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Is this cluster's last stand?



Canton Township has banned developers from building single-family or site condominiums because of concern about open space and how that plays with the goal of having more expensive housing and larger lots.

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's official. Developers — at least for now — can no longer build single-family or site condominiums under Canton Township's cluster housing option. At the recommendation of the Canton

Planning Commission, the township board has deleted those items from zoning ordinances.

"The cluster provision was viewed as an option developers would use. It's our view it's become the preferred method of development," said Tom Yack, township supervisor.

But township officials say this isn't a moratorium on building because developers can still build platted single-family subdivisions or site condominiums. They just can't be clusters.

Township officials also aren't using the word "temporary" for these changes. But they are considered short-term as the cluster option is studied, as well as what officials want for the future of residential development in the area.

"There's a pretty firm understanding of what we want to do already," said Aaron Machnik, township municipal services director. "We're tak-

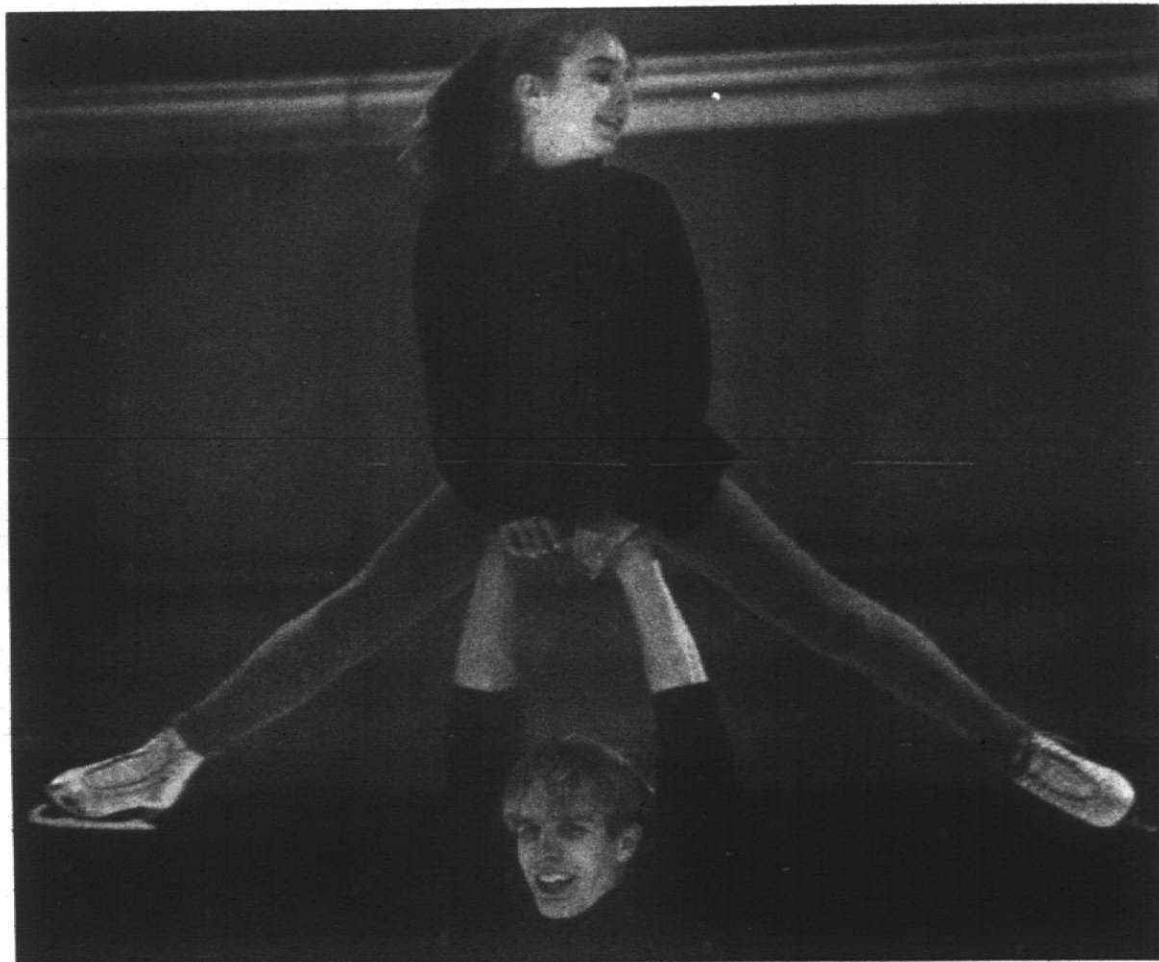
ing bits and pieces from other communities in the surrounding area. We're taking what we like and discarding what we don't like."

While deleting the cluster option from zoning ordinances, township officials also added a provision prohibiting cluster single-family detached or single-family site condominiums in residential zones.

Township officials are concerned about open space and how that plays with the goal of having more expensive housing and larger lots.

See CLUSTER, 2A

Pairs skaters have Olympic dreams



By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Precision and intensity are what you see etched on Emily Pirronello's face as she glides across the ice.

"Someday I would like to make it to the Olympics," said the 13-year-old Canton resident. "It's basically a dream. You just have to keep working harder and harder."

Pirronello and her partner, Brent Echols, 21, of Rochester, recently nabbed a second place in pairs skating at the Midwestern Sectionals in Rockford, Ill. Before that, the pair placed second overall and received silver medals at the United States Figure Skating Association's regional competition in Fraser.

Last year, Pirronello and Echols went to the national competition and placed second overall at the novice pairs level. Soon they will head to Phoenix for this season's national competition, Jan. 7-14.

The pair skate to choreographed routines based on chosen music, which ranges from light-hearted to dramatic. "They have an upbeat style, an exciting style," said Carol Germain, public relations chairwoman of the Garden City Figure Skating Club, of which Pirronello is a member.

Maintaining the skill and the competitive edge is no easy task. In addition to school at Lowell Middle School and life in general, Pirronello has to practice and keep practicing. It's just a part of her life; a large part.

"It doesn't really bother me," Pirronello said of the things she often doesn't have time for in her teenage life, such as hanging out with friends.

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An award-winning pair: Emily Pirronello and her skating partner, Brent Echols, 21, of Rochester, practice a few weeks before they are scheduled for the United States Figure Skating Association's national competition in Phoenix Jan. 7-14.

SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mayflower Hotel goes into receivership

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Mayflower Hotel's owners now have a deadline to pay off creditors, or lose the landmark Plymouth hotel.

By an agreement between the Mayflower owners and the hotel mortgage holder, the hotel is now in receivership. The owners — Creon Smith and two sons of hotel founder Ralph Lorenz — have six months to pay \$1.5 million in debts, or likely lose the property to the mortgage holder, Heritage Federal Savings Bank.

Still, general manager Randall Lorenz said Tuesday, "We're extremely confident" that the needed capital can be raised.

Following the creation of the receivership approved by Wayne

■ Co-owner Randall Lorenz stressed that the hotel and restaurants will remain open. The Round Table Club and Mayflower Meeting House, under a different company, are totally unaffected. The hotel has six months to solve its financial problems.

County circuit Judge Paul Teranes Dec. 21, longtime hotel co-manager Smith resigned Dec. 23.

That surprised some members of the community, as Smith has been long associated with management of the hotel, and could be spotted nearly any day on the property tending to some detail of the Mayflower's operation.

In a statement explaining the turn of events, Lorenz wrote, "Don't give up the ship!"

"My orders come from a man who loved the Plymouth community and Mayflower equally. That man was Ralph Lorenz.

"With that in mind, I have assumed the title of general manager, while Creon's full-time responsibili-

ties will be exerted to raise venture capital . . . Creon has long been considered family."

Smith could not be reached for comment on the change.

Lorenz said that the three co-owners of the hotel — himself, brother Scott Lorenz and Smith — "have the exclusive right to redeem the hotel from the receiver."

"We will leave no stone unturned in our endeavor. Our mission can be accomplished in less than six months."

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See MAYFLOWER, 2A

Author recalls Hoffa encounter

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Moviegoers are having an encounter with Jimmy Hoffa, whose story is the subject of a popular film.

But one Plymouth man can recall the time he bumped into the former Teamsters union leader — literally.

Jack Bologna of Plymouth, as a then investigator with the U.S. Department of Justice, drew the job of doing an audit of Hoffa's union local in Detroit in 1961.

"He was a rather power-driven man, he wasn't necessarily motivated by a need for money or wealth, he felt he was doing a great service for his members," Bologna said.

Bologna, a professor at Sienna Heights College in Adrian and owner of Computer Protection Services in Plymouth, has just completed his sixth and seventh textbooks for accountants on the topic of corporate fraud.

Bologna first met Hoffa while doing an audit of the union local's books.

"He was running from the first floor to the second, taking two steps at a time," Bologna recalled.

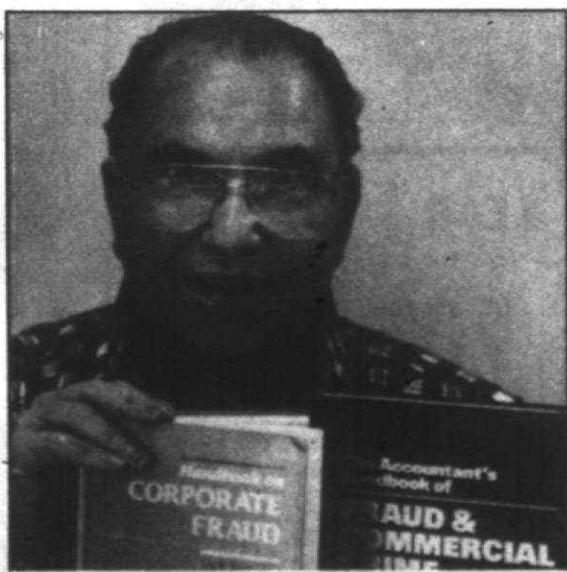
"I was coming down the stairs, and he was talking to somebody behind him, and there was a collision," Bologna said.

"The problem was to gain national power he made his own deal with the devil so to speak (with organized crime), and that wasn't above him."

During the investigation, Bologna recalled, the Teamsters "hired private eyes to follow us to lunch every day. They were trying to get almost anything that could have been used against potential witnesses against him," he said.

Bologna recalled Hoffa as being cocky, and not impressed with "dumb cops."

See BOOKS, 2A



Jack Bologna

SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Landscaping township hall



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tree plantings: John Lane (left) and Aldocho Ochoa of Bedard Shade Tree Co., New Hudson, plant trees along the boulevard off Canton Center Road leading to the Canton administrative offices. Locust trees were removed and replanted in Heritage Park to make way for new trees. "We picked up the library's theme of trees on both sides of the road," township supervisor Tom Yack said. "We're trying to bring the township property to the same level as the development occurring around us." Money for plantings came from the township beautification budget.

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company. "are totally unaffected," he said.

Lorenz declined to detail how Smith would seek to raise money to get the hotel out of receivership. Yet, he said private investors would be sought, adding that raising stock was "a possibility."

"It's going to be a full-time task for someone to raise the venture capital," Lorenz continued, on Smith's departure from the company's general manager job.

"I'll do the best I can to take over his (Smith's) responsibilities and bring on whatever assistance is needed to help fill his shoes in

the interim," Lorenz said.

The change in the hotel's status, from being under Chapter 11 bankruptcy to receivership, will not cause layoffs "or changes to the existing pay scale or benefits" of employees, Lorenz said.

Might the hotel owners seek investors from out-state? "We have a strong following and group of friends right here," Lorenz responded.

The receiver now running the hotel is Ron Wilson, of Hotel Management Services of Bloomfield Hills.

Cluster from page 1A

While some of the cluster developments have been considered good, others, according to township officials, have not.

"These efforts have been rewarded in numerous instances; many of the newer subdivisions offer high-quality, spacious homes on larger lots. However, not all of the new development projects meet the township's standards for quality living space," according to a township report.

The cluster option was intended to allow developers creativity with their projects on land that boasted wooded areas, creeks, creek beds and flood plains, for example.

Instead of cutting down wooded areas, developers could preserve those areas and build a certain density — that would have otherwise gone in the wooded area — on the rest of their development. While it called for increased density, the cluster option also allowed protection of open space.

As development hit the township in a big way, however, more and more developers were taking the option when there were no natural amenities to protect, officials said.

Developer Richard Lewiston told trustees that the new 106-acre, 180-house project, Royal Pointe, bounded by Hanford, Warren and Beck, would meet the intention of the cluster option. "I think it will be what the ordinance intended it to be," Lewiston added.

■ The cluster provision was viewed as an option developers would use.

Tom Yack
township supervisor

Yack said the township has no legal leg to stand on to deter developers' plans because the problem is in the language of the cluster option, which is something that will be studied.

"If for some reason we find we have a complex issue, we would hire a consultant," Machnik said.

Examples of cluster option developments in Canton are plenty, including Glenary 1, 2, and 3, along Canton Center Road. Fox Run along Beck Road is another. Of 35 new and proposed residential developments, 13 fall into the cluster option.

With cluster site condominiums, development moves faster because there is no need to plat a subdivision. That means developers don't need to appear before the planning commission more than once before approval of the site plan. Township officials admit they would like more than the one review.

There's also some concern that potential buyers of site condominiums aren't too sure about what they are getting into and what portion of the property they do and don't own, planning officials said.

Books from page 1A

The auditors found that eight or 10 of Hoffa's underlings had embezzled union funds, and they were indicted — but not Hoffa.

Bologna's work as an auditor-investigator with the justice department and Internal Revenue Service, and his work with his present company provided some of the background for his textbooks.

The most recent are "Handbook on Corporate Fraud" and "The Accountant's Handbook of Fraud and Commercial Crime." The latter work is co-authored with Robert Lindquist and Joseph Wells.

Employees are moved to commit corporate fraud for four basic reasons: economics, greed or need; ideology, trying to get even or get what they feel they deserve; ego. "They're out to prove to the world they're smart people," or by compulsion or obsession.

Many companies, Bologna said, "are not doing enough in terms of tightening internal controls."

No one employee, for example, should be allowed to control both accounting records and company funds. "You're headed for trouble," he said.

At least two or three of Bologna's textbooks can be found in college libraries throughout the state.

He's currently negotiating with his publisher on the printing of a completed eighth book on information technologies.

Bologna recalled one weekend in the mid-80s when he knocked off a spy novel, which pits factions of the CIA against one another. It hasn't been published.

"I would like to at some point re-do that spy book," he said.

Carpet store to be built on Ford Rd.

New York Carpet World is coming to Canton.

A 43,000-square-foot center on Ford Road west of Builder's Square has been approved by the Canton Board of Trustees.

About 10,000 square feet of the center will be leased by New York Carpet World and the remaining lease space will be available to a variety of commercial operations.

The center will be developed on 2.8 acres of land. The project applicant, Carmen Naccarato, said the building design will tie into the architectural look of Builder's Square and Olive Garden restaurant.

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Firefighters, other employees jump into fitness

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It happens to everyone. You start out fit and trim. And then you get comfortable.

"The fire service has always been physically fit oriented," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "But we're probably the most fit when we come on the job. As time goes on, we're less fit."

That's one of the reasons a handful of the firefighters got together, formed a committee, and are now encouraging physical fitness among the ranks.

Besides improving employees' general well-being, fitness among firefighters and other township employees is expected to reduce on-the-job injuries, sick time, and other employee costs.

"The feeling is that while there's no direct relationship, our feeling is that by doing these things with a fairly young work force, it will in the long run reduce sickness and insurance costs of employees and will cost taxpayers less," said Dan Durack, director of township ad-

ministrative services.

The fire department committee is developing a health-related program that is expected to involve providing articles about health and fitness, a speakers bureau to inform firefighters and a couple new treadmills — free weights are already in place at one of the two stations — for a workout.

Treadmills are considered the best equipment because firefighters who use it will receive an aerobic workout that's good for the entire body, including the cardiovascular system. Treadmills are believed to increase a person's stamina and endurance, Rorabacher said.

"A lot of firefighters' injuries are strains and sprains," Rorabacher said.

Surveys show that there are more than 40,000 firefighter injuries nationwide annually. About 40 percent of that are sprains and strains.

It's also believed that healthier people suffer less from physical and mental exhaustion. And there's no doubt firefighting can

be exhausting. Pulling a 200-pound fire hose — without water — is no easy task.

"Our objective here is pretty simple and selfish. We want people to be in better shape and so the department runs smoothly," said Rorabacher, who says he's betting sick time and injuries will be reduced.

There's plans for more equipment if money is available. Meanwhile, the use of the treadmills will be evaluated. "We'll see how often they are used. If there is a big demand, we could justify getting more," Rorabacher said.

Physical fitness isn't just a fire department effort. Other township employees are into it as well. A weight loss program that involves employees forming competitive teams has been in place, as well as walking programs. Employees are not allowed to smoke in public buildings or in township vehicles.

Township officials are now applying for a grant to conduct a health initiative wellness program that will include health

risk appraisals for employees. Through such a program, employees can identify their health risks and do something about it, said Dave Medley, township personnel analyst.

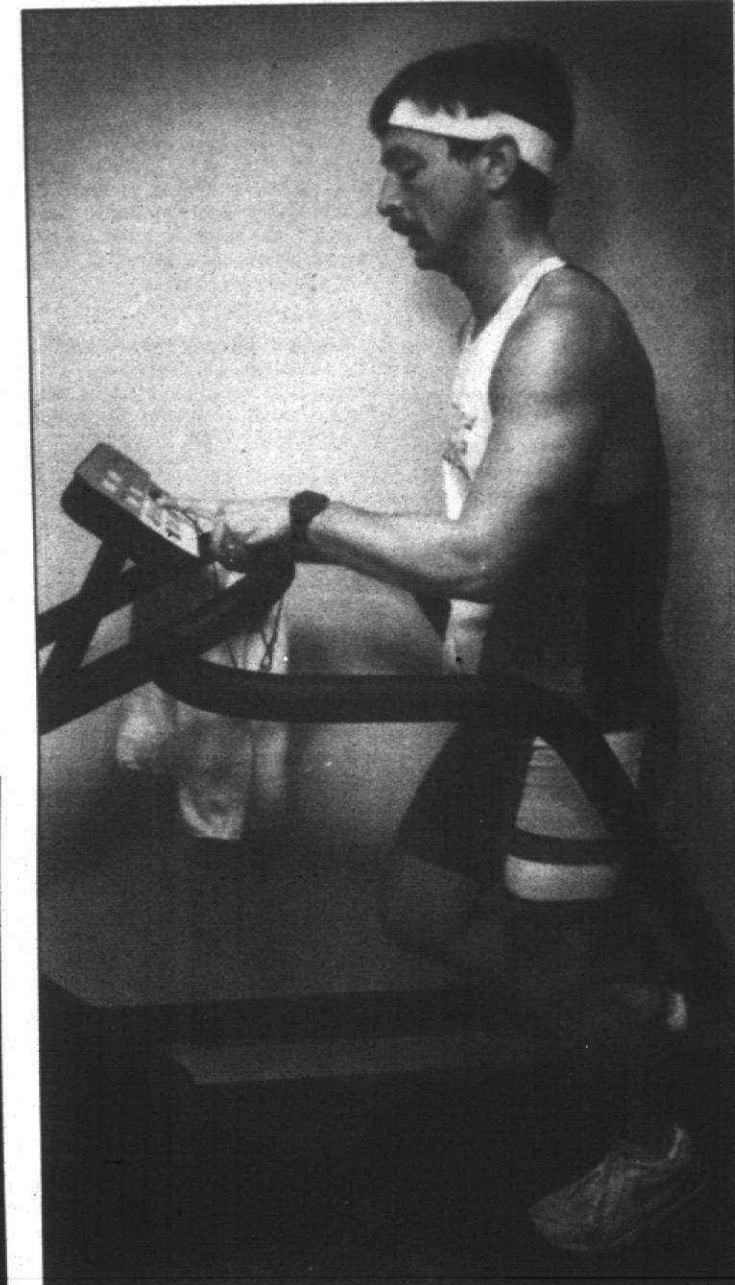
"It would be nice if these things reduced insurance costs. I think you could see some positive effects in the long range. There could be a reduction of work-related injuries, sick time and use of the employee assistance plans," Medley said.

A program is expected to be in place by May 1993 that will involve health and fitness, weight loss and health risk appraisals. Though programs are volunteer, incentives will be provided, Medley said.

