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Writers detail government facts

■ Maggie Sutton and Lorraine Beeman want to help people get more involved with government. They're doing that with a newsletter full of facts about legislation and grassroots organizations.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER



"Just the facts" is how they are working to put government in the hands of the people.

"It's just a way of taking back our government," said Maggie Sutton, co-publisher of the relatively new "Grassroots Action Publication," which is circulated in Canton and Plymouth.

Sutton, who lives on the edge of Canton, and Lorraine Beeman of Novi, publish the seven-page newsletter monthly to inform taxpayers and voters of what's happening in the state and federal governments.

"People want information. But they don't have the time to find it," Beeman said.

Make no mistake. Sutton and Beeman don't advocate any political stand, legislation or politicians in their publication. Facts only. "I'm really tired of the press, especially television, slanting everything that

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BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Just the facts ma'am: Maggie Sutton (left) and Lorraine Beeman are publishing a monthly newsletter, "Grassroots Action Publication," providing information about legislation at the state and federal levels.

Tree removal angers planning commissioners

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton planning commissioners were stunned and angered Monday night when the leasing agent for New York Carpet World Center on Ford Road — where two mature trees were illegally removed — said the trees were in the way.

Planning commissioner Tom Sullivan suggested that developer Carmen Naccaratto replace the removed trees with ones larger than the minimum 4-inch diameter required in the township's forest preservation ordinance. Leasing agent Ben Gordon responded, "There's got to be visibility for the tenants . . . That (large trees)

caused the entire problem. New York Carpet World threatened to get out." Naccaratto was not at the planning commission meeting Monday night.

Visibility needed

Gordon said the center only has 168 feet of frontage on the thoroughfare. The trees blocked the store and the

tenants wanted them removed. "Give that center visibility. It's not a center that's horizontal to the road."

An angry Sullivan shot back: "That did not create the problem," he shouted at Gordon. "You're telling us this was an intentional attempt to

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Maple sugar time



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Candy making: During a weekend demonstration at Miller Woods, Joyce Holmes dropped spoonfuls of maple syrup from a tree into a snowbank. When it cooled, she offered the candy to the children.

State busy buying airport property

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

State officials are in the process of buying property on Joy Road across from the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport, as well as possibly on the southwest edge of the facility.

"It's still uncertain how much property we will be acquiring," said Wendell Proudfoot, a state aeronautics airport development specialist, referring to land southwest of the airport. "We need it for a taxi-way and future T-hangar (where planes are housed) development."

An agreement with Canton Township that accompanied the state's purchase of the airport last year allows only a maximum of 130 planes in T-hangars and 70 tie-downs. Currently there is space for 108 planes in hangars and 24 tie-downs, Proudfoot said.

The state is also buying three lots on the north side of Joy Road across from the airport, as was announced when the state bought the facility. Proudfoot told the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Advisory Board that he expects trees will be cleared on those lots for planes landing at Mettetal.

The property purchases are part of the Airport Layout Plan required to be sent to the Federal Aviation Administration. The state used federal funding to help buy the more than \$4

million airport.

The airport plan shows the possible removal of five T-hangars on the west side of the airport. "My assumption is based on observation, use of the hangars. It's obvious the hangars were not designed to house modern aircraft," Proudfoot said.

Other improvements shown in the airport plan — some are required by FAA standards — include widening the runway from 45 feet to 60 feet; access to the east side T-hangars so cars don't have to cross the runway; a public viewing area; and fence on Joy Road to delineate airport property.

Special lights will be installed to guide planes when they are landing too high or too low and an improved parking lot and sidewalks are also on tap.

The approximately \$100,000 project will include a two-lane entrance road to the airport and paved parking lot for 30 vehicles. Sidewalks will be reconstructed. Utilities, such as sewer and water, also will go in.

Plans call for work to begin in mid-August. It will be paid for with 50 percent state money and 50 percent local revenues from the airport, said Jerry Kirkland of the aeronautics bureau.

"Funding for that could be avail-

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Seminary deal off, but developer presses on

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The deal to sell the former St. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township is off, says the Archdiocese of Detroit which owns the property, yet a developer said he's still talking with the archdiocese about the property.

Eric Lindquist of the development firm Windmill Pointe Interests said he has communicated in the past month with attorneys for the archdiocese, about continuing his plan to develop a senior housing center on the former seminary property at Sheldon and Five Mile roads.

But in a statement Friday, Archdiocese of De-

troit director of communications Ned McGrath said, "The Archdiocese is now pursuing other options."

An earlier agreement between the two parties was terminated in November, McGrath said. "The agreement was contingent on Windmill Pointe Interests providing evidence of its financing, which did not occur," he said Friday.

"The status of the property has reverted back to what it was prior to the purchase offer being accepted," he said.

"Considering its distinguished history and reputation, it is still hoped that the St. John's property can and will retain much of its original

identity," McGrath said.

But Lindquist said last week, "I'm still communicating by mail with the archdiocese," adding "We feel the archdiocese will cooperate. We feel the contract is still in full force and effect."

"They said they'll reinstate it after they review the financial data," Lindquist said, adding, "We're waiting on a response."

Lindquist plans to establish 1,750 independent living units at the 175-acre site for seniors, plus 175 assisted care units and 175 nursing care units.

His plan calls for preserving the former seminary buildings and Mission Hills Golf Course.

Chief appointed to regional post

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro has been appointed to a regional law enforcement organization and elected as an officer in two other organizations.

"I have been selective in joining the organizations that will have the greatest impact on law enforcement in Canton," Santomauro said. "It markets Canton. As a result of membership, Canton has been afforded an opportunity to be taken a look at as a professional, progressive department."

Santomauro was appointed to the FBI National Academy Associates Executive Board for Michigan. The organization will help

bring top-quality instructors to area police agencies to cover topics including serial crime investigation as well as leadership and administration.

"The benefit is that we have access through the FBI National Academy of the finest instructors in the country," Santomauro said. He was also elected second vice president of the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police Association and vice president of the Wayne County Chiefs of Police.

The Wayne County organization has been particularly useful because of a purchasing consortium that has allowed Canton to buy equipment, such as mobile

data terminals, at a savings. That's true for the purchase of high-tech equipment, such as in-car cameras.

"This increases our purchasing power and creates uniformity with the high-tech equipment in Wayne County," Santomauro said.

The southeastern Michigan organization has allowed Canton to become known outside the immediate area. "We cover a lot of generic issues and legislation. It allows us to interact with different agencies outside Wayne County. It allows me to see what other people are doing," Santomauro said.

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Phone lines down during weekend

The Wayne County Dispatch Center lent a hand early Sunday when the Canton Public Safety Department's phone lines went down shortly after midnight.

"Everything was working by that evening and a majority (of the lines) were up by noon," said Tammie Colling, Canton police community relations officer.

When it was discovered that the general phone numbers, as well as the 911 emergency number, weren't working the

county dispatch center stepped in and handled the calls, Colling said.

"The phone company was able to hook the incoming calls to their lines," Colling said.

Ameritech crews worked throughout Sunday morning to correct the problem, which caused lines at the Canton Township Hall also to be out.

While the lines were down, however, police officers set up cellular phones so they could call out, Colling said.

Proposal A session sponsored by district's I CARE Committee

Unsure how to vote on the upcoming ballot proposal to increase the sales tax?

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' I CARE Committee will present "Facts and Figures on the March 15 Ballot Proposal" 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Canton High School Little Theater.

Included will be an overview of Proposal A, as well as the statu-

ry plan which will go into effect if the ballot plan is defeated. Information also will be presented on how each of the plans will affect the Plymouth-Canton district and local taxpayers.

A question-and-answer period will follow.

"The purpose of the public forum is to inform and educate the community on the upcoming bal-

lot proposal," said Betty Bloch, co-chairwoman of the I CARE Committee.

I CARE is a community/school involvement organization which supports the Plymouth-Canton schools. For more information, call Bloch at 451-1037 or Annette Kubeshesky in the district's community relations office at 416-2753.

Franchiser hires new staffers

Little Professor Book Centers Inc., the Ann Arbor-based franchiser of bookstores, including one in downtown Plymouth, has announced some changes. Joining the firm's marketing department are Elaine Cosme as marketing coordinator and Stefanie Haines as graphic artist.

Jim Courtney, formerly in franchise development with Phoe-

nix-based MicroAge Computer Centers, has been hired as Little Professor franchise development manager.

The company also recently detailed its participation in several community-oriented money raising programs.

Last summer, Little Professor Book Centers Inc. raised \$2,125 for the American Cancer Society

in a Cancer Walk at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. The company also participated in a luncheon fund-raiser that raised \$420 for Ann Arbor Ozone House, Ronald McDonald House and Arbor Hospice.

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School officials seek to establish fund surplus

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are looking to make budget cuts totaling \$500,000-\$600,000 and establishing a fund surplus of about \$1 million in the 1994-95 school year.

"The upcoming budget process has been, and continues to be, one of the most complicated in recent years due to the completely changed method of financing public education in Michigan," said associate superintendent for business Ray Hoedel.

"The state legislature is continuing to pass legislation which could directly impact on the dis-

trict's projected revenues and expenditures for the upcoming school year.

"Regardless of the outcome of the statewide election of March 15, the previously heavy reliance on local property taxes as the major source of revenues is materially changed," he said. "Both the ballot plan and statutory plan will bring in approximately the same revenues to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools."

Per-pupil revenues, in the form of a state foundation grant, are expected to go up \$205, from \$5,343 to \$5,548, according to State Rep. Deborah Whymann, R-Canton.

"Health costs continue to be a source of strength in both the 1993-94 and 1994-95 budget projections," Hoedel said. "If the district's health cost trend continues for remaining five months of this school year, this again will reflect in an improved fund balance projection, not only for June 30, 1994, but also for June 30, 1995."

Total revenues are projected at \$85.1, up from \$77.4 million in 1993-94. Wages and benefits account for about 85 percent of expenditures.

Initial plans call for:

■ no changes in staffing levels, programs or co-curricular activi-

ties;

■ opening the two new elementary schools, Tonda and Bentley at a cost of \$900,000;

■ payment of deferred wages to certified and administrative staff, \$1.4;

■ \$500,000 for short-term borrowing for cash flow;

■ a 14-percent increase in fringe benefits (excluding social security and retirement costs the district will pick up) from \$5.8 million to \$6.6 million;

■ no budget for early retirement incentives. The last payment for the 1991-92 retirement incentive was in the 1993-94 budget year (\$500,000).

At its budget workshop Monday night, the board discussed a host of possible budget cuts and restorations.

Speaking of the central office administrative budget, trustee Carl Battishill said, "We don't need to be defensive about expenditures in that area. We find we are much less administered than we are perceived to be. If anything, we are suffering because we are under-administered. As a board, it takes us a long time to get information from administration. If we ask for something to happen, it doesn't for some time, because we are understaffed."

Proposed for next year is a cost-

cutting plan to close Tanger and Starkweather, former elementary schools now housing special programs, and relocating them to Gallimore Elementary. Gallimore students would be transferred to other elementary schools in Canton would be opened.

Student housing will be included on the agenda at the 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, meeting at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey.

The budget will be revisited at a Monday, March 21, workshop set for 7 p.m. at the Canton Little Theater at Canton High School.

Our Lady of Good Counsel students travel on odyssey to magical 'forest'

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

If you'd happened by the gym at Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary School last week, you would have seen a porcupine, a hunter, a funky monkey, a Rastafarian and a couple of their friends and stage managers hard at work.

Third-graders Daniel Palczynski, Tom Lindquist, Ryan Johnson, Kevin Savitskie, Bryan Genrich, Tom Mullen and Kyle Zink were practicing for their trip to Grosse Pointe North High School, where they joined 150 teams vying for glory in Odyssey of the Mind competition. Winners advance to state, national and international competition.

Sponsored by IBM, Odyssey of the Mind challenges students to solve problems in two ways. First, the OLCG team was to express in an original, humorous play how animals view their lives. Competitors also are given "spontaneous" problems to solve in a limited time that can require brainstorm-

ing, drawing, costume creation, dramatization or creative writing. OLCG's team wrote a play entitled "The Monkey Men," dramatizing the trials of life in the rain forest.

What's the experience like? "It's awesome," said Tommy Mullen, stage and prop manager. "It's fun and it's challenging."

In keeping with the rules, the play had to involve interaction between humans and animals, and the animals had to display at least four emotions.

"The students came up with the story line idea and made all their props," said Plymouth's Kathryn Savitskie, veteran Odyssey of the Mind coach and mother of hunter Kevin Savitskie, who organized a group of his friends to compete.

"We're hoping to get some things going at OLCG and throughout Plymouth-Canton," said the coach. "It does great things for kids' confidence."

The boys co-wrote the play, and Kyle and Kevin wrote the play's

theme song. "We are the Monkey Men," which all the actors can sing by heart. The last verses are: "We're the monkey, we're the monkey, we're the monkey men. We love our home, and we don't want it to go. But humans are taking it, with their plows and their hoes. But hunters are the meanest, they're killing us all. Or what is even worse — they sell us in the mall!"

"So everybody, let's live together! Save the rain forest — for everyone forever! We're the monkey, we're the monkey, we're the monkey men!"

"Our lines get longer, so it's a little hard. But it's worth it," said "Porky Pine" Ryan.

"I like having long hair like this," said "Funky Monkey" Bryan, shaking his multi-colored Rastafarian dreadlocks.

"It's a fun way to learn," said "Banana Nut" Tom Lindquist. "We learned that monkeys bend trees down to make a nest."

"It's fun. You get to spend more

time with your friends," said Kevin.

"Doing the play is fun," said "Bubba" and main character Daniel.

Stage/prop manager Kyle scored a few unsolicited points with his coach.

"I think it's really kind of cool how Mrs. Savitskie gave up her time to do such a cool thing," he said.

Co-coaching the third-graders is Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth.

Actors on the move: Third-graders from Our Lady of Good Counsel teamed up to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind. Students (from left) Bryan Genrich, Ryan Johnson, Tommy Mullen, Kyle Zink, Kevin Savitskie, Daniel Palczynski and Tom Lindquist wrote their own play.



BILL BRENNER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Audience needed for program on community gang problems

Audience members are being sought for a one-hour edition of Wednesday Report Live featuring a panel discussion on gangs and violence at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The show is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at the Omnicon studios on Ronda Drive in Canton. The panel will include

Canton High School principal Tom MacKenzie, district executive director of instruction Tom Tattan, Plymouth city commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, Observer Newspaper editor Jeff Counts and student leaders.

The show will be hosted by Canton Community Foundation executive director Bill Joyner. "I would like to blend the audience

with students, adults and members of the community," Joyner said.

Wednesday Report Live, produced by students in the Close-Up program, is entering its fifth year.

For studio tickets, contact the Canton Community Foundation at 981-3002.

Committee to study judgeship

The Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee was expected this week to start reviewing the bid to have a third district judge added to the local court, state Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, said Friday.

Last week, Vorva and 35th District Court administrator Marion

Belding testified in Lansing before a House committee on the third judgeship.

Local officials have sought a third judgeship to meet a rising caseload for the court, serving greater Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

In testifying before the House Judiciary Committee, Belding said that the caseload at the 35th District Court makes it "the second busiest district court in Wayne County and in the top five in the state on a caseload-per-judge basis."

Math and science conference designed with girls in mind

Ellison Franklin, curriculum coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is concerned that a valuable national resource is not being tapped — "the gifts of our young people, specifically girls."

To address the problem, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will again host for students and parents a "Girls Excel in Math and Science" (GEMS) conference at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Canton High School.

National statistics show twice as many college-bound senior boys as girls have taken three years of physical science. The situation is similar with math, Franklin said.

"Throughout the United States, boys outnumber girls in advanced eighth-grade math, and by 12th grade, twice as many boys as girls are enrolled in calculus," Franklin said. "As a result, many girls are not prepared to take the calculus sequence necessary for many college majors."

National statistics show twice as many college-bound senior boys as girls have taken three years of physical science.

The conference is sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the American Association of University Women. Participants in the Plymouth-Canton district, the conference gives students and their parents an opportunity to participate in activities related to mathematics and science. Participants also will learn about career options in science- and math-related professions.

WJBK-TV2 weather forecaster Kam Carman will keynote the

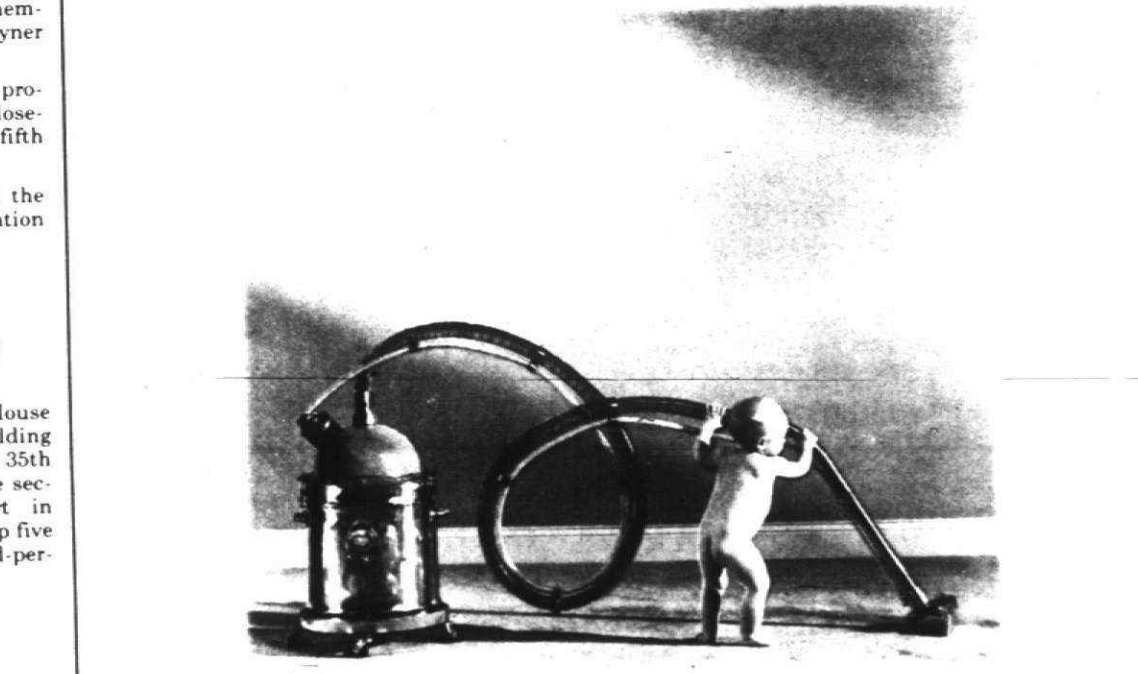
conference. A Farmington Hills resident, Carman appears on "Eyewitness Morning" at 7 a.m. and "Eyewitness News" at noon. She is also the weather forecaster on "The Breakfast Club" weekdays on WNIC-FM.

Following her address, participants may choose to join one of two sessions involving math and science activities. Participants then will meet with women working in careers that require educational backgrounds in mathematics or science for "role model" sessions.

Traditionally, Plymouth-Canton boys have outscored girls on the standardized MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) tests.

Registration information is available at middle schools throughout the district or by calling Franklin at 416-3010. The conference is open to students attending public or private schools in the Plymouth-Canton community.

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doesn't resemble what it was in the first place," Sutton said. "We want our readership to trust us. We want them to make their own decisions, based on the facts."

The newsletter is mailed to subscribers as far north as Traverse City and as far east as St. Clair Shores. A 12-month subscription is \$19.95 and can be obtained by writing to G.A.P., P.O. Box 7065, Novi 48376-7065.

The newsletter keeps track of legislation at the state and federal levels; provides the names of grassroots organizations and public service groups; and offers listings of how state and federal legislators vote.

"It amazes me how some people don't know who their Congress people are," Sutton said, adding names, phone and fax numbers are included in the newsletter.

The January issue documents how legislators voted on school finance and provides a chart comparing Proposal A and the statutory plan.

The whole idea behind "Grassroots Action Publication" is to get people involved, and to give them the information they need to get involved.

Beeman and Sutton are convinced the public wants to have an effect on government, but people don't know how to do that.

"Once a bill is voted on, it's too late to have an impact. So we provide information early on," Sutton said.

The women spend their days sifting through newspapers, mag-

azines and computer news services, making phone calls, and writing letters for information. About once a month, they take a trip to Lansing.

"There are a lot of people trying to do good things. But they are bottlenecked in the Legislature," Beeman said. "So we try to let people know of these bills."

Beginning in the March issue, the newsletter will boast a columnist with the Capitol News Bureau.

The newsletter does not address moral issues, such as abortion or gay rights. "That's not the intent of our publication. It is to inform, not to espouse. We're more intent on governmental reform. Moral issues are left to the individual," Beeman said.

The publishers also are working on a booklet that will track how a bill works its way through the state Legislature. "People have complained that they want to participate in the process; that they want to take back the government. But they don't know the process that's involved," Sutton said.

Beeman and Sutton met while working on the presidential election in 1992. They noticed there is a big information gap, both in the information given the public and the public's understanding of how government works — the real ins and outs.

Sutton was already into desktop publishing. And their publication is a labor of love. "This is certainly a labor of love," Sutton said.

New restaurant to open

The public is invited to attend the grand opening of the Thai Bistro on Ford Road 5-7 p.m. Monday, March 14.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will kick off festivities with a ribbon cutting. Owners Lek Promthong and Lada Sripony will offer a sampling of all the dishes the new restaurant will offer.

A \$5 donation will be asked for each visitor to the grand opening. Proceeds will be donated to the Canton Community Foundation, which will help fund the new restaurant. The foundation is not required but letting the foundation know of your planned attendance will help plan for the evening. Call the foundation at 981-3002.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 15, 1994 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of voting on a proposal to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

PROPOSAL A:
A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6%, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST 3/4 VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
- Increase the sales or use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
- Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
- Require 3/4 vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
- Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
- Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

CANTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Precinct No.	Name of Precinct	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2 & 20	Canton Recreation Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44600 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	37321 Randolph Road
5 & 18	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8 & 19	Resurrection Catholic Church	46001 Warren Road
9 & 24	Erickson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
10 & 24	Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
12 & 14	Hulding Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
13 & 15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Canton Administration Bldg.	1150 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Salt Road

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road until the close of voting at 8:00 P.M. on Election Day.

Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 1994. On Tuesday, March 14, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 P.M.

For further information regarding the above, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at 397-5452.

LOREN N. BENNETT
Clerk

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violate the ordinance."

Commission chairman Vic Gustafson jumped in. "New York Carpet World blocked by two trees? I can tell you how many customers they lost because of it. None."

Commissioners voiced their anger as they considered site approval Monday for developer-initiated revisions prompted by the removal of the trees. Planning commissioners tabled action to give township landscape architect Paula Preston Bratto time to determine whether larger trees can be planted successfully at the center.

