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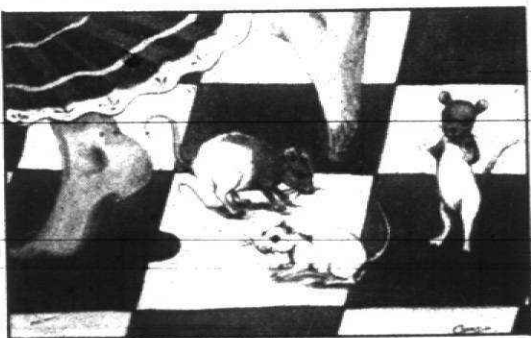
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Canton backs third judgeship



A third judgeship for the local 35th District Court has been talked about for several years in the Canton area, but it hasn't been created by the state. Canton Township officials are now putting on a full-court press for a new judge.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township officials are giving their nod — once again — to the creation of a third judgeship at the two-judge 35th District Court in Plymouth.

"You'll notice it's cheaper for the court to find a third judge than to pay

for a visiting judge," Supervisor Tom Yack said.

The cost of visiting Judge Charles Kaufman, who has served since Jan. 1, is projected at \$35,000 for the court's local funding units — Canton, Northville and Plymouth townships and the cities of Plymouth and Northville. A full-time judge's salary

is picked up by the state, except for about \$4,107, which is paid by the local units.

The 35th District Court has been preliminarily identified as one of the courts that might qualify again for a third judge. The Michigan Supreme Court, which reviews the need for judges every two years, is now conducting a survey of the state's courts. From the results of this survey, the State Court administrator will recommend additions or deletions of judges within district courts.

The local units, such as Canton Township, must accept or reject any

possible addition by May 1 for the state court to proceed with the survey, according to a report from Marion Belding, 35th District Court administrator.

The Supreme Court will make recommendations for judicial changes to the state Legislature, which provides financing no later than January 1994.

By accepting a possible judicial addition, Canton trustees agree to "provide and maintain facilities, equipment, personnel, and operating expenses to operate the court."

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Not just for college students



Art classes: The Plymouth Community Arts Council sponsors classes for adults in the Canton and Plymouth areas. At right, Linda Confer-Lang works on a watercolor, while Kris Campbell stands in the background. Above, Sue Marion paints vegetables, as practice to improve her works.



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To be safe, trustees vote for bond sale

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Just in case.

That was why Canton Township trustees adopted a resolution — showing their intent to sell a maximum \$3 million in bonds for the Downtown Development Authority — at an emergency meeting early Tuesday evening.

The meeting was called after township attorneys and area state legislators warned that Gov. John Engler's school finance tax plan — approved

by the state House Tuesday and awaiting Senate approval Wednesday — might prohibit municipalities from selling bonds for projects, such as the DDA's streetscape project.

"We have no idea or what may have passed," said Loren Bennett, Canton clerk. "This is an attempt to grandfather it in."

DDA members will adopt an amended plan and ask trustees for a public hearing at their next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6.

Between that vote and a public

hearing before township trustees in May, the various taxing authorities that would be affected by the DDA's tax increment financing plan will be notified.

The DDA already has spent approximately \$110,000-\$120,000 on engineering plans for the streetscape. Already the township has \$1.3 million in a fund to help pay for the streetscape.

"Even if funding went away entirely, we have \$1.3 million to do something with," said Tom Yack, town-

ship supervisor.

The bonds will be paid with property tax money derived from the tax increment financing plan.

"It is not \$4.3 million," Yack added, referring to the project's costs.

If the tax increment financing plan isn't sufficient enough to pay off the bonds, the principal and interest on the bonds will be paid from township general funds or, if necessary, from ad valorem taxes levied on Canton properties.

■ For a long time, women have needed to have a support organization in Canton.

Terri Bennett

Women in township form support group

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

When Terri Bennett is out in the community, she sees a lot:

A woman who answers the door and says she's not registered to vote — her husband takes care of that stuff.

Or a woman who answers the door with one child in her arms, while keeping an eye on the others behind her. And the woman who's so busy it's clear she doesn't have time to answer the door.

"For a long time, women have needed to have a support organization in Canton," said Bennett, chairwoman of the Canton Historical District Commission.

"Men, through their businesses,

frequently have had support through work with time management, financial management and planning."

Bennett and a small group of Canton women have come to the conclusion it's about time for women to have an organization that can provide them with information and support in a changing world.

"Certainly, this is still in its infancy," said Bennett, who is spearheading the effort. "The concept is kind of evolving that we could put together a free and exciting wide variety of women's issues."

When the organization gets on its feet, the plan is to navigate a series of issues, including health care, finances, self-esteem, education — "and the impact on women's lives,"

said township trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who is working with Bennett on the organization.

"It will be about dealing with problems and issues of the 1990s. Things are complicated for women on a lot of standpoints," McLaughlin said. "This won't be a tea cakes and coffee group. It will be a proactive support system."

Organizers — Bennett, McLaughlin, Phyllis Redfern, Barb Yack, Phyllis Patterson and Laura Kosteva — will likely conduct a survey to determine women's needs in the community.

Township supervisor Tom Yack has asked the women to wait until after an April 8 meeting about creation of a human services center involving area non-profit service agencies. There's a good possibility the women will conduct the survey through the township newsletter.

"We need to narrow the needs. Then we can determine our programming," Bennett said.

Organizations in the community, such as Plymouth Business-Professional Women, the Canton Beautification Commission, or even real estate companies will be tapped for resources.

"Wouldn't it be great to use those resources to give women at home, for example, an outlet or information for their futures?" Bennett asked.

No women will be excluded from the organization — regardless if they work in or out of the home. "We decided it wouldn't be mutually exclusive to women either," McLaughlin said.

If a speaker is brought in on health issues, by all means, men should attend. "Women's health issues affect the whole family," Bennett said.

Wayne-Westland faces 2 tax votes Monday

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A massive election-eve push to win support for two Wayne-Westland school tax proposals is planned for this weekend.

Hundreds of volunteers — hoping to protect school programs from a possible budget ax — are set to descend on district neighborhoods amid hopes of winning support and convincing voters to go to the polls Monday.

The school district includes about 300 students from the eastern portions of Canton Township.

Workers also have rented an office on Wayne Road and have set up a telephone bank to reach

as many district residents as possible this week.

"I feel real good right now about the election," Superintendent Larry Thomas said Tuesday.

Eleanor Harrington, Wayne-Westland election official, said she doesn't expect a heavy turnout among the district's 60,000-plus voters.

Some 700 absentee ballots have been issued, but Harrington said she couldn't predict what percentage of voters would go to the polls between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday.

Voters will decide on two proposals Monday:

■ A 6-mill renewal that would expire in three years. School officials chose not to seek renewal of the full 7.75-mill proposal that narrowly won approval in 1991. (One mill represents \$1 per

\$1,000 of state equalized valuation.)

■ A one-year waiver of the state Headlee tax limitation amendment. Otherwise, the district's millage rate would automatically roll back and force a deficit situation, school officials said.

School officials have outlined three scenarios that could happen Monday:

■ Voters could approve both plans. The district would levy a total of 46.64 mills, leaving the district with an estimated surplus of \$1.8 million at the end of the 1993-94 school year.

■ Voters could approve the 6-mill plan but reject the Headlee override. The district would levy 43.20 mills but have a deficit of \$3.5 million, officials said.



School auction: Sara Fry, Amy Fry and Megan Hammond look at one of the dolls that will be up for sale at New Morning School's auction on Saturday.

Saturday auction to benefit local cooperative school

What do Rollerblades, sailing excursions, home security systems, and orthodontic services have in common?

All are among the items to change hands at New Morning School's 17th Annual Auction at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

The fund-raiser will benefit southeastern Michigan's only pre-K-through-eighth-grade parent cooperative in southeastern Michigan. The non-profit, state-certified school is located at 14501

Haggerty in Plymouth. "The auction is our annual fund-raiser, and we hope to raise \$75,000 to help out the school," said Leslie Stolaruk, an auction volunteer and chairperson of the school's annual art show.

More than 500 people are expected to attend the dressy affair. Other items to be auctioned include bicycles, artwork, Oriental screens and rugs; toys; games; a "health and fitness" stay at the Heartland Weekend Condo at White Birch Lodge in Elk Rapids; jewelry; golf packages; hot air bal-

loon rides; guitar lessons; University of Michigan football tickets; bed and breakfast weekends; passes to the TPC Seniors Golf Tournament; white water rafting trips; autographed sports memorabilia; tickets to "Home Improvement" tapings; and a parent and child Grand Prix package.

Tickets to the auction are \$45, and corporate tables are available. For more information, call 420-3331.

New Morning School serves 110 students from surrounding communities within a 20-mile radius.

Hotel hits new fiscal snag

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Mayflower Hotel co-owner Scott Lorenz said the hotel's owners have the financial backing to get the Mayflower out of receivership.

But Lorenz said complications could affect his family keeping the landmark hotel — because the bank that holds the lien on the hotel is exploring the option of going up for sale.

His comments came more than three months after the announcement that the hotel was in receivership, as the hotel co-owners were having trouble paying \$1.5 million in debts.

The change in the hotel's status — from Chapter 11 bankruptcy to receivership — was expected to be followed within weeks by the announcement of a date for a "sheriff's sale."

"That date is typically set after a business goes into receivership, to offer the property for public sale. Typically, the lien holder is the highest bidder."

Mayflower sets sale?
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After the sheriff's sale takes place, the former owners are given six months to repay debts or lose the property to the lien holder.

While the Lorenz family initially expressed confidence they would retain the hotel, Scott Lorenz on Monday offered the strongest statements so far on the family keeping the landmark Plymouth hotel, at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

"We have plenty of people that will back us for what the place is worth," he said.

"That's not going to be an is-

sue. The issue is when can they release it and if they're going to sell it," Lorenz said. "The ball's in their court."

But Heritage Bankcorp spokesman Brian Barbuto said that while the bank is exploring a possible sale, "They really shouldn't affect one another."

The bank is exploring a sale by recommendation of Heritage Bankcorp board of directors committee.

"The board of directors has instructed the company's investment bankers to explore potential offers for an acquisition of the company on the best available terms and to report to the board the results of their efforts," according to a company statement March 24.

The corporation has several metro Detroit branches, including Heritage Federal Savings Bank at 650 S. Main.

The receiver now running the Mayflower Hotel is Ron Wilson of Hotel Investment Services in Bloomfield Hills.

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according to the resolution adopted.

In her report, Belding referred to the overload of cases at the 35th District Court. Since 1984, the caseload grew from more than 24,000 cases to more than 40,000, which is a 61-percent increase. Per judge, the caseload is now 20,140. The state average is 11,138 cases per judge.

"The 35th District is now the

second busiest in Wayne County in total cases and is in the top five in the state on a per judge basis," according to Belding.

Because of the burgeoning caseload, the Court Advisory Board authorized the use of Judge Kaufman as a visiting judge, Belding said.

The 35th District has twice been recommended for a third

judge. In 1990, the state Legislature approved the additional judge, but the local communities postponed the position until financing could be arranged for the construction of a third courtroom.

In 1992, the local communities agreed to a third judge, but the state Legislature refused to create the new position because of the state's financial shortfall.

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Social workers say home alone isn't new

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Poor Johnny has endured a lot in the past couple of decades. In the 1970s, the cry was "Johnny can't read." Today it's "Johnny's home alone."

Recent news reports are any indication, it appears leaving children home alone is new. But those who work in law enforcement and social services say it's not — but it's a bit different.

"At one point, if mother needed to run to the corner market and left a 9-year-old at home, the neighbor would keep an eye on him," said Connie Moran, a therapist with Canton Family Services.

The 1990s have brought a new bag of pressures for parents. Today both parents work or children live with a single working parent. Families also are mobile and iso-

lated, day care is expensive and life is fast-paced.

"Society is so complex. The rules are complex, but we don't know the rules anymore," Moran said.

In Canton recently, a school bus driver drove an elementary school student back to school when she discovered her parents weren't home. The mother, however, later told police the manager of the apartments where she lived was supposed to keep an eye on her daughter until she returned home from work.

According to Canton police statistics, family/children reports, such as neglect and home alone incidents, increased in 1992 to 34 from 21 in 1991.

"This isn't anything new," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "This has gone on a long time."

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Connie Moran
CFS therapist

When notified of a home alone case, police can have the children removed for their own protection and the Department of Social Services is brought in.

"There's a lot of cases that are unreported," Santomauro said. "I think people tend to use good judgment when they report something."

Home alone cases, such as the Chicago couple who left their

daughters home while vacationing, or the Detroit couple whose seven home-alone children died in a house fire, definitely draw attention to the issue.

But Moran, Mary Egnor, Northwestern Community Services program director, and Santomauro say those incidents are the exception to the rule. "I think the vast majority of parents use good judgment and common sense," Santomauro said.

In days gone by, children came home to somebody — either parents, a neighbor, a grandparent or another relative.

"There's just not the support there anymore," Egnor said, referring to family mobility. Young couples are isolated (from their families) and they don't know too many people to ask for help. We've all moved so far away from home."

The divorce rate also has played a role. Today single parents work and raise their children — all in what seems to be a much shorter day.

"It's not so much a problem of two-income families but of single parents," Moran said, adding they are caught between the costs of day care and their incomes.

Egnor hopes for innovation in day care, especially when families live far away from relatives. "The

whole issue of day care is difficult and so expensive. People are finding themselves in a position where they don't have options."

That's when Johnny just happens to be left home alone for an hour or so until mom or dad comes home from work.

Egnor also speaks of a change in society. "In the 1980s, yuppies were the thing and children were not. I think people do take less responsibility. Today parents want their children to wear designer clothes." That costs money and generally two incomes.

Both Egnor and Moran also speak of parents' concerns for their children's safety. Can a neighbor be trusted? "You lock yourself in. Who do you trust anymore? There used to be an assumption that people were on the up and up," Moran said.

Early Plymouth resident dies 2 days before 100th

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Norma Cassidy, a well-known figure in the Plymouth community, died Friday, March 26, two days before her 100th birthday.

Services were held at Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Regarded as one of the grand ladies of Plymouth, Cassidy was proud of her longevity, and of her accomplishments in the community. At the time of her death, she still lived on her own in a 118-year-old New England-style farmhouse, and made daily trips to Bill Knapp's restaurant where she dined and kept in touch with friends.

A charter member of the Plymouth Historical Society and first curator of Plymouth's Historical Museum, Cassidy outlived her husband, Roderick Cassidy, and most of her children. She is survived by a son, Roderick Cassidy, Jr.

Beth Stewart, Historical Museum curator, recalled that Cassidy was integral in the establishment of the museum, cataloging "more than 5,000 artifacts to get everything started."

"The museum had been in the Polley House, an old farmhouse in front of the township's first blacksmith shop," Stewart said. The house stood where the current museum is located. Victorian furniture from the Polley House still graces the museum.

A member of this area's first

■ 'We weathered the storm and now I can look on the days of the Norma Cassidy dress shop and feel that they were among the happiest days of my life.'

Norma Cassidy

kindergarten class in 1897, Cassidy also was a successful businesswoman. For three decades, she owned and operated Cassidy's Dress Shop, located on Penniman Ave. and later on Main Street.

She told a reporter in 1983 how she got started, taking over a business when the owner was ready to close up shop.

"I had been working for the Book House, selling books for children," she recalled at age 90. The office was in Chicago, and the girl who had the Ann Arbor area wasn't doing too well. And I took it over.

"Then came the chance to take over the shop on Penniman Avenue, and I took it, though I wondered if I could pay the rent of \$25 a month. This was back in 1933 in the depth of the Depression, but I took it." Cassidy survived rent increases to \$100 a month, staying in business until 1966.

"At the corner store, I catered to folks for miles around and often made trips to New York and Chicago to keep in touch with the times and the latest styles," she said. "I was married to a banker, and he often feared for me. He'd say, 'I don't want to sit up there on the mourner's bench when the bank goes under.' We weathered the storm and now I can look on the days of the Norma Cassidy dress shop and feel that they were among the happiest days of my life."

Cassidy, along with Clarence Moore, also was a leader in the Christian Science church community of Plymouth, responsible for the building of the church on Ann Arbor Trail.

A member of the Woman's Club of Plymouth and proud of the fact she never missed the opportunity to vote, Cassidy married Roderick Cassidy Oct. 28, 1916.

A notice in the Plymouth Mail noted the event. "Miss Norma Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Baker of this place, and Roderick Cassidy, eldest son of William Cassidy, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents on Main Street last Saturday evening. Mrs. Cassidy is one of Plymouth's popular young ladies, and Mr. Cassidy is well and favorably known, being employed in the Plymouth United Savings Bank. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy wedded life."

Board OKs teacher pact

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' teachers will receive a 3-percent raise next year. The tentative agreement was approved 7-0 by the school board Monday and ratified overwhelmingly last week by the district's 756 teachers.

The one-year pact maintains all fringe benefits. Board president Roland Thomas said, "We are pleased to have this contract worked out well in advance of the beginning of next school year. This provides an increase slightly less than the cost of living, which is currently calculated at 3.2 percent. We worked to have this contract completed before the June 14 election so people would understand the school district's financial situation totally."

Thomas said the expedited agreement was reached due to the hard work of negotiators on both sides. School board treasurer Dean Swartzwelder said a look at 1993-94 salary schedules shows Plymouth-Canton ranks 11th among the 34 school districts in Wayne County.

Superintendent John Hoben had hoped teachers would agree to a settlement of no more than 3 percent and an increase in the \$2 prescription co-pay. Health care costs are projected to go up 20 percent districtwide next year.

"We are pleased with the agreement. We think it was a fair settlement for both the district and for teachers," said Chuck Portelli, president of the teachers' union.

Reaching an early agreement was difficult, said Tom Cotner, chief negotiator for the teachers. "I sincerely thought both sides worked pretty hard to get it done."

Cotner worked with Portelli and district negotiators Sharon Belobradich, Joann Gustafson, Dave Wert and Michigan Education Association director Maryann Ligato-Freydl.

Errol Goldman, chief negotiator for the district, said reaching an expedited agreement hopefully will improve chances of the 4-mile increase being approved by voters in the June 14 election.

"We are real pleased after the third day of bargaining. We're glad we were able to do it when we did." Negotiating with Goldman for the district were administrator including Mike Homes, Tom Tattan and Pat Patton.

Provisions of the agreement include:

■ 'We are pleased to have this contract worked out well in advance of the beginning of next school year. This provides an increase slightly less than the cost of living, which is currently calculated at 3.2 percent.'

Roland Thomas
school board president

■ Two teachers who wish to switch positions may do so prior to the beginning of a school year subject to administrative approval.

■ Two teachers who want to job-share a position may submit a request. Time and benefits will be reduced accordingly and the commitment is for a full year.

■ Effective with the 1993-94 school year, part-time employees will receive a full day of seniority for each day worked.

■ Five minutes of contact time with students will be added to each school day at each level.

■ K-8 teachers will be allotted four half-days during the school year for such things as staff development, parent conferences, student assessment and school improvement. Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, there will be two district staff in-service half days with students reporting in the morning and staff in-service in the afternoon.

■ Smoking will be prohibited in all district buildings, facilities and vehicles. The board will provide a smoking cessation program for school district employees at least once a year. If employees violate the smoking prohibition, they must enroll in a smoking cessation program at their own expense.

■ Regarding Public Act 25 school improvement plans: Teachers shall comprise a majority of any school improvement team. To make building-wide changes, at least 75 percent of the staff must agree. Participation on school improvement teams is voluntary and shall not be part of a teacher's evaluation or otherwise be used to discipline teachers.

Entry level pay for Plymouth-Canton teachers is \$29,798 (including the 3-percent raise). Top of the scale for teachers with 11 years seniority, a masters' degree plus 30 additional credits, is \$59,101.



Meeting Engler: Norma Cassidy was on hand in October 1992 when then President George Bush made a whistle stop during his campaign. Above, Cassidy meets Gov. John Engler during the presidential visit. She saw President Franklin Roosevelt at the same site.

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State sues local firm for licensing violation

A Canton recycling company is one of seven in the Detroit area that state Attorney General Frank Kelley is suing for operating without a license.

Wood Recycling of America Inc., a wood and solid waste processing plant, 45012 Yost, is being sued in Wayne County Circuit Court for operating unlicensed solid waste facilities. Company officials were unavailable for comment. Their phone has apparently been disconnected.

Wood Recycling, as well as others in Detroit, are charged with accepting wood and demolition materials for processing prior to recycling or for transfer to recycling centers. Waste has accumu-

lated at these unregulated, unmonitored sites, Kelley said in a press release.

The accumulated waste is a potential threat to the health and safety of the neighborhoods where the facilities are located, Kelley said.

"Across Wayne County, we have seen unlicensed solid waste disposal sites and sham recycling centers established by owners ready to take advantage of the profits that can be made from the demolition projects that have been undertaken in the city," Kelley said.

"Unfortunately, some of these people are ready to accept 'the money but not the responsibility

that goes with the acceptance and proper disposal of solid waste," Kelley continued.

According to the complaints, the owners or operators of these facilities have never applied for or received permits that are required for the operation of waste disposal facilities.

The waste at all of the sites is stored in open piles on the ground with no attempt to control blowing debris or the leaching of potentially hazardous substances into the soil. Investigations and testing performed by the state Department of Natural Resources indicate the presence of hazardous substances, including lead, at the some of the sites, Kelley said.

Woman stops car vandals

A 19-year-old woman called police after she found two young men vandalizing her car at the Canton General Cinema, 45555 Ford Road, March 27, according to a Canton police report.

The woman and a friend, both cinema employees, were returning to the theater after going out after work, and found two men at the passenger door of her 1985 Ford Escort.

When the men saw the woman returning to the Escort, they ran to a dark-colored Bronco parked behind the woman's car. One of the men reportedly wore a Plymouth-Salem varsity jacket. Both men jumped into the passenger seats of the Bronco, which was occupied by two other young men.

The woman and her friend then

COP CALLS

drove to a nearby gas station and called police. When police arrived at the theater they found the dashboard of the Escort smashed and the stereo pulled out and hanging by its wires. Police also found bolt cutters on the passenger side floor.

Bomb threat

A man apparently involved in a police case threatened Canton police with a bomb scare March 27, according to a police report.

Officers at the desk received a phone call from an unidentified man who told them a bomb was at the station and he could make it

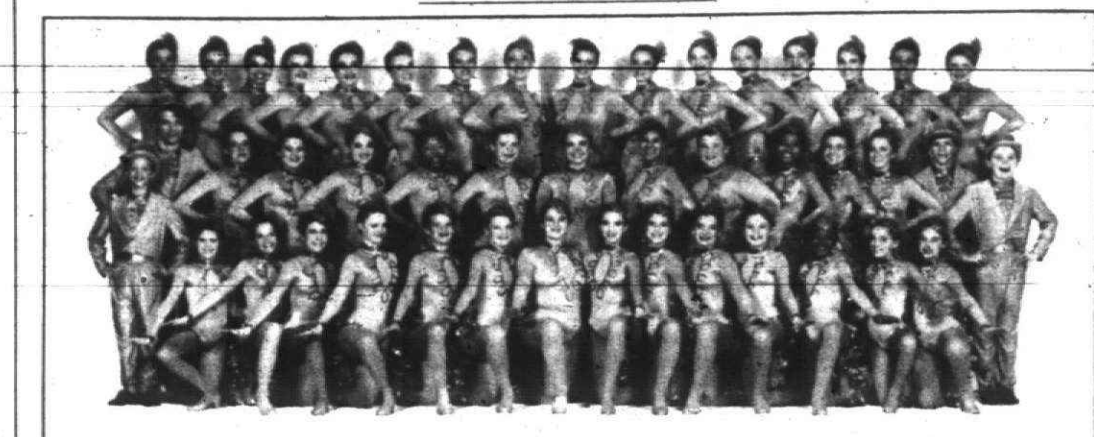
go off, unless a case in which he was involved was dropped.

Police received numerous calls from the man, whom police later found was staying at an area hotel. Plymouth Township police arrested the man on an outstanding warrant from Van Buren Township. Canton police also were seeking a warrant.

Car ditched

Canton police found a 1991 Chevrolet in a ditch on Palmer Road, east of Lotz Road, with the dashboard torn apart and a radio/CD player, valued at an estimated \$500, missing. A CD carrier with 60 discs valued at \$720, and a radar detector valued at \$250, also were reported missing.

Talent showcase



Dance competition: The Canton-based Masters of Dance Arts Competition Dance Companies will perform a benefit talent showcase at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at the Canton Little Theater in Canton High School. Fifty-eight students, ages 5-21, will showcase their talents to raise money to attend the Dance Educators of America's National Dance Convention in Las Vegas this summer. Ticket donation is \$10. A bake sale will be held during intermission. The students' organization, "Children for the Advancement of the Performing Arts," is hosting the show, which is expected to become an annual fund-raising event.

Man pleads guilty to tax charge

A Canton resident and certified public accountant has pleaded guilty to a tax charge in U.S. District Court.

Gary A. Rotenberg, a former Oakland County resident, pleaded guilty to one count of failure to file a federal income tax return before U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen March 25.

Rotenberg was charged with failing to file his 1987 federal tax return and failing to report taxable income of more than \$88,000, according to the complaint. Rotenberg could not be reached for comment.

Under the terms of a plea agreement, Rotenberg will file all delinquent tax returns and pay the

Internal Revenue Service more than \$91,000 in taxes, plus penalties and interest. No sentencing date has been set.

"This charge was part of our enforcement initiative targeting non-filers," said Benjamin McMakin, chief of the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, Detroit. "Every year we lose over \$7 billion in tax revenue due to individuals who do not file income tax returns."

McMakin said it's IRS policy not to recommend criminal prosecution for non-filers who voluntarily come forward, make a true disclosure and file an accurate tax return.

"At the same time, we will con-

tinue to make it a priority to investigate and prosecute those individuals who willfully and deliberately refuse to comply with the tax laws," McMakin said.

The IRS has special assistance programs available to help non-filers. Through Operation Fresh Start, many residents have already come forward. "Interestingly, nearly 40 percent of the Operation Fresh Start returns we've received so far resulted in refunds to the taxpayer. But for those individuals who owe and are not able to make full payment, we have streamlined our collection procedures and will work with them to pay the taxes due," McMakin said.

Key points of plan approved by House

Here is the outline of the compromise legislative plan endorsed by Gov. John Engler and adopted Tuesday by the House of Representatives. Next stop: the Senate.

The purposes are to cut property taxes, limit assessment increases and bring equity to public school funding.

■ Reduce school operating property taxes to 18 mills statewide by constitutional amendment. School boards in impacted areas could levy 9 mills more. Voters could authorize up to 27 mills. Current statewide average: 34.6 mills.

■ Raise sales tax from current 4

percent to 6 percent by constitutional amendment. After Oct. 1, new sales tax revenue would be constitutionally dedicated to the school aid fund.

■ Guarantee \$4,500 per pupil in every school district. It would be phased in. No district would have less in 1994 than in 1993; no district would receive more than a 10 percent increase per year. Districts would have to pay their own Social Security and retirement costs from their basic grants — no state payment.

■ Limit property assessment increases by parcel. Net tax impact: a cut of about \$200 million.

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Area Dems say no, GOP reps OK plan

By TIM RICHARD

State Rep. Warren

Suburban school districts are in for a period of belt-tightening, regardless of voters' action in a June special election on school finance.

Hardest hit will be out-of-formula districts with big property tax base. Property tax bills will drop the least, and the schools will have to pay all their Social Security and retirement costs out of local money.

"You're getting less, no matter what happens," House Taxation Committee chairman Willis Bullard, R-Highland, warned Michigan Education Association members.

After a 14½-hour session, the House early Wednesday passed two measures to give poor districts more money and work the greatest tax shift Michigan has seen since the first sales tax was passed in the Great Depression.

The House version of Senate Bill 146, the property tax-out, was adopted on a 96-0 vote.

House Resolution C, the sales tax referendum, won on a 74-22 vote, one vote more than the two-thirds needed to put it on the ballot. Thirteen members either were absent or left the chamber before final action at 2:30 a.m.

Both measures go to the Senate, where passage may come more easily than in the deeply divided House.

If voters say yes, here is how taxpayers in Observer & Eccentric school districts would fare under the proposed property tax cut, with the current tax rate shown first, 1994 rate next and net cut last:

■ Clarenceville — now 41.4 mills, to 27, cut of 14.4.

■ Garden City — now 41.79 mills, to 24.01, cut of 17.77.

■ Livonia — now 31.46 mills, to 25.65, cut of 5.81.

■ Plymouth-Canton — now 33.87 mills, to 20.24, cut of 13.63.

■ Redford Union — now 40.03 mills, to 22.82, cut of 17.21.

■ South Redford — now 38.02 mills, to 27, cut of 11.02.

■ Wayne-Westland — now 47.12 mills, to 27, cut of 20.12.

Among Wayne County members, all voted yes on the property tax cut except Richard Young, D-Dearborn Heights, who missed the vote.

On the sales tax proposal, Democrats Justine Barnes of Westland and William Keith of Garden City voted no, and Young missed the vote. Republicans Lyn Bankes of Livonia, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth and Deborah Whyman of Canton voted yes.

Barnes' and Keith's no votes were a surprise because their taxpayers in their school districts would get substantial property tax cuts.

"Part of the problem," said

Keith, "is you're putting retirement and FICA (Social Security) in the basic grant. And you're putting it in the Constitution as if it's not so easily tweaked."

"There's a degree of equity in Inkster (part of Keith's House district)."

Both Barnes and Keith were displeased that their schools will have to cover adult education and special education out of basic grants instead of getting line-item "categorical" aid from the state.

"My adult ed people are all bent out of shape," Keith said.

Said freshman Whyman, whose House district extends from Plymouth-Canton to the Van Buren schools: "My local units are not pleased with the cap on assessments and the freeze. School boards were concerned with having only one millage election a year or possibly two. (On the whole) I think it's a good effort."

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CLAUDE GREENE

Services for Claude Greene, 67, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth, were Monday, March 29, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. He was born April 29, 1925, in Pineville, Ky. He died Thursday, March 25, in Livonia. He moved to Livonia five years ago from Plymouth. He was employed by Leo Calhoun Ford for 20 years; Stu Evans Ford; and retired two years ago after nine years at Blackwell Ford. He was active in the Metropolitan Ford Parts Managers Association and The American Legion. He was a gunner's mate in the Navy during World War II. He graduated from

Bell High School, Pineville, Ky. He is survived by three daughters, Kathleen N. Lee of Wixom, Gail L. Wnuk of Westland, and Karen P. Kerezsi of Southgate; two sons, Kenneth P. Greene of Westland and Daniel E. Greene of Westland; nine grandchildren; one sister, Elsie Miracle of Kentucky; and two brothers, Jess Greene of Alabama and Jasper Greene of Fenton.

The Rev. Mickey Wilson officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice.

FREDA M. GROOM

Services for Freda M. Groom, 72, of Canton were today at Christ the Good Shepherd Church. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. She was born May 19, 1920, in Gentry, Ark. She died Sunday, March 28, in Ann Arbor. She moved to Canton in 1974 from

Plymouth, where she lived for 20 years. She retired from Great Lakes Plastic Company in Salem 11 years ago. She was a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Church and a member of the Golden Girls at church and the Canton Zestors Senior Group.

She is survived by three daughters, Jean M. Graham of Taylor, Shirley A. Cakackkar of Holiday, Fla. and Carolyn L. Rathurn of Northville; two sons, Kenneth R. Groom of Westland and Donald J. Groom of Westland; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four brothers, Clinton Foreman of Plymouth, Alvin Foreman of Independence, Md., Earl Foreman of Kansas and Dale Foreman of Livonia; and one sister, Ethel Skaggs of Westland.

The Rev. Roger F. Aumann officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association or The American Diabetes Association.



Teamwork: Harry Lee (left) and Jeff Martin (right), both from Plymouth Salem, recently competed in an event called Scrambler at Thurston High School. The object is to see how far a homemade car can travel. To do that, an egg is attached to the front of the car to clear the path of small particles that may affect its performance.



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Local Democrats recall Ferency's fire

By Pat Murehy
Staff Writer

Don Tucker of Birmingham and Jeanne Havstad of Plymouth might have different professional backgrounds. Tucker is a lawyer and Havstad works with computers for EDS at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren. But Tucker and Havstad have at least two things in common. One is a respect and affection for Zolton A. Ferency, the outspoken champion of civil rights who was buried last Saturday in East Lansing.

The second is a love of politics, although each practices in a different way. Tucker is chairman of the Oakland County Democrats. Havstad describes herself as "politically burned out."

"I'm still very interested in politics," she said. "But I realized we were losing because we didn't have any money. So now I send a check instead of walking the picket line."

Havstad attended Ferency's funeral out of respect she said she developed during the days when they helped organize the Human Rights Party.

"Zolton loved the Constitution," she said, explaining at least part of how Ferency came to be known as the champion of unpopular causes.

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Tucker was in Hawaii when Ferency died March 23 and wasn't here for the funeral. "I was shocked when I read about his death in the New York Times," Ferency, who was a candidate for governor five times and for the state Supreme Court three times, died in Sparrow Hospital from complications following a massive heart attack.

"Omnipresent gadfly"

"Zollie was an omnipresent gadfly," said Tucker. "And I mean that with all the respect and admiration I can muster."

Another person who expressed respect is Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, a self-described conservative Republican who often crossed ideological swords with Ferency.

"Ferency would plummet you with facts... then turn on the charm," Patterson said. "He could tell a joke or make a quip that would prove a point as well as sway the audience."

In the late 1960s, for example, Ferency triggered belly laughs — except from the Michigan attorney general — when he said something like, "Heaven forbid something happen to Leon Cohan (then the attorney general's chief deputy) and Frank Kelley really become attorney general."

