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## Officials tell farmers to appeal



**Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack met Monday with farmers angry over tax hikes of up to 300 percent on their land. Yack told them to take the fight to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.**

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

An apology, suggestions and a promise were offered to farmers living west of Canton Center Road in the wake of three-digit property tax assessment increases.

"I promise you will get your meeting with the assessor," Canton Town-

ship Clerk Loren Bennett told farmers at a special meeting Monday night.

Bennett, Tom Yack, township supervisor, and Elaine Kirchgatter, township treasurer, told farmers to file appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Meanwhile, farmers also are encouraged to meet with the township

assessor to negotiate a reduction before the July tax bill comes out.

"We are not telling him (the assessor) to give relief. We are telling the assessor, 'You shall negotiate right now,'" Bennett said.

The assessor has been told to meet with each petitioner. "I can guarantee he'll be out (speaking with each one)," said Yack, who also apologized to farmer Duane Bordine for suggesting he open a driving range on his farm land at a meeting two weeks ago.

"If I was flip in my remarks, I didn't intend it," Yack said, adding later that he had put his foot in his

mouth.

Yack told farmers the Board of Review has the limited ability to adjust assessments townshipwide by 1 percent of the township's total state equalized value, or \$10 million. Beyond that, Wayne County can apply a "factor" — a universal percentage adjustment in assessments — across the community.

Another short-term approach is the June 2 vote on Gov. John Engler's tax plan, which proposes a cap on assessment increases. "That takes care of your problems," Yack said, if voters

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### Helping hand



— BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Finding the way:** Bonnie Graham has dedicated herself toward helping kids find their way.

## Teacher can think like a kid

BY JILL HALPIN  
STAFF WRITER

Bonnie Graham never forgot what it was like to be a child.

That, area parents say, is one of the many reasons that the 52-year-old Plymouth teacher is so successful in motivating preschoolers.

"She's so positive with the children. She remembers being a kid, and they know that," said Rose Murphy of Canton.

Three of Murphy's four children have attended the Plymouth YMCA's "Kreatives" preschool, where Graham teaches 2½- to 5-

year-olds four days a week.

Kreatives is located in Canton's Faith Moravian Church, at Warren and Canton Center roads, but is not associated with the church. Parents may register their children through the Plymouth YMCA.

The preschool runs from September until June and is divided into six-week sessions. Each session lasts for six weeks, and children may attend up to four days a week. The cost of each session depends on the number of days that the child attends.

Graham — along with teacher Sandra Schneider and volunteer

assistant Joyce Nyquist, both of Canton — recognizes each child's individuality and works it into the curriculum.

Graham spends many days on her hands and knees, playing and talking with the children literally "at their own level."

"She's so great with the kids. We started coming to the preschool because we liked the program, but we keep coming back because of Bonnie," Murphy said.

Canton parent Kim Armbruster agrees.

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## Schools to ask for tax hike despite governor's proposal

BY M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

Voters in Plymouth-Canton still will be asked in the school election June 14 to renew 17.74 mills and approve 4 additional mills for two years, despite Gov. John Engler's plan to hold a June 2 school election.

The tax increase would cost the owner of a \$160,000 home an addi-

tional \$820 per year.

On the ballot June 2 will be a proposal to cut property taxes and raise the state sales tax from the current 4 percent to 6 percent by constitutional amendment. Under Engler's plan, school operating property taxes would be reduced to 18 mills statewide, also by constitutional amendment. School boards could ask voters to authorize up to a maximum of 27 mills.

The finance package would guarantee per-pupil spending of \$4,800 per year in every school district.

Beginning in 1993, property assessments would be increased by 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Districts would have to pay their own Social Security and retirement costs from their basic grants.

See TAX, 4A

## Tax defeat spurs Wayne-Westland to eye cuts

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Angry taxpayers crushed two Wayne-Westland school tax proposals Monday, forcing school officials to begin considering massive budget cuts that could top \$14 million.

The Wayne-Westland school district serves about 300 students in the eastern portion of Canton Township.

Local voters soundly rejected a proposal to renew 6 mills of a 7.75-mill tax that expires in June. The plan failed by a 63-to-37 percent margin, with 6,410 opposed and 3,886 in favor.

Voters sent an even stronger message on a proposed Headlee Amendment waiver, which would have allowed school taxes to rise faster than the rate of inflation.

The Headlee override failed by more than a 2-to-1 margin, 71 percent to 29 percent. Just 2,903 voters supported it, while 7,099 opposed it.

The mood was somber as 200 tax supporters

gathered at the Dyer Center on Marquette for election results that clearly spelled out voters' anti-tax sentiment.

"I think people are just taxed to death, and it's a nationwide scream," said Kathy Darfler, who had co-chaired the "United for Kids" tax campaign committee.

"Watch programs go down the drain. Then watch homes begin not to sell," Darfler said. "People have to decide if they want to live here or in some place like Kalkaska," where schools recently closed early for the year due to budget problems.

Early in the campaign, school officials had strongly hinted that they would return to voters in June with another tax plan if Monday's proposals failed.

However, Superintendent Larry Thomas said Monday he probably won't recommend another local tax election in June because it could conflict with a statewide ballot issue. Michigan vot-

ers will decide whether to approve a 50-percent sales tax increase in exchange for property tax cuts.

Thomas blamed Monday's loss on a series of issues, such as the recent announcement of the state proposal and the double-digit property assessment increases that Wayne-Westland residents received this year.

"Just about everything we could ask to go against us went against us," he said.

As Wayne-Westland officials look at budget cuts, school board member Francis "Bud" Winter said he wants to hear from parents, students, district employees and other community residents. He suggested a series of public hearings.

David Moranty, chairman of the Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee that opposed the two plans, said voters saw through a "deceptive" campaign in which school officials had downplayed the financial strain that the taxes would have on citizens.



# Schools seek better communication

By M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

Members of Plymouth-Canton's Community School Council decided to do more than lament the fact that communication is still the school district's biggest problem.

At a workshop Monday, parents met in small groups with school board members and administrators to brainstorm ways to improve. Those who participated deemed it a success.

"We met three years ago with the board and felt it wasn't successful," said Joan Noricks, a council officer. "We felt like it was one-way. Tonight we're coming away with concrete ideas and common-sense things we can do that won't cost a lot of money."

Pat O'Donnell, executive director for K-12 instruction, summarized his group's comments: "We do some good things at times. We need to come up with ways for parents and teachers to talk about what is going on in school."

School newsletters need to be more consistent and more informative. They need to contain more detail about decisions of the board and what's going on in buildings.

Taking problems to the board of education doesn't always work, he said.

"You take an issue before the board and you get two minutes. You may or may not get your answer. There needs to be another vehicle. Sometimes going to administration doesn't work either. I don't think it (the issue) is communication; I think it's trust and credibility."

School board member Jack Farrow said his group's suggestions included publishing a school directory; publicizing the school council, which would enable parents to use it as an ombudsman; and outlining for parents each year what teachers' goals are.

Noricks said parents' access to teachers needs to be improved. "One-on-one communication is

crucial at the elementary level. That's what makes parents buy into their school being a wonderful place." Voice mail for teachers would assist parents in reaching them. So would publicizing at the beginning of the school year the hours of the day teachers are accessible.

A newsletter specifically for the high schools would give parents information about events, activities, testing and try-out dates, added Noricks. A newsletter also could be used to disseminate phone numbers for contact people, and to recognize student achievement.

Reporting for her group, middle school teacher Mary Williams said the district could work to change the media's attitude to make it more community-oriented "instead of us versus them." Focus groups would be helpful, and access to the administration and board could be improved, she said.

School board member Carl Bat-

tistill said school improvement committees need to involve more parents. The committees themselves should meet outside individual school buildings with their counterparts from other buildings.

Battistill also addressed "education-ese." "A lot of our communications are in a language known only by humans working in school buildings. A parent could assist (community relations director and district newsletter editor) Dick Egli to detect untranslatable things."

Deb Piper, a parent from Pioneer Middle School, said more teachers need to be motivated to take part in school-related events. Residents who don't have children in the schools could be involved in the classroom as mentors, readers, etc.

School employees could stand to be "a little more user-friendly in talking to parents" to make them feel more welcome and informed, she added.

# Land-use plan review tries to reflect reality

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Keeping up with reality.

That's the impetus behind plans to revise Canton Township's master land use plan.

"We've had a lot of master plan changes being requested," said township planner Jeff Goulet. "Usually that's an indication it's time for a change."

The master plan, a guideline for how land in the township should be developed, such as commercial or residential, no longer reflects reality, Goulet said.

"Land is turning over very quickly. That's one concern of the farmers — the pressure toward development," Goulet said.

At a special meeting Monday, farmers in western Canton asked Tom Yack, township supervisor, if something could be done with the master plan or zoning ordinances to protect their land and prevent astronomical assessment increases. Farmers this year were hit with three-digit increases.

Township assessor John McLenaghan said development has now reached west of Canton

Center Road. And development is expected in those western agricultural areas. When the master plan was last updated in the 1980s, more opportunity was allowed for development in that area, he said.

"The master plan now reasonably reflects what is expected to happen there, and it's residential," McLenaghan said.

Goulet expects the update will take 6-12 months and will include reviewing environmental constraints, such as wetlands, in the community, as well as public facilities, such as sewers.

# Readers want Lorenzes to keep Mayflower afloat

The vote is in, and readers have asked the Lorenz family to stick around.

In an informal telephone poll in which readers were asked to respond via voice mail, 45 voted in favor of the Lorenz family's continued involvement in the running of the Mayflower Hotel. There were 16 calls opposed to the involvement.

The hotel was purchased in the late 1930s by the late Ralph Lorenz, who ran it through the 1980s, when he turned its operation over to a group which included sons Scott and Randy.

Here are some comments made

by those in favor of the Lorenz family staying involved in operations of the hotel:

■ The Mayflower Hotel should stay in the Lorenz family. It is a family-based community. It would be a tragedy to lose it.

■ The Mayflower Hotel is a great asset to Plymouth, and just the charm of the hotel should be kept. It could use renovations, different food in the restaurant. It is awesome and should stay in the Lorenz family. We love it. It is Plymouth.

■ The Lorenz family has always been so good for this city. I believe it should stay with the

Lorenz family.

■ We're behind the Lorenz family all the way. We hope you'll make it.

Here's what readers on the other side of the question had to say:

■ The owners of the Mayflower Hotel have not marketed to the proper people, such as the tourist or the shopper who comes to

downtown Plymouth. They have not been very aggressive in what they're trying to do to retain the hotel to be a nice environment to shop in or to stay in.

■ The Lorenz family, from my experience, really didn't care about the hotel. They really don't deserve to own it. It is much better off in the hands it is in now, being run much better.



It works: WTUA officials Tom Yack and Deloris Newell watch meters after throwing the switch Tuesday at the new WTUA pump station in Canton.

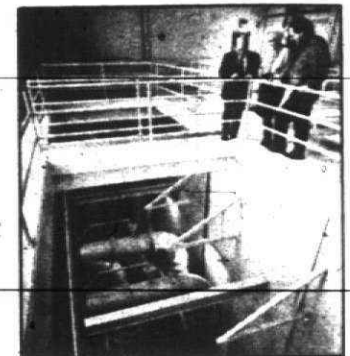
# Sewer pump station starts operations

Operations at a pump station crucial to the new Western Townships Utilities Authority system started Tuesday.

WTUA chairman Thomas Yack, executive director Deloris Newell, and project engineer Phil Loud started operations at the pump station at 40905 Joy Road in Canton.

"The opening of the Lower Rouge Equalization Basin and Pump Station is another step toward protecting the environment, including improving the quality of the lower Rouge and eliminating the flooding that has plagued our residents," Yack said.

Much of the sewage held in the basin comes from Canton, one of three charter townships that formed WTUA in December 1986. Yack said that with the WTUA system operating, residents of Canton, Plymouth Township and Northville Township can avoid excess flow charges that the Detroit water department has passed on to communities.



Ready to flow: WTUA chairman Tom Yack, executive director Deloris Newell and project engineer Phil Loud peer at discharge water and pump valves.

"The WTUA communities will be able to document each and every drop of sewage sent to the Detroit and the Ypsilanti plants, thanks to extensive metering," Yack said.

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**Appeal, Appeal:**  
That was the suggestion offered by Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack to farmers who live west of Canton Center Road and were hit with three-digit assessment increases.



# Yack says he'll talk to assessor about hikes

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack knew farmers would get a property tax assessment in this year. But he had no idea just how bad it would be.

"I said, 'it's probably time to do that,'" Yack said, recalling his conversation with the township assessor that farmland assessments would increase roughly 30 percent.

"I bet there's not one person in this room that got a 30-percent increase," Yack told farmers, of whom most received increases in the three-digit range, one even reaching 1000 percent.

"So obviously, I have some discussing to do with the assessor," Yack told farmers who live west of Canton Center Road at a special meeting Monday.

Yack also told farmers that he was unaware that the assessor changed the agricultural classification to residential for tax purposes.

Farmers asked why they were not notified until they received their assessment noticed that they had been reclassified.

"You snuck the classification change in on us. I feel you secretly went behind our backs and did it," said resident Barbara Holmes.

Yack said he was unaware the classification would be changed. "No. He (the assessor) did not check with me. Should he have checked? Yes, he should have."

But Yack assured farmers the increases that many didn't get in the past 12 years, "was a political decision."

Farmers wanted to know why the assessor was not at the meeting. "I should take the heat for what has happened. I'm the guy, bottomline. The buck stops with me," Yack said.

Township officials also made it clear that they too are pointing the finger at the assessor. "We don't enjoy evenings like this. The assessor put us in this position," said Loren Bennett, township clerk.

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approve it.

If it doesn't pass, Yack said officials plan to meet with the assessor and township attorneys to see what more can be done.

"We're asking you to help us. You guys are our elected officials; you're supposed to be helping us," said resident George Holmes.

"How long do people have to own property before you have a township stand up and work for you?" asked Duane Bordine. "You're just forcing us out."

Yack assured farmers he and other officials want to work with farmers and that there is no intention to drive them out of Canton.

"No one intended what happened. No one intended that your assessments increased as much as they did," Yack said.

While officials spoke of westward development, farmers asked why township officials can't stop the development that may have an effect on their assessments.

"There are very few things we have control over," Yack said, adding the farmers can all agree not to sell their property to developers.

But Holmes interrupted: "We're talking about people taking our property."

Yack told farmers that the master plan and zoning ordinances must hold up in court and cannot be changed for certain individuals. "The plan has to be defensible and transitional from one side of the community to the other."

**Why us? Resident George Goff was among 20-30 farmers who wanted to know why farmland was reclassified from agricultural to residential for tax purposes.**



# Canton police fingerprint kids

Parents are encouraged to have their children fingerprinted by Canton police at Meijer this weekend.

Police will be on hand 4-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the shopping center at Ford and Canton Center roads.

Parents will be given the prints to keep on record for identification purposes. Police do not keep the prints.

Fingerprinting is recommended for children of all ages, including teenagers. Prints are helpful for identification if children are lost or taken, said Tammie Colling, Canton police community relations officer.

"We will also give out kits with suggestions of what to talk to your children about for preventing any type of kidnapping situation," Colling said.

# Citizens panel formed on Mettetal purchase

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

A six-member committee has approximately one month to study the state's proposed purchase of Mettetal Airport and report its findings to the state transportation director.

"After the issues have been identified, they will collect information. They are free to collect the pros and cons of each issue. But they will not be making a recommendation," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

The committee's first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14. Meetings will be open to the public. But members are not required to take public comments.