"The developer will do whatever it takes. We would just like approval to go on," said attorney Jun Ro Lee, who represents Naccarato.

Planning commissioners had little sympathy. "We were lied to. I'm afraid I have no sympathy in dealing with that," Sullivan said.

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able if a bundle of money comes to Michigan," Kirkland said, adding that parking lots are not a high priority for federal funding.

The advisory board is also talking with state officials about getting a new sign for the airport, perhaps on airport property at the corner of Lewis and Joy roads.

The airport plan also calls for the addition of buildings — if

Plan revoked

The township board revoked the developer's site plan in February, putting a stop to Naccarato's ability to lease space at the center, just east of Lilley Road.

Township officials are holding Naccarato responsible for the removal of the silver maples, one of which was in front of New York Carpet World. He was cited for violating the forest preservation ordinance and violating an approved site plan, which required preservation of the trees.

Naccarato pleaded not guilty to the charges in 35th District Court in February. If convicted, he faces maximum penalties on each violation of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine. A pretrial exam has been scheduled for March 17.

The site-plan revocation forced Naccarato to submit a revised landscaping plan showing how he plans to replace the removed trees. Township planning staff

recommended approval to plant nine new trees, six of 4-inch diameter and three of 2 1/2-inch diameter.

"We have desperately tried to get folks to care for, preserve and create better landscaping," all Johnson. "No amount of trees can substitute for these (removed) trees."

The revised landscaping plan calls for planting green ash trees, which grow fast. But Sullivan suggested planting larger trees. "The ball is in your court," said planner Jeff Goulet.

Tree removal hit
Planning commissioners decried the tree removal, particularly on Ford Road, where there are few trees. Gustafson called the planting of larger trees at the center a good standstill for other businesses on Ford Road to follow.

"Had this been upfront, it would have come in on the (original) site plans," said commissioner Phyllis Johnson, adding that they must send a message to other developers who might consider violating ordinances. "It was a deliberate violation of everything we had approved."

Gustafson offered his own analogy of the tree removal: "It's like doing a bank robbery at noon at a bank across the street from the police department."

Gordon told commissioners he never saw the landscaping plan when the center was being built. "The lease (with New York Carpet World) was made a year prior," he added.

Commissioners made it clear they were appalled not only by the tree removal but also by how it was done. "It does not encourage me to drive in there and open up my checkbook. That action makes that center less inviting," said Melissa McLaughlin, commissioner and township trustee.

Local student wins state essay contest

A St. Raphael Catholic School eighth-grader, Jason Sikorski of Plymouth, is the Michigan winner of an essay contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Jason, 14-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sikorski will receive a \$500 savings bond prize at an April 6 ceremony.

Based on his straight-A record and high school placement exam, Jason has been offered scholarships to the University of Detroit High School and Redford Catholic Central High, said St. Raphael principal Judith McBride.

The student is also on his school's varsity basketball team and an eight-year member of the Plymouth-Canton Soccer Association/Great Lakes League.

Jason is no stranger to academic honors, having won a silver medal in math at an Academic Olympics, a St. Raphael spelling bee, and was co-captain of the school's Quiz Bowl team. He is also co-president of his class.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REDETERMINATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF 1994 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES

MARCH 22, 1994

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD, ON MARCH 22, 1994.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF PREVIOUS FUNDS PROPOSED FOR REALLOCATION AND 1994 ALLOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY OFFICE OF BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ARE THAT THE 1994 FUNDING FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE \$121,200.00 AND THE AMOUNT OF PREVIOUS FUNDS PROPOSED FOR REALLOCATION ARE \$27,871.99.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WILL DETERMINE THE USE OF THE REALLOCATION AND USE OF THE 1994 FUNDING.

PREVIOUS FUND REALLOCATION

	Approved	Actual	Proposed
1. SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	\$15,400.00	(\$14,000.00)	\$14,000.00
2. PURCHASE OF SENIOR VAN	30,000.00	(*) 27,071.00	27,071.00
3. SENIOR CENTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	30,000.00	(*) 14,143.90	14,143.90
4. STREET IMPROVEMENTS	75,800.00	75,839.91	61,110.00
*APPROVED AND DISBURSED			
1994 PROJECT ALLOCATION		\$121,200.00	
1. ADMINISTRATION		12,120.00	
2. SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM		15,000.00	
3. PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING		8,000.00	
4. PLANNING STUDY		20,000.00	
5. AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM		65,000.00	
TOTAL		\$121,200.00	

ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF THE 1994 REALLOCATION AND/OR 1994 FUNDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO CHRISTINE G. BAAS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170 POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31, 1994.

MARILYN MASSENGILL
CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Published March 10, 1994

St. Pat's parade has local flavor

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Shamrocks will be blooming on the avenue as the 35th annual St. Patrick's Parade kicks off at 2 p.m. Sunday in downtown Detroit.

"Ireland — Detroit: Let the Future Begin" is the theme for this year's parade, honoring the patron saint of Ireland and recognizing the contributions made by the Irish to the nation and the community.

Joining dignitaries including Archbishop Adam Maida and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer — from whose campaign slogan the theme was adapted — will be grand marshal Clifford Sullivan of Detroit and Maid of Erin Maureen Newell of Allen Park and her court, Mary Thomas and Molly O'Rourke of Plymouth Township.

Also on hand will be the Court of St. Brigid: Queen Maureen Lewis of Livonia, Nancy Mack

and Kathleen Corbett.

Pipe major George Tait and the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Birmingham will lead the way for parade general chairman and retired city councilman Jack Kelley, and a host of honorary marshals and federal, state, county, local, police and fire officials.

Appointed in 1962 by then-Mayor Jerome Cavanagh as Detroit superintendent of motor transportation, Sullivan is being honored for "his countless civic and charitable activities as well as his concerns for social justice," said parade co-chairman Joe Parky.

Sullivan also worked as a Recorder's Court probation officer and for the Detroit Board of Assessors and the Detroit Wayne Joint Building Authority before retiring last year.

He was the 1993 recipient of the Father Clement Kern medallion Award, having exemplified "con-

cern for the community and for the poor in the spirit of social justice, the kind of concern shown by the late Monsignor Kern, longtime pastor of Detroit's Most Holy Trinity Parish," Parky said.

The six-division parade, to include marching units, bands, floats, and novelty groups, will assemble at Third and Michigan, proceeding west along Michigan Avenue to 14th Street. The reviewing stand will be at the northeast corner of Michigan and Wabash.

Among the marchers will be Livonia's Dan O'Kennedy, American League for an Undivided Ireland president, and 1987 grand marshal John Early of Redford.

Also marching will be Miss Redford Township Laurie Kay Honbaum, who should feel at home with the Redford Union High Marching Band and Clowns Around Redford nearby.

Birmingham's "Noodles the Clown," also known as Dick Wiseman, will be there, as will the Garden City High School Marching Band, the John Glenn High School Marching Band, and "007 the Clown" and Associates of Birmingham.

Other entrants are: the Irish-American Teamsters of Redford; Livonia's Monaghan Knights of Columbus, led by grand knight Lawrence Kenney; Jack Dunleavy and Marty Burke of Dunleavy's Pub & Grill in Farmington; and Livonia's "Dial-a-Clown," Robert Carey.

The numerous honorees will include Westland's Nora Riordan of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, longtime supporter of the Irish community. Irish families will be marching together in the "Calling of the Clans Marchers" unit.

For more information on the parade, call the parade office at (313) 963-5745.

SMART bucks trend, ridership on the rise

Ridership on the SMART bus system defied national trends with a 7.6-percent increase during the last six months of 1993, according to SMART.

Suburban Mobility Authority Regional Transportation carried 303,294 more passengers between July and December than were carried during the same period in 1992. Total ridership for the last six months of 1993 totaled 3,970,634 riders carried between July and December 1992.

Nationally, bus ridership declined 3 percent during the third quarter of 1993, according to the American Public Transportation Association's latest report. During the last three months of 1993, SMART's weekday ridership exceeded levels from two years ago, a trend expected to continue through this year. February weekly ridership is expected to run 12.5 percent above 1993 levels and 4.5 percent ahead of 1992.

"Once we started focusing on getting people to jobs, our ridership started to jump almost immediately," Michael Duggan, SMART's interim general manager, said in a press release.

SMART is now looking at revamping the route system to make it more effective in getting people to where the jobs are.

"We made a lot of changes to the SMART system last year. Our \$1.50 AnyWhere fares, new buses, transit ambassador training for our drivers and new maintenance programs all have made the system one of the most reliable and easy to use bus systems in the country," said Duggan in the press release.

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March 15 election sparks voter interest

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An estimated 40 percent of Westland's registered voters are expected to cast ballots in Tuesday's statewide Proposal A election, said city clerk Diane Fritz.

The city has 50,849 registered voters.

"I think there are a lot of people interested in this election," the clerk added.

In fact, some 2,500 (or five percent of those registered) voters have already picked up absentee ballots, a high number for a special election, Fritz said.

"People are still picking them," she said Tuesday.

The clerk made her projection

on Tuesday's vote despite "the confusion" on the proposal, which would substantially slash school operating taxes and replace them with a higher state sales tax and other tax increases.

If the proposal is rejected, then a back-up statutory plan will be implemented, which would also slash school taxes and replace them with a higher income tax rate.

Neither the Wayne-Westland board of education or the city council has taken a public position on Proposal A, although the city's finance director said a month ago that the city would lose about \$300,000 through lower school property taxes. The city collects a 1 percent fee on all

property taxes collected.

The Livonia school board Monday agreed to officially remain neutral on the proposal, although members prefer the statutory plan.

TV and radio commercials and newspaper ads have drawn tremendous attention to the proposal, Fritz said, but added that people are still confused over whether to support Proposal A or hope that the statutory plan goes into effect.

If approved, the proposal would boost the state sales tax to 6 percent from 4 percent; increase the cigarette tax by 50 cents a pack, and reduce the income tax rate to 4.4 percent from 4.6.

If the proposal is rejected Tues-

day, the income tax rate would go to 6 percent from 4.6 percent.

The school operational tax rate would be 6 mills for homebased under Proposal A and 12 mills under the statutory back-up plan.

All other property would be taxed at a 24 mill rate.

Regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's election, the money that would be raised is aimed at replacing school property taxes.

Wayne-Westland school officials have said earlier that they expect to receive the same amount of revenues under either proposal.

The district serves a small portion of southern Canton.

They discussed both plans last Thursday night in a town hall meeting sponsored by school superintendent Larry Thomas.

OBITUARIES

GERALD (GERRY) DYKE

Memorial services for Gerald (Gerry) Dyke, 93, of Plymouth will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

He was born Oct. 13, 1900, in Sugar Grove, Pa. He died Sunday, Feb. 27, at Plymouth Court Nursing Home. He was a retired Highland Park Chrysler Corp. employee. He bowled in many leagues and organized senior leagues at Plaza and Plymouth bowling lanes. He was a honorably discharged Marine.

He is survived by his wife, Eugene Dyke of Plymouth; one sister, Ethel Drumm of Livonia; and many nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma R. Ward, of Westland; three sons, Robert E. Henderson, Gerald Henderson and Barry N. Henderson; mother, Nora Santhony; four brothers, Lavene Ward, Donald Ward, Edward Ward and Gerald Ward; and two sisters, Jeanette Back and Katherine Johnson.

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Senate hopefuls divulge ideas

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

In the heart of suburbia, four Democratic U.S. Senate hopefuls said government should do more to save cities — big and small — and slow the paving of green fields.

One advocated mass transit; another said Chrysler's Tech Park would have been better placed in Highland Park; yet another blamed lenders and insurers for "red-lining" black areas.

Oakland University's Democratic Club hosted a two-hour panel Monday of four people seeking to replace three-term Sen. Don Riegle when he retires Jan. 1. Professor John Klemanski, moderator, raised the question of urban sprawl on the campus in Auburn Hills, the city that set off the regional furor over eating up 40 percent more land for a 6-percent population growth over 20 years.

Reverse policy

State Sen. John Kelly of Grosse Pointe said the federal government should reverse its policy of "encouraging green-field development" by ending tax breaks for "companies which relocate there" and "give incentives for people who do historic preservation and downtown development, not just of major cities but of small towns which have been completely abandoned" by government.

"It's time we hold back on new highway extensions . . . that have taken people away from their cities," said Kelly, a four-term legislator.

Sen. Lana Pollack of Ann Arbor said, "Perhaps I shouldn't say the following, but I looked at the Chrysler Tech Center (a mile away) and said, 'Just think what

that could have done if that investment could have gone into Highland Park (a Detroit enclave and previous headquarters for the automaker). We have to look at the economic ruin that's left behind."

"We need incentives for private capital to flow to older cities to avoid the social and economic costs of unemployment and crime when capital flows out of cities," said Pollack, a three-term legislator and former school board member.

Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga called mass transit "a long-range, visionary thing," noting it helps European cities avoid sprawl. "The highway sprawls across our country have damaged our cities."

Marlinga advocated "empowerment and enterprise zones" where businesses would be given tax breaks for moving into older urban areas and revitalizing them.

Former lawman William Brodhead of Bingham Farms said, "First of all we need to look at red-lining of credit and insurance (which) aren't readily available in the inner cities. A big part of that has to do with racial discrimination."

"We need tax credits for hiring the unemployed, for renovation of older buildings rather than the building of new buildings, and (President Clinton's) 'cops on the beat' program to put 100,000 new police on our streets," Brodhead said. A former state representative and four-term U.S. representative, the attorney making a comeback after leaving office 12 years ago.

Missing was U.S. Rep. Bob Carr of Okemos and Lansing developer and campaigner Joel Ferguson, who has yet to declare for

Health care

The speakers agreed that health care was a key early step in getting people off welfare.

Brodhead supported Clinton's four principles of "universal coverage, effective cost containment, affordability, and a mandate to every employer to provide coverage."

Brodhead told of a waitress with three children on welfare working part-time because the restaurant employing her doesn't provide health-care benefits. She would have worked full time if it didn't mean losing health care. "I can't afford to take the full-time job," Brodhead quoted her as saying.

Kelly said health care "is a question whose time has come. We have 39 million people without health insurance; 20 million, particularly in construction trades, who go without health insurance; and 20 million who are locked into their jobs for fear of losing health insurance."

Kelly said he will advocate shifting welfare dollars to "early education development academies to break the cycle of welfare."

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Missing-persons proposal sails through House, 99-0

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Jerry Vorva recalled the time when, as a Plymouth police officer, he saw a young man standing on a road overpass.

"I said to my partner, 'Let's check this out.' My partner hadn't noticed him," said Vorva, now a state representative.

"The young man took off. We didn't pursue him."

"Hours later, we learned he had died in traffic after falling from the bridge. We also learned his mother had filed a missing-persons report on him that morning."

Vorva chatted in the House chamber as 98 other representatives perused his bill to require that law enforcement agencies immediately enter missing-persons reports into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) computer system.

There were no questions. There was no debate. Vorva's bill sailed through, 99-0.

"Different departments have different policies," said Vorva, whose district includes the city and township of Plymouth and part of Livonia. "If we do it for autos (enter auto thefts into the LEIN system), we should do it for people."

"Officers would hear it broadcast on the car radio. A hard copy would appear at every LEIN terminal."

"Often he (an officer) will stop a car, and something just doesn't look right. He may even see the missing person. But if the report isn't in the LEIN system, precious minutes are lost," he said.

Missing-persons reports fall into two broad categories: errant adults off on a spree, often with a person of the opposite gender, and children.

"Many missing adults don't want to be found. When they are, they can just be deleted from the LEIN system," Vorva said.

Children are another matter. Vorva recalled a California case in which a girl was reported missing and her suspected abductor described. The report didn't get into the LEIN system. While the girl was still alive, police stopped the abductor on another matter but had no reason to hold him. By the time the abductor was apprehended, the girl had been killed.

"Police with LEIN information could have caught him before she was killed," Vorva said.

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New names for freeway passes

The I-275 and I-96 freeways will get real names this spring.

The section of I-275 in Livonia will be called "Disabled American Veterans of Livonia Memorial Highway" under a resolution passed by the state House of Representatives. Sponsored by Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, House Concurrent Resolution 324 goes next to the Senate. Vorva expects a ceremony in the spring.

The House last week advanced a bill to rename I-96 "AMVETS Memorial Highway." House Bill 5371 is sponsored by Rep. Vincent Porreca, D-Trenton, co-chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

Catholic Services seeks volunteers

Catholic Social Services is seeking volunteers 60 years old and up to help mentally and physically disabled folks for \$195/month.

The Senior Companion Program pays low-income seniors to periodically check in on disabled people who have few or no family members to help them. Visitation occurs in private homes, nursing homes, hospices and centers for developmentally disabled persons around Oakland County.

Catholic Social Services gets \$261,000 from the federal government to run the program. That pays for 63 volunteer who visit about 400 disabled people in Oakland County, said program director Suzanne Zerwick. "The need for services and the need for volunteers is tremendous," she said, adding that she could expand the program's services dramatically if more money was available.

Volunteers must meet income guidelines to qualify. Their income may not exceed 125 percent of the official poverty level.

To see about getting one of these jobs, or to register a family member or friend who needs visits like this, call Zerwick or Erin Asdell at 333-3705.

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PROVIDENCE

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And you'll want to take your kids to see "Rabbit Tales" on Saturdays—March 12th, 19th and 26th at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Rabbit Tales are three different collections of Share-A-Long stories and Sing-A-Long songs performed by actors from the Children's Theatre of Michigan.

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AROUND CANTON

Griffin hosts

The new L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, under construction on Ford Road, west of Lilley, will host the Canton Chamber of Commerce Business to Business gathering 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Mountain Jack restaurant, on Haggerty, south of Ford in Canton.

Construction on the new funeral home is tentatively scheduled for completion in May. For more information, contact L.J. Griffin Funeral Home at 522-9400 or the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 453-4040.

Buy a brick

Anyone who would like a brick placed in the Canton Veterans Memorial walkway in June in Heritage Park must buy one by April 15.

Single bricks are priced at \$100, doubles at \$250. Names may be engraved on the bricks. Forms are available at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, or Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, or by calling 397-5421 (days) or 397-8975 (days or evenings).

Clean up

Canton Waste Recycling is sponsoring Canton Cleanup weekends this year during which residents can bring large waste items to the facility, 42020 Van Born. This month, the facility is accepting large items Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, as well as Friday and Saturday, March 25-26. Recycling also will be permitted on those days.

Next month, cleanup dates are Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, and Friday and Saturday, April 22-23. Canton Waste Recycling will be open for recycling March 18, April 15 and April 29. There will be no May cleanup in Canton this year. For more information, contact the facility at 397-5801.

Hooked

'Peter Pan' brings Never-Never Land to town



Members of the Plymouth Branch, American Association of University Women, are looking forward to their upcoming production of "Peter Pan." The branch has presented an annual play for children for a number of years.

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

When Becky Copenhaver of Canton looks out into the audience, she might just see one or more of her kindergartners from Livonia's Hoover Elementary School.

Copenhaver will appear as Wendy in the upcoming "Peter Pan" production by the Plymouth Branch, American Association of University Women. She and Judi Richards of Livonia, a reading consultant for the Garden City

Schools, are co-directors.

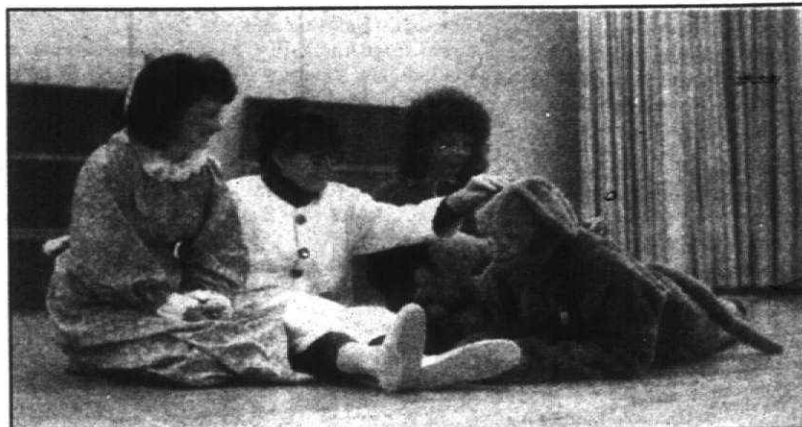
The AAUW branch presents a children's play each year, and has done so for more than 30 years. Shows are targeted at youngsters ages 4-10 "and the young at heart," Richards said.

Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 24-25, and 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, in the O'Leary auditorium of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren and Ford in Garden City. About 25 AAUW members are in the cast, and rehearsals started in early January.

AAUW has a number of teachers as members, so it's not at all unusual for performers to look out into the audience and see their own students. Copenhaver told her pupils about the performance, and hopes some will be able to attend.

Another actor had been cast as Wendy for this year's production, but a move meant that Copenhaver was called on to perform. "I had played this role nine years ago, so

Listening to Hook: Pam Dean (*Peter Pan*) and Sharon Belobraidich (*Captain Hook*) are among members of the cast who have been involved in the productions for many years.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Play time: The cast includes (from left) Becky Copenhaver, appearing as Wendy, Jane Palmer, as Michael, Mickey Edell-Cotner, as John, and Elaine Bain, as Nana.

Judi said, "Why don't you do it again?"

"Peter Pan" was last presented by the Plymouth AAUW in 1985. Cast and crew members have seven or eight plays, and they do a different one each year, so the same students don't see the show twice, Richards said.

The basic idea is to expose children to live theater. "Turn the TV off and have fun watching live drama," Richards said of the show, which lasts about an hour.

"We relate a lot to the audience," she said. Efforts are made to involve youngsters in the performances.

Kids and their parents aren't the only ones who enjoy the shows. The AAUW members enjoy themselves as well, with many involved in productions year after year, despite the demands of work and family.

"I love it," Copenhaver said. "It's a great thing to do, especially during

the winter months." Being in the cast and a co-director is a little hectic, but having two directors helps a great deal, she said.

General admission tickets, priced \$3, will go on sale March 15-16 in the Plymouth-Canton and Garden City elementary schools. Mail-order tickets are available by sending a check, payable to Plymouth Branch AAUW, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Play Tickets, 11161 Sandalwood Drive, Plymouth 48170. Orders must be postmarked by Friday, March 11, and tickets will be returned by mail.

Any remaining tickets will be sold beginning Friday, March 18, at the Rainbow Shop, on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

The "Peter Pan" cast includes: Becky Copenhaver, appearing as Wendy; Jane Palmer, John; Mickey

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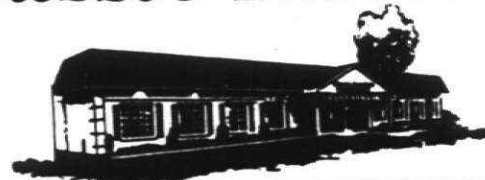
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

SPECIAL EVENTS

GRAND OPENING
Michigan Art Exchange grand opening auction is 1-4 p.m. Saturday at 470 Forest, downtown Plymouth. 459-1906.