Ferency had such a penchant for skewering other Democrats that Bernie Klein, then a Farmington Hills resident, once introduced him with a reference to the Zolton Ferency wristwatch.

Mythical watch

"Put it on, and it cuts your wrist every hour on the hour," Klein said of the mythical Ferency watch at a dinner sponsored by the liberal ADA, Americans for Democratic Action.

Jerry Tobin, public safety director in Southfield, remembers Ferency for his penchant for seeing things differently than others. Their paths crossed occasionally, Tobin recalled, but most often at Wayne State University where he studied criminal justice and

Ferency was often a guest speaker. "We would look at the same law," Tobin said. "But his interpretation was usually very different than mine. I sometimes wondered if we were looking at the same law."

Ferency was very much a mainstream Democrat in the early 1960s, when he was state chairman of the Democratic Party. But Ferency's early — and outspoken — opposition to the Vietnam War led to estrangement... and Ferency's organizational efforts on behalf of the Human Rights Party.

Recalled falling out

At least part of the falling out was rooted in the state Democratic convention of 1970 in Grand Rapids, recalled both Tucker and Havstad, who were both present and advocating for an end to the Vietnam War.

"We had a midnight caucus," said Tucker, who at the time was a law student working for the late

Sen. Phil Hart. "It was the same caucus that nominated Ed McNamara as lieutenant governor to run with Sandy Levin (then a state senator and now U.S. representative)."

Tucker said Ferency was one of the main architects of a proposal to grant amnesty for draft resisters — a highly controversial position.

"We put it on the floor early Sunday morning," Tucker said. "By the time they (party regulars) realized what was happening, we had adopted it."

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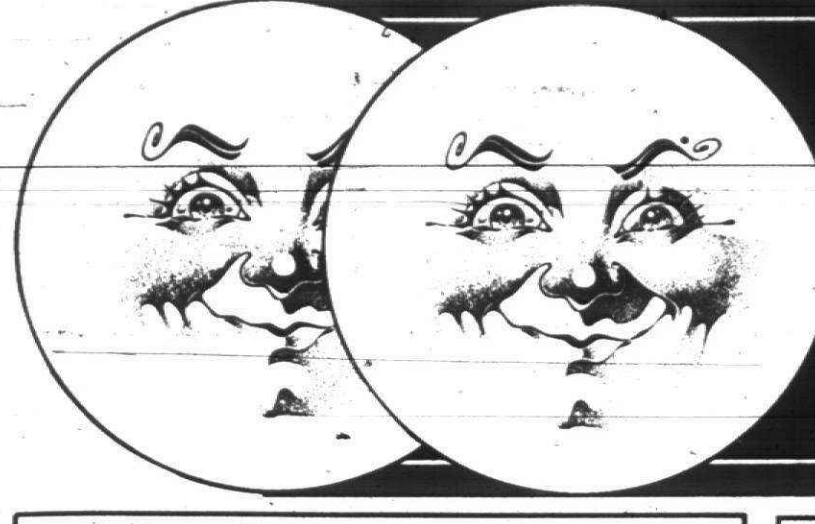
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Woodcocks will discuss China at Madonna program

Leonard Woodcock, a former U.S. ambassador to China, and his wife, Sharon, are bringing a bit of China to Madonna University next month.

The husband-wife team, who moved from China to Ann Arbor in 1981, will address current relations between the United States and China, business opportunities in China, as well as the changing roles of women in Chinese society.

The Woodcocks lecture will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, in the Campus Activities Cen-

ter. Madonna University is at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Madonna University School of Business at (313) 591-5117.

Sharon Woodcock said the couple lecture frequently on China to further understanding between the two countries.

"The more we know about China, the better and the stronger our relationship can be," she said. "That relationship is essential for

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Sharon Woodcock

world peace."

Leonard Woodcock is an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Michigan and an associate for the U-M Center of Chinese Studies. He is vice president of ATC International Inc., a Houston-based trade com-

pany. He is also a director at the America-China Society and a director and member of the executive committee at the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations in New York.

From 1970 to 1977, Woodcock served as president of the United

Automobile Workers and has served as president emeritus since.

Sharon Woodcock works as a nursing volunteer and a consultant for several Michigan universities. She encourages nurses to participate in foreign exchange programs. In 1966 and 1967, she served as an army nurse in Vietnam. Later she worked as a nurse for the Department of State in China, Bolivia, Thailand and Cambodia.

The lecture, "An Evening with the Woodcocks: China in Perspective," is part of the Michael F. McManus Distinguished Lecture Series at Madonna University. Michael McManus Jr., founder and CEO of Header Products, Inc., established the lecture series in his father's memory. Michael McManus Sr. was a Michigan manufacturer for over 50 years. His efforts also helped establish the Chicago Rivet and Machine Company.

Ferency

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"We knew that (the amnesty plank of the platform) would get the headlines," Tucker said. "And it sure did."

Party leaders including, Tucker said, Levin, McNamara, Hart and others spent much of the next week renouncing amnesty, even though some might have thought it was warranted. "I personally got called on the carpet," said Tucker, "although my boss (Sen. Hart) was against the war."

While some may have viewed the amnesty proposal as political mischief, Havstad said it typified Ferency's willingness to step on toes — and big ones, if necessary — for a cause he considered just. "He was at the heart of the amnesty proposal," she said, "and he loved it."

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CANTON'S SUBDIVISIONS

Folk and blues

Enjoy an evening of folk and blues music with WDET radio personalities Matt Watroba and Robert Jones at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the Canton Public Library meeting room.

This is the third presentation in the popular Music Variety Series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. Tickets, which include refreshments, are available for \$5 at the library reception desk or at the door.

Meeting cablecast

Omnicom Cable has announced the cablecast times of a special Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Mettetal Airport March 25.

The meeting can be seen at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3, on Canton Channel 10.

The meeting also can be seen at 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, on WPAC Channel 15, which can be seen in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

Subdivision coverage

Spring is in the air, and that means neighborhood garage sales and cleanups are in the offing.

If your neighborhood or subdivision is doing any of those, give us a call and we'll publicize them in this column. The column will run on the first Thursday of each month and will contain news from subdivisions and neighborhoods in the Canton community. To submit an item, call Jeff Counts, the editor, or Joanne Maliszewski at 459-2700 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Paula Blanchard

Former Michigan first lady Paula Blanchard speaks on "Making Choices and Managing Risks: Women Meet the Challenge" at 6 p.m. April 19 at the Mayflower Meeting House. For ticket information, call Kathy Renberg at 453-8152.

New sub aims at those who stay

A new subdivision is rising in western Canton — Glengarry. But it's of a different sort. The lots are larger and the homes bigger and a new neighborhood association is forming.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER



Canton residents who want to stay in the community, but who want a larger house now have a new subdivision to call home — Glengarry.

What was once farmland in Michigan's corn capital is now Glengarry Village, a four-phase subdivision of single family homes on the east side of Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

Completed is Glengarry Village subdivision No. 1. It contains 127 lots, which average 75 feet wide by 125 feet deep. Density is 2.8 homes per acre. Glengarry No. 2 has 84 lots, two-thirds of which have been built upon.

Homes sell for \$160,000-\$200,000. Glengarry No. 3 will contain 70 homes. Glengarry No. 4, for which ground has not yet been broken, sits on 90 acres. Glengarry North will be located behind Glengarry No. 1 and back up to the new elementary school being built at Sheldon and Proctor roads. Lot sizes there will be approximately 85 feet by 150 feet.

Glengarry residents will have use of a private park and wooded area. Across Canton Center Road is the Canton Public Library, the police station, township hall and recreational facilities.

Cathy Johnson, a Glengarry resident who sits on Canton Township's planning commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, moved in last fall.

Because of the winter weather, "we haven't gotten to see many of



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Glengarry involvement: Kim Zaugg and Alan Vayda, husband and wife, talk with saleswoman Kathy Tyszkiewicz about a new home in Canton's upscale Glengarry Subdivision.

our neighbors. But the neighbors we have met are lovely people who have lived in Canton and wanted to remain in Canton," she said. "Being on the planning commission, that was one of our goals; to have some upgraded housing so we didn't have to lose residents who enjoyed the community and wanted to invest in larger homes."

"In the past, people have had to

move out of the community. Now we have many homes up to \$350,000 that people can move up into. It begins to fill a need." Many Glengarry residents are parents with children buying their second or third home, although there are empty-nesters and first-time buyers as well.

Stuart Sherr, vice president of Sherr Development Corp. of Farmington Hills and one of the Glengar-

ry developers, is acting president of the Glengarry No. 2-Homeowners' Association.

Membership in the association is automatic and because the subdivision is so new, "we haven't settled into a standard program yet. The association hasn't been turned over yet to the homeowners," Sherr said. "They will eventually decide

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EASTER ACTIVITIES
Easter Bunny Fun Party for the family, all ages, 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Call the Recreation Department, 455-6620.

UNITED WE STAND
A special open house meeting, sponsored by members of Rosa Perot's "United We Stand America" (UWSA) is 6:30-7:30 p.m. tonight in the Banquet Room at Roman Forum Restaurant, 41601 Ford Road. Regular meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. Public invited. 485-3998 or 425-2455.

ASTRONOMY SERIES
Kids ages 8-13 can register beginning April 6 by calling the Plymouth Library, 453-0750. Session meets 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 13, May 4 and June 1.

SECRETARIES DAY
Workshop for secretaries is 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Register by Wednesday, April 14. Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services, 462-4448.

SCHOOL FINANCING
Sen. Robert Geake and Reps. Vorva, Whyman and Justine Barnes will answer questions on school taxes and finances at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the gym at Isabier Elementary School, 9300 Canton Center Road in Plymouth.

GRADUATING SENIORS
Senior Party for Plymouth-Canton graduates is 9 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Plymouth Salem High School. Eliminate graduation night tragedies resulting from drinking and driving to numerous private celebrations. Purchase tickets outside the cafeteria at both Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High School on May 25, 26, 27, June 2, 3, 4, and the night of the party.

TRIPS
City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering two trips: Pelee Din-

ner Theater, Wednesday, April 14; Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg, 4 days, April 30, 455-6620.

WEST SIDE STORY
Plymouth Park Players will present a play at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. 459-3518.

TAX HELP
IRS representatives will provide help with federal returns at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7. Register, 397-0999.

DINNER DANCE
The Plymouth Newcomers Club presents "An Evening of Elegance" on Friday, April 30, at the Mayflower Hotel Ballroom. Proceeds support the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Tickets, 455-5934 or 451-7296.

STORY TIME
Stories, free milk and cookies for kids ages 2-6, 2-2:45 p.m. Tuesdays at McDonald's, 39700 Five Mile, Plymouth. Sign up, 420-0033.

SPELLING BEE
Canton Rotary Literacy Committee will sponsor third annual Community Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Canton High School Little Theatre on Canton Center. 451-6555.

PCAC GARAGE SALE
Plymouth Community Arts Council would appreciate donations of clothing, household goods, furniture or items of all kinds for its second annual Treasure Mart May 14-15 at Wilcox Mill. Bring items to the Mill 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 24, May 1 and May 15. Volunteers needed: 455-5260.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY
Pops concert — "Cole Porter Favorites" is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Fox Hills Country Club-Golden Fox, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Includes 6 p.m. champagne and cash bar and 6:30 p.m. pre-concert dinner. 451-2112. Sponsored by Ford, Sheldon Road Plant.

K O F C
The Father Victor Renaud council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Tootsie Roll drive 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at various corners and at store fronts in Plymouth. Also, Meijers in Northville on Sunday. Donations for the mentally retarded.

FUNDRAISERS
The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will hold registration for the 1993 baseball season 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Canton High School Cafeteria. Boys ages 7-15 years; girls, 7-18. Adult help and umpires needed. Call John Lukina, 455-8538, or Rich Madsen, 420-0223.

SPORTS

T-BALL LEAGUE
Plymouth YMCA league meets 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for six weeks at Miller School Field. League 1 begins July 24 (register by May 31); league 2 begins July 31 (register by July 12). 453-2904.

SPORTS INJURY
"Youth Sports Injury Prevention" is presented 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Plymouth-Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 Canton Center Road. Sponsored by McAuley Urgent Care centers. 434-3390.

PLYMOUTH SOFTBALL
For information on men's slow pitch league and women's slow pitch league, call Tom Willette, 455-6620, at City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

CANTON SOCCER
Club needs players for the "79 Boys Recreational Division. Birthdate between Aug. 1, 1978, and July 31, 1979. Call Don Kelm, 397-1926.

GIRLS SOCCER
The Canton Cruisers team, which plays in the Under 14 Division of the Little Caesars Soccer league, needs good players. Call coach Carl Brey, 453-5547.

CANTON SOFTBALL
Men's, women's and co-ed teams welcome. Season begins April 18, "Early Bird" tournament is April 16-18. Information, 483-5600 Ext. 102, or 483-2913.

UMPIRING CLINIC
Canton Softball Center Umpires Association offers slow-pitch umpiring. 483-5600 Ext. 102.

JUNIOR BASEBALL
The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will hold registration for the 1993 baseball season 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Canton High School Cafeteria. Boys ages 7-15 years; girls, 7-18. Adult help and umpires needed. Call John Lukina, 455-8538, or Rich Madsen, 420-0223.

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CLASS TIME

ART WORKSHOPS
Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer Easter break classes for kindergarten through third graders. Also, spring classes (eight-week session) begin April 19. 455-5260.

ICE SKATING
Register for lessons 6:30-8 p.m. tonight at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Classes begin April 5. Recreation Department, 455-6620.

PLYMOUTH CLASSES
Parks and Recreation Department offers adult and youth classes, 455-6620. YMCA classes include: Open house for day camp program, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Gallimore School, Sheldon Road, south of Joy Road; and stop smoking/weight control seminar, 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, Plymouth City Hall Commission Chambers. Other spring classes include: golf lessons, "Y" super sitters, step aerobics, junior step aerobics, arts and crafts, bumper bowling, driver's education, half pints in the kitchen, flag football, soccer school, T-ball, mini sessions for pre-schoolers. Register, 453-2904.

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

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS
Meetings in Plymouth: 5:45 p.m. Thursdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Canton. Various times during the week, F&M Canton Shopping Center, 42043 Ford Road at Lilley Road, 553-3232 or 1-800-487-4777.

BLOOD PRESSURE
Free screening 1-5 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Bayer Drugs, 480 N. Main Street, Plymouth. Sponsored by Family Home Care.

GROWTH WORKS
Seeks volunteers to assist with typing at its office at 271 S. Main in Plymouth. Call 455-4095.

TAX ASSISTANCE
Free assistance is available to seniors in Canton, Northville and Plymouth through April 15 through the tax-aid program of AARP. For appointments at the Canton Recreation Center or Royal Holiday Trailer Park, call 397-5444; Northville Senior Center, 349-4140; Tonquish Creek in Plymouth, 455-3670; Plymouth Cultural Center, 455-6620.

PLYMOUTH CLASSES
Parks and Recreation offers classes to seniors: Happy hour cards, party bridge, pinocle, arts and crafts, woodcarving, fitness, painting, drawing, current events, tax assistance and trips. 455-6620.

SENIOR ALLIANCE
Seniors needing help with outdoor chores, or seniors willing to help, may call the Senior Chores Referral Program at 722-2830.

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

CANTON RECREATION CENTER
sponsors free classes: woodcarving, painting, ceramics, crafts and machine quilting. 397-5446.

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.

EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL
Register — St. Michael Christian School and Preschool, ages 2 1/2 through third grade. Latchkey program available. 459-9720.

KINDERGARTEN
Kindergarten roundup — St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Day School, 1309 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, April 5-6. 453-0460.

OPENINGS
Canton "Crickets" preschool program, 3- and 4-year-olds. Canton Parks & Recreation, 397-5110.

PLUS
Preschool at Central Middle School, 650 Church Street, Plymouth. 451-6656.

TRIPS
Anyone older than 55 may participate in two tours sponsored by Canton Senior Center: Fisher Mansion (includes lunch at the Whitney and tour of Pewabic Pottery in Detroit), April 14; Detroit Symphony Orchestra Coffee Concert, April 23. 397-5444.

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

THREE CITIES
Art Club meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Plymouth Township Office at Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads. All patrons of the arts and guests are welcome. Call Sue Argiroff, 422-8106.

60 PLUS CLUB
Club meets at noon Monday, April 5, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Bring plate to pass and service for the pot luck. Program is a movie, "Bette's Feast." 459-9195.

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 Rumpitz at 420-4022.

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CLUB CALL
Lake Pointe Village Branch of Women's National Farm and Garden Association meets 7:30 p.m. tonight at Farrand School Library. Houseplant and garden seed exchange; installation of officers. Call Sarah Overs, 420-2912.

PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB
Meeting is 12:30 p.m. Friday at Geer School, on Ann Arbor Road at Goffedown. Program focus is about Geer School and its history. Guests invited. 453-5178.

CANTON NEWCOMERS
General meeting is 7 p.m. April 7 at the Canton Library. Any Canton resident may join. 981-3808 or 453-8720.

STAMP CLUB
Meets 8 p.m. first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. April 16 is giant auction night.

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Whyman sets hours

State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, will hold office hours in the district, which includes Canton Township, from 8 to 10 a.m. on Mondays.

People who have concerns or questions about state government may contact Whyman at (517) 373-2675 for an appointment.

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amongst themselves how much they want in terms of services, and how much they want to pay for lawn care and snow removal.

"Every year we are going to make sure the landscaping is beautifully maintained, and we want to be helpful to homeowners in any way we can. It's not just a matter of keeping up the sub nice and clean, too. We want homeowners to enjoy the subdivision they live in. That's why the association exists."

Johnson said that thus far, homeowners have been active. "We're averaging 75 homeowners (out of a total of 127) per association meeting. That's pretty good. I think it indicates an interest in the investment" residents have made.

"There's an interest in keeping home values up and increasing," Johnson added. "I think most of the residents here want to be involved in the township and give back to the community."

Judy Booklage is associate planner with Canton Township's planning services department. Glengary is a nice addition to the housing available in Canton, she said.

"Glengary is very nice. If you drive through, you see some variety in the type of brick, architectural features and floor plans."

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MILITARY NEWS

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DALE SCOTT
graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Scott is the son of W.D. and Judith A. Kasinger of Owensboro, Ky. His wife, Rebecca, is the daughter of Ginny Eades of Plymouth. He is a 1986 graduate of Apollo High School, Owensboro.

AIRMAN JASON H. SANTOS
graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Santos is the son of Armando R. and Kathy L. Santos of Canton. He is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS TERRY G. DUNCAN, whose wife, Cathy, is the daughter of Donald Dew of Plymouth, recently returned from duty with the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard, Mount Clemens. The 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1989.

PHILLIP J. PREZZATO, son of Richard and Barbara Clements of Westland, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlist-

ment Program March 22. Prezzato, a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on Aug. 25.

MARINE STAFF SGT. PAUL R. KOPIEC, re-enlisted for three years while serving with 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 1981 graduate of Franklin High School of Franklin, Tenn., joined the Marine Corps in May 1981. His wife, Julie, is the daughter of Henry G. and Sharon A. Granowicz of Plymouth.

NAVY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WILLIAM D. LINDSAY, a 1975 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, deployed aboard the submarine USS Jacksonville, homeported in Norfolk, Va., to international waters for extended operations at sea. USS Jacksonville is a Los Angeles Class attack submarine designed to destroy enemy ships, primarily other submarines, in order to prohibit the employment of such forces against the United States or allied ships. He joined the Navy in September 1975.

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CAMPUS NOTES

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

ERIN MACDONALD of Canton is among 250 candidates eligible to graduate from Alma College. She is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is the daughter of Lawrence and Ann MacDonald of Canton. She will receive a bachelor of arts degree in education at the commencement ceremony Saturday, April 24.

TRICIA CARNEY of Canton is among nine Alma College seniors preparing to display their artistic talent at the annual Alma College Senior Art Exhibition. The show features selected works by graduating art majors. Participation in the Exhibition is a requirement for bachelor of arts and bachelor of fine arts candidates. Open to the pub-

lic, the exhibition will be held at the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery on Alma's campus through April 24. Family and friends are invited to join in honoring the artists during a special opening reception 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 3. A 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, Carney is the daughter of Dr. James and Mrs. Janet Carney of Canton. She specializes in photography.

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Farm assessments Image building goes too far

For several years now Canton Township has been looking for a more upscale image. Larger homes on larger lots are being built, and zoning has improved the looks of the community. But the image project has gone too far.

That became evident last week when farmers who live west of Canton Center Road showed up at a township meeting to protest property tax assessments that shot up as high as 300 percent.

The conflict is one of urban versus rural values. The township views farm land in terms of producing the cash crop of subdivisions and the yield of taxes, while farmers see corn as their cash crop.

Canton Township assessor John McLennan summed it up best or worst, depending on your point of view, saying: "Farming is not the issue. This is a question of the market value of the land. It's not what they do with the land."

That's the city view of open land. It represents the set of ideas that have gotten us into the mess we're in when it comes to overdeveloping our suburbs.

The farmers complain that the higher assessments will force them off their land. Such a point is well taken, and it makes us suspicious of the township's motives.

There are big bucks at stake in western Canton real estate, and the question is who's going to profit: Will it be the farmers who have held onto their land, or real estate developers who, in league with township officials, are using the increased assessments as a method to force the

farmers to sell earlier than they normally would have?

Let's face it. The farmers aren't going to be around forever. Once sewers and water are extended to their parcels, chances are they'll sell to developers.

Holding on to the land now means larger profits for these farmers. But increasing the assessments and forcing sales means larger profits for developers.

And it's obvious which side township officials are on. They're in the back pockets of the developers.

That's evident in the nasty, sneaky way in which the township basically rezoned the farm land out of the agricultural field and into the housing category.

Here's what Canton did: It reclassified agricultural land from Joy to Geddes as residential for tax purposes. That forces farmers to pay taxes on their land as though it was a subdivision. However, because the zoning didn't change, it keeps these farmers from becoming developers themselves, unless they want to fight the township to have their property rezoned.

The bottom line here is that somebody is going to make a lot of money from that land sooner or later. The farmers deserve that money, not the slick guys in the blue suits. It's the farmers whose families grubbed in the dirt for a living and paid the taxes on the farm during the lean years who deserve the money.

Canton Township should do the right thing for these folks. It's the only decent thing.

Liability bill aborts resolution

The third angle in the triangle of affordable and adequate health care — medical liability — is part of a large package of legislation that, without much fanfare, is being considered this week in Lansing.

Senate Bill 270, which was passed by the Senate about a month ago, was rewritten and reported out of the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday morning after medical groups and trial attorneys were unable to come up with a compromise of their own.

Action on SB270-H1 could come as early as Thursday on the House floor. The bill is important to physicians and patients both.

The original cap on pain and suffering set at \$250,000 was probably too low because juries likely would dump money into other award areas. But the new, two-tier system of \$500,000 and \$1 million, with its numerous definitions and exceptions, confuses instead of simplifies cases.

Use of expert witnesses who practice medicine part of the time was not addressed in the new version. The public has a right to expect competent testimony, not testimony.

Instead of providing for a sliding fee schedule for attorneys, the rewritten bill rewards lawyers who take a case before a judge, further tying up our judicial system, instead of settling outside of court when possible.

In a move that could force more physicians out of state, doctors would be forced to carry insurance. But at least by carrying insurance, the one out of 10 patients affected by malpractice who reach the legal system would have a chance of recovering some help.

In other action Tuesday, House Bill 4076, providing for licensing and disciplinary action for medical professionals, passed the House without a dissenting vote and is now on the way to the Senate. The bill is a good start, but falls

short in two areas: its narrow scope and its unwillingness to deal with problems.

Proposed legislation ranges from citizen/physician review panels to several recommendations on punitive measures for health care professionals found to be working impaired or consistently harming the public.

The problem is that nowhere does the bill provide for permanently banning "repeat offender" doctors from practice, which, over a period of time, would reduce malpractice and pain-and-suffering judgments. Michigan's American Medical Association review board needs to be compelled to review more cases and levy stiffer penalties, although the bill is expected to speed up and streamline the process.

Lawmakers, be they federal or state, also need to widen their focus to include:

■ A consideration of defensive medicine which is as large, if not a larger, problem as malpractice — yet it isn't addressed in this package of legislation.

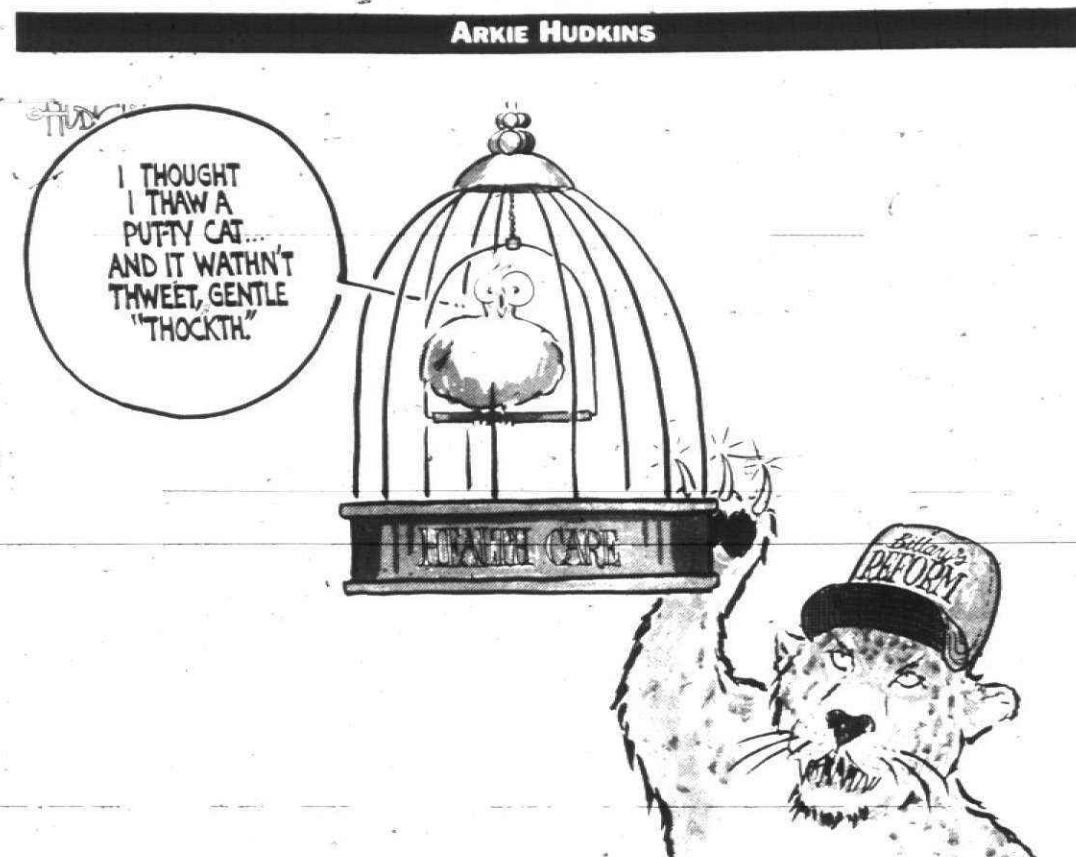
■ An appreciation that the breakdown in trust between physicians and patients is feeding the lawsuit fire.

■ An understanding of the fear patients have of not having, or losing, medical insurance.

■ The problems caused by technology. While wonderful, technology is saving lives where it couldn't be saved before (such as premature babies) and prolonging life where, in the past, the patient would have died. The system isn't designed to absorb these costs.

■ The consolidation and administration of care to better manage costs, including vigorous prosecution of fraud.

The model for medical care needs to be redrawn beyond that of a triangle by educating people about health concerns and by publishing research so we can insure health care delivery with minimal liability.



LETTERS

Comments inappropriate

It was sadness and indignation I felt when I read two separate statements attributed to Canton supervisor Thomas Yack in the March 25 issue of your paper.

In the first, when a township farmer appeared before the board to question a 500 percent increase in his property tax, the man was told "Maybe you might put a driving range on it."

In the second article, Yack dismisses the value of the adult education program run by our school district and insults it by saying "Maybe we will get out of the recreation business."

In response to the first statement, I can only say that for an elected official to make such an elitist and snobbish remark is a sad commentary on the caliber of the politicians we have in office.

On the second issue, after helping untold thousands of our citizens with every type of educational and vocational training, suddenly Yack and his clone, Gov. John Engler, have decided that adult education is frivolous and should be done away with.

Again, this is the elitist thinking of this "dynamic duo."

Average people, for the most part, are the users of our adult education programs. When Yack says adult education is a "money maker," he fails to say that any excess money is used to enrich our district. Under the aging yuppie plan, fat cats would get fatter at public expense.

It is ironic that while Yack plans to spend millions of township dollars to build an auditorium, most of the activities planned for this building are already offered through adult education.

Evidently, the easiest way to squelch public dissent about this boondoggle is to create a need by doing away with the competition. Mr. Yack may have had a free ride this past election, but you can believe that is not going to be the case next time around.

James P. Huddleston, Canton

Insensitive

After reading the article in the Canton Observer, March 25, 1993, "Farmers Protest Skyrocketing Taxes," I could not believe that an elected official could make such an insensitive remark to Roger Bordine.

We have lived in the Canton community since 1971, have seen the township grow and spread, taking over more and more of our open land. What a shame. Now we are trying to do it with taxes.

Our son has worked for the Gill family for years and they are such great people. Their farm and others like it in the Canton area seem to be disappearing more and more. Now with such an increase in their tax assessment they may be gone forever.

I hope that in the future you will think before

you speak about some very sensitive issues in our community.

Kathleen C. Israel, Canton

Engler panned

Gov. Engler's newest school funding proposal would be disastrous for the Plymouth-Canton School District, slashing the district's funds by as much as \$11 million next year alone.

The plan proposes providing the Plymouth-Canton school district \$5,000 per student, about \$55 less than it is estimated the financially strapped district will spend this year alone.

In addition, however, the proposal would require Plymouth-Canton to pay all employee Social Security and retirement contributions now being paid by the state. It also would eliminate all funding for adult education and jobs training programs at a time when they are desperately needed.

The program would also eliminate special funds provided in the past by the state for transportation and other special programs. Since the state would not provide funding for transportation, each district would decide individually whether it would or could bus any students at all.

The decrease in funds, coupled with the increase in expenditures, would cost Plymouth-Canton schools about \$761 per student, for a total decrease of about \$11 million. In addition, the plan offers no additional money for any new programs, etc.

The plan would provide more money for out-state schools such as those in rural Michigan which currently spend much less than metro area schools by shifting money from the metro area to out-state. Even those districts, though, would not receive enough to make up for the additional burdens they would be asked to shoulder.

While the plan is an improvement over other earlier versions, including one which would have eliminated special education funding and placed all special education students back in the regular classroom with little or no special assistance, the effect on Plymouth-Canton schools cannot be discounted. Many classrooms already have more than 35 students in them, an unacceptably high number which negatively affects learning and the teacher's ability to individually help students.

I encourage all Plymouth-Canton parents to call Sen. Robert Geake (517) 373-1707 and Reps. Jerry Vorva (517) 373-3816 and Deborah Whyman (517) 373-2575 to urge them to vote no on the proposal, and to demand that their elected officials pass a school funding proposal which will guarantee quality schools in Wayne County.

Maryann Ligato-Freydl, Plymouth-Canton Education Association director

When schools don't work, students often do

I walked into a pizza place at Lahser and Maple Monday to take a pizza sandwich back to the office for a desk-side lunch.

While the makings were being assembled somewhere in the back, I talked with the attractive, efficient young woman who had taken my order. She looked to be about high school age, but then I thought not, since it was the middle of the school day. And this was Bloomfield Township, not Kalkaska.

"How's business?" I asked, in my very best interview fashion. "Kinda slow," she reported, "but it should pick up about 1." It was now noonish.

"I came in at 8 a.m. and I have to work until 10 p.m.," she expanded. Wow, I said, feeling sorry for her. How could they schedule you for such a long day?

Well, she went on, I didn't want to go to my math class, so I came in to pick up my check. I wasn't scheduled to work until after school. But they said they were short-handed and could I

stay and work. "I sure hope my Mom doesn't find out."

She was a local high school student. She had chosen to work that day instead of going to school.

Never one to keep my mouth shut, I gave her some parting advice, which I'm sure wasn't meaningful. "I don't mean to sound like an old fuddy-duddy," I said, "But you have all your life to work. You just have one opportunity to go to school."

And, as I left, I thought: Someone at that pizza place should know enough not to ask a student to work during school hours.

Back in my office, going through my mail between sandwich bites, I picked up a recent release from the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

It was headlined: "Jobs not always good for teenagers, U-M researchers find, especially when teens work long hours."

"Part-time work during high school

POINTS OF VIEW



JUDITH DONER BERNE

"I don't mean to sound like an old fuddy-duddy," I said, 'but you have all your life to work. You just have one opportunity to go to school.'"

may have more costs than benefits," according to the institute's study of more than 70,000 high school seniors

from across the country. It links number of hours worked to a range of undesirable behaviors and outcomes:

- Poor school performance.
- Alcohol/drug use.
- Aggression.
- Fighting with parents.
- Not enough exercise and sleep.

The bad effects of work apply mostly to students who put in a lot of hours.

Students who worked 10 hours a week or less were no worse off than those with no jobs. And those who worked five hours or less per week actually reported more time for sleep and exercise than those who didn't work at all.

However, it appears that the chicken and egg syndrome is at work here: "While the number of hours teenagers spend on the job may make some contribution to poor school performance, it's more likely that students with a history of poor school performance are willing to spend long hours at

part-time jobs," researchers conclude. Local case in point: Our teenager at the pizza restaurant took off from school because she didn't want to go to math class. I dare say it wasn't the day she expected her "A" test back.