"It's up to them," Yack said. Michigan Department of Transportation Director Pat Novak told residents and the Plymouth and Canton townships board members in March that he

is willing to hold off on the airport purchase until he hears from the citizens committee.

The committee's deadline is May 14. After that the information is due on Novak's desk.

"I looked for a group that had certain characteristics and people who could analyze information," Yack said.

Some of the issues to be studied include economic impact, control and regulation, such as expansion, and public-private issues.

The committee includes co-chairs Bruce Patterson, Wayne County Commissioner Bryan Amman, and members John Vergona, an airport opponent, Mark Merlanti, an airport opponent, Barb Bergenty, president of the Canton Homeowners Association Advisory Council, and Margaret Slezak, a Plymouth Township resident.



Asking for help: George Holmes asked township officials for changes in zoning ordinances that would help farmers protect their land and prevent big assessment increases.

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Board of Commissioners Meeting Synopsis  
7 p.m. Monday, March 22, 1993  
WTUA Conference Room  
40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan  
Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.  
Present: Thomas J. Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Karen Baja.  
The agenda was adopted.  
The minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 1993, the regular meeting of February 22, 1993, and the special meeting of March 8, 1993, were approved.  
Resolution Certificate No. 104 and Resolution Certificate 105 totaling \$2,343,711.35 were approved.  
The Engineer's Update was received and filed.  
The Audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, was accepted.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK,  
Chairman

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# Shots fired in two incidents

In two separate incidents, shots were fired and two men found themselves in the custody of Canton police.

At Canton Crossings April 3, police responded to a call of shots fired. When they arrived they found 8-10 youths walking on Honeytree Blvd. Some of the

## Teacher from page 1A

"Bonnie relates to the children so well and is so interested in their lives," said Armbruster.

Graham has taught the Kreative preschool for the past 14 years and teaches other YMCA courses, including a preschool cooking course. All of the courses are aimed at helping children create positive self-images.

With over 25 years of teaching experience, she has very clear ideas on how to do that.

**Music motivates**

Music, manners and sharing are great motivators, she believes. "Music is so important to young people. They all love to sing and dance, and it makes them feel so good. It's a wonderful way to learn," she said.

In addition to classroom song times, Graham recently began organizing music programs, in which the children sing and dance

only a BB gun. It's not mine," the youth, an Ohio resident, reportedly told police.

In another incident also on April 3, police responded to Canton Commons on a report of shots fired and attempted murder. While trying to investigate those complaints, a man was arrested

## Treating children

"Bonnie knows what is important to the children. She has a tremendous ability to get down to their level and treat them as individuals," said YMCA executive director Joanne McCarthy.

The Kreative preschool program has been very successful, McCarthy added.

"It's a very nurturing atmosphere. The teachers care about what happens to the kids, and the kids feel it," said McCarthy.

"Bonnie is definitely outgoing and eager to see the kids grow and change," said Schneider, who has taught with Graham for over a year.

Schneider's son Brandon, 2½, attends the school.

"The whole curriculum is centered around positive self-image, respecting ourselves and each other. Bonnie sets a pretty good example herself," Schneider added.

for interfering with police.

That same man was the target of another resident's anger. The resident, who at first refused to come out of his apartment, finally complied. He had apparently shot in the air, as well as from a distance, at the man who had tried to interfere with police.

Graham, originally from New York, has lived in Plymouth for almost 30 years.

She moved to the area after college with her former husband, a 1961 Plymouth High School graduate.

"He liked the area so much that he wanted his children to attend the same schools that he had," she said.

Daughters Catherine, 26, and Mary, 21, both attended Plymouth Canton schools. Cathy graduated from Plymouth Salem in 1984, and Marianne graduated from Plymouth Canton in 1990.

"Bonnie is a very caring person, especially with her students," said Schneider. "The children enjoy being with her."

# Tax from page 1A

While Plymouth-Canton school officials agree Engler's package is the best among those presented in recent months, it leaves the district in a Catch-22, said Superintendent John Hohen.

"Given what's out there, the governor's proposal appears to be the best. It gives some relief to the taxpayer, but doesn't solve all the district's problems. It leaves us with a deficit and the need for 4 mills," Hohen said.

"That's why we need some type of ballot issue, even if the sales tax is approved," said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business.

The governor's proposal "would take us from a levy of 37 mills to 20.24," said Hohen. "That's a 13-mill drop." (The district could levy 20.24 mills because of provisions in Engler's proposal addressing previously approved millage.)

The Plymouth-Canton district this year is spending almost \$2 million more than it has in revenue, in part because the state, without warning, recaptured \$1.6 million in aid last fall, wiping out the schools' fund balance, Hoedel said.

A tax-base-sharing plan, languishing in court in a class-action lawsuit, has another \$750,000 tied up in escrow.

"This is a bad year for this to take effect," said Hoedel. Complicating the situation are a number of things yet to be addressed by the Legislature, he added.

"We usually borrow on tax anticipation notes. We're restricted as to what we can borrow. They may have to make it more flexible. They haven't addressed our cash-flow needs."

Also, said Hoedel, "We don't know when we're going to see the state aid. Weekly? Monthly? Bi-monthly? There's no telling."

Richard Egli, associate director for community relations, said Engler's plan complicates the district's millage campaign.

"It certainly makes it more difficult, because confusion brings a negative feeling. Consequently, we have to not only inform people but help them understand what isn't really clear to us yet," he said.

"We're at a point where we need to be concerned with the quality of education in the school district."

A look at the district's history shows that on several occasions, authorized millage wasn't levied after it became evident it wasn't needed, Hohen said.

The district currently spends \$5,200 per pupil and levies 33.8 operating mills. Levied for the debt retirement is 2.3 mills.

Hohen credited Engler for selling the compromise to the Legislature. "I have to give the guy credit. He whipped his party into shape on short timelines. He's a wily politician," Engler's Resolution G passed 74-22 in the House and 31-4 in the Senate.

Hoben said that under the governor's plan, the state will spend less overall on education.

# Six candidates vie for 3 S'craft seats

Three incumbents and three challengers have taken out petitions to run for three seats on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the June 14 election.

The deadline for returning the petitions, with the required number of signatures, is Monday at 4 p.m. To inquire about getting a petition, call 462-4420.

Of the challengers, only Linda Chuhman of Canton Township didn't vie for one of two appointments the board made in January to fill seats left vacant when two former trustees were elected to other offices.

Chuhman, 42, is an accountant and former Canton Township clerk.

Challenger Robert Devries, a Livonia resident, is retired from Livonia Public Schools.

Challenger Cathy Broadbent is a Schoolcraft graduate and director of human resources in Plymouth Township. She has a business degree from Madonna University. She lives in Westland.

The incumbent trustees are Patricia Watson, Winifred Fraser and John Walsh.

Walsh is an attorney with Lewis, White & Clay in Detroit. He's active on the political action and government relations committees of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and also serves as director of the Livonia Jaycees. He lives in Livonia.

The Schoolcraft area includes the school districts of Livonia, Plymouth Canton, Northville, Clarencville and Garden City.

Schoolcraft trustees serve without pay.

## MADD salutes cops who collar drunks

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Wayne County has honored 34 officers for high drunk driving arrest totals with the 1993 Lifesavers award.

Honorees were nominated by their supervisors and were presented with plaques from MADD.

Area officers honored were: Canton Township — Officer Todd Mutchler, who issued 91 drunk-driving citations during 1992.

Garden City — Officer Lyle Dickson, whose arrests were 30 percent of the entire arrest totals in department.

Livonia — Officer Donald Borieo. Assigned to the midnight shift, Borieo improved his personal OUIL arrest record by 500 percent and led the way to his shift achieving a 50-percent improvement.

Northville — Patrolman Glenn Stewart, who joined the department as a part-time officer in 1984 and returned full time in 1986. He previously received the MADD Lifesaver award in 1991 from the Oakland County chapter.

City of Plymouth — Officer Steve Hundersmarck, who in 1992 made 68 drunk-driving arrests, approximately 30 percent of the department's total.

Plymouth Township — Officer Kevin A. Lauria.

Redford Township — Officer Timothy L. Paul, who made almost twice as many OUIL arrests as anyone else in the department.

Wayne County Sheriff's Hines Park station in Livonia — Officer William Fox, who has with the department nine years and assigned to the OUIL squad for two.

# Tax plan

## Better to be bruised than killed, rep says

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Mike Bouchard sat at his desk in the Michigan Senate with his index finger over the green light, middle finger over the red light — one for yes, the other for no.

"I could have gone either way," said Sen. Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who finally voted yes on the massive state school tax shift plan that voters will find on the June 2 ballot.

The Senate voted 31-4, five more than the necessary two-thirds, only hours after the House gave it 74-22 approval. The plan would raise the state sales tax by 50 percent, use the money to cut property taxes, and cap assessments.

Many outstate lawmakers were enthusiastic. "Because we've

## Killed or bruised?

So why did Bouchard, a first term senator, vote yes? Two reasons:

"The Robin Hood damage would have been greater than the loss of revenue," he referred to pending bills that could take away even more categorical aid — such as transportation and special ed — than the measure that passed. "They were going to come after all of the retirement and FICA (Social Security that the state has paid). That was painfully clear. It was also painfully clear they had the votes."

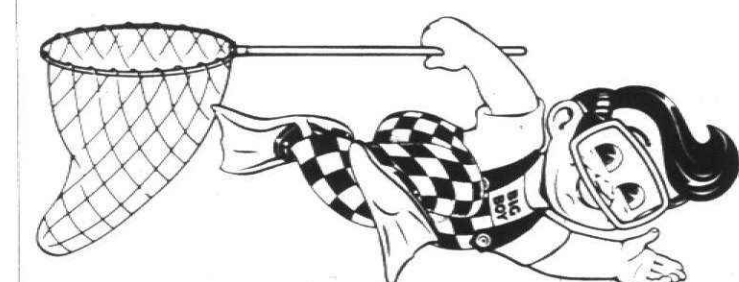
Assessments would be capped at 5 percent or the rate of consumer price inflation. Suburbs west and north of Detroit have been among the hardest hit areas of the

## How they voted

Area senators voting yes were Republicans Bouchard, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, David Honigman of West Bloomfield and Robert Geake of Northville and Democrats William Faust of Westland and George Z. Hart of Dearborn.

Voting no — vociferously and at length — was Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Trillium Woods, a proposed subdivision located south of Ann Arbor Road, north of Joy Road, west of Canton Center Road and east of Westlark Subdivision No. 2, as required by Subdivision Ordinance No. 32. Application No. 1187A.

Description of property for the proposed subdivision is:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 33, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 33, T. 1 S., R. 8 E. AND PROCEEDING THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33 N. 89°50'44" W. 624.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED, THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID LINE N. 89°50'44" W. 688.83' TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WESTERLY VILLAGE SUB'N NO. 2, RECORDED IN LIBER 98, PLATS, PAGES 57 & 58, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SUBDIVISION N. 00°06'22" W. 1,117.94'; THENCE N. 89°53'08" E. 600.00'; THENCE S. 00°06'22" E. 484.93'; THENCE S. 89°51'09" E. 250.19'; THENCE S. 00°00'44" E. 587.03'; THENCE N. 89°50'44" W. 180.00'; THENCE S. 00°00'44" E. 248.82' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 22.946 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SOUTH 33.00' THEREOF FOR ROAD PURPOSES (JOY ROAD), BEING SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE TYLER COUNTY DRAIN AND TO EASEMENTS OF RECORD

Tax I.D. Nos. 056-99-0025; 056-99-0028; 056-99-0029; 056-99-0030-001

The plat, as proposed, is available for review by the public during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application, review of the proposed plat, meeting, and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

DONALD SPROGELL, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk  
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## OBITUARIES

## CHARLES C. CHANDLER

Services for Charles C. Chandler, 82, of Plymouth were Tuesday, April 6, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was in Wolf Creek Cemetery, Eldorado, Ill.

He was born Feb. 28, 1911 in Herrin Township, Ill. He died Sunday, April 4, in Plymouth. He came to the community in 1980 from Westland. He was employed by Garwood Industry in Wayne, Michigan as a machinist for 31 years. His hobby was woodworking. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth L. Chandler of Plymouth; two stepsons, Larry Martin of Livonia and Roy Martin of Garden City; two stepdaughters, Carolyn Miller of Quitman, Ga. and Judith Smith of Brooklyn, Mich.; one daughter, Darlene Allen of Wheaton, Ill.; three grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Imogene Chandler of Georgia. The Rev. Paul F. White officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor.

## SYLVIA V. MORNINGSTAR

Services for Sylvia V. Morningstar, 65, of Westland were Friday, April 9, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

She was born June 1, 1927 in Rutherford, N.J. She died Monday, March 29, in Ann Arbor. She lived in Livonia, Detroit, and most recently in Westland. She graduated from Wayne State University in 1967. Phi Beta Kappa. She was a public school teacher, teaching in the Livonia Public Schools for 20 years (Franklin and Stevenson High Schools). She taught sociology and psychology. She was a member of the Michigan Education Association.

She is survived by two sons, Dain K. Morningstar of Plymouth and Todd E. Morningstar of Milan; one daughter, Barbara L. Morningstar of Northville; four grandchildren, including Dain B. Morningstar of Plymouth and Justin Morningstar of Plymouth; two brothers and one sister.

The Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor.

Contributions may be given to American Heart Association.

## MARY R. TORRIE

Services for Mary R. Torrie, 85, of Plymouth were Saturday, April 3, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Feb. 22, 1908 in Canada. She died Wednesday, March 31, in Novi. She was a resident of both Plymouth and Detroit since coming to the U.S. from Canada in 1936. She retired in 1977 from Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit, where she worked from 1950-1977. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Sharon Rucinski of Plymouth; two grandchildren; two brothers, Frank Riley of Leesburg, Fla. and Owen Riley of Lexington; and one sister, Irene Stropole of Nova Scotia, Canada.

The Rev. John Menner officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Our Lady of Providence, 16115 N. Beck Road, Northville, Mich. 48167 or in the form of Mass offerings. Arrangements were made by

Schrader Funeral Home.

## HAROLD E. WILSON

Services for Harold E. Wilson, 90, of Plymouth were Thursday, April 1, at St. John's Episcopal Church. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

He was born Oct. 13, 1902 in Toronto, Canada. He died Monday, March 29, in Livonia. He came to the Plymouth community 12 years ago from Detroit. He retired in 1971 as a time keeper for the Cross Company of Fraser, Mich. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Lola Valley Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. in Redford.

He is survived by one step-son, James M. McBrien of Lansing; one sister-in-law, Emma Morrison of Plymouth; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Robert S. Shank Jr. officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Arrangements were

made by Schrader Funeral Home.

## SARAH A. ALDINI

Services for Sarah A. Aldini, one year old, of Plymouth Township were Monday, April 5, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She was born April 12, 1991 in Ann Arbor. She died Thursday, April 1, in Ann Arbor.

She is survived by her parents, Lido and Theresa Aldini of Plymouth Township; one brother, Michael Aldini of Plymouth Township; one sister, Julia Aldini of Plymouth Township; grand-parents, Thomas and Carole Harris and Mary S. Aldini; and great-grandparents, Frances Chase and Vernon Hill.