WILDLIFE
An entertaining family program on Michigan wildlife will be presented by Randy Baker of Seven Ponds Nature Center at 7 p.m. Thursday at Salvation Army Fellowship Hall, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth. Sponsored by Lake Pointe Village Branch of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association (WNFGA). Reservations, 420-2912.

CRAFT SHOW
City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department hosts spring show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. 455-6623.

LECTURE SERIES
Lecture on auto industry's development at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. 455-8940.

BROADWAY MUSIC
Canton Project Arts presentation is 8 p.m. Saturday at The Little Theater at Canton High School. Tickets, 455-9009 or 459-4971.

CRAFT BAZAAR
Vivian Club of the Plymouth Elks No. 1790 will have a bazaar 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

RIBBON-CUTTING
New Canton Weight Watchers center celebrates grand opening at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at New Towne Plaza 44734 Ford. 1-800-487-4777.

CHURCH OPENING
Historic Door Opening Celebration is 10 a.m. Sunday at The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, Plymouth.

DINNER THEATER
"1940s Radio Hour" dinner theater comedy is 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, at Salem High School. Sponsored by Educational Excellence Foundation. 459-5572. For theater-only tickets for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, 25-26, call 416-7723.

TRUSTS & WILLS
Seminars are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at Signature Inn Plymouth, 40455 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Reservations, 459-9222.

GAME/CARD PARTY
Party is 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, at Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth. Luncheon and fashion show. Proceeds to benefit Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Reservations by noon March 21, 416-9812 or 416-5596.

CAMPUS NOTES

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

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GIRLS SOCCER

Tryouts for Canton Cougars, an under-13 premier team, in need of a few players. 459-8654.

FOR KIDS

SATURDAY CLUB
Activities for kids ages 6-12, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township. 453-8480.

LEADERS CLUB
National YMCA program for kids ages 11-15 meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. every other Wednesday, Plymouth YMCA office, 248 S. Union. 453-2904.

CLASSES
Plymouth Parks and Recreation, adult, preschool, youth and special events, 455-6620.

POOLS NEEDED
Plymouth YMCA needs pools for summer swim program. Receive free lessons. 453-2904.

COUPON BOOKS
Entertainment '94 books available at Plymouth YMCA. 453-2904.

CLASSES
Plymouth: Parks and Recreation, 455-6620; YMCA adult and youth, 453-2904.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

EASTER MUSICAL
Musical begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. 453-5280.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Plymouth-Canton Jaycees host annual hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Plymouth Township Park, at Ann Arbor Trail and McCumpha. 453-8407.

BASEBALL
Register for Plymouth-Canton junior league 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, March 12 and 19, at Canton High School cafeteria. Boys, ages 7-15; girls, 7-16. Also, adult help and umpires needed. 455-8538 or 453-2040.

Salem baseball clinic is 9 a.m. to noon for ages 11-15 and 1-4 p.m. for ages 7-10 Saturday, March 19, and 26, at Salem High School gym. Register, 453-1679 or 451-0713.

SOFTBALL
Men's, women's and coed teams begin April 15 at Canton Softball Center. No residency requirement. Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620.

Both Canton and Plymouth Parks and Recreation offer women's and co-ed slow pitch leagues. Register, 455-6620. New co-ed teams begin registration March 14. No residency requirement.

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PAUL W. OVERS of Plymouth has been named to the Wayne State University dean's list for the fall term in the College of Liberal Arts. His current grade point average is 4.0.

COLLEEN M. HALL of Canton was inducted into the International Honorary Scholastic Society, Phi Theta Kappa — Omicron Iota Chapter, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

EDUCATION

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Monthly meeting of Plymouth-Canton Special Education Parent Advisory Council is 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Tanger Center, 40260 Five Mile, Plymouth. 459-6258.

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, and Little Lambs Co-op Preschool, 981-0286.

St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton, register, 459-8720. New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township, 420-3331. Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township, 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.

SENIOR WORKERS
Child & Family Service LIFEWORK coordinates employment program. 483-1418 or 1-800-242-6120.

ON AGING
Council on Aging meeting is 2 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Includes demonstration from Paws With A Cause and video on safety, from Detroit Edison. 453-1234, Ext. 236.

PASSAGE-GAYDE
Regular business meeting of Post 391, 8 p.m. Thursday at 173 N. Main, Plymouth. Discuss centralizing all veteran memorials in Plymouth. 455-5541 or 451-8659.

WAF (Women Aglow Fellowship), 7:30 p.m. fourth Tuesday, 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, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, 397-2444 or 459-8027.

Piecemakers, 7 p.m. third Thursday, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church, Plymouth. Topic is stress management. 453-6134 or 455-5407.

TWINS CLUB
Meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21. Details, 326-1466.

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TAX ASSISTANCE

Free help available through April 15 through Tax-Aide program of AARP. Canton appointments, 397-5444; Tonquish Creek, Plymouth, 455-3670; or Plymouth Cultural Center, 455-6620.

HELP
Information center offers programs/services. 422-1052.

Senior Alliance links seniors with residents willing to help with outdoor chores. Also, prescription assistance and holiday meals to eligible seniors, 722-2830.

Buy or sell used adaptive equipment (wheelchair, motorized cart, 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.

MONTHLY CLUBS
Canton Newcomers meet 7 p.m. first Wednesday, September through June, at Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse, Hanford Road, Canton. 453-3693 or 455-8352.

Holy Smokers Club meets 7 p.m. third Monday, Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. 455-1635.

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.

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Suburban group meets 11 a.m. Thursday, March 24, at Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth. Lunch at noon. Reservations, (810) 474-5637.

THREE CITIES
Art club meets 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Plymouth Township Hall. In April, meetings will resume first Monday of the month. 397-0562.

WOMEN'S CLUB
Canton Business and Professional Club meets at 6 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Roman Forum Restaurant, Canton. Reservations, 453-3699.

GENEALOGY
Western Wayne County Society meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15128 Farmington Road. In Plymouth, call 455-1122.

ADDICTIONS
Smoking cessation program, Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, 712-4141.

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 Growth Works, 455-4902.

Never Say Never obsessive-compulsive group, 7 p.m. every other Thursday, First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. 522-3022 or 453-0384.

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

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS meets 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, First Presbyterian Church, 701 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.

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1994

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 15, 1994, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on:

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6%, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE 3/4 VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.

2. Increase the sales use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.

3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.

4. Require 3/4 vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.

5. Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.

6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes No

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the City of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI, phone number 453-1234 x 234, for City of Plymouth elections; and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI, phone number 453-3844 x 124, for Plymouth Township elections.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. On Monday, March 14, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the City and Township are accessible to the handicapped. Polling places in the City of Plymouth are as follows:

Precinct 1, 4 & 5 - Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

Precinct 2 - Starkweather School, 550 N. Holbrook

Precinct 3 - Central School, 650 W. Church Street

Precinct 4 - Parrand School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane

Precinct 5 - Friendship Station, 43775 Schoolcraft Road

Precinct 6 - Allen School, 11100 Haggerty Road

Precinct 7 - Clerk's Annex, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

Precinct 8 - Bird School, 230 N. Sheldon Road

Precinct 9 - West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail

Precinct 10 - United Assembly of God Church, 46500 N. Territorial Rd.

Precinct 11 - Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road

Precinct 12 - Fiegel School, 39750 Joy Road

Precinct 13 - First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Road

Precinct 14 - Pioneer Middle School, 46061 W. Ann Arbor Road

Precinct 15 - Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46350 Ann Arbor Road

Precinct 16 - Labadie School, 39000 Canton Center Road

Precinct 17 - First United Methodist Church, 45801 N. Territorial Rd.

Please note that the City and Township Precinct locations may NOT coincide with your school precinct location.

LINDA LANGMESSER, Clerk City of Plymouth

MARILYN MASSINGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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IN SUPPORT

GRIEF RECOVERY
Five-week program begins 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, April 7-May 5, Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 459-2250.

MEDICAL SUPPORT
Multiple sclerosis, 6-8 p.m. Fridays, Livonia YMCA. 261-2161, Ext. 312.

Stroke support for Canton residents, 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).

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

MONTHLY CLUBS
Canton Newcomers meet 7 p.m. first Wednesday, September through June, at Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse, Hanford Road, Canton. 453-3693 or 455-8352.

Holy Smokers Club meets 7 p.m. third Monday, Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. 455-1635.

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.

WAF (Women Aglow Fellowship), 7:30 p.m. fourth Tuesday, 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, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, 397-2444 or 459-8027.

Piecemakers, 7 p.m. third Thursday, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church, Plymouth. Topic is stress management. 453-6134 or 455-5407.

TWINS CLUB
Meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21. Details, 326-1466.

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
Toastsmasters Oral Majority Club meets 6:30-8:3

School buses

Purchase system questioned

Busgate it isn't, but the purchase by Plymouth-Canton schools of buses from a firm indicted by federal prosecutors for price fixing raises questions about the ability of local school districts to buy supplies and equipment.

The school board is under attack by Ted Bohlen, a retired attorney from Plymouth, who contends the board rubber-stamped administrative recommendations to buy school buses in 1988, 1990 and 1992. He is critical of school administrators who didn't tell board members that the firm selling the buses was under a federal indictment.

Bohlen goes a bit far in his criticism of the school board. As it turns out all school bus manufacturing firms, apart from one, were under indictment.

Almost all school districts in the state bought buses from firms involved to some extent in fixing prices and to single out Plymouth-Canton as the only district that should have been more aware doesn't hold water.

However, Bohlen's essential point shouldn't be lost. School districts flex large financial muscles when it comes to purchasing, especially of school buses.

That makes us question why Plymouth-Canton and other school districts go it alone on bus purchases. A single administrator buys buses for the Plymouth-Canton district.

Such a system is old-fashioned and is bound to cost taxpayers more money than it should. As we all know, buying in bulk is usually cheaper. Municipal units of government often go in together to buy police cars and fire trucks.

School districts should do the same, especially through the intermediate school district. If Plymouth-Canton schools joined with nearby Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Garden City and Northville for such bus buys, the districts could have negotiating clout.

The same should be true of textbooks, computers, sports equipment and other school purchases. Unfortunately, school districts too often go it alone in the tough world of purchasing and the taxpayers foot the bill for that independence.

Chances are the Plymouth-Canton schools did nothing wrong by purchasing buses from an indicted firm. The firms are the bad guys and Bohlen's implication that the district may have done something wrong is a bit much.

However, at a recent school board meeting during which board president Roland Thomas rejected those charges, Bohlen should have been allowed to speak. Thomas refused Bohlen's request. That was wrong.

A public discussion about purchasing practices by schools could lead to saving tax dollars. And that's the least the school board owes the public.

Protect aid to your schools

Proposal A looks better and better as the TV campaign against it gets dirtier and dirtier.

The chief issue next Tuesday is not "they" or the sales tax or the income tax or the lottery. The chief issue is protecting school funding. Proposal A does this by locking the 2-cents increase in the sales tax into a constitutionally-protected school aid fund.

The Legislature can't raid that fund for prisons, perks or pensions. The fund is reserved for public schools. Proposal A not only cuts property taxes but corrects the real problem we've faced for 25 years — heavy local pressure on the property tax because of declining state school aid.

Plan B, the legislatively-approved "backup plan," is merely statutory. The Legislature wrote it, and a future Legislature can change it. That bodes poorly for public schools.

For that reason alone, Proposal A deserves your yes vote. And there are other good reasons to vote yes:

■ There are a hundred small details we could nitpick in the State Capitol machinations that produced Proposal A and plan B. School finance reform is the classical camel — a horse designed by a committee. It's ugly. Yet it's a very functional beast, better at its job than a donkey or elephant.

■ And if rising assessments are your worry, Proposal A would cap them at 5 percent a year. Plan B has no assessment cap.

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Those who would like to vote "none of the above" are in the wrong.

The Michigan Legislature finally has stepped up to its constitutional responsibility — funding a public school system. It has taken much of the burden of school finance off property. For all but a relative handful of districts, it has taken the burden of high-pressure millage campaigns off local school boards. In outstate Michigan where many districts are starving, eventually it will guarantee \$5,000 per pupil.

Essentially, all Michiganians now are responsible for all kids in all public schools. No more of this "we've got ours and the rest can go hang."

Is the job done? Of course not. Eternal vigilance is the price not only of liberty but of controls on taxes, accountability in schools and better quality teaching.

Proposal A deserves a yes vote on March 15. And don't watch too many TV commercials.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Are you voting for Proposal A?

We asked this question at the Canton Post Office.



"I haven't decided yet."
Barbara Fawley
Canton



"I support it. There should be more taxes on cigarettes."
Erin Clark
Canton



"Yes, it will lower my property taxes."
Steve Evers
Canton



"Yes, we're building a home in Canton and we own a small business."
Luann Castellana

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Health vote

As president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, I would like to support the March 15 ballot proposal to increase the sales tax and, especially, to increase the cigarette tax. The amount available for schools for education will be about the same with increased sales or income taxes, but \$35 million will be available for improving the health of Michigan's citizens, and the increased tax on tobacco will discourage many people from starting or continuing smoking. As many adults realize the health hazards, since 40 percent of all deaths are related to tobacco usage, they stop smoking and chewing, but they are being replaced by young people, who think that nothing bad can happen to them.

Support the ballot proposal. Vote yes.
George L. Blum, M.D.
Southfield

better than 50 percent of their members are opposed to the health proposal.

Daily, tons of mail are dumped into homes across America, begging for funds to support various and sundry socioeconomic goals. Yet, some are legitimate and some are not justifiable.

We are told that the Michigan Education Association (MEA) is reputed to be one of the financially strongest, and most-influential unions, in the state. Yet, they piously plead that, although they represent the majority of the teaching profession, they have no conflict of interest in the vote of Proposition A, on March 15.

Our only tool to strike back at these divisive influences is through the freedom of the press and the sanctity of the ballot box. In the matter of Proposal A, as a majority of one, I urge you to let your individual voice be heard through the press. You know what is personally best for your children or grandchildren. Vote your conscience in support of a better education for our children. But vote on March 15!

Ralph W. Fisher, Piquetteville

Health proposal

Our children's health will be at stake when we go to the polls on March 15. While certain aspects of the two proposals are debatable, one aspect clearly is not: Proposal A, with a 50-cent-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax, will protect our children.

Tobacco addiction in adolescence is not an isolated problem. An estimated 110,000 Michigan children, ages 12-18, are smokers. In 1991, cigarette sales to minors in Michigan totaled more than \$20 million. Michigan even has the dubious honor of being ranked eighth highest in the nation in illegal sales of cigarettes to minors.

When cigarette prices go up, teens, who have less disposable income, are less likely to smoke. The tobacco tax increase in Proposal A would mean 29,000 fewer teen smokers. Michigan would then lose its dubious honor.

We must protect our children. I urge you to support the tobacco tax contained in Proposal A and send a message to the tobacco industry: We do not want our kids hooked on tobacco.

Paul J. Munzenberger, Canton

Strike back on March 15

There isn't an hour of the day that passes that some special interest (group) doesn't invade the privacy of my family, attempting with growing success, to meddle in its best interests. I, and the American people, are sick and tired of these simplistic and devious shenanigans.

The politicians, including the president of the United States, devoutly defend the separation of church and state. Yet, we see them voicing their special messages from the pulpits of our churches.

The AARP, sanctimoniously pleads the case for the president's universal health care plan, on the proposition that they are representing the majority interests of their membership. Yet, it is being disclosed by the news media, that

Small business likes 'A'

Proposal A maintains a tax structure which encourages job creation. Under Proposal A, income and property taxes would be significantly below the national average; the sales tax would be right at the national average and below the average of the mid-west region.

The sales tax can be raised moderately without jeopardizing jobs. It is a visible, controllable tax and visitors contribute up to 10 percent of the bill. Annual property tax assessment increases are capped at 5 percent or inflation, whichever is less.

The ability of Michigan to create jobs with passage of Proposal A is directly contrasted by job killing provisions in the statutory back-up plan. The statutory plan would increase the income tax 30 percent, giving Michigan the highest flat-rate income tax in the nation, a 17 percent increase in the Single Business Tax, and no limit on property assessment increases. Maintaining a balanced taxing environment is a key component necessary to retain and attract Michigan jobs.

What voters need to understand is that a "No" vote, or no vote at all, does not return Michigan to status quo on school funding. Regardless of whether Proposal A passes or fails, we will have a new funding system for our schools. Proposal A is the alternative that will maintain a strong economic base, create jobs and foster an improving educational system.

Vote Yes on Proposal A.

Barry S. Cargill

Vice President

Small Business Association of Michigan

Canton Observer

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POINTS OF VIEW

No laughing matter

Educator states her case for a 'no' vote on Proposal A

We can laugh at the jokes about Michigan's weather. If you don't like it, stick around. It's bound to change in the next 24 hours. We can laugh at our mothers' admonition, to be sure to change our underwear.

But no one is laughing at the current joke being played on Michigan's taxpayers. The riddle goes like this: What changes as often as Michigan's weather, and people's underwear? The answer: Proposal A, of course.

Since its labored birth in December, Proposal A is barely recognizable. Cosmetic surgery has made it more palatable to a privileged few.

But even more ironic than the numerous changes made, and those which are rumored to be in the wind, is the fact that over an estimated 100,000 votes have been cast (via absentee ballots) on a proposal whose funding resources change, continually.

Our weather forecasters have more reliable instruments to predict atmospheric changes than Michigan taxpayers have at hand, to make an intelligent decision on March 15. Los Angeles may have been hit by an earthquake, and the Northeast is still digging out from under the storm of the century, but Michigan sits atop Engler's volcano, subjected to periodic eruptions of devastating magnitude.

First, the Real Estate Association erupted over the transfer tax to 0.75. Subtract a few million from the funding revenues.

Then, the Farm Bureau came along. We all know you can take the good old boy off the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the boy. So former farmer Engler promised farmers he'd give them a break by reducing their taxes on their agri-business property from a proposed 24 mills, to the 6 or 12 mill homestead rate. Better keep those farmers happy.

GUEST COLUMNIST



MARTHA TRAFFORD

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After all, we all do enjoy eating. Subtract a few more million from the funding revenues.

Mayor Dennis Archer, can I cut you a deal? You say you're all for change to get Detroit up and moving. But, hey, I know you're worried about \$18 million in redevelopment money, lost if Proposal A passes. But as fast as one can say, "Pres-to! Change-o!" Engler's magicians in the Republican Senate passed some bills. Welcome aboard, Mayor Archer! Deduct a few more million from the funding revenues.

The lava from Engler's volcano, Proposal A, continues to flow. Word has it that the Auto Dealers Association has camped out on the Capitol lawn. How about reducing the sales tax on new and used cars? You wouldn't want to depress auto sales in an election year, now, would you? Deduct some more millions from our schools' funding revenues.

And I never thought I'd see the day when education would be a gamble for the children of Michigan. But I guess one day these days, Gov. Engler will flip a coin to see if heads — it will be Keno, or tails — it will be Powerball lottery, to complete the funding package. If it should land on the edge, casino gambling might have a chance. Subtract a few more million from the funding revenues. (At least, until someone makes a timely decision).

Only Monte Hall has made more deals than Engler in the last 10 weeks. They say history repeats itself. Aren't we supposed to learn our lessons from the past, to make the present, and the future, better for all?

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Martha A. Trafford is a Canton resident and a Livonia teacher.

Engler makes right move with sales tax plan

On an out-of-town trip, I had a car windshield repaired. As the garage owner worked, I made out a check with the garage's name.

"Say, could you make that out to me personally?" he asked. "I'm going through a divorce, and my wife has all my stuff tied up."

I wrote out a new check with the sneaking suspicion that he would just cash it without logging it into the "revenue" account of the garage's books. No income tax to pay that way.

You see that a lot. A carrier of a daily newspaper asked that any checks be made out to "cash." People say domestic workers ask to be paid in cash. A

retiree doing consulting work for a corporation asks to be paid in cash. Ditto with the guy who pulls out a stump or does some carpentry work.

That's the revenue side. Consider the cost side.

An artist of my acquaintance had a free-spending spouse whose hobby was raising and showing dogs. Now, raising

purebred dogs is not a money-maker. So a professional friend advised the artist to have his spouse start a pie-baking business — just sell a half-dozen pies a day and charge the depreciation and some cash expenses on the van to the business. The pie business runs at a paper loss. The artist has more revenue yet reduces his tax obligation.

Many business people — including those in agribusiness — charge off household expenses to the business. They have a real advantage over those who work for a company whose business office peruses expense accounts very carefully.

Income taxes have been stretched to the breaking point. Rates are so high that it becomes worthwhile to hide income and pad expenses. Your chances of getting caught are about the same as the proportion of drivers who are pulled over by state police for going 73 in a 65 mph zone — next to zero.

During President Reagan's budget



TIM RICHARD

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wars, Time magazine published an estimate that uncollected income taxes amounted to as much as \$220 billion, as I recall. At that point, the federal deficit was \$220 billion. In other words, if Uncle Sam could have collected all the income tax he was due, we would have had a balanced budget.

European nations have eased off on the income tax and shifted to value-added taxes (VAT), which is a glorified sales tax. Gov. John Engler was quite correct in opting for Proposal A with a 2-cents sales tax increase over plan B, the statutory plan, with its income tax increase. Income taxes just don't work anymore.

Organized labor, still living in the '30s, hasn't got the message. The anti-argument is that the income tax is "fairer" in its impact because you tax all income — savings and consumption — whereas the sales tax falls only on consumption.

The New Deal economists had another reason for preferring to tax in-

comes and savings. They thought there was too much saving and that it was draining money from the economy. The New Deal consciously sought to increase consumption spending. Today the U.S. has the lowest rate of personal saving of any industrial country.

Garage mechanics, domestics, tradesmen, retirees doing consulting, dog breeders and a zillion small business owners are light years ahead of organized labor, the League of Women Voters, liberals still fighting the class warfare of a bygone era and other income tax proponents.

Proposal A's sales tax is far preferable to plan B and a vast improvement over the current property tax gorilla. Here's one worker who's voting yes March 15.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. You can reach him by Touch-tone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1881.

Proposal A falling victim to political maneuvering

In this age of special interest politics, an occupational hazard for politicians is to confuse support from leaders of vocal interest groups with approval of ordinary folks who actually vote.

Gov. John Engler now is in the process of falling prey to that ailment as he continues to tinker with Proposal A, trying to tack on support from various lobbies by ceaselessly fiddling with the content less than a week before next Tuesday's vote.

The original ballot plan called for taxing rented farmland at the business rate of 24 mills. The Michigan Farm Bureau threatened opposition. Engler immediately promised to push legislation to allow all farm property to qualify for the lower rate of six or 12 mills.