On the other hand, she is needed at the pizza restaurant. She performs a service. She is efficient. She talks back and forth with customers as an equal. And she is paid.

Someone other than me should be listening here. Her teacher, her school, her parent(s) need to hear her cry. They need to know how smart she is — but how she is smart. And help her feel at school as she does on the job — competent and valued.

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Conditions mimic those in 1927 state disaster

That New York World Trade Center bombing — five dead, a thousand injured — is being hyped as one of the greatest explosions in American history, but it can't match a Michigan disaster that killed 44.

In May 1927, the same month Charles Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic, Andrew P. Kehoe, 56, dynamited the school and his farm buildings in Bath, a tiny village about 10 miles north of Lansing.

Strangely, historians ignore the incident. Willis F. Dunbar, author of the landmark "Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State," never mentioned it. F. Clever Bald, in "Michigan in Four Centuries," kissed it off in a fraction of a sentence.

"In 1927, when a maniac blew up the consolidated school at Bath, Clinton County, killing 38 pupils, Senator (James) Couzens paid for a new building, and money from the Children's Fund was used to help care for the injured."

Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised. History books also slide past the fact that 23 Michigan legislators were convicted in 1945 of taking bribes, giving the murder of state Sen. Warren Hooper a sentence or so.

Newspapers bring up the Bath school explosion in Sunday features from time to time, I'm told, but somehow I always missed the articles.

The matter was brought to my attention by a Christmas gift from Gundella the Witch, a lady who has occupied a corner of Michigan for 62 years and taught school for 20 of them. Gundella never had heard of the Bath tragedy until she bumped into "Mayday: The History of a Village Holocaust" in Okemos on an autograph expedition for her book of ghost stories.

Kehoe was a farmer, Democratic political hopeful and embittered member of the Bath board of education. In those days, the school superintendent ran the education end of things. The school trustees personally ran the busi-



TIM RICHARD

ness end, talking to bus-drivers about tire problems and performing maintenance on the building.

Kehoe was an expert mechanic, and other farmers sought his help in blowing out stumps. He had access to the school basement, and no one raised an eyebrow when he purchased large quantities of dynamite.

I said Kehoe was embittered. He didn't think Bath needed to consolidate, build a high school, try to meet

University of Michigan accreditation standards and raise taxes — particularly when the farm economy was going to pot as Europe recovered from the Great War. Note well: Every single one of those problems exists today except the need for more school construction.

Kehoe timed two explosions to go off simultaneously on a Wednesday morning — one under the school, the other on every building on his farm. Apparently he killed his wife the night before. Unable to sell or give away two horses, Kehoe blew them up, too.

Then he drove his Ford truck to town as rescue work was going on and blew up himself and the hated superintendent.

Author Grant Parker's painstaking work, much gleaned from newspapers, reads like a mystery novel. The explosion occurs halfway through, and the remainder is flashbacks into the twisted psyche of Kehoe, his wife and other main characters.

From a newspaper friend in Clinton County, I hear Parker's book is considered less than top notch in Bath, though I am too inexperienced to know why. Parker published it himself — unfortunately, because virtually every page has a spelling or grammatical error. Nor is there a word of biography on the author.

Two thoughts from the perspective of a journalist:

■ No one spotted Kehoe's tragic potential in advance, in part, perhaps, because the Bath school board held all its meetings behind closed doors. That was in the days before the Open Meetings Act, now under great attack.

■ The Society of Professional Journalists circulates public service ads which say: "If the press didn't tell you, who would?"

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Medicine's success rate breeds its own failures

With Tipper Gore pinchhitting for Hillary Rodham Clinton, the national road show of town meetings on health care came to Dearborn last week.

Testimony was serious, thoughtful, sometimes heart-rending.

Our health care system is truly absurd, simultaneously consuming 14.7 percent of our gross domestic product, increasing in cost at nearly triple the base rate of inflation, and leaving more than 35 million Americans without access to medical insurance.

How is such a perverse set of outcomes possible?

Among the culprits, consider the astonishing success of medicine itself. Two examples from my own family make the point.

When my grandfather died in 1954 of a ruptured aneurysm in an artery, there was no such thing as arterial transplant surgery. He just died, and that was all there was to it.

By contrast, my mother suffered from cardiac arrhythmia, corrected for 17 years by a pacemaker. She contracted pericarditis, a life-threatening infection of the heart, and survived thanks to literally quarts of antibiotics. She had Parkinson's Disease, slowed and mitigated by a bit of dopamine drug therapy.

The fact that my mother died at the ripe age of 90 is testimony to the amazing ability of modern medicine to keep almost anyone alive, even without the heroic measures of intensive care units.

All this, of course, is very expensive. But we have arrived at the point where it is conceptually possible to make a kind of gruesome tradeoff: money spent versus death avoided, for a while at least.

Sooner or later, while talking with any thoughtful physician, you'll hear something like: "And you must realize that approximately 50 percent of all health care expenses are undertaken in the last six months of life."

What's that? The biggest part of our health care expenditure stems from the wholly natural instinct to buy at very great cost another few months of life for our loved ones!



PHILIP POWER

This is such a shocking statistic — and so remarkably pervasive among the doctors I have talked with — that I spent considerable time rummaging through a lot of medical literature. I found only two relevant studies.

■ A 1984 study on Medicare services reported that those who died made up 5.9 percent of the study group but consumed 28 percent of Medicare expenses. For patients who died, 46 percent of costs were spent in the last 60 days of life.

■ A 1989 study examined people aged 65 and over, making up 12 percent of the U.S. population. They consumed 20 percent of physician contacts, 35 percent of hospital visits (and nearly 50 percent of hospital days), and 33 percent of national expenditures on health care.

If my research is any guide, the factual basis for rational discussion of health care policy is largely lacking.

On one hand, we have hopeful politicians saying we can cut enough health care costs to extend coverage to those who lack it by slashing paper work, waste and so forth.

On the other, we have many doctors who assert as fact that getting at health care costs will require us as a society to face, for the first time in human history, the complex moral tradeoff between dollars spent and death avoided.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that publishes this newspaper. He would be pleased to hear from readers who have additional information or other insights on this complicated subject. To leave a voice mail message by Touch-Tone phone, call (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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Art, jewelry, trips top list of Madonna auction items

Madonna University is holding its fifth annual "Around the World" Scholarship Auction and items could take purchasers around the world.

The auction begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, in Livonia's Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center.

The vacation packages read like a travel brochure: Alaska, Orlando, New York City, Minneapolis, Hawaii, Los Angeles and London.

Weekend packages in Michigan take buyers to Blissfield, Jackson, Ludington, Livonia, Novi and Harbor Springs.

Other items to be auctioned include: artwork by Hubert Wynne Massey, Theresa Politowicz Heires, Jeanne Poulet and Edward Ferguson, as well as Soupy Sales, Joe Namath and New York Jet Geo Nock. Massey, who was recognized this year by the National Society of Mural Painters

of New York, has donated two pieces "Study of a Tree" and "Charcoal Study of Rembrandt."

The list also includes: jewelry, electronics, sports equipment and memorabilia, tickets to theaters and sporting events, dinners, swimming pools, home collectibles, Millionaire for a Day and a Cadillac Seda De Ville which will be raffled the night of the auction.

More than 700 items will be sold during the live and silent auctions.

Proceeds from the auction go to Madonna University student scholarships. Last year's auction raised more than \$200,000. The goal this year is \$250,000.

Tickets are \$60 per person and include dinner and an open bar. Black tie is optional.

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Detroit artist Hubert Wynne Massey has donated his "Charcoal Study of Rembrandt" for the Madonna auction. Massey has studied at the University of London Slade Institute of Fine Arts.

Marshmallow drop set for Good Friday

Wayne County Parks will hold the annual marshmallow drop on Good Friday, April 9.

Some 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter and youngsters are invited to pick up

as many as they can and turn them in for a prize-filled Easter egg.

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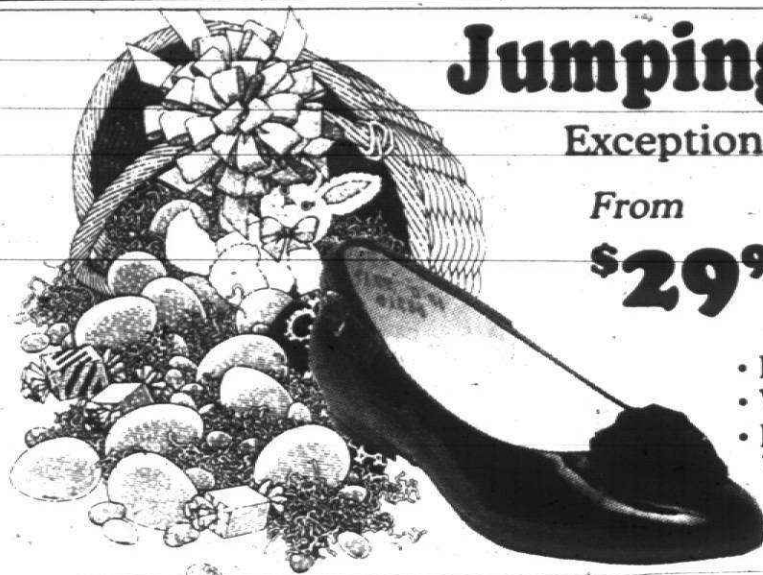
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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Indians win hockey title

The Plymouth Indians were crowned Mite AA Tier II hockey champions after defeating Lansing 3-2 in overtime March 21 at Canfield Arena.

In the final, Robby Ryan scored off a goalmouth scramble, but Lansing answered with two goals and led 2-1. With time running down, Sean Nappo tied the score and forced overtime.

The game reached a quick conclusion as Richard Wade scored the winning goal 13 seconds into the extra session.

Coach Mike Patrick's team began the playoffs with a 6-1 victory over Port Huron. Adam Haberman led the way with two goals, and J.J. Daratony, Ryan, Sean Depp and Brad Wolfe added one apiece.

The Downriver Wolves were the next opponents to fall, 3-1. Depp gave Plymouth a 2-0 lead, and Nappo iced the victory with 20 seconds remaining.

Wade gave the Indians an early lead in the next game against Grand Rapids, but opposing goalie B.J. Hungerford was tough to beat.

Plymouth broke it open in the second period and won 7-0. Brandon Collop (two), Daratony, Ryan Wade and Haberman scored for the Indians, and Ashley Zeni-Marks got credit for the shutout.

Ryan scored a hat trick in the quarterfinal game, which ended in a 6-1 win over St. Clair Shores. Nappo, Depp and Haberman also scored goals.

The defense excelled in the semifinal game with Sylvania (Ohio). Darren Terry, Charly Patrick, Kevin Hallett and Brad Wolfe combined with Zeni-Marks for another shutout and a 7-0 victory.

Prevent sports injuries

Sports injury and prevention will be the subjects of a presentation by the McAuley Urgent Care Centers in commemoration of National Youth Sports Injury Prevention Month 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Plymouth Canton High School.

Parents, children, school officials and recreation coaches have the opportunity to learn about current research in the field and methods of injury prevention during a talk, slide show and video presentation.

Chiefs eager to rebound on diamond



Veteran player: Senior Mark Schankowski returns to play center field for the Plymouth Canton baseball team.



Plymouth Canton might have had a bad year in baseball last season when it finished 9-12, but the Chiefs did something about it during the summer months and believe they're ready to go places in 1993.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Canton baseball team could be compared to a tiger lying in wait for its prey.

If it's possible for Canton to sneak up on opponents, this could be the year, according to first-year coach Mark LaPointe.

The Chiefs had their only losing season (9-12) last year and lost a lot of starters to graduation. Plus, the program is in transition following the retirement of longtime coach Fred Crissey.

But most of the 11 returning players gained experience and confidence playing against older competition last summer in the Connie Mack league.

That other teams might focus on the former and not the latter is an appetizing thought for LaPointe.

"If anybody was to look at our team of a year ago, they would say we're a young team, but you have to look at what we did in the summer," LaPointe said.

"(The returning varsity members) played against teams with seniors and college freshmen. We competed with juniors and sophomores and did extremely well. They firmly believe they can compete against anybody and win."

Furthermore, the coaching transition has gone smoothly since LaPointe was the JV coach for many years under Crissey. The staff consists of former players Kevin Learned and Dwayne Bennett and pitching specialist Bill Stafford.

"We're further ahead than I imagined we would be," LaPointe said. "The kids are pleased we didn't change a lot of things. We just picked up where Mr. Crissey left off. We're

on the same page and doing the same things."

Stafford top returnee

The most experienced player is senior Mike Stafford, who begins his fourth year on the varsity. The switch-hitting first baseman and pitcher hit .473 and earned all-division honors.

"Mike Stafford is a major college baseball player," LaPointe said. "He is one of the best hitters to play at Canton. I haven't seen a tougher out than Mike Stafford in a long time."

The left-handed Stafford is not an overpowering pitcher but uses his knowledge of the game to his advantage, according to LaPointe.

"He's a smart, crafty pitcher. He knows how to set the hitters up with certain things. He's streetwise when it comes to baseball."

Canton's pitching staff has depth with seniors Matt Horn, Brad Paskievitch, Dean Rovinelli and Craig Benedict and juniors Scott Valimont, Matt Paupore and Eric Davis.

Benedict is considered the No. 1 pitcher. He threw a pair of two-hitters last summer against college-player dominated Trenton and Tecumseh (Ontario).

"Benny is the most talented pitcher from a standpoint of arm velocity," LaPointe said, adding Benedict has thrown in the 85-mph range.

Horn and Valimont will be the closers. Horn, a linebacker on the football team, brings the same kind of toughness to the mound and battles hitters like Stafford does, according to LaPointe.

See CHIEFS, 3B

Salem has talent to remain a power in girls track/field

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem climbed to the top of Observerland girls track last year and might well stay there in 1993.

The reason: Its team remains stocked with an abundance of fine athletes, including the best 400-meter high school runner in Michigan.

Senior Tonya Wheeler is the defending Class A champion and just one reason why the Rocks will be favored to extend their Western Western Lakes Activities Association reign.

"Obviously, we're very talented," coach Mark Gregor said, adding the Salem goals are similar to last year. "We regard the early part as a learning experience, want to progress toward the middle of the season and peak at the end when it really counts."

"The conference meet is our major goal, and we want to be as successful as we can in duals. The girls want to win the regional, too. We have so many experienced girls on the team, and they know what it's going to take to get there."

Wheeler, who competed with a junior national team in Europe last summer, won the state title with a 59.1 time but had a season and school-record best of 58.2.

She also won the 200 dash and anchored a pair of first-place relays at the league meet, and she



Tonya Wheeler
state 400 champion

shared area honors with the best 200 time (26.2).

"She doesn't do a lot of talking about that stuff," said Gregor, adding Wheeler is very humble. "She's one of those silent but confident girls. She's real competitive and is looking forward to getting started."

"She places a lot of emphasis on the team being successful. She doesn't want to be out there doing things along. She knows what it takes to be a champion, and her influence has rubbed off on the rest of the team."

Sprints are team strength

It so happens the sprints are probably the strong suit of the Sa-

lem team since the Rocks have so many other runners to complement Wheeler.

Sophomore Sarah Hamilton was second in the WLAA in the 100 (12.7) but will make the 400 her primary event this year. Hamilton, who scored more points than any other freshman in school history, also qualified for state in the 200 (26.2).

"We're going to push (Wheeler) a bit with Sarah, and it might end up being a better race for her," Gregor said.

"It's a little easier to find 100 kids than quality 400 runners. Most know if they're going to run after high school they're going to have to run in longer events."

Salem also returns senior Vanessa Benning, who was fourth in the regional in the 100, and sophomore Marcia Parker, who was third in the WLAA in the 200. Senior Dana Driscoll and sophomore Melissa Hopson are excellent jumpers who also have sprinting ability.

"We're going to try to be competitive in every race we can," Gregor said. "With the depth we have in the sprints, we can interchange those kids. The problem will be keeping them fresh for relays and events on Saturday."

Gregor will keep intact his all-area 800 relay team of Hamilton, Driscoll, Parker and Wheeler.

See ROCKS, 5B

CC might have best-ever track team

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

If you think Redford Catholic Central had good cross country, basketball, football, wrestling and hockey teams this season, wait until you see the Shamrocks' track squad.

Coach Tony Magni, now in his 15th season, appears to have all the components for what could be CC's finest season ever in track.

Catholic Central returns several key performers off last year's squad, which captured the Observerland Relays, Catholic League and Operation-Friendship

titles. "Individually we have good people," Magni said. "But we're weak in a few events. We have nobody back in the high jump and we're not part of the Catholic League in pole vaulting."

"Overall what helps us is depth."

With more than 130 athletes to choose from, Magni also coaches the largest squad in the area.

Among the casualties to graduation is Steve Witek, who led the area with best times of 1:57.8 in the 800-meter run and 4:26.4 in the 1,600. He was also a member

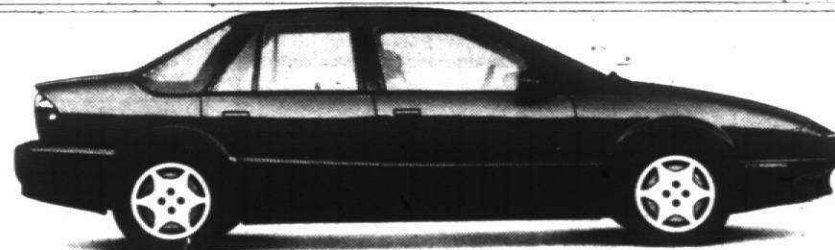
of CC's first-place state Class A championship 3,200 relay squad (7:58.0).

Other losses include Kevin Rosinski, who cleared 6 feet, 1 inches in the high jump; T.J. Kitchen, who went 53.0 in the 400; Aaron Shepash, 2:07.7 in the 800; and Brian O'Reilly, 4:42.1 in the 1,600.

But look who's back. Senior sprinter Eric McKeon, who owns or shares at least four school records, leads a strong nucleus.

See TRACK, 2B

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL	
Don. Fordson at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.	Friday, April 2
SF Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.	Saturday, April 3
Red. Union at Luth. Stevenson, 10 a.m.	Westland Glen at Willow Run, 10 a.m.
Redford CC at Glen. (2), 11 a.m.	Wayne at Red. Thurston, 11 a.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Waterford Our Lady at Redford's Capitol Park, 12:11 p.m.	Benard at Luth. Westland, 12:11 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK	
Thursday, April 1	
Lv. Franklin at Luth. Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.	Garden City at Taylor Truman, 3:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Northville, 4 p.m.	Saturday, April 3
Farm. Mercy vs. G.P. South, 11 a.m.	
GIRLS SOCCER	
Thursday, April 1	
Bishop Ford at Luth. Ladywood, 4 p.m.	Red. Thurston at Redford Union, 5:30 p.m.
Woodhaven at Luth. Ladywood, 4 p.m.	Dearborn at Luth. Ladywood, 4 p.m.
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Phy. Salem at G.P. South, 3 p.m.	Friday, April 2
Troy at Luth. Stevenson, 7 p.m.	Saturday, April 3
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COLLEGE BASEBALL	
Friday, April 2	
Madonna at Wayne State, 1 p.m.	Saturday, April 3
Aquinas at Madonna, 12 p.m.	Sunday, April 4
Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.	
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
Friday, April 2	
Hillsdale at Madonna, 5 p.m.	Sunday, April 4
Madonna at Triffin (Ohio), 12:30 p.m.	
BOYS TRACK	
Thursday, April 1	
Lv. Stevenson at Luth. Church, 3:30 p.m.	Garden City at Taylor Truman, 3:30 p.m.
Phy. Canton at A.A. Huron, 3:30 p.m.	Redford Union at Novi, 4 p.m.

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McKeon paced the area in the 200 dash (22.0) and 400 (49.3). He also clocked 10.9 in the 100 dash and took second overall in Oberlin in the 800 run (2:00.1). McKeon was also a member of last year's Class A champion 3,200 relay squad, along with senior Brandon Dalziel, who went 2:00.4 in the 800 a year ago.

Another standout returnee is senior Mark Eden, a versatile performer who led Oberlin in the 110 high hurdles (14.7) and 300 low hurdles (39.7). Eden took eighth last year in Class A in the 110 high hurdles. He was also a member of CC's school-record 1,600 relay squad (3:25.4).

Other returnees include senior Kevin Jakubowski, who tossed the discus 131.1 last year; junior Freddie Taylor, a sprinter and long jumper (20-4); Rob Clark,

Glenn wins opener

Westland John Glenn captured the final event, the 1,600-meter relay, to gain a season-opening 68-60 non-league girls track victory at Dearborn High.

The foursome of Tina Moore, Yasemin Ahmed, Gretchen Schroeder and Kory Miller pulled out the race in 4:38.5, giving the Rockets the dual-meet victory.

Felicia Bailey figured in three firsts for Glenn, sweeping the 100- and 200 dashes in 13.2 and 27.7, respectively. She also teamed up with Courtney Brown, Kleitha Roberson and

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Long ball lifts Crusaders

The Madonna University baseball team hit a school-record six home runs in one game Tuesday to beat Grand Valley State University, 17-10, and salvage a split of a non-league double-header in Allendale.

The Crusaders lost the first game, 5-1. Madonna trailed 10-9 after six innings in Game 2 before rallying for eight runs, including three 2-run homers with two outs in the seventh inning.

Craig Overatits (Livonia Franklin) pinch-hit two-run homer gave the Crusaders the lead for good, 11-10. Bill Terski, who went 3-for-5 with two runs scored, hit another two-run homer and Jeff Miller clubbed the third two-run shot.

Joe Brussee (Redford Bishop Borgess), Shaun Hayward and Rich Roy (Livonia Clarencville) hit solo homers for the Crusaders, who are 12-6 overall.

The Crusaders collected 18 hits and scored in every inning but the third. Mike Grahl pitched 1 1/2 innings of relief to pick up his third win without a loss.

Starter Ryan Grabetz pitched five innings and left with an 8-5 lead before Grand Valley rallied for five runs in the sixth to go ahead 10-9.

There were many hitting stars for the Crusaders: Brussee was 3-3 with five runs scored; Jeff Pendell (Livonia Churchill) was

able to hit for the Crusaders, who were 12-6 overall. The Crusaders collected 18 hits and scored in every inning but the third. Mike Grahl pitched 1 1/2 innings of relief to pick up his third win without a loss.

St. Xavier (14-3 overall) outlasted Madonna in the opener, 5-4, in 14 innings.

With Madonna leading 4-3 in the bottom of the eighth with two outs, outfielder Holly Jondro's diving catch was ruled a trap, allowing the tying run to be scored.

"Our players were already out on the field congratulating her," Madonna coach Dave Racer said. "The tying run scored after it was called no catch."

"What's even more unbelievable is that after we realized it was not the third out, we still had the runner dead at the plate."

St. Xavier's two outs we had on the same play that didn't go our way. It should have been our game."

Umpires ruled the St. Xavier runner safe at the plate on another controversial call.

St. Xavier then tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the 14th on a pair of infield errors, a pair of bunts and a sacrifice by Lori Rohan.

Losing pitcher Dawn Terrasi went all 14 innings for Madonna, scattering 10 hits and three walks.

Winning pitcher Jackie Russell also went the distance, allowing 12 hits.

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BASEBALL

3-4, including two doubles, with two RBI and four runs scored; Hayward was 4-5 with two runs scored and three RBI; and Roy was 4-6.

The first game was a bore compared to the second.

Madonna starting and losing pitcher Mike Coleman surrendered only four hits but the Lakers scored four in the third and one in the fifth for a 5-1 lead.

The Crusaders had eight hits, led by Roy, who was 3-3 with a double and Miller, who was 2-3 with a double. Overatits singled in the only run in the first.

Madonna 1-2 on road

Madonna had a busy weekend, winning one game and losing two to the College of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill.

Each game was decided by one run.

St. Francis won Saturday's game, 3-2. The two teams split Sunday, with St. Francis winning the first game, 6-4, in eight innings and Madonna taking the nightcap, 4-3, behind the five-hit complete-game pitching of Plymouth Canton graduate Jeff Kugelman.

St. Francis is coached by Gordie Gillespie, the NAIA's winningest coach who won three national titles in the mid-70s while

coaching Lewis College in Illinois. Gillespie spoke at Madonna's 1992 banquet.

"They were three great ball games," Madonna coach Mike George said. "We have tremendous respect for each other's program. Gordie's a great influence on our program and me personally. They kind of adopted us as their sister school when we were first starting out."

After losing the first two games in the last inning, Kugelman let the Crusaders go home on a high note with his second win in three outings this season. The Crusaders scored a pair of runs in the top of the seventh inning on RBI singles by George Leung and Miller to give Kugelman a 4-2 lead.

St. Francis scored one run in the bottom of the inning before Kugelman set down the side for the 4-3 win.

Kugelman finished with nine strikeouts and now has a 1.75 earned run average.

"You could see he was in complete control the minute he walked out there," George said of Kugelman. "Kugey had that look in his eyes like he was going to get this one for us."

Miller, who was 5-for-11 with four doubles and a triple during the three-game series, was 2-4 with two RBI in Sunday's second game and Jim Solak was 2-2.

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St. Francis scored two runs in the sixth to tie the score 4-4 and two off reliever Sean Henkel (Livonia Stevenson) in the top of the eighth to win. A two-run triple by St. Francis' Adam VanderWoude with two outs in the eighth proved to be the winning hit.

Starting pitcher Lou McKaig pitched the first 5 1/2 innings and left with the Crusaders ahead 4-2.

The Crusaders scored all four of their runs in the second on four hits and two St. Francis errors. Leung, T.C. Raptia, Chris Gajewski and Brussee had RBIs and Overatits scored after striking a double.

St. Francis on Saturday afternoon scored a run in the bottom of the ninth to break a 2-2 tie and win 3-2 in a game scheduled to go nine innings.

Madonna had tied the score 2-2 in the top of the ninth on an RBI double by Solak to score Raptia. But Henkel, who pitched out of a jam with two outs in the eighth after coming on in relief came to starter Hayward, surrendered an unearned St. Francis run in the bottom of the ninth.

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"He beat (Westland John) Glenn 8-7 as a sophomore in extra innings," LaPointe said. "He was running out of steam, but there was no way he was coming out."

Rovinski, a 6-foot-4 lefty, has a blazing fastball and the best move to first base since Adam Kocik, according to LaPointe. He will be the backup first baseman also.

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ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL



Hit parade: Observerland spikers hailed

By Chris McCosky

Minutes after Livonia Stevenson won the Class A regional volleyball championship at Northville, Patty Diamond was asked how the team has responded to the fact that this would be Lee Cagle's final season as Stevenson's coach.

"Well," she said, "we wanted to make it his best season. Because it is his last season."

The Spartans disappointed no one. They finished with a 45-8-2 record, losing to eventual state champion Portage Northern in the quarterfinals.

"I am very proud of this team," said Cagle, whose 15-year legacy at Stevenson is a 475-116-62 record with eight district titles, four regionals and three trips to the final four. "There was a great chemistry and a great companionship on this team. Every day they did something nice for each other."

It is, of course, proper and fitting that Cagle be named Observerland Coach of the Year, and not just for sentimental reasons. His team was No. 2 in the state most of the year and was ranked No. 1 in Observerland most of the year. It also is proper and fitting that the Spartans placed two players on the All-Area team: Diamond and Julie Martin.

Also garnering two spots on the first team were Livonia Ladywood (39-9) and Plymouth Salem (37-13-4).

Here is the 1993 All-Area Volleyball team:

FIRST TEAM

Angela Assad, senior, Farmington Hills; Mercy. The first-team all-Catholic League and all-region performer was Mercy's designated blocker-basher.

Assad had 152 kills in 340 attempts; 76 solo blocks and 146 digs. She had a serve and attack reception of 87 percent. Assad, a 6-footer, has been courted by some NAIA and Division II schools but has not decided where to attend.

"Angela was by far our greatest impact player and her presence up at the net, defensively, as well as offensively, made it easier for team defense," said coach Peggy Spengler said. "She was a great leader, really devoted to the team and sport."

RANKINGS

These final winter rankings have been compiled by The Observer sports staff. Schools eligible to be rated must be located in Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Farmington, Redford and Garden City.

BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Plymouth Salem
2. Redford Bishop Borgess
3. Wayne Memorial
4. Redford Catholic Central
5. Farmington Harrison

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

1. Livonia Stevenson
2. Livonia Ladywood
3. Plymouth Salem
4. Redford Thurston
5. Farmington Hills Mercy

BOYS WRESTLING

1. Redford Catholic Central
2. Westland John Glenn
3. Plymouth Salem
4. Livonia Stevenson
5. Garden City

BOYS HOCKEY

1. Redford Catholic Central
2. Livonia Churchill
3. Livonia Stevenson
4. Livonia Franklin

BOYS SWIMMING

1. Plymouth Salem
2. Livonia Stevenson
3. Redford Catholic Central
4. Plymouth Canton
5. North Farmington

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

1. Plymouth Salem
2. Plymouth Canton
3. North Farmington
4. Westland John Glenn
5. Farmington

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FIRST TEAM	
Angela Assad	Mercy
Christy Daly	Churchill
Patty Diamond	Stevenson
Liz Gunn	Ladywood
Julie Heist	Harrison
Mary Jo Kelly	Ladywood
Daune Koester	Thurston
Julie Martin	Stevenson
Kelly McCausland	Redford Union
Cyndi Platter	Salem
Yvette Sixbey	Garden City
Caryn Tatterton	Salem
Lee Cagle (coach)	Stevenson

SECOND TEAM	
Val Adzima	Ladywood
Kristen Driscoll	Stevenson
Karen Groulx	Stevenson
Julie Heist	Mercy
Tara Owens	Ladywood
Debbie Schroeder	Farmington

THIRD TEAM	
Amanda Ault	Harrison
Angela Fountain	Canton
Krista Ludlow	Churchill
Latasha Moore	Wayne
Tracy Siedt	Clareville
Lenay Truham	Franklin

HONORABLE MENTION

Harrison: Maggie Chavez, Franklin; Andrea Grier, Nancy Noechel, Garden City; Lydia Allison, Salem; Jamey Vau, Jenny Garvey, Jenna Slanton, Farmington; Maggie Frump, Krisy Maron, Erin Phelps, St. Agatha, Trish Rich, Laura Williams, Churchill; Aimee Cousins, Andrea Zawalski, Nancy Grazzini, Ladywood; Kristy Walker, Anne Poplitz, Andrea Patti, Stevenson; Heather Taylor, Rachel Clark, Angie Pappo, Clareville; Chris Nunnen, Michelle Loukoer, Kristin Przegonski, Jamie Zenke, Mercy; Kristina Kudsko, Marcela DeAgostino, Thurston; Jean Heron, Tammy Ozdarski, Jenn McEwen, Canton; Tre Scheiler, Karie Dinkelman, John Glenn, Lynn Little, North Farmington; Mandy Tenel, Jenny Relf.

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Christy Daly, senior, Livonia Churchill. In three years of varsity competition, Daly has helped Churchill win 82 matches, two district titles and a state championship.

She led Churchill in three categories: kills (313, 19.6 per game), serving (94.8 percent, 80 aces) and serve reception (93.6 percent). She was second in attacks (762, 22.8 kills).

"She is a fierce competitor who strives for perfection in everything she does," said Chargers coach Mike Hughes. "She typifies the competitive spirit of Churchill volleyball teams."

Patty Diamond, senior, Livonia Stevenson. Diamond was a four-year starter, a two-time all-stater, a three-time all-con-

ference choice and now a three-time All-Observerland standout.

"Patty has been a dream," Cagle said. "Her positive leadership, her work ethic, her desire to excel and her athletic ability made her four years an absolute pleasure for me."

Not so for the rest of Observerland, however. This season she had 341 attacks with 161 kills, 1,055 assists, an 89 percent service efficiency with 81 aces, 300 digs and 316 blocks.

She has accepted a volleyball scholarship from Florida State University.

Liz Gunn, senior, Livonia Ladywood: Gunn's resume is almost as startling and impressive as her thunderous left-handed spikes. She was an AAU All-American last summer, leading the SOVA team to a fifth-place finish in the nationals. She's a two-time all-stater who has led Ladywood to two straight Catholic League championships.

"Liz was one of the more exciting players to watch," said coach Tom Teeters. "She is a very unique hitter. Most letties will hit cross-court from the left side. Liz has always been able to hit lines and hit cross-court."

The Gunn, as she is called, led the team in kills but she was far from a one-dimensional player. She was among team leaders in service receptions, digs and blocks. She will attend Western Michigan on a volleyball scholarship next year.

Julie Heist, senior, Farmington Harrison: How's this for high praise:

"Julie is by far the best volleyball player to come out of Harrison," said coach Ron Shortt.

How's this for backing up that statement: She set a school record with 407 kills this season, had a 91 percent serving efficiency with 149 aces and posted 108 solo blocks.

"She always worked hard both in practice and in games and she showed great leadership qualities on and off the court," Shortt said. "She's a very dedicated player and she will be missed at Harrison."

Mary Jo Kelly, senior, Livonia Ladywood: Certain players are distinguishable by their physical abilities alone. Others, like Kelly, are distinguishable not only by their talent, but by qualities such as leadership, court-sense, intensity and desire.

Players like Kelly are also distinguishable by the fact that their teams seldom lose. Be it in basketball or volleyball, the Ladywood teams Kelly has played on the last three years didn't often lose.

She is such a smart player, she is like a second coach," Teeters said. "She is so helpful to the younger players, especially in practice."

Kelly, a two-time all-Catholic League choice, averaged 9.2 assists and had a kill percentage of 235.

Daune Koester, senior, Redford Thurston: There haven't been many outside hitters as consistently dominating as this four-time all-Tri-River, two-time academic all-state, three-time all-region and two-time All-Observerland standout.

A 3.2 student, Koester posted 407 kills (5.8 per game) this season and she holds the Thurston record for kills and kill percentage.