The Rev. John Sullivan officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given in the form of Mass offerings or to Mott Children's Hospital for neurological research. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100

Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## DELORES J. FRENCH

Services for Delores J. French, 64, of Plymouth were Thursday, April 8, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 16, 1928 in Stroud, Okla. She died Sunday, April 4, in Plymouth. She was a homemaker and member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Dick T. French of Plymouth; one daughter, Denise D. Barackman of Garden City; one son, Douglas French of Canton; three grandchildren; and two brothers, Jim Adams of Woodward, Okla. and Jerry Adams of Bethany, Okla.

Dr. William C. Moore officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, Mich. 48170. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

## Tax from page 5A

"You're not giving people equal property tax relief. In fact, you're asking people to approve an increase on their (sales) taxes for an unequal exchange on their property tax," said Faxon.

"If people live in southeast Michigan," he said, the bill's guarantee of "\$4,800 per child is \$200 less than the average per pupil expenditure today — less! A home in Oakland County of 1,200 square feet can cost 10 times more than in Ontonagon County. You take a look at the uneven cost on housing, and then you say, 'Well, we're going to give everybody the same per pupil expenditure.'"

The Senate tabled another part of the complex plan — a bill that would roll back this year's property tax assessment increases. Senate leaders said there was no rush to take that up, since it won't go into effect unless voters approve raising the sales tax from 4 percent to 6 percent.

Some senators predicted the proposal would fail at the polls.

"Frankly, I think it will go down. I think we're wasting time and wasting money," said Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, referring to the \$5.2 million cost of the special election.

Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, said he voted to put the plan before voters, but was pessimistic about it. "I think what we're doing is setting ourselves up for defeat at the polls. They'll turn down the sales tax increase because they don't trust us," he said.

"It will go down to defeat," said Faxon.

## Much support

But there are several factors in this proposal's favor: ■ It will be alone on the ballot. Almost all the other dozen or so proposals in the last 20 years shared ballot space with other plans.

■ Gov. John Engler already has launched his campaign to win voter approval. Engler at first wanted only a tax cut.

■ "People have really been stung by the huge assessment increases. They realize there's a need to cut property taxes and also to reform the school finance system and this plan does both," said Engler spokesman John Truscott.

■ The Michigan Education Association, the teachers union, won't openly fight this way it fought Engler's 1992 Cut & Cap proposal.

Conservative forces such as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and tax fighter Richard Headlee of Farmington Hills are expected to back it.

## How it works

Boosting the sales tax to 6 percent would bring in \$1.7 billion. It would allow school operating property taxes to be rolled back to 15 mills from the current statewide average of 34.6 mills. Local taxpayers could vote up to 9 additional mills. Most suburban districts would be able to levy 24 to 27 mills.

The proposal would guarantee \$4,800 per pupil for each kindergarten-through-12th grade public

school district. That's an attempt to close the wide gap in spending between rich and poor districts. School districts now spending less than \$4,800 per pupil would be limited to a 10 percent increase each year until they reach that level. Districts spending more wouldn't see less state aid in 1994, but they could see smaller state checks after that.

Property tax savings are estimated at \$280 million in 1994, the first full year of the sales tax, then \$430 million in 1995 and \$617 million in 1996, according to legislative analysts.

Those figures include the higher federal taxes that taxpayers would pay because sales tax, unlike property tax, isn't deductible on federal forms.

Patrick Anderson, director of Taxpayers United for the Michigan Constitution, said the plan had the backing of the tax watchdog group.

"This is the equivalent of a bombshell on tax policy," said Anderson of Farmington Hills. "We are very pleased to see we've finally gotten a constitutional amendment that would truly limit property taxes. They are the biggest problem facing taxpayers."

Anderson, an economist with Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co., said with Michigan's exemption for grocery purchases, the sales tax "is the fairest tax out there." He gave the plan a 50-50 chance of winning voter approval. The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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

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## Common grackles are known for shiny plumage, showy ways



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

Spring heralds the return of birds that have been waiting in the wings down south during the cold winter months in Michigan. Now that temperatures have begun to rise, migratory birds have started to return.

One of the first species to return to our area is the red-winged blackbird. Males arrive first and begin to establish territories along marshy roadside areas.

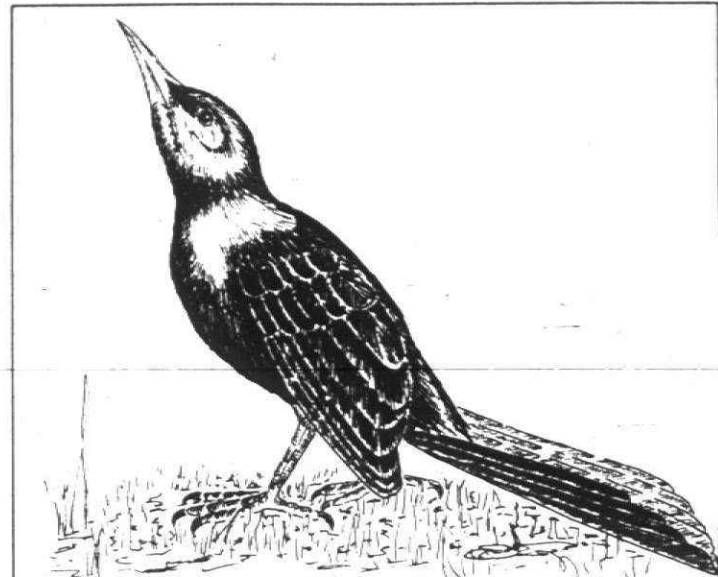
Not far behind the red-winged blackbird is the common grackle. They too are a blackbird. Grackles have become very adapted to our backyard environments - the pines and spruce trees planted there.

Male grackles are similar to females, but they are larger and have shiny black iridescent feathers all over their body. Irrescence on females is duller.

One of the easiest ways to identify a male grackle is to watch it fly. Males have a long tail that is noticeably "V" shaped when the bird takes flight and when it is about to land. Females do not do that.

Unlike the red-winged blackbird that aggressively defends a territory, grackles live in loose social groups. Several nests may be close to each other in coniferous trees where they prefer to nest. Birds may be seen carrying nesting material to the area long before nesting actually begins.

Shortly after arrival to the nesting area, birds congregate in the



Pointing skyward: Males, and sometimes females, will stand and point their bills skyward for a moment or two. Eventually, this display — the bill-tilt — results in one of the two birds moving away.

morning and begin singing - all at the same time! Songs of grackles are not melodious like that of a cardinal. It sounds more like the orchestra tuning up before the concert. This behavior probably stimulates and coordinates breeding behavior and begins to establish bonds between individuals.

If a group of five or so birds take flight, often the first to lead is a female and the rest are males. Males follow and later display at the female until ultimately only one male is left. During close encounters between males the bill-tilt display is given. Males, and sometimes females, will stand

and point their bill skyward for a moment or two. Eventually, this display results in one of the two birds moving away.

Though grackles do not have the flashy bright colors of some birds, their beauty is in their bright basic black plumage and their showy behavior, which is easy for us to see in our backyards.

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

## New abortion bill heads to Senate

An "informed consent" abortion bill on its way to the state Senate after being reported out of committee on a 3-1 vote.

Under Senate Bill 384, a woman would receive counseling by a physician or qualified assistant at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed.

"Women need to understand the entire procedure rather than subjecting themselves to assembly-line abortion clinics that have no long-term interest in their physical or emotional well being,"

said sponsor Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, an abortion foe.

The Senate Family Law, Criminal Law and Corrections Committee reported out the bill just before the two-week Easter break. Voting yes were Welborn, the chair, Doug Carl, R-Utica, and Chris Dingell, D-Trenton. Voting no was Virgil Smith, D-Detroit.

Bob Geake, R-Northville, had an excused absence but is expected to support the measure.

Last year the Senate passed a similar measure, but it died in the

House. An important change from last year's bill, said Welborn, is that the new bill requires patients to be shown a drawing rather than a photograph of a fetus.

Patients would be told the probable gestational age of the fetus, what to do if medical complication is result, how to get pregnancy prevention information from the Department of Public Health, possible physical and psychological complications from abortion and continued pregnancy, and what adoption services are available.

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## Locals head for Rome to honor Felician founder

More than 140 area residents will travel to Rome next week to attend the beatification of Mother Mary Angela, founder of the Felician Sisters.

The ceremony is a major step in canonization - the process of being a named a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

The Felician Sisters, an international congregation which Mother Angela began in 1855, now has approximately 2,900 members and comprises 12 provinces serving four continents.

The Felician Sisters of Livonia are currently on the staff of 19 area elementary schools and two parish high school in metro Detroit.

The province also sponsors Madonna University, St. Mary Hospital, Marywood Nursing Center, Marybrook Manor, Ladywood High School, Montessori Center of Our Lady, Angela Hospice and the Senior Clergy Village all in Livonia.

Pope John Paul II will lead the ceremony Sunday, April 18, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

The local contingent traveling to Rome will include Sister Mary Franciscine, president of Madonna University and Sister Mary Martin, director of religious education at St. Dunstan Catholic School in Garden City. The two are direct-

ing a tour group of 53 Felician sisters including many from Madonna, St. Mary Hospital and Ladywood High School. Some 95 others including former students, board members of Madonna University and St. Mary Hospital and Madonna alumni along with friends and relatives of the sisters will attend.

Also in Rome for the ceremony will be Sister Mary Dennis Glinek, provincial superior of the Felician Sisters of Livonia who serve in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Detroit Archbishop Adam Maida and Bishops Walter Schoenherr and Moses Anderson will also attend. They are making their "ad limina" visits to the Vatican which are required of heads of dioceses every five years. The phrase refers to the pilgrimages to the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul which a bishop is required to make during the visit.

Mother Mary Angela was born Sophia Camille Truskowska in Kalisz, Poland on May 16, 1825. As founder and first elected superior general of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalic, popularly called the Felician Sisters, Mother Angela began Poland's first active-contemplative religious community in a Russian-dominated Warsaw in 1855.

The order aided homeless women and abandoned orphans and sparked the founding of the Insti-



Sister Mary Angela

tute of Miss Turzskowska, a charitable organization. There the fledgling community provided residential care and education for the poor and neglected while laying the foundation for its growth, according to a written history of the Order.

### Order flourished

For the next 14 years, Mother Angela directed the expansion of the young order during a critical period which included the formation of a cloistered contemplative branch, the Russian government's suppression and dispersion of the ministry in 1864 and the restoration and relocation of the commu-

**The beatification of Mother Mary Angela, founder of the Felician Sisters, is a major step in canonization — the process of being a named a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.**

flower gardener at the motherhouse until shortly before her death on Oct. 10, 1899.

Although she retired from directing the order she worked on the Felician Order constitution that was approved three months before her death. She was also instrumental in obtaining Pope Leo XIII's permission in 1892 for daily exposition of the Eucharist in the provincial house of each province - a privilege which continues in the congregation today, according to Sister Mary Janice, who wrote a history of the Felician Order.

### Process began

The process for Mother Angela's beatification was opened in 1949, 50 years after her death, when the late Cardinal Adam Sapieha of Cracow, Poland, initiated the episcopal phase of the inquiry at the request of Mother Mary Simplicita Nehring, superior general of the Felician Order.

In 1982, John Paul II advanced her to the title of venerable by approving the "Decree of the Heroicity of the Virtues of the Servant of God Mary Angela Truskowska."

On July 11, 1992, the Pope approved the beatification process which proclaimed that the miraculous cure of Lillian Halasinski of Dunkirk, New York, was attributed to Mother Angela.

Mrs. Halasinski, who suffered with diabetic neuropathy, was

healed on Jan. 4, 1984 when severe pain and swelling in her legs disappeared. She said the cure was because of Mother Angela through whose intercession she and her family had prayed for healing.

The Rev. Edward D. Head of the Buffalo diocese conducted the investigative process that was studied by medical experts.

She was instrumental in helping the order to expand and is credited with accepting an invitation from a Wisconsin priest to staff a parish school in Polonia, Wisconsin.

The five nuns who came to teach the children of the Polish immigrants in rural Wisconsin began the American foundation which led to the formation of seven U.S. provinces in Michigan, New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Mexico as well as Canada. The four other provinces are in Cracow, Przemysl and Warsaw, Poland and Brazil. Sisters of the Polish provinces also serve in France, England, Italy and Kenya.

The Felicians also work in the diocese of Saginaw, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Gaylor, Marquette Toledo and Fort Wayne-South Bend. Mother Mary Cynthia Strzalski, a native Detroit and immediate past superior of the Livonia province, now is superior general of the congregation which is headquartered in Rome.

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# Senate approves education warranty legislation

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Employers would be guaranteed that new high school graduates they hire will be competent in basic job skills under two controversial bills passed by the Michigan Senate.

High schools would be required to retrain workers found to be unskilled — at the graduating schools' expense.

"If you purchase a defective

product from a store, you take it back. The same principle applies here," said sponsor Michael Bouchard, chair of the Senate Education Committee. "Our schools must take responsibility for the students they graduate."

Opponents said the bills would create more bureaucracy and lawsuits.

The bills were passed on 24 to 12 votes.

Supporting them were Republicans Bouchard, Mat Dunaskiss of

Lake Orion, Robert Geake of Northville and David Honigman of West Bloomfield and Democrat William Faust of Westland.

Opposed were Democrats Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills and George Z. Hart of Dearborn.

The bills split both parties — 20 Republicans and four Democrats voted yes; 10 Democrats and two Republicans voted no.

Gov. John Engler supports the measures, which go to the House after the Easter break.

"Reluctantly," so did Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, a Democratic hopeful for governor. "The concept is good," said Stabenow, adding, "It seems to me we're putting a huge crunch on the system, and I have very, very serious concerns about that."

"It sets up another level of testing," said Faxon, a former teacher and doubter about the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). "Warranting an education," he added, "would open up

potential sources of litigation."

Sen. Doug Carl, R-Utica, called this bill "fiscally irresponsible," saying costs of requiring remedial instruction hadn't been determined.

Senate minority floor leader John Cherry, D-Clio, opposed the bill because MEAP test standards are too low for the world of work. "It means outcomes within a content area in math, science or reading that is assessed in the 10th or 11th grade MEAP test."

"Well, if you begin to understand what is happening in the world of work and the employment area, students who can only do this — attain these MEAP levels — aren't going to get jobs to start with."

"The world of work is changing. You have to be proficient in applied physics, you have to be proficient in probability, you have to be proficient in statistics," said Cherry.

## Insurance bill awaits Senate vote

State legislators took a two-week Easter break without tying up a long loose end on the auto insurance reform law they enacted.

The Senate passed the bill March 24 but failed to muster the two-thirds majority (26) to give it immediate effect. Without that vote, House Bill 4156 doesn't become law until three months into 1994.

"Motorists are losing \$1.7 million a day," said Doug Cruce, president of the Michigan Insurance Federation. "People have to call their legislators."

Cruce got the dollar figure from the 16 percent savings Michigan drivers are expected to get from medical and tort cost containment measures in the bill. Some 5.3 million vehicles are insured in Michigan.

"Some (lawmakers) are saying it won't work. Well, they should give the bill immediate effect and see," said Cruce, a former Republican state senator from Troy.

The bill is on the Senate calendar for an immediate effect vote May 4.

"The time has come for cooler heads to prevail," said Steve Yencich, senior vice president for legislative affairs of the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan. "Insurance consumers are the only ones being hurt by this unnecessary delay."

