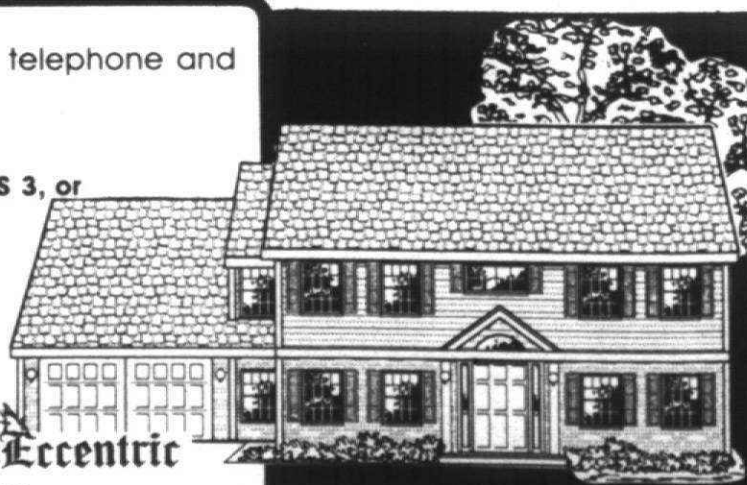
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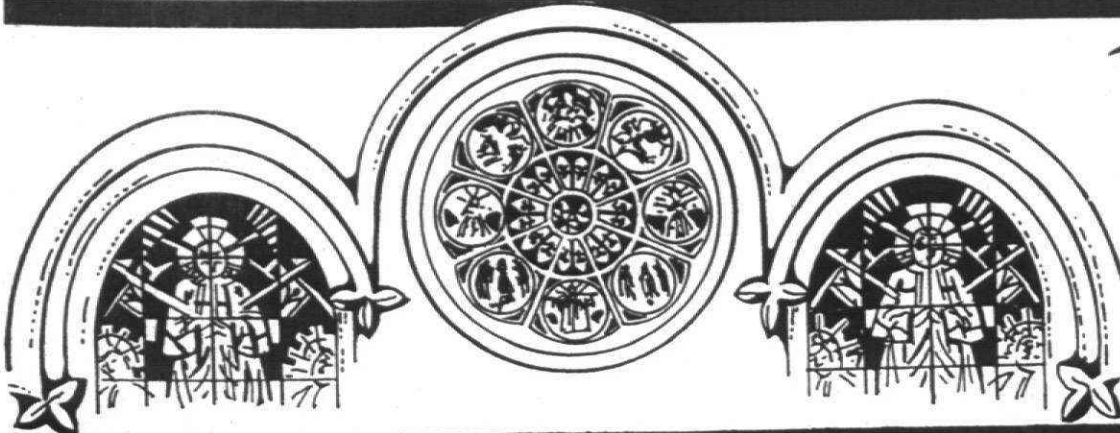


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Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

You can also obtain current information about events, speakers and service schedules, etc., by calling 901-4750 or 953-2048 on a Touch-Tone phone. You must have your four-digit church I.D. ready. For more information about the service, call Bryan at 953-2297.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, will have a New Year's Eve worship at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. People are invited to join in closing the year in worship and thanksgiving. For more information, call 981-0286.

Ring in the New Year with a service of celebration and vision at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Rev. Luther Werth will lead the worship, focusing on the theme of "Time and Eternity." For more information, call the church at 522-6830.

Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Watch Night service with communion at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Salem National is at 32430 Ann Arbor Trail at Hubbard & Westland. For information, call 422-5550.

ADULT CLASS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia will begin its Adult Information class 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. The 12 week class will present the positive, life-changing message of the Scriptures, and teachings held by the Lutheran Church. The course may be used as a part of the membership process of Christ Our Savior, but there is no obligation to join. The church is at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. To register, call Bob D'Ambrosio at 522-6830.

DIVORCE RECOVERY
St. Edith Parish in Livonia will host a repeat of its fall divorce recovery workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 through March 9. The workshop will be facilitated by Dave Carpenter who will address the needs of those recently divorced and those divorcing for a longer period of time. Topics covered will include self-esteem, dealing with anger, letting go of the past, co-dependency, single parenting and personal freedom. A separate session will address the annulment process for Catholics.

The workshop will be held in the A.V. Room in the church annex A.V. Room in the church. The cost is \$30 and registration can be completed through Jan. 5 by calling 464-2027. St. Edith Parish is at 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livonia.

Single Place Adult Ministries will offer a divorce recovery workshop Jan. 13-15 Feb. 24 in the library/lounge of the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. The seminar will be at 7:30 p.m. and is for divorced and separated people of all ages. A donation of \$30 is requested. For more information, call 349-0911.

"COME THE MORNING"
Covenant Community Church will show the newest dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, "Come the Morning," at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the church, 25800 Student, Redford. Produced by the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the film uses the contemporary issue of homelessness as a backdrop for the timeless message of man's need to reconcile himself to God. For more information, call 535-3100.

"ON THE FAMILY"
A 10-week study group, using the John Bradshaw video cassette series, "Bradshaw on the Family," will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 20 to March 4, at the St. Hilary Education Center, 23749 Elmira, Redford.

The program looks at the family as a system and how children, in adapting to the system, grow into compulsive and addictive patterns of behavior that cause difficulties in their adult lives. Evelyn Booms and Joan Lowell will facilitate the study group. The cost is \$50 for the series and \$10 per session. Registration must be completed by Jan. 14 and can be completed by sending a check, payable to Sisters IHM, to Evelyn Booms, IHM, 5890 Evergreen, Detroit 48228. For more information, call her at 336-4559 or the St. Hilary Education Center at 533-1560.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Those interested in learning more about Christian Science can tune into WDSB radio, 1480 AM, at 7:30 a.m. Sundays through Feb. 27. Topics to be covered include "Our care of children," Jan. 2, "Does Christian Science have baptism, communion - the Christian basics?" Jan. 9, "Spiritual healing, how can I be sure it works?" Jan. 16, "What is it like to be a Christian Scientist?" Jan. 23, "Ministering and ministers" Jan. 30, "Why would anyone be a Christian Scientist?" Feb. 6, "How can you say sickness isn't real?" Feb. 13, "Do you have missionaries?" Feb. 20 and "Where did Christian Science start?" Feb. 27.

GRIEF SUPPORT
Single Point Ministries' ongoing grief support group meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, in Room A-15 of Ward Presbyterian Church of Livonia. Ward Church is at Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 422-1854.

Rev. Zell retires after 48 years

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

A gold watch... that's the prestigious mark of 25 years of faithful service to the same employer. For 30 years, perhaps, a plaque and a crystal vase. But what about 48 years of caring, listening, preaching, counseling, advising, nurturing and ministering?

For the Rev. Edward Zell, 73, one of the best rewards is being considered part of the families to whom he ministers. It's no wonder that so many of them consider him part of the family. He has played major roles in their baptisms, marriages and funerals for almost a half century.

Some of the rewards, although small, are so precious to him like "little children whose parents I baptized now coming up to me and giving me leg hugs because they can't reach."

During his more than 48 years as pastor at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church in Redford, Zell has officiated at the baptism of "close to 900 children and adults... into Christ's kingdom and 277 weddings." In that time there have only been 152 funerals, he said.

"As a matter of fact," Zell said, "the young man who is the interim pastor until I retire permanently, I remember when he was born." That man is the Rev. Peter Berg, senior pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

Zell grew up in Wisconsin and is a graduate of Northwestern College in Watertown, Wis. He was ordained by his father, also a minister, and was assigned by the Michigan District Mission Board of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to Lola Park Church.

"I got off a bus in the middle of April 1945 in the middle of Ann Arbor with \$15 and a suitcase," Zell said of his arrival in Michigan. "Lola Park was begun the same day that I entered the ministry."

When Zell first came to Redford, "Beech Daly was a dirt road with two lanes with ditches on each side. The township was very small as far as population was concerned. I think I recall there were approximately 1,000 water meters in the whole township at that time."

The first church building to occupy the site was actually one story of a two-story house that had been moved from downtown Detroit and set on a foundation on the Kinloch property off Beech Daly. It was sufficient for the beginning of Lola Park.

"There was nothing there was no nucleus of people, nobody," Zell said. "But the housing, which had just started after the war, had reached Kinloch and Woodworth."

Make New Year's resolutions count

As the New Year approaches, many Americans utilize this period for making resolutions. Generally, these are stated in ambitious and lofty ways, requiring an exercise of will which most of us cannot adequately muster.

And yet, we know how difficult it is to mold the diverse stuff of our lives into some form of our own choosing. We ought to seize this psychological opportunity and use it for a greater degree of self-management, and for the more effective realization of our most cherished personal goals.

Perhaps the secret lies in concentrating on things small rather than large. The prophet Isaiah once said, "It is precept by precept, line by line, here a little, there a little."

The following suggestions are based on the recognition that if we do a little more of the good and a little less of the bad, we shall add significant meaning to our lives.