"She is perhaps the best female student-athlete Thurston has ever had," said coach Bob Burns.

Aside from her numerous volleyball achievements (four tournament MVP honors, to name another), she has been the president of her class the last three years and she was crowned Miss Spirit '93.

She's accepted a full-ride volleyball scholarship from the University of Maryland.

Julie Martin, senior, Livonia Stevenson: Mercy coach Peggy Spengler watched Martin block and blast the Marlins out of the regional tournament.

"When she is on, she is just about unstoppable," Spengler said.

Martin, who will play at Madonna University next year, nailed 538 kills in 1,145 attempts (5.2 per game) this year. She had a 90 percent serving efficiency with 49 aces. She also posted 386 blocks (89 solo) and 199 digs.

"Julie realized the potential that we saw in her as a freshman," Cagle said. "We have been exceedingly fortunate to have her grow into the force she was on the court this year."

Kelly McCausland, senior, Redford Union: McCausland and Martin will team up to give Madonna a formidable front-court attack next year.

McCausland had 338 kills in 589 attacks and posted 163 blocks (70 solo) last season. She also slugged 134 aces in 449 serves.

"She is one of the classiest players I ever coached," said RL's Marie Becker.

Cyndi Platter, senior, Plymouth Salem: Like she was for the Salem basketball team, Platter was the go-to girl for volleyball coaches Brian Gilles and Allison Sully.

"Her confidence was contagious," said Sully. "We always knew if we could get the ball to her, she would get us to the point or the sideline."

Platter set Salem records with 206 digs and 114 blocks. She also served at a 92 percent efficiency with 110 aces. In 891 attacks, she nailed 375 kills.

Though she sparked interest among Division I volleyball scouts, Platter will play basketball at Oakland University next fall.

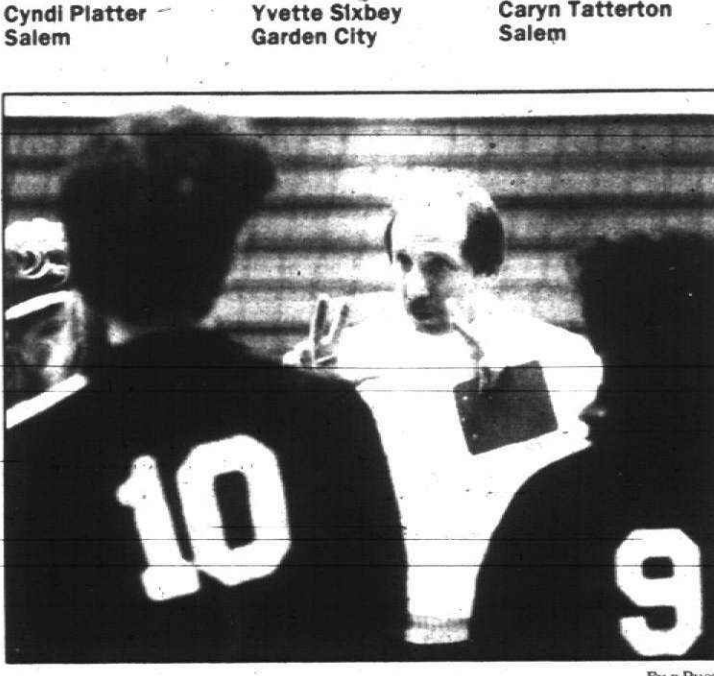
Yvette Sixbey, junior, Garden City: The lone junior to make this squad, Sixbey is only beginning to tap into her potential.

"She had a successful junior season, but I am very pleased that she will be playing AAU ball this summer to improve her skills," said coach Nikki Stubbs. "She is very eager to learn."

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Coach of Year: Lee Cagle led Livonia Stevenson to the Western Lakes, district and regional Class A titles in his final season.

Caryn Tatterton, senior, Plymouth Salem: Salem posted its best record since 1977 and the driving force behind the success was this ultra-competitive setter.

"No question she was the main reason that we have been so successful the past two seasons," Gilles said.

The all-region and all-Western Lakes standout posted a 90 percent serve proficiency with a team-high 144 aces. She distributed 812 assists and 2,163 quality passes and even managed 230 kills.

"Caryn will be greatly missed, but a player like her always leaves a little behind with the younger players," said Sully.

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"Until they lose, they're staying together," he said. "They've been on a roll for three years, and I don't want to mess with that."

Hamilton, sophomore Courtney Sheldon and Wheeler will run the 1,600 relay again after earning area honors in that event, too. Hamilton, Driscoll, Parker and Benning were second-team all-area in the 400 relay, but Gregor might change that lineup.

Good distance runners

The Rocks have a quality person in every one of the distance events, led by senior Stacey Witthoff in the 800 (2:32.2). She was third in the WLAA and a state qualifier.

"She can run anything from the 200 to the two mile and be competitive," Gregor said.

Junior Linda Sebestyen, Sheldon and junior Kelly Stankov are other half milers. Senior Corey Gulkewicz, a cross country runner for four years, and sophomore

Karen Boudreau, who had a surprising freshman season and was fourth in the WLAA, are the top 1,600 runners.

Junior Emily Farrell was fifth in the WLAA in the 3,200 and missed going for state by one 10th of a second when she ran 12:00.6 at the regional.

"She's very determined to make it, and her early-season conditioning has brought her quite a ways," Gregor said.

Junior Katie Heid and sophomore Sarah Volarie are other 3,200 runners. Stankov and senior Shannon Bragg have potential in both distance events.

The long jump is Salem's strongest field event. The Rocks have a pair of state qualifiers in Driscoll (16-4), who was second-team all-area, and junior Sarah Makins (16-0). Junior Alyssa Sofos is good enough to qualify, too.

"That threesome did real well in the regionals," Gregor said. "It's a very competitive situation between the three girls. All like to

win, and all had success in that event."

Hopson was a regional champion and is the school record holder (5-6) in the high jump. She was third in the WLAA and second-team all-area.

Freshman Nicole Van Hees already has high jumped 5-4 and has the potential to go higher when the weather warms, Gregor said. Sophomore Sarah Lapinski and Sofos are capable of jumping 4-8 or 4-9.

Senior Kathryn Ryan is the leading thrower, having finished fifth in the shot put at the WLAA meet.

"She put a lot of work into it the past 2 1/2 years, and I'm confident she's going to be a quality thrower this year," Gregor said.

"Her goals are to throw the discus 100 feet and the shot 32 feet consistently."

In the shot put, senior Jenny Zayed scored in most dual meets, and senior Tina Balan "has made remarkable progress this year,"

Gregor said. He hopes juniors Downes, Bernhard and Colleen Demetsean continue where they left off last year in the discus.

Makins top hurdler

The Rocks lost double WLAA hurdler champion Theresa Giachierio, but it remains a strong event with the return of Makins, who was third in the 100 and fourth in the 300 at the WLAA.

Sheldon was sixth in the 300 and senior Amanda Parrish is expected to help this year. Freshman Kim Sheldon and Van Hees are three-sport athletes who will get better and move up the ladder this year, according to Gregor.

"Losing Giachierio, I was a bit concerned," he said. "I knew we had Sarah Makins coming back, but we had to find new people and I'm pleasantly surprised with the talent we have there."

Salem begins the season Saturday at the Spartan Relays and has a dual meet Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.



Dana Driscoll top long jumper Sarah Hamilton standout sprinter Sarah Makins star hurdler



Courtney Sheldon relay runner Marcia Parker relay runner Lynda Sebestyen relay runner

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for Monday edition).

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Men can register for the Canton Parks and Recreation golf league at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The season starts Wednesday, April 14, at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

The fee is \$386 (half due upon registration and the remainder after five weeks). The fee covers all league green fees, prize money, final golf outing and awards.

The league is limited to 35 golfers and Canton residents (unless the league fails to fill by March 29). Tee times are 5-6 p.m. Players will be paired as two-man teams for league play.

SOFTBALL NEWS

Canton Parks and Recreation Services has a limited number of

adult softball league openings for men and women. For information, call 397-5110.

There will be preseason men's softball tournament April 23-25 at Claude Allison Park in Redford. The fee is \$150 plus a ball for each game. There is a three-game guarantee. Rain dates are May 1-2. For information, call Bob Kaump at 534-6787.

Canton Softball Center will begin its 1993 first season Sunday, April 18. The 14-game spring season entry fee is \$495 per team, with no game fees this year.

Men, women and coed teams are welcome. For information, call the CSC message line at 483-2913 or office line 4-9 p.m. Monday through Friday or 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends at 483-5600, Ext. 102.

Canton Softball Center will have its annual Early Bird Tournament April 16-18. The tournament is open to all teams. The entry fee is \$100 plus a \$7-per-game umpire fee. Four games are guaranteed. Call 483-5600, Ext. 102.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

It may be April Fool's Day, but there is no joke in the new fishing regulations handed down by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The biggest change for the 1993-94 fishing season is an increase in the minimum size limits for several species of fish on inland lakes.

The most noticeable change is that the minimum size limit on smallmouth and largemouth bass has been increased from 12 to 14 inches.

New minimum size limits have also been established for northern pike and muskellunge and a minimum standard has been set for channel and flathead catfish as well. The size limit for northern pike has been increased from 20 to 24 inches, muskie from 30 to 42 inches and channel and flathead have been changed from no size limit to 12 inches and 15 inches, respectively.

The fishery will also benefit by the fact that not as many fish will be harvested. A one-inch 12-inch bass or a 20-inch pike just doesn't yield much of a fillet.

There are also some changes in bag limits. The daily possession limit for bass, pike, walleye, sauger and flathead catfish is five per day in any combination. The daily limit on channel catfish is 10. The daily limit for yellow perch on inland lakes has also been reduced from 100 to 50.

"Through these changes, we feel we can gain a better quality of the total fishery in the state's inland lakes," said DNR fisheries biologist Ron Spittler. "About a year ago, we started talking to people and asking them what they wanted for the future of fishing in Michigan. We got lots and lots of feedback from fishermen, fishing clubs and other related groups as well as lots of research information. By and large we've got good response from the anglers. They'll catch fewer fish they can keep, but the size and weight of the fish they do keep will grow."

The changes should be applauded.

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ON THE
MARQUEESymphonies host
benefit concerts

Enjoy an evening of light music, food and fun at benefit concerts being presented this week by the Plymouth and Livonia symphony orchestras.

La Casa

Michael Elwood and Beth Galiger will present a concert at the La Casa Music Series 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward. Tickets \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance. Call 646-4950.

Benefit

Birmingham Bloomfield Families in Action is hosting two benefit performances of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" at the Birmingham Theatre 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 4. Tickets \$50 per person for April 2 performance, \$25 per person for April 4 performance. For ticket information, call 644-2245.

Oldies dance

Saturday night dance featuring The Larados 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3 at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road, in Livonia. Admission \$6. For information, call 562-3170.

Ridgedale Players

Junior actors of Ridgedale Players present the musical "Spring's A Comin'" or (When is Easter?), 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3 and 1:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4 at the house 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy. Tickets \$6.50 each includes the play, a meal, visit and picture with the Easter bunny. Reservations are required, call 641-7027.

Opera night

Oakland University Community Chorus hosts "A Night at the Opera," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3 at Varner Recital Hall on the campus in Rochester. Selections from operas by Mascagni, Verdi, Mozart, Bizet, Boieldieu, Wagner, von Weber and Mussorgsky. Tickets \$8, seniors \$6, students \$3. For information, call 370-3013.

"Elijah"

Frazer Chorale, with featured soloists from the Michigan Opera Theatre, and full orchestra, will perform Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah" 4 p.m. Sunday, April 4 at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Birmingham. Tickets \$10 per person. Call 792-SING.

Jazz brunch

Schoolcraft College will host a Jazz Brunch noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 4 in the college's Waterman Campus Center. Enjoy vintage and improvisational jazz by the Magnificents while the college's award-winning Culinary Salon Team prepares a feast. Tickets \$25 per person. Call 462-4171 for tickets. All proceeds will fund members of the Culinary Salon Team in future competitions.

Trinity House

Trinity House Theatre features an evening of readings at "Lights Up!" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 9-10 at the playhouse, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$5, members and subscribers free. "Quilters" continues through April 3. For ticket information, call 464-6302.

Talented cast lights up stage in 'Rumors'

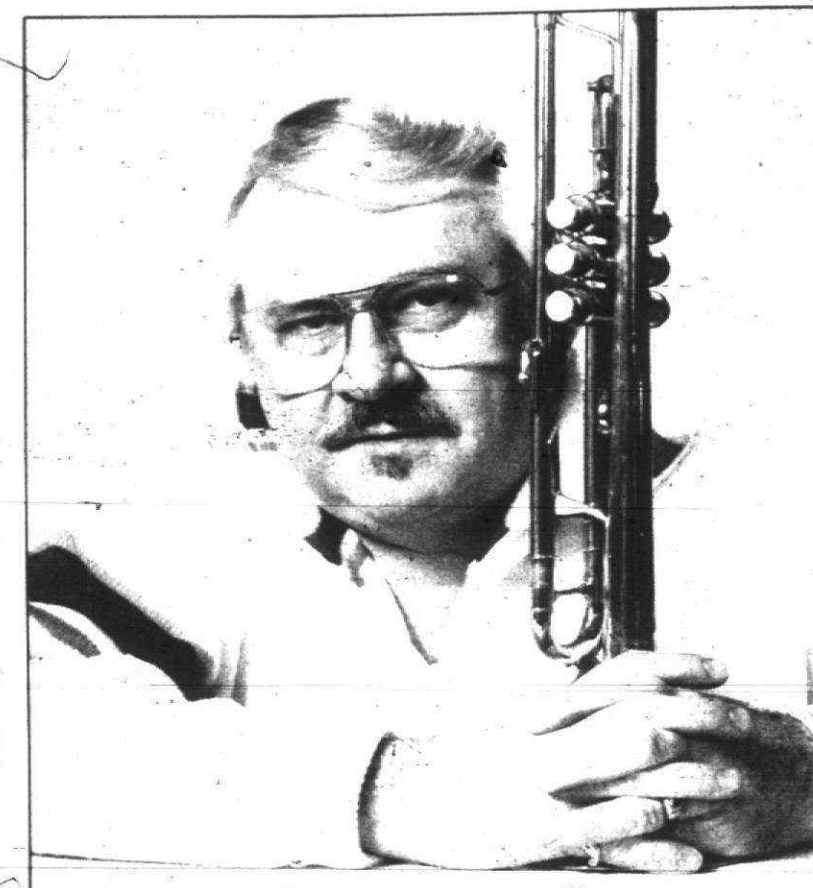
Performances of the Livonia Public School's Creative and Performing Arts student production of "Rumors" continue through April 4 at the Theatre Guild playhouse, 15138 Beech Dale, Redford. For ticket information, call the box office at 538-5678.



BOB WEIBEL
formers a chance to be seen by a

about audience. Talented certainly describes Ryan Kasmer, who plays Lenny Ganz. Kasmer lights up the stage with energy and creates a broad, distinctive character, so critical to good farce. Only a sophomore, he's a natural comic actor. He and his wife, Claire, played capably by Emily Haase, are one of four couples who arrive at a 10th wedding anniversary party. But guess what? The hosts have a problem. She isn't home, and he is upstairs bleeding; having shot himself in the ear it seems. The first couple to arrive, Chris and Ken Gorman, played smartly by Marci Urbanik and Chris Berzac make excuses for the missing hosts to the Ganz's. Soon we're into stories

about affairs and assorted human foibles — and a madcap series of mistaken identities, awkward behavior, and silly plans that go awry. Jessica Pritchard and Nate Burns have great fun as Cookie and Ernie Cusack. She has a bad back and spends a good deal of the evening crawling about the stage; he burns his fingers in a kitchen mishap and fiddles about with heavily bandaged fingers. Colleen May and Darren Schlack play Cassie and Glen Cooper. She is quite effective as a flirty wife; he has his moments as a politician worried about how the evening's events will affect his reputation. Of course, the police finally arrive. And, of course, Jason O'Beirne and Jenny Patry are two befuddled coppers trying to make sense of this zany evening. The best of it seems to occur in the first act. Maybe that's because of Simon's writing. Maybe high schoolers lack adult sophistication to get the most of the farcical character. Nevertheless, "Rumors" is rollicking good fun. Director, Gail Susan Mack, among her many good choices, opens the show with a jazzy Harry Connick Jr. rendition of "Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone." Nice touch. Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.



"That's Entertainment": Lead and jazz trumpet player John Trudell will perform at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Showtime Cabaret on April 3 at Madonna University.



Pops concert: Dennis Smith, trombone, will be featured at the Plymouth Symphony's benefit Pops Concerts.

Hubbard Street
dancers return

After a seven year absence from the Music Hall stage, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago returns to Detroit for three performances 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 2 and April 3, and a special family matinee 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3. Tickets range from \$5 to \$25. Tickets are specially priced for the family matinee, the first child's ticket is \$10 with accompanying parent or guardian free of charge. Additional tickets, adult or children, are only \$5 each available at the box office, 350 Madison, Detroit, or by calling 963-2366 or any Ticketmaster outlet, 645-6666. The ensemble will bring two former Michigan residents along for the three performances — Krista Swenson of Rochester, and Joseph Mooradian of Dearborn. The ensemble will offer the American premiere of a new Margo Sappington work, "The Forging Ground," as well as several Twyla Tharp works, including "Nine Sinatra Songs." Founded in 1977 by dancer/choreographer Lou Conte, the company has risen to international prominence with its highly energetic yet accessible style. The Chicago-based company was created to provide entertainment at senior citizens' centers. Yet audiences of all ages were soon clamoring for the ensemble, which expanded to an ethnically diverse, male-female troupe of professional dancers that regularly tours the United States, Europe and Latin America. In the early years, Hubbard Street's electrifying dances were created exclusively by Artistic Director Conte; recent years have seen the addition of works by well-known contemporary choreographers.



Dancer: Krista Swenson of Rochester, a member of the Hubbard Street Dance Company, will be performing with the group at Music Hall in Detroit, April 2-3.

WHAT'S COOKING

MARCOS
Marcos, 32758 Grand River in downtown Farmington, announces tableside cooking. Diners ordering daily Tableside specials will have their dinners cooked to order before their eyes by proprietor Marcos Conte. Tableside specials served daily 5-9 p.m. At 9 p.m. the Tableside Special will switch over to the Tableside Dessert. For reservations, call 477-7777.

SHARE OUR STRENGTH
The two-day Share of Strength, Taste of the Nation is scheduled Thursday and Friday, April 29-30 at the Rattlesnake Club and Stroh River Place atriums. Tickets for the patron dinner on April 29 are \$200 per person, the walk-

around tasting event on April 30 is \$75 per person. All food, supplies and services for the benefit will be donated to Share Our Strength, a nationwide network of chefs seeking to provide funding for groups fighting hunger in the U.S. and overseas. For ticket information, call 923-7855.

MORTON'S
During Secretary's Week, Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23, Southfield's Morton's of Chicago Steakhouse at One Towne Square, off Northwestern

Highway, between Civic Center Drive and Lahser Road, will be offering luncheon specials created especially for secretaries. Lunch-on special will cost \$14.95 per person, and the regular menu will also be available. Lunch hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For reservations call 354-6006. Send items to be considered for publication in What's Cooking to: Keely Wygnon, Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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Puppets to tell
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Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre will present International Puppet Place's production of "Hansel and Gretel" as part of the "Saturday Fun for Kids" 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, on the campus in Rochester. Seating is reserved. Tickets are \$6 each, available through the Meadow Brook box office at 377-3300. International Puppet Place is presented with the support of Volkswagen-Audi. John Byrne and Ray Nelson founded International Puppet Place more than 20 years ago. The company has performed with the Chicago Symphony, and has been invited to perform for the White House. The well-known German fairy tale will be told using life-size puppets, enhanced by music from Engelbert Humperdinck's opera. The performance will last about one hour and is not recommended for children under age 3. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m.

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SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Sharon Mason has joined the staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia as the new manager, communications/systems. Her responsibilities include overseeing the operation of the new Northern telecom Meridian SL-1 Telephone System, including cost accounting, system changes and operation consultations.



Sharon Mason

Also, Ron Mattei has joined the staff as the new director of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department. Mattei previously worked for Total Therapy Management, a closed head injury rehabilitation service in Troy.



Ron Mattei

Patricia R. Morrison, owner of Ideal Underwriters, Inc. in Livonia, has achieved designation at a professional service representative — a designation awarded by the Washington D.C.-based National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.



Patricia Morrison

Ron McNeal, a Northville Realtor, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist designation by the residential sales council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliation of National Association of Realtors.



Ron McNeal

Advancing technical expertise advances success of business

■ When you land NASA as a customer, it's probably safe to say you've arrived in the high-tech repair business. But it wasn't always so for a company that started in a 200-square-foot facility.

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

Every March 24 Eddie Harmon celebrates an anniversary of sorts.

"It's when I got fired," he says with a laugh. "My employer and I had a parting of ways."

The date is the launch pad that propelled Harmon to bigger and better things.

The president of NC Servo Technology started his own business in 1975 in a 200-square-foot facility in Dearborn. Today his company — a high tech science lab that repairs parts for industry ranging from aerospace to satellite systems to radar — occupies 19,000 square feet in a Westland industrial park.

Despite a soft economy, Harmon has experienced steady growth over the years.

"We've had to diversify," said the soft-spoken Tennessee native. "What was common technology in the 1970s and '80s is being replaced continually. We have to stay abreast of the market now."

On the day NASA scrubbed its most recent space shuttle launch last week, Harmon's firm got a call from NASA for an urgently needed repair job.

"What they sent us was a motor generator assembly," he said. "This field is very rewarding to me."

Harmon, 45, graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit where he studied electronics. At

Wayne State University, he earned a bachelor's degree in math and computer science. College was interrupted by a two-year stint in the Army, where Harmon specialized in missile and missile launcher repair and radio repair in Germany.

"I always wanted to have a high-tech science lab," he said. "I enjoy this kind of work."

After a brief affiliation with two partners, Harmon launched his solo career.

"The first year and a half was very hard. I had no customers, no credit, no nothing. There was no rich uncle. It was either sink or swim."

Days were spent calling on customers — virtually any industry that used automated parts. At night, Harmon did the repair work himself.

"I still remember my first customers. They were women purchasing agents who took a chance on me," he said.

He gives them better prices now. "I'm very appreciative."

Business really surged when Harmon moved to the Westland facility in 1982.

NC Servo specializes in same-day service. Upon receiving a defective component, technicians make an evaluation, then notify the customer before any work is done. A large inventory of new and rebuilt parts is stocked for immediate delivery or exchange.

"We've been very fortunate," he said.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's a fix: NC Servo president Eddie Harmon (standing) checks the progress of a repair with Nizar Saffi, attending to an airplane component.

Today NC Servo has 30 employees — half are technical people. The others, including Harmon's wife, Sheryl, work in administration, sales, and customer support.

Boeing and Lockheed are clients. Even police crime labs have used NC Servo, which also specializes in chemical analysis.

"We do very little manufacturing," he said. "We do manufacture adaptors so customers can update their controls. They may not have the technical expertise to interface the old with the new."

Harmon believes he will outgrow his current building some day.

"Business growth is not really my goal," he said. "I like advancing my technical expertise. Growth will follow. I'm more interested in quality than quantity."

On a recent day, a technician was testing breathing apparatus for firefighters that must conform to new federal health and safety standards. In another section, workers were involved in detective work — trying to trace the problems of malfunctioning components that were offering zip clues to the problems.

"The parts come from all over the world — Germany, Japan, Switzerland, England," he said.

Firm wins grant to engineer airbag system for passengers

A Farmington Hills engineering firm has been tapped by the National Science Foundation as recipient of a \$50,000 grant to develop new technology for use in passenger airbags.

"We were competing with top scientists from all specialties from across the country. The NSF has the stiffest competition, and the least money," said Dave Bauer, chief executive officer of award-winning TIP Engineering.

"This is the first ever award to an automotive-related group in Michigan. We fit into President Clinton's new deal — transferring defense technology to the automotive industry."

Bauer and his partner, Ken Barnes, formed TIP Engineering eight years ago. Both come from automotive backgrounds. Bauer spent 19 years with Ford Motor Co. as a design engineer focusing on safety-related areas. Barnes is a 27-year veteran of Chrysler Corp. where he directed the design of the interior panel to include knee bolsters, passenger airbag systems and head impact injury management.

Their proposal for a new design in passenger airbags incorporates a pyrotechnic device used by the defense industry. Bauer says

phase one has shown promising results.

"A major car company has already come forward to us concerning implementation with their '96 models," he said.

If TIP's research on a hidden seam deployment door for the airbag is successful, the NSF is likely to grant an additional \$300,000 for development of a manufacturing process for the product. The grants are made available through the federal Small Business Innovation Research program.

"Because of the high velocity of the door during deployment of the airbag, it in itself can potentially be a safety hazard if it is not designed and protected from tampering to remain attached to the interior panel," Bauer said.

"There is also a hazard if it allows airbag skin and foam fragmentation to project out at the occupant. Or if the deployment door strikes the windshield, it can cause it to break and shatter glass onto the passenger, or strike an out-of-position occupant, such as a child."

Bauer says TIP hopes to design and develop a device and manufacturing process to improve safety, warranty, and appearance at a reduced cost. Passenger airbags

consist mainly of a gas producing inflator and a large cloth pillow that is assembled into a sheet metal housing. The passenger airbag assembly is mounted on the right side of the instrument panel and covered by a deployment door. The deployment door is the focus of TIP's research proposal.

Founded in 1985, TIP specializes in passenger airbag deployment doors, driver airbag steering wheel covers, instrument panel driver and passenger side knee bolsters and the instrument panel itself as they integrate into the federal passive restraint safety law.

TIP's next step is the specific design of the high energy device in an instrument panel and the development of a manufacturing process for installing the device on the back surface of the skin.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is discussing the possibility of funding a similar project with TIP for driver-side airbags.

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards require passive restraints in all passenger cars sold in the U.S. by 1996. The law also requires all light trucks and mini vans to have passive restraints by 1997.

PR society develops internships

To help bridge the gap between students looking for work experience and businesses looking for cost effective support staff, the Public Relations Society of America — Detroit chapter has developed a student internship network.

More than 40 metro Detroit companies have internships available for students looking for job opportunities in their field this summer and fall 1993. The internships are made available through the chapter's newly created internship committee, which is working to bring students and businesses together.

"This is a brand new program," said Denise Bateman, a PRSA

spokeswoman. "Most of the jobs are public relations but some are radio/television, journalism and advertising."

Hospitals, corporations, non-profit groups, cultural attractions and public relations agencies are among the participating organizations in the network. Information about the variances in semester availability, student requirements, day-to-day responsibilities and financial benefits can be obtained by calling Elly Wright at 278-8573.

"Utilizing student talent is a smart strategy for business," said Gabriel Werba, PRSA Detroit chapter president and president of the company that bears his

name.

"Students are in need of obtaining hands-on public relations experience and businesses can take advantage of the opportunity to effectively train the workforce of the future. The relationship offered is mutually beneficial."

For more information about PRSA's student internship network, students should talk to their faculty adviser or Wright.

Eight colleges are already involved in the network. They include Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, Oakland University, University of Detroit-Mercy, University of Michigan, Wayne State and Western Michigan.

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FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

There's a lot to be said for kindergarten

There are those who say we are what we learn, that our outlook on life and living is shaped when we are young. The early years are our foundation, so it goes that there would be those people who believe that a good beginning early on can outline a lifelong pattern of living.

I want to share a condensed version of an interesting article that was written by Robert Fulghum and published in the Kansas City Star in September 1986. While it was written more than seven years ago, it's still as meaningful today . . . and tomorrow.

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandbox.

These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Live a balanced life.
- Learn some and think some, and draw and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap in the afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder.
- Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup — they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word of all: *look*. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap.

Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations always to put things back where we found them and clean up our own messes.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

I think that says it all, except care to join me in some cookies and milk?

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.

Hospice group sponsors grief recovery series

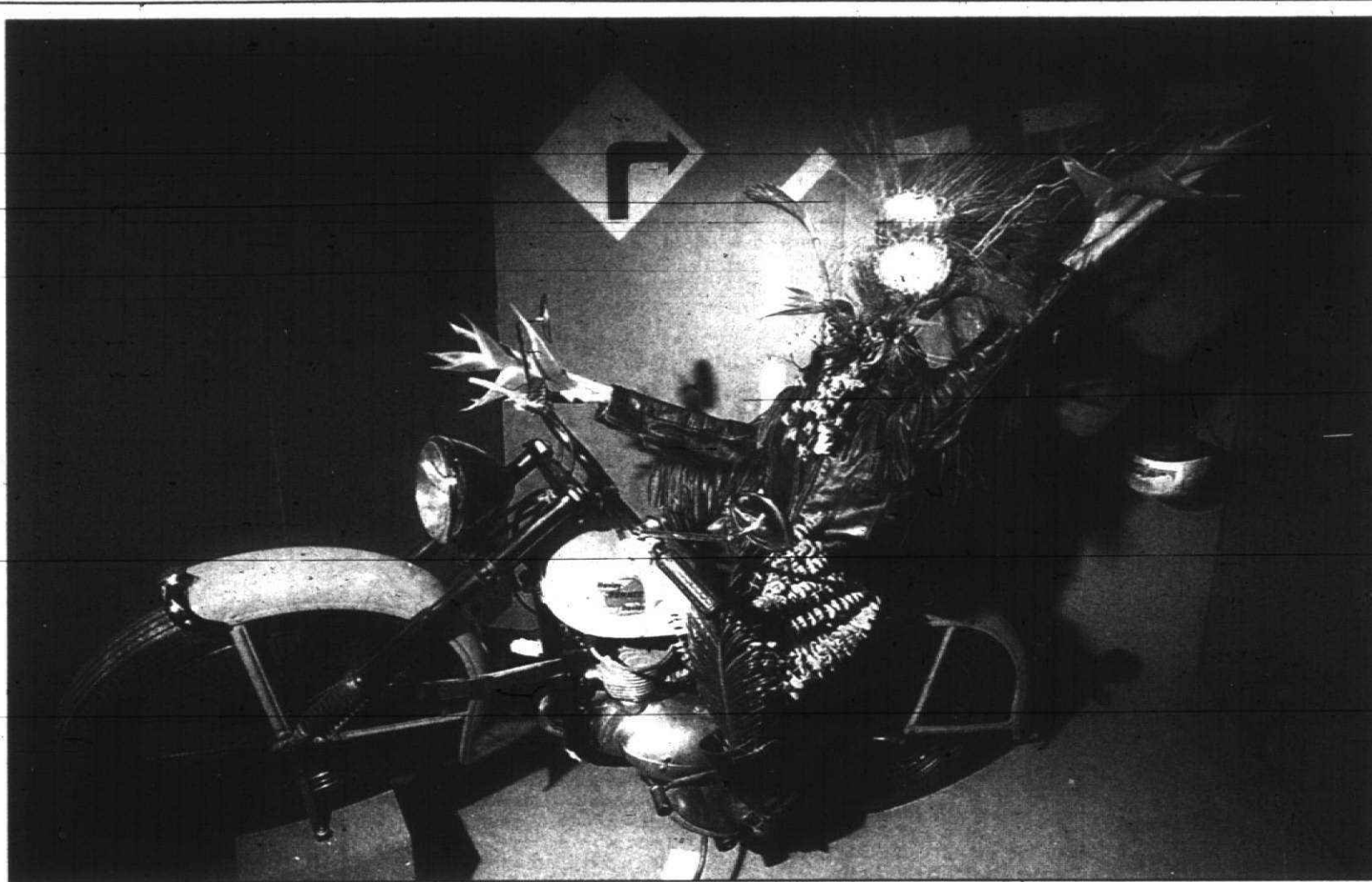
The loss of a loved one is hard. And it is just as hard dealing with the feelings, fears and thoughts that come in the days, months and years that follow.

Hospice of Western Wayne County Inc. is offering a five-week grief recovery workshop, beginning April 21, at its offices, 6701 Harrison St., north of Ford Road, Garden City.

The workshop, which meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, will help participants understand and cope with their feelings, thoughts and fears that follow the death of a loved one. Through conversation in a shared environment, those attending will get started on a journey toward personal healing.

The workshop is free of charge although donations are welcome. For more information, call Hospice of Western Wayne County at 522-4244.

The organization also offers a grief support group that meets at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month. The group meetings are also free of charge.



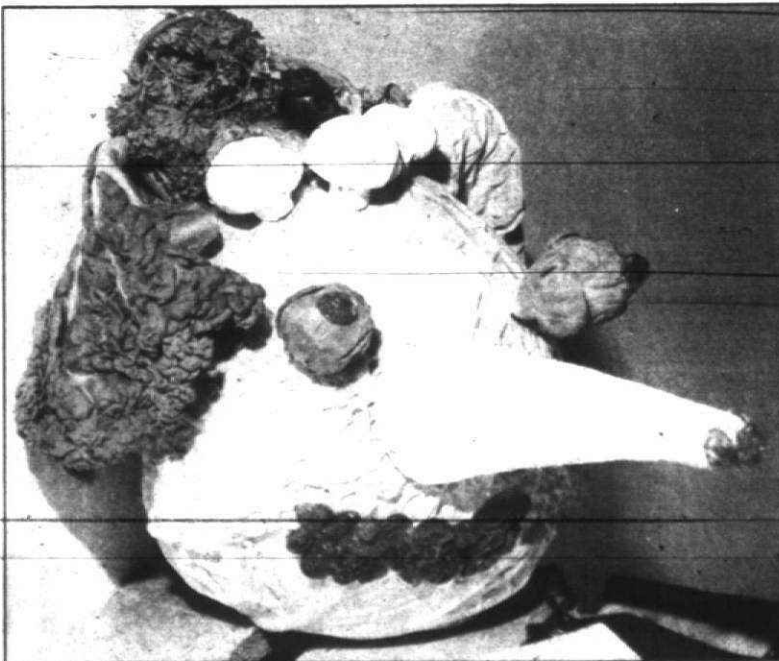
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Born to be watered: One of the highlights of the 1993 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show was a biker fashioned from various flowers and branches by Farmington Hills resident Elaine Guderson. The arrangement won a second-place ribbon.