Engler originally recommended a 4 percent real estate transfer tax. In order to pass the legislation, the tax was negotiated down to 2 percent in the ballot plan and 1 percent in the backup statutory plan. Still nervous about support from the real estate industry and citing "increased state revenue expectations," the governor then pushed through a bill to reduce the rate to 0.75 percent.

A video lottery game, Keno, was originally supposed to raise \$100 million a year. But Engler now says it won't. He wants a different game in the mix, something called Powerball, a multi-state lottery.

State elections director Chris Thomas said over the weekend he has "never seen" so many last-minute changes in a state ballot plan so close to the vote.

Partly in response to this pattern, the political rumor mills are speculating about two other major changes in Proposal A, both designed to buy special interest support:

One story is that if Proposal A passes, Engler will push legislation cutting the sales tax on new and used cars, costing something like \$250 million in annual revenue and locking in support from the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association.

The other deal supposedly in the works was to get Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's support by changing the way the ballot plan treats tax increment financing authorities (TIFAs), right now the preferred method of fixing Detroit's budgetary ills.

Taken together with what is certain to be a confusing and manipulative ad campaign



PHILIP POWER

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against Proposal A put on by the strange alliance between the tobacco industry and the teachers unions, all this last-minute insider finagling is likely to confuse voters already confused enough.

Worse, it illegitimately penalizes those responsible folks who have already voted by absentee ballot. Elections director Thomas estimates that at least one-third of absentee voters already have mailed in their ballots. Most observers figure there will be around 300,000 absentee votes, so as many as 100,000 voters could have made up their minds on proposals whose terms have been changed after they cast their ballots.

That's a dirty pool and bad politics combined — the worst of all possible worlds.

This newspaper in the past has supported Proposal A, largely on the grounds that it locks in support for schools in a way that can't be tampered with by future Legislatures and because, all things considered, increasing the sales tax is less damaging to economic growth than hiking the personal income tax.

But we are very concerned with the way the governor is going about selling it.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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Cranbrook series tackles gender bias in education

Gender bias in education has been debated by everyone from teachers to politicians, but Cranbrook Institute of Science continues to tackle the issue head-on through outreach programs and special seminars geared toward girls, teachers and parents.

Explorathon: Expanding Horizons for Girls in Science and Math, will take place this year 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Birmingham's Seaholm High School. The program provides middle and high school girls (grades 6-12), interested in math and science, an opportunity to spend a full day interacting with female scientists, engineers, mathematicians and health care specialists.

The day will begin with registration, followed by an hour of pre-workshop options, such as participating in hands-on science activities and exploring opportunities for summer science experiences.

Keynote speaker Dr. Alexa Canady, chief of neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan,

will welcome girls at 9 a.m. with a motivational presentation on what is needed to succeed in a math or science career.

Then conference attendees will split up for the first of four different workshops, with a short break for lunch. Workshops will be preselected from a list of more than 50 topics, including "DNA Fingerprinting," "Hydrogeology and Environmental Clean-Up," "Iteration and Chaos Theory," and "Robotic Applications."

The conference is expected to draw about 700 girls, according to Janet Johnson, director of education at Cranbrook.

"Explorathon gives girls an opportunity to meet other girls with the same interests and to talk with active professionals in the field," she said. "The atmosphere is one that encourages participants to open up and look for answers to questions that concern them as they begin to make critical choices about their educational and career goals."

"Explorathon '94" is a joint

project of Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Association for Women in Science and Birmingham Seaholm High School.

"Professional women who have made a career for themselves in math or science understand the leadership role they must take in order to prepare young girls to move into the field. It's evident by their eagerness to participate in this type of forum," said Cynthia Burdakin, a member of AAUW and coordinator of Explorathon.

"Gender inequity issues are very real. We all need to work together to make more people aware of the problem in order to overcome it."

Girls can register the day of the conference for \$12, but must bring their own lunch. Seaholm High School is located at 2436 W. Lincoln in Birmingham. For more information, call 645-3225 or 644-7751.

County to help communities refinance water system bonds

Wayne County is providing credit for small communities to refinance their drain, sewer and water system bonds at a lower rate.

The effort includes 24 water and sewage systems and an estimated 20 bonds issues.

"These bonds provide financing for public improvements in several western and southern areas of Wayne County," said Wayne County Executive Edward H.

McNamara.

"By refunding various contractual obligations, we were able to bring interest rates down and guarantee a significant savings for each city involved."

Combined, the bonds total approximately \$59.4 million and carry interest rates ranging from 6.25 percent to 7.6 percent. Through refunding efforts, new interest rates are expected to average between 4 and 4.75 percent.

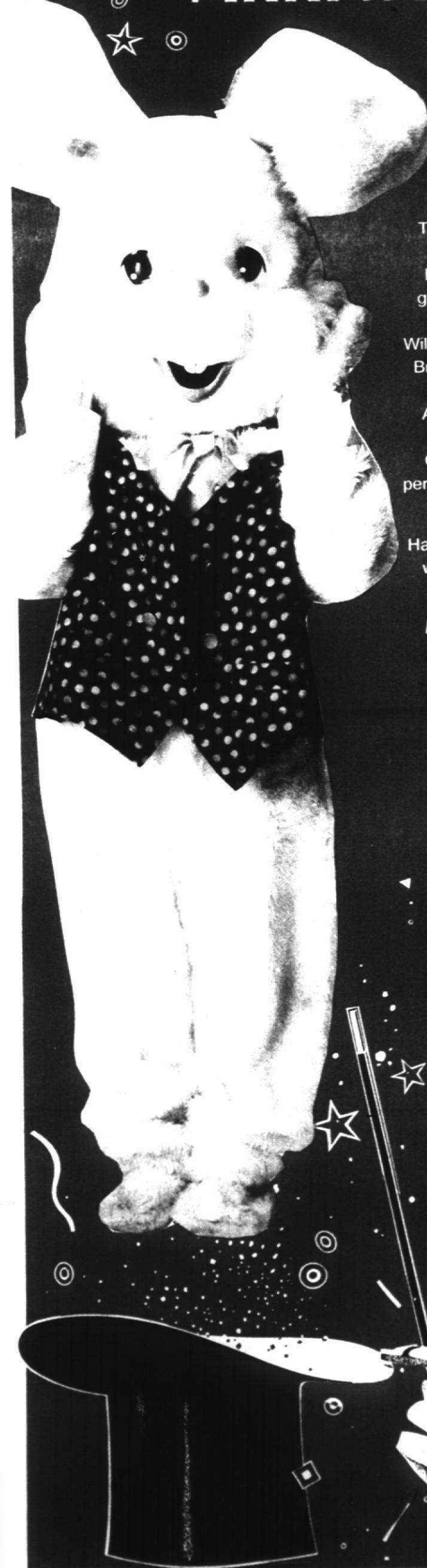
The refunding bonds are expected to be issued through the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority this spring.

In western Wayne County, Plymouth Township and Westland are participating. Plymouth Township will refinance the Sewage Disposal Plymouth Township and save \$60,417.58 while Westland will refinance bonds for the Hunter-Leng Drain Westland and save \$281,944.84.

MAGICAL

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MARCH
12TH
11:00 AM
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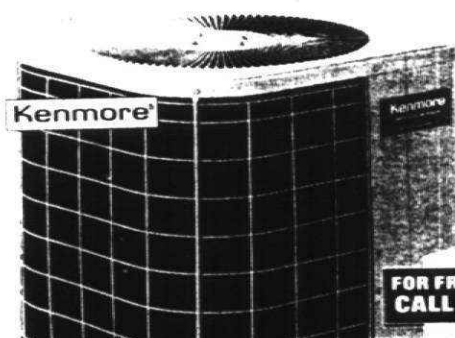
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Salem powers past Canton

Fast start

A glance out the window makes it difficult to believe baseball season is under way, but it is. University of Michigan's team is in the midst of its annual Florida trek; through last weekend, the Wolverines had a 3-5 record.

Junior catcher Scott Niemiec, from Canton (Plymouth Salem), was playing well for U-M. Niemiec is tied for second on the team in hits with 10 and is second in batting average at .357. He has three doubles (tied for the team lead) and two runs batted in, including a game-winner.

Also, sophomore righthander Mark Temple (North Farmington) has appeared in three games, pitching four innings. He has allowed two runs on three hits (one a homer) and a walk, striking out six. His earned run average is 4.50.

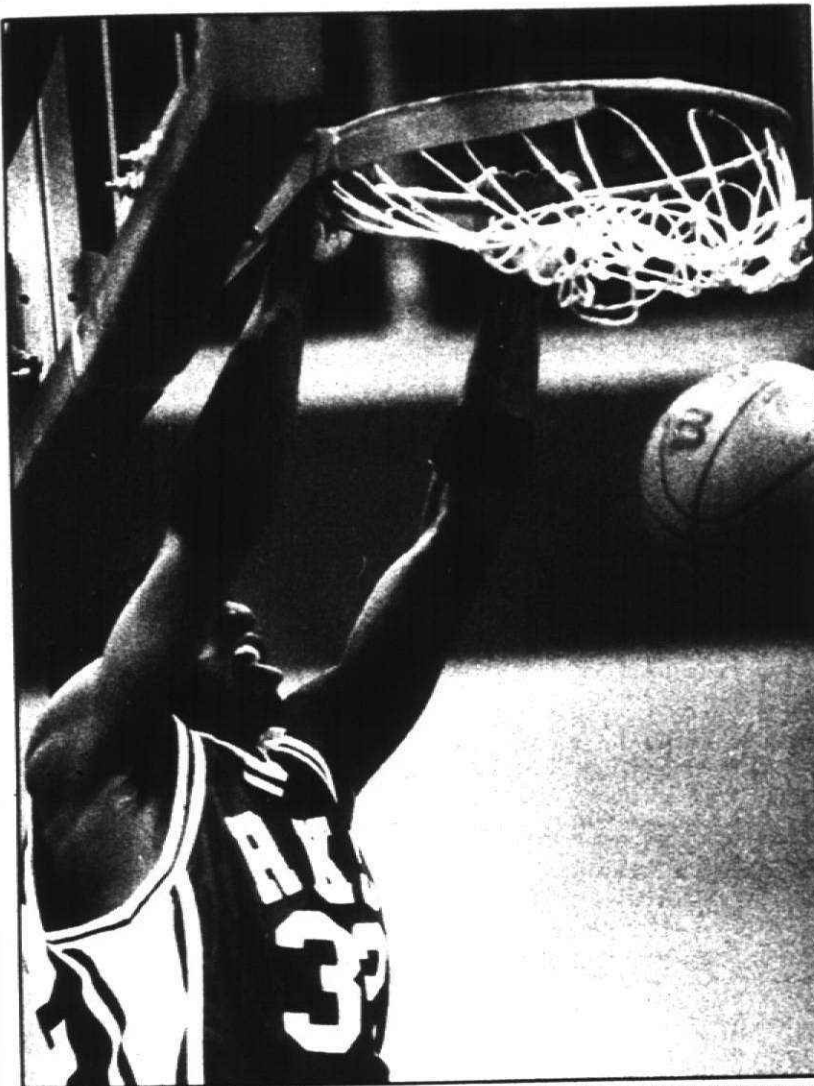
Soccer champs

The Canton Flames, an under-12 premier girls indoor soccer team, clinched first place in their age division at Southfield's Total Soccer with a win over the Michigan Hawks.

Team members are Michele Baldori, Susannah Bryant, Jessie Bucks, Lacey Catarino, Amy Dorogi, Jeannine Edwards, Marianne Juarez, Amanda Lentz, Julie Masters, Rachel Morrell, Robynn Morrell, Jessica Palis, Andrea Schimmel, Heather Thompson, Suzi Towne, Pam West and Emily Wilkinson. The team is coached by John Schimmel, Ernie Bucks and Tom Masters.

The Plymouth Wildcats, an under-9 boys soccer team, collected their third-consecutive championship with a 6-1-1 record in the Total Soccer Gold Division. The Wildcats, who won the WSSL White Division with an 8-0-0 record last fall and the Total Soccer Blue Division with a 7-0-1 mark in December, have outscored their opponents 178-65 in posting an overall record of 21-1-2.

Team members are Nolan McGraw, Brad Filipe, Ryan Neu, Dan Palczynski, Parker Stinar, Kris Holowicki, Ben Johnson, Chris Pell, Bryan McLaughlin, Joel Frates, Damon Cottrell, Alex Parent, Michael Ryda, Keith Kulick and Steven Debieen. The team is coached by Mark McGraw, Joe Holowicki, Tom McLaughlin and Tim Johnson.



Slam-jam: Salem's Harold Shanks puts the finishing touches on a dunk during Wednesday's win over Plymouth Canton, which pushed the Rocks into Friday's district final.



BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Stars don't sit. Not when the game's on the line. An important game, one that you win or go home, the season over.

James Head knew that. He knew Wednesday's Class A district basketball semifinal between his Plymouth Salem club and rival Plymouth Canton could end his high school career.

So he played. He's been hindered by a respiratory problem bordering on mononucleosis for the past three weeks, but he couldn't sit and watch the Rocks go up against a Canton squad that walloped them by 16 points a week earlier.

To say Head made just an appearance, played a few minutes and turned it over to his teammates, would be grossly inaccurate. Head started slowly, but when it came to crunch time, he was the difference in Salem's 53-48 triumph at Northville.

The Rocks, now 18-3, advance to Friday's 7:30 p.m. district final at Northville against Livonia Churchill (now 7-14), a 62-46 winner over Novi in Wednesday's first semifinal.

Head's performance — a game-high 24 points, including the last seven of the game — was the highlight for Salem, but he got plenty of help. Not to be overlooked was the play of the Rocks' guards. In the first two games between these two teams, they were primarily the ones guilty of 54 turnovers.

The Rocks had 19 Wednesday against Canton's full-court Arkansas-style pressure; the Chiefs committed 20.

Best two-out-of-three — and the best was the difference in Wednesday's district semifinal matching Plymouth Canton against Plymouth Salem. James Head, posted up and over-powered Canton's defense in carrying the Rocks into Friday's final.

"More or less," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, "I'd say the Salem offense took care of the 'Arkansas' defense."

It was Brodie's first game back coaching since his 14-year-old son Joe suffered a severe neck injury in a skiing accident. Joe underwent a six-hour operation 10 days ago and had a titanium rod and part of his hip bone fused to his neck. He's improving, but rehabilitation will be lengthy.

"This was a heckuva game, but it was only a basketball game," Brodie reflected. "Something like that happens, it puts things in perspective. I told our kids to win this game for yourselves. Joe's got his own game to win."

There were three key plays in the final 1:35 that made the difference, and Head was involved — sort of — in them all. His basket with 1:35 to play knotted the score at 48-all. With Canton's top scorer, Matt Paupore, unable to find the range in the quarter (he was 0-for-7), the Chiefs struggled offensively.

A pass inside to Head resulted in the go-ahead basket with 20 seconds left. Canton called timeout with 12.5 remaining; the play coach Dave VanWagoner called resulted in an open layup for Rob Radney. But Radney, perhaps worried that Head and his shot-blocking ability was lurking nearby, missed.

When Salem's Andy Hammons missed a one-and-one free throw with 6.2 seconds left, the Chiefs still had a chance. They got the ball out of

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Strong start

Canton opens district bid with victory

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

There was no time to even consider vengeance. There were more important things at stake — this was, after all, the state tournament.

And Plymouth Canton's boys basketball team was facing a difficult task. The Chiefs were coming off an emotional ride to the Western Lakes Activities Association title, realized just three days earlier. They could not afford a letdown, however.

Not now. And not against a Northville team that had pounded them 70-56 2½ weeks earlier.

The Mustangs were a much, much bigger team, too; Canton would have to force them to play at a fast tempo to succeed.

Which is what the Chiefs did in storming to their 15th win of the season, 73-65 Monday at Northville.

Coach Dave VanWagoner credited the same old thing for the Canton victory — defense. "This was one great defensive effort today," he said. "We made those big guys work."

VanWagoner made some defensive adjustments after the earlier loss to Northville, which boasts a front line of 6-foot-11, 6-7 and 6-4. "We fronted their post (player)," he said. "Last time, we played behind him. And we were a lot more

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aggressive against their guards. "The guys got it going. They want that extra hardware."

The guy who seemed to want that "extra hardware" (presumably referring to a district trophy) most was senior Matt Paupore. When Canton needed a basket, he got it. Paupore poured in a game-high 31 points on 10-of-18 floor shooting, including four triples.

The Chiefs took command at the start of the second quarter. They scored the first seven points of the period to expand their one-point advantage after one quarter (15-14) to 22-14. The Mustangs never led again.

Indeed, Canton outscored them 20-9 in the second quarter to take a 35-23 lead into halftime. Paupore made certain they stayed in front in the second half; he drained three consecutive three-pointers to boost the Chiefs' lead to 44-25 midway through the quarter.

The fourth quarter consisted mostly of trips to the free-throw line for Canton. The results were hardly outstanding, but the Chiefs were good enough (11-of-19 in the quarter) to stay in front. The closest Northville got was 69-63 — and that was with just 15

seconds left in the game.

Ron Hunter contributed 21 points to Canton's attack. Tadarus Rachal and Ted Docks added eight points apiece. Northville got 13 points from both John Farrar and Marc Chiasson and 10 from Josh Williams. Anthony Debenedet had nine and John Buser scored eight.

Northville ended its season at 12-9.

■ OAKLAND CHRIST. 65, PCA 49: Pontiac Oakland Christian, ranked sixth in Class D, opened up a 37-25 lead by halftime and was never headed by Plymouth Christian Academy in a Class D state district game at PCA Tuesday.

Oakland Christian improved to 19-2; PCA finishes its season at 9-12.

Dan House had a solid game for the Eagles, pouring in 22 points and making eight steals. Aaron Jones added 13 points. Both are juniors. Ryan Thomason had six assists.

Oakland Christian got 21 points from Mike Carter, 14 from Matt Davis and 12 from Keith Ford.

Free throws were an indication of how the game went for PCA. Oakland Christian was 21-of-30 from the line; the Eagles were 4-of-12.

Shamrocks hold off Redford

The Shamrocks had to rally in the fourth quarter Wednesday to beat Detroit Redford, 54-48, in a Class A district basketball semifinal at Southfield High School.

CC, 16-5 overall, will play Detroit Henry Ford in Friday's 7 p.m. championship game at Southfield.

CC trailed 35-34 after being held to three points in the third quarter but enjoyed a 20-13 advantage in the fourth quarter to eliminate the Huskies.

Senior center Joe Daly was the only CC player in double figures, scoring 20 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Senior guard Andy Slankster added eight

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points, while senior guard Anthony Hesano and junior forward Mike Ridley scored seven points each.

Redford, which plays in the Detroit Public School League, finished the season 6-12 overall.

Maurice Taylor, a 6-foot-8 senior center who signed early with the University of Michigan, scored 30 points with five blocks and eight rebounds in Henry Ford's 80-59 win over Redford Union in Wednesday's other semifinal game.

■ CC 72, SOUTHFIELD 52: The site changed, but the outcome remained the same.

Southfield High School, hosting a Class A boys district for the first time since 1986, lost a first-round game Monday to Redford Catholic Central.

CC hosted the previous seven districts, knocking Southfield out of the state tournament each year.

"They come over here and (still) kick our butts," said Southfield coach Harry Van Den Brink, whose team finished a disappointing season with a 3-18 overall record. "At least we hung

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AUDITIONS

MOVIE
Auditions for Caucasian males ages 20 to 30 to act as background atmosphere for "Ty Cobb" a Warner Bros. film, will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at 21411 Civic Center Drive in Southfield (between Northwest and Highway 10). Bring a picture of yourself. "Ty Cobb" stars Tommy Lee Jones.

DINNER THEATER
R. Dehl productions will be holding auditions for "Come Blow

Your Horn," 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, March 13-14 at the Allen Park Motor Lodge, 14887 Southfield Road. Call (313) 562-3865 for details.

COMMUNITY

TROY PLAYERS
"Kiss Me Kate" continues through March 12. Shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Troy Community Center, 520 West Big

Beaver Road, I-75 at Big Beaver. Call 879-1285 for tickets.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"Guys and Dolls" continues weekends through March 12 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, Northville. Call (313) 349-7110 for tickets. There will be a general membership meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 at the theater. Everyone is welcome.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Alone Together," by Lawrence Roman opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 25 and continues weekends through April 2 at the playhouse in Birmingham. Call 644-2075 for tickets.

ST. DUNSTON'S
"Prelude to a Kiss," by Craig Lucas opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 18, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at the school, 29300 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 476-3270 for tickets.

STUDENTS

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
"A Little Night Music," Stephen Sondheim's Broadway musical will be presented by Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance for three

weekends starting 8 p.m. Friday, March 18 in the Varner Studio Theatre on the OU campus in Rochester. Shows continue weekends through April 2. Tickets, \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$5 students. Call (810) 370-3013.

MERCY HIGH
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PROFESSIONAL

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STUDENTS

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Schoolcraft College's 1994 Winter Theatre opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 18 with Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's musical "The Fantasticks." Dinner theaters will take place March 18-19, March 25-26 and April 2. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the college's Waterman Center followed by the show at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Dinner theater tickets are \$15.50 per person. A theater only show will be presented April 1. Theater tickets are \$6. Tickets are available through the Schoolcraft College Bookstore or by calling (313) 462-4409. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia.

Trinity House Theatre in Livonia has been going through a period of reorganization. The doors are open again. This weekend, the theater hosts the return of the "Common Room." Bring a prize, win a prize! Contest: create the most unique corsage — out of dryer lint! For information, call Lauren, 593-5419. A film discussion series will be offered 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays March 18-

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found the right balance to make the character avuncular but not doddering.

Technical support was excellent. Aside from a few bad moments with a low battery in a wireless microphone, the sound system did its work unobtrusively and well. Thanks to good sound engineering and good singing, all of Frank's clever lyrics were easily intelligible. The unsung heroes and heroines of this production were the pit band. They got out of tune for a few seconds here and there, but for the most part their sound was spot-on and lush.

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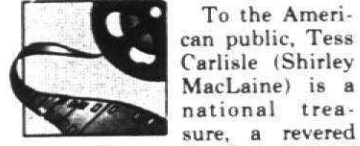
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To the American public, Tess Carlisle (Shirley MacLaine) is a national treasure, a revered former First lady, but behind closed doors, she is a crotchety, strong-willed matron whose life seems to have one purpose: to see just how many of Doug Chesnic's (Nicholas Cage) buttons she can push before the Secret Service agent blows up.

It isn't simply that Tess likes tormenting Doug. She has her agenda, which is to make Doug her human reclamation project. She will keep kicking him until she kicks him right into some enjoyable life.

PREVIEW

Tess is frequently irritated with Doug for adhering to rules that restrict her privacy and freedom. Shirley MacLaine says: "I understand Tess' plight: no privacy, surrounded by people who are at her beck and call when she'd rather be left alone. I think it riles her that the taxpayers are paying for protection that she doesn't really want. Only because the president and the country want Tess to have protection does she go along with it."