The fire department committee is also considering incentives, such as a free workout uniform or gym bag if firefighters perform at a certain fitness level.

The committee is also exploring the idea of making physical fitness a part of the department's continuing training program.

"We're hoping to reach a ma-



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Running for life: Canton firefighter Ken Arble works out on one of the department's two new treadmills. The equipment was bought as part of an effort to improve health and fitness among firefighters.

Toning up: Canton firefighter Ken Arble lifts 70 pounds while working out in the fire station.

Band leaves



Bowl bound: Heidi Nurnberger, left, and Melissa Davis, right, wave as they depart for the Fiesta Bowl along with the Centennial Education Park Marching Band. The band will perform during half-time at the bowl game to be played on Thursday in Arizona.

Citizens groups debating fence for Miller Woods

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

To fence or not to fence, that is the question. Two citizens' groups are at odds over whether a 4-foot chain link fence should be put up to protect Miller Woods, a climax maple and beech forest in western Plymouth Township.

Emily Kennitz described Miller Woods as a very special forest that exists in much the same condition it did before people settled here.

"It's an outdoor laboratory. It's very valuable, and it's being abused. People who watch over it feel the abuse is more frequent," she said.

People illegally walk their dogs in the woods, and the concentration of feces and urine harms the wildflowers along the wood-chip trail, Kennitz said. Also doing damage are off-road vehicles,

bikes and loose dogs, she added.

Kennitz said the Friends of Miller Woods are slated to build the Kiwanis Club offered to build a fence. Fences have proven effective in other communities with prized forests.

"We've researched it to see what can be done, and we found a fence helps a great deal," she said.

Barbara Korte said the deed restrictions in the surrounding neighborhoods bar fences. "To put a chain link fence up around the woods seems incongruous," said Korte, who would support a more aesthetically pleasing fence. "Also, the Americans with Disabilities Act requires a gate large enough for a wheelchair. So I'm not sure a fence would curtail the bikes and off-road vehicles."

A fence would limit police and fire access as well, she said.

Korte said 128 neighbors have expressed their opposition to the idea. They favor a three-foot post-and-rail fence. That would set aside the area as a special place and it wouldn't be quite as obtrusive.

While Korte and Kennitz agree the community should accept Detroit Edison's offer to use for parking a lot it owns just east of the woods, they disagree on the effectiveness of a post-and-rail fence. "We don't feel it would stop dogs; we don't feel it would stop very much," said Kennitz.

Kennitz added that the chain-link fence has received fire department approval. "Keys for the handicapped gate could be made available at school. There are an awful lot of roots that keep wheelchairs from going along the path, anyway," Kennitz said.

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OBITUARIES

HERMAN F. BORCHERTS

Services for Herman F. Borcherts, 91, of Plymouth and Florida were Monday, Dec. 28, at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Borcherts was born Nov. 22, 1901, in Wilhelmshaven, Germany. He died Wednesday, Dec. 23, in Plymouth. He retired from the Cadillac division of General Motors Corp. in 1966, having served 45 years with Cadillac. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Florida and the Elks Club in Englewood, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes Borcherts of Plymouth and Florida; one daughter, Carol Borcherts of Plymouth; two sons, Robert Borcherts of Ann Arbor and Frederick Borcherts of Northville; and four grandchildren. The Rev. Dwight D. Forshee, of Hospice of Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, officiated the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108.

RICHARD D. OSTYN

Services for Richard D. Ostyn, 44, of Canton were Saturday, Dec. 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. He died Wednesday, Dec. 23.

He is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Ostyn and Sydney Ostyn of Canton; three sisters, Jeanette Vanhouten, Yvonne Williams and Rene Ostyn; and four brothers, Henry Ostyn, Ray Ostyn, Joe Ostyn and George Ostyn. The Rev. Ray Bucon officiated.

the service. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

LLOYD D. COURTNEY

Services for Lloyd D. Courtney, 67, of Plymouth were Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was at Barrie Union Cemetery, Ontario, Canada.

He was born June 9, 1925, in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada. He died Saturday, Dec. 26, in Livonia.

Mr. Courtney came to Plymouth 10 years ago from Livonia. He attended high school in Barrie, Ontario. He retired 10 years ago. He was a residential builder and Realtor in the Plymouth/Livonia community. He was a member of the Plymouth Stamp Club and was formerly active in the Canadian Legion. He served in the Canadian Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Courtney is survived by two sons, James A. Courtney of Plymouth and Douglas C. Courtney of Northville; six grandchildren; four sisters; and one brother.

The Rev. Robert Miller officiated the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

WILLIAM K. WINANS

Services for William K. Winans, 60, of Ellenton, Fla., previously of Canton, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton.

He was born in Union Town-

ship, Pa., and died Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Bradenton, Fla. He came to Florida from Canton five years ago. He was a retired railroad superintendent for Ford Motor Co. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Winans is survived by his wife, Hilda Winans of Ellenton; two daughters, Diana Gorley of Canton and Jean Pepinski of Canton; two sons, Daniel Winans of Northville and Kenneth D. Winans of Bradenton; three brothers, Lawrence Winans Jr. of Shickshinny, Pa., Richard of Sparks, Nev., and Donald Winans of Herndon, Va.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to the local heart association or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Toole Brothers' Trust 100 West Chapel in Bradenton.

JONATHAN S. ROADES

Services for Jonathan S. Roades, infant, of Plymouth were Tuesday, Dec. 22, at United Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

He was born and died Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Grace Hospital in Detroit.

He is survived by his parents, Ricky L. Roades of Plymouth and Lynn R. Roades of Plymouth; one brother, Garrett Roades of Plymouth; grandmother, Margaret Wosika of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandparents, Ken Smith of Oklahoma City and Wana Smith of Oklahoma City and several aunts and uncles.

The Rev. Jack Williams officiated the service. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Train show on this weekend

Plymouth Yard Hobbies and Gifts which caters to model train enthusiasts presents its annual Toy Train Show in Taylor this weekend.

Show hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Sheridan Community Center, 12111 Par-

dee. Admission is \$3 per person and \$1 for kids under 12 with an adult.

The show features more than 200 dealer tables of new, used and antique toy trains for sale. There will be dealers from Michigan and four surrounding states. Refreshments will also be available.

There will also be an operating train display featuring a special Lionel Trains "O" gauge layout more than 100 feet long.

MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Nancy C. Pennington, Plymouth/Canton Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

■ **PVT. NOELLE E. ORTIZ** has completed basic training in Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Ortiz is the daughter of Edwin R. and Katherine J. Ortiz of Canton.

■ **SECOND LT. DOUGLAS T. SOHO**, son of Walter and Nancy Soho of Plymouth, received his pilot wings at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. He was recognized as the top contact pilot, top formation pilot and received the commander's trophy for graduating number one in his class. He will be stationed in Charleston, S.C., as a pilot on a C-141. Soho is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

■ **MARINE PFC. TODD A. ROTH**, a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, reported for duty with Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Fla. He joined the Marine Corps in March 1992.

■ **NAVY CONSTRUCTIONMAN RECRUIT MICHAEL S. LOVELAND**, son of Basil W. Loveland of Canton, completed the Navy's Builders Course. The 1991 graduate of Stevenson High School, Sterling Heights, joined the Navy in April 1992.

■ **MARINE LANCE CPL. NATHANIAL J. SECONSKY**, son of Susan K. Tiliski of Plymouth, reported for duty with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1990.

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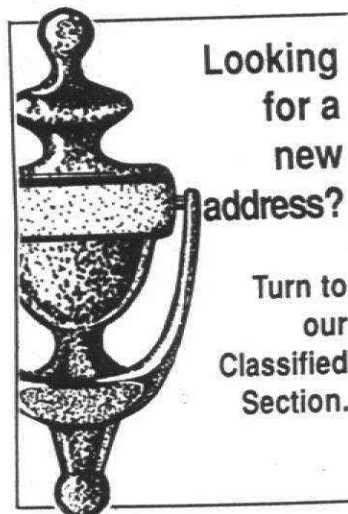
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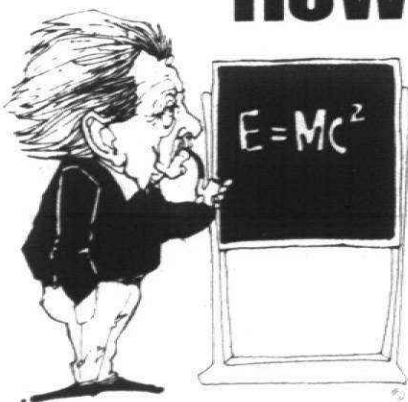
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Metroparks from page 5A

picnicking, hiking, swimming, boating, canoeing, fishing and golf.

State makes grant

Plans for '93 are built around a \$750,000 grant from the state bond issue called "Protecting Michigan's Future," said HCMA information officer David Moilanen. Voters approved the bonds in 1988.

Between that grant, HCMA's

own revenues and previous capital expenditures, here are the expected results:
■ **Lake Erie Metropark** — a wild-fowlers' museum and interpretive center, for which ground was broken in fall. The site is adjacent to one of the most popular duck hunting areas in the state. Work also will be finished on a boat launch — paving the parking lot, completing sewers and navigation lights.

■ **Willow**, in southern Wayne County along the lower Huron — continued development of 17-acre Washago Pond for peddle boats, fishing and ice skating; also completion of a 4.5 mile bikehike trail.

■ **Kensington** — state reimbursement for doubling of the size of the nature center at the most popular of the 13 parks.

Improvements

Major maintenance will cost \$1.77 million in 1993.

Popular bicycle trails at Kensington, Stony Creek and Hudson Mills will be widened to 10 feet from the current eight feet. Some of the other improvements:

■ **Kensington** — two redeveloped toll plazas and a new comfort station for the Baywoods picnic area.
■ **Stony Creek** — an inpark road

and bridge from the main park area to the nature center at the north end. Currently visitors must make a circuitous drive outside the park to get to the nature center.

■ **Lake Erie** — golf course parking lot, boardwalks, bridges and cart paths.

■ **Huron Meadows**, south of Brighton — improvements to Maltby Road; more picnic areas will be developed for future years.

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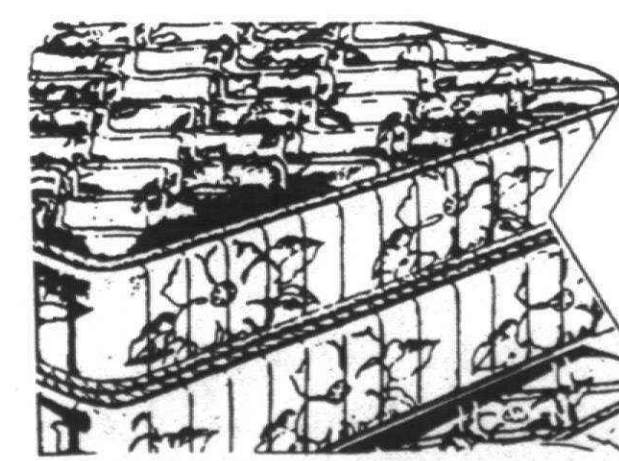
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1992

AROUND
CANTON

Chamber dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Fifth Annual Dinner Auction is scheduled for 6 p.m., Jan. 30, at Fellows Creek Golf Course Clubhouse. This year's theme, "Get Lucky," will be accompanied by a casino decor for the event, which is the chamber's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Proceeds will be used to finance operating expenses, scholarships, building fund and community events, such as the recent Santa Comes to Canton.

This year, each guest is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Salvation Army "food closet" of Plymouth-Canton. The Salvation Army keeps a "food closet" year-round to help area families in need.

"This is a great program, especially since many charitable organizations are forgotten about after the holiday season," said Thomas Adamusik, chamber auction committee chairman.

The chamber is looking for items to auction. The donation of merchandise gift certificates or cash to purchase larger items is needed. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged before and during the event.

Cash donations of \$200 or more will receive special recognition, two free dinner-auction reservations, and will be included in a sponsorship drawing.

Participants can look forward to bidding on a variety of genuine jewels. Some of the donations to be auctioned are rounds of golf, a canoe, \$500 worth of cable advertising and sports tickets.

If you wish to donate or attend the dinner-auction, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 313-453-4040.

Holiday hours

Don't forget that Canton Administration Building will be closed for business in observance of the New Year's holidays. Offices will be closed today, Dec., 31, and Friday, Jan. 1. The treasurer's office, however, will be open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., today to accept 1992 property tax payments only.

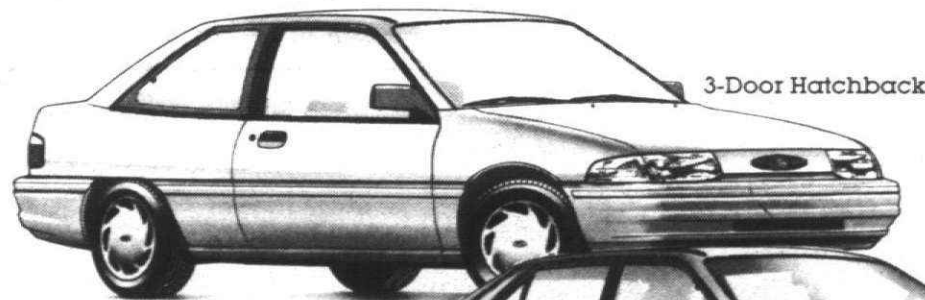


Best wishes: The editorial staff of the Canton Observer sends best wishes to our readers this holiday season. Staffers are, first row, Marilyn Fitchett, assistant managing editor (left); Ralph Echlinaw, county reporter; Nancy Pennington, receptionist; Julie Brown, suburban life reporter; Mary Beth Dillon, reporter. Second row, Joanne Maliszewski, reporter; Sharon LeMieux, photographer; Sandra Armbruster, editorial page editor. Third row, Barry Jensen, assistant copy desk supervisor; Jeff Counts, Canton editor; Sue Mason, Wayne County Suburban Life editor; Kevin Brown, reporter; Jim Ritz, copy editor; Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor/copy desk; Beth Sundrla, copy editor; Matt Jachman copy editor; Bob Sklar, assistant managing editor/special projects.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

SPECIAL EVENTS

"CINDERELLA"
The Plymouth Branch of the AAUW will present a play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21-22, and at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets available at all Plymouth Canton Elementary schools on Jan. 12 and 13. Beginning Sunday, Jan. 17, tickets available at the Rainbow Shop at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Roads. 455-7153.

SEMINARS
The City of Plymouth will sponsor two free seminars at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Road. The advantages of a living trust will be discussed 1-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25; protecting assets from the high cost of nursing home care will be presented 1-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1. 455-6623.

AUDITIONS
Plymouth Community Chorus announces auditions for all voice parts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, on North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road. 455-4080.

SPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
The City of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department needs one more team to fill its Adult League. Games will be played on Monday nights at Central Middle School. Call Tom Willette, 455-6620.

GIRLS SOCCER
The Canton Cruisers team, which plays in the Under 14 Division of the Little Caesars Soccer League, needs good players for the spring 1993 season. If interested, and if birth date is on or after Aug. 1, 1978, call coach Carl Brey, 453-5547.

CLASS TIME

DOWNHILL SKIING
City of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department offers lessons for adults and children over 8 years of age. Lessons begin Jan. 4 at Riverview Highlands Ski Area. 455-6620.

MUSIC LESSONS
Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor a six-week Fun with Music for all age groups at Arnold Williams Music beginning Jan. 11. Hands-on playing experience using the latest in digital piano technology. Call 453-6586 or sign up directly with the music store, located at 5701 Canton Center Road in Canton.

STORY TIME
Register with Plymouth District Library for story time for toddlers or preschoolers. 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
Winter programs include Stop Smoking/Weight Control Clinic, 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 8; Bridge for Beginners, six weeks, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Jan. 12; Driver's Education, Jan. 12-26; and "V" Super Sitters, Jan. 12 to March 2. 453-2904.

CHILD BIRTH
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association offers classes, 459-7477. Livonia Childbirth, call 937-0665.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

BLOOD PRESSURE
Family Home Care offers free screening the first Monday of each month. Next screening is 1-5 p.m. Jan. 4 at Beyer Drugs, 480 N. Main Street, Plymouth.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED
Radio reading information service is available, free of charge, for blind and visually impaired listeners. Call Detroit Radio Information Service (DRIS), WDET-FM at (313) 577-4146.

ADULT CARE
Foster care is needed for adults with mental retardation. Call 455-8880 in Wayne County.

WALKERS
Group walks are 10 a.m. Monday-Friday in the Community Room at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren in Canton, 455-9042.

EDUCATION

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

FREE CLASSES
IBM training and GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 451-6555.

VOLUNTEERS

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER
Volunteers are needed for typing and stuffing of envelopes, labeling and sorting of mailings, telephoning and photocopying. 453-1540.

ALZHEIMER'S
Volunteers are needed to assist with Adult Day Care Program for people with memory impairment, 557-8277.

MEAL DELIVERY
Volunteers needed to package or deliver meals to homebound seniors living in the Plymouth-Canton community, 326-4444.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Focus:HOPE provides food to eligible Canton senior citizens at the Canton Recreation Center, 397-1000 Ext. 278.

HEALTH CARE
Volunteers needed at the Plymouth Arbor Health Building Urgent Care, and McAuley Health Building, Canton, 572-4159.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
Volunteers needed, 453-2904.

SENIOR CITIZENS

SENIOR ALLIANCE
Seniors needing help with outdoor chores may call the Senior Chore Referral Program at 722-2830.

HEALTH CARE
Speakers on long-term health care and Medicare are available. Call Patty Jamison at 455-0510.

HOSPICE SPEAKERS
Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations, 522-4244.

CLASSES
Canton Recreation Center, 397-5446.

CLUB CALL

THREE CITIES ART
Club meets 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. An art video and business meeting will be held. Guests welcome. Call Sue Agrofio, president, 422-8106.

60 PLUS CLUB
Potluck luncheon is noon Monday, Jan. 4, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth. Bring your own service. Mr. Joseph Yanuke of Toastmasters International will speak on "The Magic of Humor."

TOPS WEIGHT LOSS
Group will have an open house at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton. Call Pat Gabrault, 454-1319.

CANTON NEWCOMERS
General meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Sunflower Village Association, 45800 Hanford Road. 981-3808 or 453-8720.

WOMAN'S CLUB
Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Plymouth Historical Museum. "The Changing Role of Women in the Nineteenth Century" will be presented by Museum Director Beth Stewart. Includes tour of museum.

UNITED WAY
The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Administration Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth. Four Board members and four officers will be elected. Public invited. 453-6879.

VFW CANTON POST
Post No. 6967 will meet at 8 p.m. every first Monday of the month at Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street in Plymouth. New residents being transferred from other posts will be welcomed. 397-2444 or 459-8027.

ADULT RECOVERY
Chemical Dependency Outpatient Program provides therapy for adults at Straight Inc., 42320 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call 453-2610.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Oral Majority meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Deney's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Call Ken Morley, 277-2709 (evenings).

PLYMOUTH PIECEMAKERS
Meetings are 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. Call 455-3838.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Canton Club meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday each month at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. 397-0545.

WOOLGATHERERS
Knitting Guild meets 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month in the Salvation Army building at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth Township. Call Karen Rumpert at 420-4022.

STAMP CLUB
West Suburban Stamp Club meets 8 p.m. the first and third Friday of the month at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

SELF-HELP
Families Anonymous meets 7-9 p.m. Sundays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton. 397-8595.

TOUGH LOVE
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Teacher to represent U.S. at autism conference

By M.B. DILLON

Colleen Presley of Plymouth has been selected as one of three people to represent the United States at an international conference on autism in Paris, France later this month.

Presley, a teacher at Garden City's Burger School, the nation's largest school for the autistic, serves on Gov. Engler's Michigan Partnership for New Education. She was named Teacher of the Year by the Wayne County Autistic Society in 1989.

Also presenting at the conference—to be attended by educational professionals from Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Caribbean nations—will be Dorothy Estelle of Ann Arbor. School psychologist at Burger, Estelle is in her 32nd year with Garden City Public Schools.

Conference-goers likely will be astonished when Presley and Estelle describe Burger—a school that appears much like any other, bustling with activity and alive with the voices of animated students.

Throughout much of the rest of the world, students with the neurological disorder of autism are institutionalized.