Flowers show flair for the 'arts'



Vegetable fun: Volunteer Carol Jaszcz (above) checks up on some of the thousands of potted plants featured at the flower show. Cabbage head (at right) was created by junior gardener Elizabeth Pailey, 8, of Pleasant Ridge. That's a parsnip schnoz and those eyes are Brussels sprouts.



There's a saying about a bird in hand, but a Bird of Paradise as a hand? And we've heard about dark eyes and colorful hair but raisin eyes and parsley hair? That's what visitors saw at the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show.

BY JAMES RADEBAUGH
STAFF WRITER

Where could you see an authentic pink and white Harley-Davidson mounted by a rider sculpted of eucalyptus branches, waving a bird of paradise hand?

At last week's Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show, of course.

The horticultural Harley was one of several dazzling oddities among the blooming annuals, award-winning house plants and garden exhibits that filled six buildings at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

For the thousands of visitors who meandered past the displays, it was a pleasant way of fast-forwarding a sluggish spring.

"It's just nice to get out of the snow," explained Lucy Bauman of Ann Arbor. "It's kind of fun because of the mix of different things."

Different was the word.

Lou Reed's "Walk on the Wild Side," whose title was adopted as the theme for this year's show, played softly as visitors crowded past the Harley-Davidson display — not exactly what you'd expect at a flower show.

"Oh, is that fun!" one woman called out to her friend.

"That is so cool," said another.

The display won a second-place ribbon for creator Elaine Guderson

of Farmington Hills, although one of the judges, clearly taking things too seriously, complained that the "design is overpowered by the amount of plant material."

Then there were the fruit faces. These novelties peered back at viewers from their display case perches, squinting raisin eyes, projecting parsnip or red pepper noses. Their heads were pineapple hair.

What trendy Ann Arbor artist was behind the fruity faces? None. They were the work of a bunch of second-graders in the Junior Garden Club of Pleasant Ridge.

For bird lovers there were several variations on the old-fashioned bird house.

One, which was big enough for a flock of sparrows, was built to resemble a large suburban home — the kind built on sprawling lots in Oakland County. After all, people with upscale houses must have upscale bird houses.

Another was built and painted to resemble a little red school house of the sort most of us have never seen. Yet another was a scaled-down version of a Swiss chalet.

For more down-to-earth bird lovers there was one made from a hollow gourd decorated with African-like engravings.

Commercial dealers were there too, selling everything from herb seeds for \$1.50 to a brass fountain fixture cast in the shape of a nude woman for \$1,320.

And, of course, the show featured the prize-winning house plants of numerous area residents, including a first-place Boston fern entered by Karen Springsteen of Plymouth.

The show offered so much that some visitors were overwhelmed.

One woman was heard testily telling her companion, "If you want to see everything, you've just got to come another day, I'm sorry."

If you weren't one of the thousands of visitors, take heart. The show, which benefits University of Michigan's Mathaei Botanical Gardens, will be back next year — perhaps bigger and better than ever.

Organizers say they're aiming to make it a world-class event.

Writer knows how to make good use of intelligence

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Mrs. Green: I read your column often in the Observer and have wanted to have my handwriting analyzed for some time and this was a good day to write (cold, snow, bad weather — a stay-home day). Hope you can fit me into your schedule in the near future. I took a three-session class in graphology at night school some time ago, but have forgotten most of the information since then.

I enjoy reading and learning new things, hate craft-type projects and recently took a class at Schoolcraft relating to the psychology of human relations and really enjoyed it! (Got an A also). I would be interested in what my handwriting reflects about my current life situations. Thank you in advance!

M.A., Canton

The simplifications in this handwriting reflect a woman who makes good use of her intelligence. She has an aptitude for eliminating non-essentials and moving right to the core of a situation or problem.

She can absorb ideas and trans-

late them into functional operation. This aids creative thinking. It also facilitates both her oral and written expression.

This is a caring woman, one who has much empathy for others. She is cognizant of how it feels to be criticized because she has personally felt the sting of past personal criticism. While she is still sensitive to it, she tries to conceal the hurt. A little secrecy here cannot be missed.

Further study reveals this writer wants peace at any price. Harmony is indeed valued over discord. Unfortunately, to make this possible, she is usually the one who must compromise or acquiesce. Caution is also noted. She might find it helpful to analyze why she feels she is the one

who must do all the compromising. Does her self-esteem need a little reinforcing? It is important for her to consider the fact that no one can make one feel inferior unless one allows them to.

Our writer wants to create a good first impression. This does not mean, however, that she has to have center stage.

In her interpersonal relationships she does not always feel secure of her place. When feeling insecure she thinks she has to compete for love. And when she feels threatened by someone usurping her place the little green monster may appear.

I am not surprised by her interest in psychology and her A in the course. She is a woman of intelligence. When this is combined with her interest in people and self-understanding she cannot miss. These would also be valuable should she revitalize her interest in graphology.

The success she has achieved in life is mainly the result of her persistence. She has an ability to pursue what she wants and is disinclined to give up until she completes what she starts out to accomplish. This amount of persistence, however, sometimes makes for inflexibility.

Her orientation is toward the future and people. Tastes are simple and attitudes are often direct. Time is used effectively. Indecision can, however, be a problem at times.

Our writer's good mind would

be an asset in any field of her choice. And a little time spent on self-understanding would add to her self-esteem and success.

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

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Cops strap on roller skates, and it's because of a DARE

BY JULIA HOGLEN

SPECIAL WRITER

Dear Jon: While the weather did little to lift the winter blues in Plymouth this past week, there were events and outstanding people who brightened life by adding the sunshine of laughter, and some of them even did so intentionally!

Take Canton police Officer Leonard Schemanske and Shirley Macy of the DARE program, who warmed up an otherwise cold winter Saturday night with a DARE skating party at the Skatin' Station.

There were 250 kids from all over our community laughing and having a great time. Just like Officer Craig Baudry, who unintentionally gained a little speed on the curve, wound up on his knees and tore a hole in his brand new uniform pants! Oops!

There were a number of police officers from our community there — Jim Jarvis, Plymouth Township, and Ron Kliminski. In fact, Vince Moskos, a Plymouth Kiwanian, skating with his son, John, noted that he hadn't seen that many police in one place since the grand opening of Dunkin' Donuts!

Larry and Sandy Groth (he's Plymouth Township's fire chief, she a parent representative for DARE) successfully raised more than \$12,000 in donations toward an evening of family fun and anti-drug programming for area young people. Victor Rodopoulos and co-worker Chris Kitchen spent their Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. baking pizzas for the hungry DARE skaters who ate 960 slices of Papa Romano's pizza donated

Plymouth Oratorio Society to make a vocal brightening of the winter-like first days of spring by performing Beethoven's "Most Joyful" Ninth Symphony with the Plymouth Symphony under the direction of Russell Reed.

This cultural event warmed the hearts of more than 300 symphony-goers who were treated to the talents of Todd Graber, Julia Broxholm, Wendy Bloom and Chris Grapentine — the Great Lakes Quartet. Todd Graber, a native Ohioan with degrees from Bowling Green State University, found a familiar smiling face in the audience, Christine Ila, Plymouth Community Arts Council director, also a BGU alumna, and former performance partner.

The winner of this year's Youth Artist Competition, Susan Bozell's performance proved she is from a very musical family. Her dad, "Buzz" Bozell, unintentionally drew a few laughs when he joyfully announced early in the week that it was his wife who would be soloing.

While Mary Bozell is in fact a talented singer with the Oratorio Society, this night clearly belonged to Susan and her flute. The afterglow at the Mayflower gathered together many of the symphony and singers Bill Hulska, Marlen Gross, Peggy Bundy and Linda Alvarado, with music provided by John and Tony Rudo.

So as you see, Jon, there is life in Plymouth. And one of these nights you'll have to forsake your fish tank viewing for a night on the town.

John Stewart, Plymouth's singing attorney, blended his voice with the likes of Clark LeFurgy, Bob Pratt, Karen Chapin, Bob Nelson, Clark Chapin and 125 other members of the

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WRC has a glow over its 10th annual spaghetti benefit

BY SUE MASON

STAFF WRITER

Hands waved in the air in celebration. Not quite your usual round of applause, but quite appropriate for the Singing Hands Choir of the Michigan School for the Deaf.

From a song about belly buttons to Whitney Houston's mega hit "I Will Always Love You" to Sly and the Family Stone's "70s hit, "Everyday People," the students provided the musical interlude for the 10th annual spaghetti dinner and wine glow which benefits Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

Held March 23 at the Waterman Center, the fund-raiser attracted a sell-out crowd of spaghetti aficionados and a multitude of thanks from WRC director Nancy Swanborg.

"Your support is essential to the services we are able to provide to the community," she told the crowd.

Decorating one wall of college's cafeteria was a quilt made of squares done by WRC staff members and volunteers during a fall in-service weekend. Swanborg pointed it out to guests, noting that "each square represents what the Women's Resource Center represents in life; it tells its story and of its perseverance of spirit."

The center this year has provided 105 scholarships for tuition, books or child care this year, a 110 percent increase in the number given last year. Another 201 women qualified as displaced homemakers or single parents for gender equality grants through the state of Michigan and participated in the WRC's "From Chocolate Chips to Microchips" program. Seventy-seven also have enrolled at Schoolcraft.

Last year, the center handled 16,078 contacts and is on track to exceed that number this year, Swanborg said. In the first half of the year, the staff has fielded

8,687 contacts.

"That's both a curse and a blessing because there's not enough hours in the day," Swanborg said.

Speaking to the work of the center was scholarship recipient Luz Adriana Castano, a single parent and sole supporter of her son Harold, 7.

"I'm grateful to God for at the time I needed a guide, he led me out of the darkness to light and the Women's Resource Center," Castano said. "I am also grateful to be chosen for such financial support. It has allowed me the opportunity to achieve my goal of self-reliance through education."

Castano added that she has two goals, one being self-reliance. The other is to get her associate's degree in science from Schoolcraft and going on to earn her bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from Wayne State University.

"I'd like to assure my son and myself a better future and I can assure that I have that self-reliance through education," she said. "The Women's Resource Center offers services to women to overcome obstacles to rebuild their lives from practically nothing."

"I believe we will meet the challenge the world holds for us because of the support of the Women's Resource Center."

The celebration also drew recognition from state lawmakers who count Schoolcraft's boundaries within their districts. The special tribute, honored the center's staff and cadre of volunteers and its "program of serving people in transition... an important member of Michigan's network of organizations offering professional support services at important stages in citizens' lives."

It was presented to members of the center advisory board by State Rep. Lyn Banks, also a member of the board, and signed by her and fellow Reps. Justine Barnes, Willis Bullard, Deborah Whyman, William Keith, Jan Dolan and Jerry Vorva and Sens. William Faust and Robert Geake.



Snapshot: Joyce Krause (left) of Westland poses for a photograph for a friend with WRC scholarship recipient Luz Adriana Castano.

NEW VOICES

DAVID and LORETTA SZAKAL announce the birth of DAVID ROBERT Jan. 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Joan McNally of Plymouth and Betty Szakal of Dearborn.

VINCENT and MAUREEN LAW of Canton announce the birth of ANDREW JAMES Feb. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Andrew has a sister, Colleen, and a brother, Bradley.

MICHAEL and KATHY KOSAKOWSKI of Livonia announce the birth of RENEE LYNN Feb. 15 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She has two sisters, Tonya, 5, and Alicia, 4. Grandparents are Al and Margie Kosakowski of Dearborn Heights and Chuck and Gayle Covert of Westland. Great-grandmothers are Marie Covert, Virginia Hershenson and Edith Selonke.

dova, Tenn., announce the birth of KRISTEN MICHELLE Dec. 21 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Grandparents are Mary Lou Irwin of Westland and Jim and Lois Mackie of Farmington Hills.

ROBERT and TONYA WILLETT of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, DIRK JOHN, Dec. 10 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Clarence and Rachel Brandon of Plymouth and Robert and M.J. Willette of Plymouth.

CHRISTOPHER and SHEILA EANES of Canton announce the birth of CHARISSE Dec. 10 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Charisse has a 15-year-old brother, Abraham, and a 14-year-old sister, Marissa, 14. Her grandmother is June Eanes.

ERIC and MAXINE BLUCHER of Westland announce the birth of JEANETTE LYNN Feb. 17 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Merry White of Romulus and Mary Blucher of Livonia.

DAVID and NANCY PAYNE announce the birth of ADAM LELAND and AUSTON RUNNELS Feb. 22 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. The boys have an older sister, Hilary.

DALE and KIMBERLY LAFERTY of Livonia announce the birth of RYAN JAMES Feb. 25 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Donald and Doris Lafferty of Melvindale and Robert and Mary Powers of Livonia.

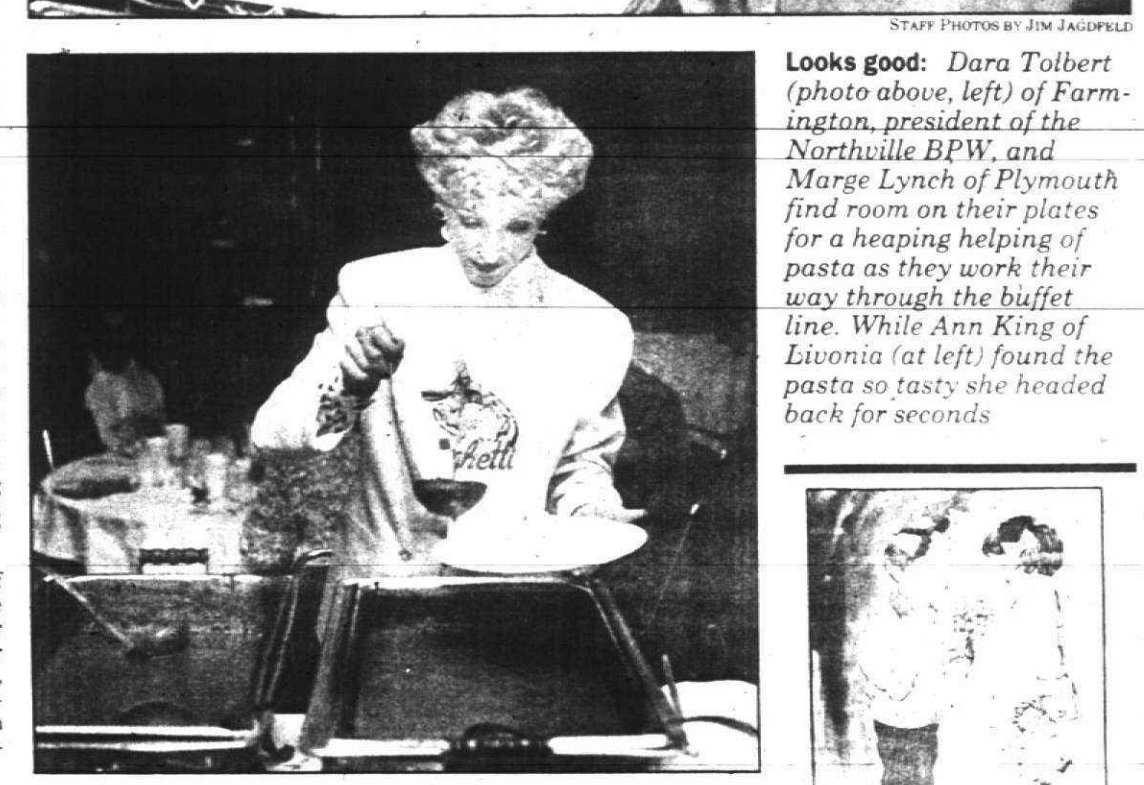
KEN and COLLEEN MACDONALD of Plymouth announce the birth of STEPHANIE MARIE Feb. 7 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Charles and Patricia Reilly of Westland and Donald and Beverly MacDonald of Plymouth.

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ERIC and MAXINE BLUCHER of Westland an-



Looks good: Dara Tolbert (photo above, left) of Farmington, president of the Northville BPW, and Marge Lynch of Plymouth find room on their plates for a heaping helping of pasta as they work their way through the buffet line. While Ann King of Livonia (at left) found the pasta so tasty she headed back for seconds.



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Many organizations around southeastern Michigan have programs planned to help those interested in nature. Here are a few upcoming events you might want to attend:

■ On Friday at the University of

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VICTORIA DIAZ

Livonia writer wins nationwide laurels

I think it's high time we direct the Book Break spotlight more frequently on some area writers who don't write book-length material but who create well-crafted, prizewinning poetry and short fiction.

In case you don't know, the Detroit area is graced with dozens of such writers. You've probably seen their work in magazines, newspapers or various literary journals published across the country — but, until now, you may not have known the origins of that work.

Case in point: Carol Carpenter of Livonia, a poet and short-story writer, who recently was awarded first prize for her poem, "Hospice," in the prestigious nationwide Writer's Digest annual writing competition. She also won honorable mention in the short fiction category.

Prizes are nothing new for the Wayne State University graduate. In the past, she received Wayne State University's Tompkins Award for fiction, the Judith Siegel Pearson Award for fiction and three top prizes in the Detroit International Auto Show's annual short story contest, just to name a few.

A former Observer & Eccentric reporter and teacher of English and creative writing at Detroit-area high schools, Oakland University, Oakland Community College, Detroit Institute of Technology and Wayne State, she now co-owns a Southfield-based training company.

Carpenter does most of her poetry and short fiction writing on weekends and during annual vacations. In the past, her work has been published in such magazines as Young American, Iowa Woman, Teaching & Learning, Detroit Monthly and many others.

Poetry dominates

Though she says the short story is her first love, she's writing mostly poetry these days. The decision to go in that direction has been based on one simple fact of life: She can usually complete a poem in less time than it takes her to finish a short story.

This is not to say the 49-year-old mother of two grown children finds poetry writing simple. She spent last year's vacation time at the University of Iowa's summer writing workshops trying to learn more about the craft of poetry writing. This summer, she'll visit a writers' retreat at the University of Southern Indiana doing the same thing. Meanwhile, in her "spare time," she's studying under poet Tom McKeown in an extension course conducted through the University of Wisconsin.

She first wrote the prizewinning Writer's Digest poem as an assignment for the University of Wisconsin class. It took her about two weeks to complete.

"A friend of mine who does a lot of hospice work called me one night," she said, recalling the origins of the poem. "She told me about an Alzheimer's patient she was caring for who was near death and who was totally out of touch with reality. The woman was always thinking she was doing things like baking a cake or getting ready to go to a dance. And my friend simply went along with the woman, sharing laughs and talking with her."

A supervising nurse at the hospice quickly stepped in, insisting that the patient's fantasies were not to be encouraged or accepted under any circumstances.

"I was very upset thinking about that — and the poem came out of that story," Carpenter said. "How are other people to really understand what's right for somebody at a time like that?" Most of the poems she writes, she says, come from stories, and, in turn, could be written as stories. They also usually have to do with women's relationships, struggles and growth.

Prize a surprise

"It was absolutely wonderful to win the prize," she said. "Every year, I try to write at least one poem and one short story just with that particular contest in mind, but I'd never even placed in the top 10 before."

"When (Writer's Digest) called to tell me I'd won first place, I was at work, having a really rough day, and they left the message on my answering machine. I think I must have played that message 500 times."

As it happened, one of Carpenter's favorite poets, Diane Wakoski, acted as final judge in the highly competitive contest, making the win even more special.

Carpenter's "Aunt Hattie Visits," a short story set in Detroit about an eccentric, matchmaking woman and an unexpected visit she pays to her unmarried niece, received an honorable mention in the contest.

New poems by Carol Carpenter are scheduled for publication in upcoming issues of Bellingham Review, Hawaii Review and Wisconsin Review.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia tracks books and the literary industry. You can leave a message for her on a Touch-Tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bright spot: Watercolorists Billie Thompson (left) and Lorraine Whitacre will display their paintings "Sunrise" and "Anthurium" in the Livonia Artists Club's annual spring fine art exhibition.

On view

Livonia artists to showcase array of their work



Artistry of various styles and prices will command center stage when the Livonia Artists Club hosts its 32nd annual judged art exhibit and sale this weekend in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium. Members will display 150 pieces of art.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

SPECIAL WRITER

If you're tired of looking at the same old walls, Livonia Artists Club might have the solution for brightening your living space.

Up to 50 members will offer 150 artworks for sale at its 32nd annual art exhibit 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 3-4, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

Artists of all calibers and price ranges will display watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, pen and ink, pencil and collage. Unframed bin art at considerable savings will be sold in

the library's Michigan Room.

The show will be judged April 3 by Rhea Schaefer of Oak Park, president of The Artist's Gallery in West Bloomfield.

Schaefer, an artist who works in a variety of media, will award cash prizes ranging from \$10 to \$50 for Best of Show, first, second and third place as well as honorable mentions. An engraved plaque will be given to the winner of the Grumbacher Award for best use of color.

"It's a warm, inviting show with a wide range of subjects and a wide range of prices," said club president

Lorraine Whitacre of Farmington Hills.

"It's informal and friendly with some of the most accomplished and most advanced artists as well as a few beginners," added club member Billie Thompson of Livonia.

The atrium adds plenty of light and increases the uplifting atmosphere of the show. "It's a nice area to display in. The light is wonderful," said Redford Township resident Ruthann Platt, show co-chair with Yvette Goldberg of Livonia.

Platt, a watercolorist, will exhibit two florals, including a tulip garden and a big white rose.

Whitacre, who prefers working from life, will display two paintings from her tropical flower series along with an abstract of a volcano eruption done in inks and watercolor. "My son lives in Hawaii. I go there all the time. I love painting jungly

garden scenes."

"Anthurium," a watercolor by Whitacre, focuses on an arrangement of pink, peach, white and green anthuriums. She found it "a challenge to paint anthuriums that didn't look like red plastic hearts. I do the main ones first and then work the rest around it. Primary for me is good design and balance, and color. I would hope the viewer enjoys it. I hope they get the feeling I get from tropical flowers."

Whitacre studied art at Madonna University in Livonia two years. Using watercolor, inks and mixed media, she works in styles she refers to as experimental watercolor and abstract naturalism.

Whitacre begins abstract paintings by pouring liquid watercolors on paper, then texturing it with

See ARTISTS, 5D

Graduating seniors display variety of art

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

SPECIAL WRITER

"Back to Back-Face to Face" showcases multimedia artwork by five of 13 seniors graduating from the art department at Madonna University in Livonia.

Printmaking, painting, sculpture and photography by Marilyn Bitterman, Nancy Jardine, Betty Marianetti, Linda McMillan and Cassandra Smith continue through April 8 in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library, Schoolcraft and Levan.

"It gives a good example of the high quality of work that students are doing at Madonna, not only fine arts but in commercial as well," said Ralph Glenn, art department chairman. "This shows a wonderful variety, from painting to Oriental brushwork to three-dimensional pieces.

These are fine, very talented people."

Cassandra Smith of Canton Township, like each of the seniors, exhibits clay, acrylic, watercolor, photography, Oriental brushwork, woodcut and pencil studies in the show.

She hopes to find a position in advertising after graduation. A watercolor illustration from the fairy tale "Three Blind Mice" shows the whimsical mice running after the farmer's wife. Smith used her two pet rats as models.

"I put my favorite in and history of what I've done," Smith said. "It's what I was hoping to eventually get into, commercial art. I'd just enjoy doing something I like. I like the idea of working for an ad agency because it's creative."

Smith's clay "Study of Head, Neck and Shoulders" reminds the viewer of

Greek sculpture dating to the classical period. "My favorite is the clay. It's more pliable, flexible — and you can cover your mistakes," Smith said.

Jardine, of Farmington Hills, eventually would like to teach art. She put herself through school by working full time at the Royal Oak post office. Her lithographs, "Studies of a Dying Fish," focus on the last days of a pet goldfish.

"I like the lithographs. It's like painting but you get multiples," Jardine said.

An intaglio, "Man and His Beast," features a large dog in the middle of nowhere sniffing at a bush. Underneath the scene the title reads, "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast" Prov. 12:10.

Many of Jardine's prints tie in verses from the Bible. "I feel my tal-

ents are a gift from God so why not give God credit."

A work not to be missed in this exhibition is the exquisite alabaster sculpture "Enveloping Love II" by Betty Marianetti of Novi. The lyrical line of the form leads the viewer's eye in and around the head and shoulders very successfully.

A lithograph and watercolor by Marianetti, "Peeking Out," has a primitive look that lends to the dismal feeling of a pig peering out the window of a barn.

Several pieces by McMillan center around boats. "Harbor Blue," a linoleum cut, uses the masts and directions of the boats to lead the viewer to a narrowing perspective on the horizon. An intaglio, "Harbour Mist,"

See MADONNA, 2D

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RUMMAGE SALE

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum are collecting donated items to include in a rummage sale to raise money for the Perrinsville School restoration project.

The rummage sale will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

Bring donated items to the museum 1-4 p.m. Saturdays until May 8 (except April 10). Sought are dishes, linens, furniture, jewelry, toys, tools.

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antiques, books, knickknacks and kitchen items (no clothing).

In cooperation with the city of Westland the Westland Historical Commission, the Perrinsville School Committee, is restoring the 1856 one-room schoolhouse (on Warren near Merri-man) to its 1890s appearance. Plans call for elementary-age youngsters to attend daylong classes to learn about the turn-of-the-century lifestyle in the old village of Perrinsville.

CRAFTY OPPORTUNITIES

Eight Observerland residents will take part in Craft Gallery's Easter Folk Art & Victorian Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at

Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merri-man, north of West Warren, in Westland.

They are:

- Livonia — Dorothy James, jewelry; Laverne Motter, wearable art.
- Plymouth — Val Davis and Debbie Jordan, country wood and fabric.
- Westland — Carol Dean, teddy bears.
- Garden City — Barbara Bridges, baskets and dolls; Joyce Paavola, seasonal, country and Victorian ceramics; Debbie Garrity, miniature country and Victorian clay sculpture.

The show's 65 displays will offer juried folk art, Victorian crafts, early Americana, the French country look and shades of the Southwest.

Admission is \$2 (children younger than 12 free). Lunches and refreshments will be available in Hawthorne Gardens (lower level). No strollers or cameras are allowed.

Madonna from page 1D

through an economy of line, gives rhythm and motion to boats in this waterscape.

McMillan says the reason she was successful in acquiring a bachelor of fine arts degree was due to the inspiration, motivation and knowledge from her professors and the support from her family.

"Dusk," a gouache and acrylic painting by Bitterman, places two small boats dockside at sunset. She does a nice job of handling reflections and water in this piece, the two seemingly intermingling to become one. "The Tiseos," an architectural rendering of a contemporary home, and a Ferrari in gouache show skill and promise.

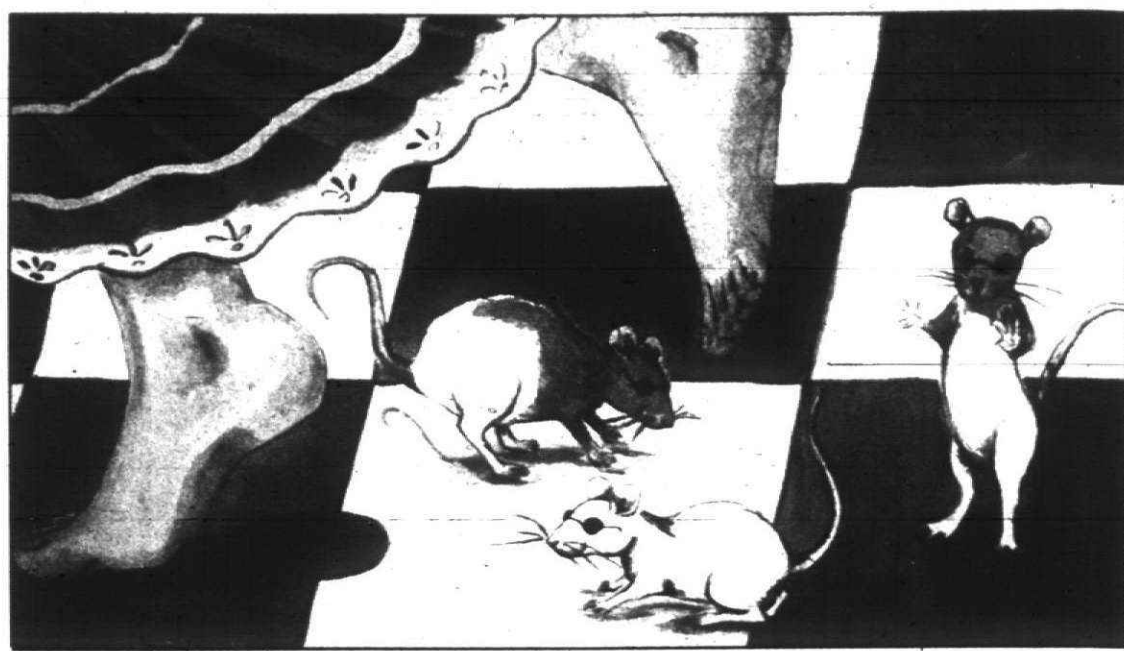
"This shows a wonderful variety, from painting to Oriental brushwork to three-dimensional pieces."

Ralph Glenn
art department chairman

Due to the size of display cases in the gallery, artworks by the 13 graduating seniors had to be exhibited in three separate shows running two weeks each in length. Previous shows of the students spotlighted the work of Carl Gerard, John Magnusson, Gabrielle Nisenbaum, Nancy Paton, Amy Lambertson, Tabatha Lindwell, Jean Peedle and Michael Brock.

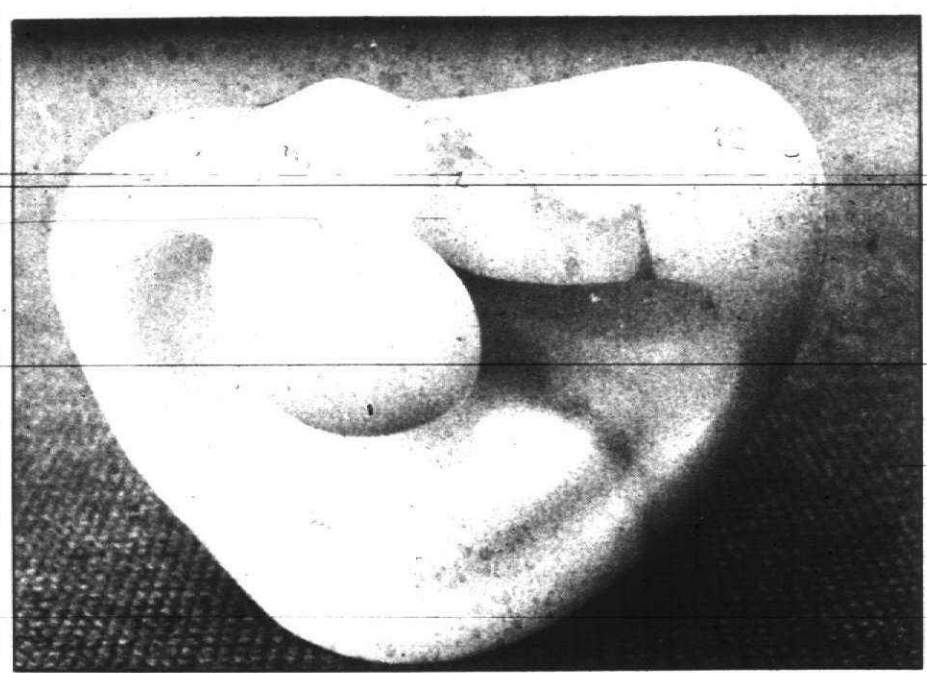
"It's the largest graduating class we've had," said Douglas Seman, assistant professor of art. "I'm feeling good about the department, how it's growing. This particular show represents all of the areas, all of the media, that we teach here — from sculpture to printmaking."

Exhibit Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.



Whimsical wonder: Cassandra Smith modeled "The Three Blind Mice" in this watercolor illustration after her two pet rats.

"Enveloping Love II," An alabaster sculpture by Betty Mariannetti leads the eye around and through the lyrical form.



Dead-end: Nancy Jardine captures the final days of a pet goldfish in this lithograph.

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Grand Prix poster draws on Seurat, skyline

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Work by an old master and new technology combined to make the 1993 Detroit Grand Prix poster, available in observance stores.

Bloomfield Township resident Mark Zapico, vice president of group creative director at the advertising agency of D'Arcy, Masius, Benton and Bowles in Bloomfield Hills, came up with the design.

Using computers, Zapico and graphic art specialists from the Madison Heights advertising art studio McNamara and Associates merged Georges Seurat's painting of 1884-86, "Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte," with images of the Detroit skyline and race cars to make "Sunday Afternoon at Belle Isle Park 1993-1993."

"It's (the painting) like an icon for the summer. Even people who don't know art at least have probably seen this somewhere in the back of their mind," said Zapico, who grew up in Farmington Hills.

Zapico won an unusual competition sponsored by Detroit Renaissance and the Detroit Creative Directors Council.

Detroit Renaissance is the producer of the ITT Automotive Detroit Grand Prix, scheduled for June 11-13 in Belle Isle Park. DCDC is a 26-member professional advertising group that promotes the creative work of greater Detroit advertising agencies.

In past years, Detroit Renaissance had named a single agency

to design each Grand Prix poster. This year, it offered the task to agencies in the form of the competition. More than 75 entries from 25 area agencies were received.

"It was such a unique concept," Diane Taylor of Detroit Renaissance said of Zapico's design. "This is the 100th anniversary of Belle Isle, so we liked the idea of taking the turn-of-the-century (imagery) and juxtaposing it with the skyline."