There are more former presidents and former first ladies alive than ever before in the country's history, and "all of them are entitled to protection for the rest of their lives," director and co-writer Hugh Wilson says. Talking with Secret Service agents, Wilson became fascinated with the way protection details function. He was especially intrigued by the dilemma presented when VIPs grow weary of the ever-watchful presence of guards.



Secret servant: Agent Doug Chesnic (Nicholas Cage) finds himself performing duties not covered in the Secret Service manual while guarding former First Lady Tess Carlisle (Shirley MacLaine) in the comedy "Guarding Tess."

Too many plots make 'Angie' very confusing

AP — "Angie" is a well-intentioned but confused film that spirals into so many different directions and assumes so many personalities that it might better be called "Snybl."

Director Martha Coolidge ("Rambling Rose") just doesn't seem to know what sort of film she wants. As a result, this effort chugs along in an odd, episodic fashion. It's so stowed in melodrama, mush and cheap bathos that when you walk out of the theater, you'll feel like you've seen four half-hour soap opera episodes instead of one movie.

REVIEW

(Greene Davis), an Italian woman brought up in Brooklyn, an only child, "which, in a Catholic neighborhood like Bensonhurst, made me feel like a Martian."

cept that she suddenly starts to question her relationship with boyfriend-lunk Vinnie (James Gandolfini). That sets in motion an ill-conceived affair with the ever-scowling Noel (Stephen Rea), a high-powered lawyer who nonetheless has time to spend afternoons strolling through the Metropolitan Museum.

formity. It's here that things become their most deplorable — Coolidge employs not a whit of subtlety as we see Angie sermonizing to her fragile child while he sleeps in his hospital incubator.

All are appropriate responses. There just isn't enough of one story to hang on to. And just when one direction seems prominent, the beast lurches off on to another tangent. As it stands, "Angie" is a piece of work in need of some serious counseling.

Couple holds thief hostage

Comedian Denis Leary is cast as a hapless jewel thief, Gus, who kidnaps a bickering married couple on Christmas Eve and ends up becoming a hostage himself in Touchstone Pictures' "The Ref" opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

school, Lloyd's really annoying mother-in-law, and his dysfunctional family and his family.



UPCOMING MOVIES

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

Opening Friday, March 11:
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■ "Lightning Jack" — Comedy about an outlaw and his mute partner and their misadventures in the Great American West.
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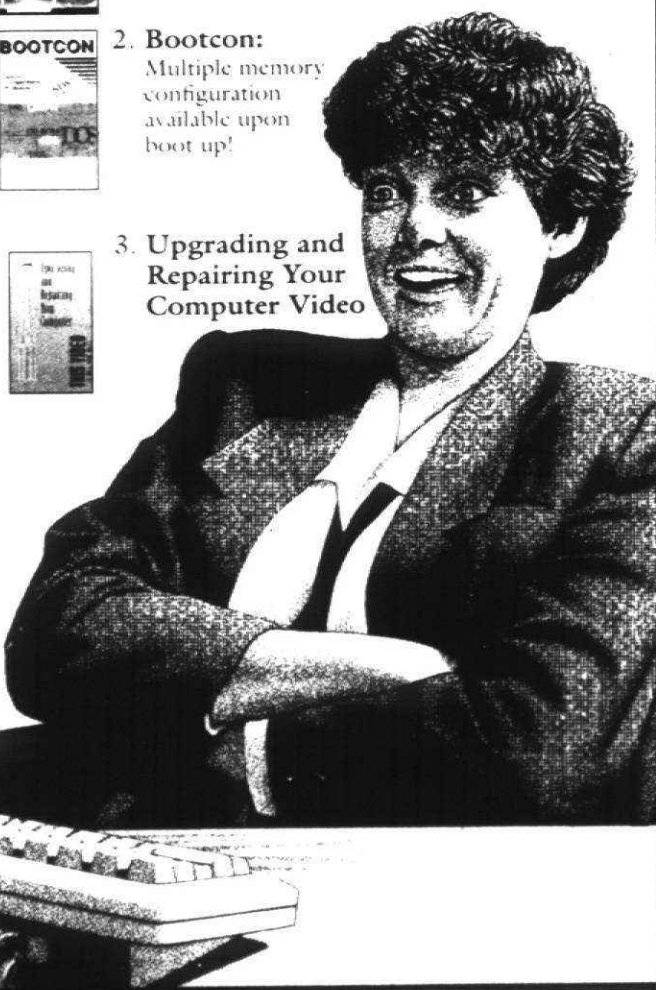


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ROLL CALL REPORT

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Feb. 4.

HOUSE

Disaster Aid: By a vote of 337 for and 74 against, the House sent the Senate a \$9.72 billion emergency spending bill (HR 3759) that includes \$7.78 billion to help the Los Angeles area recover from last month's earthquake. The spending will be added to the FY '94 deficit rather than offset by cuts (see next issue). Illegal aliens can receive funds under the bill only for emergency medical care and sustenance.

The bill provides \$1.2 billion for the Defense Department, along with \$410 million for recovery from last summer's Midwest floods and \$315 million related to the San Francisco area's 1989 earthquake. For Los Angeles, the bill provides \$4.7 billion for temporary housing and infrastructure repairs, \$1.4 billion for highways, \$1.1 billion for loans to individuals and small businesses, a \$500 million White House contingency fund, \$250 million for urban grants, \$225 million for rent subsidies, \$165 million for general school expenses, \$80 million for grants to low-income college students whose means were reduced by the earthquake and \$21 million for veterans' health care.

Supporter Julian Dixon, D-Calif., said Los Angeles residents "de-

serve to be beneficiaries of the same goodwill and swift emergency relief that the Congress has demonstrated in the face of the nation's other recent natural disasters."

Opponent John Boehner, R-Ohio, said: "For the last five years, Congress has passed over \$20 billion in disaster assistance, most of that not paid for, but simply added to the debt."

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac, Dale Klidde, D-Flint, Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, Sander Levin, D-Southfield and William Ford, D-Ypsilanti.

Deficit Issue: By a vote of 178 for and 240 against, the House rejected an amendment to offset the \$9.72 billion cost of HR 3759 (above) with equivalent cuts in a wide range of federal programs. This vote preserved the bill as an emergency measure whose outlays for earthquake recovery and other purposes will be added to the FY '94 deficit.

Supporter Sam Johnson, R-Texas, said Congress "has to realize there are two emergencies facing this nation. One of them is the devastating earthquake that hit Southern California, and we need to help them now. The other and more important, I think, is the emergency facing the nation of our national debt. The current debt stands at over \$4 trillion, and the interest alone is \$21.3 million."

Opponent Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said inflicting budget cuts "in the name of helping earthquake vic-

tims is dead wrong. It is morally wrong for us to create this choice... Somewhere in Southern California in some shelter there sits a homeless person watching this debate wondering if this Congress will ever finish all this hot air in time to deliver the kind of assistance they need to put their lives back in order."

A yes vote was to put HR 3759 on a pay-as-you-go rather than deficit-spending basis. **Area representatives voting yes were:** Joseph Knollenberg, Sander Levin and William Ford.

Defense Funds: By a vote of 158 for and 280 against, the House refused to remove Department of Defense funding from a California earthquake disaster relief bill (HR 3759). The vote preserved \$1.2 billion in the bill for DOD humanitarian and peacekeeping operations in Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia and Iraq.

Sponsor Barney Frank, D-Mass., said: "It makes a mockery of the fiscal discipline we have begun to subject ourselves to, to simply say that because there was an earthquake in California we will give the military an additional \$1.2 billion." Opponent Robert Livingston, R-La., said peacekeeping missions are weakening defense preparedness. "What we are doing is feeding hundreds of thousands of people all over the world and the U.S. armed forces are sucking up the cost of this great humanitarian effort," he said.

A yes vote was to remove Pentagon money from the disaster re-

covery bill. **Area representatives voting no were:** Carr, Klidde, Knollenberg, Levin and Ford.

SENATE

State Department Budget: By a vote of 92 for and eight against, the Senate sent to conference with the House a bill (S 1281) authorizing \$12.5 billion for the fiscal 1994-95 budgets of the State Department, United States Information Agency, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and several other foreign affairs agencies and missions.

The bill takes a step toward consolidating Cold War-era international broadcasting operations, while keeping news operations of Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty and the new Radio Free Asia relatively free of government control. It orders studies into streamlining the foreign affairs bureaucracy, but also increases the number of assistant secretaries of state from 15 to 20. The bill offers President Clinton sense-of-the-Senate advice for dealing with Bosnia, North Korea, China, Russia, Cuba and other problem spots.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Michigan Senators** Levin, D, voted yes, and Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.

School Prayer: The Senate adopted, 75 for and 22 against, an amendment in behalf of "constitutionally permitted" school prayer. The vote occurred during debate

Proud papa



Picture perfect: Republican U.S. Senate candidate Spencer Abraham shows off pictures of his twin daughters to Joy Hartman and Donna Anagnostou of Livonia at a Suburban Republican Women at Plymouth's Mayflower Hotel Feb. 24.

on a bill (S 1150) setting voluntary nationwide educational standards and providing \$420 million in grants to induce public schools meet those goals. To receive money under the amendment, schools must permit prayer to the extent it is permitted by the Supreme Court. While the court says officially organized prayer is unconstitutional, it has not specifically outlawed informal prayer initiated by students.

Sponsor Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said "Supreme Court precedent indicates that students have a right

to engage in religious activities in the schools if those activities do not materially disrupt other activities in the school." Opponent John Danforth, R-Mo., called the amendment "a federal mandate... that local governments and local school boards must permit voluntary prayer in school or else they lose federal money."

A yes vote supported the amendments. **Michigan Senators** Carl Levin and Donald Riegle both voted no.

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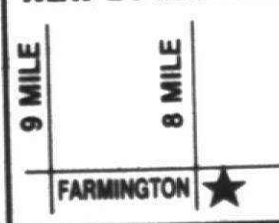
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Sisters of Mercy get \$3 million in property sale

By BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills and the Sisters of Mercy shared the limelight at Monday's regular city council session to mark the sale of more than 27 acres of Mercy property to the city for just more than \$3 million.

"We're delighted this worked out both for the Sisters of Mercy and the city," said Mayor Larry Lichtman.

Lichtman presented members of the Sisters' leadership team and Robert McQuaid, who chaired the committee that studied, and made recommendations on the center, with "ambassador medals." The Sisters, in turn, presented the city with pictures and a history of the property.

Sister Gretchen Elliott, president of the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community in Detroit, said the city's plan to continue using the center for senior programs as well as cultural events, educational programs and recreation were in keeping with the center's tradition and the Sisters' mission.

The sale of the property, which includes a wing of the building and an additional 20 acres of land, was closed March 2.

"We were, as a council, very happy our prayers were answered and you didn't ask for more money," quipped councilman Terry Sever.

In other action, the council: ■ Approved a Planned Unit Development to allow McDonald's Corp. to build a restaurant on Orchard Lake at 14 Mile. The construction will eliminate a driveway near the busy intersection and provide curb cuts as called for in the master plan.

■ Accepted a low bid of \$839,800 by Remacon Inc. of Southfield, to renovate and rebuild Fire Station 2. The bid was one of 20 submitted. The improvements will triple

the width of the front of the station on Middlebelt north of 12 Mile and double the size.

■ Approved up to \$50,000 in engineering fees for additional improvements to the Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile. City manager Bill Costick said although the city had been successful in obtaining several grants for

parks, including one for \$2 million to buy the sod farm property for Founders Sports Park, it would not have enough grant money to complete work on the park. Other means of paying for those improvements would be considered during budget discussions in April, he said.

■ Adopted a resolution support-

ing the goals and mission statement of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council. The statement reads:

The Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council, representing schools, government, clergy, business, service groups and residents, wishes to enhance the ba-

sic human dignity of all people, and to assure that all residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills feel welcome and comfortable in their city, schools and neighborhoods.

"The council will promote community awareness and acceptance of diversity through the development and implementation of ap-

propriate action plans." The council's goals include improving race relations in the community.

■ Voted to meet in a joint budget session with Farmington to discuss the library, court and symphony at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

Cold spell ups use of gas, electric

Natural-gas deliveries and electric sales by Consumers Power sharply increased in February as cold weather and Michigan's rebounding economy increased customer demand, according to a Consumers Power press release.

Temperatures in February averaged five degrees below normal. Gas deliveries of 58.6 billion cubic feet set an all-time February monthly record, 14.2 percent higher than the former February record, set in 1979.

Electric sendout in February also was strong and increased 5.9 percent compared to the former monthly record set last year. An all-time February hourly peak electric record of 5,398 megawatts was set February 8, 7.9 percent higher than the former hourly peak record set last year.

"We anticipate strong electric sales and gas deliveries throughout 1994 as the Michigan economy continues to expand," said CP president Michael Morris in the press release.

Consumers Power, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy Corp., is Michigan's largest natural gas and electric utility, serving six million of the state's 9½ million residents in 67 of the 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

Pets and kids can pose with Easter bunny

Don't miss the perfect opportunity to have your pet's picture taken with the Easter bunny.

On March 19, 20, 26 and 27, the Michigan Humane Society is sponsoring photo sessions for a \$5 donation for each Polaroid picture. Kids are welcome to pose, too.

Make sure dogs are on a leash and cats are confined within a crate. No appointments are necessary. Pictures will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Proceeds will benefit the animals at the society. The following is a complete list of the locations:

■ Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Paw Pourri Gift Shop, 817 N. Main in Royal Oak.
■ Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1498 Sheldon in Plymouth.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1994

FAMILY LIFE



• EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Introducing kids to money management

In many families, each member takes part in keeping a handle on family spending. Budgeting the family dollars is one of children's first and most real examples of how and where money is spent, and how much should be saved. It gives children a preview of how a small business might operate.

When children experience firsthand how a parent's loss of job, a drop in income, or a prolonged illness of a family member can have a devastating strain on the family's budget, they, too, develop a higher consciousness of saving and budgeting.

Most children, especially young ones, have limited knowledge of the technicalities of spending - where and when priority dollars must be spent. Children do, however, recognize that where they once may have visited McDonald's once or twice a week, those visits may become less frequent when the family decides to tighten up spending.

Here are some ways families can save a buck here and there. Penny- and dollar-pinching can mean more for you and your family.

Take bag lunches - Instead of spending \$3 or more a day for fast-food lunches, save by going to the grocery store. Buy enough simple food favorites (luncheon meat, fruits and veggies) to last the entire week. Buy snack food in bulk and avoid using vending machines at work or school.

Buy in bulk - Save on household products, such as toilet paper, soap, coffee, canned goods, etc. When you buy in bulk, dollars can then be targeted to something else instead of running back and forth to the store for more of the same.

Pay yourself - Take out 10 percent of your take-home (net) pay and bank it. Try not to touch it. If you can do more, do it! Do less, if you must, but do something about saving money.

Conserve energy - Turn lights out after use and rely on natural light whenever possible. Close doors to keep heat in rooms in the house. Watch TV less and spend more time reading or having family rap sessions.

Recycle - The most familiar recycling is beverage bottle returns. Every 10-cent deposit saved on returning empty bottles can be viewed as a small investment toward purchasing other food items.

Clip coupons - Coupons can trim up to \$20 or more off the family grocery bill. Shopping on double-coupon days can mean bigger savings. Organize your coupons according to food groups and expiration dates.

Garden - Grow it yourself. It's nutritious, fresh and fun. The whole family can take part in gardening. Children love it, too. If they can grow it, they are more apt to try new vegetables, and perhaps like them.

Find junk treasures - Resale is a popular way to pinch pennies. A dollar spent at a resale shop to purchase anything from toys to clothes to furniture can go much further. You can get some great items at resale stores at big-time bargain prices. I love it!

Run family garage sales - Include extended family members in on this money-making and savings venture. Grandma, Grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws can bring their good throwaways to the garage sale. This will add more variety to the selection.

Bake - Instead of buying commercial doughnuts or muffins to go with milk or coffee, bake a dozen or more muffins. Refrigerate for freshness. Add as much fruit or bran as you like. This way you can control your fat intake and count calories better. You'll know exactly what's in your baked goods.

Don't procrastinate - Pay bills on time to avoid late fees and high interest rates. You might think that \$15 late fee added this time on a bill is OK, but think again on what you could have purchased with it. Better yet, \$15 saved.

Do it yourself - Again if you can do it yourself, then do it. Save dollars by making small repairs around the house, such as fixing leaky faucets, unclogging drains, painting, repairing small appliances, laying carpeting, tiling floors and wall papering.

Use measuring cups - Waste less when you take time to measure. Measure food amounts and detergent instead of pouring out mounds. Waste not, want not; waste, and have not.

Save extra change - Take the extra change you find around the house, hidden under the couch, between the chair cushions or in your car and start putting in the family petty cash fund. Pennies, nickels and dimes soon turn into dollars.

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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In stitches: Karen McDermott of Garden City (right) and Bonnie Bentley of Farmington meet half way, so to speak, by opening their custom bridal shop, Bonnie's Bridal, in Livonia.

Pins and needles: A fitting job



Bonnie Bentley and Karen McDermott have lives filled with pins and needles. The reason being their ability to create custom clothing for weddings, proms, costume parties and the like.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

You could say Bonnie Bentley is a speed demon of sorts. Seated in front of her Singer sewing machine, its clickety-clack sounds more like a roar as the needle dances across a piece of white satin, destined to be the collar of a pink bridesmaid's dress.

All done? Bam. The needle stops dead in its tracks.

This isn't your average portable home sewing machine, and Bentley isn't your average seamstress. Hers is a commercial machine she uses to ply her trade - custom dress designs - at Bonnie's Bridal in Livonia. Partner Karen McDermott prefers the Singer home sewing machine.

"I've been dreaming about this for a long time," Bentley said of the new shop. "I worked at home for 10 years and took up almost half of my home with a sewing room, fitting and changing rooms. My husband is so glad I'm out."

"I gave up a lucrative career (doing direct sales) to work with

Bonnie," McDermott said with a chuckle.

They opened the shop in the Village Fashion Mall on Merriman north of Seven Mile in mid-December and being one of the few shops in the area that does custom work, they've been busy ever since.

The two women decided to tackle a shop of their own when they "got wind" that the owner of a bridal shop in the mall was retiring. They inquired into purchasing the business but eventually decided to wait until that shop had closed before opening their own business.

"We learned a lot about business in three days," McDermott said. "We had to make a lot of decisions, and I don't think we made a bad one."

Working relationship

McDermott, a Garden City resident, first met Bentley, who lives in Farmington, when she worked at a bridal shop with Bentley's mother. The two women met, and Bentley ended up working for McDermott for awhile. Their roles reversed when

Bentley started working out of her home, with McDermott working for her for six years.

Bentley's interest in sewing dates back to high school. In fact she credits her sewing teacher Darlene Marohnic at Livonia Churchill High School with inspiring her to become a professional dressmaker. After winning the Hudson's Teen Sewing Contest and attending Eastern Michigan University, Bentley went on to perfect her skills working at bridal shops and out of her home.

McDermott's inspiration was closer to home - her mother. A seamstress, McDermott recalls her mother was always sewing at home. She learned a lot, so much so, that whatever else she needed she picked up during her first year of high school. After that, she "actually taught" the freshman sewing class her junior and senior years.

"I also (later) had three children, and I learned that sewing at home was very economical," McDermott said. "And when people heard I liked sewing at home, like the manager of a store, I started doing all kinds of sewing at home."

Their work can be seen in every corner of the 1,700-square foot shop - a wedding dress encrusted with crystal beadwork, a white cowboy hat decorated with ribbons, flowers and silver studs for a west-

ern theme wedding and four pastel-colored halter dresses destined for a cruise ship wedding.

And then there are the prom dresses.

"The prom girls are fun," said McDermott working on the cowboy hat. "They get carried away then have to ask their Mom if they can wear it. Then the Mom comes in and redesigns it."

Scissor magic

Bentley makes her own patterns for the custom clothing. Sometimes, her clients bring in photographs of dresses, wanting the top from one and the bottom from the other. She also provides silhouettes so they can draw what they would like the dress to look.

"Sometimes, I just cut right on the material; other times I make a paper pattern, if I think it's something that will stay in style for awhile," she said. "I think with our business, people are surprised that custom-made is no more expensive than ready-to-wear."

It takes the duo about an hour to cut out and assemble a bridesmaid's dress for fitting. That's without a zipper and buttons and the finishing work which depends on how well the assembled dress fits.

See CUSTOM, 3C

Fashionable evening benefits First Step

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

If all goes according to plans, First Step, the Western Wayne County Domestic Violence Project, will get a financial boost courtesy of Zonta Northwest.

The professional women's organization and Jacobson's of Laurel Park Place will stage "First Step into Spring," an evening of food, fashions and fun, Wednesday, March 23.

"It's more of an evening, a gala event, rather than a fashion show and dinner," said Pam Gomoll of Zonta, who is helping plan the benefit.

Jacobson's will be the backdrop for the 6:30-9 p.m. benefit. There will be two major fashion shows throughout the evening, featuring men's, women's and children's wear, "encompassing all price points," as well as two smaller women's sportswear shows. Guest model will be Mona Shane, wife of WXYZ sportscaster Don Shane.

"The show will encompass all of the designer fashions featured at the store - Donna Karan, JAX, Theo Miles," Gomoll said. "It'll encompass all the price points you can see in the store from moderate price to top of the line."

Scattered throughout the store will be displays from up to 14 area restaurants, providing food samplings and beverages for participants. Musical entertainment will be provided by a Livonia Symphony quintet, a jazz trio with singer Karen Hofbauer and a solo by singer Kathleen Phipps prior to a raffle that has top prizes of a \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate, a stay at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island and a night at Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center.

A highlight of the evening will be the launch of a new cosmetic line by Trish McEvoy. Her cos-



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fashionable: Laverne Eady (from left), Judy Ellis of First Step, Mona Shane, Beverlee McAllister, Jacobson's marketing director Linda Gunderson and store manager Bert Hyman look over two dresses that will be modeled at Zonta Northwest's "First Step into Spring" benefit.

See ZONTA, 3C

We must discover and emphasize the nature of our unity



REV. DAVID STRONG

This mix of people is a very stimulating environment.

We who live in this environment talk about diversity and how it can work for us. Even more

important, we realize that we must discover and emphasize the nature of our unity.

I believe that Dennis Archer was elected mayor of Detroit in part because he seems to be a person who can symbolize unity among diverse people. I believe that churches and other institutions in our society need to work toward a goal of unity.

What is happening in Europe is a terrible lesson of what we might face. Nationalism is rising in parts of Europe because political leaders stress a unity of the majority at the expense of the minorities. A narrow unity seems to

provide security in a time of uncertainty.