What makes the honor of representing the U.S. especially gratifying for Presley and Estelle



Creation station: Colleen Presley of Plymouth, a teacher at Burger School for the autistic, and student Jasmine Knighton admire the manger scene made by Brian Kietlyka (center).

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Dark Age

Economy dominates year

The year 1992 served as the embodiment of the old adage "darkest before the dawn."

Michigan was in the throes of a recession it had suffered for three years. Voters looked to Lansing and to Washington, D.C. to find Santa and instead often were met by the Grinch.

While the economy dominated 1992 in this area, it wasn't a jobs-only issue. Readers were troubled by homelessness, the decline of Detroit and the state's financial plight.

Here were some of the issues that dominated 1992.



ENGLE
 Gov. John Engler was in the forefront most of the year, though he may have wanted to be a little less visible.

■ We backed a proposal to pump more money to fix state roads, which are crumbling around us. Engler opposed an increase in the gas tax, though Michigan has a lower gas tax than all but one Midwestern state and ranks 43rd in per capita spending on roads. More fuel efficient cars reduced money to the road fund, compounding the need for more revenue.

■ With cuts in welfare benefits and a growing indifference to mental health care in the tri-county area, the homeless problem increased during 1992. People did their best to donate food and clothing, but that kind of help was a Band-Aid approach. We said the state — which is entrusted with the health, safety and welfare of all its citizens — must root out the problems that contribute to homelessness, such as substance abuse, mental and physical illness, single mothers with young children and job loss.

■ Engler's position as a political force was given a one-two punch in the November election. He headed the Bush re-election campaign in the state and also championed Proposal C, the Cut & Cap tax proposal that would have slashed property taxes for schools and municipalities — with a promise from the state to reimburse funds lost — and also limit future assessment increases.

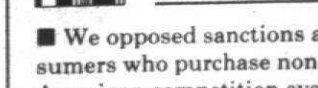
We opposed the two tax cut proposals on the ballot — "Cut & Cap" and another offered by the Legislature — because the result would have been a cut in the quality of life that would have capped Michigan's recovery. We didn't believe that the lost funds could be made up through new revenue growth. Voters, again, wisely said no to both measures. Engler's next move is unknown.



SCHOOLS

■ Most tri-county school districts faced budget woes this spring as the state unveiled its "Robin Hood" plan that took money from wealthy districts and reallocated funds to poorer districts. In addition to forcing cutbacks in the affluent districts, the reallocated money provided little in the way of relief to the poor districts.

■ The Birmingham School District stood fast against a wave of protests from the religious right to remove the mention of homosexuality in the high school health education curriculum. Despite intense pressure, we applauded the Birmingham district for being a model of enlightenment — not only for the students and parents but for other districts.



DETROIT

■ We opposed sanctions against American consumers who purchase non-American cars. The American competition system leaves the choice up to the consumer and the auto companies must learn to compete by offering quality cars that are a good value.

■ Homearama Detroit was an effort we praised because it put the urban area into the spotlight for its potential, rather than its shortcomings. The event featured 20 model homes constructed by 13 builders in a reborn neighborhood on the lower east side of the city. It agreed with our previous stands on urban sprawl: Go back and

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rebuild the core city before paving over what is now farmland or forest. Suburbanites could return and an increasing population could bring increased demands for business, service and retail establishments, reviving the city.

■ The drama of who would buy the Detroit Tigers had a happy ending. Mike Ilitch, owner of the Detroit Red Wings, was the successful bidder. Ilitch has shown an unwavering devotion to Detroit as evidenced by the Fox Theatre renovation, moving his pizza headquarters to Detroit and his promise that the Tigers would stay in Detroit, a stance we favor.



PERSONAL FREEDOMS

■ A conservative mood swept the state, and abortion became a hot topic on several occasions. As the Observer & Eccentric continued its pro-choice stand. One legislative bill proposed to severely limit abortion on demand with an informed consent bill that required physicians to become moralists. The bill required a waiting period plus ordered physicians to explain complications, psychological effects and adoption services. To add to the drama, a photograph of a fetus at the same stage of development had to be shown to the woman.

The next step in that kind of thinking is to show pictures of clogged arteries to diners ordering pizzas.

■ Michigan voters slapped down a proposal by AAA to reduce auto insurance rates, which many suspected was a boon to the insurance industry. The voters nearly missed the right to their say after the Michigan Board of Cancellors denied the auto insurance referendum on the November ballot. The board overstepped its bounds by announcing that voters wouldn't understand the referendum. The state Supreme Court rightly directed the board to put the matter before the voters.

■ Michigan legislators made another attempt to regulate sexually explicit material. We opposed the measure. Sexually explicit material — which was never defined — could not be visible within 1,000 feet of places frequented by minors, according to the failed measure. The entire publication and video world would have been unsure whether it was abiding by the law. That type of uncertainty has no place in the American justice system.



HEALTH

■ The Michigan Legislature, in the waning days of 1992, finally came to its senses, making assisted suicide illegal. While suicide is not a crime in this country, the possibility of the abuses that could result from assisted suicide are staggering. With the right alibi, a person could get away with murder if assisted suicide had been legalized.

■ What could have been a model situation for smoke-free environments in the West Bloomfield schools turned out to be instead an affirmation that smoking rights must be dealt with in labor negotiations. The district tried to ban all smoking in its buildings, but an arbitrator recently told the district that its plan penalized teachers who have always had a smoking lounge. There is now a designated smoking area in school buildings for teachers.

We will watch 1993 carefully for signs that we are coming out of the Dark Age.



ARKIE HUDKINS

LETTERS

Poetry and politics

As one who has pursued both poetry and politics as avocations, I agree with the conclusion of your column regarding Mr. Jim Harrison:

"Politics and poetry are separate realms that must never be coercively melded through ideological intimidation."

Secure in their secular suppositions, politicians pragmatically pursue a majoritarian status through division and demagoguery until they command the coercive machinations of the state needed to implement a societal agenda. Conversely, intimating and experiencing new yearnings within the sweep of our frail, fleeting existence, poets delve the fathomless depths of their souls in search of sublime self-discoveries, which, based upon and confined by universal human longings and limitations, ironically reaffirm our common humanity.

Whenever a politicized pedant injects politics into poetry, ideological dictates not only the artist's creativity, but the universality

of his creation; ultimately, our common bond frays, and we are estranged from our shared humanity.

We are nearly there, at the end of the thread; still, the pedants rant of diversity, which is, in reality, but the pursuit of power through capricious societal classifications that deny the eternal verity of the ancients: "I am a man. Nothing human is alien to me" — unless we become estranged from ourselves.

In conclusion, Mr. Counts, a request of your son: Never slake the thirst for personal discovery with political dogma; and never forsake the passion for poetry because of political pedants.

Thaddeus G. McCotter, Livonia

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State must be competitive

This week is the last of 1992, a good time to reflect on what happened in Michigan over the year and to try to put it all into perspective.

For openers, it's clear that 1992 marked the last phase of the slow-motion process of downsizing that has rippled through the automobile industry since the late 1970s.

Under the long-delayed prodding of an almost unbelievably passive board of directors, General Motors finally bit the bullet and announced plant closings, layoffs, retirement buyouts and pressure on parts suppliers.

GM now has joined Ford and Chrysler in responding to the new reality of an internationally competitive auto market. Though the auto industry is still amazingly bureaucratic and slow to adapt, there is some hope for the future in a steady stream of new, high-quality products and a less arrogant and more experimental management attitude.

Something like 180,000 high-paying manufacturing jobs have now been sweated out of Michigan's labor force. And not surprisingly, this year marked the fall of our per capita income to just about the national average.

Michigan used to be a high-income state, grown wealthy by the good jobs and prosperity of the auto industry. And Michigan used to be a high-tax state, in which our per-capita income levels could afford a rich mixture of state and local governmental services.

No longer. Thanks to tight-fisted Gov. John Engler, Michigan's total tax burden is now about the national average. But as the inconclusive brouhaha over Proposal C ("Cut & Cap") last November indicated, Michigan relies too heavily on the property tax and our voters are unwilling to do anything serious about it.

So what emerged in 1992 was a new sense of the averageness of Michigan — about average in per-capita income and tax burden.

What did not emerge was any serious attempt for a newly-average Michigan to develop a strategy for comparative advantage in an increasingly competitive world.

■ The 1992 performance by Michigan kids on national test scores was mediocre, and neither



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the State Board of Education, nor the governor offered any plausible notions about how to remedy the situation. Michigan is nowhere on the list of states leading the nation in school reform.

■ Michigan's labor force remained only semi-skilled, and neither the governor, nor the private sector offered any compelling ideas about improvement. While job training is one of the hot national topics, you'd have to search hard to find any Michigan success stories.

■ Neither political party seemed interested in developing a strategy for Michigan. Gov. Engler argued that all we needed was a tax cut, while Democrats continued in the mire of special-interest pleadings.

For a state crying out for fresh thinking from our political institutions, 1992 seemed like the year we never got up out of the mire.

Next week: Predictions and hopes for 1993.

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Class teaches bachelor more than proper table manners

When I was in high school, I took a class called "Bachelor Foods." You might think that with a name like that the class would focus on basic nutrition and menu planning tips, such as spaghetti omelets and iced tea should not be consumed for breakfast more than four or five times a week.

This type of useful information was not, however, what I remember most about the class. My most vivid recollections have to do with learning table manners and etiquette.

I remember how strange it seemed to be dealing with such insignificant details like which fork went where, or the proper way to eat soup without slurping. At 17 I could scarcely see the need for such trivialities in my version of bachelorhood. After all, it was 1972 and the value of such formal social graces was on the decline.

Maybe that type of formality isn't really needed in our everyday lives anymore, but it seems to have taken with it many of the elements of basic civility.

Little things like holding a door for someone or apologizing after calling a wrong number are now the exception rather than the rule. More often than not, please and thank you are only offered as an obligatory grunt instead of a true expression of gratitude.

These things, along with countless other civilized deeds, were once called common courtesy. I think it would be safe to drop the "common" out of the phrase without posing any threat to accuracy.

As our attention to social graces slipped, we found convenient replacements like the little yellow smiley-face and the ubiquitous phrase "Have a nice day."

The smiley-face seems to have become an endangered species — an anachronism of the '70s post-hippie culture (this little, jaundiced orb and disco music played major parts in making that decade what it was, but I'll have more on that another time).

"Have a nice day" is still as big as ever. The phrase is everywhere. It em-



GARY BELANGER

blazons impersonal correspondence like junk mail and utility bills; it is the signature of every cash register and automated teller machine; and it is the mantra of every disembodied store clerk.

I'm especially moved by the sincerity of those words when they are muttered by some fast-food dispersal technician as he drops my change on the ground at the drive-thru window.

I was working in a grocery store back when we started to make the change-

over from genuine courtesy to rote programming happy talk. One of the company's alleged marketing experts came up with the idea that all of the clerks would say some hopelessly inane phrase to each customer as he or she was leaving the store as an expression of our robotic gratitude.

To ensure total participation, the company's Internal Espionage Division sent undercover shoppers into the stores, each equipped with a pocketful of plastic tokens to hand out to employees who said the required nicety. It was kind of like Big Brother meets Emily Post.

The idea faded quickly. This should have been a clue that fads and gimmicks wouldn't get it as substitutes for genuine kindness and caring. The words ring hollow when they are nothing more than a Pavlovian response. Real politeness takes a little more thought and awareness. I am hopeful that courtesy, like the California condor and Jimmy Carter, can make a comeback. Maybe we will

never get to the point that we all go around acting like British royalty, but that's OK with me. They've gotten to be a tad bit squirrely lately, anyway. I would just like to see a little more thoughtfulness and consideration.

Perhaps that is what my old bachelor foods teacher, Miss Davis, had in mind when she stressed the gracious details. Maybe she was trying to teach basic proper behavior more than dinner table etiquette. Maybe her message was "politeness is more important than correctness."

After all, it would be her worst nightmare to have one of her former students summon the waiter in a fine restaurant and say, "Hey, you stupid jerk, you put my forks in the wrong order." I wish a lot more people had taken that class.

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Holiday wish offers perspective for new year

I have nothing to complain about. I thought I did. Bush. Iran-Contra. Bush. The economy. Bush. The recession. Bush. Cost of living. But then I went to a Christmas Eve party.

Nice house. Nice hosts. Full bar, great hors d'oeuvres. A room full of like-minded people talking about jobs, General Motors, John Engler, gun control, country club presidents. Then, a little after 10 p.m., another couple and their two children joined the party.

Their daughter ran around, excited about Christmas, playing with the dog and generally being charming. Their son, younger than their daughter, sat in the middle of the family room playing, smiling and staring wide-eyed at the Christmas tree.

He couldn't walk. He must have been somewhere around 3 or 4 years old. An obviously intelligent young man, he was speaking when spoken to and loving the hell out of it when the host's dog sat next to him and licked his face.

The little boy's parents told us their son's problem was in the process of being diagnosed. They'd narrowed it down to one of two things: a spinal problem or Muscular Dystrophy.

The parents calmly went on about the different types of MD, saying there were something like 34 different varieties, some not as serious as others. They told us about the tests the young man had gone through and the hope they had that he might walk with help from a certain doctor — and leg braces.



PHILIP SHERMAN

I didn't hear all they said. I was busy looking at their son and wondering if I would be able to summon the courage they displayed in the face of similar difficulties.

Then they told us one of their son's gifts — a new wheelchair with an elec-

tric joystick to steer — had failed to arrive in time for Christmas. They said their son had looked forward to it, but that he'd have to wait until after the holidays. They were optimistic it would arrive soon.

In the meantime, he'd been scooting around their house on a little wheely board.

This little boy and his parents displayed not a shred of anger or self pity. They were calm, conversant and optimistic about their son's chances. They were very upbeat, as a matter of fact.

I can't speak for the others at the party. Perhaps they'd already been introduced to this family and the conversation wasn't coming to them as news. But my wife and I were stunned.

Remember, this was Christmas Eve.

There's a famous Dickens' classic that takes place on Christmas Eve. It's about a young man on crutches.

What a parallel. We'd both thought of the same thing at the same time. My next thought was to grab the phone — nevermind that by now it was close to midnight — and get that wheelchair delivered if it meant flying out and bringing it back myself.

But then I figured the family already had about all they could, and realistically I wasn't going to get anyone on the phone at that hour who could do something.

I wanted to, though.

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The midnight culmination of the First Night/Birmingham New Year's celebration in and around downtown Birmingham promises to be a colorful, musical event featuring a Chinese dragon, lights and showy pyrotechnics.

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Usually, event planners worry about cold and snow this time of year, but all this week the big fear has been rain. Should it rain, the pyrotechnic circuits won't work and the delicate silk Chinese dragon won't be let loose to prowl among the crowds.

The alcohol-free celebration of the arts goes from 4 p.m. to midnight and is designed to be a family-oriented alternative to typical New Year's Eve parties.

The \$7 entrance buttons allow access to a wide variety of entertainment, ranging from puppet shows for the kids to performanc-

es by noted flutist Alexander Zon-jic and singer Ortheia Barnes.

The band The Brothers From Another Planet will play dance music aimed at teens from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the YMCA.

Other performance sites are at Seaholm High School, Baldwin Library, YMCA, Birmingham Ice Arena, Village Players Theatre, First Baptist Church, Jax Kar Wash, St. James Episcopal Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church.

Because parking may be limited, four shuttle bus routes have been set up from downtown to all event sites. Event listings and performance schedules are detailed in a flier given to people when they buy the buttons. Additional copies will be available throughout the city during the event.



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Colorful: Common redpolls venture here from their northern Canada nesting grounds.

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Common redpolls venture

here from their northern Canada nesting grounds. Like snow buntings, they can be seen in large flocks in open fields foraging for small seeds. Their remote nesting area provides little contact with humans and thus they can be easily approached.

I have walked out into fields and stood among a couple hundred birds circling around me. It is a marvelous feeling to see the flashes of red and hear the beating of wings as they fly from place to place.

Redpolls also come to feeders. They enjoy the thistle seed just as pine siskins. Male redpolls have red on their forehead and a rosy wash to their chest. Females lack the rosy on their chest. Both sexes have streaked backs and some on their sides.

This description sounds quite similar to that of a house finch, and indeed superficially they look similar. Redpolls, however,

have a very prominent black throat. Just under the lower mandible, or bill, there is a black patch in both male and female redpolls, which is lacking in the house finch. There is also much more red in the house finch than in the redpoll.

House finches are going to be much more common and will be in the area all year. Redpolls will visit during the winter and then return north in spring to their breeding grounds.

During the winter, check those reddish, rosy looking finches. Redpolls, house finches and purple finches can all be seen in southeastern Michigan, adding color and variety to the season.

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Fastest Spartan

Ron Orris, a junior co-captain on Michigan State's swim team from Canton (Salem HS), has been leading the Spartans in several events thus far this season. At the Purdue Invitational Dec. 4-6, Orris won both the 100-yard butterfly (50.02) and the 200 individual medley (1:52.08) in season-best times.

Orris also has MSU's best times in the 200 free-style (1:40.12) and the 400 IM (4:06.07). However, he has yet to reach NCAA qualifying times in any of his events. The Spartans are involved in their winter training and do not return to action until Jan. 15, when they host Big Ten opponent Illinois.

College standouts

Freshman Mike Brooks of Livonia (Churchill) earned the outstanding defensive rookie award at the Ferris State football banquet. A redshirt outside linebacker, Brooks made 75 tackles last season, including 2 1/2 sacks and six for losses, with one fumble recovery. The Bulldogs finished 10-3, losing in the second round of the NCAA II playoffs.

Wayne State's men's basketball team is off to a 5-3 start and has been picked to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title. A big contributor: Randy Calcaterra, a 6-foot-8 sophomore from Livonia (Churchill). Calcaterra is third on the team in scoring, averaging 11.4 points (62 percent field goal shooting) and 4.4 rebounds in just 14.4 minutes a game.

Matt Gold, a sophomore midfielder on Western Michigan University's soccer team, was named most improved player for last season. A Plymouth Salem grad, Gold started 12 games for the Broncos, collecting two goals and an assist. WMU finished with a 6-7-2 record.

Shawn Respert continues to be the offensive catalyst for Michigan State University's men's basketball team. The sophomore guard from Redford Bishop Borgess was averaging a team-best 20.8 points, 3.8 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game, while converting 53 percent of his floor shots, 55 percent of his three-pointers and 88.5 percent of his free throws. MSU was 5-1 entering Tuesday's Old Spartan Classic tournament.

1992: Year of the Shamrocks

The domination of Catholic Central, the retirement of two of the area's most successful coaches, the death of Aaron Bailey and a ton of turnarounds highlight the year in sports: 1992.

BY C.J. RISAK
and CHRIS MCCOSKY
STAFF WRITERS

There were triumphs and tragedies, state champions and an Olympian, several stirring state title runs but only one championship team. Eras ended and new eras (and a new league) began.

As 1992 bows out, we take a look at its legacy — the year's top 10 local sports stories:

1. The Catholic Central Juggernaut: Faith can go a long way in high school sports. Redford Catholic Central is proof of it.

The small school on Breakfast Drive, a former junior high school, has been an incredible athletic machine. CC's third state championship in football, collected Nov. 28 when the Shamrocks' Freddie Taylor completed a 37-yard halfback option pass to Brady Pankow for the go-ahead touchdown, has to rate as the top Observerland sports story of the year.

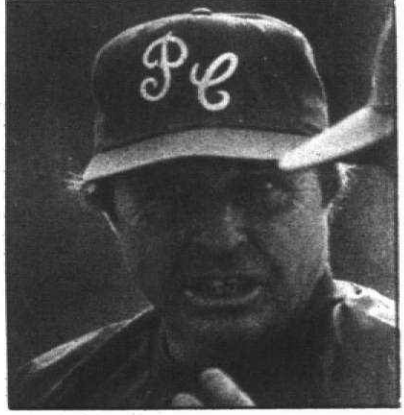
CC and Saginaw Arthur Hill both entered the title game unbeaten. The Shamrocks' last loss had been in the 1991 championship game, a 13-12 defeat to Arthur Hill. This time, it was CC winning by a single point: 21-20.

Redemption? Sure. But doubt is a rare element on CC teams, particularly those coached by Tom Mach. "I've been in a lot of big games, but this is one of the greatest because it went back and forth," Mach said of this championship.