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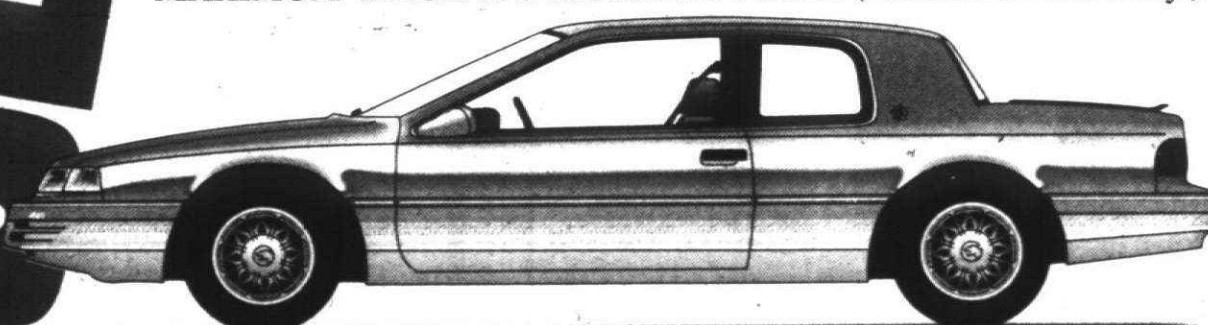
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Pavers still available

**I**t's still not too late to buy a brick paver for the Canton Veterans Memorial that will be dedicated Friday, June 25, in Heritage Park. The dedication will coincide with the opening of the 1993 Liberty Fest. There's no guarantee, however, that the paver, with your name or one you designate, will be placed in time for the dedication. With construction on the memorial beginning this week, blank bricks will be placed in the walkway to allow them to be removed when someone buys one. Brick pavers are available for donations of \$100 or more or \$250 or more. The \$250 brick is larger and allows four lines of 10 characters each for engraving. The \$100 bricks allow two lines of 10 characters each. A star will be added to the top of the bricks of service veterans. Committee members also would like to know of service men or women who were either killed in action, missing in action or prisoners of war. The veterans committee will buy a brick for each of these service people and have their names engraved. If you would like to buy a paver or can provide the committee with names of service people as requested, please call 397-8975, 397-5421, or 981-2848.

Parade help

**T**he Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 is organizing the 1993 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade to begin at 10 a.m., Monday, May 31.

# Lowell School gets kids reading

■ The start of the school day usually is a noisy affair, with kids getting ready and settling down for a day of school work. But that's not the case at Lowell Middle School, where you could hear a pin drop. The reason: Kids are reading.

By M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

If you should happen to walk into Lowell Middle School between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. any weekday, your footsteps will sound as loud to you as a herd of buffalo. That's because every day, for that 15-minute period, everyone at Lowell — students, counselors, cafeteria workers, and teachers — is reading.

Students may read the newspaper, Sports Illustrated, a book; anything but Playboy, says principal Pat Patton.

Even in the school office, latecomers, visitors and secretaries are reading. Phones are answered, but no other business is conducted.

The initiative — which staffers say is going over well with students — began in September in an attempt to show students that reading for enjoyment can be just that.

Too often, students associate reading with schoolwork, said Marge Kucher, reading and language arts teacher at Lowell.

Kucher's students and others at Lowell are inviting "guest silent readers" to come in to demonstrate that adults like to read, even though they don't have to. "We're inviting readers in to show students that learning never ends," said Kucher, who recently invited Mary Domeier and Nancy



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Young reader: Carolyn Hendra, right, and Jason Morse, left, find books to their taste during Lowell Middle School's special reading session.

Kerr of Draw-Tite in Canton to read at Lowell. "Research has proven that when kids read, their reading proficiency does increase, and their attitudes become more positive."

"The message is that this is so im-

portant we are going to stop everything and do this every day," said Patton, adding that the literacy program is part of Lowell's school improvement process.

Some students whose families

don't subscribe to a morning newspaper are enjoying reading the paper when they get to school, and are showing more interest in current affairs.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**SPRING CONCERT**  
Plymouth Community Chorus will perform "Best Seat in the House" at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets: Sideways in Plymouth, Agape Book-sellers in Canton, Dearborn Music in Canton, The Northville/Novi News in Northville. 455-4080.

**POSITIVELY PLYMOUTH**  
Annual event is celebrated 5-7:30 p.m. May 13 at the Mayflower Meetinghouse. Recognition will be given to citizens, employees and volunteers. Business organizations may rent display tables to exhibit their products and/or services. Sponsored by Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. 453-1540.

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

**Easter Egg Hunt** is 10 a.m. Saturday at Heritage Park. Canton residents, ages 10 and younger. Call Canton Parks and Recreation. 397-5110.

**ASTRONOMY SERIES**  
Kids ages 8-13 can register 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 Meetinghouse, Plymouth. Register by Wednesday, April 14. Schoolcraft Education Continuing Education Services. 462-4448.

**BOOK SALE**  
Annual sale sponsored by the American Association of University Women will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 6 and 7 and 9 a.m. to noon May 8 at the Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook (Old Village). Proceeds go to the education of women. Donations may be dropped off at the gym entrance or the Plymouth Dunning Hough Library.

**TWO SEMINARS**  
City of Plymouth will sponsor a living trust seminar 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 6, and "How to Protect Your Assets from the High Cost of Nursing Home Care" 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Reservations, 455-6623.

**GRADUATING SENIORS**  
Senior party for Plymouth.

Canton graduates is 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday, June 13, at Plymouth Salem High School. You can buy 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 dinner theater, Wednesday, April 14; Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg, four days, April 30, 455-6620.

**DINNER DANCE**  
The Plymouth Newcomers Club presents "An Evening of Elegance" Friday, April 30, at the Mayflower Hotel Ballroom. Proceeds support the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Tickets, 455-5334 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.

**RUNNAGE SALE**  
The Ladies Guild at Our Lady of Good Council Church, 1062 Church, Plymouth, will hold a sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, followed by a bag sale 1-3 p.m.

**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.

**SPORTS**  
**T-BALL LEAGUE**  
Plymouth YMCA league meets 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for six weeks at Miller School Field. League 1 begins July 24 (register by July 31); league 2 begins July 13 (register by July 12). 453-2904.

**PLYMOUTH SOFTBALL**  
For information on men's slow pitch league and women's slow pitch league, call Tom Willette, 455-6620, or 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Reservations, 455-6623.

**CANTON SOCCER**  
Club needs players for the "9 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.

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

**PLYMOUTH CLASSES**  
Parks and Recreation Department offers adult and youth classes. 455-6620.

**YMCA CLASSES**  
Open house for day camp program, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Gallimore School, Sheldon, south of Joy; and stop smoking/weight control seminar, 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, Plymouth City Hall, Commerce Chambers. Other spring classes include: golf lessons, "Y" super sitters, step aerobics, junior step aerobics, arts and crafts, bumper bowling, driver's education, half points 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.

**CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**  
Volunteers are needed for typing and stuffing of envelopes, labeling and sorting of mailings, telephoning and photocopying. Plymouth, 453-1540; Canton, 453-4040.

**ALZHEIMER'S**  
Volunteers are needed to assist with adult day care program for people with memory impairment, 557-8277.

**ON AGING**  
Plymouth Council On Aging will meet 2 p.m. Monday, April 12, at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Speakers include physical therapist George Andrews and Fire Chief Al Matthews.

**PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS**  
Club will hold a coffee for members and prospective members at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15. 459-5328 or 453-3902.

**VFW CANTON POST**  
Post No. 6967 will meet at 8 p.m. every first Monday of the month at Mayflower-Lt.

553-3232 or 1-800-487-4777.

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

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

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

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
Passage Gayde Post 391 will hold its regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight at 173 N. Main, Plymouth. Nominations for post officers accepted. Call Jim Maahs, 455-5541, or Adjutant Jim Barbour, 451-8659.

**UNITED WE STAND**  
Plymouth/Northville group will meet 6-8:45 p.m. Mondays, April 12 and 26 and the Plymouth Library. Local, state and national issues will be addressed. Thirtieth District meetings are the first and third Thursdays at Roman Forum Restaurant, Canton. 455-3998 or 425-2455.

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

**TAX ASSISTANCE**  
Free assistance is available to senior citizens in Canton, Northville and Plymouth through April 15 through the tax-aid program of the 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, 453-6620.

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

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

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

**SENIOR ALLIANCE**  
Senior citizens needing help with outdoor chores, or senior citizens willing to help, may call the Senior Chore Referral Program at 722-2830.

**HOSPICE SPEAKERS**  
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**CANTON CLASSES**  
Canton Recreation Center sponsors free classes: woodcarving, painting, ceramics, crafts and machine quilting. 397-5446.

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

**Holy Smoke Masters**  
Club is offering a public speaking seminar. Speechcraft, at its regular meetings beginning 6 p.m. April 15 at Denny's Restaurant 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. To register, call Marc Sullivan, 455-1635.

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

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

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

**VIETNAM VETERANS**  
Plymouth Canton Chapter No. 528 will hold a general membership meeting at Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post No. 6695 at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. 525-0157.

**WOMEN'S CLUB**  
Business and Professional Club meets at 6 p.m. Monday, April 19, at Plymouth Mayflower Meetinghouse. Speaker is Paula Blanchard. Advance tickets only, 453-4100, or Uniglobe Port to Port Travel, 238 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

**RECOVERY GROUP**  
Setting Addict Free Eternally meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton-Taylor, Canton. 453-4785.

**MEET YOUR NEEDS**  
Group meets 7 p.m. Mondays at Full Gospel Church, 281 E. Spring, Plymouth. 453-0323.

**STARTING OVER**  
Young widows and widowers meet the first and third Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. 677-0500.

**HEART PATIENTS**  
Group meets 7:30-9 p.m. every third Friday at Arbor Health Building Community Room, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Jack Bologna, 459-8787 (days only).

**ALZHEIMER'S**  
Group for caregivers meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren in Canton. Call Rosemarie Shim, 697-8051, or Anne Lilla, 567-8277.

**THREE PLYMOUTH**  
residents were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the winter day term at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term and be a full-time student. They are Cheryl L. Burns, math computer science; Julie A. Casler, mechanical engineering and Ralph R. Jones, mechanical engineering.

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were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University. They are Lawrence R. Dudley, mechanical engineering; Kevin T. Oberholzer, electrical engineering and Stephanie G. Whitehill, business administration.

**TWO PLYMOUTH**  
residents graduated from Ferris State University. They are Joel P. Gobel, liberal arts major, associate in arts degree; and

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ating seniors include James Cunningham, Jodie Emmett, Jennifer Gawlik, Julie Gawlik, Martina Geissler, Jinshin Kwak, Rebecca McBee, Lynn Tan and Angela Zirles. Outstanding math/science/computer science teacher school nominee is Thomas A. Cotner of Plymouth Salem High School.

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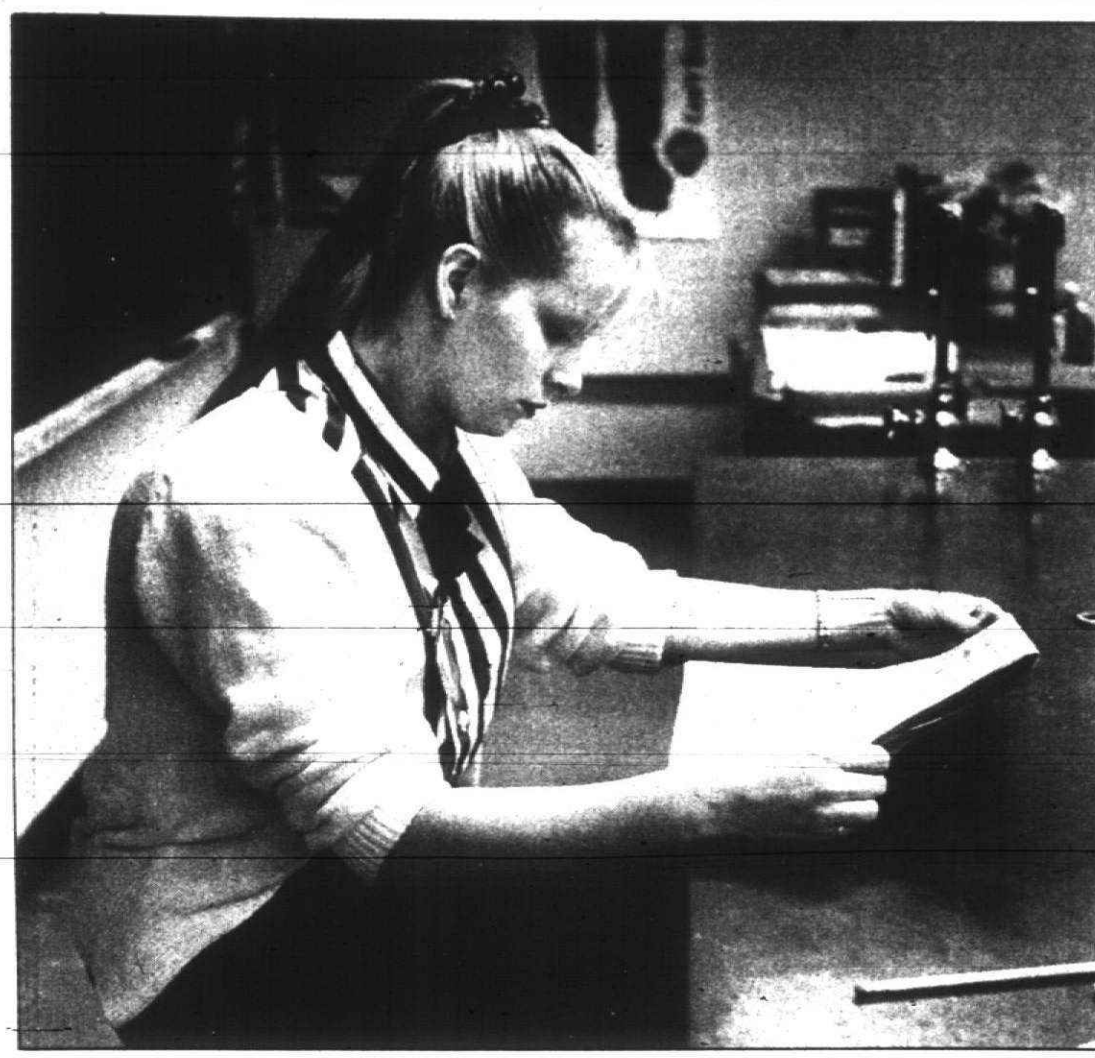
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received Tandy Technology Scholars certificates. Graduating Senior Nominees for Outstanding Math/Science/Computer Science are: Sunil Bhat, of Plymouth Christian Academy; Bryant Wu, Plymouth Canton High School; Jin S. Kwak, Plymouth Salem High School and Thomas C. Single, Plymouth Salem High School. Top two percent Academic Nominees from Plymouth Canton High School include: Shazia Ahmed, Eric Y. Baden, Kelly A. Holmes, Anthony A. Lafferty, Scott T. Lefurgy, Nilesh M. Patel, John W. Pythila, Sara K. Steffanni and Patin S. Zayed. Plymouth Salem High School gradu-



Helpful reader: Lisa Burgess of McDonald's, who is involved in the business and education partnership, reads during the special Lowell Middle School reading time.

## Reading from page 13A

While acquiring the habit of reading, students also are building their vocabularies and improving their comprehension. Parents and students were instrumental in restructuring the school day to accommodate reading time.

"Parents and the kids themselves said strong reading and writing skills are the things you really need to get along in this world," said Patton. "We now have the capacity to produce more print and more information in a shorter period of time. It's more essential than ever before for kids to be able to process information."

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## Foundation announces scholarship winners

The Canton Community Foundation has announced the 19 winners of the 1993 Harold Rosin Education Scholarships.