Since it is in little things that human character is formed, that happiness is discovered, that success is attained, and that virtue is nurtured, let us therefore resolve:

- To smile a little more and from a little less, and not let a dark mood or a vexing episode mar the gift of a day.
- To love a little more and hate a little less, because love is life itself and hate is a narcotic that deadens the soul.
- To appreciate a little more and to smile a little more, and to be a slightly greater perception and a somewhat larger understanding.
- To keep our mind a little more open to other points of view and a little less rigidly set according to our own pet prejudices.
- To do whatever is our task in a manner a little closer to our highest capacity and to be a little less content with the shabby and the second-rate aspect of our work.
- To give a little more cheerfully when we are called upon and demand a little less praise for our virtue and recognition for our generosity.
- To lose our temper a little less often and to be a little more tolerant of those with whom we share life's journey.
- To add a little more to our physical fitness and squander a little less vitality by neglect or abuse of the body.
- To make a little more allowance for the faults and mistakes of the other fellow and a little less for our own.
- To be a little more honest with our own selves and keep fewer rationalizations with which we silence the voice of conscience.
- To spend a little more time with our families, and a little less at work.
- To read a little more and on a higher level and to watch television a little less.
- To open our hearts a little more to the concerns of our community and concentrate less exclusively on our own.
- With the beginning of the calendar year, let us make by little decisive acts a movement of progress toward the ideal of what we ought to be and would like to be. As the old proverb declares, the greatest journey begins with the first step.
- Rabbi Irwin Groner is with Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. If you have a question or comment, call him at 953-2047, mailbox number 1862, on a Touch-Tone phone.



Slower pace: For retired Pastor Edward Zell, 73, one of the rewards of being minister at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church is being considered part of the families to whom he ministered for 48 1/2 years.

Been blessed
It seems they have been successful at that. During those 48 years, Zell has seen four young men from Lola Park enter the ministry, one of them his youngest son, Edward Jr. There were also nine young women who went on to prepare as teachers in the Christian day school system, including his daughter, Mary Meier. Zell has been blessed in his personal life as well. He and his wife, Jayne, have raised three children. Their oldest son, James, is employed by Tyner's in Ann Arbor. Their daughter is not teaching now but her husband is the principal of St. Peter's Lutheran School in Plymouth. Their youngest son is pastor at Darling-Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor.

The Zells also have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A member of the Synod's Committee on Relief since 1957, he also has been the resident speaker on the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod radio broadcast at 10:30 every Sunday morning on WCAR 1090-AM for 27 years.

In 1969, Zell was appointed to the Board of Control for the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod and served as the chairman for the past 12 years.

"That has been just a terrific experience," Zell said. "All these young men... to be involved in their final preparations to enter Christ's ministry."

Zell has had some time to adjust to his more leisurely status. His retirement reception was held Oct. 31 but his "official" last Sunday service was Oct. 3. What is retirement like for him?

"It's very strange," he said. "Saturday nights (preparing for Sunday mornings) are very difficult for me. Remember the old Green Bay Packer coach (Vince Lombardi)? After he retired he said, 'I miss the fire on Sundays.' So do I."

NEW VOICES

JULIUS and ELIZABETH DECHAVEZ of Plymouth announce the birth of **ANTHONY WILLIAM** Sept. 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a sister, Amanda. Grandparents are Willie and Wilma Merrick of Plymouth and Rudy and Julieta Dechavez of Canton.

MIKE and JENNY HORSSELL of Livonia announce the birth of **JACLYN ANN** Sept. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She has a sister, Samantha. Grandparents are Jim and JoAnn Stoeckle of Livonia and Lyle and Gertie Horsell of Vanderbilt.

CHRISTOPHER and ABIGAIL SELLERS of Westland announce the birth of **CODY AL EXANDER** Oct. 31 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has a brother, Shawn Douglas. Grandparents are Michael and Nora Nause of Toledo, Ohio.

TOM and ELIZABETH

DOYLE of Garden City announce the birth of **CAROLYN ANNE** Nov. 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Carolyn Eeles of Westland, John Eeles of Wayne, Tom and Beverly Doyle of Rose Hill, Va., and Linda Irvin of Kentucky.

DAVID and KATHY HOLLINGER of Livonia announce the birth of **JOSEPH ADAM** Nov. 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a sister, Megan, and a brother, Mark. Grandparents are Joseph and Elizabeth Hollinger of Redford and Gerald and Caroline Wilson of Hershey, Pa.

STEVEN and DAWN KNOWLES of Westland announce the birth of **ASHLEY ELIZABETH** Nov. 6. Grandparents are Joyce Ann Kapp of Canton, Dennis R. Kapp of West Bloomfield and the late Darlene E. Knowles. Great-grandparents are Elizabeth Johnson of Lyons and Elmer and Mable Kapp of Plymouth.

KENNETH and MELISSA PERCIN of Canton announce the birth of **NICHOLAS ANDREW** Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Fireplace activity reminiscent of American heritage

NATURE TRAILS



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

Even in summer when the warmth of a fire is not needed, we all enjoy sitting around a campfire and staring into the flames.

This past week the cold temperatures have caused us to build a fire every night. Our children anxiously await the opportunity to build a fire and watch the flames dance among the logs.

One reason we may enjoy a campfire is that it is part of our heritage. Our ancestors relied on fires for warmth, cooking, tool making and warding off danger. It was a significant part of their lives and served as the focal point for the family. Families would gather around the fire to get light to read by, warmth for comfort and warm food for their stomachs.

Gathering wood for the all-important fire took a great amount of time. It took teamwork to cut, chop, split and stack wood for the daily requirements. Though preparing the wood

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warmed the soul, it also generated a hunger that was satisfied by food cooked by the fire wood.

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terns of a kaleidoscope. Moving patterns and disappearing images have always been interesting to people. Disappearing images are what makes magic so much fun.

Though there is constant movement in a fire, it is a peaceful

motion that is coupled with occasional auditory stimulations. Crackling sounds produced by the release of gases adds a third sensory stimulation to a campfire. And if the wood is from a fruit tree, or if the fire is smoky, one's sense of smell can also be stimulated.

But looking into the flames of a fire is not just looking into burning wood, it is looking into the energy that allows us to live. Wood burning is the release of the sun's energy, the ultimate source of all energy.

As a tree grows it takes energy from the sun and converts it into

oxygen for us to breathe and into sugars. Sugars are combined and eventually converted into wood. That energy is stored in the tree until it is converted into energy again by other plants, animals, or a campfire. So looking into a fire is like looking into the very source of our life. Maybe that is why we find it so fascinating.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message using a Touch-Tone phone at 953-2047, mailbox 1874.

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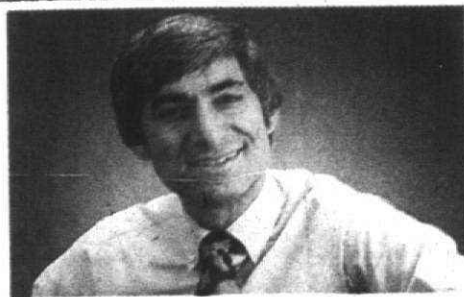
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1993

CREATIVE ENCOUNTERS



BOB SKLAR

Color and detail woo Livonia art director

Canton artist Diane Mitchell's yen for color and detail quickly won over Laura Hardy, art director at Nelson's Gallery in Livonia. "She's special," says Hardy, a pacesetter in giving emerging artists a moment in the sun. "Her talent is really incredible — from her Southwest oils to her African portraits."

Mitchell is one of 14 artists invited to take part in the second annual Art As Gift holiday fine art show and sale at Nelson's Gallery, in Terrence Corners, 16376 Middlebelt. Works on canvas, glass, paper and wood are on display to Jan. 31.

Mitchell's paintings were first shown at Nelson's last year in a two-person show with Westland painter Roger Hardnock. Hardy invited Mitchell back not only because her work sold so well last time but also because of her break into portraiture.

In Art As Gift, Mitchell has 14 contemporary pieces: nine oils on canvas of Native American scenes and five figurative portraits of African people. Two portraits are gouache, two are pencil and one is Prismacolor pencil. Mitchell's work ranges in price from \$50 to \$600.

All of the pieces evoke the spirit and energy of the artist, a fine art student studying interior design at Wayne State and a sales consultant at Native West Gallery in Plymouth. She hopes to re-enroll at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit to study figurative sculpting and painting.

Native American culture has captured her fancy since childhood, Mitchell says. Photos taken by her parents on trips out West and stories told by an aunt who as a missionary nun once lived with Native Americans have generated ideas for her oils, best described as abstract realism.

Hardy not only likes the vibrance of Mitchell's oils but also their free-flowing style. In many of her works, Mitchell contrasts brilliant colors with serene figures. Inspiration comes from Diego Rivera (composition), Vincent Van Gogh (color and movement) and Caspar David Friedrich (tranquility).

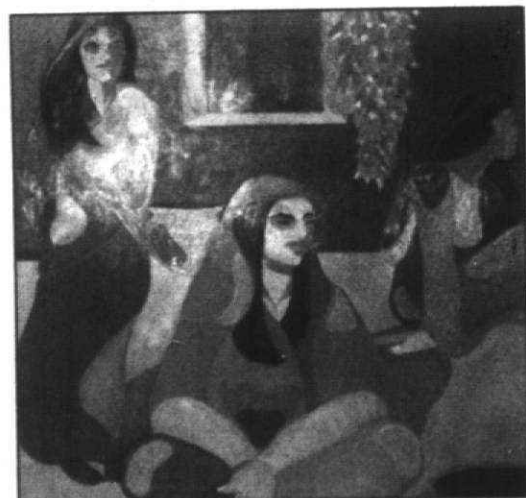
Shades of red, brown, blue, green and yellow dominate, but Mitchell rarely uses solid colors in her oils. "In all my paintings," the 1984 Plymouth Canton High graduate said, "I hardly ever use a color straight out of the tube. I always blend several together."