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CC rules: (Above) Shamrocks Chris Barbara (10) and Jon Wolfe (35) hoist the hardware after CC won the state Class AA football title last November. The year also marked the end for coaches Armand Vigna (left) of Franklin and Fred Crissey (right) of Canton.



GLI conquered; Neaton takes aim at NCAA title

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The jersey had a new look but there was that same old feeling over the weekend for University of Michigan hockey player Patrick Neaton.

The Wolverines, wearing maize instead of white as the primary color on their home jerseys, won a fifth-straight Great Lakes Invitational with Sunday's 8-3 victory over Northern Michigan before 13,783 fans at Joe Louis Arena.

That makes four straight GLI championships for Neaton, a senior defenseman from Redford (Catholic Central) who will graduate in May with a degree in sports psychology.

"Every year we get excited to play in it (the GLI), we come ready to play," said Neaton, one of six U-M seniors. "This is the fifth year in a row and it's great, especially for the seniors. Every year, the seniors are counted on to step up and provide leadership and we do that by what we say, what we do on the ice with steady, solid play."

About all that's left for him to win is an NCAA crown — and with the Wolverines currently ranked No. 2 nationally, the chance is there.

U-M last year reached the national semifinals before being eliminated by the University of Wisconsin, 4-2. Neaton has spe-

See NEATON, 3A



Four-for-four: Michigan's Patrick Neaton (Redford) will never taste defeat in a Great Lakes Invitational hockey tournament. He has helped Michigan win the last four.

Ankle break trips MSU's Smith

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Chris Smith received a break he didn't need as a freshman hockey player at Michigan State University.

Smith, a 5-foot-10, 185-pound defenseman, has missed the last 14 games after suffering a broken ankle Nov. 13 in a game against Western Michigan University. Smith, who grew up in Canton, had his walking cast removed Tuesday and said there's a chance he'll return to the Spartans' lineup in the next month.

Prior to the injury, Smith was receiving a regular shift and scored one goal with one assist in five games. He had to watch from the stands as the Spartans took home the consolation trophy last weekend in the Great Lakes Invitational at Joe Louis Arena.

MSU's 4-3 overtime win Sunday over Michigan Tech gave the Spartans an 11-7-1 overall record.

"It's pretty hard, sometimes, especially when the team is losing," Smith said. "Everything was going real well, I was getting my fair share of ice time. . . I've nev-

er really broken anything." Smith said the break came in the third period of the win over WMU as he was trying to keep the puck in the Broncos' end. No other players were involved.

"I was going to keep the puck in at the blue line, lost my balance trying to stop, then went feet first into the boards," Smith said. "I skated off the ice, went to the trainer's room, sat down on the table, took off my skates and I couldn't walk or anything."

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Shamrock success is not relegated to football, however. In the last year, they've won league titles in baseball, soccer, wrestling, swimming, cross country and track, too.

That's a record that's hard to match.

2. Eras Ending: Two of Observerland's most successful and colorful coaches called it quits in 1992. In early November, Plymouth Canton baseball coach Fred Crissey hung up his cleats after 19 seasons. Later the same month, Livonia Franklin football coach Armand Vigna resigned after 18 years.

"I have had great experiences and terrific kids," said Crissey, who compiled a 369-123 record, winning three Class A regional titles and finishing second in the state in 1982. "It's been a good run and I've enjoyed it. But things changed."

Crissey, who coached nine all-stars and sent six players into professional baseball, gave up coaching to spend more time with his family.

Vigna, who compiled an 85-79 record and won the state title in 1975, has packed up and moved up north to Rogers City.

"I will miss the game-day excitement," he said. "But I won't miss the losing. That's the only thing wrong with athletics, that there has to be a winning team and a losing team. You die a little when you lose a big game."

Also saying so-long in 1992 were Ralph Tenby, an assistant football coach at North Farmington for 25 years, and George Lovich, Franklin athletic director the past 18 years.

3. The Boys of Summer: It

was so completely unexpected

Walter's Appliance, representing the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, lost its opening game at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa., to Schenectady, N.Y., 11-7. Down to the loser's bracket they went.

The LCBL representative has never fared well in this prestigious tournament. Losing seemed almost expected. Opposing teams from areas more prominent in baseball were always better stocked in talent; this year seemed no different.

But Walter's won its next game, 13-7 over the BaySide Yankees (Long Island, N.Y.), then beat Philadelphia 11-1, Washington 13-11 and Schenectady 8-7. That put Walter's into the championship round against New Orleans.

The comeback from the brink of elimination had thus far been remarkable — and it was about to transcend even that.

Trailing 7-5 with two out in the ninth in the first game against New Orleans, Walter's outfielder Craig Overaitis (from Livonia Franklin) hammered a three-run homer that propelled Livonia to an 8-7 win and into a final game showdown. That's when the magic ended. New Orleans rallied to beat Livonia 9-6 and claim the title.

But Walter's had overcome heavy odds to reach the final, the only LCBL team to do so.

4. Tragedy: Aaron Roberts, one of the most talented football players ever to come through Observerland, was shot and killed at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Evergreen in Southfield on

Saturday, March 21. He was 29 years old.

"It's very sad," said the Rev. Norbert Clemens, one of Roberts' mentors at Catholic Central and a life-long friend. "He was a peach of a guy. It's a tragic ending for a good guy to meet."

After gaining All-American credentials (2,335 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns in two seasons) and leading CC to its first state title as a junior in 1979, Roberts endured a frustrating four years at Michigan State. His football career ended, far sooner and ingloriously than anyone expected, in 1985 after he was cut by the Denver Broncos.

He struggled to find inner peace and happiness without football. He was just starting to pull things together — he married, had a 4½-month old daughter and was returning to school to get a teaching certificate — at the time of his death.

5. Observerland's Olympian: Farmington archer Jennifer O'Donnell, with a second-place finish at the Olympic Trials, became the third Observerland athlete to compete in the Olympics.

Hurdler Rex Cawley of Farmington, gold medalist in 1964, and hockey player Al Iafate of Livonia in 1984 were the others. She placed 11th overall in women's archery at the summer games in Barcelona, Spain.

As a post-script to the games, O'Donnell got to lunch at the White House with President Bush. She plans to study interior design at Michigan State starting next month and continue to improve her shooting. She'll have her sights set on a medal in the 1996 games in Atlanta.

6. Terrific Turnarounds: If one word can be applied to the fall season, turnaround fits best. There were a bunch.

Leading the list are Garden City's and Redford Thurston's football teams. Garden City had been 1-8 in 1991; in three previous years under coach Bob Eisminger's direction, the Cougars' best record was 4-5.

This year, Garden City reversed that trend by going 7-2. The Cougars were a single point from the playoffs; they lost to Romulus Sept. 14 in overtime when the Eagles made good on a two-point conversion.

Thurston's last winning season before this year was 1974. In 1991, they were 2-7. But, with a 25-player roster, coach Bob Snell righted that by guiding the Eagles to a 6-3 mark.

Wayne Memorial went 4-5 in '91, then lost its first two games of '92 before bouncing back. The Zebras won their next seven, the last a 35-7 trouncing of rival Westland John Glenn, to reach the state playoffs for the first time.

In another arena, there was Livonia Franklin soccer. The Patriots were 8-8-1 in '91 and looking up at the city's dominant soccer schools, Churchill and Stevenson. But that changed this year. Frantz LaMarre coached Franklin to a 13-3-3 record and a tie for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

In girls basketball, Redford Bishop Borgess program was in disarray for years until Dave Mann got it righted; the young Spartans (just one senior) reached the Catholic League finals this year, posting a 20-3 record. They were 9-13 in '91.

Also, Livonia Clarenceville volleyball made significant strides last winter under Alisha Love's direction. Third in the Metro Conference the previous year, Clarenceville reached the Class C state quarterfinals before losing. The Trojans were 23-11-6 last season.

7. Sisters and Survivors: On June 19, sisters MacKenzie and Jenny Emmett, lying on separate hospital beds, held hands.

"I love you," said MacKenzie. With that, the two sisters underwent a long and dangerous bone marrow transplant, an operation that saved Jenny's life. The previous spring, Jenny, a junior, was an all-state goalie on the state-ranked Plymouth Salem soccer. Not long after she found out she had contracted a rare form of leukemia known as myelodysplastic syndrome.

It was determined that she would have the bone marrow transplant, with her younger sister as the donor, in June after she graduated. Before that, though, she started in goal for Salem in the season-opener against rival Plymouth Canton and didn't yield a goal in a 0-0 tie. Also, thanks to the generosity of some friends and neighbors, Jenny traveled to Seattle to visit brothers Scott and Troy and long-time friend Jeannette Butler.

The surgery was a success and Jenny, at last report, was well on the road to recovery.

8. State Champs: Observerland produced five individual state champions in 1992, three in wrestling.

Plymouth Salem senior Dan Bonnett, 48-1 with 37 pins, claimed the state title at 125

pounds. Westland John Glenn junior Mike Reeves, 42-1, ruled the 152-pound division. Catholic Central senior Dan Kelly, 47-2-1, won the crown at 171.

Catholic Central produced two other state champs. Senior swimmer Randy Teeters won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 57.63. Senior Mike Mittman was the individual champion at the state cross country meet, running the course in 15:55.8.

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10. A New Alignment: The Northwest Suburban League is gone. So, too, is the Tri-River League, and the Wolverine A League. Starting in the fall, all three will merge to form one gigantic, 22-team league: the Michigan Mega Conference.

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Neaton from page 1B

cial inspiration this year because of the loss of his No. 1 fan, his grandmother Gladys Butler who died Oct. 30 after suffering a stroke.

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Plymouth Oratorio

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First Theater Guild

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Auditions

Schoolcraft College is holding auditions for its winter theater production of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus at 18600 Haggerty. Auditions open to the public, and no experience is necessary. For information, call 462-4400, Ext. 5270.

Polish dinner

The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy, will present its traditional holiday celebration of "Opiltek," with traditional foods and music, Sunday, Jan. 10. Cost is \$17.50 and includes dinner and refreshments. Call 689-3636 for reservations.

Avon Players

Neil Simon's comedy "Rumors" will be presented by the Avon Players, weekends starting Jan. 8. Call 375-1390 for ticket information.

Musical

The Jewish Community Center and Nancy Gurwin Productions will present the musical "The Sound of Music" 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, through Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets cost \$15 general admission, \$12.50 seniors, and students, \$10. For information and tickets, call 661-1000, Ext. 342 or any Ticketmaster outlet.

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A premiere work by Eisenhower Dance Ensemble artistic director Laurie Eisenhower and works by two renowned New York choreographers, David Parsons and Peter Pucci, will be featured.

Pick of the Crop, an ensemble from Buffalo, N.Y., is co-directed by choreographer Elaine Gardner and musician Curt Steinor. The group of six dancers will travel to Michigan to share this program with the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, which will travel to Buffalo to repeat the program in April.

Each dance company will contribute four dances to the program.

"Both groups are trying to do more touring," said Laurie Eisenhower, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble artistic director. "This is a way for them to show their work to more audiences."

Pick of the Crop will present four Detroit area premieres, including the internationally known choreographer David Parsons' "Sleep Study," and former Pilobolus dancer Peter Pucci's "Pas De Foie Gras."

Both works are humorous and have become repertory favorites for Pick of the Crop. Also in the program will be "Willy-Nilly," choreographed by Marcus Schulkind.

Schulkind's choreography is known



Dance: Stephanie Pizzo, left and Desiree Buonbrisco Brengman rehearse for the upcoming Eisenhower Dance Ensemble performance.

for its subtle wit, musical accuracy, technical sophistication and lyricism. The dance to music by Igor Stravinsky came about as a study on the idea of a Baroque line dance.

The final Pick of the Crop contribution will be a work by Elaine Gardner, entitled "Don't Rush the Whooosh," performed to traditional Scottish "mouth music."

The two pieces of rhythmically energetic music are sung without instrumental accompaniment.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's contribution will be four dances, all choreographed by Eisenhower. Due to

a dress rehearsal injury during performances in November, the company had to cancel the presentation of the trio "Iterims."

The company hopes to rectify this by presenting the dance on this program. Originally choreographed in 1984, the dance, which explores the relationship of a child and her parents, will utilize a new music composition by local composer John Reineau.

Highlighting the concert will be a new premiere Eisenhower choreographed to music by Palestrina, The Oakland Choral, conducted by Rebecca Reese-Dawson, will perform the music live at the concert.

"The idea for this dance excites me. It's not just a visual experience but an aural one as well. The choir singing on the balcony of the theater should prove to be a fabulous experience, filling up the space with wonderful, sacred music," said Eisenhower.

Other dances to be performed by the company include "Enlight," which the dancers perform entirely in a small rectangle of light, and "Love Songs," a classic set to music by George Gershwin.

"Cloud Nine," a play by contemporary British playwright Caryl Churchill, takes a provocative look at sexual, racial, and gender roles in colonial Africa of 1895 and pre-AIDS London of 1980.

When the Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance produced the play this fall, it caused a stir on campus for the bold, innovative way it looks at changing expectations and sexual mores.

Faculty from theater departments of other colleges in the state saw the production and chose "Cloud Nine," to participate in the 1993 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival for Region III, Jan. 5-10.

Of 148 college entries from five states, only six were selected. Festival judges also unanimously chose Angela Maclean from the production to compete for the Irene Ryan Foundation Acting Scholarship at the festival at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill.

On Monday, Jan. 4, Oakland University is sponsoring a benefit performance of "Cloud Nine," to help pay for travel expenses to the weekend festival of plays and workshops. Those who missed seeing "Cloud Nine," this fall can buy tickets at the door, while they last, and standing room only space to the one benefit performance, on Jan. 4. Tickets

priced at \$50, \$20 and \$10 will go on sale at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. performance in the Varner Hall Studio Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

"Cloud Nine's" claim to controversy revolves around its determination to challenge conventions and explore sexual airings other than the traditional male-female bond sanctioned by marriage.

"Not everybody is thrilled with some of the things that come up in the show, but we've had no walk outs," said director Karen Sheridan. "There's no nudity, but there is explicit language." The play is recommended for mature audiences only.

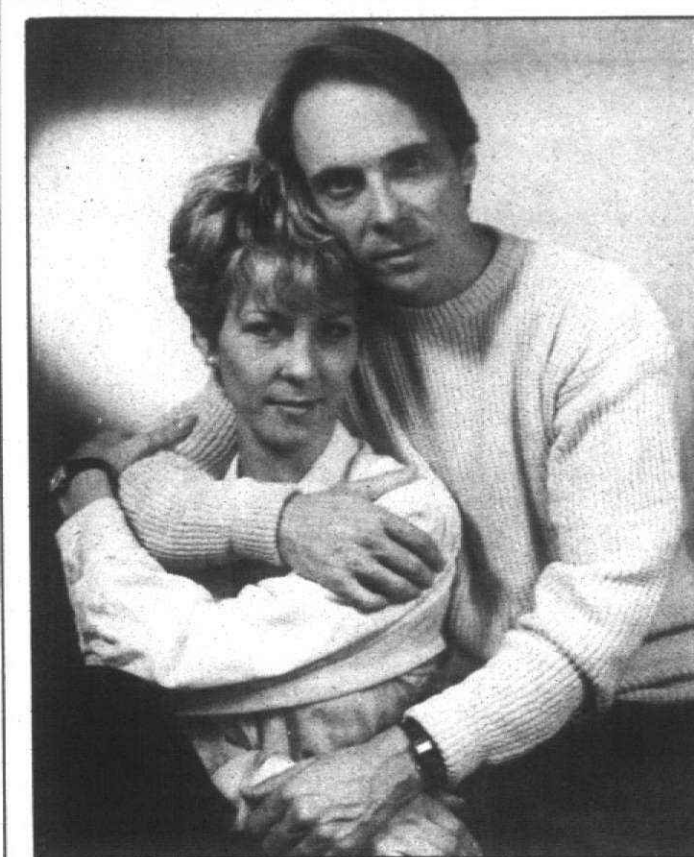
With its agenda of social and sexual commentary, the play may sound like wondrous theater, weighted with

the seriousness of its own ideas. Not so, says Sheridan who describes the play as "entertaining, funny, touching, poignant - a play about real people. It's a fun show with a lot of humor and interesting relationships."

The fact that Churchill is known as a feminist leads some to expect the play to be primarily about and for women. Again, not so says Sheridan. In "Cloud Nine," both women and men (and children and colonials) suffer from repressive stereotypes.

The four women, three men, and two male supporting players in the all-student cast include Corey Skaggs, Joe Bailey, Allen J. Verschuere, Stephanie Woodman, Shelia Lyle, Angel Maclean, Rick Carver.

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Comedy: Anne Capron and Peter Toran appear in Tom Stoppard's comedy "The Real Thing," at the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit through Feb. 25. For ticket information, call 577-2972.

Local actress cast in 'The Real Thing'

Roxanne Wellington-Gall of Walled Lake is cast in "The Real Thing," Tom Stoppard's comedy of fidelity and infidelity playing at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit through Feb. 25.

The show is about intelligent and sophisticated people caught up in the irresistible bonds of love and marriage and the unrelenting pain of adultery.

"The Real Thing," opened at

the Strand Theatre in London in 1982 with rave reviews, then moved to the West End in 1983. In 1984 it opened at the Plymouth Theatre in New York with Glenn Close and Jeremy Irons.

Performances are scheduled 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and Saturday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. For tickets call the box office, 577-2972.

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Family show to feature folk singer

Singer, songwriter Neil Woodward will present a family-oriented show during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penman, in downtown Plymouth.

Show proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Tickets are \$4 and will be available at the door. Tickets are also available at the Plymouth Community Arts Council office, 332 S. Main St.; Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Office, 386

S. Main St.; Pied Piper, 350 S. Main St.; Rainbow Shop, 873 Ann Arbor Trail; Giftfiddler Music, 302 E. Main St., Northville; and Frameworks, 44730 Ford Road, Canton.

The January 16 concert is the first in the 1993 Children's Theatre series presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Series tickets are also available at these locations for \$12.

Future concerts at the Penn Theatre include magician Bill Heine, Feb. 20; singer, guitarist, puppeteer Marc Thomas, March

15; and folk singers Tom Rice and Craig Roney, April 3.

Featuring voices of nearly every traditional North American folk instrument, Woodward's performance will reflect America's history — from centuries-old ballads and dance music to 1880s lumberjack, blues and train songs, to his own compositions.

Woodward is a fluent performer on 6-string, 12-string, and steel guitars, as well as the harmonica, mandolin, fiddle, banjo, autoharp, dulcimer, pennywhistle, ukulele and other strings.

His 1986 release "Crossroads Serenade" is a collection of traditional American music which, along with historical notes, has been cataloged by the Archive of Folk Culture, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., and the State of Michigan Archives and Historical Library in Lansing.

Woodward's original compositions have been featured on the American Public Radio Network and his recordings "Dog Songs" and "Life, Love, and Food Songs" (1992).

First Night celebrates arts New Year's Eve

Improved food service, expanded shuttle bus service, more participatory activities, open skating and ice shows at the Birmingham Ice Arena are what's new this year at First Night in Birmingham.

The alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Birmingham that starts at 4 p.m. and concludes with a midnight celebration in Shain Park is a festival of the arts.

A First Night admission button

is \$7 and allows you access to First Night Entertainment sites. Buttons can be purchased in advance at many locations in Birmingham including the Community House, Crowley's Birmingham store, and Birmingham city hall.

On New Year's Eve, buttons will be available in downtown Birmingham at the First Night Celebration Center on the corner of Pierce and Merrill, across from the Pierce Street parking structure.

Seaholm High School, First Presbyterian Church, and the Ice Arena. Children under 5 are free. For more information, call 540-6688.

There's entertainment for all ages and tastes including jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic, Balalaika Orchestra of Detroit, Birmingham Village Players, Orethia Barnes, storytellers, and comedy.

"We added the gym at Seaholm High School which provides more seating. The food service menu

has been expanded to include pizza, Italian sausage, chicken, and salad. The concession stand at the ice arena will also be open," said Jill Riddle, First Night producer.

You can bring your own skates, or rent them at the arena which will offer open skating 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Todd Eldredge and the Detroit Skating Club "Ice Revue of '92" will present three shows at the arena.

Ultimately "about bravery - letting yourself be brave enough to go after what you really want whether in relationship or career, about following the path with your heart."