The 19 winners will be awarded their scholarships during a live broadcast on Omnicom Cablevision, May 19. Forty-five Canton residents applied for the scholarships/grants.

All of the awards are funded by the Harold Rosin Education Grant - named in honor of longtime Canton benefactor Harold

Rosin of Dearborn Realty - with the exception of the Chamber of Commerce award recipient, who is funded by a grant from the chamber's community efforts.

The following are grant recipients:  
Veronica Aittama and Timothy Quinn, will receive a \$500 grant from the Harold Rosin Fund. Cleary College will match that amount.

Dow Shackelford will receive \$500 from the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Receiving \$1,000 grants from the Harold Rosin Fund are Erin Jackson, Heidi Nurnberger, Michelle Flass and Rebecca Hattner.

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## New restaurant in area takes patrons 'up north'

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

There's a lot of wildlife at the Backwoods Restaurant, but only on the walls and ceiling.

The former Garden Club on Warren Road has been transformed into an eating and drinking establishment with an "up north" feel. The decor includes sports paraphernalia - a duck-hunting boat suspended from the ceiling and wild animal trophies on the wall.

"I wanted something with a fun atmosphere, where you could come in with what you had on and relax," said owner Tony Rainko. "I wanted a ski lodge or hunting lodge atmosphere."

Rainko's family, including parents Janet and Bob, had owned the restaurant when it was the Leather Bottle, along with a sec-

ond restaurant of the same name in Livonia. The family got the Garden City restaurant back after the Eagle's Nest went out of business.

Deer, a porcupine and a variety of other stuffed animals decorate the restaurant, courtesy of Bob Rainko's taxidermist friend. Other walls feature ducks and other birds.

"Everyone thinks Ted Nugent owns this place, but he doesn't," said Rainko. "We've had a real good response. It's been a happier crowd, real laid-back. It's been a more fun atmosphere than before."

Before the change to the Backwoods, the Rainkos operated the Garden Club restaurant for just over a year.

"I think the name Garden Club scared people off, like it was a pri-

vate club. It sounded uppity," he said.

A huge caribou head greets patrons as they enter the restaurant, which has a separate bar area and working fireplace, opening the former banquet room up for regular dining. Another change has been in opening later, at 4 p.m., and closing later, at 2 a.m., with the kitchen open throughout.

"We have a separate bar with a pool table and video games separate from the dining area," said Rainko. "We still have a kids' menu and regular dinners like before. After 9 p.m., it's more adult and more of a



## Millage questions

### Tax hike: Too much for too long

**T**he Plymouth Canton Board of Education should reconsider asking voters to approve a 4-mill property tax increase in June.

First of all, the board wants the tax increase for two years. That's too long. Also, 4 mills is too much.

This is especially true now that Gov. John Engler's school finance/property tax reform plan is racing southeast on I-96 like a truck. That plan calls for reducing the millage rate of schools to 18 mills and picking up the slack with a sales tax increase.

Chances are that will be on a June 2 statewide ballot. The odds that voters will opt to increase the sales tax aren't good, because President Bill Clinton is looking to do the same to fund health care.

But pass or fail, the Engler plan tosses that well-used monkey wrench into the works of the Plymouth Canton school district's millage plan.

Any millage campaign mounted by the schools is bound to face not just opposition, but also confusion on the part of voters. Those voters will be asked to make a decision on Engler's plan first and then a few weeks later, vote on the 4-mill proposal.

Also, approval of the Engler plan would make any local millage increase a moot point.

If Engler's plan is approved, another millage election would be needed anyway. That's be-

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cause under the plan, local school districts would be able to levy an additional 7 mills on top of the 18 allowed by the state. That would be extra millage, and would need voter approval.

Because of those factors, a 4-mill increase for two years is wrong for the ballot.

The 4 mills would raise an additional \$8 million, with \$5 million going to restore programs cut one year ago when a 1.5-mill tax hike failed at the polls. The remainder of the money would be used to make improvements to education.

Such a proposal is destined to fail. The schools should split the millage into two proposals and shorten them to one year.

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It's time for the school board to acknowledge that there's public confusion about school financing, and change the millage question.

## Cheer up! Baseball's back

**J**ust look at the headlines. The world's in sorry shape — as usual.

The standoff in Waco heads into its second month... they're still killing each other in Bosnia-Herzegovina... the U.S. health care crisis isn't going to be solved anytime soon... and 80,000 more U.S. jobs have been lost to Mexico. And, of course, the income tax deadline looms.

But come April, hope springs eternal with the familiar cry, "Play ball!"

Despite everything, including winter's last discontented jab, baseball is back.

That's right. In cities small and large across this land, the serious problems have to be left outside the foul lines, if only for a few hours, as fans of all ages turn their attention to opening day of the national pastime.

In Detroit and environs, where the Tigers prowl, the mood is especially festive despite a lackluster exhibition season, thanks to a new owner and an old announcer.

Owner Mike Ilitch of Bloomfield Hills, who takes over the Detroit Tigers after years of neglect by another pizza baron, has promised the fans a new deal. There'll be a renovated Tiger Stadium (and perhaps a new ballpark in the future), looser purse strings and overall more of a "fan-friendly" atmosphere.

Want proof? Well, one of Ilitch's first moves was to rehire Hall of Famer Ernie Harwell, a Farmington Hills resident, to broadcast the Tiger games on the radio. Political maneuvering had taken the mike from the Southern gentleman last season — and snapped a 31-year bond between team and town.

Now, there are a lot of sports. Hockey we like... basketball we like. But they're only prelim-

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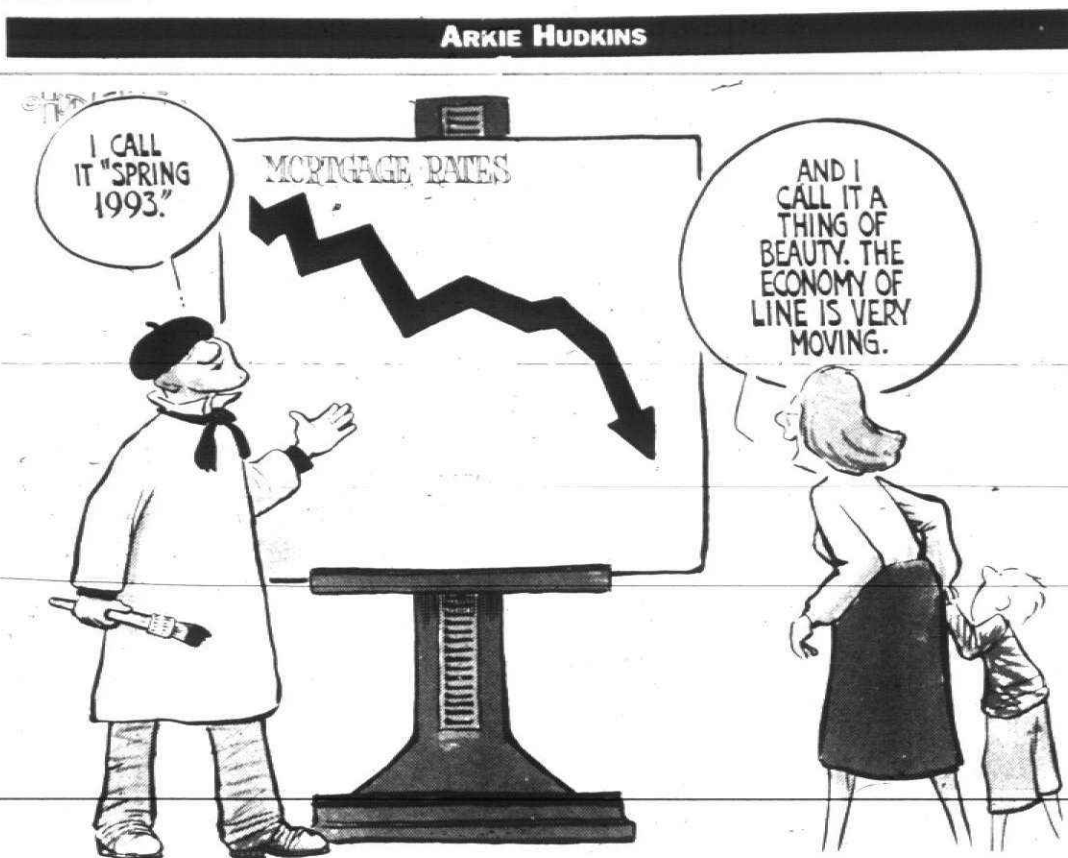
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It's always fun to start a new baseball season. For one thing, last season's disappointments have melted away like some spring snowfall, and folks are excited about the team.

For another, the home opener is an event that draws everyone closer together. Usual divisions are forgotten — for one chilly afternoon, anyway — as suburbanites and Detroiters all root together for the guys wearing the Old English "D."

So don't let the cynicism of the day (players' salaries, higher ticket prices, "designer" expansion teams in Florida and Colorado, the prospect of an expanded playoff, etc.) keep you out of the stands this season.



## LETTERS

### Mettetal distortions

**T**he letter from the McDonells verifies the manner in which the fear mongers have polarized the community around Mettetal airport. Someone using the name of Concerned Citizens spent hundreds of dollars to print and mail fliers distorting facts designed to instill fear in continuing the airport. I am not aware of any money spent in campaigns to retain the airport.

My home is located beneath the traffic pattern at Mettetal and has been at that location since I bought it 20 years ago. I would be surprised to learn that the McDonells' home is not the same distance from the airport since they purchased it 26 years ago. Over the past 20 years, I have noticed two changes. There is a lot less traffic out of Mettetal than there used to be, and the newer aircraft are much quieter than two decades ago. Since the McDonells did not consider the airport a deterrent when they purchased, why are they so concerned now? It must be a fear of expansion.

The purchasers of the airport have done everything short of signing in blood that the airport will not be expanded. Also, common sense dictates that it should remain a small airport. It is very unlikely that the traffic volume will ever reach the proportion that it was when we moved here. Therefore, the market value of the McDonells' home should be as unaffected as when they purchased it. If you are using none of the aviation facilities in this country your taxes will contribute nothing towards the purchase and upkeep of this airport.

What do I hope to gain? Very little. My years of using the facility are rapidly winding down. However, I think it would be a terrible mistake to deprive the coming generation of the last small "hands on" airport in the area. Notwithstanding, its role in the air traffic system. I hope when I am 90 I can look up from my patio and see another fledgling pilot experiencing the thrill of his or her first solo flight.

Harold Long, Canton

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### Yack distrust

**I**t 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

### Tax rape

**I**n reference to the March 25, 1993 article by Joanne Maliszewski, "Farmers Protest Skyrocketing Taxes," what is fair is fair. The tremendous tax increase on Roger Bordin's property from \$6,000 to \$26,000 and other farm owners' percentage of increase is tax rape. What some of our elected township officials fail to understand is these farmers in our community are not only representing their property, but a way of life. In some cases, their farms have been passed down through generations, and their living has been made by hard work each day on their land. I fail to see any humor in Mr. Yack's comment, "Maybe you might put a driving range on it."

All of our elected officials should be much more sensitive to this issue and be more vocal in speaking up for such an injustice.

E. Wayne Byrum, Canton

### Ambulance help

**I** recently had the unfortunate experience of having my son Christopher fall on the ice in our driveway and injure himself. I needed to call an ambulance. I live in Plymouth Township and I am very pleased that the Huron Valley ambulance came within five minutes. In fact, two ambulances came because they were both in the area. The ambulance personnel were very knowledgeable and courteous.

I wanted to let you know that my husband John and I are very pleased with the Huron Valley ambulance service and their response. It is very reassuring to know that if anyone had a life threatening problem, they could get emergency medical care quickly.

By the way, Christopher is recovering well.

Dr. Ann Ammond LaFond, Canton

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## 'Local control' of schools is just a false god

**K**alkaska School District, facing a state takeover, is getting a lot of undeserved sympathy from schools folks in our suburbs.

"Local control, local control," chant the sympathizers, repeating it so often that they've come to believe in that false god.

The state Senate has approved 36 to 1 a bill by Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, allowing a state receiver to take over where the locals can't provide 180 days of classes.

"The most irresponsible action I've seen the state Senate take in my 20 years around the Capitol," said Al Short, lobbyist for the Michigan Education Association, the state teachers' union. Short's statement was the most irresponsible I've heard a trade unionist make in six months.

In recent years it has been common for higher units of government to step in when the locals flub.

U.S. District Judge John Feikens appointed a czar to run the Detroit water and sewerage department during a pollution lawsuit.

Louis Schimmel was appointed re-

ceiver when the city of Ecorse went bankrupt.

Phil Runkel, state superintendent of public instruction, wound up running Wayne County Community College during the worst of its many crises.

Last Monday, Wayne County supervised the River Rouge School District's tax and bond election amid allegations of vote fraud and official misconduct.

In 1837 Michigan became the first state (1) to guarantee free public school education as a constitutional right and (2) to make it a state responsibility. After 155 years, the Michigan Constitution still insists: "The Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public and elementary schools as defined by law." No ifs, ands or buts; no options.

Dunbar's "Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State" reports that in 1835, after much study, Gen. Isaac Crary and the Rev. John D. Pierce

"agreed that Michigan's school system, like Prussia's, should be centralized and should be controlled by a responsible official." Crary drafted the original



TIM RICHARD

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language. Pierce was the first superintendent. Dunbar wryly added that Thomas Jefferson fought unsuccessfully for the same system in Virginia.

Michigan allowed local districts to be set up, to elect boards, to hire superintendents and teachers. The locals were free to make decisions but never free to shirk their duty, as Kalkaska did on March 24 when it closed its doors.

What went wrong in Kalkaska? Pick one:

A. The greedy union got raises far in excess of inflation and staged "a media circus" (in Bouchard's words) as they sought to send the nation "a message" (in national teachers union president Keith Geiger's words).

B. The arrogant school board played "chicken" with voters, holding a gun at the children's heads, during three property tax increase elections.

C. The stingy taxpayers coughed up just 27 mills when the state average is 34.6 mills and one area district levies 47 plus.

D. It doesn't really matter.

The correct answer is "D." It doesn't

matter because the whole local system failed. Schools were closed 45 days early.

School districts are creatures of the state. The state has a clear duty to take over if Kalkaska can't do the job. Let us hear no more idolatry about "local control."

Meanwhile, while most of us get three hours off on Good Friday, the Legislature has taken off two whole weeks. Bouchard's bill is stuck in the House until at least April 20. He told me last week that he might be forced to accept a fall "sunset" date so that his bill could never apply to any district except Kalkaska.

The bill deserves to be enacted permanently — with the hope that never again must it be used. Local control is a good operating principle, but there's only one God, and "local control" is not it.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His office telephone is (313) 349-1700.

## With power comes responsibility in education

**Q**UESTION: We have a very large and vocal parent group in our community that wants a "Parent Council" in every building with the right to make decisions in their school building, including expenditures of funds, hiring and firing of teachers and what will be taught. What has been your experience with this approach?

ANSWER: This is called site-based management and is carried to the extreme in some areas.

My philosophy as an educational administrator believed that the more you include teachers and parents in the decision-making process, the more they have at stake to see what is implemented is successful. The less they are involved, the less they care.

Teachers, if not included in a curriculum's development, will simply shut their classroom door, ignore what is dumped on them, and go back to what

has always worked for them, and use the big, thick curriculum guides as door stops.