Most religions have a unifying center. God is one. The universe is one. Natural life must be sustained because it is the work of the creator. Most religions emphasize love and peace at the center of life. However, we live in a time when many religious leaders fail to lead us toward this critical unity.

I like to proclaim that we are all one. We are all connected in ways of which we are now only dimly aware. The economy of the world is becoming one integrated economy. The environment of the planet is one. Most religious teachings have not caught up with this reality of our oneness.

Some of the people who think about the future of the planet say that economics will be the driving force to demonstrate our oneness. Why will religion not take a lead in creating unity among people and all creation?

I discovered something long ago: Religious leaders are often way behind their followers in this matter of unity. When I was a young boy, Roman Catholic priests and Protestant ministers pushed the thought of how different we were. The kids wanted to be in one community together. A few kids grew up thinking that everyone should be like them. Most

of this came from religious schools, priests and pastors.

Our greatest challenge is to acknowledge one God and one planet earth and transfer this belief into unifying behavior. This is the religious challenge of our age. We can preach about love and God. Unless we behave as though this core unity affects people, we live out a lie. We must work at this challenge. Our future depends upon our commitment to the certainty that we are all one.

Our physical separation is a great barrier to our unity. Physical separation of people who are different breeds fear and misunderstanding. Prejudice is like weeds in the garden. Prejudice can grow unseen until the rooting out of it becomes painful.

Rev. David Strong is pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. If you have a question or comment, call him at (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 1878, on a touch-tone phone.

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Through Prayer" at a lecture at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia. The lecture is sponsored by the First Church of Christ Scientist in Farmington. A lifelong Christian Scientist, he holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Reed College in Portland, Ore., and master's and doctoral degrees in languages and German literature from the University of Colorado. He is an active lecturer, practitioner and teacher of Christian Science.

■ **DOOR OPENING**
The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will have an historic door opening celebration at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 13, at the church, 39851 W. Five Mile, Plymouth. The ceremony will mark the move from the smaller church on the property to the new church.

■ **LECTURE**
Arno Freiler, practitioner and teacher of Christian Science in Denver, Colo., will speak on the subject of "Fighting Crime

more information, call 422-0494.

■ **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**
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These days they are seeing more straight styles and a more sophisticated look in wedding fashions. Bentley says it's because brides and their attendants are getting older, and "they don't want that pretty little girl look." Some brides even opt for dressy suits that can be worn again.

"My favorite is flower girl dresses," McDermott added. "Even measuring them is fun... 21-21-21, no curves to contend with."

Unusual creations include a bridesmaid's dress for a dog (made to match the rest of the wedding party) and apparel for a Hawaiian wedding complete with floral print shirts and shorts.

But the prize for most unusual goes to a prom dress. Made of black satin, it had a 2-foot high stand-up collar, a bodice that "plunged to the belly button," a chiffon train accented with spider webs that hooked onto the girl's fingertips and a lace-up floor-length skirt with a 2-inch gap between the front and back.

"The mother just loved it,"

Bentley said. The two some spend plenty of time at the shop, sometimes up to 18 hours a day, creating the traditional and the unusual. While they appear to be very much alike, they say they are different. McDermott has three teenagers which "takes care of any free time I have." Once active in the PTA and the Girl Scouts, she does play volleyball in an over-30 league. She admits she brought a pillowcase to work one day to mend because she "doesn't sew at home very much anymore."

Bentley, on the other hand, enjoys camping and boating with her family and bowling. That's about all she "has time to do."

"Personally-wise we're very different, that's probably why we work well together in this business," Bentley said.

Bonnie's Brides, 19183 Merriam Road, Livonia, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For information, call (810) 471-7394.

Zonta from page 1C

metics are available at Henry Bendell in New York and two Neiman Marcus stores. The line will be available at Jacobson's stores at Laurel Park Place and in Ann Arbor.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," said Gomoll of the McEvoy cosmetics introduction. "First Step helps abused women and their children, and Trish's pet undertaking is abused children, so it fits in."

Since that week has been designated National Straw Hat Week, there also will be a straw hat presentation in addition to special shoes and scarf demonstrations. "This will be a very special one-night-only event," said Linda Gunderson, Jacobson's marketing director.

This is the first year Zonta has

tackled an evening at Jacobson's. Members hope to attract 700 and raise an estimated \$10,000 for First Step. The change from a fashion show and dinner format was an effort to get a "larger audience and do something different while reaching out to other communities," Gomoll said.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. Zonta Northwest has taken on First Step, which offers programs and services, a shelter and hot line for the victims of domestic violence.

Tickets cost \$20 per person and are available in advance by calling Laverne Eada at 626-4711. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Writer is sensitive, needs other people



LORENE GREEN

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Your column in the newspaper is certainly interesting. Once again, thank you for this exciting situation.

P.H. Westland

Today's handwriting softly skims across the page like Nancy Kerrigan gracefully skims across the ice.

The light pressure of today's handwriting and right slant suggests one who is sensitive and needs other people. She goes

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She is home-oriented and prefers the psychological comforts of familiar surroundings. Socializing tends to center mainly around people she knows. She is cooperative, considerate, courteous and kind and takes delight in being accepted and recognized. She is at ease living close to people she knows.

Self-discipline is pervasive here. She emphasizes efficiency, method and order in all she does. Those who know her best have learned she can be relied on to fulfill her obligations.

With a strong sense of duty, she applies herself to the job. She

takes pride in doing well what has been assigned to her and invests a great deal of time and energy so that no cause for criticism exists.

Organizational skills stand out. She plans her days and activities. Once her schedule is in place, it disturbs her to have to rework it or make last-minute changes.

She wants to be approved of so much that she attempts to live up to other people's standards even when they do not coincide with her own wishes and/or views. She apparently needs supportive identification with a group. Early in life, she found this to be the most expedient and/or easiest approach to life.

In many cases of life, she is more of a follower than a leader. She adapts to circumstances, situations and other people in order to please. She also follows accepted trends in thinking, dress and behavior. She may want to be independent, and do things on her own, but her motivation to be approved often prevents her from doing so.

Approval gives her a sense of security. Security means a lot to her, so she is probably not a big risk-taker. She enjoys that which is established and traditional.

With people she does not know well, she is inclined to be cautious. As long as her relationships involve individuals who behave in familiar ways, she feels safe. With old friends or associates where she knows what to expect, she tends to be more relaxed and at ease. Some of her dear friends may date back to childhood days.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are all helpful. Objective feedback is always welcomed.

Susan Mitchell of Westland.

DAVID and TERESA KAITSCHUCK of Canton announce the birth of BRANDON DAVID Jan. 13 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Jessilyn Alitzer of Taylor, Danny Alitzer of Westland and Lee and Rose Kaitchuck of Wayne.

MICHAEL and AMANDA FOSCO of Canton announce the birth of a baby boy Dec. 23 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township.

SCOTT and SHERRI DRENNAN of Canton announce the birth of JAY SCOTT Jan. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

GUY and RENEE GIOCONDINI of Plymouth announce the adoption of ANNE RENEE Jan. 16 in St. Petersburg, Russia. She was born April 16, 1990, in St. Petersburg. Grandparents are Sante and Ida Giocondini of Dearborn Heights, Gerry DuBach of Plymouth and Robert DuBach of Lake City.

Wayne. They have a sister, Sarah. Grandparents are Lila Campbell of Dexter, Mo., and Bill and Fern Brozek of Duwonnell, Fla.

BRIAN and KAREN STEMBERGER of Plymouth announce the birth of LINDSEY L. Jan. 14. Grandparents are Marilyn Stemberger and Chuck and Barb Stinebaugh, all of Plymouth.

PAUL and ADA ROESER of Canton announce the birth of ELIZABETH MARILYN Dec. 18 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has three brothers — Nathan, 11, Luke, 8, and Gabe, 3. Grandparents are Leason Hutchins of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and the late Marilyn Hutchins and Lothar and Joyce Roeser, also of Niagara Falls. Great-grandparents are William and Helen Speirs of Pompano Beach, Fla.

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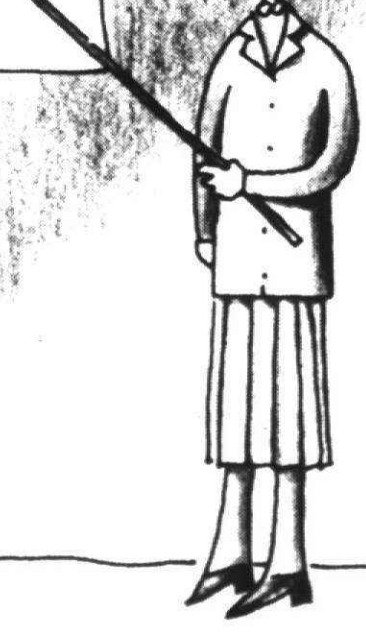
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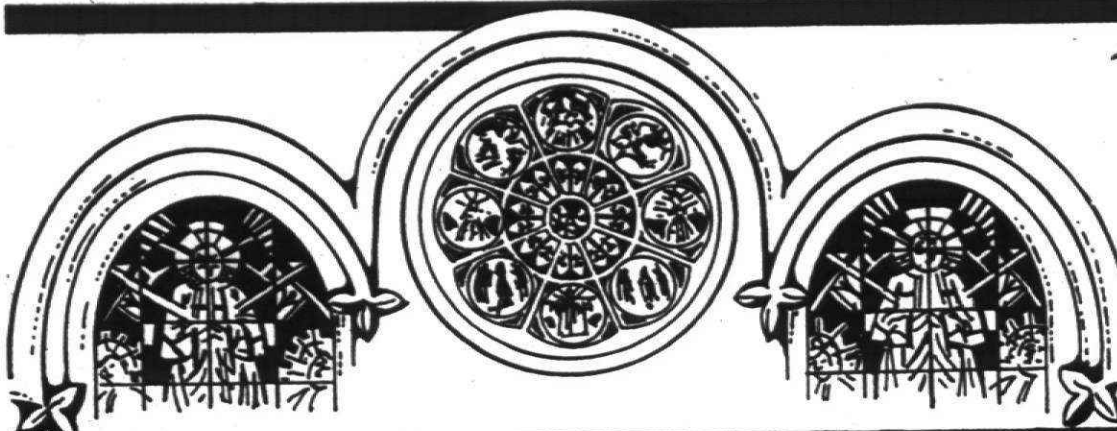
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Evangelist holds revival at church

Newburgh Baptist Church in Westland will have revival services Sunday, March 13, through Friday, March 18.

The services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the church, 37055 Joy.

The speaker will be Dr. D.M. Hardison, staff evangelist of Atlantic Baptist Bible College in Chester, Va. Born in Jameville, N.C., Hardison was raised by his grandparents on a small farm, after his mother died in childbirth. In his preaching, he often uses illustrations that reflect upon his rural upbringing.

A passing breed of old-fashioned preachers whose love and respect of the Scriptures cannot be doubted, he offers no other solution for man's ills than the Lord.

Hardison has been a full-time evangelist for 17 years and has spent more than a quarter century as a pastor. He has started two independent Baptist churches and has helped start several others. He also is the founder of Atlantic Baptist Bible College and has served as its president for many years. He is one of the directors of the college and has been since the school started in 1960.

Hardison has been active in the ranks of Independent Baptists for many years. He was a member of the first such church to be organized in Tidewater, Va., in the late 1940s, and served as the president of the North Carolina and Virginia Independent Baptist Preachers' Fellowship. He has also served as president of the International Fellowship of Fundamental Baptists.

He has preached at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and has written a book, "The Country Parson." He has traveled extensively, leading several tours to the Holy Land, and has preached in Germany, England, Israel, Greece and the Bahamas.

For this revival, Hardison will speak on such subjects as prophecy, revival, heaven, hell and Christian living.



Dr. D.M. Hardison

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CHURCH BRUNCH

Members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will gather at Burton Manor in Livonia at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 13, for an all-church brunch. The brunch will kick off the church's "Cornerstone of the Future" capital fund campaign. Since the members will be at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia, no services will be held at St. Paul's that day.

GOSPEL SKATE

Dan Shepherd Ministries will host roller skating with music by five southern gospel and Christian country groups at Riverside Arena, 36655 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 7:15-10 p.m. Monday, March 14. The groups performing include New Generation Singers, Joyful Heart and the Lakeland Singers. For more information, call the arena at 421-3540.

CHOIR CONCERT

The Midland Lutheran College Choir from Fremont, Neb., will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Grace Lutheran Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. The performance is part of an annual tour by the choir. Its director is Jim Elsberry.

LUNCHEON CARD PARTY

Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild will sponsor a luncheon card party noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at the Parish Hall, Joy Road and Riverview east of Telegraph. There will be table and door prizes. A special

affle and luncheon. Donation is \$5. Tickets are available by calling Peg at 274-5644 or 533-0589.

LENTEN WORSHIP

The Lutheran Choralists will perform at Lenten worship services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at Grace Lutheran Church, 48240 Grand River at Imperial Highway, Redford. The male chorus is under the direction of David Marasus. Pastor Timothy Halboth also will present at drama sermon, "People of the Passion - Barabbas." For more information, call 532-2266 or 535-1840.

CONCERT/WORKSHOP

St. Edith Church will present a concert and workshop with Carey Landry Friday and Saturday, March 18-19. It will kick off with "Come Celebrate Jesus," an evening of prayerful music, at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets cost \$5 in advance (by March 14), \$6 at the door and \$15 per family. There will be worship and the workshop 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday for catechists, religious educators, music directors and those who work with elementary school children. Cost is \$10.

The concert and workshop will be at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call 464-1222.

4HIM

The Christian music group 4HIM will perform with Bruce Carroll at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, at

Temple Baptist Church, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. The group captured the best new artist Dove Award from the Gospel Music Association in 1990 and has gone on to win numerous accolades including Group of the Year in 1993.

Tickets cost \$8, \$9 and \$10 for reserved seats and are available at area Christian bookstores.

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have a volunteer ministry workshop Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Marlene Wilson, president of Volunteer Management Associates of Boulder, Colo., will train laity to develop a team for a congregation that will establish or improve the volunteer ministry program. For more information, call Carol Bacon at 665-3791.

GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton invites women over age 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The group meets the third Friday of the month at the church, 42690 Cherry Hill. The next get-together will be noon Friday, March 18. The theme will be green for St. Patrick's Day and there will be lunch, Bible study and a craft activity. Call Patte at March 15 at 981-0286. Lunch is

free, but reservations are required.

EASTER MUSICAL

"Glory to Glory," an Easter musical featuring actors, instrumentalists, vocal soloists and full choir, will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Tickets are required and a freewill offering will be taken. The 45-minute presentation was written by Sonja Poorman, Bruce Cokeroff and Bill Gifford and orchestrated by David T. Clydesdale. The title refers to the journey of Christ from death to ascension.

LENTEN MISSION

St. Thomas A' Becket Parish will have a Lenten Mission Sunday, March 20, through Thursday, March 24, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The Rev. Art Baranowski will be the presenter. Morning sessions will be 10-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Evening sessions will be 7-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Each session will be followed by a social in the Family Center. There also will be a special session for children in first through eighth grades 5-6 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 981-1333.

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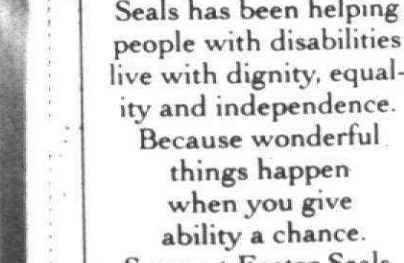
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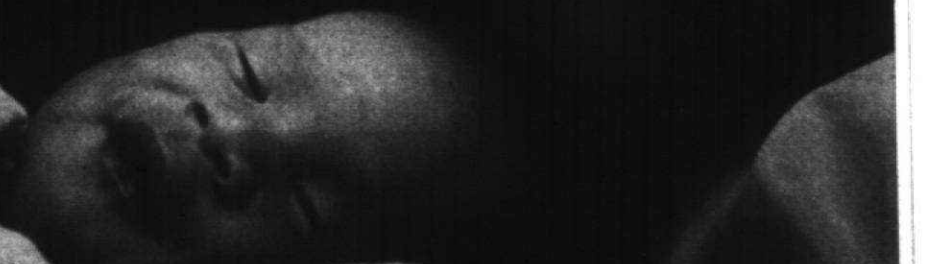
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McNamara gets lifetime honor

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara received Wolverine Human Services' Lifetime Achievement Award on March 4 at the agency's "Sportsmen On and Off the Field" awards banquet at the Novi Hilton.

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The awards banquet is held an-

nually and attended by more than 300 agency supporters and college and professional athletes across

the state. The ceremony honors community leaders and Big Ten Conference athletes who have set positive academic and athletic examples for children.

Wolverine Human Services is an organization dedicated to delinquent treatment. The agency currently cares for more than 500 male adolescents, age 8-17, and their families.

Madonna plans reading program

Madonna University's Learning Center is accepting applications for the summer term of its remedial reading programs, a series of tutoring sessions for students in grades one to 12.

Applications must be received by May 2. The center's activities focus on reading and its related skills. The student's learning strengths and weaknesses are identified and a remedial and developmental program of study is formulated and monitored.

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"New Directions for Effective Reading and Writing Strategies" meets 10:35 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

June 20 to July 8. Instruction will include strategies for reading fiction and non-fiction text, process

writing and study skills.

Students in "Integrated Reading Strategies" will learn to become independent readers by steadily developing their reading ability. Class is offered in one three-week and two five-week sessions. The three-week session meets 10:35 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. July 11-29. The five-week sessions are 8:15-9:15 a.m. and 9:25-10:25 a.m. June 20 to July 22.

Call 591-5180 for additional data.

SC seminars planned

A Schoolcraft College seminar on "Burnout: Rekindling the Fire" will meet 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Fee is \$30. For more information, call 462-4448.

Students will learn to identify the areas that can lead to burnout in the workplace and how to confront, understand and overcome defeating behavior and destructive attitudes.

Heart matters

A Schoolcraft College course

called "Pulmonary Disease Review" will meet 7-9:40 p.m. Tuesdays, March 15 to April 19.

Fee is \$41. For more information, call 462-4448.

Designed as a review for health care professionals, this course covers common pulmonary diseases. Topics include asthma, lung cancer, pneumonia, adult respiratory distress syndrome and tuberculosis.

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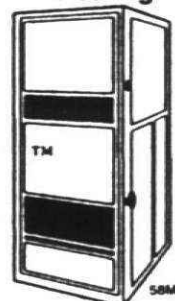


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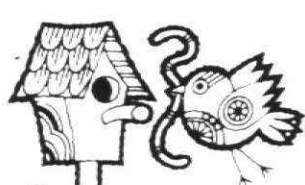


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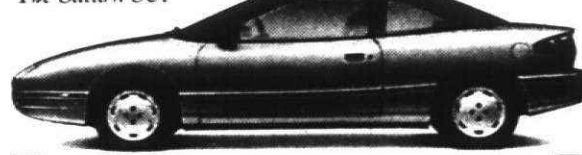
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PERSPECTIVES



MARY KLEMIC

Poinsettia's season can last through year

Is your Christmas poinsettia beginning to look a bit "out of season"? There are a couple of ways to prolong its life. One way requires specific steps to get it to re-bloom, while the other is more carefree and will work if you aren't too particular about when it re-blooms.

"Remember that poinsettias are a tropical plant. Their home is South America. They don't like drafts and need areas with plenty of light," said Jeff Jones of Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

"Since they're photo-responsive, they flower according to day length. The easiest way to get them to flower is to mimic the natural light. From September on, they need light from daybreak to dusk. It takes a lot of effort to get them to re-bloom. It's a challenge.

"It might be better to start new each holiday season."

Taking steps

The specific steps, according to the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association and Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch, are:

In March or early April, when bracts fade, cut back the original stem to four to eight inches, removing most side branches, leaving about three to four green leaves per shoot. The buds in the uppermost leaf axils will then develop and grow.

Re-pot, if necessary, when old growth is cut away, or when new growth is beginning, then place the plant in a warm, sunny area. Continue watering and lightly fertilize every three to four weeks.

After the last frost date (and night temperatures are above 50° F.), sink the pot to the rim in the ground in a well-drained, slightly shaded location. Between July 15 and Aug. 1, cut off the terminal portion of the shoots for a bushier plant with more shoots. If plant gets leggy, prune again.

Bring the plant indoors before frost and continue to water and fertilize. Then about Sept. 21, until Thanksgiving (or Oct. 1, until Dec. 15), set the poinsettia in a dark closet every evening at 6 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following morning (14 hours) or cover it with a cardboard box for the same amount of time to eliminate light. This allows the plant to set bud and flower. Night temperatures should be from 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit. When in the light, rotate the plant each day so all sides get even light. This forces the green bracts to color.

After this time, either on Thanksgiving or Dec. 15, discontinue the dark treatment. Place the plant in a sunny area with at least six hours of direct sunlight. Reduce water and fertilizer. Color should begin to show in about six weeks from the beginning of dark period.

See POINSETTIA, 2D



MARTY FIGLEY

Extended season: There are different ways to prolong the life of a poinsettia beyond the Christmas season.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- Bob Sklar's Creative Encounters column.
- Victoria Diaz's Book Break column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.



Finished product: Livonian Florence Davis had Livonia cabinet maker David Kalanik install raised cherry paneling in the library of her 31-year-old home.

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Woodworker carves antique pieces

LOOKS FOR LIVING

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

Cabinet maker David Kalanik likes the niche he's carving as artisan and historian.

The custom woodworker opened his Livonia cabinet shop, David L. Inc., at 13165 Wayne Road, two years ago. But his love of woodworking began in shop class at Marshall Junior High in Redford Township.

"It's been an evolution," said Kalanik, 33, who worked from his Dearborn Heights garage before opening the 1,200-square-foot workroom/showroom.

Today, he has two part-time apprentices and a business plan that calls for larger headquarters, more employees and a mail-order line of reproduction furniture kits.

"I learned basic woodworking in junior high and by the time I was in high school, I couldn't stay out of the wood shop. I even took night

See WOODWORKER, 2D



Face lift: A custom-built cherry vanity updates the Davis' original bathroom.

Garden show rooted in history, fantasy

Eight Observerland residents will take part in the 1994 Ann Arbor & Garden Show, revealing gardens fashioned from history books, fairy tales and our grandparents' memories.

The University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens will present the best of the old and new in gardening March 24-27 at the Washenaw Farm Council Grounds. The fifth annual flower show calls upon the worlds of history and fantasy to convey the theme "Once Upon A

Time."

As always, the show will feature an acre of professionally designed landscapes and more than 500 horticultural and floral design exhibits. New features include French parterre garden pathways between buildings and an antique garden furniture and accessories market.

Local exhibitors will include Nancy Bohlen and Kay Williams of Plymouth, Julie Bergendahl and Crystal Miller of Livonia, Jan Wood of Can-

ton and Joan Doty, Nancy Goulette and Celia Larsen of Northville.