Cathie Breidenbach of West Bloomfield teaches college writing classes and works as a freelance writer.

Cloud from page 4B

and James A. Vreel.

Susan Barrett designed scenery and costumes for the production, and advanced lighting student, Eric Rotta, designed the lights.

Act I of "Cloud Nine" is set in colonial Ghana during Victorian times when women were put on pedestals and expected to be beautiful, sexually innocent, and frivolous creatures. Men, in con-

trast, were expected to make decisions, run the world, and rule their households.

Those who psychologically didn't fit the Victorian stereotype about relationships and careers suffered from those repressive times.

"There were things in that time that people knew they wanted, but couldn't have," said Sheridan.

dan. Act II in pre-AIDS 1980 London sets up a marked contrast to Victorian times. Sheridan describes characters in Act II as "being able to select from anything (in a world of multiple career and sexual relationship possibilities), but they didn't know what they wanted and tried to have it all."

Sheridan said "Cloud Nine," is

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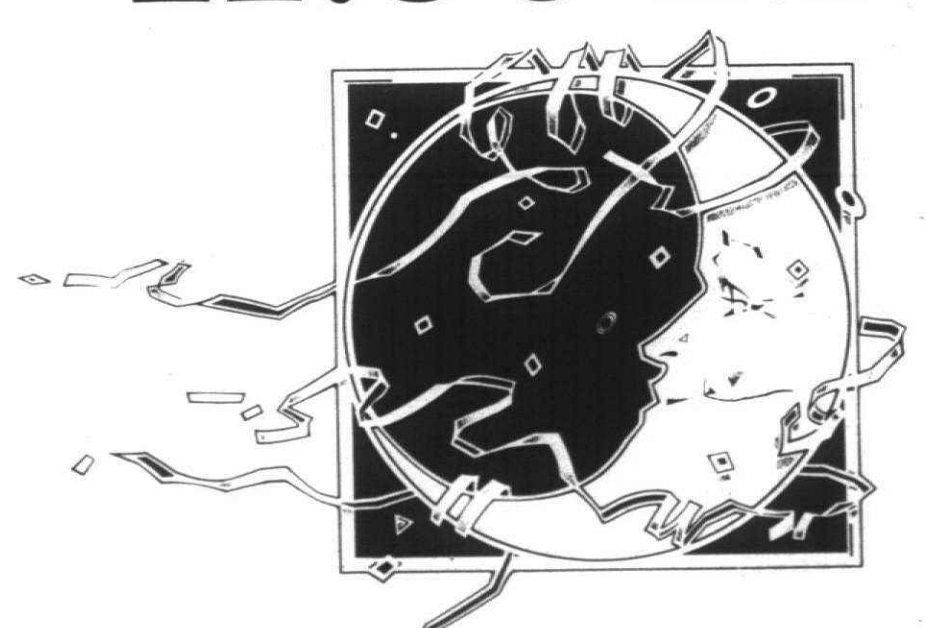
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CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY
Violinist Pinchas Zukerman will perform Beethoven's Violin Concerto with DSO Music Director Neeme Järvi with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 9, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Pre-concert lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, and Friday, Jan. 8. For information, call 833-3700. For tickets, call 645-6666 or 962-3610.

PIANO
Piano concert featuring the singing of Gloria McBeth, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Hear nostalgic hits of the 1940s-1960s by Gershwin, Cole Porter and more.

AUDITIONS

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Michigan Opera Theatre will hold auditions for the 1993 Spring Grand Opera Season Men's Chorus 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at

the MOT administrative offices, 6519 Second in Detroit's New Center Area. Positions available for all male voice categories. Candidates should prepare two selections, one from memory, one in English, and one in a foreign language. Call 874-7850 no later than Jan. 8 to schedule an appointment.

THEATER

BIRMINGHAM THEATRE
Ray Cooney's comedy, "Two Into One," opens a five-week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, Dec. 30 through Jan. 31. Tickets available at the Birmingham Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call 644-3533.

RIDGEHALL PLAYERS
Ridgehall Players will be presenting "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" starting 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, weekends through Jan. 24, at the playhouse in Troy. For tickets, call 644-8328.

"FOREVER PLAID"
"Forever Plaid" continues at the Magic Bag Theatre, 22918 Wood-

ward, north of Nine Mile, Ferndale. For tickets, call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For information, call 544-3030.

MEADOW BROOK
"A Christmas Carol" continues through Jan. 3 at the Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For tickets, call 377-3300, or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

VILLAGE PLAYERS

The Village Players of Birmingham will present "The Price," by Arthur Miller, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, weekends through 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. Tickets available at the door, but reservations are recommended. Call 644-2075. The playhouse is on the corner of Hunter and Chestnut, south of Maple.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Oakland University will present Christopher Durang's "Laughing Wild" as part of its Sensory Perceptions Series, a collection of faculty performances throughout the year, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, in the Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call 370-3013.

MUSICAL HIT
Tickets for Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Jesus Christ Superstar" are on sale now at the Masonic Temple box office. The show runs Feb. 2 and 3. For tickets, call 474-1333.

FOLK

IRISH ROVERS
The Irish Rovers will present a show 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen. Tickets \$17 each for Section A seating, (\$15 for seniors 62 and older) and \$14 for Section B seating (\$12 for seniors). Beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks will be available. Tickets on sale now, call 354-4717.

Deadline for the Upcoming entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Musical classic



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Holiday treat: Fairy tale characters come to life in "Babes in Toyland," the 1903 musical classic now playing at Henry Ford Museum Theater in Dearborn. Mary (Quite Contrary), portrayed by Lynn Sherwood of Birmingham, dances with storybook hero Alan, (Thomas Cooch) to the Victor Herbert tune "Just a Whisper Away." Matinee performances offered through Jan. 2. For information, and reservations, call 271-1620.

WHAT'S COOKING

To get your announcements in What's Cooking, send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

GAME PREPARATION
Learn Wild Game Preparation at Schoolcraft College from Golden Mushroom Chef Milos Cihelka 6-10 p.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 11. The course will meet for five weeks. The fee is \$147. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. To register, or for information, call 462-4448.

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R.I.K.'S
As of January 1, 1993, R.I.K.'s the Restaurant, 6303 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, will be closed on Mondays. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, through Friday, 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday, 5-11 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. For information, reservations, call 855-9889.

Plymouth Wayne Welding Supplies Inc. in Garden City has announced new appointments to its board of directors. They are:

Larry Tatro, appointed board member and promoted to vice president, welding technical assistance and sales division.
David Tatro, appointed board member and promoted to vice president, paint and Autogam of Michigan sales division.
Daryl Wilson, appointed board member and promoted to vice president, gas distribution and warehouse services division.
Robert Tatro, appointed board member, secretary/treasurer and promoted to vice president, administrative services division.
Gerald Tatro, appointed board member and promoted to vice president, paint store operations and distribution and purchasing divisions.
Timothy Ervin, appointed board member.

Chris Davies and Deborah D'Angelo from Imperial Images Paint & Decorating Center in Livonia have earned the title of certified coatings consultant, which indicates expertise in the field of coatings after passing a comprehensive test covering customer relations, coatings knowledge, product application and decorating.

Anthony Massaro of Canton,

manager of corporate employee safety for Chrysler Motor Corporation, has been elected to the National Safety Council board of directors.

United Parcel Service mechanic **Robert Shotta** of Romulus, a body repairman for UPS in Livonia has been honored for safety. Also at UPS, drivers **James Neilson** of Waterford, **John Walker** of Westland, and **Jamie Bernack** of Canton have been honored for safety.

Larry Rozell of Belleville was recently recognized by Douglas J. Stranahan, Centruy 21 Great Lakes, Inc. regional director, for being among the top producing sales associates in the CENTRU 21 Metro Brokers Council during the month of October.

Rachel Colvin of CENTURY 21 Today REALTORS in Livonia was recently recognized as being among the top producing sales associates in the CENTURY 21 Metro Brokers Council during the month of October.

Ron Lift a member of the service staff at Dearborn Mazda in Dearborn, participated in a one-day service advisor training seminar for service managers.

Kent Lorentz, sales manager in the Garden City district office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Company, has

SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

completed a three day management school designed to improve management skills, product knowledge and client service.

Marc Skamiera has been appointed to Kitchen manager for Buddy's Livonia Pizzeria, Inc. and will be responsible for controlling all kitchen activities. Previously, Skamiera has worked for Tween's Pizzeria and Deli and Charley's Restaurants, Inc.

Jan Millen of Century 21 Gold Key Homes in Redford was recently recognized by Douglas J. Stranahan, Centruy 21 Great Lakes, Inc. regional director, for being among the top producing sales associates in the CENTRU 21 Metro Brokers Council during the month of October.

Kevin Coffman of McCally Tool & Supply, Livonia, recently attended a three day product training school conducted by Greenlee Texton at their Corporate Training Center in Rockford, Illinois.

Dennis Doyle of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth, attended the American Bus Marketplace in Detroit where he met with motorcoach tour planners from across the United States and Canada. The Marketplace was sponsored by the American Bus Association, the trade organization

representing the intercity bus industry. Its members include bus operators from the United States and Canada, travel and tourism representatives, and suppliers to the industry. Doyle represented the Mayflower hotel to bus tour planners who bring motorcoach tour groups to destinations throughout North and Central America.

These tour operators are key decision makers and can potentially bring thousands of tourists to Plymouth.

Century 21 Row in Livonia claims three inductees into the new CENTURY 21 Masters Club, an exclusive recognition program for top sales associates who consistently achieve outstanding levels of production.

Mary McLeod, Yoshiko Fujimori and **Charlotte Jacunsky** of CENTURY 21 Row were presented with gold lapel pins and certificates of recognition as new Club members.

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Sets from 8B

Lincoln-Mercury expects to use the basic floor plan with minor modifications for the next three or four years, Dekker said.

He declined to give specifics on how much it cost to build the eight exhibits other than to say it was millions of dollars.

Enough plywood sheeting was used in all eight Lincoln-Mercury exhibits to make a stack as tall as the Renaissance Center. Other products used included some 22,500 lineal feet of lumber, seven miles of electrical cable and wire, 192 gallons of wood glue, enough paint to cover a football field and more than 500,000 staples.

It would take some 14 semitrailers and 440 crates to move all exhibit exhibits, Dekker said.

"This is Exhibit Works' largest commercial account," he said. "We've had museums with larger dollar amounts, but this is our largest commercial account. I believe this represents about 20-25 percent of our business."

Exhibit Works, which also counts among its clients Kellogg, Masco and K mart, reported revenue of \$8 million last year and \$13 million through November of this year, according to its founder, Dominic Silvio.

The company was started in 1979 and hopes to expand more into museum-type display work, Dekker said.

"There's a lot of satisfaction helping a loyal client do their job better, giving them a unique and effective tool to do their job," he said. "The other end of our business is education, giving safety and environmental messages to the public."

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Clowns to entertain kids at concert Jan. 16

The Cultural Arts Division of Southfield's Department of Parks and Recreation will present its first Kids Concert of the 1993 season "Clown Antics," 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 in Room 115 of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, south of 11 Mile Road.

Sample different dance styles at special event

The second annual Dance Sampler, sponsored by the Cultural Arts Division of Southfield will be Sunday, Jan. 10 in room 115 of the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, north of Civic Center Drive. During the afternoon from 2-5 p.m. there will be demonstrations of a variety of dance styles including Traditional Contra Dancing, Middle Eastern, Rhythmic Gym, Scottish Highland, Ballroom and Folk. Admission is free.

Clown Antics will include a combination of clowns doing magic and dancing. Clown Antics as performed by Gloria Walther and Jean Nucilli has been seen and enjoyed at the Thanksgiving Parade and the International Freedom Festival. For information, call 354-9515.

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SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Betty A. Bjarnesen of Livonia has been installed as president of the Western Wayne Chapter of the women's council of realtors of the national association of realtors. The women's council of realtors is dedicated to professionalism in the real estate industry through education.



Alecia Bracy

Alecia Bracy has been named director of development and public relations for the Orchards Children Services, a non-profit child adoption and foster care agency with offices in Detroit and Southfield. Her responsibilities include writing grants, fund raising and increasing the agency's exposure.



Betty A. Bjarnesen

Arthur Andersen has announced that Lisa Hunt, CPA, of Livonia has been promoted from staff senior to manager in the audit and business advisory division. Hunt joined the firm in 1987 as a member of the audit and business advisory staff and specializes in serving the manufacturing industry.

Also at Arthur Andersen, Jeffrey M. Henning has been promoted from staff senior to a manager in the audit and business advisory division. Henning joined the firm in 1987 as a member of the audit staff.

Adam Smock of Plymouth has joined Troy-based Stone, August, Baker Communications Companies as an Account Service Assistant. Previously Adam interned at Stone, August, Baker in the Public Relations Department.

A 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, he was a nationally ranked member of the E.M.U. forensics team and cofounder/president of R.M.U. Players Association, an organization for theater students. He majored in Comprehensive Communications and Theater Arts with a minor in Smock's duties encompass all aspects of the Account Service department including, budgeting, client presentation preparation, media requests and office traffic functions.

For more suburban business leaders, see 7B

Sets aim for customers, not attention

■ Seventy-hours weeks have been common for the employees at Exhibit Works as they prepare the Lincoln-Mercury display for the auto show opening next week.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

You can't have a play without a staging area. And you can't properly display vehicles for a car show in a vacuum, either.

Exhibit Works of Livonia designed, built and is in the process of assembling Lincoln-Mercury's 22,000-square-foot display for the North American International Auto Show Jan. 9-17 at Cobo Center.

"Our challenge was to create an environment in which our client's products are best represented," said Dave Dekker, vice president of design and engineering for Exhibit Works.

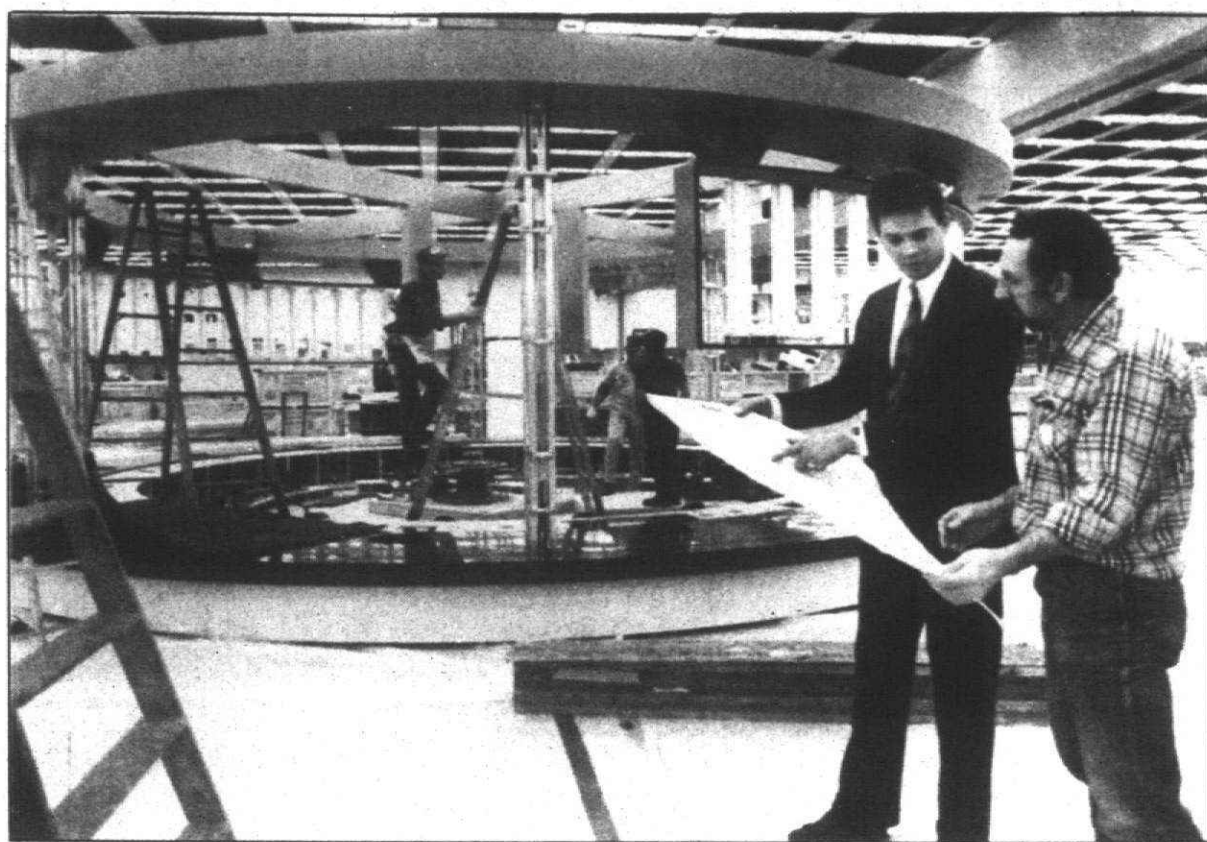
"We have to walk fine lines. It has to be unique enough so that people are attracted, but not so cute that the exhibit overshadows cars," he said.

"An auto show environment is very hectic, not hard sell, but there's a lot of distractions. What we were going to do was create a uniquely different sense. We've keyed on music," Dekker said.

Life-sized statues of seven musicians will be stationed on the periphery at either end of the display. Tim Rochon of Wall Street Music in Birmingham composed different music to be played at the Lincoln end and at the Mercury end.

"Once the novelty wears off, we believe attention will properly be directed to cars," Dekker said. "Very quickly we make a transition into showing vehicles with an open, uncluttered display."

A centralized technology deck enables showgoers to view eight car-related topics ranging from safety features to engine mock-ups to cellular



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Going up: Dave Dekker of Exhibit Works checks the plans with Don Hughes as the Lincoln-Mercury exhibit is built at Cobo Center.

phone systems.

Separate revolving showing platforms will feature Lincoln and Mercury products, upscale Ford vehicles. A specially designed sound system will enable the music to be turned off in areas of the display when a live spokesperson talks.

Interactive computer systems at three kiosks will enable potential customers to focus on specific information of division products.

Plans call for displaying 32 vehicles.

cles.

"By creating an entirely different environment within our display, we hope to attract customers and make it easier for them to relate to and learn more about our products," said Steve Lyons, Lincoln-Mercury Division general marketing manager.

Nearly all 80 employees at Exhibit Works were involved in brainstorming creative sessions or actual construction work, Dekker said. The bid was awarded in September.

"We've been busting our fannies ever since," he said.

The entire display was constructed in the Exhibit Works warehouse, taken apart, then trucked to Cobo Center for reassembly.

Exhibit Works built one large exhibit for international auto shows in Detroit, New York and Chicago, plus seven smaller versions for major and regional exhibitions.

See SETS, 7B

Just let your fingers do the designing

American Greetings is turning the tables on the age of depersonalization by installing CreaCard machines that allow customers to help create their own greeting cards in area stores.

By using a video touch-screen similar to an automated teller machine, customers can choose from a selection of more than 1,000 different card designs.

CreaCard spokesman Stephen Henderson said CreaCard is being well received even by persons who are not traditionally the biggest card buyers.

"Research shows that women traditionally buy the most cards," Henderson said. "But men are intrigued by it because it's techie. And children and teens are using the machines too."

CreaCard units have been phased in over the past several months. By February, more than 2,000 retail locations in the United States and Canada will be equipped with them.

It takes about five minutes for a person to select a card and have it printed out. Customers are walked through the procedure using a touch screen. A menu tree prompts the user into selecting a card category such as marriage, condolence or a card for a husband. Users then have about 14 cards to choose from per category and can type in the card's text. Cost of the card is \$2.95, paid at the store checkout.



CreaCards can be found at these locations:

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- AG Retail Concessions, at Sears, 300 W. 14 Mile Road, Troy; 29500 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.
- Perry Drug at 2520 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; 31221 14 Mile, Farmington Hills.
- Memory Lane Card & Gift, 358 W. 14 Mile, Troy.
- Spencer Gifts, at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads, Southfield.

Presbyterian Village reorganizes

Presbyterian Village of Detroit, based in Redford, has undergone a corporate restructuring effective Jan. 1.

It involves the establishment of additional corporations, the election of separate boards of trustees for each village, revising existing bylaws and changing the name of the supervising organization to Presbyterian Villages of Michigan.