Mitchell's haunting portraits, which wonderfully convey facial emotions and skin tones, are based on photos of Africans she has seen in National Geographic and other sources.

"The expressions in the portraits realistically capture the feelings of the people," Hardy said. "The portraits are detailed but not overly so. They're beautiful."

The contrast between Mitchell's portraits and oils captivates Hardy: "Diane can go super-simplistic and give you a nice piece of art with color and size to a nice portrait rich in fine detail."

Bob Sklar is special projects manager for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave a message, call 953-2113.



Contemplation: "Three Indian Females" ponder their day in this contemporary figurative oil (\$600) by Diane Mitchell.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- A Livonia couple and a local landscaper have won a major landscape design award from the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association.
- Victoria Diaz's Book Break column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.

Gallery spotlighting 'Art As Gift'

■ Nelson's Gallery again turns the spotlight on "Art As Gift," a showing of reasonably priced works by local artists and artisans.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



Nelson's Gallery in Livonia is extending the season of giving by continuing its second annual "Art As Gift" exhibition through

Jan. 31.

Paintings, pen and ink, drawings, photography, glass and furniture created by 14 artists and artisans offer after-holiday gift ideas for yourself or someone else.

Whatever your style — abstract, realism, surrealism — this art extravaganza offers variety and quality, reasonably priced for giving.

"It's turned out to be quite successful. We have everything from pencil portraits to limited-edition prints," said Laura Hardy, gallery director.

Prices range from \$15 for a glass paperweight to an average of \$400 for a watercolor with some larger scale works higher.

The gallery is at 16376 Middlebelt, between Five and Six Mile, in Terrence Corners.

On Dec. 18, Nelson's hosted a meet-the-artists reception at which nearly all of the participating exhibitors were on hand to answer questions. Members of local artist clubs, like the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL), turned out to take advantage of this special afternoon.

"I like the diversity," said Nora Oxley, VAAL publicist.

Nature photographer Richard Arthur of Livonia captures vistas of beauty, ranging from a "Lonely Juniper" in the Black Canyon of Colorado to the Painted Rocks of Northern Michigan. With camera in hand, Arthur has pursued striking images for the past 20 years.

"I'm inspired by nature," he said. "I like to hike through the woods. I have to identify a butterfly or bird, but that's part of the fun. It's made me an amateur naturalist."

Marie Tuthill of Livonia (landscapes in oils and watercolors) has been painting since undergoing heart surgery 30 years ago. One of the original Livonia arts commissioners, she served on the board because of her love for art.

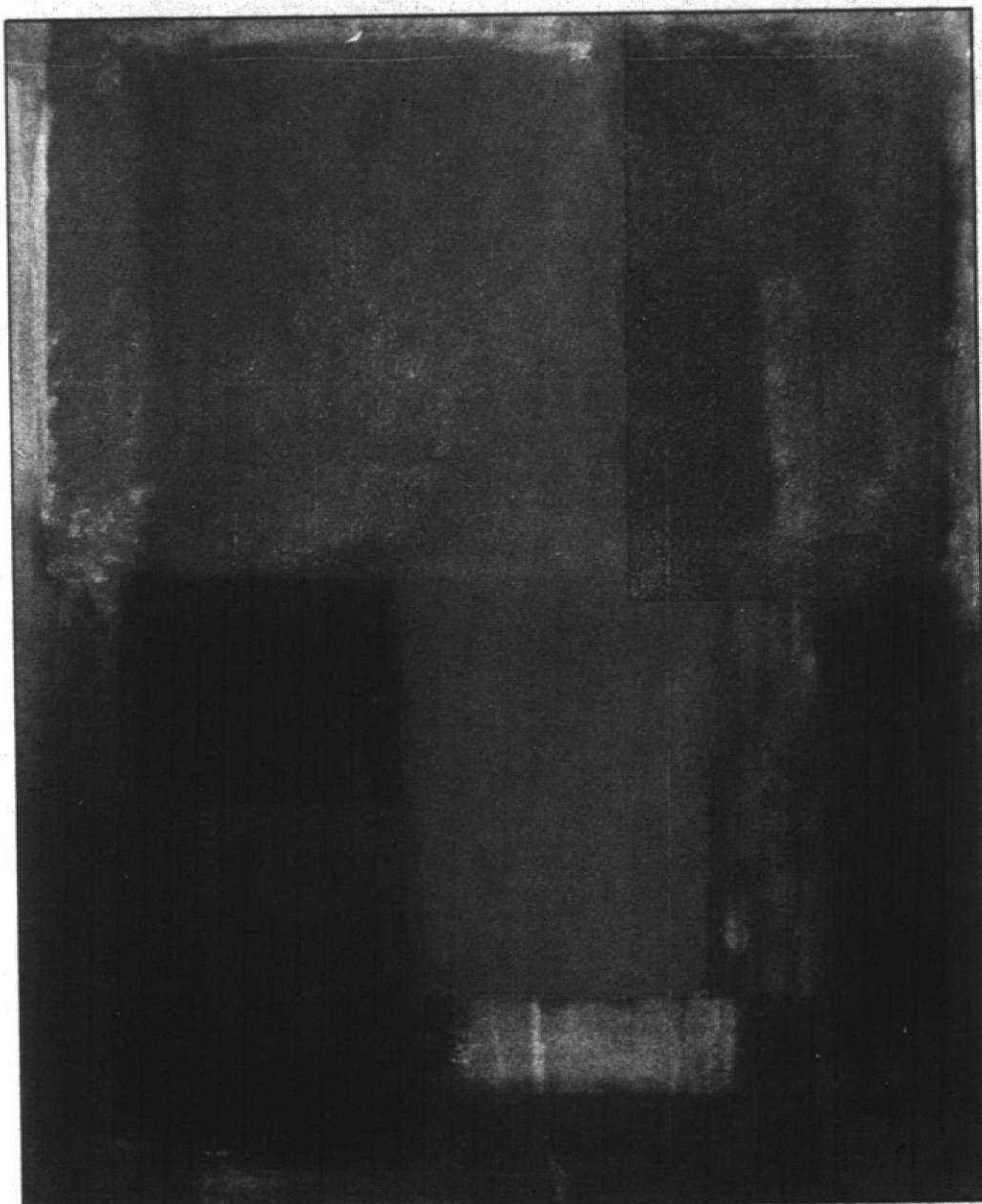
Tranquility and peacefulness overcome viewers of Tuthill's "Cottage Settled in New Fallen Snow." As with all her landscapes, which often contain historic homes and lilac-splashed English gardens, the viewer is mesmerized by this quiet beauty.

"I started painting because I love it. During my recuperation, I painted and painted and never stopped," Tuthill said.

Brian Walker's canvases offer high-energy acrylics in the style of abstraction; some, more hard edge and some, more gestural. Walker, who graduated with a degree in art education from Michigan State University, works as a substitute teacher for Livonia Public Schools.

"I'm looking for a combination of hard-edge abstraction and abstract expressionism. I'm looking for a lot of depth. As far as 'Order and Imbalance,' said the Livonia painter, nodding toward a vibrantly colored geometric work, "I saw it as a metaphor for my life, searching and bringing order and balance in my life, even though no one ever achieves that."

Thomas Igel of Livonia began drawing lighthouses in pen and ink last August after a heart condition



High energy: Brian Walker paints an abstract metaphor for everyday life in "Walls II." The Livonia artist's work is priced from \$75 to \$250.



JIM JAGDELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Peaceful persuasions: A sense of tranquility overcomes viewers of this watercolor by Livonia artist Marie Tuthill.

left him able to do little else. His hope is to eventually render all 106 Michigan lighthouses.

Many of Igel's newer pieces, like "Little Sable Point Lighthouse," incorporate subtle watercolor shadings. He is studying the medium with Westland artist Sandra Weed at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, where he currently has two works on display in the art office.

Igel sat sketching, pen and paper in hand, to the amazement of other

artists at the reception. Igel says he has taken up the studies "in order to enhance the action and imagination of those who will enjoy his works."

Christine Fleischer of Livonia crafts hand-blown glass paperweights with the aim of capturing the spirit of life in the seas. Swirling colors and patterns of air bubbles evoke images of fish and marine life.

"I was looking for an outlet for a

number of years and finally found it in glass," said Fleischer, who has studied glassblowing with John Fitzpatrick (Touch of Light Studio and Gallery in Ferndale) for three years.

By day, Fleischer heads the nursing staff at Middlebelt Nursing Center in Livonia. By night, she blows glass because it's very relaxing, a form of therapy for her.

See GALLERY, 2D

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BASKET WORKS

Livonia Arts Commission will present an exhibition of handmade basketry by Rochester Hills artist Susan Hall Jan. 3-28 in the second-floor display cases in the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington roads.

A basket maker for 10 years, she now participates in 20 arts and crafts fairs each year.

Hall teaches the art form in her studio through Rochester Community House. "Nothing is more satisfying than to pass on to others my love of basketmaking and to see that spark ignite in another basket crafter."

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Hall is a member of the Rochester Basket Weavers Guild and the Association of Michigan Basketmakers. "Color and style have always been a part of my life. These forms of expression achieve a life of their own in the creation of a beautifully molded, intricately woven basket."