In one district I worked, we had (besides the PTA) a parent advisory group in each building. The parent groups were charged with identifying 1. local building concerns (i.e. need lights at entrance for evening meetings) and 2. district-wide needs. They had a District Coordinating Council with representatives from each building that met a couple of times a year, prioritized needs and then periodically reported to the board. It worked fine!

However, other parent groups seem to want all the power without recognizing that with power comes responsibility. Let's say one of these local school building parent boards of education buys some faulty playground equipment on which a child is severely injured or dies.

Who's responsible? Would it be the local site-based management parental



DOC DOYLE

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board of education that controls the budget that bought the equipment, that also approved the purchase, or would it be the existing school dis-

trict's board of education, the body which was voted in by the citizens of the community?

That site-based management elementary school board of education may be backed by insurance for any legal settlement, but members of the board should also be ready for personal lawsuits. Such a lawsuit would question from where the authority came to make decisions over and above the citizen-elected board of education.

Such parents are more likely to point a finger right straight at the superintendent, claiming lack of knowledge about the laws and liabilities.

How about curriculum? Literally a district could have 14 buildings and 14 different curriculums — some good and some terrible, some based on religious beliefs and some based on far-left beliefs — a total disaster.

And if these good intentioned people think the child severely injured in the playground example is explosive, wait

until they take on hiring and firing teachers. They best be ready to come up with about four years of their time for hearings, appeals and about \$250,000 to \$1 million in funds if they lose the case.

The bottom line is even if this site-based management local building parent board model were to materialize, the eventual head that will roll, if events go awry, will be one person — the superintendent.

A superintendent and a board of education can develop and delegate a decision-making process for parental and/or teacher input, but they can never delegate away the responsibility.

James "Doc" Doyle, a former teacher/school administrator/university instructor, is president of Doyle and Associates, an educational consulting firm. To leave a message for Doyle from a Touch-Tone telephone, dial 953-2047, mailbox 1856.

## School-funding measure shows political leadership

**G**ive credit where credit is due. Gov. John Engler and both houses of the Michigan Legislature last week actually faced up to the way we tax and support our schools — something their predecessors failed to do after 25 years of ducking.

The proposal on the ballot for the June 2 special election would:

■ Raise the state sales tax to 6 cents from 4 cents on the dollar.

■ Cut property tax from a statewide average of nearly 35 mills to 18, with a top rate of 27 mills for locally passed school taxes.

■ Cut the increase in property assessments, which define the valuations on which property tax millage is applied, to around 3 percent this year (from a statewide average growth of more than 10 percent) and indexed to no more than inflation in future years.

If passed, this would be the single greatest tax shift — away from taxing the value of property and toward taxing sales — Michigan has seen since the first sales tax was passed during the Great Depression.

And it would mark a decisive turn in the argument about what kinds of taxes we should use that has raged since the latest Michigan Constitution was enacted in 1963.

For years, scholars, politicians and even columnists such as myself have argued that relying on property taxes is inherently unfair.

Consider a column I wrote in 1971 which asserted: "Property taxes are an outdated notion, going back to the days when a man's land and buildings were the only gauge of his ability to pay. Such taxes rest on the idea that assessments can be fair, which is not always so. And they are so complicated that they give the impression that hanky-panky is going on, even when it isn't."

Six months later, just before a taxpayer revolt swept school millage away in many Michigan communities, I argued in another column:

"For years, Michigan has supported schools by a locally passed tax on the value of property, which means a tax on people's homes as far as the suburbs are concerned. This tax is unfair (because the value of the land keeps changing



PHILIP POWER

and assessments are never up to date), unrepresentative of the facts (because using land as a means of determining a person's wealth became hopelessly unrealistic at least 100 years ago) and inequitable (because a tax on land does not truly tax according to a person's ability to pay).

Certainly nobody who participated in last week's historic deal-making in Lansing either remembered or cared about these columns. What did count was the growing realization that Michigan's tax structure would be forever out of whack as long as it continued to rely so heavily on the property tax.

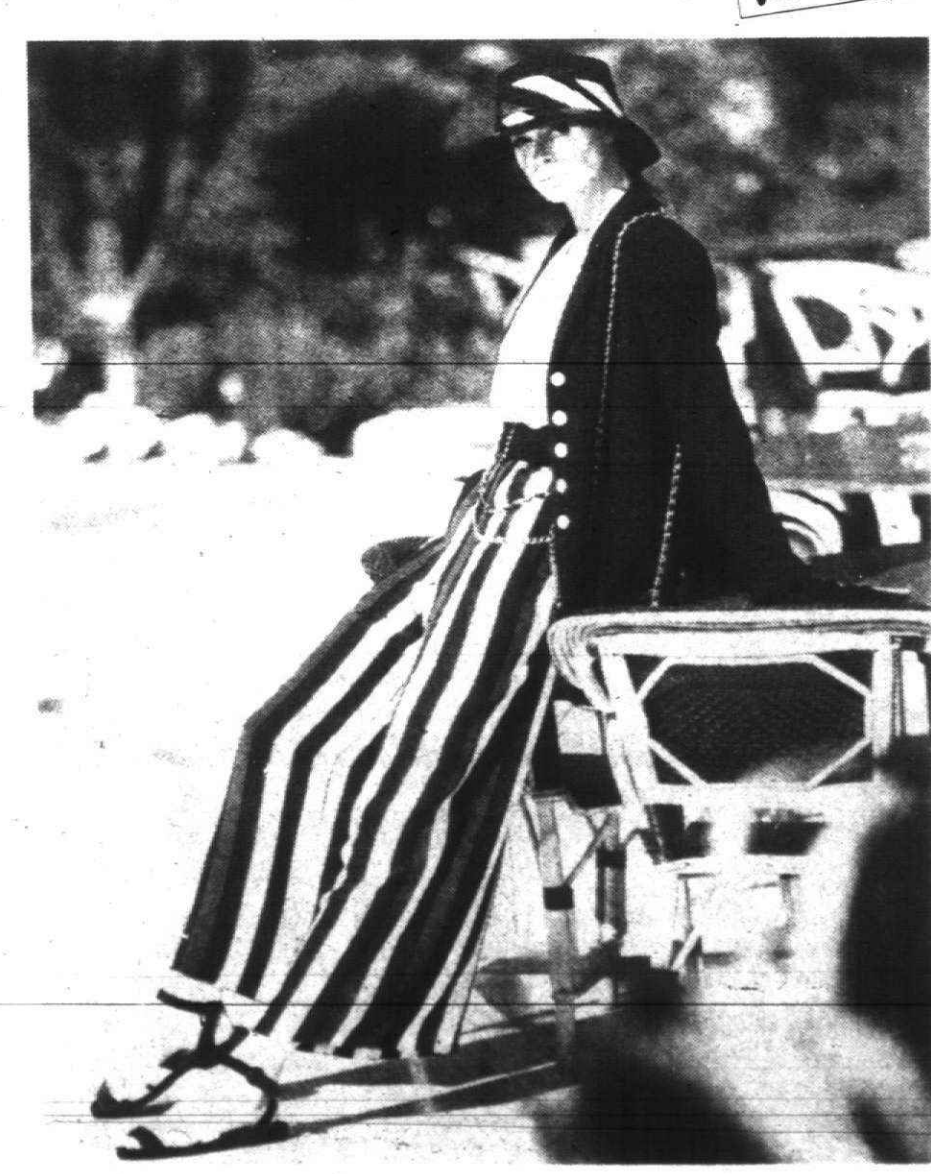
That's what made the deal possible. Rabid tax cutters (read Gov. Engler and most Senate Republicans) got a tax cut — not a big one after you count the non-deductibility of sales taxes for federal income tax, but a tax cut nonetheless. Liberals and school folks (read most Democratic legislators and some House Republicans who held the governor's feet to the fire, and some media types) got a shift from property to the sales tax.

There's going to be a lot of fine print to read in this complicated proposal. It will affect every school district and every homeowner differently. And there will be plenty of time for everybody to think about whether to support it.

But for now, suffice it to say that it took real political leadership to get this long-standing and important — and, ahem, taxing — matter on the ballot. Everybody involved deserves congratulations.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 963-2047, Ext. 1880.

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### QUESTION:

Do you favor Gov. John Engler's tax proposal that would raise the sales tax by 2 cents a dollar and lower property taxes?

We asked this question at the Plymouth Township Kmart and at the Canton Farmer Jack.



"It sounds good to me so far."  
Sherree Knapp  
Canton



"I don't really know. I think that's good if they're going to drop taxes."  
Camille Tardif  
Canton



"I think it's a good idea, just because I come from Ohio, which has a higher sales tax to begin with."  
Sharon Leo  
Plymouth



"I'm against it. It will cost us more in the long run."  
Geri Brown  
Canton



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Chiefs debut with win

Plymouth Canton began a new season and another winning streak Tuesday by defeating host Troy 1-0 in its girls soccer debut. Senior forward Colleen Connell scored the only goal with 13 minutes left in the game.

Senior forward Leah Hutko took a cross from junior forward Mandy Salin and passed in front to the wide-open Connell.

Canton coach Don Smith said he liked what he saw from his team "in the second half. In the first half, we looked a little raggedy. But we came out very strong in the second half."

Senior goalkeeper Jori Welchans earned the shutout.

The Chiefs, who were unbeaten in their first 20 games last year before losing to Rochester Adams in the state final, play Saturday in Midland.

Plymouth Salem's game with Walled Lake Western was postponed Monday and has not been rescheduled. The Rocks were to have started the season Saturday at Grosse Pointe South, but that game will be played Tuesday, April 20.

Golden Gloves bouts

Golden Gloves boxing, featuring the Detroit-area semifinals, returns Wednesday, April 14 at Burton Manor, located off Schoolcraft between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Livonia.

Top-notch Detroit, suburban and Ontario boxers will compete in Open, Senior Novice and Novice division bouts beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$8 ringside and \$10 reserved tables. Tickets are available at the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation; Allie Brothers Uniforms, 20295 Middlebelt Road, Livonia; and the Livonia Boxing Club, 29200 Plymouth Road (northeast corner of Middlebelt).

Representatives from the Livonia Boxing Club include Garden City's Steve Bond, sporting a 5-1 record in the 165-pound Senior Novice division.

The LBC's Don Ryan of Dearborn will take a 1-5 mark into a Senior Novice heavyweight bout, while teammate John Tripp of Livonia, 0-2, will compete in the 156-pound Novice class.

For more information, call 421-7235.

Rocks in need of game experience



Field of dreams: Salem coach John Gravin hopes the Rocks can rake in their share of victories this year.



Plymouth Salem will have nearly an entire new starting lineup when it begins the 1993 baseball season next week, but the Rocks have enough returning and fresh varsity talent to make coach John Gravin optimistic.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem coach John Gravin is "guardedly optimistic" about his 1993 baseball team and its prospects for a successful campaign.

The Rocks have the usual assortment of preseason uncertainties and perhaps are slightly more of a collective question mark than in other years.

But Salem has the benefit of a fine tradition in its favor, and it would be hard to imagine the Rocks not contending for a title late in any season.

"We're young and inexperienced, but I think the potential for a good season is there," said Gravin, who begins his 10th year with a 144-67 career record.

"I think last year's team was living in the shadow of the '91 state championship team, and we won't have that monkey on our back. We can go out and play."

Salem finished 15-10 overall, losing six games by one run, including a 3-2 loss to Belleville in the district tournament.

The Rocks were 7-3 and third in the Lakes Division behind Western Lakes Activities Association champion North Farmington and Walled Lake Central, both 8-2.

Salem returns eight varsity players (seven seniors and one junior) but only one full-time starter in senior first baseman Charlie Winstel, who hit .289 and is outstanding on defense, according to Gravin.

"He's a left-hander so he makes great pickups at first," Gravin said. "With an inexperienced infield, it's nice to have someone like him. He'll make them a lot more confident."

The Rocks must get along without shortstop Ed Gundry, who is best remembered for his game-winning home run in the 1991 state championship and now plays for Eastern Michigan University.

Gravin doesn't plan to have anyone replace him but likes the potential of junior Eric Kida, who played the position when Gundry was ill last year and batted .333.

"(Gundry) might be the best player to play at Salem while I've been here," Gravin said. "When I look for a shortstop I look for an Eddie, and there aren't too many of them around."

"Eric played it all summer, and I think he's ready to go. There wasn't another shortstop in the program who could do it as well as Eric. If we're going to do anything, we need someone there to get the job done."

Gravin thinks the strength of the team will be its outfield. Senior returnees Jamie Owens (left), Bryan Zarosely (center) and Eric Junyer (right) are slated to start. Juniors Matt Abbott and Scott Singleton provide backup.

"We have three seniors who can run, throw and catch," Gravin said. "All were varsity players last year and got considerable experience."

Owens (.307) was an infielder but "We kept watching him run and decided his outfield skills might be better. (Assistant) Dale (Rumberger) put him out there in the summer, and he caught everything in sight."

See ROCKS, 2B

Salem wins Spartan Relays; runner-up Canton does well

Plymouth Salem proved to be the quickest team getting out of the blocks Saturday by winning the 26-team Spartan Relays at Michigan State University.

The Rocks, who scored in nine of the 13 events, claimed first place in the prestigious early season meet after placing sixth last season.

"It's a super way to start the season," Salem coach Mark Gregor said. "We went into the meet with the idea that it would be a learning experience. We started off with a win, and it just carried over from there."

Salem's 59-point total edged second-place Plymouth Canton's 56. Traverse City was third and defending champion Ann Arbor Pioneer fourth.

The first of four winning performances by the Rocks was in the shuttle hurdle relay — the first event. Sarah Makins, Courtney Sheldon, Kim Sheldon and Nicole Van Hees teamed to take the event in 35.61.

Salem also won the 800- and 1,600-meter relays. Sarah Hamilton, Dana Driscoll, Marcia Parker and Tonya Wheeler won the 800 in 1:50.4. Hamilton, the Sheldons and Wheeler captured the 1,600 in 4:16.4 and clinched first place for Salem.

Salem's other winner was Melissa Hopson with a 5-foot-5 leap in the long jump. The Rocks

GIRLS TRACK

had another fine effort by Makins, who was second in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.4 seconds.

"The fact that we complemented the first-place performances with several fine performances in other events helped a lot," Gregor said. "We were able to score some points in events we weren't sure about."

The Canton highlight came from Lana Boroditsch, who won the 1,600 run in 5:23.

The Chiefs also received seconds in two events. Karina Kilpelainen, Alisha Solach, Shawn Champlin and Angela Fountain tied a school record in the shuttle hurdle relay (37.4), and Christie Saffron, Meghan Barresi, Melissa Bastine and Kathleen Landelius were runners-up in the distance medley relay (13:36.1).

Canton had third-place individual finishes from Stephanie Gray in the high jump (5-0) and Laura McWilliams in the 3,200 run (12:32.5).

The Chiefs also had third place finishes in the 800 and 1,600 relays. Becky Bockstanz, Kilpelainen and Ndu Okwumabua combined with Olive Ikeh in the 800 (1:53.9) and Saffron in the 1,600 (4:21.1).

"I was extremely pleased with the way we ran," Canton coach George Przygodski said. "I expected us to be competitive with Salem."

THUNDERBIRD INVITE

The Chiefs competed in the Thunderbird Invitational at Dearborn Edsel Ford. No team scores were kept in the four-team meet, but Canton would have been the easy winner if points were recorded.

Canton picked up nine first places, led by Kilpelainen's sweeps in the hurdles. She ran the 100 hurdles in 16.1 and the 300s in 49.5.