Presbyterian Villages serve more than 1,200 senior residents at five sites in southeastern Michigan.

Each of the five villages will be separately incorporated as: Presbyterian Village Redford; Presbyterian Village East; Presbyterian Village Westland; Presbyterian Village North and Presbyterian Village Holly. In addition, a charitable support trust is being cre-

ated to receive and invest endowment and other gifts and to provide financial assistance to individual villages.

Boards of trustees have been elected for each of the five and will begin to carry out their responsibilities in January. In the future, the trustees will be elected by the 15-member board of directors of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. Two members of the board of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, along with the president, will serve on each of the boards of trustees.

Roger L. Myers, president of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, will also serve as the president of each operating village corporation.

Impetus for the restructuring was based on "continued growth

of the villages and the desire to decentralize more of the governance and operational responsibilities to the individual facility level." The aim is to provide "opportunities for closer community involvement and allows better focus of the board of directors on broader strategic issues which impact all facets of the organization."

"The goal of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan is to have an active governing board that is closely associated with the management of each village," said Wesley R. Pelling, board chairman. "We believe a closer governance/management relationship will result in better interaction between residents of the villages and the communities. We should all become better neighbors."

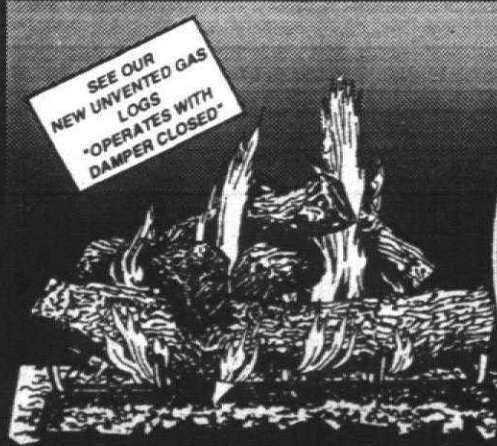
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FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Our children are touched by Somalia

The plight of the children, youth and families in Somalia is more than a dramatization of violence, starvation and death to children all over the United States. Its horror involves and flourishes on people, subjecting others to inhumane circumstances and stripping not only the right to empower oneself but the right to eat, to receive medical care and to live.

These deplorable realities have stirred many questions in the minds of children and teens — your children and mine. The questions that may be asked of adults reflect the who, how and most important, the why.

The impact of seeing the children of Somalia starving with flies perched on their bodies certainly concerns, puzzles and, in some cases, brings tears to the eyes of America's children. Some of these children, themselves live below or just above the poverty level.

Despite the lifestyles of many underprivileged children in Wayne County as well as those who find themselves fortunate enough to not have experienced being without, they express great empathy for Somali children and families. Some of our children may question whether the children of Somalia were "bad" or being punished somehow by not having food to eat.

Today's children including teens, regardless of race, creed, color and gender demonstrate a unique, identifiable as well as mutual connection with each other, whether related by living in the same household and attending the same school or unrelated by living thousands of miles apart or in different countries. Older children particularly may view the results of other children living without the basic necessities of life, such as food, clothing and shelter, as a direct failure or neglect of responsibilities on the adults' part. Moreover, they may be convinced it just should not have happened.

Children depend on adults to provide and make "good decisions." When it appears that adults may have made an error of judgment or failed to provide certain necessities which are considered normal, children react in ways that fit into their levels of understanding, in order to justify — make sense of — and respond to information given to them.

Some large or small groups of children and individual respond to the problems in Somalia by sending food, an obvious solution to the problem. People are hungry. Children in our communities and all over want to help. Therefore, when suggestions are asked for as to how can they help, don't take it lightly.

Efforts may consist of hundreds of students designating one day of lunch money toward Somalia relief. Food drives, fund-raisers and sending clothes, toys and books as well as writing letters are active responses.

According to Dr. Michael Mantell, a psychologist from California who appeared on "Good Morning America" recently, supportive contributions, such as the one mentioned are good ways for concerned children to express their feelings. It is their way of feeling a part of aiding the solution of such an enormous problem.

He also suggests that adults not make comments such as "eat all your food because the children in Somalia are starving." That can be misconstrued or imply that their food supply may be in jeopardy or taken away, if they leave food on their plate.

If adults find it difficult answering questions children may have, for example, "Why would God let the people starve?" or "Why is it we have lots of food and clothes and they don't," perhaps it is wise to consult with their clergyman or other professionals for suggestions.

If you can't answer a question because you simply don't know, it's better to say so, letting children know that adults may not have all the answers. Children can appreciate your saying to them that you will try to find out more about it.

Helping young children, adolescents and teens to put into perspective situations that are first of all uncomfortable to talk about, or even think of, especially if it characterizes massive violence, and a breakdown of trust in the world in which they live, demands careful and thoughtful intervention.

Man's inhumanity to man, which has been captured by the media and is available to our children through pictures of Somalia, is a very real disturbing situation.

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mail box number 1883, on a touch tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

■ The New Year has arrived and with it plenty of changes — those we know about and those that can be found among the stars and planets.

By EVELYN BUTTON
SPECIAL WRITER



Well, the New Year is here. The New Year that people have been waiting for. The New Year that spells

change for all of us.

Will things be better than 1992? Stay the same? Get worse?

According to astrologer Evelyn Button, there's plenty to look for in 1993.

"Look for continued changes in governments; this includes France and Germany," Button said, adding that an important political figure will leave this planet.

In the realm of U.S. politics, Bill Clinton's management style will surprise many. Look for his approval rating to go up in 1993. A major crisis will be handled with skill.

Wife Hillary will be controversial, but she will not be deterred from being a major player.

Health care reforms will prove to be one of the most controversial issues of the year, if not the decade.

As for President George Bush, a very important lunar eclipse took place on Dec. 9, coinciding with the landing of the marines in Somalia. Looking back, another major eclipse, on Jan. 15, 1991, marked the beginning of Operation Desert Storm, both have played an important role in his chart.

"The economy will start improving, although we may not see any real growth until 1994," Button said. "As a nation we may have something to feel good about in and around September or October." The year 1993 will continue to bring harsh storms along the Eastern seaboard. Weather and natural disasters will continue to be major topics this year. Two periods to watch for natural disasters are March 8 and Oct. 15, give or take a week on either side.

Likewise, the period on or around May 21 may prove to be very interesting for the news media.

A major film star will leave this earthly sphere, shocking the nation. And another major player, Mayor Coleman Young will not serve another term.

Now, for a sign-by-sign look at 1993:

Aries (March 21-April 20)

Edison has nothing on you! The "better idea kid," you are bold, adventurous and one who gets the adrenaline rush when faced with a challenge. A born leader, who thrives on ground-breaking activities, just learn to curb impulsive reactions.

Uncertainty and instability will force you to step back to re-examine your path as you continue to venture in uncharted waters. Domestic issues coupled with financial budgetary decisions will dominate the scene.

Keep a low profile though April! Due to a high stress level, you may subject yourself to disputes which can be avoided by just being aware. The second half of the year will produce positive results, if you heed the above warning.

Financial gain is possible, if you take advantage of opportunities that

IT'S WRITTEN IN THE SKY

1993s astrological outlook



beckon. Keep your bags packed, the eclipse this year is activating your house of travel.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Your stable, tenacious and creative nature exacerbates your pride in accomplishments, whether in the garden, kitchen or in the business world. Material or emotional security are the factors that direct your motivations.

Because of your strong self-determination, others find it a herculean task when trying to change your mind. Let's face it, you're stubborn!

Balancing a tight schedule will require the discipline of walking a tightrope in a high wire act. This is a year of greater undertaking and responsibility which will introduce you to new experiences and a broader view of the new horizon.

It's a good period for schooling and learning new disciplines that will bring self-awareness. Review of relationships, personal or otherwise, will be uppermost in your mind. The changes you seek can and are possible, if that is what you want. A planetary phenomenon is offering you the brass ring. If you reach out, it's yours for the taking.

Health issues may rear up and must be dealt with, be they your's or someone else's. Seeing your dentist or internist will put your mind at ease.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your coat of arms reads, "Diversity and adaptability." Thirst for knowledge fuels your engine to explore the unknown. A variety of approaches to problems allows you to synthesize and master understanding.

All signs have their negatives; yours is learning to curb your chatter-box nature which is a serious challenge. Your eagerness to share and disseminate information requires some modification.

The new road map is in the mail, following it carefully will alert you to the detours. It's a year to reap rewards, if you took your responsibilities seriously last year. Using your visualization techniques will stimulate creative responses in problem solving.

This is a time you must examine and focus on health and job related skills. The June 10-18 birthdays will find over-analyzing can be to your detriment. Relationships in general will be triggered by one of the eclipses, forcing you to examine and adjust the reasons for your choices.

You may decide to put someone else first! This is your year to think positive. Join a health club, go on that diet, focus on your goals and get that physical you have been putting off. Children this year could be a source of pride.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your nurturing qualities have earned you the title "Mother of the Earth." This also applies to the male species. Your built-in radar system stimulates a defensive instinct for loved ones.

You have a memory like an elephant; you never forget, but you do forgive. Watch the "mother knows best" routine. Your good intention may be perceived as smothering and invasive.

The challenges, like the Indians of yesteryear, have been circling your wagon and continue to do so in 1993.

The good news is the June 21-July 5 birthdays seem to be out of the woods.

Partnerships, legal matters and relationships in general continue to bring on the after shocks. Just hang in there, this too shall pass.

Your survival instincts are at an all time high. A year to discover, there is more than one way to solve a problem. Investments are realistic and can be successfully concluded, providing you use caution and avoid over-optimistic excesses.

July 7-14 birthdays fasten your seat belt! It could be a bumpy ride as you run the gambit of highs and lows. Changes are not easy, but essential, as something comes along to replace that which goes. There is protection around you that will help in the transitions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The sign of royalty represented by the lion, the king of beasts, you function best in positions of authority, leaving nothing to chance to get the job done. Your flamboyant manner is made to order for lights, camera, action. The world is your stage. Your need for love and recognition is a prerequisite for any relationship, be it in the personal or in the professional world.

Be quick to exercise your options by moving on to greener pastures if you feel your needs have not been met.

Creating your own agenda is high on the list of wants. The eclipse falls in your house of hopes, goals and wishes, urging you on. However, obstacles to progress force you to slow down and re-think your position.

Jupiter is going to stimulate the need to focus on local travel, education and sound judgment decisions. The Aug. 13-22 birthdays will feel the power of Pluto which fosters changes — job, lateral moves or possible relocation of some kind. Some of you have already gone down this road.

This is a year to evaluate relationships of all kind, but it is not the time to forge ahead. Avoid compromise but maintain the art of diplomacy. Moving away from old associates opens up new avenues of opportunities. Your energy levels may be taxed from time to time, thus do what you must to recharge your battery.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your talents seem to shine best in a service-related field due to your analytical skills and deep perception of what needs to be done. Generous in sharing and teaching what you know, the problem is not everyone is interested! They think you are nitpicking their efforts. The lesson here is allowing others to choose their own way.

You have excellent mental discipline and are a tireless worker with an eye for practicality. This is a year

See NEW YEAR, 3C

Holidays pose a weighty challenge

Working it off: Carrie Reichley helps her class at the Livonia YMCA burn a few calories.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Registered dietitian Zonya Foco doesn't encourage people to try to lose much weight during the holidays. She knows that the average weight gain of six to 10 pounds during the season makes that a virtual impossibility.

"If they could just maintain their weight through the holidays, that would be terrific," said Foco, clinical nutritionist with NutriCare Nutrition Services at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Theresa Sheridan also knows how difficult it is to lose weight during the holidays. She's the physical director for the Livonia Family Y, and sees how busy people are through the holiday season. "Our classes are usually real low in attendance," said Sheridan, noting that people are busy

See WEIGHT, 2C

ANNIVERSARIES



Mickey and Marianne Farkas

On Nov. 18, Mickey and Marianne Farkas celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Eighteen-year residents of Livonia, they marked the occasion by renewing their vows during a Mass Nov. 21 at St. Edith Catholic Church, followed by a celebration at their home with family and friends.

The couple have four children — Katie, 21, Michael, 19, David, 18, and Brian, 11.

A graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and the University of Detroit, he is in the insurance business. His hobbies include cooking, golfing and exercising.



William and Mary Montroy

William and Mary Montroy of Livonia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in January. Married in 1943, the Montroys have lived in Livonia for 43 years.

The couple will be the guests of honor at a celebration at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Walter and Hilda Bauer

Walter and Hilda Bauer of Redford recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple met in East Peoria, Ill., and were married in Morton, Ill., on April 12, 1942. She is the former Hilda Strunk.

Following their marriage, they moved to Michigan, eventually settling in Redford. They have two married children — Jan Kavulich and husband Joe of Plymouth and Ron and wife Mary of Farmington. They also have four grandchildren — Brian, Colleen, Brett and Jonathan.

NEW VOICES

PATRICK and PATRICIA BARTRUM of Westland announce the birth of **ELIZABETH NICOLE** Nov. 13 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" brother, Matthew Ryan. Grandparents are Kenneth and Barbara Bartrum of Garden City and Kenneth and Shirley Kreklau of Taylor.

ANGELO and COLLEEN VITALE of Livonia announce the birth of **MEGAN ANN** Oct. 10 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has two siblings, Andrew, 5, and Kaitlyn, 2½. Grandparents are John and Pat Bingham of St. Clair Shores and Sam and James Bingham of Detroit.

JIM and BARBARA MAYS of Garden City announce the birth of **ERIC JAMES** Nov. 12 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He has a "big" brother, Stephen. Grandparents are William and Alice Seidel of Livonia, Gail Mays of Livonia and Jim Mays of Westland. Great-grandparents are Carl and Doris Waack of Livonia.

DAVE and GAIL LOSEY announce the birth of **KRISTEN ANGELA** Sept. 24 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a "big" sister, Sara, 3. Grandparents are Darrell and Mariett Losey of East Tawas and Mike and Theresa Kashetsky of Livonia.

AARON and CAROL BERK announce the birth of **DEREK MICHAEL** Aug. 5 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac. Grandparents are Mike and Theresa Kashetsky of Livonia and Ray Berk of Troy.

JOHN and SHARON (SPECKMAN) POWERS of Plymouth announce the birth of **JEREMIAH AUSTIN** Nov. 6. Grandparents are Jim and Gladys Powers of Plymouth and Sara and Lee Kubiak of Westland. Great-grandmother is Ruth Rich, also of Westland. Jeremiah has two brothers, Johnny, 5, and Jimmy, 4, and a sister, Shannon, 3.

ROBERT and BRENDA PELKEY announce the birth of **CODY STEVEN** Nov. 25 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Margaret Temple and Jerry and Diane Pelkey, all of Westland.

DAVID and BARBARA TATMAN of Plymouth announce the birth of **PARKE SUSAN** Nov. 15, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Tom and Kay Meyers of Camano Island, Wash., and Dwight and Janet Tatman of Columbiana, Ohio. Parke Susan has two brothers, John, 5, and Philip, 3.

JENNY LENDRUM of Garden City announces the birth of **JACOB KIENAN** Nov. 22 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are William Lendrum and Carol Lendrum, both of Garden City.

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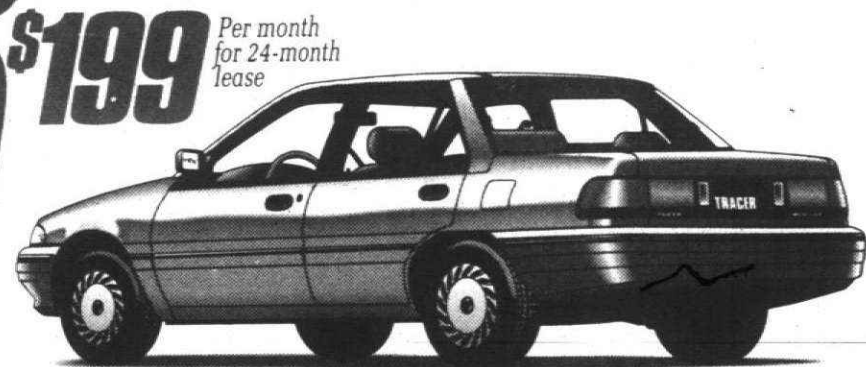
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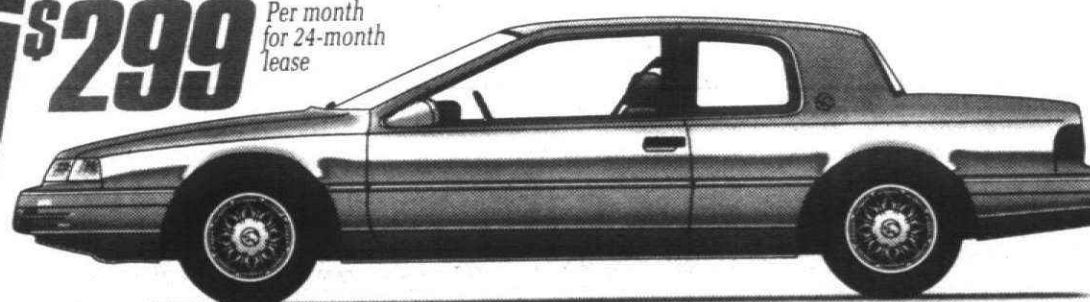
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BARNABY ON BOOKS



STEVE BARNABY

History of Titanic: It's a delightful read

Readers with an eye toward adventure and drama are being treated to a real delight this season with "Titanic: An Illustrated History," published by Hyperion/Madison Press Books of Canada.

Don Lynch's narrative surrounding one of the largest and most dramatic sea disasters of the 20th Century will keep you on the edge of your seat through the postscript, which provides short profiles on the fate of some of the 706 survivors.

Lynch's narrative is strongly reinforced by Ken Marshall's color paintings, which bring new life to a tragedy that killed 1,517 passengers and crew within three hours after the Titanic collided with an ice flow on a freezing night in 1912.

Lynch, Titanic Historical Society historian, spent 20 years researching the Titanic and meeting with survivors and their families.

A personal history

In many ways, the Titanic was a symbol of the Edwardian era's opulence, arrogance and class consciousness. The 46,000-ton behemoth was conceived from the ego of a few men who wanted to build the largest, most elegant and swiftest of ships.

Out of a dinner on a summer evening in 1907 at the elegant mansion of James Pirrie, the British shipbuilder and White Star Line managing director Bruce Ismay conceived the idea of building three passenger liners, larger and faster than any built by the competition Cunard Lines, which had recently launched the Lusitania, whose luxurious existence would be snuffed out along with 1,200 lives in World War I by a German submarine.

The plan was to build the Olympic, the Titanic and the Gigantic, later to be named the Britannic. Only the Olympic lived to see the scrap yard after a quarter century of service. The Britannic, launched in 1914, was sunk in 1916 while serving as a hospital ship.

But, as Lynch points out, these dreamers came within inches of success on April 14 as the Titanic set a record pace during its maiden voyage from Europe to the United States. Traveling at more than 20 knots through ice-laden waters, Ismay, a passenger on the liner, estimated the ship would dock in New York harbor on Monday rather than the scheduled Tuesday.

Ironically, by slowing the speeding ship after a late ice flow sighting, First Officer William Murdoch may have sealed the Titanic's fate. Lynch tells us: "Each second that the propellers reduced the ship's headway was a precious one. Had the Titanic turned just a little more, perhaps only inches, she might have missed the iceberg completely."

Traveling too fast to allow the crew to spot the ice flow in time, the Titanic was too slow to steer its bulk around the obstacle when the bridge was alerted.

Divided by class

But equally as fascinating as Lynch's re-creation of the disaster are the many profiles of the passengers and the detailed descriptions and rendering of this fabulous vessel. As it turned out, some of the richest people in the world, like John Jacob Astor, were to be found frozen to death in the sea the next morning along side some of the poorest of immigrants who were seeking the American dream of riches and fame.

Passengers on the Titanic, like Edwardian Society, were strictly segregated by first, second and third class designations. Many of the third-class passengers were unable to gain access to the boat decks because of a crew that insisted on keeping gates locked even after it was evident the ship was going down.

A startling chart shows that while only 14 percent of the male third-class passengers survived, nearly 31 percent of first-class male passengers lived to tell of their adventure. Of third-class women, only 174 of 710 survived, while 199 of 329 first-class female passengers survived.