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

WINTER CLASSES

Visual Arts Association of Livonia classes and workshops start Jan. 10 in Room 24 of the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Classes include watercolor, oil painting and watercolor monotypes. Workshops include wet in wet watercolor, mastering color, sculpture, pastels, exploring watercolor and realistic still life in watercolor.

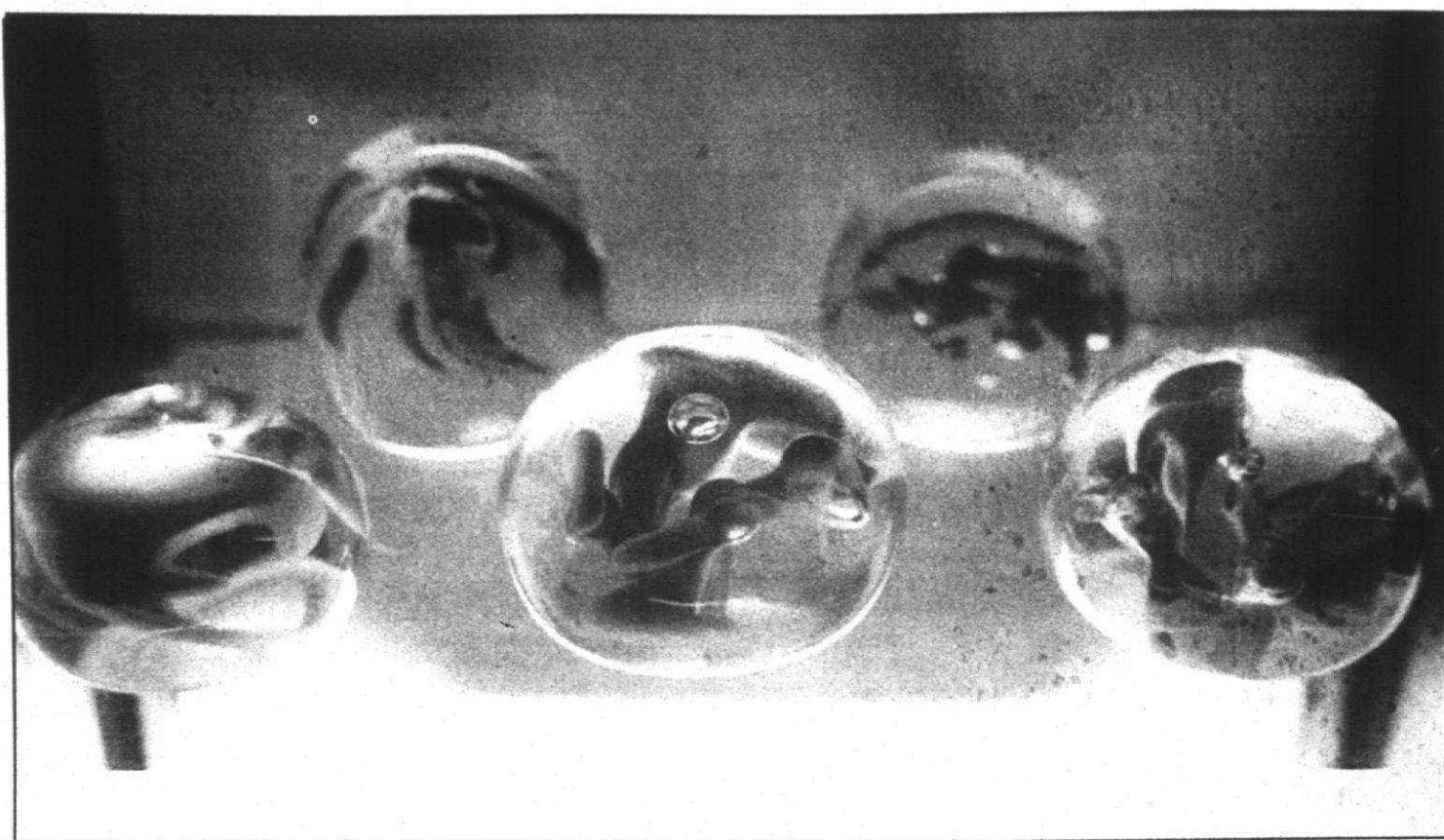
For more information, call Marge Masek of Livonia, VAAL class chairwoman: 464-6772.

The faculty includes Edee Joppich, Ann Dase Loveland, Audrey DiMarco, Donna Vogelheim, Marge Chellstorp, Else Pederson and Betty Marinetti.

HELPING HAND

Interested in lending a helping hand around the Detroit Institute of Arts? Gallery Service volunteers are needed to greet and assist visitors in the museum galleries.

Training is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, in the Holley Room at the DIA, 5200 Woodward. Call 833-0247 to sign up.



Eternal dance: Blown-glass paperweights by Christine Fleischer of Livonia capture sea life in flowing shapes interspersed with air bubbles.

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"I bring that aspect of the caregiver to my glass works. My pieces are more flowing, more on the feminine side," Fleischer said.

Glassblower Joe Wisniewski of Livonia has new work in the show — paperweights, vessels and abstract sculpture, including one titled "Madonna and Child," a favorite of viewers.

Tom Dyer of White Lake once again offers his portraits and limited-edition prints. New this time

for Dyer are rectangular-shaped works on paper featuring colored pencil renderings of tropical fish that make you feel like you're gazing into a fish tank.

"I took up scuba diving. The drawings came out of that," Dyer said.

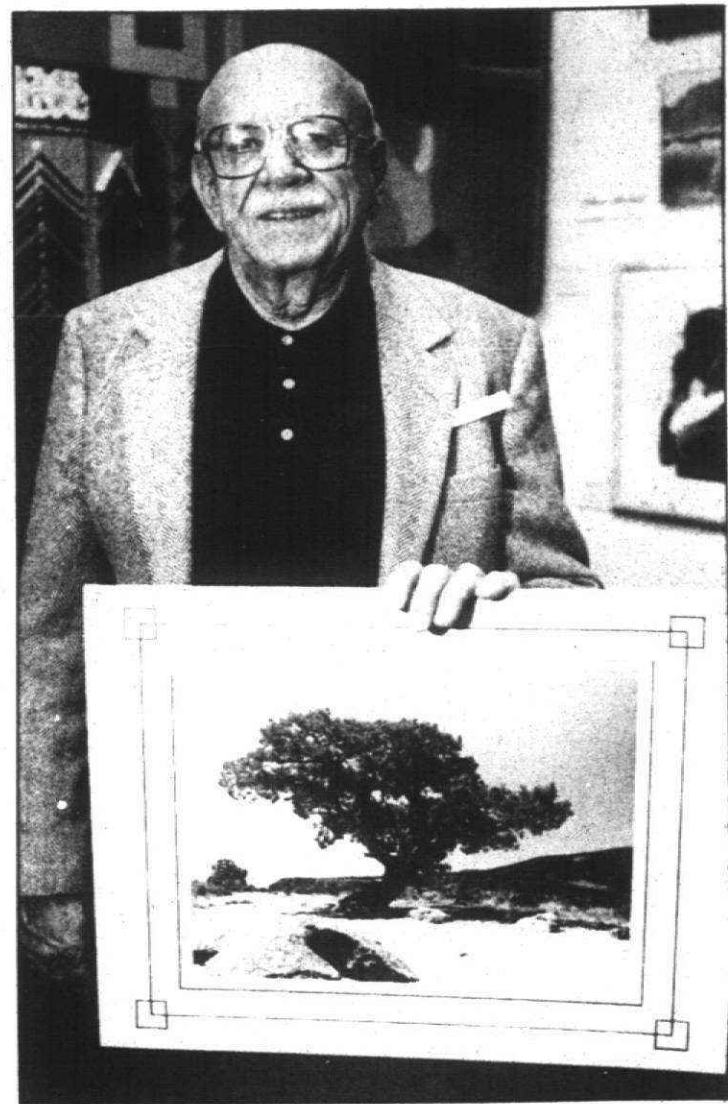
Diane Mitchell of Canton Township shows brightly colored oil and gouache paintings of Southwest scenes. In her large-scale works, Mitchell, pursuing a

bachelor of arts degree at Wayne State University, invokes the warmth of the Southwestern sun to brighten the dreary winter landscape.

Other works and artists in the show include Chinese brush work by Christine Wong of Livonia (watercolor florals, landscapes and calligraphy); Jacqui Suleski of Milford (abstract and floral watercolors); Robert Mekus of Redford (hand-painted folding screen

furniture); Audrey Harkins of Livonia (floral watercolors); Janelle Agar of Detroit (mixed media abstracts) and Carl Angevine, who teaches painting at the Redford Senior Center (large-scale oils in the style of surrealism).

Nelson's Gallery has extended holiday hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Time stops: Livonia lensman Richard Arthur composed this image of a "Lonely Juniper" he found in the Black Canyon of Colorado.

Garden show cultivates imagination

Imaginations will wander to "Upon a Time," the theme of the 1994 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show March 24-27.

The fifth annual show is presented by the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens. It will be at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

More than 500 individual exhibitors will interpret this year's "Upon a Time" theme through horticultural and artistic design displays.