The show's entryway exhibit is sponsored by Environmental Quality Co. and is a collaboration between the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and the landscape design firm, K.C. Runciman. Entering this feature garden, visitors will step into a turn-of-the-century village square teeming with spring blossoms and activity. This exhibit will reflect the show's theme as an historically accurate replica of

small-town landscape architecture.

Inspired by the town square in Marshall, the entryway will take visitors past brick pillars down a pathway leading to a gazebo and fountain. Sumi crab apple trees, dogwood trees, hollyhocks and coral bells will bloom among stately English oaks.

"This part of the show is based on historical research conducted by the Gardens' staff and with the coopera-

See GARDEN, 2D

Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 313-591-7279.

UKRAINIAN ART

Dr. Mirosław and Anna Hnatiuk are searching for a building to permanently house their Ukrainian art collection, which they assembled after leaving the Western part of Ukraine in 1949.

The Livonia couple will exhibit paintings, woodcraft, ceramics, embroidery, glass, 1000 Pysanky (decorated Easter eggs) and costumes, many of them over 100 years old, in the Ukrainian museum of art.

Plans call for holding classes to learn the timeless crafts of Pysanky and embroidery as well as

Art Beat

lectures on the Ukrainian arts.

Over the years, the Hnatiuks have displayed parts of their Ukrainian art collection on many occasions. The last time was two years ago when the Livonia Arts Commission presented an exhibition of more than 300 Pysanky.

Recently, a basement flood in their home, where the artifacts are temporarily stored, destroyed part of the collection, including costumes and books.

"We're looking for benefactors or patrons, or how we can find such a place for a Ukrainian museum of art," said Dr. Hnatiuk.

To contribute to the effort or if you know of a vacant building large enough to house the collection, call Dr. Hnatiuk at 522-2626.

MADONNA ART

Artwork of Madonna University graduates will be displayed during March on campus, I-96 and Levan, Livonia.

The free exhibit, in the Library Wing Gallery, runs March 4-31. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. weekends.

CRAFT SPOTLIGHT

The Plymouth Spring Arts & Crafts Show runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11-12, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth.

Meanwhile, the Franklin High School Spring Craft Show runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19. The school is at 31000 Joy, Livonia.

Exhibitions from page 3D

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Sunday, March 13 — "Paintings by Mark Rothko: 1945-1969," an exhibit of seven works by this eminent American abstractionist, continues through May 8. Professor Diana Kirkpatrick, chair of the U-M department of the history of art, will give a free lecture on Rothko's work 2 p.m. Sunday in Angell Hall, Auditorium B, next door to the museum. Reception to follow in the museum. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor, (313) 764-0395.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Tuesday, March 15 — A group exhibit of ceramic work by Paula Winokur, Mary Kelson Seyfarth and Bruce Winn, and a solo exhibit by Diana Pancioni continue through April 23. Open house "birthday party" in celebration of founder Mary Chase Perry Stratton's work 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, followed by members-only reception and lecture 7 p.m. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10125 E. Jefferson, across from Waterworks Park in Detroit. Call (313) 822-0954.

ANN ARBOR ART ASSOCIATION ART CENTER

Through March 10 — "The Print '94," an exhibit of works from the Ann Arbor Art Association's annual print-making competition, continues. Among the award winners in the statewide competition, now in its 14th year, are Yoriko Cronin of Farmington Hills (second prize for her Japanese woodcut "Homeward Bound X") and Robert Aronson of Franklin (third prize for his monotype "Wheatfield"). Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (313) 994-8004.

ACCESSIBLE ART GALLERY

Through March 10 — A show of Joan Painter Jones' mixed media constructions continues at 304 S. Ashley in Ann Arbor. Themes range from concerns from children to old age and humanity. Call (313) 963-0673.

MICHIGAN GUILD GALLERY

Through March 10 — "Landscapes Picked and Plotted: Screen Prints by Elizabeth Greenlee" continues. The artist describes the pieces in the show as "wholly or partly imaginary landscapes inspired loosely by the

area of Virginia where I grew up or other places I learned to love as a child." Hours are 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, (313) 663-3389.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

To March 11 — "The Michigan Association of Calligraphers has its annual juried exhibit. The MAC is a non-profit organization founded in Farmington in 1978, currently with 250 members. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, (810) 644-0866.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

To March 11 — "A Feast for the Eyes: Artful Dining" at 300 River Place, Suite 1650, in Detroit, features objects that elevate the experience of dining into an art experience. These objects are connected to eating, whether at a one-of-a-kind table with handblown goblets or picnicking with the collaboration of a textile artist and a ceramicist. This show, in which artists have chosen their collaborative teams, is curated by architect Jim Luckey. Call (313) 393-1770.

JUDY FRANKEL AND ASSOCIATES

Through March 12 — A sale, with 10 to 40 percent off all items, continues. The business features antiques, decorative objects and furniture. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2900 Maple, Suite 111, on the northeast corner of Maple and Coolidge in Troy, (810) 649-4399.

HILL GALLERY

To March 12 — An exhibit of painted bronze pieces by internationally recognized sculptor Catherine Lee continues. Also featured are works by folk painter Ralph Fasanella, whose paintings hang in the Smithsonian Institution, the Ellis Island Museum and many other collections; several pieces of American folk art including whittled, a cigar store figure and whittled; and functional furniture designed by Birmingham artist Joseph Wesner, one of Michigan's outstanding sculptors. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (810) 540-9288.

THE SYBARI GALLERY

To March 12 — "The Uncommon Still Life, the Uncommon Myth" features ceramics by Nancy Selvin and

Julie Terestman and photography by Zeke Berman, Jed Devine, Judith Horwich, Olivia Parker and Rei Taka. Artists today borrow and exchange ideas and concepts from all media.

This exhibition reflects these cross-over influences. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 202 E. Third, Royal Oak, (810) 544-3388.

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY

To March 13 — "Hidden Faces," an exhibit by Elaine Redmond, features color photographs of the antique pieces in the storage rooms of a mannequin factory. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, in Orchard Place Mall, 30905 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, (810) 855-8832.

CENTER CAMPUS ART GALLERY

To March 14 — An all-media exhibit by Diana Garmann continues at Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield in Clinton Township.

GATE VI GALLERY

To March 15 — Paintings by Janus Benda of Farmington Hills, a multimedia artist in abstraction and impressionistic realism, are exhibited. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, (810) 354-2343.

PARK WEST GALLERY

To March 17 — The soaring, wildly imaginative and colorful works of Russian artist Marc Chagall are featured in an exhibit and sale, including more than 100 lithographs, engravings, aquatints and etchings. Featured is the entire Chagall Bible, an epic series of 105 illustrations that has been hailed as the single greatest printmaking accomplishment of the 20th century. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwest Highway, just north of 12 Mile in Southfield, (810) 354-2343.

THE ART CENTER

Through March 18 — An exhibit of the Michigan Annual XXII, a statewide fine art competition, continues. Award recipients include Yoriko Cronin of Farmington Hills, who was given the President's Award for her masterful Japanese woodcut "Homeward Bound III." Juror Jeffrey Abbott, painter, author and chairman of the art and art history department at Wayne State University, selected 75 works for the display from 320 entries.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, (810) 469-8666.

GALLERY: FUNCTION ART

Through March 30 — Gonzalo Rodriguez and Susan Brookshire, both recent graduates of the Center for Creative Studies, are featured artists. The works of both artists investigate the mystical and sensual, while retaining practicality and functionality. Works by artists such as Ray Katz, Derek Conte and Matt Schellenberg are displayed. Two of Detroit's finest fiction writers, Lolita Hernandez and Perri Giovannucci, will participate in the Third Friday Reading Series 6-9 p.m. March 18, \$5 donation at the door. (The series is co-sponsored by the "Art in the Air" radio show, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursdays on WPON-AM 1460.) The gallery is at 23-B W. Lawrence, next to the Lawrence Street Gallery and behind the Pike Street Restaurant. Call (810) 333-0333.

ROMAN TERRACE II

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During March — Seattle glass artist William Sargeant's "Dancing Ladies" series is shown. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, room 303 p.m. Sunday, 6736A Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (810) 737-4050.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

During March — Oil painter Ruth Neuman is Artist of the Month. Also, drawings by Christine Welch and jewelry by Milton Bennett are featured in the Showcase Gallery. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, (810) 644-0866.

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REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

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LEASING CHIEF

PREMISYS Real Estate Services named David M. Jeup to leasing director for Prudential Town Center, Southfield.

Formerly of The Hayman Co., he joins PREMISYS Marketing Services, an affiliate of The Prudential Realty Group. He will assist in leasing the 2.2-million square feet in the office complex.

Jeup is a licensed real estate sales agent and builder in Michigan.

LOCK INTEREST RATE

Bingham Farms-based Rock Financial, an independent mortgage bank, has reintroduced Mortgage First to home buyers. It allows consumers to lock today's low interest rate and receive full credit approval before shopping for a home.

"Mortgage First meets the needs of aware consumers who are buying a home this spring but want the protection of today's low rates," said Daniel Gilbert, Rock Financial president.

Mortgage rates again have dipped. "We're actually only 1/4 percent to 1/2 percent higher than the 23-year low we saw in mortgage rates last October," Gilbert said. "This has played exceptionally well into the hands of our Mortgage First clients. They get to put to rest fears that rates will jump up this spring just when they are about to buy."

With branches in Michigan and Ohio, Rock Financial is one of the Midwest's largest residential lenders. It closed more than \$1 billion in retail mortgage lending in 1993.

STUDYING UP

Members of the Century 21 Great Lakes Division's top-producer masters program who attended a retreat at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio, were: Yoshiko Fujimori of Century 21 Row, Livonia; Marcia Sheppard, Century 21 Suburban, Plymouth; and Sanford Norman, Century 21 Town & Country, Birmingham.

NEW LEADER

Capitol Bancorp Ltd., a Lansing-based multi-bank holding company with subsidiaries in Farmington Hills, Ann Arbor and Portage and Lansing, has named David Toepf of Farmington Hills as president and CEO of Mortgage Connection, a mortgage banking subsidiary.

He joined Mortgage Connection in 1992 as vice president and residential lending manager.

Your home a key to tax savings

If you're a homeowner, here's some good news from the Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of CPAs: The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 left many of the tax deductions available to you intact.

Be sure to take advantage of these deductions and tax breaks when preparing your 1993 return.

Points — If you acquired a mortgage last year in order to purchase or improve a principal residence, you can generally take a tax deduction for the points, or loan origination fees, in the year paid.

However, points paid on a loan to purchase or improve a second home do not qualify for a full, immediate tax deduction; they must be deducted over the life of the loan. This same rule applies to points paid when refinancing a mortgage. However, if part of the refinancing proceeds is used for improvements to a portion of the points may be deducted in the year paid.

Mortgage interest — Under current law, you can also deduct interest on mortgage loans obtained to acquire, construct or substantially improve your primary residence and a second

hope. The mortgage must be secured by the residence you purchase, construct or improve.

You may deduct mortgage interest on a total of \$1 million of acquisition indebtedness and \$100,000 of home-equity indebtedness on your principal residence. These amounts are halved for married individuals filing separate returns. A transitional rule enables you to deduct all interest on mortgage loans you obtained on a principal or second residence prior to October 14, 1987.

Property taxes — Generally, you can deduct any real estate taxes charged against your property. Owners of cooperatives should note that they may be able to deduct their proportionate share of real estate taxes assessed on the building itself.

Rental expenses — If you rented out your home or a vacation property, a percentage of your expenses may be deductible as a business expense. These include costs paid for taxes, interest, fire and liability insurance, advertising and cleaning services.

You can also deduct fees paid for repairs, such as repairing driveways

or fixing gutters. Improvements to rental properties, however, must be depreciated; that is, the cost of the item is written off as an expense over a period of years.

Home improvements — Home improvements that add to your home's value, prolong its life or adapt it to new uses are considered capital improvements that have important tax consequences. Although such improvements, which can include adding a new room, installing a sidewalk or replacing old wiring, are not tax deductible, they increase your home's basis; that is, your total investment in the property, including the purchase price and related fees.

Increasing your home's basis enables you to reduce the gain you realize from the eventual sale of the home, so you would pay on the gain. If you sold your home last year, be sure to dig out receipts that can help you calculate the cost of your capital improvements.

Tax deferral on sale of a residence — If you sold your principal residence last year or are planning to do so in the future, you may defer tax on the profit. To do so, you must meet two conditions: You must purchase or build a new personal residence two years before or two years after the sale of the old residence, and the cost of the residence you buy must be

equal to or greater than the adjusted selling price of your old residence.

55 or Older Exclusion — If you are age 55 or older when you sell your principal residence, you may elect to exclude \$125,000 worth of gain on its sale. (The exclusion is \$62,500 for each married person filing separately.) In addition to meeting the age requirement, you must also meet an ownership and occupancy test. Be aware that this is a once-in-a-lifetime tax break. Married couples can take only one lifetime exclusion between them.

Home-Office Deduction — If you work from your home, you may also be able to take a tax deduction for a proportionate share of the costs associated with operating and maintaining your home. However, strict tax rules apply to this deduction.

Finally, be aware that some of the tax deductions generally available to homeowners, such as those for mortgage interest and property taxes, are phased out for high-income taxpayers. Check with your CPA to determine your eligibility for these deductions.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is based at 281 E. Onondaga Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call 810-855-2288.

Master deed compliance — a must for co-owners



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. We have a co-owner in our condominium who says that even though our documents require that we both agree to sell the unit, he can sell it on his own. Can you help us in evaluating this situation?

A. First, the Condominium Act of 1978 specifically provides that each unit co-owner, tenant, or non-owner occupant, shall comply with the master deed, bylaws, and rules and regulations of the condominium project and this act.

Moreover, by becoming a member

of the association, a co-owner agrees by contract and covenant to be bound by the condominium rules, regulations and restrictions embodied in the condominium documents.

Therefore, both based on statute and contract law, a co-owner, tenant or non-owner occupant is obligated to comply with the condominium documents.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham-area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit questions by writing: Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. To leave a voice-mail message for Robert M. Meisner, dial 953-2047, mailbox 1871.

Magazine lauds Realtor

Mitchell J. Wolf of Cranbrook Associates Inc., Franklin, was named one of the top real estate professionals in the country by Unique Homes, the national magazine of luxury real estate.

Wolf will be featured in the fourth annual elite edition, on sale at newsstands.

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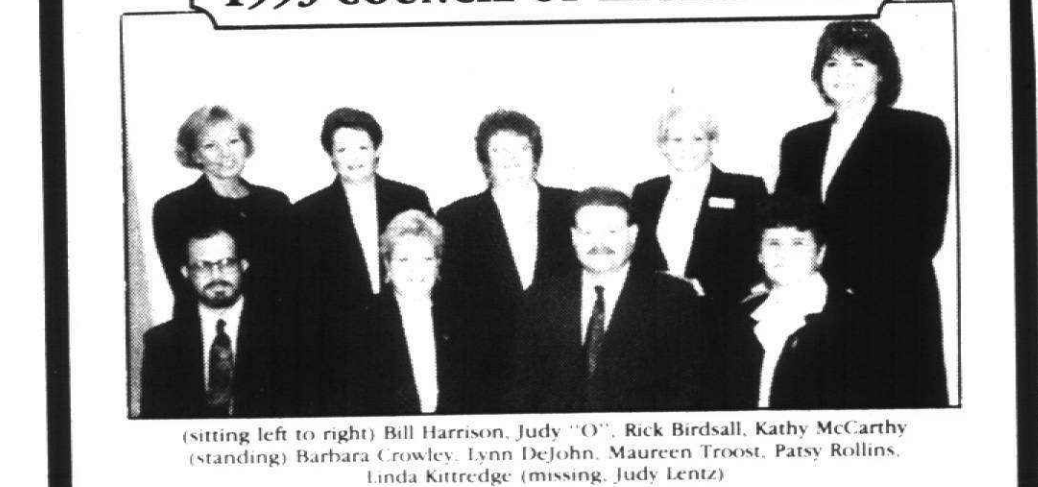
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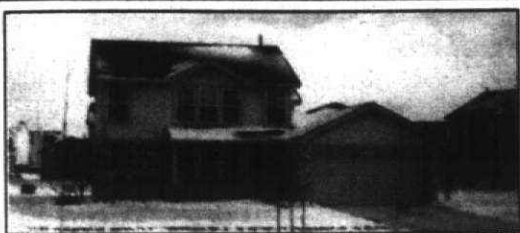
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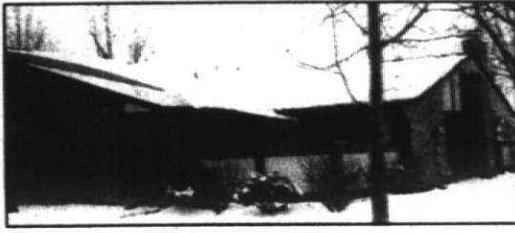
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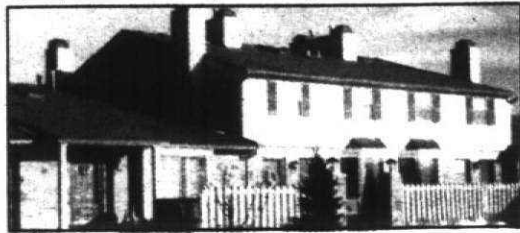
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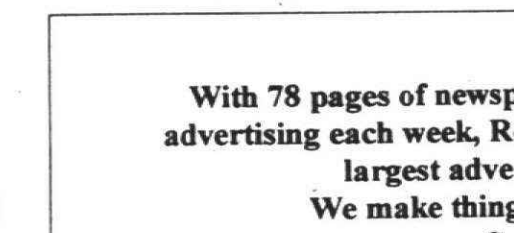
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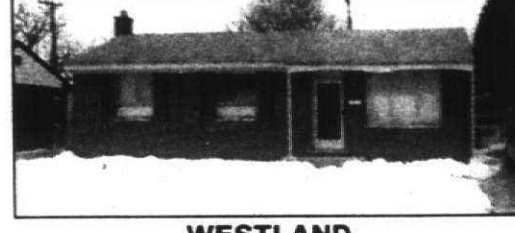
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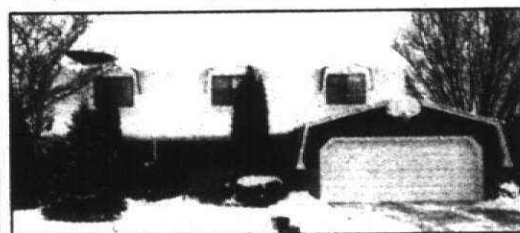
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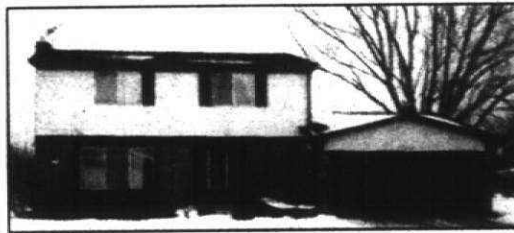
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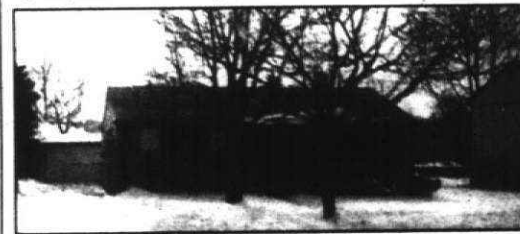
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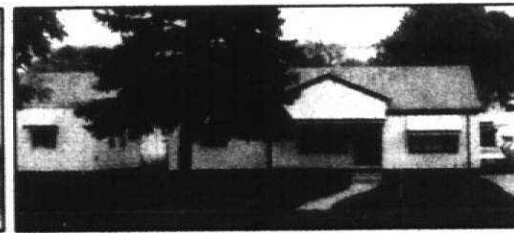
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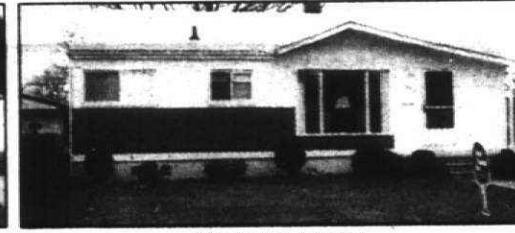
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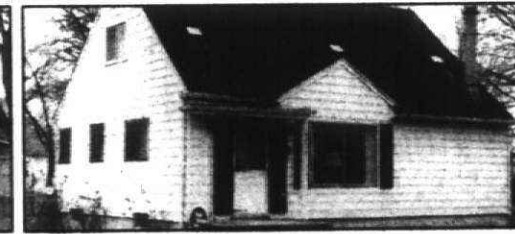
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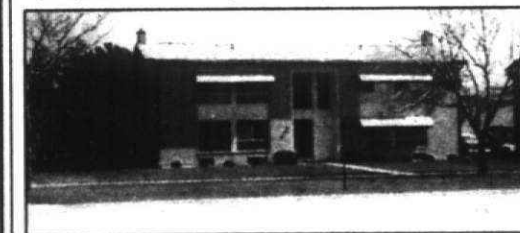
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Albert M. Ware of Southfield, a vehicle systems manager at General Motors in Warren, received the Black Engineer of the Year-President's Award for his technical contributions and community service. He joined GM's Pontiac Motor division in 1981.



Ware

Betsy V. Rust of Troy joins Plante & Moran, a Southfield accounting and consulting firm, as an associate in health-care services. She'll specialize in long-term care and third-party reimbursement. She previously was a consultant for the Michigan Non-Profit Homes Association.



Rust

Russell M. Shelton of Rochester Hills, owner of Shelton Pontiac-Buick, Rochester, was recognized as a Pontiac division master dealer for the dealer's customer service, sales and profitability during the model year Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 1993.



Shelton

Christine S. Peck of Birmingham was named director of development and marketing for the Detroit Zoological Society. She'll handle fund-raising, coordinate marketing, special events and publication departments.



Peck

Thomas A. Mudry of Livonia was appointed investment manager for Motors Holding Division, part of the Dealer Network Investment & Development Group of General Motors North American Operations. He joined GM's Finance Department at the Willow Run plant in 1980.



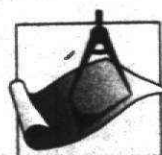
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Construction industry lauds its own

■ Every year, professionals involved in the construction industry in Michigan nominate what they believe are the most functional, best-looking buildings in the state. And every year, including this one, area firms receive their share of award recognition.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER



Architects and contractors headquartered in our coverage area played key roles in six of 10 buildings recognized this year as award winners by the Construction Association of Michigan.

The projects, which included new, renovations and a combination of the two, ran the gamut from an automotive assembly plant to a library to a comedy club/restaurant to schools.

A.J. Etkin Construction, based in Farmington Hills, was the general contractor for the First of America-Arcadia Commons in Kalamazoo and the William Ford Elementary School in Dearborn.