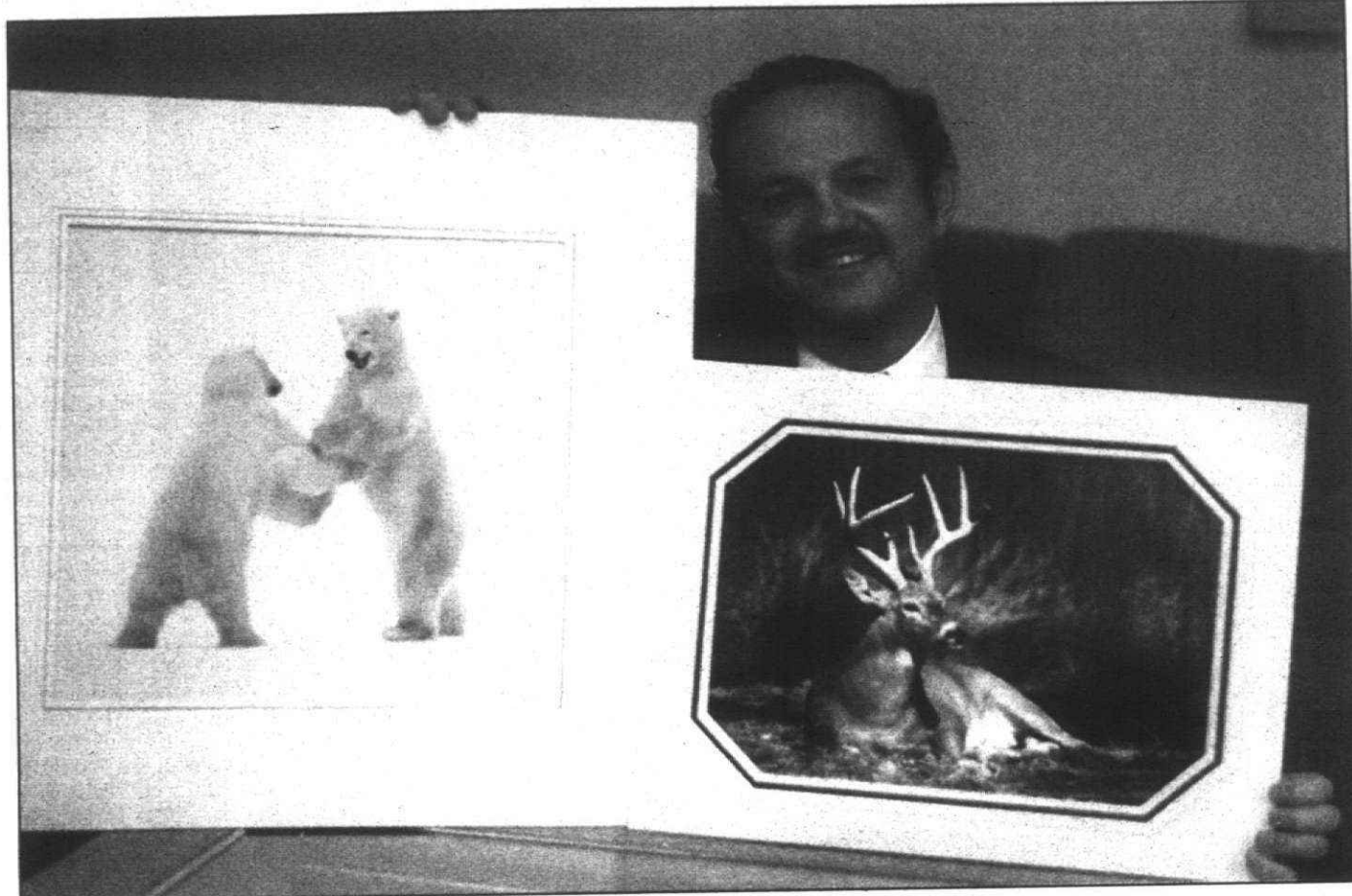
In death as in life, strict adherence to class was maintained. Upon their bodies being retrieved, first-class passengers were put in caskets while second and third class were put in body bags.

Lynch wraps up his tale by quoting novelist Joseph Conrad on the Titanic's fate:

"The first reflection which occurs to one is that, if that luckless ship had been a couple of hundred feet shorter, she would probably have gone clear of danger. But then, perhaps, she could not have had a swimming bath and a French cafe. That of course is a serious consideration."

"It is inconceivable to think that there are people who can't spend five days of their life without a suite of apartments, cafes, band and such-like refined delights. I suspect that the public is not very guilty in this matter. These things were pushed on to it in the usual course of trade competition. If tomorrow you were to take all these luxuries away, the public would still travel."

Important lessons loom for today's society in the death of the Titanic. This volume graphically presents them to us.



Joy: Not many people find the satisfaction in their work that wildlife photographer Rick Denomme does. His color images range from dancing polar bears to dramatic deer.

Lensman taking aim at targets in the wild



Rick Denomme, without the aid of a gun or a trap, captures the wildlife of North America. The Northville photographer's images are on exhibit in the Livonia Arts Commission's showcases at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

When Rick Denomme talks about shooting polar bears, his eyes take on twinkle and his voice a smile — and you breathe a sigh of relief with the realization his gun is a camera.

Denomme and his wife, Connie, work as a team, traveling across the country to photograph the wildlife of North America.

His color images are on display Jan. 4 to Feb. 1 in the Livonia Arts Commission's circular showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

"It takes a lot of hours," he said in an interview in his Northville home. "Birds are tougher — looking for nests, looking for where they're feeding. On the other hand, we just returned a week ago from Manitoba, where we were shooting polar bears and we had trouble shooting just one."

"They come into town in Churchill," Connie added. "They have a big polar bear jail in the middle of town. They're held there until they can be tranquilized, then transported out of town and released."

Whether it's watching the whales and puffins off the coast of Cape Cod or the Harp seals in the Gulf of

St. Lawrence, these two wildlife lovers have tales to tell, like the time Denomme was standing on top of the vehicle photographing grizzly bears in Alaska with guides and guns at the ready.

"It can be dangerous working in the wild," Connie said. "One photographer was shooting from his truck when a bear grabbed his arm."

Twice a year, the Denommes travel to specific areas in search of a particular bird or animal. This year, they've planned a return trip to Montana in search of wolf and coyote.

Basically a self-taught photographer, Denomme prints all of his images. "That's an art in itself. People don't realize you can get red or green with the polar bear," Connie said.

See **LENSMAN**, 2D

Bird watchers: This male cardinal remains the favorite of birders who sometimes display it on a wall looking out onto their breeding station.



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Resolve to hone your creative skills

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

When was the last time you drew on your creative self, stretched your imagination, aimed at a target of self-improvement? Whether you're a visual artist, musician, dancer or just an

average person searching for ways to develop creative skills, New Year's is the time to set your goals.

Goal setting opens the door to new roads. Instead of giving up something this New Year's, resolve to develop your creative abilities. In addition, if

you have decided to diet or quit smoking, a busy mind and hands will serve as a distraction.

Dare to try something different. Look for a new way to approach that roadblock or problem in your personal life or work situation. Farmington

Hills artist Edee Joppich is able to survive financially as a watercolorist because she has learned to carry over her artistic creativity to institute innovative marketing techniques for

See **RESOLVE**, 2D

Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

For details and reviews of musical performances, please turn to the Entertainment section.

WANTED: ART AFICIONADOS

If you live in Livonia, have a demonstrated interest in the arts and are eager to volunteer time and effort to promote cultural awareness, take note:

The Livonia Arts Commission has four openings for members. Terms last up to three years.

The 15-member commission, all mayoral appointees, meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the Mayors Conference Room on the fourth floor of Livonia City Hall. Members also are expected to serve on project subcommit-

Art Beat

tees.

For more information, call the Livonia Community Resources Department: 421-2000, ext. 221.

ON VIEW

Watercolors by Westland artist Sandra Weed are on exhibit through Jan. 9 in the Continuing Education office at Schoolcraft College, Haggerty and Six Mile, Livonia, and at The Art Store Gallery, 42727 Ford Road, Canton. Weed, who operates Artistic Images by Sandra Weed, teaches art classes at both sites.

Meanwhile, Weed is planning an artist seminar for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20 in the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College. Her objective is to encourage artists to 1) learn new techniques and expand their horizons, 2) join local arts groups and 3) exhibit their work. Free space will be provided during the seminar to any art group that sends a representative to pass out newsletters and membership applications. The faculty includes Leslie Masters (abstract art), William Bordan (building the basics with watercolor), Rusty Fenton (colored pencil wildlife), Edythe Newbourne (Chinese brush painting), Johanna Bielecki (water scenes with watercolor), Lilly Dudgeon (monoprints), Edee Joppich (what judges look for in juried shows), Claudia Shepard (portraits) and Weed (using gouache and acrylics as watercolor, oil painting seascapes, fabric painting).

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her work in the form of payment plans and layaways.

Over the last year, Creative Living has introduced readers to nearly 100 observant artists and everyday people looking for new approaches leading to a more interesting and productive life-style.

In the case of Plymouth artist Sharon Bida, boredom prodded her into creating women's abstract neckties hand sculpted from clay after searching for a way to dress up a plain gray corporate suit.

Livonia basket weaver Peggy Lewis invented one more way to use her rattan creations. She stores unsightly, but necessary winter mittens, hats and scarves in a large covered basket, a decorative home accent piece that rests in her living room floor.

Challenge yourself to learn an art or craft by reading a how-to book. "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" by Betty Edwards focuses on learning "how to see," thereby enhancing creativity and artistic confidence.

Developing art or craft skills serves a multitude of purposes, providing growth, increasing self-esteem through creative expression, and offering a form of therapy or way to relax.

Once you've developed those skills, join an art club or organization to network and open yourself up to what others are doing.

Take a creative writing class or fiction writer's workshop, or simply discipline yourself to sit down for an hour every day and write. If

you find your interest waning around mid-October, sign up for a couple of sessions at the 32nd annual Detroit Women Writers Conference hosted by Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

There are hundreds of ways to develop creative living skills. Learn the basics of interior design so you can finally get around to redoing that spare bedroom or storage room. Use of color and design elements, coordinating furniture styles, and working within a budget will stretch your creativity.

All of these exercises build creative living skills. Practicing the ancient art of origami will hone inner concentration, creativity and sequencing skills.

Take a chance by investing in art. Light up your life with original artwork flowing with creative energy, and make a statement.

Consider buying the painting or print without the frame, then frame it in recycled barn wood. You will save money and stretch your creativity.

Kindle your imagination. Instead of buying one large painting, buy several smaller ones, then have fun designing your own art gallery wall.

Make a change for the better. Plan now to quilt a wallhanging or weave a basket for someone special next Christmas, because a year from now, your targeted self-improvement goals will have struck a bull's-eye.

Whatever you do, do it with a little more innovation using creative living skills as our guide.

Lensman from page 1D



Midday respite: This popular image by Rick Denomme, "Fawn with a Flower," focuses on a younger deer at rest in Kensington Park.

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Rick Denomme
Nature photographer

Rick added, "We work as a team on the decisions as far as color and cropping."

Denomme's photographs have appeared on the cover of the Michigan Wilderness Journal. Last year, the duo exhibited Rick's images at 29 art shows in seven states across the Midwest, including stops closer to home in Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village. For the last 17 years, they've participated in 25 to 30 shows a year.

"We exhibited at 38 the year before I quit Farmer Jack," Denomme said.

The decision to strike out on his own as a wildlife photographer after working more than a dozen years in retail was not easy for Denomme, but he

chance it and succeeded in making it his life's work.

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cute, cuddly polar bear," Denomme said.

Natural Image, the Denomme's photography business, offers nearly 60 images, including 12-15 deer and six polar bear.

"For the guys, it's a lot of deer, eagle, ducks," Denomme said. "For the little children's room, it's the fox, coon and a bunny. The cardinal is popular with grandma and grandpa watching the birds out in the back yard."

He added, "Birders now are unbelievable. Through the holidays, we sold a lot of bird images."

Kensington Park near Milford is a favorite image hunting haunt for Denomme. "We do a lot of shooting out there," Denomme said. "The cardinal, the deer are local and they're real popular. People want what they know."

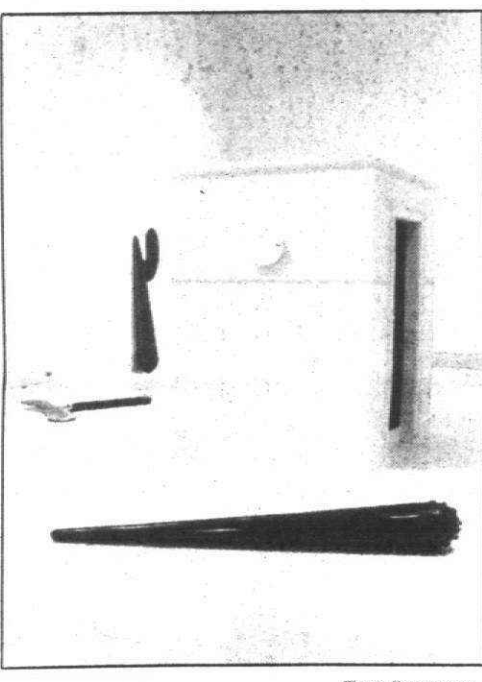
Natural Image's stock constantly changes as new images are added and old ones retired.

"We listen to the people. If there are three or four requests for a bird or animal, we do our best to add that image," Denomme said. "That's how we base our trips, to go out and capture them in the wild."

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

Cranbrook sculptor's work mocks patriarchal society

Arranging:
"A Siege in the Room:
New Sculpture
by Heather
McGill" features
large, freestanding
objects
around a
small room
to comment
on exploitation.



THREE COLORADO

By MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The creative clutter is both a conundrum and a commentary.

It's part of the installation "A Siege in the Room: New Sculpture by Heather McGill," continuing through Jan. 10 at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

The display is the first solo exhibit by McGill since she was appointed head of Cranbrook's Department of Sculpture in fall 1991. It challenges exploitation and domination in a patriarchal society.

A small room is at the center of the installation, literally and figuratively. It is a little house. Its outside walls look like walls from the inside of a house, with such features as a light switch, moldings and arrangements of stoneware dinner plates.

These plates bear gold-lettered text from the 1978 book "Woman and Nature: The Roaring Inside Her" by Susan Griffin. They refer to the practice of collecting and displaying china, as well as to the act of serving and the role of the server.

The walls and floor of the inside of the structure are made of overlapping sheets of mica, illuminated from behind by flickering,

flame-shaped light bulbs that the viewer can turn off or on with a switch. The viewer's image is reflected in a vague blur that changes as he or she moves.

Scattered around the room are 10 large objects the artist calls "tools for functioning." The vague shapes of some could be common, domestic objects, or a type of strange weapon. For example, is that a key, or an axe? A can opener, or a bayonet? Is that just a foot bath? Is this really a club? Their shapes are altered as the viewer approaches them from different angles and perspectives.

The exaggerated size of these objects makes them threatening. Their colors — red, pink, black, green, silver and gold — make them more ambiguous. They look heavy but are actually lightweight, suggesting that things aren't always what they seem.

Some of the items are toys traditionally associated with males, such as a ship. These pieces are smaller than the others, and so are less threatening or dominating.

Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, senior citizens and full-time students, free for children under age 7 and museum members. Call 645-3312.

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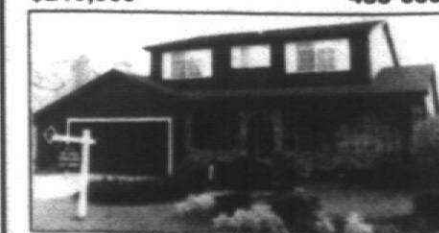
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BUILDING SCENE

Raising the roof through research

■ Roofs — they look like a simple part of the building process, but are actually one of the most complicated building components. Two local companies, sharing a roofing laboratory, simulate weather conditions to determine why roofs fail.

By R.J. KING
SPECIAL WRITER

While the recent devastation left by Hurricane Andrew in south Florida exposed a record of shoddy construction and inadequate oversight, it also focused more attention on two roofing consulting firms in Troy.

John D'Annunzio, founder and president of Paragon Roofing Technology, Inc., expects revenues to double in his second year of business, due in part to a re-evaluation of local construction standards and materials following the late-August hurricane.

"The devastation of Hurricane Andrew left a lot of people surprised because Florida has some of the toughest building standards in the nation," said D'Annunzio, who recently moved his firm from Southfield to share a roof laboratory and technical library with another firm.

"Companies and homeowners are becoming much more aware of how the proper design, construction and maintenance of a roof can lead to longevity. Roofs are very expensive, and when even the slightest thing goes wrong, it may cause injury and lead to expensive and time-consuming repairs."

Paragon shares facilities with Weather Tech Consultants, a 10-year-old roofing consulting firm that specializes in failure investigations and litigation work. Ladislav Jerga, president of Weather Tech, said the two firms complement one another.

"More businesses are concerned with roofing maintenance and repairs right now because there's not as many new buildings going up," said Jerga. "John is strong in residential, and repair and construction management, so he rounds out our expertise."

Using a weather machine inside the laboratory, the two firms can simulate some of the harshest conditions a roof comes up against — wind, rain, sun, hail, snow — and evaluate how such elements help lead to a collapse,



Taken for granted: Until your roof leaks, you probably don't give it a second thought. But a couple of Troy companies are making a science out of studying what leads to roof failures.

shift or leak.

"One of our primary services is failure investigation, where we take roofing materials and expose them to the elements in the lab and see where they might have failed," said D'Annunzio. "We do a lot of work for other consulting firms in this regard."

"We also look closely at roofing components like flashings to see if they're properly installed between the roof and a heating and cooling system. Another service is thermographic inspection (infrared scans), where we determine heat loss and proper levels of insulation."

Such investigations often come in response from insurance firms and other interested parties. Presently, Paragon is investigating the roof life span of several Mexican factories purchased by United Technologies, a large auto supplier. Other clients of the two firms include Oakland University in Rochester, the Wickes

Building in Southfield, the Ford Motor Co., General Motors and the People's Republic of China, the latter in need of advanced roofing technologies.

"From an appearance standpoint, roofs look like fairly simple forms, but they are one of the most complicated construction components out there," said Jerga. "And we have a great deal of codes to follow, which are not universal."

Building standards in Michigan and across the nation result from a distinctly American process that combines local politics, commerce and engineering. Most industrialized nations have a single national code used to set standards for construction.

In the U.S., there is no such uniformity. The closest thing to a national standard are the guidelines known as ASCE7-88, developed by the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American National Standards Institute as a guide for minimum design standards.

Many of the guidelines are incorporated into model building codes that are widely used by municipalities and counties. But many local communities, balancing safety with cost, pick and choose the standards they want to be held to.

It is estimated there are 5,000 building codes in use in the U.S. A business or homeowner faced with a roofing problem may want to consider hiring an independent roof consultant to complement the advice of an engineer or contractor, especially as large repairs can easily cost thousands of dollars.

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Builders pace themselves in stable market

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Single-family housing permits issued in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area through the first nine months of this year increased 19 percent over the comparable period in 1991.

Some 10,850 units were permitted through September, according to U.S. Housing Markets, a Livonia-based research publication of Lomas Mortgage USA, a national servicer of residential mortgages.

U.S. Housing Markets generally includes houses and townhouses in its single-family classification, but not condominiums or apartments.

The Detroit-Ann Arbor market, which includes Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston and Lapeer counties, ranked eighth nationally in terms of single-family units permitted for the nine-month period.

Atlanta, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Dallas-Fort Worth, Phoenix, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Baltimore surpassed us, the report indicated.

For the third quarter here, single-family units permitted numbered 4,045, an increase of nearly 11 percent from the period July through September 1991, the report said.

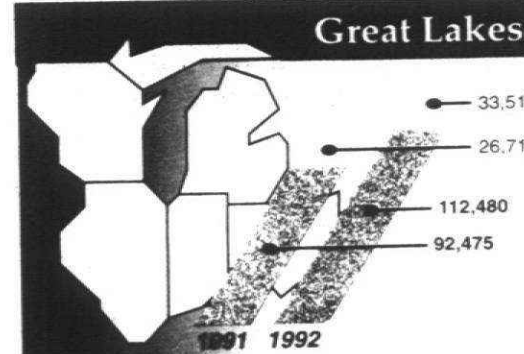
Some 4,375 single-family units were permitted in Detroit-Ann Arbor during the second quarter of this year, 2,438 during the first quarter.