For the design, Zapico thought of the Seurat painting as first but not the last. He really wanted to use a Rene Magritte painting showing a horse in a forest, in which the horse becomes a tree, but it didn't work out. (Zapico's design would have replaced the horse with a car.)

In the end, he made a rough sketch of the Seurat design in about a day, just making the contest deadline.

Seurat (1859-1891) developed a technique called pointillism. His paintings consist of dots of color that blend to create the effect of shimmering light and subtle color variations at a distance. His painting used for the poster, a scene of people relaxing on a sunny day, took the artist two years to complete.

Completing the poster design involved electronic imaging and conventional hand illustration.

The original painting is in the Art Institute of Chicago. After obtaining the right to use a photo of the work for reproduction, Zapico and the team made a transparent

on the computer. They imitated Seurat's style in drawing the race cars and the Detroit skyline. Computer scanning hand on her hip, and extending a man's leg.

"All the parallels were there," Zapico said.

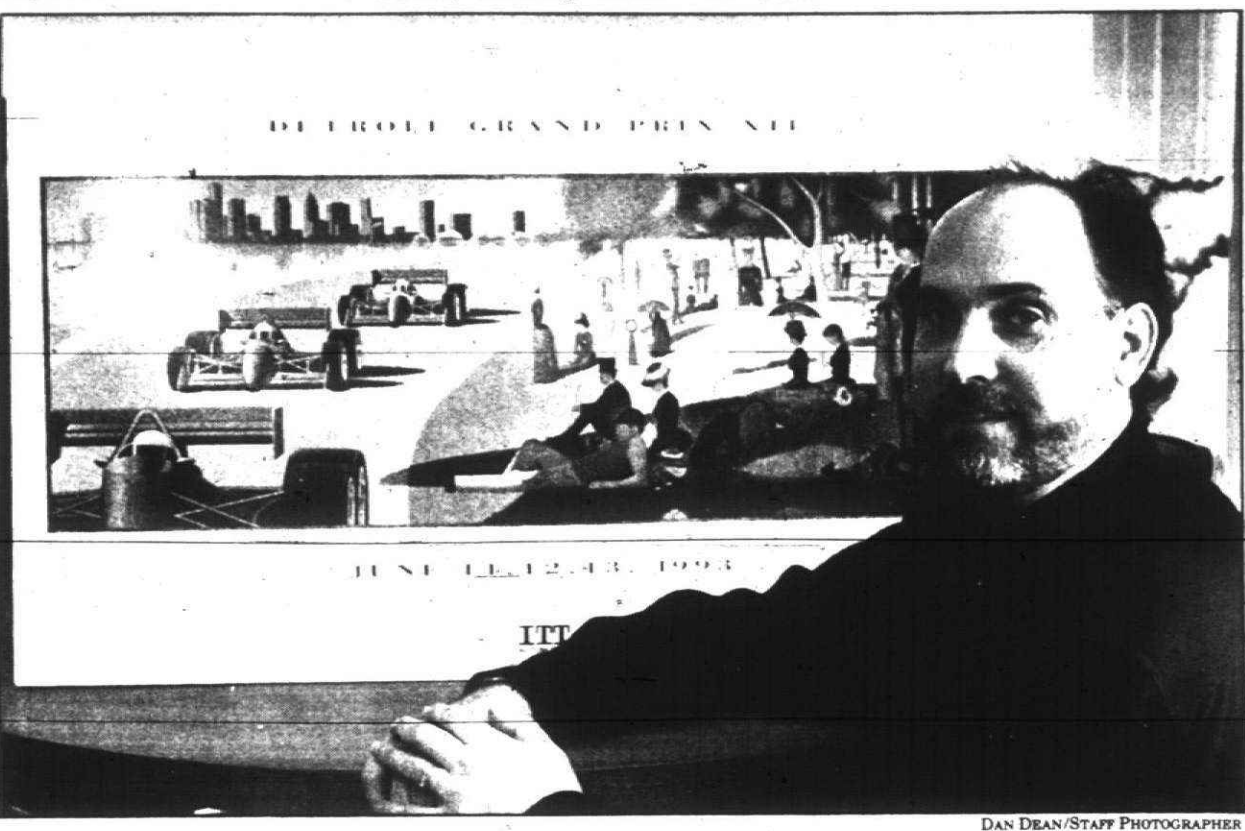
McNamara representatives included Rob Watson, Mike Tiderington, Garth Glazier and Tim Bodendistel.

The Grand Prix poster is selling for \$15 at poster shops and galleries throughout metropolitan Detroit, including Picture Talk

Gallery in Livonia, Frame Works in Plymouth, and Art Alcove and Framery One in Farmington. helped them with the coloring and sizing. Computers also enabled them to reposition boats from the original drawing and extend the artist's frame around the entire scene.

Seurat's painting was set along the Seine River. La Grande Jatte was an island in the Seine near Paris. Among the alterations made for the poster were putting in a road to replace the river bank, removing a fishing rod from a woman's hand and placing her

Prix view:
Mark Zapico shows his design for the 1993 Detroit Grand Prix poster, which was based on a 19th century pointillist painting by Georges Seurat.



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Celebrate Life' — theme of juried art show

The Congregational Church of Birmingham is inviting artists to enter the 1993 juried art show. Paintings, drawings, collages, hard and soft sculpture, ceramics, photography, fiber and other media are eligible for entry. The Katherine Kell Best of Show award of \$300 will be given to a single winning work, and up to six \$100 merit awards will be given at the juror's discretion. Each artist may enter two separate works.

Paintings and hangings in width or length, and must be prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5 feet in length, 5 feet in width and 6 feet in depth and 200 pounds in weight. All two-dimensional works must be wired with screw eyes or hanging devices. Each work must be labeled on the reverse side with title, price, and artist's name.

Work previously exhibited in a CCB show won't be considered. Out-of-area artists must make arrangements for return of works after the close of the show.

Entry forms must be accompanied by a \$10 entry fee and submitted to Art Committee, Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills 48013. Works of art are due at the church Friday, June 4. Art work will be judged Monday, June 7, and awards will be formally presented at a reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the church.

Declined works are to be picked up at the church between 5 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. June 7, 8, 9, should up after the show be judged Monday, June 7, and awards will be formally presented at a reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the church.

Auction thrust: antiques and art

Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills will host a fund-raising art and antique auction and sale at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3.

The auction, conducted by Robert Wooley, senior vice president and director of decorative arts at Sotheby's, will feature between 40 and 50 select art and antique items.

More than 1,000 donated art and antique items, all priced to sell, will be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, April 1-4. Art by academy students and alumni and friends of Cranbrook, as well as assorted collectibles, will be available for purchase. Admission to the sale is free.

All proceeds raised during this event will be used for the scholarship fund at the academy. For more information, call 645-3300.

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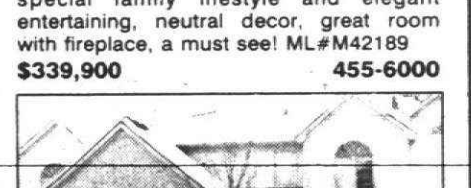
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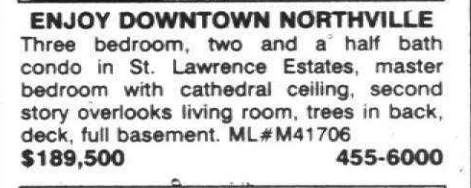
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plastic, wax paper or cheesecloth. The paper is then weighted down and left to dry for three or four days to see what develops.

"First I look at it for a couple of days to see what I can see in it," Whitacre said. "That's when I start with the watercolor on the abstracts are more mysterious. I use lots of sienna, blue, blue-green and Naples yellow."

Whitacre has won several ribbons, including the Livonia Arts Commission Award and Best of Show in the Visual Art Association of Livonia's fall 1991 exhibit.

Thompson will exhibit three watercolor from her foliage series in the show. "They came from a series I did on leaves. It's foliage just in time for spring. They're all different ways to treat one subject."

"Sunrise," a watercolor by Thompson, features a houseplant with the light source coming from behind. Golden yellow shines through the leaves of red, blue, green and yellow.

"I've been working a lot with purple and oranges, all the complements of the orange and purple, yellow, green and blue. I like to push it as far as it goes color-wise," she said. "I like drama. I like presenting the subject in a different way. I like for people not to miss my paintings."

Hills artist Edee Joppich. Watercolor classes with Joppich from 1979 to 1980 sold Thompson on the excitement of the medium. She has since studied the medium locally with Alice Nichols, Donna Vogelheim, Ann Loveland and Carol Weisenauer.

Thompson has exhibited her work in the annual Scarab Club watercolor show in Detroit, the Helen DeRoy Art Competition at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, the Plymouth Com-

munity Arts Council Michigan Art 1992, the Our Town art exhibition in Birmingham and in Michigan Watercolor Society exhibits.

Thompson will be the featured artist beginning March 28 at The Gallery, a cooperative space run by the Pontiac-Oakland Society of Artists in Rochester, and beginning May 16 at The Artists Gallery, a cooperative in West Bloomfield.

Artist Terri Willard of Livonia will exhibit watercolor landscapes and colored pencil in the Livonia show. She has worked in watercolor for more than 20 years but has drawn for more than 40. "I like using natural colors: blue and brown and green. Some I do from photographs but most are from my imagination."

Livonia Artists Eileen Bibby and Al Weber will demonstrate watercolor during the Livonia show.

Livonia Artists Club show prices range from \$100 to \$800 with unframed art beginning at \$5.

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A ceramic piece will be awarded a raffle prize. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The mail is at Orchard Lake Road and Maple in West Bloomfield.

THE GALLERY
Continuing — Livonia watercolorist Blithe Thompson is among featured artists at the Pontiac-Oakland Society of Artists exhibition in Great Oaks Mall, Walton and Livernois, Rochester. Call 651-1579.

UAW-GM HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER
Continuing — "Automobiles and Art," an exhibit by 13 artists and designers, including John Krieger of Plymouth and Roger Hardnock of Westland. To April 30. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 2630 Featherstone, one-half mile east of Opdyke in Auburn Hills, 377-6526.

CARY GALLERY
Continuing — Works by Redford Township sculptor Sergio De Giusti and Detroit artist Tom Humes will be on exhibit to April 16. 26 Walnut, Rochester. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

ORCHARD MALL
Thursday-Saturday, April 1-3 — Ceramics students of the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus present a ceramics show and sale.

XOCHIPILLI GALLERY
Thursday, April 1 — A solo exhibition of recent sculpture by Michigan artist Richard Tucker continues to May 1. Opening reception for the artist 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. The display features pieces that demonstrate Tucker's ability with steel. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-1905.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Thursday, April 1 — Glass Invitational 1993, showing contemporary sculptural glass by 20 artists, continues to May 9. Preview 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. Opening reception 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 3. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham, 642-3909.

THE WETSMA COLLECTION
Thursday, April 1 — "Transformations: Harry Anderson and Stephen Whittlesey" continues to April 24, featuring lamps and furniture created from found objects. Opening reception 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Anderson's colorful and whimsical lamps brighten the gallery during Michigan Glass Month. Whittlesey describes himself as an artist who makes furniture. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-6212.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY LTD.
Thursday and Saturday, April 1 and 3 — In honor of Michigan Glass Month, the gallery presents the 14th annual Exhibition of Ancient Glass through May 8. Preview 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, opening reception 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and

noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The collection of more than 100 examples — including marbled, core-formed, cast and blown glass — originates from the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt, the Near East and the Roman Empire and represents almost 2,000 years of glass history dating to the 12th century. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-4795.

SANDRA COLLINS
Thursday, April 1 — "Hot Glass" features works by Ginger Kelly, Michael Jaross and other artists through April 30 in celebration of Michigan Glass Month. Opening 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 470 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-4795.

CHET STREET GALLERY
Friday, April 2 — "A Tribute to Spring," an exhibit of fine art photography by Brian Elrod, will continue through April 18. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday. Elrod's art allows the viewer to experience the untouched and unparalleled images expressed through the world of nature. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, to 8

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African artistry shared

The Southfield Alumnus Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will host "Kumba Odyssey," an African-American art show and sale, 3-7 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Oakland Community College Southfield Campus, 23232 Rutland, Nine Mile between Southfield and Greenfield.

Admission is free. The show will feature works of about 30 local artists. Paintings, pencil sketches, jewelry, sculptures, ceramics, dolls, African clothing and textiles and other items will be sold.

Proceeds will be used for a fine arts scholarship given annually to a local high school student pursuing a professional arts career.

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SOUTHERN PAVILION
Friday-Sunday, April 2-4 — The 1993 Michigan Wildlife Art Festival includes exhibits, seminars, balloting for the 1994 featured artist and a celebrity decoy painting contest. Admission is \$7 adults, free for children under 12. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, on Evergreen between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

HILL GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — New paintings by Andrew Young will be exhibited to May 1. Opening reception 2:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, 540-9288.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — "Wait of Solitude," an exhibit of new paintings by Detroit artist Holly Branstetter, continues through May 1. Reception for the artist 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-6623.

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — Mixed media works by Anne Atherton and Helene Lewicki will be exhibited through May 9. Also, "Glassation," featuring works by Marie Snell, Bernice Merritt and guest artists, in celebration of Michigan Glass Month. Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 30905 Orchard Lake Road at the first light south of 14 Mile, Farmington Hills, 855-8832.

ARIANA GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — "A Touch of Flame," a collection of original art by children's book illustrators from animal stories. Featured artists in the exhibit are Laura Almada, Shannon Cartwright, Arthur Geisert, Deborah Haeffele, Michael McCurdy, Wendell Minor, Robin Spowart and Jane Brislin. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 580 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-7040, 647-6405.

HABATAT/SHAW GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — "The New World Series," featuring the work of sculptor Michael Lucero, and "Contemporary Jewels: Nine Modern Masters" will continue to May 8. Opening reception, which Lucero will attend, 5 p.m. Saturday. Lucero's art, a union of painting and sculpture, is generally figurative in nature. Each of the nine jewelers has been a true innovator throughout his or her career, refining the craft and redefining the idea of jewelry as ornament. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-8767.

ETON GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — A new gallery exhibiting contemporary photographic art will serve as a showcase for both fine art photography and digital imagery. The gallery's first exhibition, opening Saturday, features large-scale photo-sculptural collages by Hans Neleman. The gallery is at 151 N. Eton, north of Maple, in Birmingham. Call 649-4951.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Saturday, April 3 — Habatat Galleries' 21st annual International Glass Invitational is the glass event of the year, continuing to May 8. Opening 8 p.m. Saturday. More than 100 artists from 18 nations make this the largest and most comprehensive exhibit of its kind. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday in April, excluding Easter Sunday (April 11), 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-9090.

TOUCH OF LIGHT STUDIO AND GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — Work by John Fitzpatrick will be featured in a spring glass show continuing to May 12. Glass blowing demonstrations will be given Saturdays, April 3, 17 and 24 and May 1. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 23426 Woodward, Ferndale, 543-1868.

OCC SOUTHFIELD CAMPUS
Saturday, April 3 — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is having its annual African-American Art Show and Sale reception 2-4 p.m. at the Oakland Community College Southfield Campus, 22322 Rutland, Nine Mile between Southfield Road and Greenfield. Admission is free.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
To April 30 — "Birds, Beasts and Fishes," a collection of original art by children's book illustrators from animal stories. Featured artists in the exhibit are Laura Almada, Shannon Cartwright, Arthur Geisert, Deborah Haeffele, Michael McCurdy, Wendell Minor, Robin Spowart and Jane Brislin. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 580 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-7040.

SYBARIS GALLERY
To May 1 — "Borne With A Silver Spoon," a traveling exhibition and sale featuring 125 functional and sculptural contemporary spoons by 45 leading American metalsmiths. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, 544-3388.

ATRIUM GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — Meet glassblower Stan Medgall of Birmingham 1-5 p.m. The program includes a free video demonstration of glassblowing. All colors of the rainbow are shown his way, Farmington Hills, 851-8767.

perfume bottles, vases, three-footed bowls, ornaments, decanters and platters. Some pieces are done in tortoise shell patterns and sea foam wraps. "His perfume bottles in particular are like jewels," said Pat Jania, gallery co-owner. "I can let the glass kind of flow where it wants to go and control it very slightly. Glass captures the essence of a gesture. It's as simple as that." Medgall said. 109 N. Center, Northville. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

MICHIGAN GALLERY
Saturday, April 3 — "Urban Dwellers," a focus on local black art. Reception 6-9 p.m., 2661 Michigan, Detroit. To April 24. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

PRIVATE COLLECTION GALLERY
Sunday, April 4 — "The Feminine and Masculine Glass Mystique" runs through May 15, featuring such prominent glass artists as Ruth Brockman, Audrey Handler, Buffy Cribbs, Julie McDonough, Toland Sand, Grant Miller and Steven Maslach. Slide lecture by well-known glass artist Sylvia Viglietti on "The History of Art Glass" Sunday. Call for presentation times. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 6736A Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 737-4050.

CENTER GALLERIES
To April 15 — Society of Illustrators annual exhibition: 35 works from the society's 34th annual American Illustration, a national juried competition and exhibition held in New York that included 400 original illustrations. Woodward and Kirby, in the Park Shelton Building, Detroit. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
To April 16 — "Reform Function: Furniture and Costume." William Porter juried the furniture entries and chose 22 artists displaying fine craftsmanship in wood, steel and mixed media. An array of tables, lamps, screens, clocks and chairs will be exhibited. The market is this year's beneficiary at the eighth annual Boxer Short Auction Sunday, March 28, at Patti Smith in Royal Oak. Call 399-0756 for details. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, to 8 p.m. Friday, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit, 393-1770.

MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS GALLERY
To April 16 — "Native American Masters," an exhibit of black ash basketmakers, quill workers, beadworkers and finger weavers. The exhibit celebrates those custodians of traditions who have been recognized by their peers and the larger community for their mastery of knowledge and the role they have played in passing their skills on to the next generation. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1200 Sixth, 11th floor, Detroit.

MATRIX GALLERY
To April 4 — "Inside Out," a mixed media installation including film projections and pancaques by Taos, N.M., artist Leslie Raymond. Show employs looped 16 mm film projection that activates the installation. 212 Miller, Ann Arbor. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To April 11 — "Cats," a selection of 20 works from the permanent collection showing the domestic cat. Media include graphic arts, European paintings and decorative arts, puppets, and ancient, Islamic, American and modern art. The DIA is at 5200 Woodward in Detroit. Call 833-7963.

URBAN PARK GALLERY
To April 12 — "Through Their Eyes,"

Visions of Life," an exhibition of photography by southwest Detroit youths. The works are from the Barrio Youth Photography Workshop. Also at the gallery: expressionistic paintings by Judith Kuneish and photographs by Zuhair Sha'soumi. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, 508 Monroe, third floor, Detroit, 963-5445.

MATRIX GALLERY
Thursday, April 15 — In celebration of Michigan Glass Month, an exhibition of sculptural works by Robert Gardner, "Commonplace Transfigurations." To May 2. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 16. Working with a variety of materials ranging from fabricated steel and concrete to desiccated insects and wood, Gardner presents an expressive use of the molten medium of glass. 212 Miller, Ann Arbor. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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SCARAB CLUB
To April 17 — The 1993 Annual All-Media Silver Medal Exhibition and "Bette Prudden: Recent Paintings and Drawings." Juror David Klein, owner and director of the O.K. Harris/ David Klein Gallery in Birmingham, will comment on the selections and answer questions 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Prudden, renowned for her

pastel portraits and watercolors, will host a reception 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, 831-1250.

ARTIST'S COOPERATIVE, THE
To April 17 — "Art Through Mechanical Reproduction," a group exhibit of photographs, copies and other mechanically reproduced works. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

SUSANNE HILSBERRY GALLERY
To April 24 — Works by Artachwager, Egner, Farber, Goodwin, Gorchov, Jensen, Mitehnick, Morley, Pfaff and Phelan. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-8250.

FENKESON/PRESTON GALLERY
To April 24 — An exhibit of new work on paper by New York artist Jane Hammond. The drawings are collage and employ a variety of techniques and materials such as rubber stamps, linoleum block prints, transfers, color Xerox, paint and graphite on rice paper. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 796 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-3955.

PEWABIC POTTERY
To April 24 — "Organism," a group exhibit of sculpture by Anne Bridget Gary, Amara Geffen and recent Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate Yun Dong Nam, and a solo exhibit by potter Susan Bankert, continue. Sculptors Gary, Geffen and Nam work by handbuilding clay into sensuous, evocative forms that suggest the growth patterns of nature. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, 822-0954.

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To April 29 — An exhibit and sale of work by 12 artists who are graduating or have recently graduated from local universities or art schools. The artists are Ben Konstantin, Douglas Fogel, Jeffe Harwood, Karen Izenberg, Marat Kady, Anna Kocherovsky, Robert Lowenthal, Terry Matlen, Scott Saltzman, Anita Sudakin, Scott Wittman and Terry Ziegelman. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, in the Jewish Community Center at 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 661-1000, Ext. 470.

MESA ARTS
To April 30 — Southwest furniture is featured. Handcrafted, handpainted furniture is treasured for its whimsical yet elegant look. Selected furniture artisans use the colors of the sky, mountains and sunsets and the imagery of indigenous animals either painted or carved on chests, nightstands, headboards, mirrors, cupboards, chairs and lamps. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin, 851-9949.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Time to prepare house for spring selling season

By MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

The daffodils are drooping. The mud is deep. Sunshine is a fond but distant memory.

Fear not, home sellers. Realtors offer these tips for sprucing up your home during these gray sunless days.

"The most important thing is curb appeal," said Joan Lorenz, senior sales associate of Real Estate One, Farmington.

"Even though it's not always the case, if people see messy on the outside, they're going to think

messy on the inside.

"Get rid of the dead flowers. Trim shrubs that need trimming. Make sure the driveway and sidewalks are clean. Pick up debris.

"On the inside the biggest thing is cleanliness and lighting. The house should look bright and cheery. Put the lights on, even if the sun is shining. Keep closets and cupboards neat. People do check these things."

Adds Nancy Overhall, a Realtor in the same office.

"Keep the outside looking clean, even if it doesn't need painting. We recently showed a

house where the front was full of cobwebs."

Overall appearance makes a big first impression, says Tom Berta, an agent for Red Carpet Keim in Detroit.

"Clean carpets, no peeling paint, cleanliness and no clutter," Berta offered.

A seller wants to make a good first impression, says Dan Boycott, associate at Century 21 Redford.

"Keep the house clean, especially if you have pets. Odors are a turnoff. Also if you have clothes you're not wearing hanging in

your closet, get rid of them. It will make your closets look bigger.

"You want your home to look nice, warm, neat and clean."

"When we show a property, the big thing right now is an emphasis on making it look lived in," said Tim Courtney, associate for Remerica in Plymouth.

"Some sellers have asked that viewers remove their shoes. And people don't seem to have a problem with this. They'll do it without being asked if they see new carpeting."

"Just keep the house as clean and as picked up as possible. Wide open is very appealing," Hardoin said.

Odors and noise can be a turnoff, says Lorenz of Real Estate One.

"Avoid cooking strong-smelling foods before a showing," she said. "A little cinnamon simmering in a pot on the stove gives the house a nice homey smell."

"Also noise is important. The home should be pretty quiet. Keep televisions turned off and no blaring stereos. We used to say soft background music was a good idea, but the idea now is that it might be distracting. And all pets out of the way. Cleanliness is important. I can't stress that enough."

Direct the board's attention to the increasing amount of litigation that is ensuing in regard to employment relations. There should be no question in terms of

terms of the resident manager's engagement are somewhat ambiguous and the board does not want to spend the money on an attorney for a written contract. I am concerned as to whether the resident manager has a contract that can be terminated with or without cause. How do I get the board to move?

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Purchase agreement should provide for assessments



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I am buying a condominium and am concerned about the possibility of additional or special assessments being levied. How do I insure that I am protected between the time that I sign the purchase agreement and the closing, and for that matter, six months after the closing?

Your purchase agreement should provide that any additional or special assessments that have been levied by the board of directors be payable by the seller. Payments on an additional or special assessment that has been levied and are due after the closing should be covered in the purchase agreement, presumably providing that the seller will give you credit for these assessments at the closing, assuming that proration of the assessments is not acceptable to you.

Short of a specific provision in

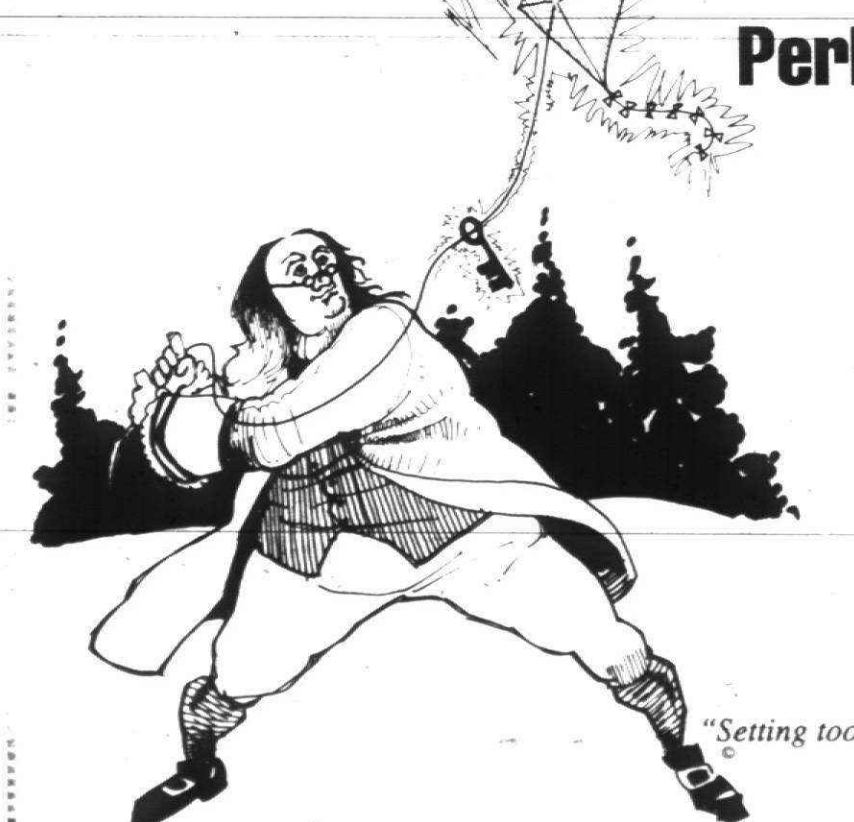
the purchase agreement, there is nothing you can do other than try to ascertain whether the board of directors has any intent to levy a special or additional assessment based on the economic or financial circumstance of the association. The more you know about the condominium association before you buy, the better off you will be.

I am a condominium board member who is concerned about our resident manager not having a written contract. The

relationship between the association and the resident manager in regard to the conditions for termination. If the employee resident manager thinks that he or she can only be terminated for cause, you have a serious potential problem if you want to terminate the employee for any other reason or if the board does not agree with the employee's interpretation of the arrangement. A written agreement should be entered into as soon as possible that clearly sets the rights of the respective parties, including the rights of termination.

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Occupancy. Executive colonial in desirable Sunflower Village. Located on a premium lot. Features include side entry garage, basement under entire house, vaulted ceilings, luxurious master suite plus 3 additional bedrooms, marble-faced fireplace, and much more. Offered at \$193,000.

NEW
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GREAT AT \$108,000
This 3 bedroom brick ranch has it all! 1 1/2 baths on first floor, family room, fireplace, full basement, attached garage. But the real goodies are all the improvements! All new Low E vinyl windows, aluminum trim, drywalled basement, new kitchen-floor & counter, gorgeous decor. Call immediately! Call LILLIAN SANDERSON RE/MAX CROSSROADS 453-8700

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Beautiful brick ranch in Willow Creek features 3 bedrooms, open floor plan, family room with natural fireplace, 2 car garage, finished basement, deck to large 16x16 deck with sunbator - \$99,500

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313 Canton
FORMER MODEL
Creatively designed space distinguishes this 1986 built Embassy Square former model ranch home. To the three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths we add a stepdown family room with vaulted ceiling and cozy brick fireplace a bay-windowed living room, twin closets in the master bedroom, snack counter, neutral decor, open stairway to basement, sprinkler system, drywalled 2 car garage, deck, and a price worth pursuing - \$139,000.

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LARGE LOT!
With landscaped 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has large rooms, new doors, partially finished basement and more. The details are spectacular! \$127,800. or 437-4200

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Need Offers Now!
Highly motivated sellers are offering this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial w/central air, living room w/brick fireplace, 2 car attached garage & basement. Plus a one year home warranty. A steal at \$106,900. Call CHRIS.

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NEW LISTING \$149,900
4 bedroom colonial, master bath, basement, 2567 sq. ft., attached garage, 3000 sq. ft., 2 story desirable Century 21 Gold House. 451-9400

PERFECTION describes this Ranch.
2 bath, family room, fireplace, newer windows. \$123,900

PRICE REDUCED - 3 car garage, 3 bedroom ranch finished basement, huge lot. \$103,900. 454-9535

PRICE SLASHED
3 bedroom colonial built in 1986 on nice size lot. Master bath, 1st floor laundry, family room/fireplace, basement, 2 car attached garage. N. Canton location. Just \$129,900. Century 21 Dynamic 728-8000

Quad-Mansion
4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, family room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage, above ground pool w/decking. Full covered front porch. Excellent location. \$139,900.

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RED HOT BUY! Huge 2,500 sq. ft. N. Canton 4 bedroom central air conditioned well landscaped Colonial. 2 1/2 baths, private 1st floor laundry, formal dining room, big family room, natural fireplace & wet bar, walk-in pantry in dream country kitchen, 1st floor laundry, finished basement & 2 1/2 car attached garage! A stunner at only \$139,900! Call 454-4400 or 981-2900!

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE boasts of this stunning 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath AIR CONDITIONED customized QUAD-LEVEL 2 1/2 baths, large sunken family room/cozy natural fireplace, new thermo windows, fantastic sun-filled kitchen, cathedral ceilings, island counter & tons of cabinet space, 1st floor laundry, basement & attached 2 car garage! A real gem at only \$147,900. Call 454-4400 or 981-2900!

ASK FOR LEAH GAWTHROP
CENTURY 21 ROW 464-7111

THREE BEDROOM ranch located on quiet street in N. Canton, walking distance to school, park, & shopping. 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2nd floor laundry, roof, siding, air conditioning, carpeting, 2 car oversized garage, etc. By owner. No brokers. \$117,000. 459-4984, 248-1187

Wait Till You See
This 3 bedroom Cape Cod featuring maintenance free exterior, 20x26 woodman deck off Andersen doorwall. Also vinyl clad windows w/marble sills, oversized family room w/woodburning stove, finished basement w/jacuzzi, textured ceilings throughout, central air, sprinkler system and finished garage w/lot. \$123,900. Call: DAVID JAMES

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Wow! What a kitchen, Quad 3 bedroom, new windows, large lot, quiet street. \$110,000. HELL-UP-SELL OF NWWC 454-9535

4 BEDROOM WONDER!
You'll wonder how you can get so much for so little in this 4 bedroom home. Family room has raised hearth fireplace, 2 full baths, deck off of dining area, located across from sub part. Asking \$84,900.

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314 Plymouth
ATTRACTIVE COUNTRY Bungalow.
3 bedroom, walk to downtown, hardwood floors & large deck. Great starter home. \$102,900. or 437-4200

BACKS TO WOODS - sharp raised ranch with 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths family room and 2 1/2 car garage with new windows. Only \$102,900.

BETTER THAN NEW!
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DOWNTOWN Charming older 2 family colonial or convert back. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, many updates, new deck. \$122,500. 451-6812

Classy Contemporary
A fantastic trend setting surrounds this 3,000 sq. ft. 2 story desirable first floor master suite, breathtaking great room with cathedral ceiling, 12 ft. wide fireplace, library, den, dining room, first floor laundry, 2 1/2 baths, bedrooms up, full basement, 3 1/2 car garage. \$139,000.

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EMBRACE THE GOOD TIMES
Nested in a sought after city neighborhood this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick and stone Oxford quality built ranch awaits a new generation of memories. Niceties include natural woodwork, cove ceilings, hardwood floors, a large recreation room, 14 1/2 breezeway room, fenced rear yard, walk in cedar closet, 2 car attached garage and a rewardingly convenient location. Embrace the good times together. \$122,500.

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BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN Location
Remodeled 3 bedroom bungalow. 2 baths & kitchen in ceramic, newer appliances, sun/dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, basement, carport, fenced yard & shed. Near park & schools. \$138,500. 454-3728

BI-LEVEL COLONIAL-44889 Albert
3 bedroom, 2 full baths, family room & bedroom on lower level. Owners are very anxious & open for all offers. KAVANAUGH REAL ESTATE 464-0651

FANTASTIC COLONIAL BUY!
updated kitchen, newer windows, newer roof, 2 1/2 bath. \$127,900. HELL-UP-SELL OF NWWC 454-9535

DISMISSES THE ORDINARY
This delectably large, architect designed custom Cotswold Tudor deftly combines older home tradition and charm with the features and qualities of newer homes. Note 4 spacious bedrooms with a first floor master, the signature stairway and balcony, floor to ceiling windows in the elegant living room, and extravagant and luxurious new center island kitchen, a large family room overlooking the nature-packed rear yard, the antique paneled dining room, an inviting screened porch, the 9 foot ceiling in the recreation room, and, oh yes, a ramp from the garage to the basement below which will accommodate two automobiles. Very special indeed. \$345,000.