The Chiefs backed stanz in the field events as Bockstanz won the long jump (14-8), Okwumabua the high jump (5-0) and Selena Bastine the discus (108-4).

Other Canton winners were Boroditsch in the 800 (2:31.2), McWilliams in the 1,600 (5:27.0) and Landelius in the 3,200 (12:19.3).

The team of Bockstanz, Ikeh, Kilpelainen and Okwumabua ran away with the 400 relay (52.5), and the foursome of Boroditsch, Landelius, McWilliams and Saffron captured the 3,200 relay (10:19.7).

"The times are phenomenal for this time of the season," Przygodski said. "Usually, you see times like this later in the season."

Eagles romp in softball opener

Plymouth Christian Academy made its season opener a short one Tuesday by trouncing host Taylor Baptist Park 15-3 in a five-inning mercy game.

Junior right-hander Kristina Tilly notched her first win of the year by striking out seven, walking two, and surrendering five hits.

The Eagles took advantage of Baptist Park's wildness. PCA received 14 walks to go along with its eight hits. Baptist Park fell to 2-1.

First baseman Melissa Yoder

paced PCA with one hit, two walks, three runs scored, three steals and two RBI. Catcher Karina Reed had one hit, two walks, one run, four steals and two RBI. Lisa Erickson added one hit, two walks and two RBI.

PCA, which went undefeated last season in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and has won nine straight conference games, begins this year in a new league.

"I'm very happy with the game," PCA coach Steve Ritchey said. "We only lost one starter

from last season and hope to do well in our new, bigger league."

DDC 2-3, LADYWOOD 0-2: Livonia Ladywood opened play in the Catholic League Central Division Tuesday with a pair of losses to visiting Dearborn Divine Child.

Senior right-handed pitcher Mary Jo Kelly suffered the losses despite scattering six hits and striking out 19 during the twinbill at Livonia's Ford Field.

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The host of this gala affair is Oakland University, perennially one of the top NCAA Division II teams in the nation. The Pioneers will host NCAA Division I power Wisconsin at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Rochester HS.

Wisconsin posted an 11-6-2 last fall. The Badgers were led in scoring by Livonia Stevenson graduate Travis Roy, a freshman forward who totaled eight goals and 21 points.

Other local stars for Wisconsin last season were Jeff Gold, sophomore midfielder from Plymouth Salem who netted five goals; Scott Lamphere, a freshman defender from Livonia Churchill who started every game last season for the Badgers; and Mike Gentile, a freshman midfielder from Churchill whose 6.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.6 steals a game.

The Pioneers, 18-3-1 last season and an NCAA II semifinalist, also feature freshman midfielder Chad Schomaker of Troy, junior midfielder Dominic Scicluna of Redford Catholic Central and junior keeper Mike Sheehy of Farmington. Other players to watch are sophomore Mali Walton (17 goals, 48 points), a second team NCAA II All-American, and Eli Tiomkine (20 goals, 51 points). Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for youths, and will be available at the game. Proceeds go to the OU soccer program. For more information, call the OU athletic department at 370-3190.

## TEAM LEADERS

The University of Michigan was within a period of extending its hockey season to the final game of the collegiate season — a goal senior defenseman Pat Neaton, from Redford, would have relished.

Alas, it was not to be. U-M fell to eventual NCAA champion Maine 4-3 in overtime in the tournament semifinals. Maine defeated Lake Superior State for the title.

Still, Neaton sparked the Wolverines. He led the team's blueliners in scoring this season with 10 goals and 18 assists (28 points), pushing him to third on U-M's career scoring list for defensemen with 38 goals and 89 assists (127 points). The Wolverines' final record was 30-6-2.

Another team leader who didn't realize his goals was junior Ron Orris, a Plymouth Salem graduate who captained Michigan State's swim team. Orris was the Spartans' best swimmer last season in both the 100-yard butterfly (46.74) and 200 individual medley (1:47.16).

However, both times fell short of the qualifying standard for the NCAA meet. Orris was just off in his best event, the 100 fly; he needed a 48.34 to qualify. The standard in the 200 IM was 1:47.16.

## AWARD WINNERS

Western Michigan University's women's basketball team showed vast improvement last season, and one reason was the performance of senior point guard Michelle Fortier, from Plymouth Canton.

Fortier, who finished her career third among WMU's all-time assist leaders and fourth in steals, collected the best free throw shooting award (80.6 percent) at the team's annual banquet March 28. A four-year starter, Fortier helped the Broncos rebound from a dismal 2-25 season (1-15 in the Mid-American Conference) in 1991-92 to a 14-13, 10-8 record last season.

Another award-winner was Kevin Hankerson, a 6-foot-5 junior forward at Saginaw Valley State from Wayne Memorial. Hankerson started 21 of 25 games for the Cardinals, who finished with a 14-11 overall (7-9 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), averaging 6.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.6 steals a game.

His efforts earned him the Spirit and Hustle Award. Hankerson was second on the team in steals and assists, third in rebounding and fourth in scoring.

## DIAMOND DANDIES

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## NOTABLES

Kalamazoo College has long been the best in the NCAA III in men's tennis, and sophomore Paul Boyz may help keep the Hornets there. The sophomore from Westland (Redford Catholic Central) has posted a 9-2 record in singles play, second best on the team, through the team's first eight matches (5-3 record).

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## Madonna sweeps district twinbill

Madonna University began its District 23 baseball schedule Monday with a doubleheader sweep of host Concordia College, 6-1 and 17-0 in five innings.

Right-handed junior Lou McKaig (2-0) pitched a four-hit complete game in the opener, striking out five and walking one.

"McKaig did a very nice job throwing strikes," Madonna coach Mike George said. "Louie has really matured for us. That's nice to see, because we need to solidify our staff."

Other local stars for Madonna last season were Jeff Gold, sophomore midfielder from Plymouth Salem who netted five goals; Scott Lamphere, a freshman defender from Livonia Churchill who started every game last season for the Badgers; and Mike Gentile, a freshman midfielder from Churchill whose 6.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.6 steals a game.

The pitching staff consists of seniors Brandon Walton and Scott Mantz and juniors Mike Marsella, Jon Paul Patete, Nirav Kher, Dave Knight and Kida, who will have a limited role because of his shortstop duties.

"I like their work ethic; they learn very well," Gravin said. "Nirav picked up five miles per hour on the fastball by making a few adjustments in his delivery."

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"He and Mike Coleman need to step up and give us solid pitching. We're real good with Shaun Hayward and Jeff Gugelman, and they have to give us that third and fourth starter."

The Crusaders (14-6) had seven hits, including two apiece by junior third baseman Jeff Pendell and senior outfielder Rick Roy.

Roy's hits were doubles, and each player had one RBI and scored a run. Sophomore outfielder Jim Solak had two RBI with a solo homer and a sacrifice fly.

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## GLINN HURLERS

Bryan Besco and Aaron Scheffer combined on a no-hitter Monday, propelling host Westland John Glenn to a season-opening 6-2 non-league baseball victory over Taylor Center.

Scheffer, the winning pitcher, working four innings, fanning nine Rams. He walked four. Besco struck out seven and allowed only one walk in three innings.

Jerome Cosby led the Rock-ets' offensive attack, going 3-for-4, including a double.

CHURCHILL 3, CENTRAL 0: Livonia Churchill made its only scheduled game before the Easter break count Monday with a shutout over visiting Walling Lake Central.

Three Chatter hurlers combined on a no-hitter.

Mark Rutherford, the starter and winner, worked four innings, allowing no hits and three walks while fanning seven.

Mike Marchetti worked two innings, the fifth and sixth, allowing two hits and two walks. Jason Carter came on to get the save. He struck out two.

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Leading returnees: Sarah Blech, sophomore center fielder; Jenny Gulow, freshman shortstop; Alicia Decker, freshman infielder.

Hargrove's '93 outlook: "The real strength of our team is that we have an experienced pitcher and catcher. Last year we caught a lot of people by surprise. This year we have a tougher schedule, but I'm not pessimistic."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Joe Epstein, 10th season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-18.

Notable losses to graduation: Dawn Warner, Jackie Warner.

Leading returnees: Tammy Schaffer, senior shortstop; third baseman; Michelle Averil, senior pitcher; Becca Bock, senior catcher; Amanda Kocio, senior second baseman.

Promising newcomers: Becky Jensen, sophomore pitcher; Beth McPherson, sophomore third baseman; Mary Valley, sophomore outfielder; Ann Bagatzinski, sophomore utility.

Epstein's '93 outlook: "Our pitching will be much improved. Our senior (Averil) is faster and smarter and her backup (Jensen) is just a hair behind in speed. She's coming on and I'm excited."

Offensively, we'll be much better than last year. I'm looking for big improvement. Our catcher (Bock) has a good arm and I don't think people will be running wild on her.

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Last year's overall record: 17-6.

Titles won last year: Class A district champions (8-2).

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## 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.

## Folk

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit presents the folk recording group Gemini, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at the center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets are available at the center and through Ticketmaster for \$4 per person. There is a maximum family charge of \$20. Call 661-1000 Ext. 345.

## Oakland University

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance's production of "Cloud Nine" has been selected to participate in the 1993 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in Washington, D.C. April 23-24. "Cloud Nine" will have one benefit performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 in the Varner Studio Theatre on campus in Rochester. Tickets are \$50 minimum donor status, \$20 minimum general admission, faculty and staff, and \$10 for students. For tickets, call 370-3013.

## Opera

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, will present soprano Beverly Rinaldi in a free concert noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, in the college's Forum Building Recital Hall, F 530. A "Meet the Artist" reception will follow the concert. For information, call 462-4400, Ext. 5225.

## Group du jour

Each to the Future! — subtitled "The Old World, The New World and Out of This World" this Elan-style Group du jour concert 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills, includes pre-concert coffee hour beginning 7 p.m., and features chamber music from the Renaissance to avant-garde. For ticket information, call 478-2075.

## Meadow Brook benefit

The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild is presenting its popular Luncheon on the Aisle 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 23, in the Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Doors open 10:30 a.m. and features chamber music, entertainment from the heartwarming musical, "Smoke on the Mountain," which takes place in the 1930s. Event proceeds will be used to help meet the needs of the theater. Tickets for groups of 10 or more \$18 per person, single tickets are \$20. Call 370-3316 for tickets and information. Reservation deadline is April 13.

## Fresh, exciting changes in 'Oklahoma!'

Performances of the Birmingham Theatre production of "Oklahoma!" continue through May 2. For ticket information, call the box office at 644-3533.



BARBARA MICHALS

How do you improve on perfection? On the 50th anniversary of the opening of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" director Worth Gardner at the Birmingham Theatre has staged an entirely new version of the real Oklahoma. The new show is fresh, exuberant, and downright exciting. All of the wonderful, familiar melodies and lyrics are intact, but many are now orchestrated with an earthy, bluegrass country twang. Since "Oklahoma!" was the first musical to integrate fully song, songs and dances, Gardner goes one logical step further. The on-stage costumed musicians are also an integral part of the story, doubling as male chorus and some minor characters.

The fine cast is enormously pleasing, led by the strong, rich voices of Mervin Foard and Rebecca Baxter in the principal roles. Foard is Curly, the wholesome cowpoke trying to court the winsome Laurey (Baxter), who works hard at trying to seem disinterested, lest "People Will Say We're in Love."

Deb G. Girdler is refreshingly younger than most who play Laurey's Aunt Eller, that paragon of spunk and good sense who dispenses advice to the lovelorn and forcibly reminds the stubborn farmers and cattlemen ranchers that it's time to put their traditional animosities aside now that Oklahoma is becoming a state.

Jason Edwards is perfect as Will Parker, saucy, egotistical, and loveably dim-witted in his pursuit of the irrepressible Ado Annie. Charming played by Rebecca Hirsch, Annie is one of the all-time greatest character-



Classic musical: Jason Edwards (Will Parker) and Rebecca Hirsch (Laurey) in a scene from the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" at the Birmingham Theatre through May 2.

izations in musical-comedy, the girl who "can't say no" to a "feller" and always loves best the one who's nearest at hand.

Howard Kaye draws laughs as the Persian peddler Ali Hakim, slippery as snake oil whether selling his wares or courting women.

As Jud Fry, the villainous hired hand who lusts after Laurey, Wade Williams disappoints because he's too appealing. He's neither dirty and hulking enough to credibly repulse Laurey nor oafish enough for the "Pure Jud Is Daid" number to make sense. Gardner seems to have deliberately made Jud and Curley more equal, the only change in the show that doesn't work well.

One change that really succeeds is

the elimination of the tedious dream ballet that always slows down the flow of the play. In Laurey's dream, Gardner has replaced the ballet with a cacophony of fragmented phrases from all the characters surrounding her on stage at once.

Jonathan Bixby's costumes lean toward earthiness, very suitable for the time and place, and Russ Smith's representation of work well except for the puzzling black backdrop.

From a very different staging of the opening number "Oh, What a Beautiful Morn'" to the rousing finale of the title song, this "Oklahoma!" is intriguingly different yet satisfyingly familiar.

Among the numbers with the strongest bluegrass overtones are

"The Surrey With the Fringe on Top," "Kansas City," "The Farmer and the Cowman," and "All Er Nothin'."

Innovative director/choreographer Gardner, who successfully shepherded wonderful productions of "Man of La Mancha" and "The Wizard of Oz" at the Birmingham Theatre, as well as "Annie Get Your Gun," just seems to get better and better. "Oklahoma!" is a virtual icon in musical theater. Gardner manages to be iconoclastic without ever sacrificing the integrity of the original.

Barbara Michals is a retired Southfield English teacher. A theater critic for the last 20 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

Conkers to sing  
at Comfy Concert

Traditional country music of England, as sung by the Conkers of Ohio, will be featured at the Paint Creek Folklore Society Comfy Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Rochester Hills home of Phil and Althea Doolittle. Opening for the Conkers will be singer/songwriter Judy Piazza of Rochester.

A Comfy Concert is a house concert held in someone's living room. It is an informal setting that brings a new degree of closeness between performer and audience. Since seating is limited, call 375-2513 to reserve your seat. Tickets are \$8. The Doolittles will send a map and directions to the concert.

Piazza combines a strong, powerful style of presentation with lyrical melodic vocals. This hallmark of her performances has contributed to her popularity as a musical performer in the folk music area. Her music can best be described as folk, but it also includes traditional favorites, contemporary treasures, and her own original compositions. Complementing her voice will be the sounds of acoustic guitar.

She began her musical career 10 years ago in California where she performed in restaurants and coffee houses. Since moving to Rochester, Piazza has performed at outdoor festivals and other musical events.

The Conkers are a family group consisting of Sharon Wildermuth, her husband, Michael, and her sister, Sheila Benson. They have been singing together for more than 10 years and have performed at colleges in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Their music is the traditional country music of England — songs originally sung by farm laborers, milk maids, ploughboys, and shepherds — which they sing in the traditional style.

Historically, traditional song in England was most often performed solo by individuals unaccompanied by instruments. However, within this tradition is found the custom of small group singing in harmony.

It is this practice that the Conkers hope to perpetuate and popularize by their performances. Their style is characterized by a blend of vocal harmonies that brings a charming presence



Folk group: The Conkers (from left to right) Sheila Benson, Michael Wildermuth and Sharon Wildermuth, will perform at the Paint Creek Folklore Society's Comfy Concert.

to the English country songs they sing.

While the focus is on the older tradition of unaccompanied

singing, Conkers sometimes accompany themselves on guitar, penny whistle, mandolin and dulcimer.