Nationally, single-family permits jumped nearly 21 percent through the first nine months and 14 percent for the third quarter.

"The market locally seems to be fairly stable," said Brian Bragg, editor of U.S. Housing Markets. "Building is going on, and they're apparently settling at an acceptable rate."

"Detroit and Chicago have been hard hit by job losses in the last few years compared to other cities in the Midwest and Great Lakes," he said.

"With all of the economic troubles, local job numbers we've had, any kind of growth at all is a good thing to see."



Regional trends: Upswings in building in Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio helped pace the Midwest to post gains in building permits for the first nine months of the year. The heavy bar indicates single-family housing; the lighter bar indicates multi-family.

"The building community here doesn't tend to get too far ahead of demand," Bragg said.

Michael E. Patrick, president of Lomas Mortgage USA, addressed national trends in the report.

"Total U.S. housing starts will reach 1.2 million this year end and the momentum of the single-family sector will send the residential construction industry on to higher numbers in 1993," he said.

"Starts this year are running some 20 percent ahead of last, with nearly all of the gain concentrated in the single-family sector," he said.

Another year of similar advances would take the national total above 1.4 million — back to the level of construction we experienced in 1988-89.

"For the industry to achieve 1.4 million starts next year, though, the nation's employment num-

bers will have to strengthen," Patrick said.

"In the last four quarters, total U.S. non-farm employment has declined by 367,000 jobs. In the four quarters before that, job losses totaled 2.1 million."

"Multi-family permit volume will fall short of 190,000 this year. That will make 1992 the weakest for multifamily development since 1957."

"Traditional sources of financing for rental, apartment development are available only in a few markets," Patrick said. "Bankers' terms for multi-family financing are so restrictive as to make most projects impractical or unworkable."

In terms of percentage growth, Detroit-Ann Arbor ranked in the lower half among Midwestern and Rust Belt counterparts for the third quarter.

Figures showed Minneapolis-St. Paul with a 31 percent increase in single-family units permitted; St. Louis and Columbus, 22 percent; Cincinnati, 21; Chicago, 19; Milwaukee-Racine, 18; Indianapolis, 14; Detroit-Ann Arbor, 11; Kansas City, 10; Cleveland, 8; and Pittsburgh, 5.

Growth through nine months showed St. Louis with a 34 percent increase; Kansas City, 29 percent; Indianapolis and Minneapolis-St. Paul, 28; Columbus, 27; Cincinnati, 26; Milwaukee-Racine, 23; Chicago, 21; Detroit-Ann Arbor, 19; Pittsburgh, 17; and Cleveland, 15.

Detroit-Ann Arbor also finished near the lower echelons in terms of a hotness index — new dwellings of all kinds permitted per 1,000 population during the last four quarters — developed by U.S. Housing Markets.

Columbus scored 7.3 permits per 1,000 population; Indianapolis, 7.2; Minneapolis-St. Paul, 6.5; Cincinnati, 6.0; Kansas City, 5.5; Milwaukee-Racine, 4.8; St. Louis, 4.1; Cleveland, 4.0; Detroit-Ann Arbor and Chicago, 3.7; and Pittsburgh, 2.4.

Las Vegas, with 17.6 dwelling permits per 1,000 population, had the highest hotness index in the country at last check, U.S. Housing Markets reported.

Laundries needn't be tucked out of sight

Laundry equipment doesn't have to stay in the basement. Look around your house for a more convenient, cheerful location. When searching for a new space, Home Products Guide magazine says to consider the following:

Where do you spend the most time? Put your laundry room nearby.

Where do you generate dirty laundry? A laundry chute that drops clothes from upstairs bedrooms to the laundry room saves going down, but the clean clothes must still be hauled up. Likewise, a basement laundry room means stairs in both directions.

Consider a same-floor laundry location, or one that's near a stairway.

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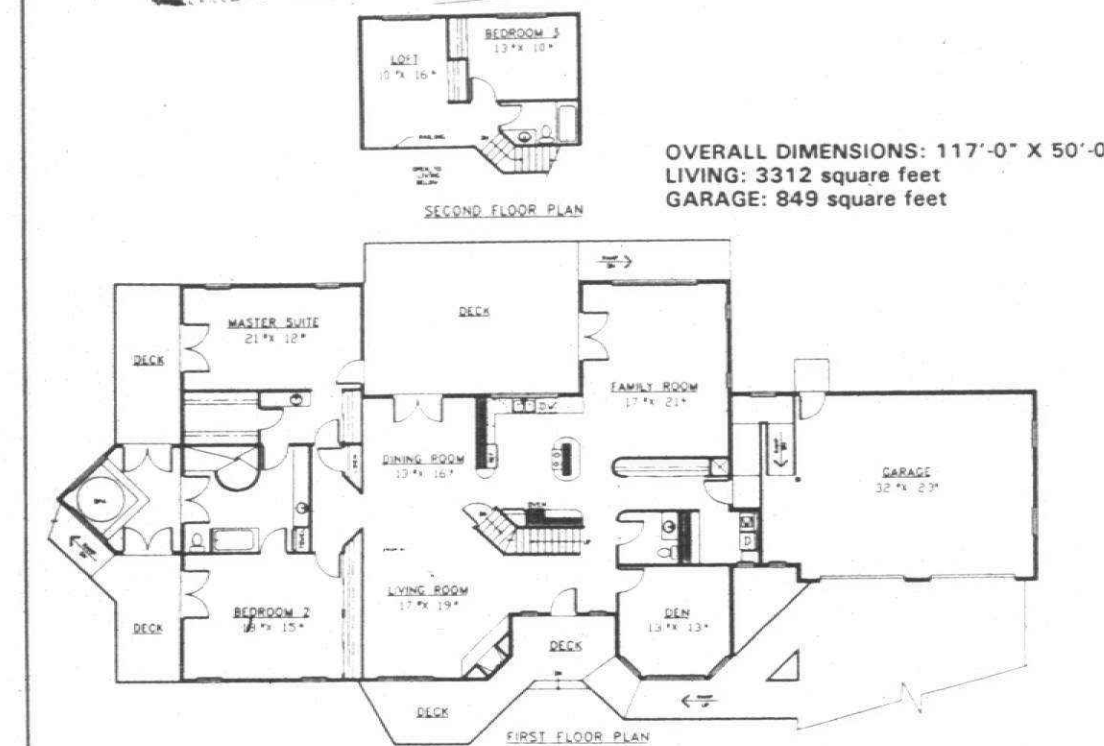
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See LAUNDRY, 4D



OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 117'-0" X 50'-0"
LIVING: 3312 square feet
GARAGE: 849 square feet



Laundry from page 3D

and cons of several locations in your home:

■ Utility rooms are a favorite site. Most entryway utility rooms — often called mudrooms — are a natural stopping-off place for the family, and a laundry sink is especially handy there. Unfortunately, some floor plans allow only a sliver of poorly lighted space where traffic rages through, and it can be a long march from the bedrooms.

■ Kitchens are an increasingly popular spot for a laundry center. This option is inexpensive because the washer can use existing plumbing lines. While it is con-

venient for those who spend a lot of time in the kitchen, this site may not work for those with small kitchens, those who like to entertain in the kitchen, or for a floor plan that has the bedrooms a long distance from the kitchen.

■ Bedroom or bathroom locations may mean the fewest steps to do your work, and can save on installation costs by sharing plumbing lines. This option comes at a cost, however. Unless you're adding on, you'll probably fit the laundry area into former closet or storage space. Also, you won't save many steps if your bedrooms are upstairs, but you spend most of your

time downstairs. ■ Basements are the traditional locale of laundry rooms, but are actually the least efficient. It is often a long distance to haul clothes, and can be gloomy and dark.

After finding the best location for your laundry area, make the area pleasant to work in by adding adequate lighting and windows. Paint the walls in cheerful colors and furnish the room with a utility sink, a counter for folding clothes, an ironing center, shelves, and storage. Finally, make sure the floor is comfortable to stand on for long periods of time.

House for the handicapped

The Sharp is a large house that is custom designed to make life easier for those who rely on wheelchairs for their mobility. All areas are fully accessible with the exception of a loft and guest bedroom on the partial second floor.

While most accessible buildings have one or two entry ramps, the Sharp has four, allowing immediate access to any part of the house, decks (front, rear and side), garage and the yard. In addition, all doors are three feet wide and some corners have 45-degree angles instead of the usual 90 degrees; others are rounded.

Special adaptations are found in the kitchen where the range-top work islands and counters also are rounded at the end. French doors open onto the back deck from the adjacent family room and dining room.

The downstairs bedrooms, each

as spacious as the living room, share a bathroom adapted for wheelchair users. The shower stall also is designed to accommodate a wheelchair, and the placement of the tub also allows easy access. Twin vanities are also featured.

French doors in the bathroom open into a fully accessible spa room, bathed in natural light from windows that fill most of two walls. French doors in each of the bedrooms also open on private decks with spa access. The master bedroom has a huge walk-in closet and another vanity.

Vaulted ceilings in the living room and entry foyer create a first impression of informal openness. The den, which is next to the front door, could easily double as a home office. Installation of an exterior entry from the deck would provide additional separation between home and office functions.

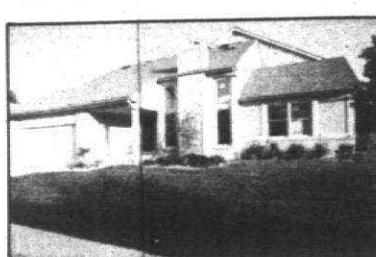
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Selective remodeling can increase home's value

The traditional way for homeowners to increase the value of their house is by remodeling existing rooms or adding on to its current plan.

Some choose to build recreation rooms and studies while others add new appliances, fixtures and cabinets to enliven rooms and make their homes more attractive to future buyers.

But when should you decide to stop sinking money into a home and buy a bigger house? How much rehab is too much when it comes time to recovering remodeling costs through a home sale? And if you do decide to go ahead with the project, are you following

recommended guidelines in choosing the project, contractor and method of financing the improvement?

Here are some thoughts on remodeling by the Michigan Association of CPAs, based in Farmington Hills, and Century 21 sales representatives.

According to the CPAs, any remodeling project should be planned with an eye toward resale value. More than any other factor, the value of a home improvement project depends on housing values in the surrounding area. Improvements that bring a home up to the neighborhood standard are typically among the best investments.

Other factors that influence the value of a project are the quality of the materials and the workmanship.

In general, the size of the project, your ability to repay the loan quickly and the amount you can afford to pay monthly are primary considerations in deciding which financing option is best suited to your project and your pocketbook. If you do choose to borrow, keep in mind that as a rule you'll need 20-percent equity in your home, including the remodeling value to obtain a loan.

For tax considerations, any project that adds to the value of the property, prolongs its life or

adapts it to a new use increases the cost basis of your house. As a result, the taxable profit on the sale of your house is correspondingly reduced. Repairs that merely maintain the condition of your house do not qualify as capital improvements. It is important to keep records of home improvement costs to realize their tax benefit sometime in the future.

Keep in mind that by increasing the value of your house, you may also be increasing your property tax.

Once you've made up your mind to go ahead with the project, it is important to recognize your

house's character and stay within its framework. Nothing sticks out more than a new addition that is in a different architectural style.

The most financially rewarding areas to remodel are usually the kitchen and bath, according to Century 21. Newly redone cooking spaces and cabinets can attract more buyers and may command a slightly higher price for the house than a comparable one on the market. Simple repairs that are made to last will bring you the biggest returns upon sale.

Enlarged bathrooms are the most popular attraction for new home buyers, according to the

National Kitchen and Bath Association. Today, the most popular additions for younger buyers are sunken whirlpool baths and showers. But be sure to install modest, solid amenities. It's easy to quickly overspend on bathroom fixtures.

When choosing a contractor, you should investigate the company's reputation, the CPAs suggest. Seek out personal and professional recommendations. Be sure to talk with previous customers and check with the Better Business Bureau. Obtain written estimates from at least two or three contractors.

Pool manufacturer needn't post warning against diving

CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I would like to pick your brain on some personal injury law as it relates to our condominium. We have a situation where one of our residents dove into an above-ground pool and was seriously injured. The resident has contacted me and has

asked whether there is a basis to sue the manufacturer of the pool. We had no warning on the pool with respect to diving. Do you think he has a claim against the pool manufacturer?

Based on a recent decision of the Michigan Supreme Court, he may have a problem to the extent that the pool was not defective or unreasonably dangerous for want of a warning. The court has held that the manufacturer of a simple product has no duty to warn of the product's potentially dangerous conditions or characteristics if those characteristics are readily apparent or visible on casual inspection and are reasonably expected to be recognized by the average user of ordinary intelligence.

The obvious nature of the product's potential danger gives an inherent warning of risk, says the court, and it may be that the claimant may not have any basis to pursue the pool manufacturer.

On the other hand, whether this exclusion from responsibility goes to the condominium association, which was responsible for the maintenance of the pool, is not clear. Accordingly, there may be some collateral liability for the condominium association or its managing agent in connection with the maintenance of the pool area, depending on the facts of the case.

Can you tell me whether we can prohibit the leasing of condominium units in our condominium? The board wants to include a provision in its bylaws doing so.

I am not aware of any specific decision in Michigan that has ruled on the question. The general rule of law is that it disfavors restraints on the transferability of property. But there are several Florida decisions that have upheld the right of associations to prohibit entirely the leasing of a condominium unit. Whether that would be the result in Michigan is not known, but it is an important decision in favor of holding a lease prohibition.

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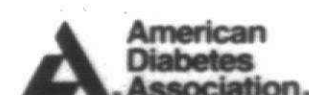
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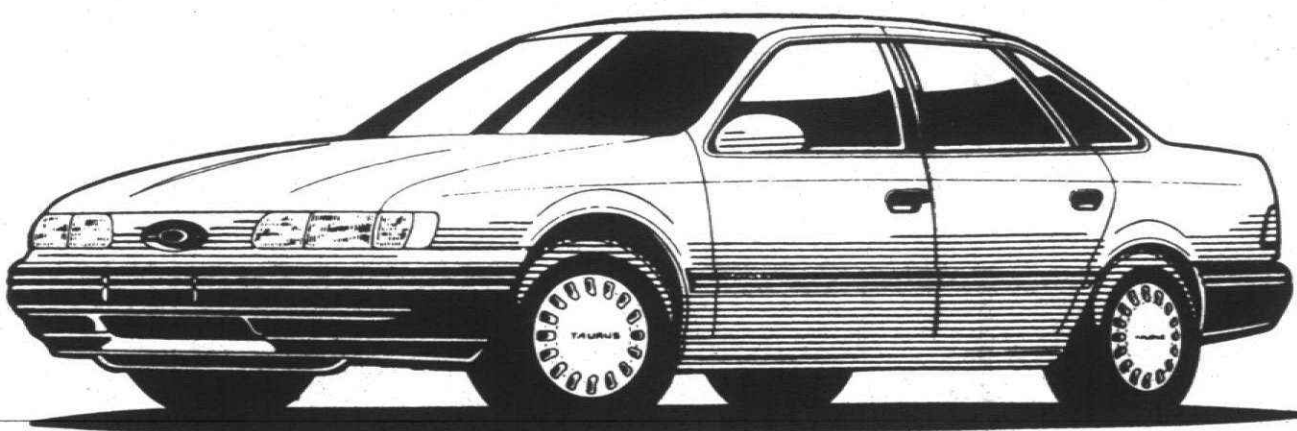
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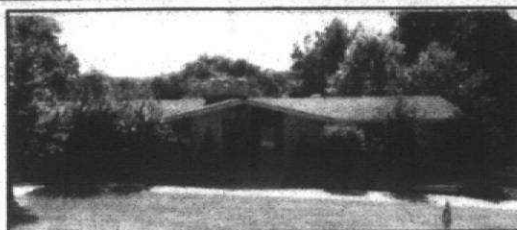
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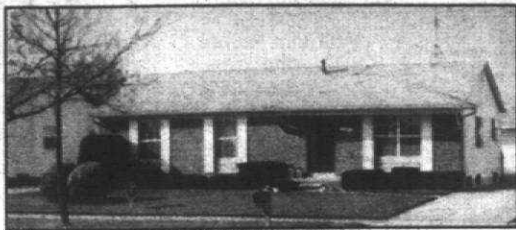
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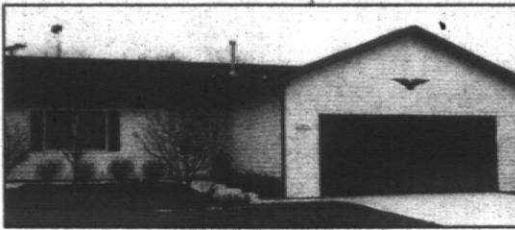
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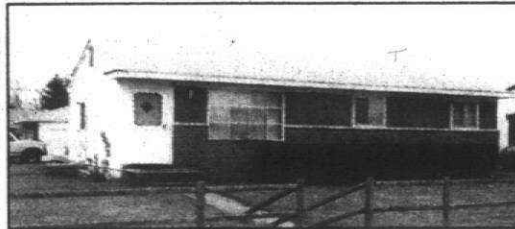
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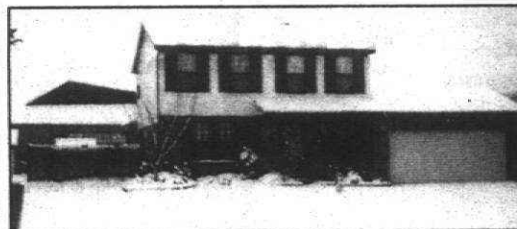
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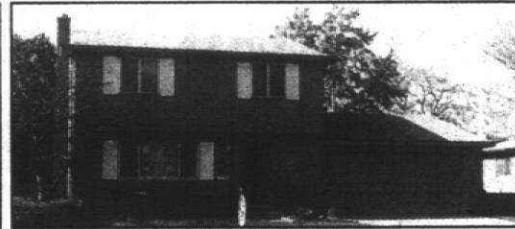
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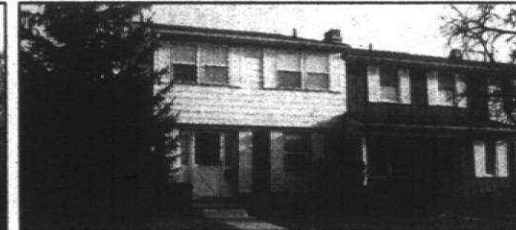
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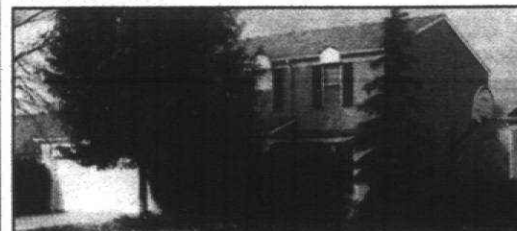
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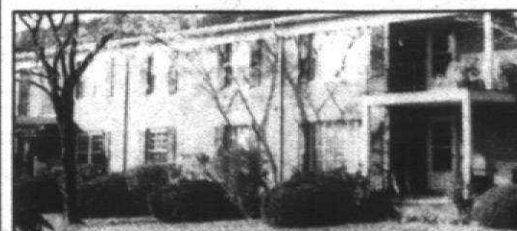
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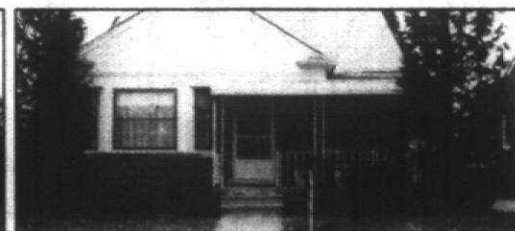
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WAS \$12,833 IS **\$10,199***

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WAS \$11,618 IS **\$9801***

NEW 1993 F-150 4X4 SUPER CAB PICKUP



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WAS \$22,680 IS **\$18,016***

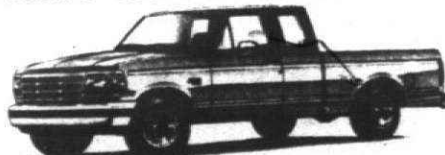
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WAS \$13,716 IS **\$11,299***

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