Visitors will see French parterre garden pathways and Lilliputian miniature landscape gardens set to fantasy themes, including "Cinderella," "Peter Rabbit's Burrow" and "A Fairy Tower."

Florist and interior design teams will create dinner settings in imaginary restaurants. Plan to shop the 48 Marketplace booths featuring gifts, plant material and garden services. New this year will be an antique garden furniture marketplace.

This year's show runs 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 24, to Saturday, March 26, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 27. Senior day is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 24.

Advance tickets may be purchased until March 23 at all Michigan Kroger Food

Stores and other locations. At the show door, tickets are \$8, children (4-12) \$3, children (3 years and under) free.

For show information and a list of advance ticket outlets, call the Flower Show Office at 313-998-7002.

The flower show is at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. Parking at the show is \$2 per car. A shuttle bus will pick up and drop off at the Briarwood Mall. Use the I-94 State Street Exit 117. Shuttle buses are \$1 per person roundtrip.

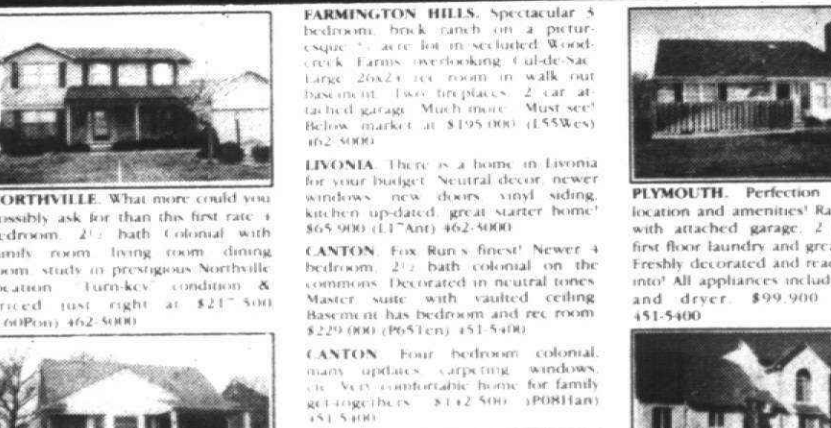
An opening night gala will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, for those who wish to view the show before the crowds. The gala will include music, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Advance gala tickets are \$35 per person and \$40 per person at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dix, Ann Arbor 48105, by mail or by phone. Call 313-998-7002 to buy your tickets.

"Upon a Time," a fund-raiser for the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, will help to fund the completion of the new Gateway and Herb Knot Gardens.

This year's Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show is produced in cooperation with the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. It includes a standard flower show, which adheres to the guidelines of the National and State Garden Clubs.

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NELSON'S GALLERY
Continuing — "Art As Gift," Janelle Agar (abstracts in mixed media), Richard Arthur (nature photography), Carl Angevine (surrealist oil paintings), Tom Dyer (portraits in pencil and lithographs), Christine Fleischer (hand-blown glass paperweights), Audrey Harkins (floral watercolors), Tom Igel (watercolors and pen and ink lithographs), Robert Mekus (hand-painted folding screen furniture), Diane Mitchell (Southwest oils and gouache), Jacqui Suleski (abstract and floral watercolors), Marie Tuthill (landscapes in oils and watercolors), Brian Walker (geometric abstracts in acrylics), Joe Wisniewski (hand-blown glass paperweights, vases and vessels), Christina Wong (watercolor florals, landscapes and calligraphy).
To Jan. 31, Terence Corners, 16376 Middlebelt, Livonia. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, to 5 p.m. Saturday.

LIVONIA CITY CENTER LIBRARY ART GALLERY
Opening — Cranbrook art instructor James Gilbert of St. Claire Shores, showing his fiber art and watercolors in a Livonia Arts Commission-sponsored exhibition Jan. 8 to Feb. 12, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

LIVONIA CITY CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES
Opening — Livonia Arts Commission hosts Rochester Hills resident Susan Hall's handmade baskets. To Jan. 28, Second-floor circular showcases, Southeast of Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY
Opening — Artwork of Donald Callaway Jr. of Detroit, who works in watercolor, oil, pastel, mixed media. Subjects include portraits, landscapes, abstracts. Show runs Jan. 12-28 in the lobby of the city hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN/ MUSEUM GALLERY
To Dec. 31 — "The Artist and the Quilt" exhibit and sale, featuring

works by artists of Jewish descent or depicting Jewish themes. Walk-throughs with Merry Silber and docent tours available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 661-1000, Ext. 470.

PEWABIC POTTERY
To Dec. 31 — The Pottery's annual Holiday Invitational Show, featuring pottery, tile, jewelry, ornaments and more for holiday giving by Pewabic's own and invited artists. Holiday hours (through December): 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10:15 E. Jefferson, Detroit, 822-0954. Visitors may bring a canned or dry food item for a holiday food drive. Closes at Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Year's Day.

SYBARIS GALLERY
To Dec. 31 — New work by internationally known fiber artist Lillian Elliott, a native Detroit. Washington Square Plaza Building, 306 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 202 E. Third, Royal Oak, 544-3388.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY LTD.
To Dec. 31 — The gallery's 14th annual holiday show of ancient art. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor, 764-0395.

ARTSPACE
To Dec. 31 — New works in clay by Kaiser Suidan. The gallery is at 534 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call 258-1540.

PIERCE STREET GALLERY
To Dec. 31 — Impressionist photographs by Karen Niederlander of Birmingham. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham, 646-6950.

ALEXA LEE GALLERY
To Jan. 1 — "Opening Exhibition: Part 2." On the second floor, above the post office, at 201 Nickels Arcade in Ann Arbor. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment. Call 663-8800.

MATRIX GALLERY
To Jan. 1 — "Bones, Buttons, Beachcombs & Memories," objects passed by the wayside, recovered and reconsidered as art, assemblages by Ed Stokpe of Ann

Arbor. At Sweetwater Cafe, 123 W. Washington. Hours: 7 a.m. to midnight weekdays, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To Jan. 2 — "Once Upon a Matrix: The Variable Nature of Prints," a didactic exhibit illustrating the diverse choices and conditions that influence the final appearance of a print. Also, "Decorative Arts 1900: Highlights from Private Collections in Detroit" continues through Jan. 9. Call 833-7900.

SOUTHFIELD CIVIC CENTER
To Jan. 3 — An exhibit of hand-made puzzles by Conrad Heider Jr. is featured at 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive. Call Cultural Arts at 354-4717 for information.

URBAN PARK
To Jan. 3 — "Landscape Show and More," a show of work by a group of Detroit women artists, along with an exhibit of sculpture by father and son Donald and Don Thibodeaux and quilts by Mildred Thibodeaux (Don's mother), and a display of gouache paintings by Maureen Vachon of the Detroit-based Artists Cooperative. The exhibits are dedicated to raising money for REACT With Love, a non-profit organization providing housing, living essentials and financial support for mothers and children with AIDS. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, on the third level of Trappers Alley, 508 Monroe in Detroit, 963-5445.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION
Monday, Jan. 3 — An acrylic on paper exhibition by Carol Weisenauer of Trenton, who has taught at the BBAA and Wayne County Community College, will continue to Jan. 31. The show portrays in an abstract way the artist's feelings about the illness and recent death of her husband and her slow recovery and ability to move on with her own life and career. Weisenauer is affiliated with several metropolitan Detroit art galleries and has shown in many juried and invitational exhibits. Weisenauer usually paints realistic watercolors and does portraits in pencil. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, 644-0866.

HENRY FORD MEDICAL CENTER
Monday, Jan. 3 — An exhibit of paintings by West Bloomfield artist Kris Lamb will continue to Jan. 31 at the center, 6777 W.

Maple in West Bloomfield. The show will feature Lamb's lively, fresh works ranging from impressionistic Michigan landscapes, to frolicking dancers, to colorful contemporary abstracts.

MICHIGAN GUILD GALLERY
Monday, Jan. 3 — "The Best of the Guild" gallery show will continue through Feb. 4. The show is an exhibit of work by the top-scoring artists from the 1993 Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair jury. Reception for the artists 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, in the offices of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, 118 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor, 662-3382.

ARTIST'S COOPERATIVE, THE
Friday, Jan. 7 — "Broken Interiors" group exhibition by Martha Schiebold (mixed-media works of dancers), Bobbie Litwin (paintings of chairs and interior spaces), Maureen Vachon (drawings of Anne Boleyn and her 16th-century costumes). Opening reception 7-10 p.m., 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

DELL PRYOR GALLERIES
To Jan. 8 — Sixteen original paintings and sculptures by prominent African-American artists. The collection was commissioned by Michel Roud, president and CEO of Absolut Vodka. Participants were chosen to reflect a cross section of contemporary African-American artists. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment, 1452 Randolph in Harmonie Park in Detroit, 963-5977.

HABATAT/SHAW GALLERY
To Jan. 8 — The powerful work of sculptor John Woodward of Rochester, also, a jewelry invitational, highlighting 12 of the best jewelers working in the United States. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, in Suite 25 in the Triad Building, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-8767.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM
To Jan. 9 — "The Student Winter Degree Show, 1221 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, presenting work by Melissa Irvin of the Department of Painting, Hyung Kyu Lee of the Department of Metalsmithing and Brenda Rotheiser of the Department of Design, current candidates for degrees at the art academy. Also, "Hybrids: New Work by Beverly Fishman" continues through Jan. 23. Call 645-3323 for tours or information.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To Jan. 9 — "Decorative Arts 1900: Highlights from Private Collections in Detroit," presents superb examples of furniture, ceramics, glass, metal work, textiles and books produced during 1880-1920 by major artists and designers of the period. Docent-guided tours available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, 833-7963.

MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
To Jan. 15 — The Design Michigan exhibit on graphic design for Michigan business, government, institutions and communities continues. The display features 54 colorful case studies illustrating successful graphic design including visual identity programs and logos, printed communications, advertising and promotional graphics, product and package graphics, trade fair exhibits and merchandising displays, sign systems and architectural graphics, video graphics and the graphic design of desktop computer publications. It was developed by the Design Michigan program of the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills and is funded by the MCACA. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1200 Sixth, Suite 1108, Detroit.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
To Jan. 15 — An exhibit of new paintings by Dennis Wojtkiewicz and recent sculpture by Frank Fleming. Wojtkiewicz is a super-realist painter whose still life works come alive with skillful theatricality. Fleming's sculptures charm the spirit as well as the eye, as they juxtapose frogs, turtles, rabbits and lizards with chairs, sofas and tables. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 144 p.m. Sunday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham, 642-3909.

G.R. N'AMDI GALLERY
To Jan. 16 — Works by Allie McGehee. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 144 p.m. Sunday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, 642-2700.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM
To Jan. 23 — "Hybrids: New Work by Beverly Fishman." At 1221 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Fishman is the artist in residence for Cranbrook's Department of Painting. Her new abstract work is a hybrid of painting and photography. Call 645-3323 for tours or information.

LEMBERG GALLERY
To Jan. 29 — "Works for Young Art"

To Jan. 31 — "Business and Pleasure," holiday group show, featuring art works by gallery and guest artists. 2007 Pauline Court, Ann Arbor. Hours: 2-6 p.m. Tuesdays.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To Feb. 20 — "Warped Notions: Traditional and Contemporary Basketry Forms" continues in the ground floor gallery W104, featuring 20 examples of basketry from the DIA's permanent collection. Nationally recognized artist

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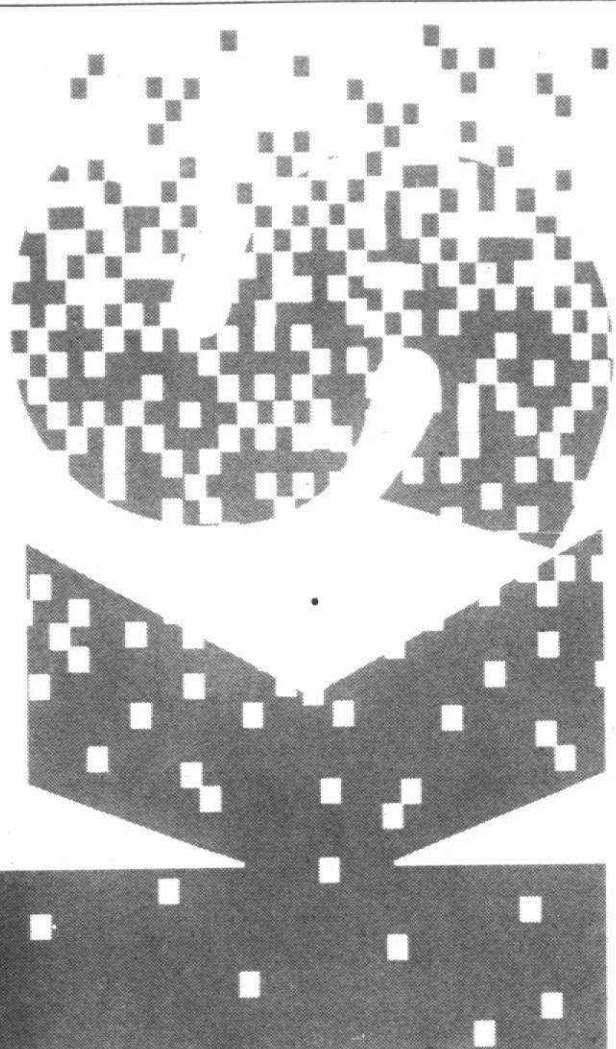
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JOINS RE/MAX

Associate broker Leon Kelly of Northville has joined the real estate office of RE/MAX Crossroads, 7664 Canton Center Road, Canton. A 16-year real estate veteran, he'll continue to serve the residential real estate needs of western Wayne and south Oakland counties. Before joining RE/MAX Crossroads, Kelly was affiliated with The Michigan Group. He is a member of the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors, the Michigan Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He holds a Graduate Realtors Institute designation and has been a license holder since 1989.

SMALL BUSINESS BOOST

Mortgages and mortgage refinancing have become hot personal investment strategies on the heels of 1993's booming stock market. Mortgage interest rates in two decades. But potential small business owners are finding low mortgage interest rates an excellent source of start-up money.

Small business entrepreneurs are increasingly turning to home equity as a means of offsetting the tighter-than-ever lending practices we've been seeing this year, says Jim Golden, a loan officer at Shore Mortgage in Birmingham. "This is in part due to the bank consolidations, which came out of the savings and loan fallout."

Business owners are turning to mortgage equity as a source of expansion funds, Golden said. A new mortgage on house equity (not a home equity loan) is the answer for cash-strapped small businesses because:

- It makes financial sense over traditional sources of credit. Most lending institutions offer two-year loans with a seven-year amortization and that's at 1 or 4 percent over the prime rate.

- Most lenders offer short-term notes, while mortgage offers not only lower rates but is a long-term loan.

- Most new businesses experience growing pains. "If after two years a business is not showing a profit and is stalling, most banks will call the loan," Golden said. Unlike larger lenders' loans, a mortgage cannot be called.

NBD outlines tips for home buyers

Number crunching — everything from down payments to mortgage payments — is a vital part of home buying. But which numbers should you follow?

National Bank of Detroit offers these house buying tips:

- Determine how much of a mortgage you can afford (NBD Banks and some mortgage companies offer free pre-qualification counseling).
- As a guideline, your mortgage payment should be no more than 28 percent and your total monthly debt no more than 36 percent of your gross monthly income. Special mortgage programs are available in some areas for low- and moderate-income people.
- Seek the assistance of a real estate agent for valuable information about neighborhoods, schools and the cost of houses in the area.
- Consult with a real estate attorney when filling out a purchase agreement. An attorney can add contingencies, allowing you, the buyer, to terminate the agreement and get your deposit back if, for example, you cannot get a mortgage at a reasonable rate or if the house does not pass an inspection. It's also a good idea to have your attorney at the closing.
- Gather all the information and materials — statements, pay stubs and tax returns — you will need to fill out a mortgage application. An NBD mortgage representative can provide you with a buyer's checklist.
- Know your credit history — the bank will run a credit check and probably ask you questions.
- Carefully consider the benefits of fixed- and adjustable-rate mortgages to determine which best fits your needs.
- Be aware of the costs of buying a house, including the down payment, up-front fees and closing costs. They are a common part of the house-buying process. Some mortgage programs allow you to put down as little as 5 percent of the total cost of the house.

Typical costs required at the closing are: points (each point is 1 percent of the mortgage amount), property taxes, mortgage insurance, escrow (the portion of your monthly payment set aside for taxes and homeowners insurance), loan fees, appraisal, title insurance, credit report fees.

These tips are detailed in a 17-minute videotape titled "Buying a home where to begin," produced by National Bank of Detroit. The free tape is available by calling 1-800-CALL NBD.

You are invited to submit questions by writing Robert M. Meisner at 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. To leave a voice-mail message for Robert Meisner, dial 953-2047, mailbox 1871.

Be clear in banning trucks; boost clubhouse use



ROBERT M. MEISNER

One co-owner in our condominium has two pickup trucks that are being maintained at the condominium project. Our documents prohibit the maintenance of commercial vehicles. Can we proceed against the co-owner, who claims the pickup trucks are used to go to and from work and do not have commercial plates?

The question of the prohibition of commercial vehicles in condominiums is becoming more complex with the introduction of various types of vans and trucks as a primary form of transportation by American families. The courts seem to be having difficulty in dealing with these issues when the definition of the prohibited vehicle is vague and/or ambiguous.

We recommend to our community association clients that they adopt the prohibition on vehicles as specific as possible, as it relates to the type of vehicle to be prohibited. Commercial vehicles, per se, are hard to define and merely because a vehicle has or

does not have commercial plates does not necessarily make the vehicle "commercial" as it relates to the prohibition in the condominium documents.

Obviously, to the extent that a vehicle has advertising on it relating to a commercial enterprise, that may be distasteful in the context of the condominium project and should be prohibited.

On the other hand, merely because a co-owner has a pickup truck, unless specifically precluded in the condominium documents, it may not necessarily be a prohibited vehicle under the definition of commercial vehicles, per se. You should, however, consult with legal counsel regarding the past practices of the association regarding pickup trucks, as well as the present state of your condominium documents as it relates to pickup trucks.

We have a clubhouse in our condominium that is rarely used, especially in the summer. The only time it seems to be used by any co-owners is when it is raining outside. We are seriously considering closing the community facility,

since it is a white elephant, from a financial standpoint. Do we have the right to do so?

You are dealing with a very difficult question and may be on precarious ground to the extent that you are relying upon the use and enjoyment of the community facility when they bought the condominium.