TMP Associates in Bloomfield Hills was the architect for Walled Lake Middle School in Commerce Township and Ford Elementary.

R.A. DeMattia in Plymouth served as contractor for the Focus: Hope Center for Advanced Technologies in Detroit. Barton Malow in Southfield played a similar role with the Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly Plant, also in Detroit.

Victor Saroki & Associates in Birmingham designed The Second City comedy club/restaurant in Detroit. Gunnar Birkerts and Associates, also in Birmingham, designed the Frances Willson Thompson Library at the University of Michigan-Flint.

"The showcase awards give local construction companies a way to acknowledge quality work done by fellow construction professionals," said Curt Hacias, CAM president. "The recognition is particularly significant because winners are



DeMattia's work: R.A. DeMattia Co. of Plymouth was the general contractor for the Focus: Hope Center for Advanced Technologies in Detroit.

chosen by their peers.

"We believe it's important to remind owners and developers that our state has some of the best design and project management talent to be found anywhere, along with one of the most highly skilled labor forces in the nation," Hacias said.

To qualify for nomination, a project must have been built in Michigan within the past four

years and both the contractor and architect must be located in the state.

More than 5,000 members of CAM, the American Institute of Architects-Michigan and the Construction Specifications Institute-Detroit Chapter were eligible to nominate.

Projects receiving the most nominations were designated winners.

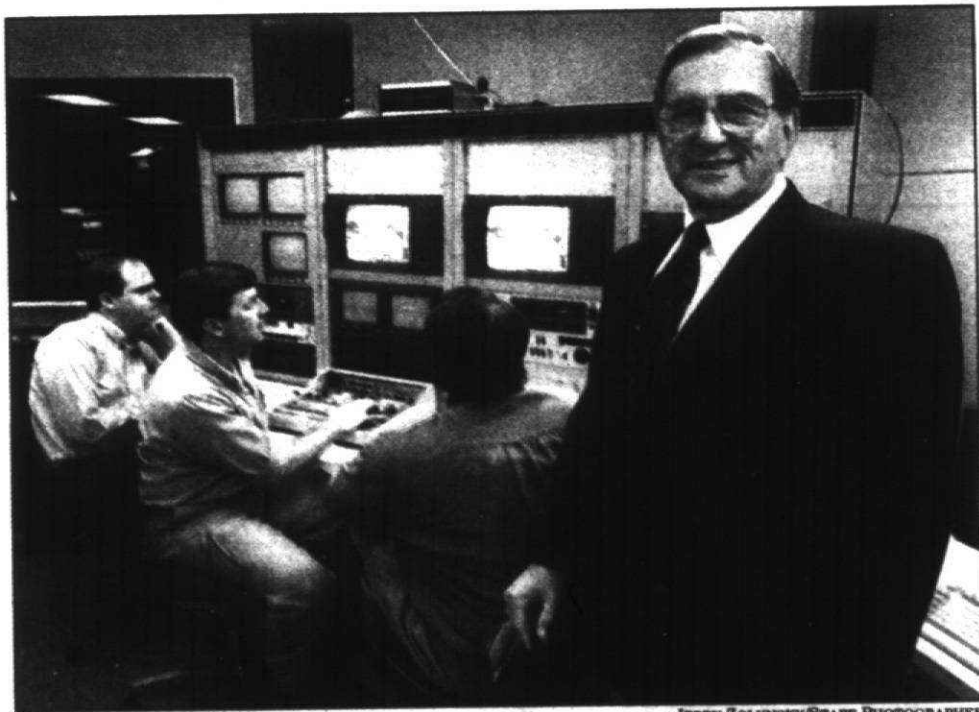
Following is a brief summary of project winners involving area firms provided by CAM:

■ William Ford Elementary, Dearborn.

The 62,200-square-foot, \$5.7-million school was designed as a replacement for a deteriorating 60-

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Broadcast scholar: Specs Howard (foreground) anticipates revenues of nearly \$3 million during this, his 25th year of operating a school for broadcast arts.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Specs Howard: a broadcast arts legend

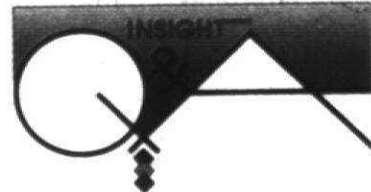
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STAFF WRITER

Yes, there really is a Specs Howard - Jerry Liebman is his real name - and he runs a highly regarded, profitable school of broadcast arts in Southfield.

Howard, 67, has spent a lifetime in the business. He started a small radio station from scratch in 1948 in his hometown of Kittanning, Pa. He's also worked as a radio and television announcer in Sharon, Pa., Cleveland and Detroit.

Howard came to WXYZ in 1967 with partner Harry Martin with a mission to make inroads on the audience of Hall-of-Famer J.P. McCarthy.

They didn't and after two years



of trying and a year commuting to a radio gig in Cleveland, Howard purchased a small broadcast school in Redford from another local personality, Lee Alan.

Now entering its 25th year, the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts includes 17 radio studios, three television studio control rooms, four video edit suites, two electronics labs and four classrooms.

Letters of endorsement from grads and pictures of local media personalities with school personnel line the walls in the lobby.

"I love it. I couldn't retire," said Howard, a Southfield resident.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview:

What is your financial situation?

Howard: We don't owe a penny. We're in the black. The profit margin is low because we plow it all back into the business. We'll never make 10 percent. What am I going to do, put it in my pocket?

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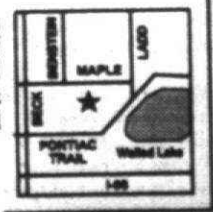
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Jerry Wordhouse of Plymouth was named director of the Michigan Glass Association, a statewide organization representing architectural and auto glass retailers. He owns Edwards Glass, a 41-year-old Livonia firm.

Attorney **Steven A. Roach** of Huntington Woods has become a principal in Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, a Detroit law firm. He's a commercial litigator concentrating on creditors' rights and property law.

Donald L. DeFilippo of Rochester becomes senior art director at Bozell Worldwide, a Southfield advertising firm. He'll develop creative work for the Chrysler corporate, Chrysler and Plymouth brands and DeFilippo the Chrysler/Plymouth dealer association accounts. He previously worked for McCann/SAS, Troy.

Spes Howard broadcast arts school founder

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profit before taxes. That's enough and we don't dim it. I can go to banks then and say, 'Now lend me some money' (for capital acquisitions). This year, we'll do close to \$3 million in revenues. All from tuition? Howard: Yes. How much do charge and what do students get for their money? Howard: For the 32-week radio/TV course, it's \$5,895. For the 48-week electronics course, it's \$7,600. There are different payment plans. Some qualify for assistance. Classes are four hours a day, five days a week. We'll start a class every month. We put in last year about 490 students. If you look at what's in the system at any time, it will vary — 300, 340, 350. We graduate about 80 percent and last year we placed 78-85 percent of available graduates, people actively looking, in jobs. Are prospects expectations sometimes unrealistic? Howard: You can't promise a job. It's dumb and we can't do that by law. What we really sell here is education. You have to work at it. We use the term 'entry level.' We tell people, 'There isn't one of you who is a threat to Bill Bonds, J.P. McCarthy, Dick Purtan.' You have to get started wherever there are openings in the job market. Those aren't in major cities. We stress that starting salaries aren't high in this business. In a small town, you can make \$200-\$250 a week and live pretty nicely. So what is your marketing strategy? Howard: Our customer is the TV or radio station. Our product is our student. A lot of people, as they get to be 40, 50, 60, are already established economically and can't afford to start over. We target 18-year-olds, high school graduates up to 25, 26. Then we have to superimpose socio-economic factors. We're looking for people with the means to come to school privately. We have a young lady who goes to high schools who makes arrangements with speech and radio classes to make a pitch. We do a lot of radio advertising, TV advertising. Dick Kernen (vice president-industry relations) always makes sure radio and TV stations are aware of what we're doing. In our placement department, in addition to Kernen, we have four who work with customers. If you need somebody and we have a

Sean Dillon of Troy was named president of Talon Design & Engineering, Detroit. The 21-year automotive design industry veteran will oversee all business, including product design and engineering. He previously was design and engineering manager at Hawtall Whiting, Troy.

Dr. Michael Epstein of Birmingham was appointed director of cardiology at Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit. Before joining Children's, he was chief of cardiology at the University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, and medical director of the pediatric catheterization laboratory at Shands Hospital in north central Florida.

Gov. John Engler appointed **Nancy A. Smith** of Livonia to the Small Business Clean Air Compliance Advisory Panel for a two-year term. She's been an environmental engineer for Detroit Diesel Corp. since 1969.

executive director of the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Foundation, Inc.

The governor reappointed **Joseph Casiglia** and **Frank Gregor**, both of Troy, to the Board of Boiler Rules. Casiglia is principal engineer-piping for Detroit Edison's fossil-fueled and steam facilities. Gregor owns Multiple Dynamics Corp.

Ray Attberry of Southfield becomes director of stores and operations at THC Inc., the Royal Oak-based owner of Clothing Warehouse stores. He's responsible for the company's non-buying functions. He previously was vice president of sales for Kay & Kay Tile and Mrs. Kay's stores.

Robert A. Patrician of Rochester Hills was named president of Rockwell International Suspension Systems Co., Troy. He's responsible for business operations in North America. He joined Rockwell more than 21 years ago and previously was director of the pediatric systems for Rockwell Automotive.

Bloomfield Hills-based Ross R. Hirsch president and CEO of its New York office. Hirsch heads the creative team for the Kmart account.

William E. Orke of West Bloomfield becomes vice presi-

dent of Zaske, Sarafa & Associates, a Bloomfield Hills financial management firm. He'll relocate to the Minneapolis area to oversee business in the upper Midwest. He previously was director of Roney & Co., a Detroit investment management firm.

Cheryl Sparks of Rochester was promoted from executive assistant to broadcast production coordinator at The Berline Group,

Top insurance agent named

At the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan annual convention in February in Grand Rapids, Denise McHenry, vice president and account executive at Cambridge Underwriters Ltd. in Livonia, received the Distinguished Award as "Insurance Agent of the Year." She's just the second woman to receive the honor and the first since 1970. There are 7,000 agencies in Michigan with 12,000 licensed agents. McHenry believes her greatest rewards include working with the Independent Insurance Agents of Wayne County to fill and deliver 200 Christmas food boxes and smoke detectors to needy Wayne County residents. She also has been a volunteer at a Cass Corridor homeless shelter. McHenry has been a licensed Cambridge agent for 10 years and before that worked as an underwriter with two national insurance companies. She's a licensed insurance counselor and past president of the Detroit Underwriters Association. She chairs the Michigan Professional Insurance Agents' Certified Insurance Counselor Advisory Committee. "Denise is highly regarded by the companies that we are licensed to represent and her reputation has strengthened the overall image of the agency," wrote Kenneth R. Hale, Cambridge Underwriters Ltd. president, to Fritz Lewis, PIAM executive vice president, in nominating McHenry.

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year-old building. The new structure incorporates key elements of the old such as stone artifacts, bay windows, arched classroom entries and special ceramic tiles. High ceilings and abundant natural lighting create a pleasant learning environment. "The angles and radius of the building — that was the most challenging," said Joe Jason, project superintendent for Etkin. ■ Walled Lake Middle School, Commerce Township. The 138,000-square-foot, \$12.3-million building is designed around the media center as the symbolic focus of learning. Classrooms and special use areas such as art and science facilities are placed on two levels connected by

Win zero mortgage payments

A lucky homeowner will be the first winner of a year's home mortgage payments from Oakland County-based Capital Mortgage. The drawing for the first year of mortgages will take place April 15 — tax day. "This is our way of saying thanks to our thousands of customers who helped us close more than \$200 million in residential mortgages during our first full calendar year in 1993 — a Michigan record," said Harry Glanz, Capital Mortgage executive vice president. A winner will be drawn at random to qualify for 12 monthly house mortgage payments. (Payments of up to \$1,000 per month for principal and interest can't include escrowed taxes or insurance payments.) There's no purchase necessary to win. Capital has two offices: 20475 W. 10 Mile, Southfield; and 824 Main, downtown Rochester. Homeowners building, buying or refinancing are eligible to enter. (Just one entry per household allowed.) The winner's mortgage need not be with Capital.

a grand stair that ends at the media center. The design and construction objective was to create a facility that is durable, cost effective and easily maintained. The roof is pitched with traditional asphalt shingles. ■ Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly Plant, Detroit. The 1.7-million-square-foot auto plant costing \$650 million includes a large general assembly shop, body shop and paint shop. The facility won an award for its environmental protection systems.

"It's a new-age plant concerned about workers and how they usually do the job," said Don Shalibo, senior vice president for Barton Malow. "It put special emphasis on making every square foot count." ■ Chrysler had an agreement with the city of Detroit heavy into using Detroit-based people and minority contractors," Shalibo said. "They met the challenge well." ■ Focus: Hope Center for Advanced Technologies, Detroit. The \$12.6-million, 260,000-square-foot training center was designed to prepare technician/engineers to operate, repair and modify computer-integrated manufacturing systems. Essential components such as piping and mechanical systems are contained beneath the floor to create open and clean floor space in the transformed, 50-year-old factory.

One of the more challenging aspects was taking a dilapidated, urban building to a state-of-the-art research building," said Gary Roberts, vice president for development with DeMattia. "In some cases, we were able to use portions of the existing structure and some parts were brand new." ■ Frances Willson Thompson Library, Flint. The \$15-million, 90,000-square-foot structure replaces a 15-year-old temporary library on the UM-Flint campus. The three-story building is shaped like a piece of pie with the curved portion consisting of a

glass curtain wall and the two radii composed of brick. The glass curtain faces the Flint River. "The single most unique characteristic, perhaps, is the atrium behind the circular portion of the wall that views out to the river," said Kenneth Rohlfing, a principal with Gunnar Birkerts. ■ The Second City, Detroit. A 65,000-square-foot former clothing store was virtually gutted inside and out and transformed into a 350-seat theater, 350-seat restaurant, 50-seat street-level bar and rooftop terrace accommodating 200.

The facade is enhanced by a variety of elements including stone, bricks in varying shades of red, metals, wood and glass. The interior focal point is an elegant circular bar built of wood and metals.

"It has an identity both inside and outside," Saroki said. "I think that's what makes it unique. It's a popular building type. We get a lot of nice compliments."

■ First of America-Arcadia Commons, Kalamazoo. The initial phase of the \$11.5-million project involved renovation of a 47,000-square-foot building listed on the National Historic Register and a new, four-story, 51,000-square-foot steel frame structure.



Saroki's project: Victor Saroki & Associates of Birmingham was the architect for The Second City in Detroit, which won a design showcase award from the Construction Association of Michigan.

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CHILD CARE NEEDED, full time, for newborn in my Huntington Woods home. Light house work. Dependable, mature, references required. Leave message: 542-0528

508 Help Wanted Domestic

BABYSITTER - Dependable, fun loving individual to care for 2 young children in my Troy home, 3 nights per week & 8 hrs. Start immediately. 810-737-0828

BABYSITTER wanted: mature adult to care for our 5 year old daughter in our Plymouth home. Part time, afternoons, Mon.-Fri. Call: 459-3583. Voice Mail #7023

CHILD CARE - Responsible person to care for our 7 & 5 yr. old girls in our Cranbrook Village home. Will be 4-5 days per week. Saturdays a must. Schedule varies week to week. 567-5409

FULL TIME Nanny needed to care for 3 yr old boy in our Birmingham home. Car & references required. Call 953-2000. Voice Mail #7025

508 Help Wanted Domestic

CAREGIVER wanted for 3 1/2 year old & 4 month old in my Millville home. Beginning in Aug. Teachers hours. Call after 5pm, 462-1778

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CAREGIVER, Weekend live-in, for elderly Canton woman. Good opportunity, good salary. Call after 5pm, 462-1778

N.W. Detroit couple seeks experienced, mature woman to care for infant & light housekeeping. Personal references. After 7pm, 555-5903

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LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER needed for busy woman executive. Must be non-smoker, able to do laundry, clean & cooking. References required. Good salary. Barb 563-8555, ext. 238

HOUSEKEEPER/BABYSITTER - Need energetic person to help with housework & 2 infants. References & experience needed. 264-4714

LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER/Companion for senior 84 yr. old woman in Novi. Non-Fri, possible weekends. Personal care is minimal so we're looking for someone who can be a good companion. Duties also include caring for the home, meal preparations & shopping. Must be caring, conversational, energetic, non-smoker w/dependable transportation. Although live-in position, free time is available. 624-1625

LIVE-IN CAREGIVER - Companion, senior lady, Royal Oak area. References. Drivers license. Room & board + pay. 359-7878

508 Help Wanted Domestic

HOUSEKEEPER - for Bloomfield Hills home. References. 737-0832

LIVE-IN/Companion. Must be able to travel, cook & clean. Car is provided. Call Rachel between 8am-5pm at 356-7690

LIVE-IN Housekeeper/Babysitter in my West Bloomfield home. Non-smoker. Medical benefits. Foreign born welcome. 626-4288

MATURE woman for my Waterford home, weekdays & some evenings. Experienced with infant. 661-9344

508 Help Wanted Domestic

LOVING NANNY needed in my Auburn Hills home for 2 children, ages 4 & 5. Free room & board plus salary. References needed. 333-2547

NANNY for newborn & 4 year old wanted for Grosse Pointe family. Minimum 40 hours per week. Live-in & travel possible. Send resume with qualifications & references to: Nanny, P.O. Box 7584, Detroit, MI 48207

NANNY to care for 2 toddlers & infant. Light housekeeping, live-in or live-out. Experience & references required. Send resume to: P.O. Box 251362, W. Bloomfield, MI 48325

NANNY-2 young children are looking for a Nanny. Must be available for full time week day employment in our Royal Oak home. Experience & references required. Please call to arrange appointment. 433-4257

508 Help Wanted Domestic

LOVING PERSON NEEDED To care for 3 & 7 year old girls & do light housekeeping. Days or live-in. 313-824-8636

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620 Men Seeking Women

ABOVE AVERAGE, white male, 46, cute, sensual, slender, very discrete, educated, non-smoker, seeks similar female for long term occasional exciting relationship. #45061

ACHY, Breaky Heart 45, 5'9", broad shoulders, not rich, no dependents, working blue jeans type, seeking single white female 35-45, medium build, for relationship. #45806

ACTIVE, educated, genuine, sincere, single white male, 27, 5'10", 180 lbs, who enjoys a blast! 5'8", 130 seeks physically fit outgoing, employed white female 24-28. #45310

AFFECTIONATE nice-looking single white professional male, 55, 5'8", enjoys golf, biking, movies, dining out, non-smoker, seeks similar female 42-50, for friendship or possible relationship. #44801

AN EXECUTIVE white male, 48, 6'1", kind, caring, affluent & attractive seeks a discreet female companion, age 30-45, for a fun relationship. #45963

Are you sick of Winter? This handsome, masculine, gentle, white, flannel & jeans, non-smoker or drinker, blue-eyed, 6'3", 200lb divorced male of 34 is seeking single or divorced, white, feminine, trim & attractive woman, 25-35, who enjoys dancing, music, conversation, movies, dining out. Spring is almost here! #45191

ARTICULATE professional, 42, loves to talk, express feelings. There is a short-hair white male, 5'8", 130 well built lbs. Seeking comparable interests and statistics. #45124

ASTUTE white male, 45, 5'11", (tall white male) seeks Kim Basinger types, girl (trim, free, to travel) for at least 90m weeks. All answered. #45229

ATOMIC fireball, sweet & spicy, very cute, single white male, weight after, 33, 190, 6', educated, professional, seeks nice looking, single white female, 25-40, to wine, dine, date, dance & whatever! Relationship? You bet! #45131

ATTRACTIVE caring single white male 52, 6'1", 175 lbs, seeks nice female with traditional values, various interests seeks slim attractive single white female mid 30-40's living in Plymouth/Canton area. #45279

ATTRACTIVE Divorced white male, 40's, seeking attractive, single, white female non smoker for companionship, romantic evening, maybe love. #44012

ATTRACTIVE divorced white male, 34, 6'4", 210 lbs seeks tall female, physically fit for friendship and life adventures. #45273

ATTRACTIVE male, 24, blue collar professional, 6'2", 210 lbs, seeks nice female for relationship, possibly long term relationship. Likes bowling, biking, movies, etc. #45187

ATTRACTIVE professional SWM, 52, 5'7", seeks attractive, physically fit SWF, age 21-24 who is outgoing & Christian. I enjoy movies, concerts, weightlifting, sports. Respond if you have similar interests. #45290

ATTRACTIVE single white professional male, 30, new to area, seeks attractive single white female, 23-35. Enjoys sports, dining & quiet evenings. Ready for fun. #45601

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE white male, 29, enjoys sports, movies, parties, having fun, seeking single white female, age 24-34, for friendship, possible relationship. #45953

ATTRACTIVE SWM professional, 52, 5'8", 150 lbs, enjoys sports, movies, photography, cars, home cooking. Seeks slim & attractive, family oriented female. #45257

BRIGHT - degreed, divorced white male, 42, 5'10", 185#, sincerely seeks non-smoker, non-drinker employed, single white female for friendship, passion, trust & togetherness. #45211

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AVAILABLE tall slim, good looking, clean-cut, 27, professionally employed, Likes golf & cooking. Want to meet 35-45 lady special. Only need 1 mature woman. #45644

FUNNY, SINGLE, white male, 23, 5'11", professionally employed, & being romantic. Looking for a professional, long-term partner with a positive attitude. #44008

GOOD Looking Jewish white male, 32, 5'8", 175lbs, non-smoker & no dependents seeking white physically fit attractive lady, 22-31. No dependents. #44010

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DIVORCED white male, professional, 52, 5'10", 195 lbs, honest, caring, n/a, n/d with various interests seeks female for companionship leading to relationship. #45018

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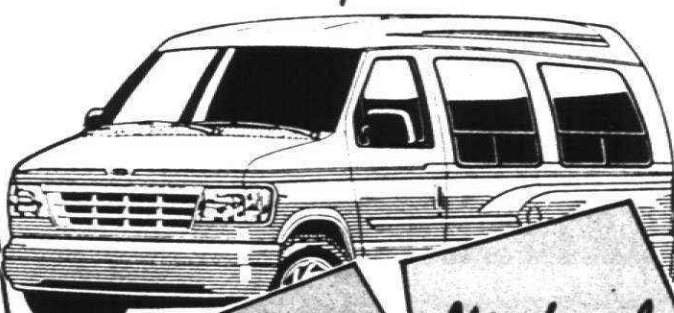
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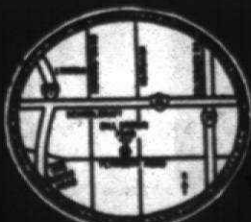
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