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NESTED IN NATURE
Tucked under a canopy of trees and enjoying a most tranquil cul-de-sac location, this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colony Farms colonial is a family treasure. Amenities offered include a spacious ceramic foyer, hardwood floors, center island kitchen, family sized breakfast room with view capturing bay window seats, crown molding, roomy closets, first floor laundry, 2 1/2 car garage, not to mention the Oaks, Maples, Daffodils, Forget-Me-Not, Coral Bells, Chickadees, Gold Finch, truly an essay on charm. \$229,900

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\$69,900 - What a deal on this 4 bedroom cape cod in Garden City, oak floors, large lot, close to school, nicely landscaped.

\$116,500 - City of Plymouth. 3 bedroom brick ranch, garage, basement, hardwood floors, fenced yard, deck, appliances, lots more to offer.

\$101,900 - Canton ranch, brick, 3 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, deck in large yard, garage, sprinklers, move-in condition.

\$106,900 - Canton quad, brick, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, huge deck, central air, family room, fireplace, 9' doorwall, backs to school.

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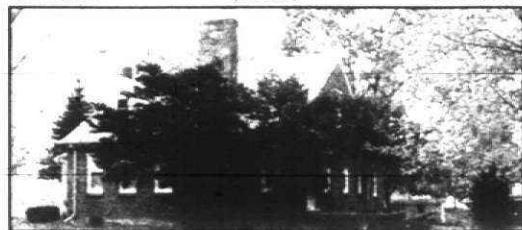
MAKE YOUR MOVE and take advantage of these interest rates. Spacious 2 bedroom condo with fireplace and cathedral ceiling. Large kitchen with appliances and skylight. Full basement, other nice features.

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**LIVONIA**

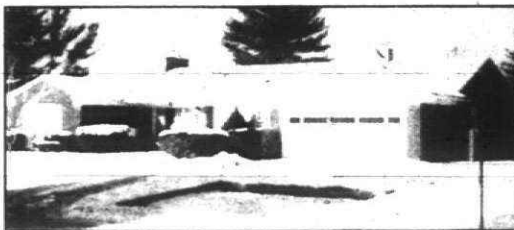
WONDERFUL UP-DATED HOME - Three bedrooms, up-dated kitchen and bath, and wood privacy fence surrounding lovely backyard. Large garage with work bench and 220 power.

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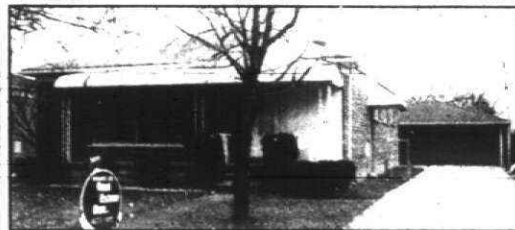
CAPE COD - Hardwood floors, wet plaster, great fireplace, a sitting room off master bedroom, walk-out basement, new windows, roof, furnace, water heater and carpeting. VA, FHA terms. On 1/2 acre lot.

\$79,900 (W23610) 261-0700

**PLYMOUTH**

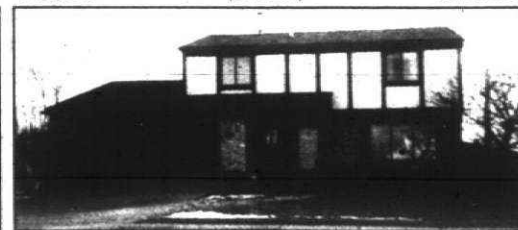
RUN, DON'T WALK! Exceptional value. Clean 3 bedroom ranch in tranquil area of Plymouth on large lot. Motivated seller. Don't miss your chance!

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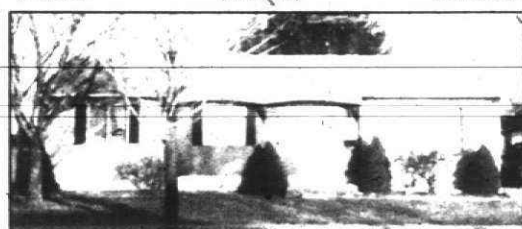
NOT A DRIVE BY HOME - The most home for your dollars in Garden City. Completely updated and showroom new. Occupancy negotiable, home warranty.

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**LIVONIA**

OWNER WANTS OFFERS! Kimberly Oaks Estates Colonial has master suite & private bath, newer roof, furnace and hot water heater. Finished basement; large lot. Call for more info. 10K home.

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**LIVONIA**

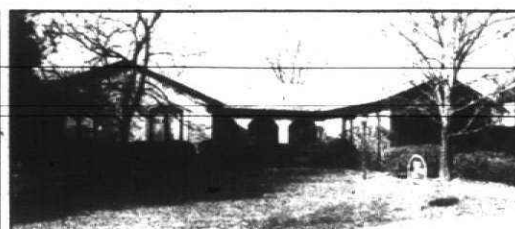
GREAT LOCATION - Beautiful three bedroom, 2 full bath ranch. Newer carpeting in living room and hall. Finished basement with wet bar, great patio with privacy fence. Immaculate, move-in condition.

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**CANTON**

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Outstanding cul-de-sac location great neighborhood. 3 bedroom ranch with 1 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace & beamed ceiling. Master bedroom/master bath. 2 car attached garage.

\$112,500 (23M42516) 455-7000

**LIVONIA**

MOVE RIGHT IN THIS Immaculate Livonia ranch. Desirable Nottingham West sub. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor laundry, sprinkler system and much, much more!!

\$179,900 (WAY) 348-6430

**WESTLAND**

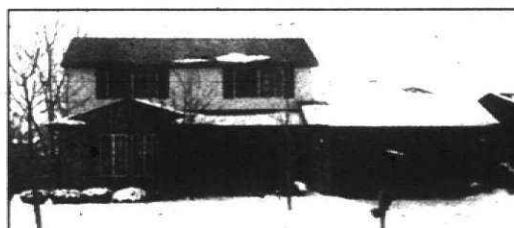
WESTLAND CONDO! This 1 bedroom, 1 bath ranch condo offers spacious room and a great view from doorwall. Conveniently located near everything.

\$66,000 326-2000

**PLYMOUTH**

HIDDEN CREEK CONDO - Secluded luxury in this gorgeous home. Features include two master bedroom suites, large formal dining room, sunken living room with fireplace and library. Perfection inside and out!

\$279,900 (H13277) 261-0700

**CANTON**

CHARMING COLONIAL - Low traffic court location for this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Canton Colonial with cozy family room, natural fireplace and wet bar, master bedroom suite with designer bath plus formal dining room.

\$127,900 (23R06484) 455-7000

**LIVONIA**

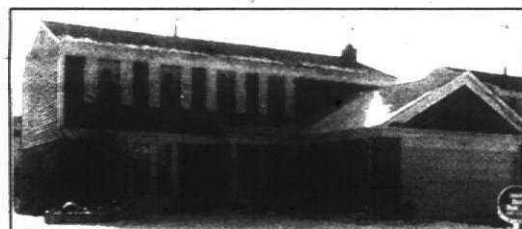
RANCH WITH GREAT ROOM - Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with finished rec room, neutral decor, first floor laundry, deck and sprinklers. Spotless move-in condition. Less than 10 years old. A must see.

\$189,900 (NOR) 851-1900

**WAYNE**

UNBELIEVABLE - You must see this home! Too many extras to list all. Some include newer furnace, central air, new roof, kitchen floors, finished basement. Don't miss this.

\$67,000 326-2000

**CANTON**

HAMPTON COURT WEST - Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick Colonial with 2 car attached garage. Finished office in lower level. Convenient to shopping and major freeways. Call today.

\$148,800 (CLA) 851-1900

**CANTON**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE - Bright and cheerful home will delight you. Large kitchen (36 oak cabinets), master suite, cozy family room, large patio, 16x24 Kayak pool. Be ready for summer.

\$129,900 (23W01365) 455-7000

**NORTHVILLE**

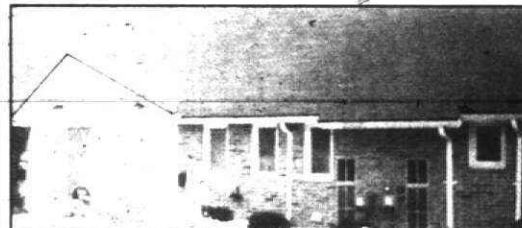
FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL with 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, formal dining room, living room and family room. New carpet, freshly painted, great location.

\$169,900 (RIP) 348-6430

**LIVONIA**

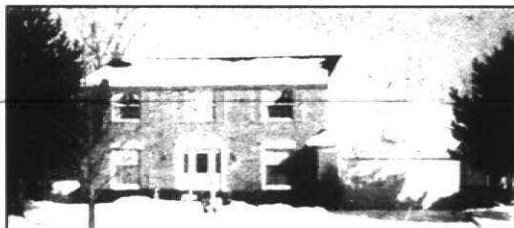
NEWER BUILT LIVONIA 3 bedroom brick ranch. Full basement, country kitchen, new carpeting, ceramic bath with vanity, all on a large lot.

\$69,900 326-2000

**PLYMOUTH**

COZY CONDO IN PLYMOUTH - 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse two blocks from Kellogg Park, where the action is. Quick occupancy move-in condition. All appliances stay. **HURRY ON THIS ONE.**

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**PLYMOUTH**

WILLIAMSBURG COLONIAL Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, formal living and dining rooms. Family room with beamed cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Glassed sun room, maintenance free exterior.

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**LIVONIA**

MINI ESTATE IN SUB - Almost 1/4 acre lot is prime setting for lovely 3 bedroom home. Oversized gourmet kitchen plus family room/fireplace give you lots of room. Up-dated to perfection! Move in and enjoy.

\$124,900 (M38641) 261-0700

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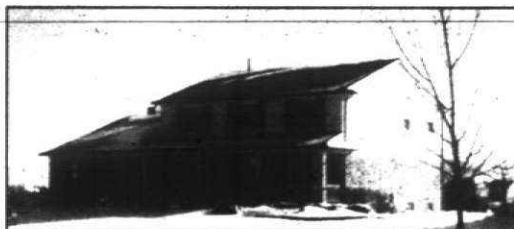
DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE - Duplex features newer furnace, all new copper plumbing, all new electrical, some new windows, updated bathrooms and kitchens, refinished hardwood floors, & more.

\$82,900 326-2000

**CANTON**

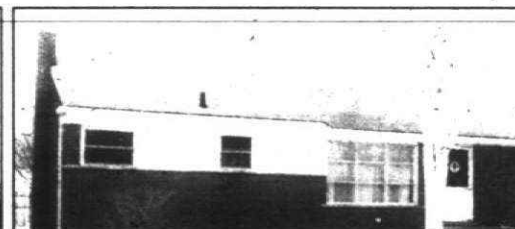
"FOREST TRAILS" - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial offers large master bedroom with walk-in closet & private bath, plus a 2nd bedroom with access to main bath! Newer premium carpets throughout & new kitchen floor.

\$139,900 (23F44506) 455-7000

**PLYMOUTH**

THE BEST GOT BETTER - Can't beat the location, close to downtown & easy access to expressways. Spacious 4 bedroom Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, family room and den, could be a fifth bedroom. Ravined lot.

\$194,900 (23W09525) 455-7000

**REDFORD**

LOCATION IS IT! South Redford brick ranch features a Florida room. Basement, extra insulation, 2 car garage and more. **Hurry, priced to sell!**

\$69,999 (L13141) 261-0700

**WAYNE**

PRIME LOCATION - Move-in condition. Home backs to woods, professionally landscaped, winding staircase, family room with fireplace and wet bar, sprinklers, new furnace, master bath, large lot, central air.

\$122,900 326-2000

**CANTON**

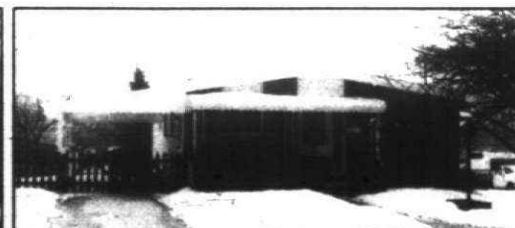
MOVE RIGHT IN - The work has been done on this Canton townhouse with updated kitchen, new cabinets, spacious living room. Updated bath features fiberglass tub, newer sink top and ceramic tile floor. This popular complex is close to shopping and city of Plymouth.

\$69,900 (23H6937) 455-7000

**LIVONIA**

LIVONIA CHARMER! Picture perfect and quality abounds in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath immaculate home. Beautiful hardwood floors and finished basement plus excellent schools adds to this attractive Colonial.

\$169,900 (23W35584) 455-7000

**WESTLAND**

UP-DATED RANCH! Three bedrooms, finished basement, newer windows and roof, updated kitchen and bath. Full extra bath in basement, large lot, carport. **Must see!**

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In 1992, Trerice Tosto leased or sold nearly 3.5 million square feet of commercial and industrial space in 18 states and Canada.

Heads civil engineering

Victor J. Pilar has been promoted to head of the civil engineering department at Giffels Associates, Southfield.

He succeeds Richard J. Johnson who retired in February. Pilar will direct the technical and personnel activities of the department.

Botsford team

Botsford General Hospital and Botsford Continuing Health Center have named architects Bowers and Rein Associates and Southfield builders Wineman & Komer to its Botsford Commons development team.

Botsford Commons is an adult living community scheduled to break ground this spring.

Bowers and Rein projects include Botsford General Hospital's Center for Health Improvement in Novi, a senior living facility, and the Childrens Center in Detroit.

Wineman & Komer projects include the Wayne County Building historic renovation, the Hills of Lone Pine and the Oaks of Bloomfield.

Houses pass muster during parade showing

Area builders displayed their talents by showing houses in a number of price ranges and styles.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to design, special features and value for price, residential builders with ties to Observer & Eccentric communities do exceptionally good work.

They snapped up five of the seven awards in this year's Parade of Homes competition sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan in conjunction with that professional association's annual show.

"The purpose is to give the home-buying public access to models available," said Susan Adler, BASM spokeswoman. "It gives them what we hope becomes a comprehensive listing of homes available not only in different areas, but different price ranges."

Floor plans and renderings were submitted for 33 models scattered throughout the metro area. A panel of architects, designers and academics judged the nominations.

"The first thing I look for is whether form follows function," said Maureen Ashman, a Farmington Hills designer and Parade of Homes judge. "I've always thought of design as starting inside out."

"Then I look for something unusual, something interesting, something that will make it stand out from the rest," she added.

Following is a brief summary of O&E winners by category.

■ Under \$130,000. The Sonol, 1,650 square feet, was built by Edward Rose & Sons of Southfield in Brownstown Township's Woodland Heights Subdivision. The \$109,500 price includes the lot.

The basic model contains a living room, family room and combination dining room/kitchen/eating nook and half bath downstairs. Upstairs, buyers have the choice of a larger master bedroom and three smaller ones or four bedrooms.

The model has an attached two-car garage, basement, brick on all four sides with aluminum siding on the second story, and carpeting.

"I think it's a very functional floor plan — it's a nice, traditional colonial home," said Marty Skura, sales manager for Rose. "Land isn't quite as expensive in the downriver area. Basically, that's what drives price up."

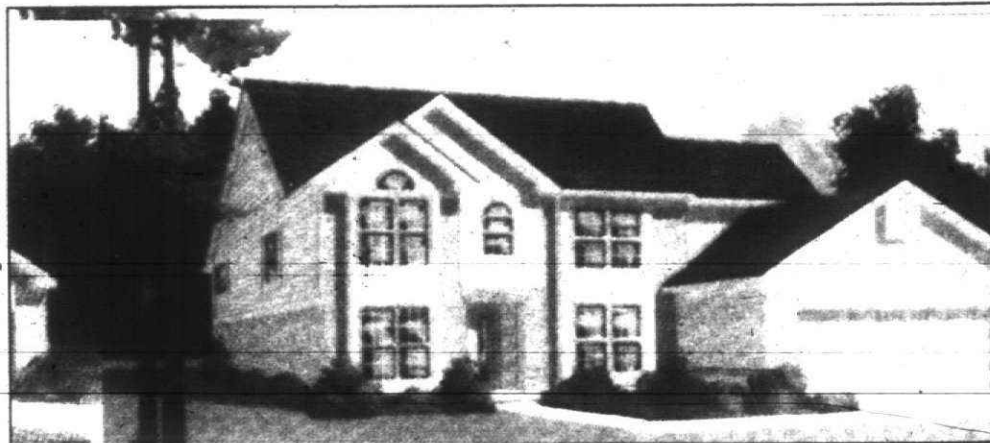
■ \$155,000 to \$175,000. The Village Crest, 2,150 square feet, was built by Heritage Residential Group (formerly B.B.C. Group) of Farmington Hills. The model, starting at \$171,990 including the lot, is available in Sunflower Village X Subdivision in Canton.

All four bedrooms are upstairs. The master suite has its own bath, a large walk-in closet and a raised studio ceiling at one end that allows that portion of the room to be used as an exercise area.

The other three bedrooms are serviced by a second full bath.

The main level has a den and a great room, a breakfast nook with a tray ceiling flowing into the kitchen and dining room, a laundry room and a powder room.

See PARADE OF HOMES, 2F



Second Floor Plan



First Floor Plan

Village Crest
Heritage Residential Group
2,151 square feet
Priced from \$171,900



Second Floor Plan



First Floor Plan

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Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes
2,500 square feet
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Multi-family housing slumping

(AP) — Many industries that were bruised and battered during the recession are breathing new signs of life. But one industry shows few signs of getting off the mat.

The industry, multi-family home construction, went through the boom years between the late 1960s and the mid-1980s. But it's been down for a long count since then.

Multi-family building permit volume last year fell below 190,000 units, less than one-sixth the volume in 1972 and just one-quarter the volume registered in 1985 when the long decline began.

In the Detroit-Ann Arbor area, multi-family permits were down 10.1 percent in 1992, compared to 1991. In the fourth quarter of the year, multi-family permits were down 61.7 percent compared to the previous fourth quarter, according to U.S. Housing Markets report.

"Rental apartment market overbuilt," the report said. "Vacancies high, rent flat. Occupancy generally in 85-88 percent range, but lower in some areas of heavier recent development and in complexes older than 20 years. Overbuilding most apparent in western locales (Novi, Wixom, Plymouth, Ypsilanti) and in I-59 corridor north and northeast."

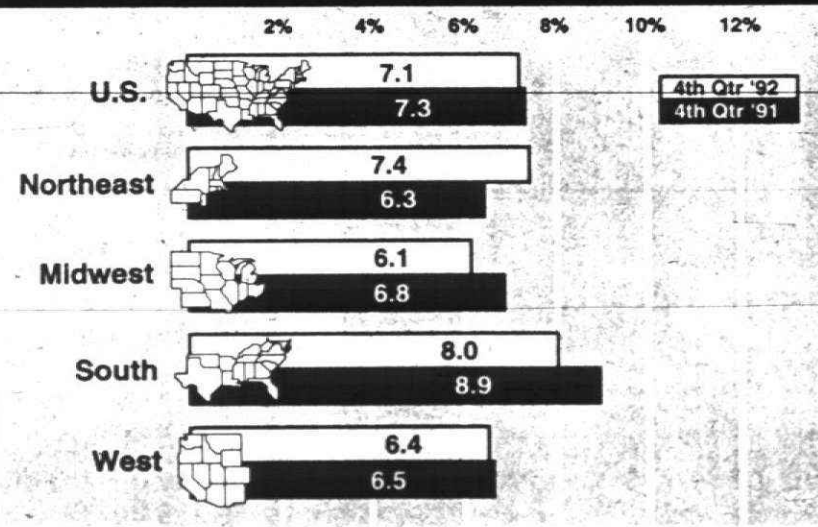
"Landlords (are) aggressive, advertising concessions such as low move-in costs, 13th month free on 12-month lease."

As any multi-family builder will tell you, that's a bad enough, but viewed from a certain perspective it is even worse. In the past, multi-family housing generally was for renters, but much of the current activity isn't for them.

Instead, builders have been aiming at buyers, in part because lenders seem more willing to take that risk.

"If we assume that condominiums accounted for close to one-fourth of

Rental Vacancy Rates, U. S. and Regions



those permits," says Mack Rogers of Lomas Mortgage, "the creation of new rental apartment stock last year was slower than any year since 1966. Last year, multi-family units accounted for merely one of every six residential building permits issued in this country."

Part of the problem is created by falling interest rates, which in other times would be beneficial to builders. But now those low rates are encouraging former renters to become owners — leaving behind rental vacancies. Whatever the reasons, the decline of multi-family building is working off the excess space created during the mid- and early 1980s, when bankers shoveled money at developers, who quickly turned it into bricks and mortar.

Landlords were hurt even more by the slow rate of job growth, one effect being to discourage young people from leaving their parents' homes for a rental apartment of their own and another being to force renters to double up.

With all this, "it is clear why work on new apartment units has become a rare sight in most locales," says Rogers, senior vice president of the Dallas-based financial services firm that oversees \$25 billion in mortgages.

So weak is the multi-family sector that it has distorted housing statistics and helped create a false notion that all housing is weak. Although multi-family is weak, single-family building is stronger than it was a decade ago.

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"The house has a very cozy floor plan," said Stephen Taglione, president of Heritage Residential. "It has a butler's pantry, or den, which is quite an amenity for this price range."

A two-car garage and basement are included.

"The thing I'm most gratified with is we're a repeat winner," said Taglione, whose firm last year won in the same price category with a ranch model.

■ \$196,000 to \$220,000. The Tudor-style, 2,500 square feet starting at \$207,200 including lot, will be built by Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes of West Bloomfield in that community's Spring Meadow Subdivision.

A similar model is available at Golfview Pointe at Copper Creek in Farmington Hills.

The living room and a library are on either side of the main foyer with the dining room, kitchen, nook and family room running together along the back of the model.

Two full baths and four bedrooms, including the master suite, are on the second level.

"It's a tremendous value for the square footage," said Gary Shapiro, an Ivanhoe-Huntley partner.

"The key to the design is there is no wasted space."

"The master suite is very elaborate for this price range," he said. "It has a cathedral ceiling, two walk-in closets. It's set off by itself, real private."

Other elements mentioned by Shapiro were the two-story foyer, first-floor laundry, elaborate kitchen and the possibility of

pulling the living and dining rooms together for entertainment purposes.

An attached garage and basement are included.

"I'm also proud of the elevation, how it looks," he said of the exterior.

■ \$220,000 and higher — The Broadway, built by Richter-Rosin Construction of Southfield at Woods of Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield is 3,600 square feet with a starting price of \$372,000 including lot.

A two-way fireplace separates the family room from the kitchen/breakfast nook. Two half-baths are on the main floor as is a formal dining room, a room that can be used as a parlor or library and a living room.

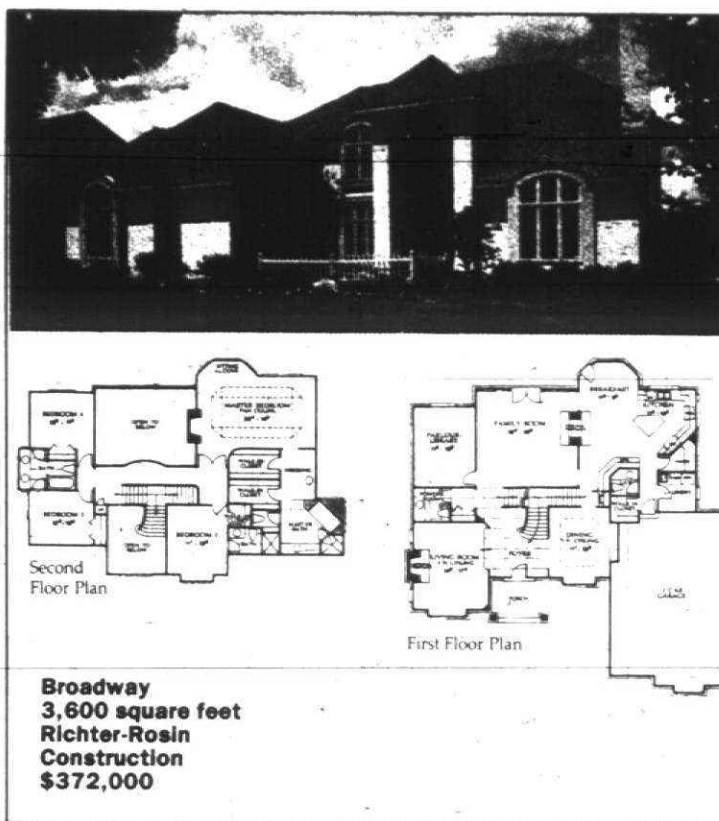
The master suite upstairs contains two walk-in closets and a sitting alcove. Two full baths service three other upstairs bedrooms.

"It's the nicest model we've ever done," said Jim Rosin, marketing director. "It has decorative windows, a functional floor plan. People today want expensive baths and kitchens. It has a back staircase that services the master bedroom to the kitchen."

A two-car garage and basement are standard.

■ Condominiums — The Edgewood, 2,300 square feet priced at \$210,000, was built by Robertson Brothers of Bloomfield Hills. The model is part of the Heathers golfing community in Bloomfield Township.

The master bedroom suite is on



Second Floor Plan

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Make it home safe home

(AP) — Before you bring home your bundle of joy, take action to make your entire house secure, says Better Homes and Gardens Guide to Children's Products magazine. Know what products are safe for infants and toddlers and how and where to use them correctly.

One of the best steps you can take is to get down on your hands and knees and crawl through every room. From this level, you can track down choking hazards, sharp objects, electrical outlets and other potential problems within your child's grasp.

Look for small objects that your child might choke on. Run your hands through the carpets to see if your vacuum missed any small items. Tuck out of sight or short-end dangling cords from draperies, lamps and other electrical equipment. Move houseplants out of children's reach.

Block off the top and bottom of stairways to prevent a tumble.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission advises against using expandable accordion-type gates. Make sure the gate you choose anchors securely in place. If your gate features a pressure bar, position it away from your child so it's not used for climbing.

To deter falls from windows, install hardware that limits how far windows open. Also, don't position furniture so a child could use it to climb up to the window.

Cover all electrical outlets. Use child-resistant plugs or plates. Create a kid-friendly kitchen. Put cleaning supplies, drain cleaners, pesticides and pet foods out of your child's sight and reach in a high, locked cabinet. Install child-resistant safety latches on all kitchen cabinets and drawers. Locate knives, kitchen shears and plastic wraps in a latched storage area where children can't see or reach them.

Check cabinet knobs and pulls to make sure they are too large for a child to swallow. Cover stove and oven controls with sleeves that require an adult grip to operate. Protect pots and pans on burners with a stove guard.

Always keep pot handles turned toward the back of the stove. Whenever possible, use only back burners.

Stash small kitchen appliances out of sight. Use a locked countertop appliance garage, if possible. When using small appliances, make sure that cords don't dangle from the countertop. Likewise, the telephone cord shouldn't hang to the floor, where it could get wrapped around your child's neck.

Choose a highchair with a wide, stable base, sturdy belt and straps. Use them consistently and never leave your child unattended. Keep the highchair away from corners, tables, or other furniture where baby might reach something or push the highchair over.

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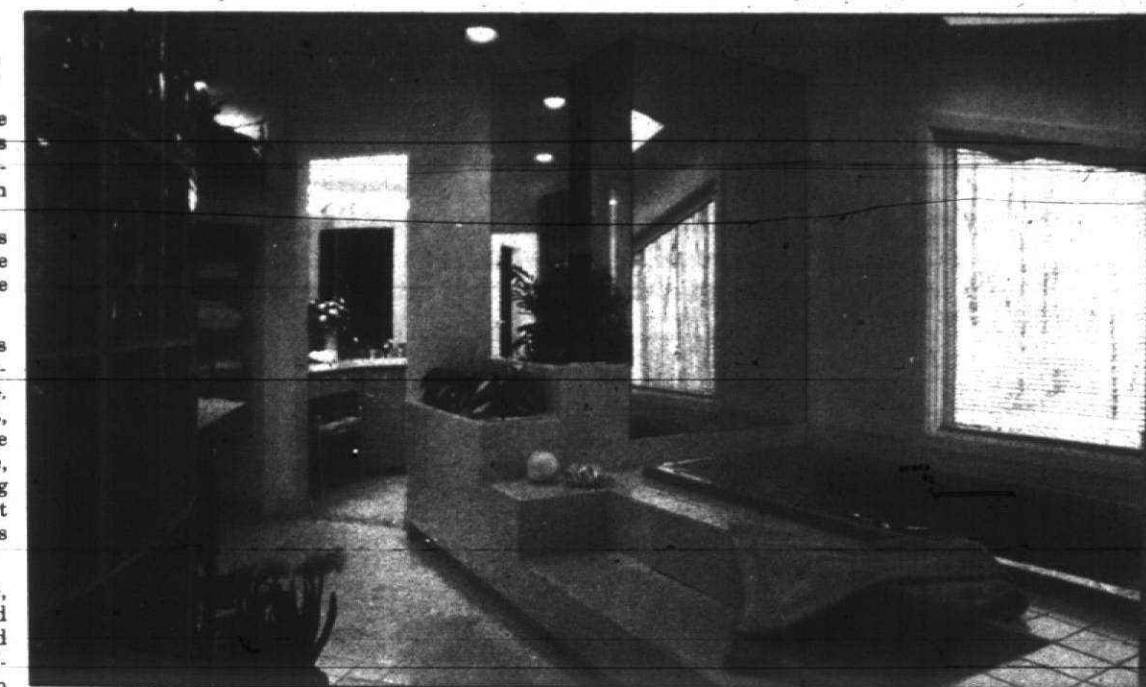
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Spring projects feel lumber pinch

(AP) — It'll cost more to put that deck on the house this spring than it did last fall — about 50 percent more, lumber retailers say.

Lumber prices that had been on the rise about a year have shot up about 50 percent just since November.

"I've seen it get totally and utterly stupid — out of control," said Dave Hunt, owner of B&D Lumber Co. Inc.

Some blame it on trade practices, some on Hurricane Andrew and others on the spotted owl controversy.

"You get a million excuses from anybody," said Bill Harmon with Town & Country Homecenter. "It started with the hurricane... now it's too wet to get in to cut logs."

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Trade publications estimate 133,000 logging jobs have been lost in the Pacific Northwest because of policies to protect the spotted owl. On Friday, the U.S. Forest Service asked for even more logging cutbacks to protect other endangered species.

Whatever the reason, the increases aren't just affecting the cost of 2-by-4's. The price of other building products such as moldings, doors and windows also are skyrocketing. And lumber retailers and wholesalers aren't the only ones feeling the pinch.

"I am in the middle of a big project right now," said Dave Swank, owner of Cherokee Build-

ers Inc. "I bid it in September and started it in January, and it's costing me a small fortune in the difference between what I bid for the job and what the cost is now."

The result has been a decline in business for builders. And that affects the peripheral contractors: heating, plumbing and electrical contractors, as well as floor-covering and furniture retailers.

"If I've lost a job, they have too," Blunt said.

Swank said there are some things contractors can do.

"We have to get smarter and get more efficient. And probably a big chunk of us will go out of business," he said.

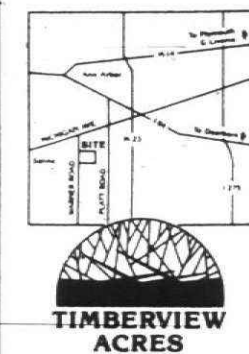
"What really scares me, though, is how will my kids and your kids ever be able to afford a house?" Swank said.



Endangered species? As the outdoor building season gets into full swing, the price of lumber may surprise homeowners thinking of adding a deck to their yards. And the increases aren't just affecting the cost of 2-by-4's. The price of other building products such as moldings, doors and windows also is skyrocketing.