Rather than preclude the use of the community facility, I would try to encourage the members of the association to use it more often, perhaps by forming a social committee to involve the members of the association in additional social and recreational activities, which can take advantage of the community facility.

I would also expect that the community facility is a help in the marketing of the units in the condominium project, and I think that a reminder to the members of the board who are seriously considering cutting back the use of the community facility may be the necessary spark to get more people involved in its usage.

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Building eyed for office use

Southfield-based Credit Acceptance Corp. will buy a 118,000-square-foot office building in Southfield for \$6½ million.

The rapidly expanding company plans to occupy 25,000 square feet by late 1994. For the time being, the rest of the building will be leased.

The building, the Silver Triangle at 25505 W. 12 Mile, is 90 percent leased, says Brett Roberts, company spokesman.

CAC specializes in financial services to auto dealers selling vehicles to consumers with limited access to traditional sources of consumer credit.

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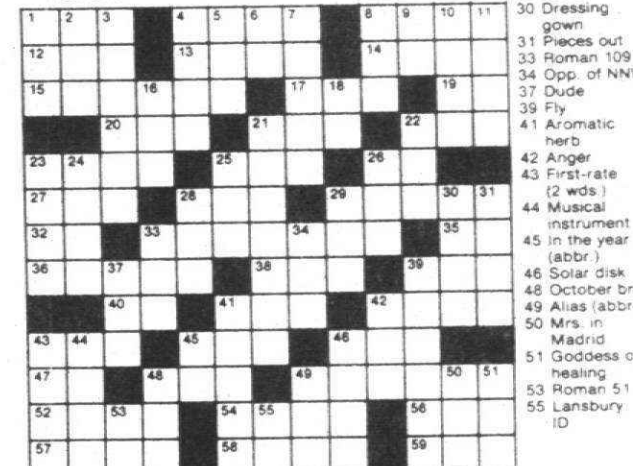
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309 Royal Oak-Oak Park

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OAK PARK - Berkeley Schools. New

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Lakes Area

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311 Homes

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SPACIOUS COLONIAL

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IMPRESSIONS

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312 Livonia

ABSOLUTE DREAM

Don't miss this 1-3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, family room, fireplace, attached garage, pride of ownership throughout, squeaky clean and on a large lot. \$159,900. (91853).

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459-6000

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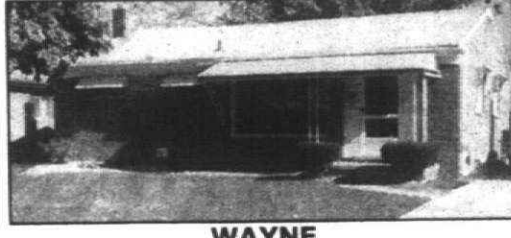
LIVONIA
QUALITY BRICK RANCH. Livonia 7 Mile/Newburgh area. Large lot, 3 bedroom, 2½ baths, great floor plan, cathedral ceiling, built in 1983, 1,571 sq. ft.
\$179,900 (M377) 326-2000



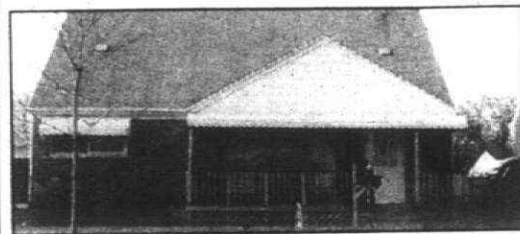
LIVONIA
JUST LISTED! Neat & clean ranch on two lots. Country atmosphere, beautiful yard, family room with fireplace, kitchen has eating area, and a circle driveway.
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WAYNE
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\$68,900 (23E-04455) 455-7000



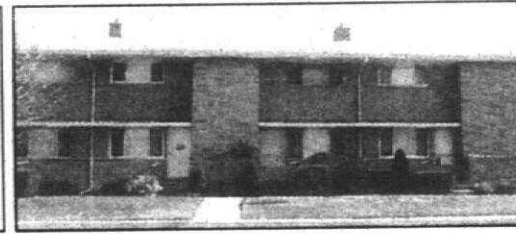
GARDEN CITY
CHOOSEY, SELECTIVE? Hard to please? This classy brick Bungalow is what you need. Clean and neat on a desirable street. It's got a price that can't be beat!
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GARDEN CITY
CORNER AN INVESTMENT. In this 3 bedroom ranch, remodeled kitchen and bath. Family room, attached 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry and huge living room.
\$74,900 (B700) 326-2000



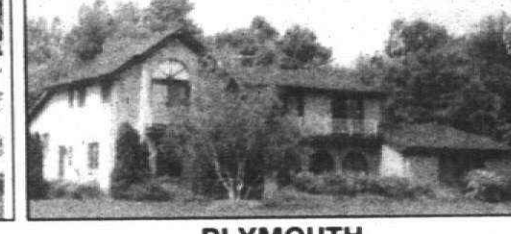
WESTLAND
SWEET AND TO THE POINT is this brick ranch in popular Tonquish sub with EVERYTHING new: kitchen, bath, doors, carpet & paint. Three bedrooms and a basement just for you!
\$82,900 (A339) 326-2000



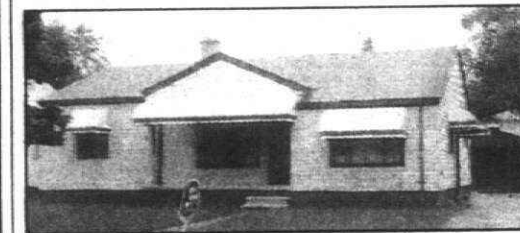
LIVONIA
BEST BUY IN LIVONIA! Cheaper than rent! New paint & carpet throughout. Remodeled kitchen & ready to move in! Private entrance & basement and close to schools & shopping.
\$47,000 (M11112) 261-0700



LIVONIA
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\$116,000 (BAI) 348-6430



PLYMOUTH
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY ESTATE. Spacious 3 bedroom, could be 4 in this custom built Tri-Level. Large block building to enjoy your hobbies. Rolling, wooded 2 acres with creek backing property.
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REDFORD
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\$64,900 (D15646) 261-0700



GARDEN CITY
HEART OF GARDEN CITY. This ranch, with basement & garage, offers many major updates including newer furnace, central air and hot water heater. Hurry, this one just listed!
\$62,900 (M29425) 261-0700



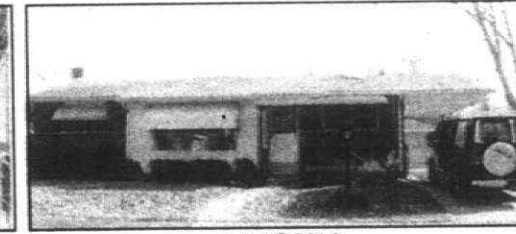
PLYMOUTH
"QUADONIAL". Extra large living room with hardwood floors, cove ceiling, fireplace, 3rd floor bedrooms, with lofts, formal dining room, pleasantly decorated, professionally landscaped. A country setting!
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CANTON
IMMACULATE CONDO - Move right in. Two bedroom, 1½ bath Canton condo with finished basement. This townhouse has newer carpet, new windows throughout, new kitchen tile & beautifully enclosed garden patio.
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REDFORD
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\$68,500 (K19939) 261-0700



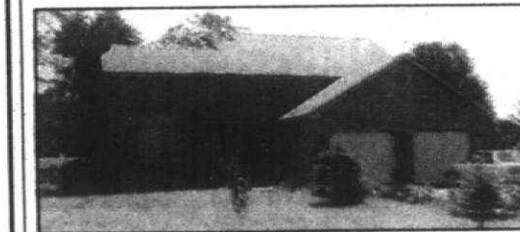
LIVONIA
JUST LISTED! Brick ranch with custom remodeled kitchen & skylight, lots of storage, formal dining room, fireplace, new carpeting, finished basement, 2 car garage & priced to sell.
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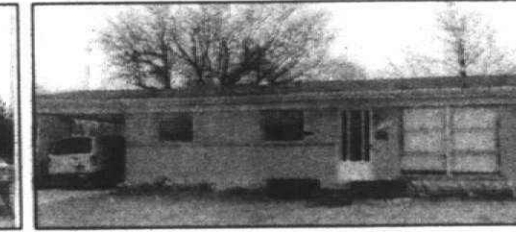
LIVONIA
BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN? Run a business from your home in this 2 bedroom ranch. Located on a traffic corner. Neat comfortable home & in an area zoned commercial. Tremendous investment opportunity.
\$64,900 (23A-37424) 455-7000



CANTON
VALUE-PACKED TOWNHOUSE - Really sharp 2 bedroom, 1½ bath Canton condo. Dining area, custom window treatments, 2 skylights, central air & deck. Shows like new.
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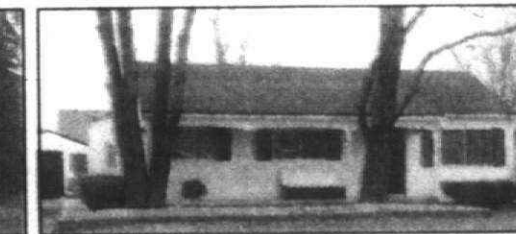
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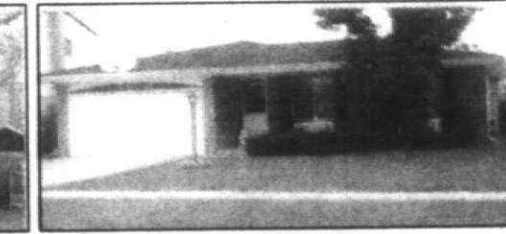
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Dave Deal of Birmingham was promoted to president of Detroit-based Little Caesars Enterprises. He joined the company as finance director in 1979 and later became a vice president. He was 1991 Employee of the Year.



Deal

Eda Biegas of Livonia was selected an apprentice for Flat Rock-based AutoAlliance. She started apprenticeship training in August. Her selection as a machine repairer was based on seniority and an informational interview.



Biegas

Donald P. Hagel of Bloomfield Hills was named president of Auburn Hills-based ITT Automotive Aftermarket North America. He previously was director-business and market development for ITT Automotive Aftermarket.



Hagel

Paula Bass of Bloomfield Hills was named president of North American Operations and the new St. Louis, Mo., branch of Sterling Heights-based KBC Tools & Machinery. She previously was marketing vice president, overseeing the Mississauga, Ont., operation.



Bass

Kevin L. Elliott of Plymouth was promoted to product manager of Draw-Tite Inc., a custom-built trailer hitch corporation in Canton. He joined the company in 1980.



Elliott

Frank T. Mamat of West Bloomfield, a senior partner in the Labor and Employment Department of the Detroit law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, was elected to "Who's Who in America." He's a member of the Michigan Construction Code Commission.



Mamat

Don DeFosset of Bloomfield Hills was named president of AlliedSignal Safety Restraint Systems, a business unit of AlliedSignal Automotive. He'll head worldwide air bag and seat-belt operations from the Sterling Heights facility. The 23-year automotive industry veteran succeeds Robert L. Cox, who retired Dec. 31.

See STARS, 2F

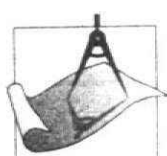


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At the helm: Robert R. Jones, involved in the residential building industry for more than 30 years, takes over as president of the Farmington Hills-based Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan for 1994. He was a vice president on the executive committee last year and is a former BASM Builder of the Year.

Poised and eager

New builders group leader ready to hammer on issues



The effectiveness of a professional association is directly related to the quality of its leaders. Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan's new president and executive committee seem well suited to meet the challenges facing the building industry.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

The quality and financing of public education in Michigan. The cost and availability of lumber. The potential for redevelopment in Detroit.

Those are key issues facing the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, according to its incoming president Robert R. Jones, a West Bloomfield residential builder.

Jones, 57, will lead educational and lobbying efforts next year for the professional association of 2,000 members, the third largest nationally, headquartered in Farmington Hills.

"Certainly, there are things I feel strongly about," Jones said. "One is to continue - it's been started by the association - to increase our professionalism and increase the public's perception of the professionalism of our industry and members."

"I don't think there's an image problem," he said. "I believe you have to do research and find out what the perception of people is purchasing these products. I want to do better and better. That doesn't mean we have to start from not good."

"I want to continue to upgrade and give members an ability to come from an educational point of view of total quality management. I can't focus enough on education. I really believe in it."

Jones brings impressive credentials to his presidency.

He served as a vice president on the executive committee last year and was chosen BASM's Builder of the Year and won a national Builder's Spotlight Business Excellence Award in 1992.

Jones has participated in more Homearamas, showcases of idea houses, than any other BASM

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builder. He's been an innovator using computer-aided design systems.

Jones also serves as chairman of the board of trustees at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., on the quality assurance committee at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and on the board of trustees for the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

Jones and his wife, Carole, started their own building company in

1979. He said he learned the business from the ground up working with Herman Frankel's organization for 18 years.

"I've been tremendously impressed by his emphasis on quality in his construction and his great attention to detail," Irvin H. Yackness, executive vice president for BASM, said of Jones.

"And the reputation he has acquired for service and relationships he has established with his customers," Yackness added. "Bob is very articulate and has been recognized by the national association as well as the local level for his management style."

Jones had some general observations on what he identified as key issues facing BASM:

■ On public education in Michigan. "The quality of education is certainly a long-term issue, and funding is a short-term issue. A (real-estate) transfer tax, I think, hurts the economy and the building business."

"Because of the volatility of our business, to pin a revenue source on it, I think, isn't a prudent decision."

See POISED, 2F

3rd-quarter building permits up

Building permits issued for single-family houses and condominiums July through September in southeastern Michigan rose 10 percent compared to the same period last year, according to a reporting service based in Livonia.

Just over 4,775 units were permitted here during that three-month period, almost 450 more than during the comparable period in 1992, reported U.S. Housing Markets.

Through September, 12,150 single-family units were permitted compared to 11,650 through September of last year - an increase of just over 4 percent.

The southeastern Michigan reporting area entails 10 counties, including Oakland and Wayne.

Brian H. Bragg, editor of U.S. Housing Markets, attributed steady housing growth here to job growth.

"Job growth is the number-one thing as far as I'm concerned in all of home building," Bragg said. "Employment numbers are finally starting to look a little better around here."

"With interest rates low and lenders competing, it's

been a pretty solid home-building year considering what the area has gone through economically the last few years," he said.

The third-quarter numbers in terms of percentage growth put southeastern Michigan in the upper level of rankings of metro areas in the Midwest.

Here's how other areas shaped up:

■ Pittsburgh, 1,580 single-family units permitted, 24 percent increase.

■ St. Louis, 2,870 units, 13 percent increase.

■ Chicago, 7,920 units, 11 percent increase.

■ Detroit, 4,780 units, 10 percent increase.

■ Kansas City, 2,240 units, 9 percent increase.

■ Cleveland, 2,340 units, 8 percent increase.

■ Indianapolis, 2,410 units, 8 percent increase.

■ Cincinnati, 2,370 units, 6 percent increase.

■ Milwaukee/Racine, 1,390 units, 6 percent increase.

■ Minneapolis/St. Paul, 4,590 units, 3 percent increase.

■ Columbus, Ohio, 2,050 units, less than 1 percent increase.

However, when a hotness

index - total number of single- and multiple-housing units permitted during the last four quarters per 1,000 population - is applied, southeastern Michigan, at 3.5, bettered only Pittsburgh, 2.5, and Cleveland, 3.4, among those 11 metro areas.

Nationally, Las Vegas, with 5,050 single-family units permitted during the third quarter, showed the biggest improvement over the third quarter of 1992 at 61 percent.

Atlanta led the way July-September in raw numbers of single-family units permitted with 8,750.

For the first nine months of this year, Atlanta and Chicago rank first and second nationally in terms of single-family units permitted with 23,920 and 21,100, respectively.

U.S. Housing Markets reported that 75,300 jobs were created in Atlanta from September 1992 to September 1993.

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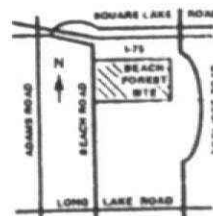


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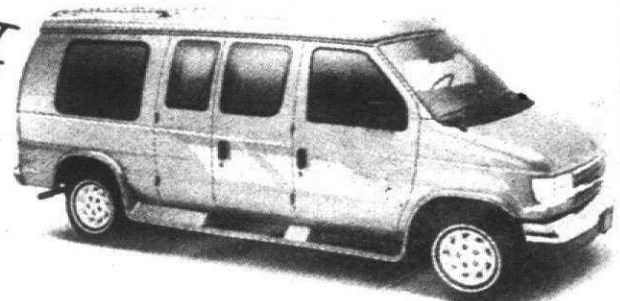


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**A MUSTANG
CONVERTIBLE CAN
DOUBLE YOUR FUN AND
INCREASE YOUR EXTRA
SAVINGS!**



- "A" & "Z" Plan prices start the deal.
- \$750 Consumer Cash from Ford makes it better.
- \$850 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction Cash from Ford makes it better still.
- \$1,250 Avis Ford Dealer Cash makes it simply irresistible!

Save an extra **\$2,850...**
and get ready for Spring!

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EXTRA SAVINGS FOR "A" & "Z" PLAN PARTICIPANTS

PUT A '93 PROBE ON
YOUR NEW YEAR'S LIST!



- Resolve to get big "A" & "Z" Plan savings.
- Concentrate on \$400 Consumer Cash from Ford.
- Include the \$850 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction Cash from Ford.
- Focus closely on \$1,600 Avis Ford Dealer Cash.

Save an extra **\$2,850...**
and resolve to make your
New Year bright!

A '93 PROBE GT MAKES
THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO
SAVE!



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- A \$1,600 Avis Ford Dealer Cash adds the kick!

Save an extra **\$2,450...**
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admiring looks driving
your new '93 Probe GT

SEEK THE SUN IN A '93
AEROSTAR. PLAN YOUR
TRIP WITH \$2,475 EXTRA
SAVINGS!



- Rejoice with "A" & "Z" Plan savings.
- Warm your heart with \$750 Consumer Cash from Ford.
- Revel in the \$975 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction from Ford.
- Bask in the glow of \$750 Avis Ford Dealer Cash.

Save an extra **\$2,475...**
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Year's family reward!

SAVE AN EXTRA \$1,850
ON A MUSTANG



- Begin with your great "A" & "Z" Plan price.
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