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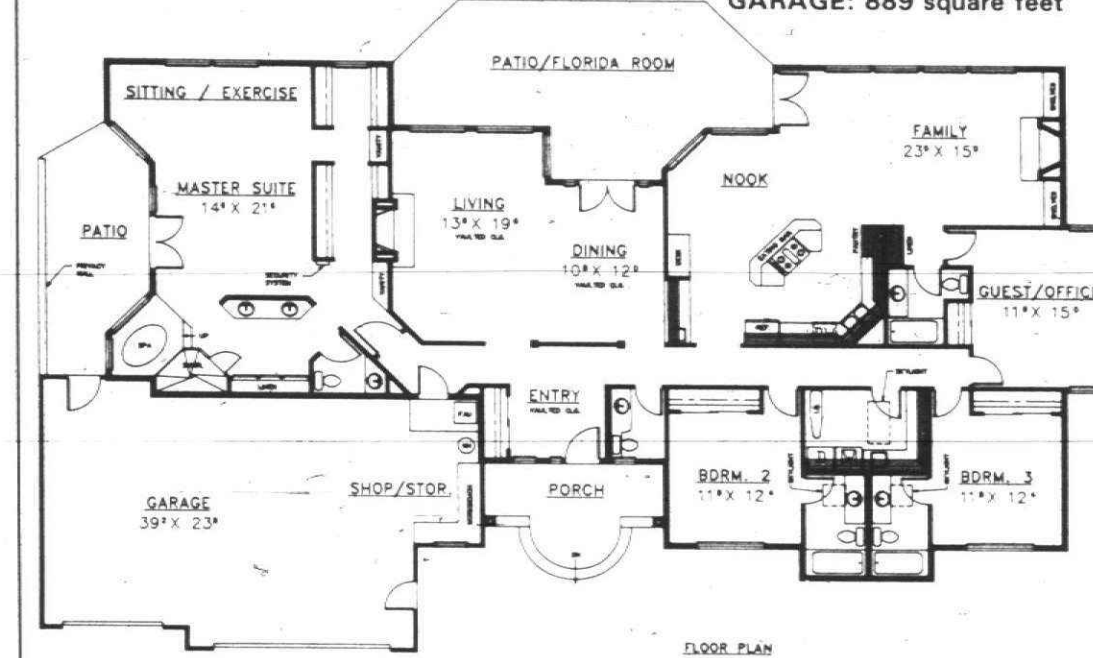
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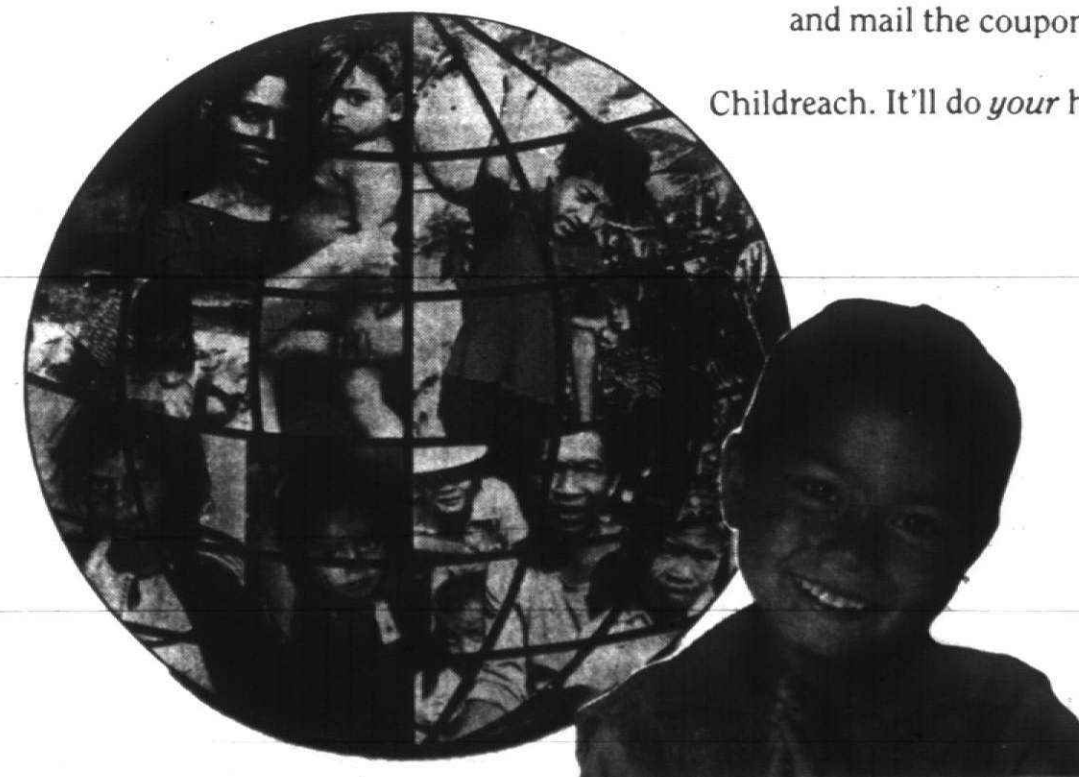
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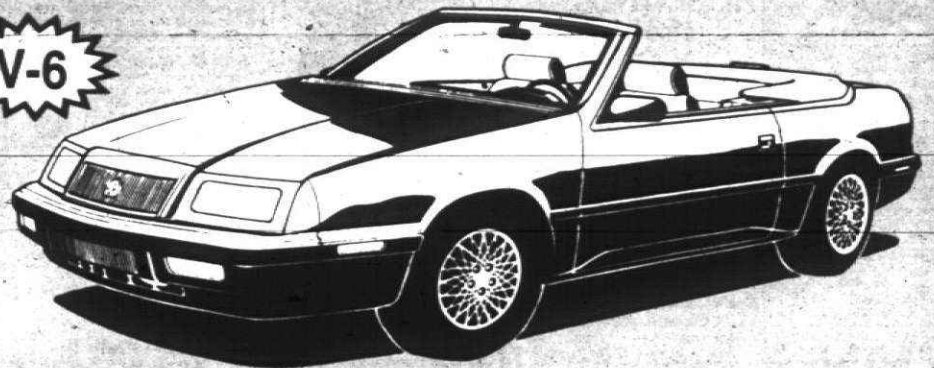
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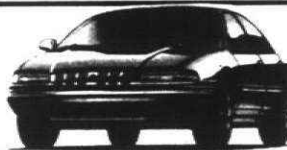
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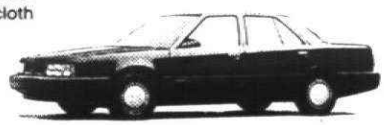
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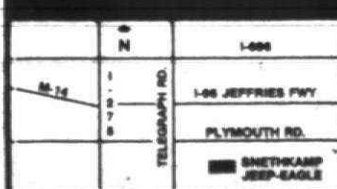
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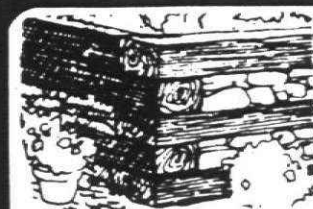
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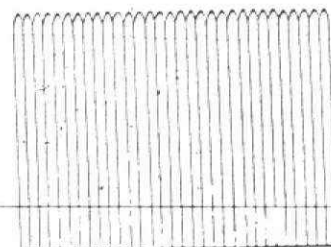
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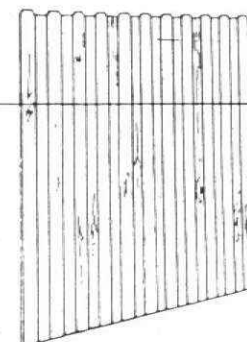
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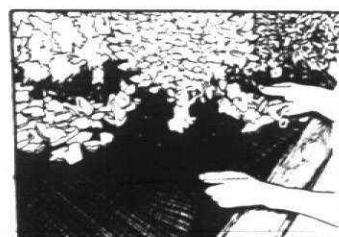
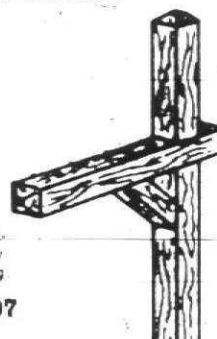
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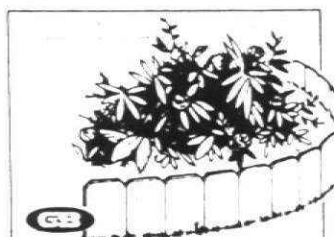
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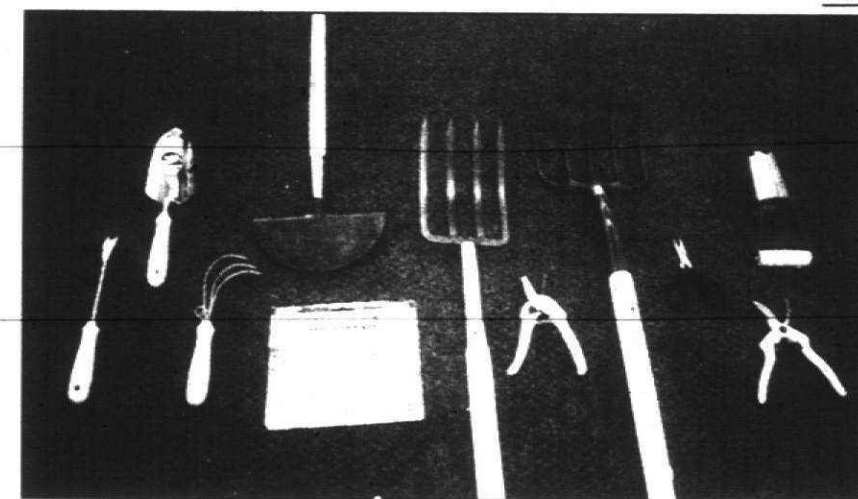
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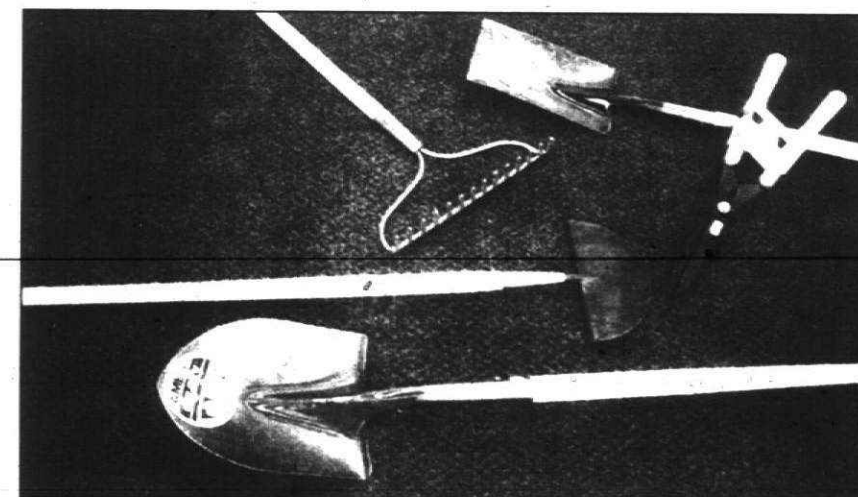
GARDEN TOOLS



GARDENING TOOLS

from left to right

- Hand weeder
- Hand trowel
- Hand cultivator
- Border spade
- Soil testing kit
- Spading fork
- Anvil pruner
- Garden fork
- Flower shears
- By-pass pruners
- Bulb planter



counterclockwise
from top

- Flat-blade spade
- Hedge shears
- Round-point shovel
- Round-blade edger
- Flathead rake

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Using right tools makes good garden sense

The first thing beginners learn is there is a right time and place to plant your garden, but the tools you use to create your backyard masterpiece are just as important, says Mary Reyes, a manager at the Plymouth Nursery.

"If you use the right tool it makes the job a lot more productive — and a lot less expensive," she says. "For example, if you use a hand pruner to trim a large tree limb it's going to damage the tool.

Not only will you have to replace the pruner, but you'll have the expense of buying the tool you need as well. You can also damage your plant, she says. If you prune bushes or large limbs with the wrong tool, you won't get a clean cut and the plant will be damaged by improper healing or scarring.

To help you determine which tools of the craft best fit the needs of your gardening tasks, most gardening resource books, including Sunset's "Basic Gardening" and Martha Stewart's "Gardening", offer this handy list of gardening implements and their uses for your reference.

TOOLS FOR CULTIVATION

Hand trowel: good for container and small gardening tasks. Can be used to mix soil, plant seedlings or dig up weeds.

Hand cultivator: this is a fork with three sharp prongs which make digging easier. Good for getting into

small spaces, such as between plants.

Hand weeder: this triangular steel blade with knifelike sharpness is useful for breaking up soil, weeding and cultivating.

Round-point shovel: use to dig up garden plots; move soil and compost

and to transplant larger plants.

Spade: this shovel with a flatter blade is useful for digging planting holes, moving soil and compost, and breaking off invasive roots.

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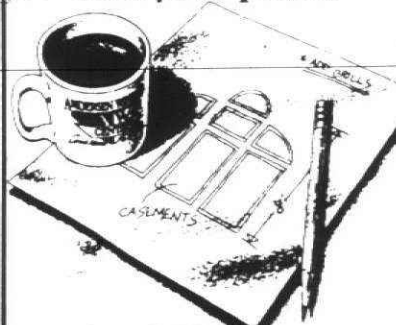
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PRESENTING HOME & GARDEN I

Three days after the vernal equinox I knew it really was spring. My two ivy plants, which I had rooted in water and planted last October, sprouted their first new leaves. All of a sudden the new gardening books I collected over the winter and promptly placed in a pile, have a new appeal. I've already dusted a few off and have begun planning my backyard garden, albeit a little late!

Whether you are a novice or master gardener, I hope this issue of Home & Garden, which appears today, April 1, 1993 in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, provides you with some inspiration as well!

Suzanne L. Parker
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Credits

Suzanne L. Parker coordinated this special section with assistance from special writer Cynthia LaFerte and Debbie Wallis Landau.
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Right tools for right tasks: save time, money, and possibly your garden

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garden fork, this tool is useful when you need to dig out perennials with few severed roots, harvest root vegetables or turn compost.

Round blade edger: the sharp edge on this tool makes it good for marking off garden beds and for weeding in difficult places.

Flathead rake: good for leveling beds after cultivation.

Hoe: use a hoe to dig out weeds, to make rows for planting and to transplant holes.

Tiller: use a tiller to mix soil additions into planting beds and to break up dense soil.

TOOLS FOR CUTTING

Pruning shears: use straight bypass shears for multi-stemmed shrubs and places that are difficult to reach.

Thinning shears: this small, pointed narrow scissor is used to dead-head flowers, cut flowers and to harvest fruits and vegetables.

Loppers: long-handled loppers are a must for cutting branches over 1/2 inch; they also reach easier into high

dense foliage.

Hedge shears: these scissor-like shears with serrated blades are good for shaping and shearing hedges, shrubs and some ground covers.

HELPLESS TO HAVE ON HAND

Gloves: heavy-duty leather gloves are good when using tools or collecting debris; gloves of lighter weight material like goatskin are good for pruning and weeding.

Baskets: wicker and wooden baskets with handles are useful for collecting vegetables and for carrying hand tools to the garden.

Plant rings or guards: used as support for taller plants; guards should be made of a non-rust material and put in place when the plants are small.

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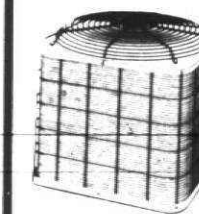


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Herb garden can be gourmet's delight

Kitchen gardens yield a bounty of savory seasonings for summer recipes

By Cynthia G. LaFerle
special writer

For centuries herbs have worked their fragrant magic in recipes, potpourris, medicinal potions, and household remedies.

The ancient Greeks believed mint was an aphrodisiac, while some Victorians gathered sprigs of basil to present as tokens of love and good intentions. And in some cultures, the prolific parsley plant was revered as a fertility symbol.

Today's herb gardener is more likely to cultivate his or her crop for concocting meals rather than love potions.

"We're definitely seeing an increase in the popularity of fresh herbs. More people want to grow their own at home for cooking as well as for using in craft projects," says Mike Bovio, Greenhouse Manager at English Gardens Nursery and

Garden Center, West Bloomfield. By mid-May, he notes, his greenhouse stocks 60 varieties of herb plants — and they sell.

Bovio credits the health food movement for the revival in cooking with fresh herbs. Also influencing the trend are ethnic and gourmet recipes that call for fresh (and sometimes hard to find) herbal seasonings.

Herbs are fairly simple to start and maintain — whether you opt for just a few sprigs in a window box or several plants in old-fashioned herb garden beds. And if you plant a basic assortment near the kitchen door, everything you need for aromatic and flavorful meals, beverages, oils, and vinegars will be within easy reach.

You can get a head start on the growing season with nursery plants, though seed packets are available from mail-order catalogs or local nurseries, includ-



A sunny window sill is the ideal place to cultivate an indoor herb garden.

ing Frank's Nursery and Crafts and Bordine's Better Blooms garden centers.

Herbs make themselves at home in containers, which are often the answer for gardeners with limited time or yard space. Decorative as well as useful, potted herbs can be moved around the deck or terrace

for optimal sunlight exposure. (Some potted herbs can be brought indoors for the winter, if proper light conditions are provided).

"Like vegetable gardens, herb gardens require a fair amount of sun and

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Basic herb garden can add punch to almost any dish

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well-drained soil," Bovio advises. "Once the plants are established, they'll benefit from a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer." He notes also that herbs are relatively insect- and disease-free.

Bovio suggests these "top ten" herbs for starting a basic kitchen garden.

BASIL (annual) is a must for some Italian dishes, including pesto, as well as for salads, soups and casseroles. Prefers full sun.

CHIVES (perennial bulbs) add punch to many bland foods — not just the humble scoop of cottage cheese. Chives grow best in full sun, but will tolerate part shade.

DILL (annual) produces delicate fern-like leaves and pungent seeds — highly valued assets to summer soup, fish, seafood, and chicken recipes. Prefers full sun.

MINT (perennial; several varieties available) is a refreshing summer classic in iced tea and fruit salads, or as a topping on sherbet and ice cream. Extremely hardy and sometimes hard to contain. Mint prefers partial shade.

OREGANO (annual) gives a real kick to Greek and Italian main dishes

and salads. Oregano prefers full sun.

PARSLEY (biennial) might be as basic as a garnish can be, but most cooks wouldn't get caught without a fresh bunch. Prefers full sun or light shade.

ROSEMARY (tender perennial) is essential to many Mediterranean veal and lamb recipes, and is prized for its fragrance. Prefers full sun.

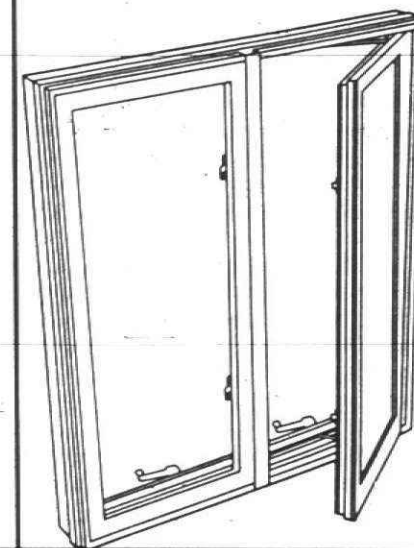
SAGE (perennial) lends its savory charms to stuffings, meat and game marinades, and salads. Prefers full sun.

TARRAGON (perennial) adds elegance to vinegars, sauces, meats, and salads. Prefers full sun, but will tolerate some shade.

THYME (perennial) releases its beautiful aroma if you happen to step on it. This herb, prized in landscaping for use between paving stones, gives flavor to meats and stuffings. Several varieties available; prefers full sun.

Once your green thumb has mastered these basics, you'd be ready for exotic additions to your herb garden. Lavender, lemon balm, lovage, chamomile, tansy, sweet cicely...the names are as romantic as their origins, and the list of craft and culinary possibilities is endless.

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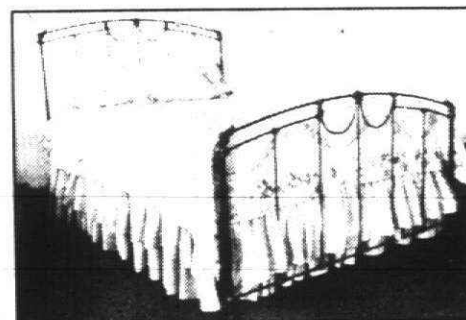
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Flashy newcomers

Showoffs for your 1993 garden

by Debbie Wallis Landau
special writer

The standouts in your 1993 garden are just as likely to be new varieties of trusted old favorites as they are to be new exotic blooms.

And local greenhouse owners are always sensitive to the desires and growing trends of their public, haven't stopped at flowers this year, either. Some of their favorite picks are in the vegetable family.

Dave Smith, Jr., manager of Clyde Smith's in Westland, specializes in locally grown produce.

"The tomato plants you can cultivate today are superior in flavor, texture and performance to those of yesteryear," he says. "Many second- and third-generation people come in still remembering their parents and grandparents touting the merits of the old Beefsteak Tomato."

The consumer who buys grown produce is often at the mercy of grocery stores, Smith says.

"You can't control when the produce is picked. Often they are picked before they are ripe and color is injected into them," he says. "Growing your own, on the other hand, permits you to harvest to your taste."

"Many of our customers mix flower and vegetable gardens," says Fiona

Brinks, sales and florist manager for Bordines in Rochester. One of her favorite flowers is Penstemon Blue Lantana, a lavender blue offering which blooms all summer and does beautifully with geraniums. Brinks says she is also getting more prairie flowers, as consumers opt for a wild, less cultivated look.

One perennial, Mike Bovio, greenhouse manager for English Gardens in West Bloomfield, likes to recommend is Veronica Sunny Border Blue, with deep blue flowers and large leaves.

"It's hardy for our ever changing climate, can adapt to different soils and full sun. It's very nice planted in combination with echinacea purpurea," Bovio says.

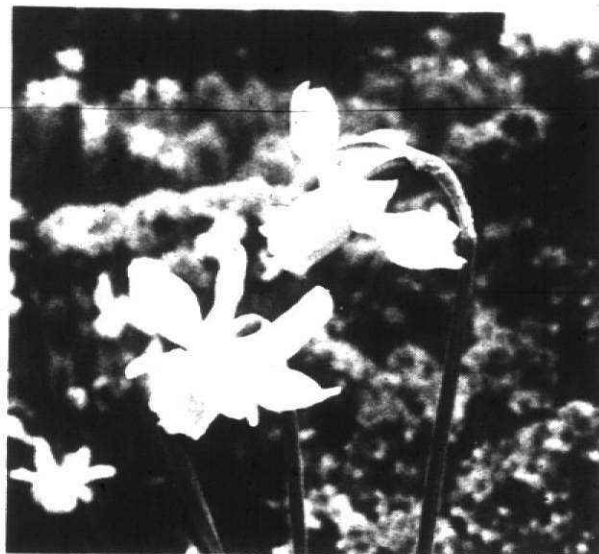
English Gardens is purchasing new varieties of hosta for shady areas. It's a perennial which works nicely with ferns, has an attractive combination of foliage and texture and is low-upkeep.

For one single, best selling plant, Smith is continually pleased with impatiens. Although this greenhouse manager

supervises the growing of plants in his nursery, he insists, "You just don't get the beautiful large mass of flowers in other plants. Not only are they low maintenance, but come in every imaginable color you could desire."

Two new varieties of impatiens he is excited about are the Super Elfin Swirl, which comes in 18 new shades, and the Bi-Color.

"Last year, we presented the Dazzler," Smith says, "and we'll be repeating it again because it sold well."



Beautiful blooms - Flowers like this jaunty 10-inch-tall "Little Witch" narcissus are a cheerful addition.

Hangin' out at the hardware

• Nuts and bolts therapy is one cure for writer's block •

By Cynthia La Ferle
special writer

I'm a frustrated weekend renovator and part-time gardener — one of those people who is handy around the house — mostly in the theoretical sense. But since I'm a freelance writer who works at home, I have more opportunities than most people to notice what needs fixing. I'm learning, day by day, that you can do more with a hammer than hang pictures; that if you wiggle the right things inside the toilet tank, you can get by without a plumber.

My first love is working with words. But there are times when I can't construct a sentence, times when I can't even nail down the simplest idea. When that happens to some writers, they call it writer's block and seek a cure with pals at the neighborhood pub. I discovered that nothing beats the therapy found on the racks and in the bins of hardware suppliers. When I can't cope with the word processor, I sign off and head for the hardware.

A close relative of the old-fashioned general store, my favorite hardware store in town is an emporium of small miracles and endless household possibilities. Here, neatly categorized in no-nonsense departments, are all the hooks, hinges, clasps,

latches, clippers, sprays, and nozzles for every imaginable project.

This is a world in which all the bits and pieces — unlike my unruly paragraphs — click into place and hum like gears in a well-oiled machine.

These days, when few of the tools of daily living are crafted to endure the long haul, the stuff at the hardware store is downright reassuring. At the hardware, for example, you can buy one of those hefty galvanized metal watering cans (forget those flimsy plastic things) that holds gallons of anything and lasts a lifetime. And there are rows of serious-looking shovels in all shapes and sizes, plus several varieties of respectable leather gardening gloves, tough-as-cowboy boots.

If nothing else, hardware stores are inspirational. They remind me that improving one's surroundings isn't much different than striving to perfect one's art. Like unfinished paintings or novels, houses and gardens are works in progress; with a little imagination, the right tools, and maybe some elbow grease, anything is possible. Even a better bathroom.

I wander the plumbing supply aisles whenever I need inspiration for one of my circa 1920s bathrooms. I marvel at the

gleaming array of brass faucets, fancy shower attachments, porcelain switchplates — quick fixes that will satisfy my urge to make changes until I can afford a contractor to knock out some walls and start from scratch.

And then there's my kitchen, which has suffered the indignities of a 1970s remodeling job and needs several thousand dollars worth of construction. But at the hardware store, less than a couple hundred dollars would buy a few boxes of classy brass cabinet handles and a few cans of paint for an instant "facelift."

I sometimes fritter away hours pondering do-it-yourself improvement projects and the gadgets that go with them. Most of these items won't find their way home in my shopping bag. But it doesn't matter. There are times when searching for a new mailbox, plant fertilizer, or light fixture is more fun than catching misplaced modifiers and spelling errors in my articles.

I visit the hardware store to remind myself that some ideas literally take shape with the twist of a wrench or screwdriver. I look for a temporary escape from the abstract world of words — and for some dreams that come true with easy-to-follow instructions.

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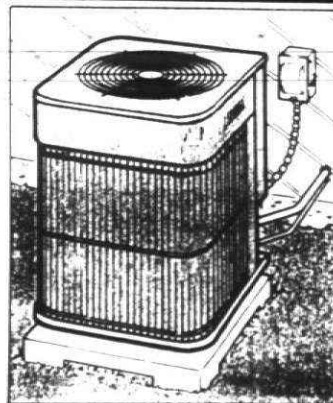
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Great outdoor rooms

Extend the season by expanding your living space.

By Cynthia G. La Ferle
special writer

Call it moving the indoors out or bringing the outdoors in -- it's all a matter of perspective. Either way, the walls that separate us from the great outdoors are coming down.

Alfresco living spaces -- porches, decks, gardens, and patios -- extend the pleasures of Michigan's fleeting summer by providing additional places to eat, entertain, and enjoy the natural world.

"The days of the old cement patio slab are gone," says Jim Sica, President of Jimmies Rustics, Livonia. "The trend is toward making beautiful -- sometimes elaborate -- extensions of the interior, right down to sophisticated outdoor furnishings and cushion fabrics. It has a lot to do with the fact that people are spending more free time at home and want to make the most of it."

Unlike other home improvement projects, an outdoor "room" doesn't require tremendous effort or a huge budget. Using your imagination and a variety of furnishings and products, you can fashion an inviting retreat in a matter of days.

First, define your outdoor domain with walls of latticework, bright area rugs, awnings, canopies, or arbors. Walkways and paths designed from brick, gravel, or blue-stone can extend the space to the pool or garden.

ALL DECKED OUT

Decks can be plain-and-simple extensions of your interior world, or multi-level architectural wonders. Most decks are fairly easy to assemble -- if you're a reasonably skilled carpenter.

But before you start, visit your local lumber yard and discuss your ideas with someone who can explain the pros and cons of the varieties of lumber available -- cedar or redwood, for example. The experts at Erb Lumber in Birmingham and Haggerty Lumber in Walled Lake can

offer tips on how to treat and maintain your chosen deck materials.

Front or back porches become nostalgic escapes when outfitted with down-home comforts and accessories.

Hanging swings, like the one on Great Grandma's porch, are making a comeback. These are available at most local hardware or lumber suppliers. "We're also stocking the old-fashioned

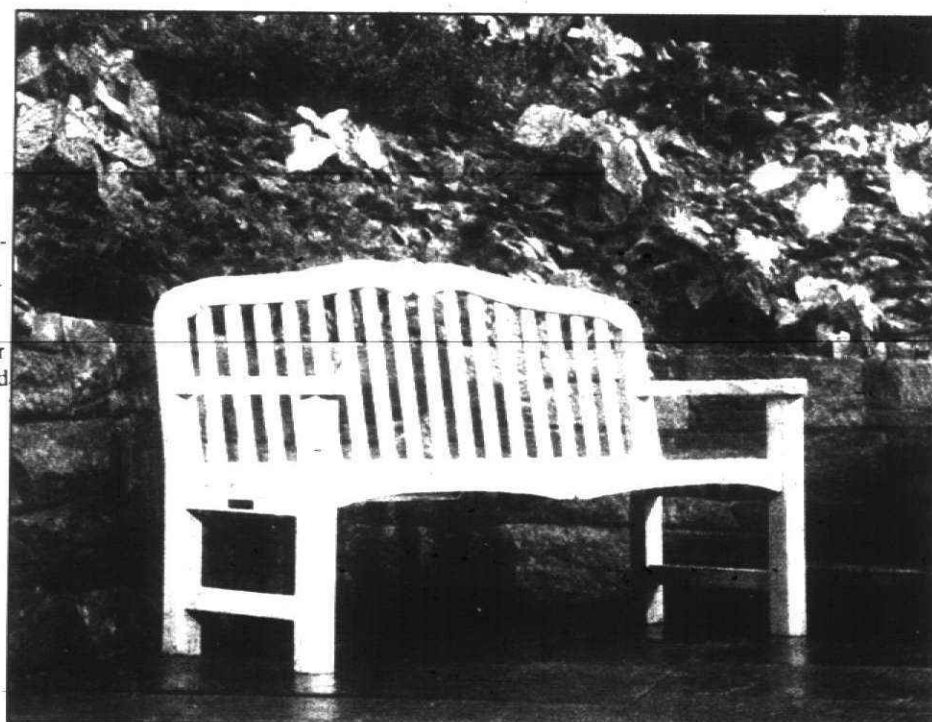
gliders, which you can use on porches or decks," says Al Jean of Jean's Hardware in Farmington Hills.

Complete the setting with a huge pot of red geraniums and a pitcher of lemonade, and you've got it made in the shade.

FINE FURNISHINGS

The newest garden furniture is so stylish that it's not surprising to find it used indoors as well as outside.

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"Teakwood -- for benches, dining sets, & planters -- is coming on strong this season," notes Jim Sica of Jimmies Rustics in Livonia. "It's insect-proof and durable enough to last a lifetime."

Elegant teak English benches, such as the one pictured here, are perfect in a private corner of a garden.

Extending living space with outdoor furnishings is a must for those spending more time at home

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or the weather. Some pieces can be moved back and forth with ease. Top choices include umbrella tables, director's chairs, hammocks, beverage carts, and picnic tables.

Before purchasing garden furniture, consider such factors as storage and maintenance -- and how the pieces will weather in your outdoor room.

"Teakwood -- for benches, dining sets, and planters -- is coming on strong this season," notes Jim Sica of Jimmies Rustics. "It's insect-proof and durable enough to last a lifetime," he adds, noting that those elegant teak English garden benches are ever-popular accents on decks or tucked in a private corner of the garden.

And for the rustic look, nothing beats the woody charm of weathered Adirondack chairs or twig furnishings.

Now produced in weather-resistant finishes, wicker remains a popular choice for outdoor living rooms; ditto time-hon-

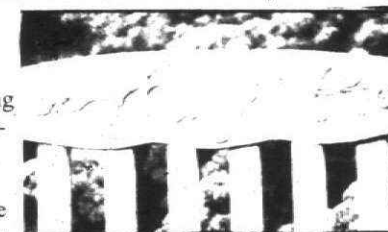
ored wrought iron in Victorian or contemporary styles. And look for the new acrylic weather-proof furniture cushions, available in a variety of styles at Casual Concepts in Rochester.

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And don't forget to illuminate your deck or garden. Japanese lanterns, miniature lights, and low-voltage ground lighting turn an ordinary garden party into a festive occasion.



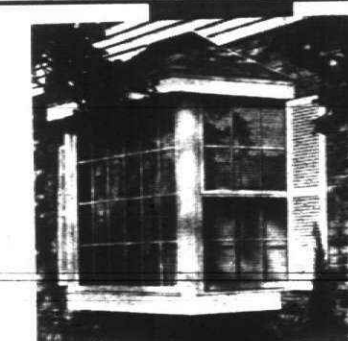
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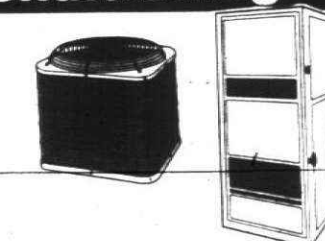
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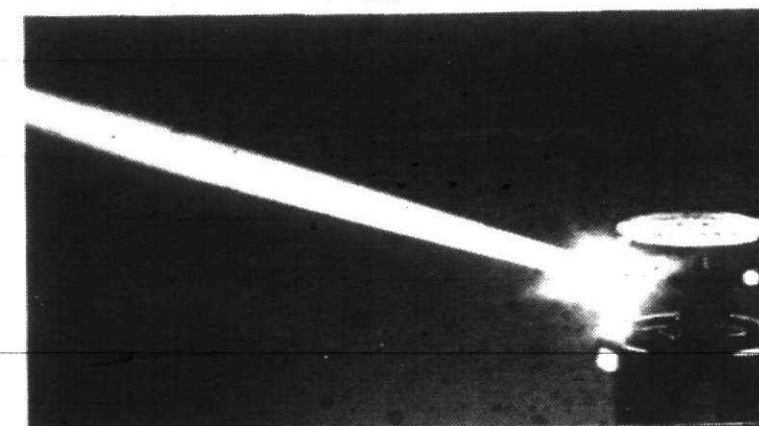
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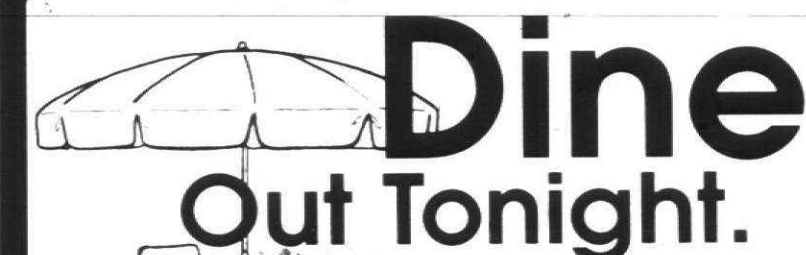
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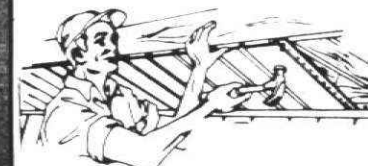
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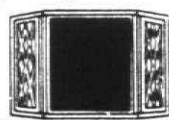
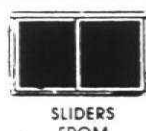
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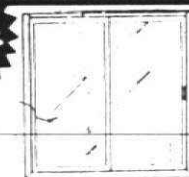
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