Choruses to present  
movie, Broadway tunes

The Plymouth Community Chorus and Livonia Civic Chorus are preparing for their spring concerts.

The Plymouth Community Chorus concert, "Best Seat in the House," is 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton Township.

Selections will include favorites from "Phantom of the Opera," "Beauty and the Beast," "Les Misérables," "West Side Story," "Aladdin," and songs from many other movies and Broadway shows.

Advance tickets may be bought at Sideshow Gifts, 505 Forest, Plymouth, Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Road in Canton Township, the Northville/Novi News office, 104 W. Main, Northville, or by calling 455-4080.

The Livonia Civic Chorus will present its 28th annual spring concert — "Just Off Broadway," 8 p.m. Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road in Livonia.

The evening promises to be fun-filled with the chorus taking the audience to the streets of New York — Broadway.

They will present familiar

tunes such as "Cabaret," "Put on a Happy Face," and a medley from "West Side Story" that includes "Tonight," "I Feel Pretty," and "America."

There will be vocal soloists, a string quartet singing "Broadway Baby," and even some tappers. Tickets are \$4 for seniors and students, \$7 for adults.

Advance tickets are available at the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department at Five Mile and Farmington Roads in Livonia, 261-2260.

Tickets will also be on sale at the door at 7:30 p.m.

Also of note is the Men's Glee Club of Wayne State University's annual alumni concert 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 in the Community Arts Auditorium. Any alumni who wish information about the concert or rehearsals may call the music department at 577-1795 or Harry Langford at 474-7606. A \$5 donation for the concert is suggested.

The Langford Singers Male Choir, formed by Harry Langford and alumni after his retirement, will also perform. Alumni are invited to join in the tradition and enjoy an evening of singing. Already a large number of Glee Club alumni plan to sing some of the favorite pieces of past years.

## Outstanding program transcends ethnic boundaries



AVIGDOR ZARNOP

A program of mostly Jewish music was presented at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue in Southfield recently. There was no admission charge, but the event

would have been a bargain even with an admission charge.

The three performing musicians have all lived in Israel and are currently living in this country. They consisted of pianist Fedora Horowitz, clarinetist Eli Eban, and cellist Yehuda Hanani.

Of these, Horowitz, who is a Southfield resident, is best known to local audiences as the director of the Lyric Chamber Ensemble. Eban, who was a member of the Israel Philharmonic for many years, is currently on the faculty of the University of Indiana. Hanani has a busy schedule as a recitalist and soloist having appeared with the Philadelphia,

Chicago and Baltimore symphonies.

Quality music transcends national and ethnic boundaries — its appeal and message are international. This is the case even if the temporary focus is primarily directed toward a specific ethnic group.

The opening selection, for example, "Kol Nidre" by Max Bruch for piano and cello in this version, was among the better known "Jewish" selections on the program. Yet, while the topic is based on a prayer from the Yom Kippur service, the composer wasn't Jewish — to the surprise and astonishment of many who

are told that for the first time.

Other Jewish oriented selections consisted of "Three Israeli Melodies" arranged by Joachim Stuchevsky, "Three Songs Without Words" by Paul Ben-Haim and "Suite Hebraique for Clarinet and Piano" by Sru Irving Glick.

Ben-Haim was regarded as a leading Israeli composer for many years until his death some 10 years ago. The title "Songs Without Words" brings to mind a collection of short piano pieces by Mendelssohn, which hasn't much in common with Ben-Haim's contemporary style. Irving Glick is seldom heard of, but his "Suite Hebraique" does have some at-

tractive movements.

So what music do these three serious musicians schedule for the second part? The "Trio for Clarinet, Cello and Piano," by Brahms. How does this fit into a program of Jewish music?

"Brahms was one of the few masters who wasn't anti-Semitic," said Horowitz. But even those who would consider this to be a lame excuse, could not deny the profound quality of this music which would make it fit for mostly Jewish audience regardless of ethnic orientation. There is also the instrumental consideration. While there were some Jewish masters available — such as

Mendelssohn — they didn't write a clarinet trio. Few chamber works are as moving and inspiring as this Brahms trio which was undeniably the best music on that program.

The music that Brahms wrote for the clarinet is underscored by its serenity and more intimate nature. These elements were present in that performance, with clarinet passages which were clear and well phrased, but not overly flamboyant.

Avigdor Zarnop, born in Poland, educated in Israel and the United States, has a Ph.D. in math and has studied piano, music theory and history.

## Festival features ethnic food, dance groups

"Sarisan Slovak" will headline the sixth annual International Folk Dance Festival 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion at 26000 Evergreen, north of 10 Mile in Southfield.

Tickets are \$13.50 in advance, \$15 at the door, and available at Southfield City Hall, main lobby 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday; Parks and Recreation Building, main lobby 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and the International Institute, 111 E. Kirby, Detroit, during business hours. Advance ticket deadline is April 10.

Advance tickets are also available by mail through April 10 at the City of Southfield Community Relations Department, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield 48037-2055. Make checks payable to the International Institute. For information, call 354-4854 or 871-8600.

The event will feature ethnic dance groups and international food booths as a fund-raiser for the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit's ethnic enrichment programs for new immigrants to the Detroit metropolitan area.

Here's the festival program — 3:30 p.m. Troupe Ta'amullat Near East Dancers, 3:30 p.m. Audinys Lithuanian Folk Dance Troupe, 4:10 Wavel Folk Ensemble (Polish), 4:25 p.m. Tagumpay Philippine Cultural Ensemble, 4:45 p.m. Echoes of Ukraine, 5:10 p.m. Maria del Carmen's Grupo Espana, 5:30 p.m. Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble, 6:05 p.m. presentation Southfield Mayor Donald Francis and Jeanne Leonard, president International Institute, 6:20 p.m. Art of Motion Dance Theatre (African-American), 6:40 p.m. Tim O'Hare's Irish Step Dancers, and 7 p.m. Vi-

dyanjali East Indian Dancers.

An international buffet featuring Greek, Italian, Polish, Mid-Eastern, Japanese, Indian, Jewish and French dishes and desserts, served by area restaurants, will be offered 3:30-6 p.m.

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## CLASSICAL

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Brunch with the Classics features "The Kobayashi-Gray Duo," with Laura Kobayashi, violin and Susan Keitch Gray, piano in a concert featuring works by Leclair, Schubert, Clara Schumann and Cesar Franck, noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the Somerset Collection Rotunda, 2801 Big Beaver Road, Troy. Call 643-6360 for tickets.

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## VIVACE

Vivace Performing Arts Series features pianist Steven Rosenfeld 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10 members, seniors and students, \$11 non-members. Call 647-4632.

## CHAMBERWORKS

Music at the French Court, music by Clerambault, Jacquet de la Guerre, Boismortier and Couperin, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 at Christ Church of Cranbrook, Grd Hall, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10, seniors and students \$7. For information, call 643-7788.

## AMERICAN ARTISTS SERIES

Ervin Monroe, flutist will be the soloist for the final concert of the American Artists 23rd season, 3

p.m. Sunday, April 24 at Cranbrook/Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook Campus, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Peter Schoenbach, chairman of the Wayne State University Music Department, will give the 2 p.m. preview lecture. For information, call 851-5044.

## REQUIEM

Central United Methodist Church, Detroit and St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia, will present John Rutter's "Requiem" and a choral work by Ralph Vaughan Williams with handbell accompaniment, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in St. Matthew's sanctuary, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call 442-6038.

## DANCE

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**  
Oakland Dance Theatre spring showcase performances 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester.

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## THEATER

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## VILLAGE PLAYERS

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Jewish Community Center and Nancy Gurwin production of "A Little Night Music," continues through April 10 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the JCC in West Bloomfield. For ticket information call the JCC at 661-1100 or Gurwin at 354-0545.

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Performances of the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department production of "Long Day's Journey Into Night" continue through April 10 on the campus in Livonia. For ticket information call the college bookstore at 462-4409.

## LAUREL PARK PLACE

Janet Tenaj and Classic Trio 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in the North Court of Laurel Park Place east of I-275 at West Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

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Janet Tenaj and Classic Trio 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in the North Court of Laurel Park Place east of I-275 at West Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

## Oakland University, Chajes concert to feature pianist

Brazilian-born pianist Flavio Varani, artist-in-residence at Oakland University in Rochester, will be featured in concerts on April 10 at Oakland University in Rochester, and April 18 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

He will perform Olivier Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," with Trio Aventura, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Oakland University faculty member Douglas Cornelien, clarinet, 8

p.m. Saturday, April 10, in the Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

Trio Aventura is Flavio Varani, piano; John Fadiel, violin and Beth Vanderburgh, cello. Tickets are \$10, seniors \$8, students \$3. Call 370-3013 for ticket information.

The Julius Chajes Music Fund Concert series will present Varani in concert at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan De-

troit, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18.

The concert will be in the Janice Chazac Epstein Museum and Gallery at the center. For concert and ticket information, call Annette Chajes, 661-1000 Ext. 352.

Varani began performing as a soloist at the age of 7. When he was 10 he began touring with the Brazilian National Symphony, a tradition that continues up to the present day. He is a renowned re-

citist, chamber musician and guest artist with leading orchestras in the United States, Latin America and Europe.

As a teenager, he studied with the legendary Margia Tagliaferro in Paris. In the United States he continued his studies with Rosina Lhevinne at Juilliard and with Arthur Balsam and Dora Zaslavsky at the Manhattan School of Music where he won the "Harold Bauer Award" for the most distinguished pianist. Varani was

first prize winner at the "Chopin International Competition" in Mallorca.

Presently, Varani is Artist in Residence at Oakland University in Rochester.

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On Easter Sunday, April 11 and Mother's Day, May 9, Charley's Crab, 5498 Grand River, Troy, will feature a special four course menu brunch. Brunch served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost \$17.50 adults, \$6.50 children. Call 879-2060 for information.

**T.S. MARTIN'S**  
Easter brunch will be served at T.S. Martin's Restaurant and Tavern 27189 Grand River, Redford Township, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Menu features ham, house potatoes, mostaccioli, Chicken Vesuvio, barbecue chicken, kielbasa and much more. Cost \$8.95 adults, \$4.95 children. Call 537-6610 for reservations.

**MATT BRADY'S**  
Spend Easter Sunday with your family at Matt Brady's inside the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills at 38123 W. Ten Mile Road. Brunch served 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$12.95 for seniors, and \$7.95 for children under 12. Children under 5 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Menu will feature tossed garden salad, chef carved steamship of beef and ham, herb roast chicken, sweet table, and other treats. Call 477-4000 for reservations.

**WOODEN HORSE INN**  
Leave the cooking to Wooden Horse Inn at 5725 Rochester Road, Troy. Easter Grand Buffet served 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. will feature a large assortment of entrees including traditional items such as carved ham and smoked sausage. Chefs will staff the omelet station 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to prepare

"egg-celent" items to order. Cost is \$13.95 adults; \$7.95 children under 12. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance. Call 879-1555 for reservations.

**JIM BRADY'S**  
Jim Brady's Bar and Grill, 26053 Town Center Drive, Novi, is serving Easter Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the holiday dinner menu 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A children's menu is available. For reservations and information, call 380-8460.

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Special dinner, Flamenco Guitars, Romantic violins, shows 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11 at Don Ricardo's 5656 Telegraph, Redford, 533-8000. Enjoy a Taste of Spain, tapas, paella, and other dishes.

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**POLISH EASTER CELEBRATION**  
Swieconka, Polish Easter Celebration, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre in Troy. Cost \$17.50 adults, \$8 children ages 5-12. Includes buffet, refreshments and entertainment. Call 689-3636 for information.

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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 atrium. Tickets are \$200 per person, the walk-around tasting event on April 30 is \$75 per person. 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 specials 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.

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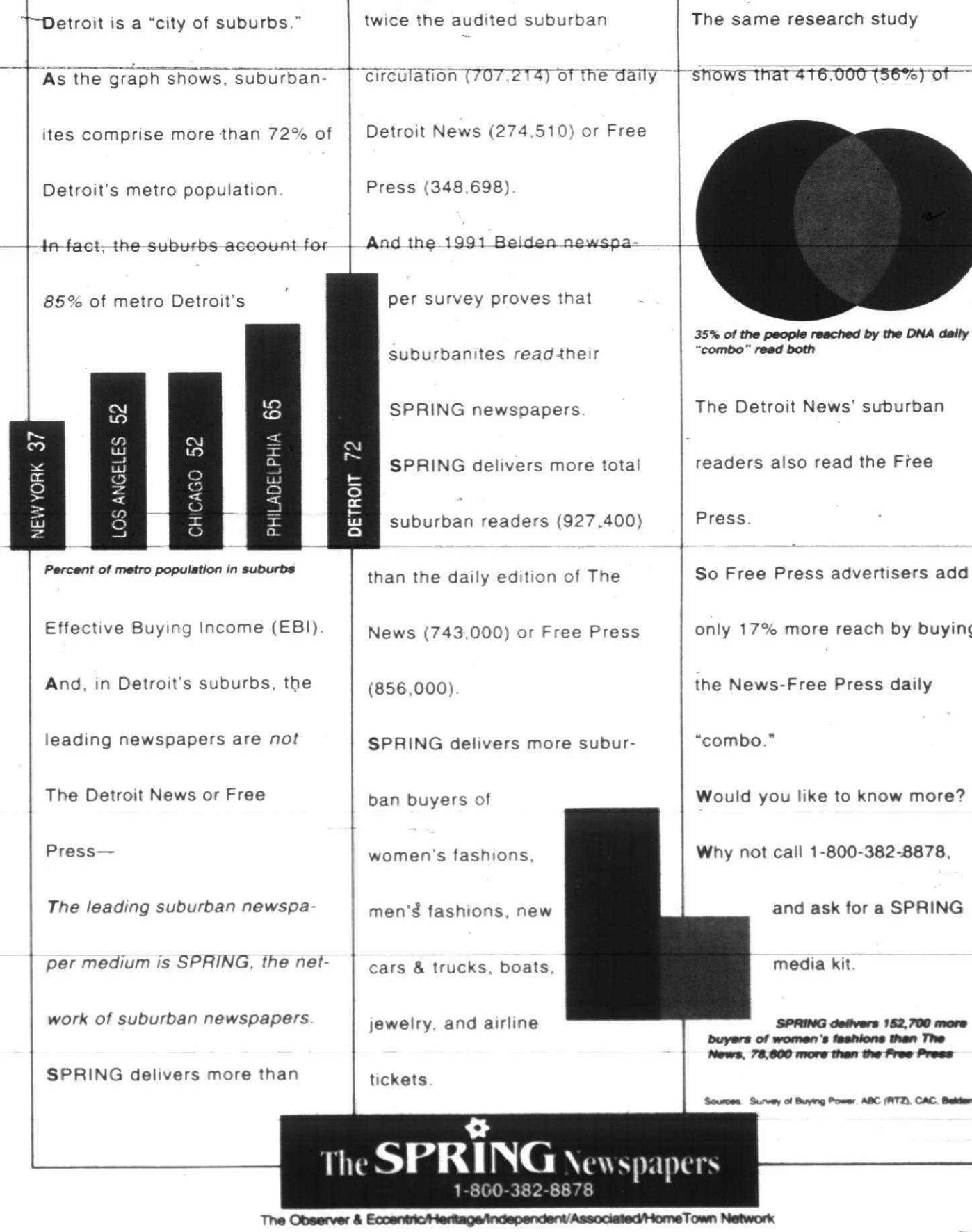
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## Metro Detroit: the newspaper readership story





# Moon, rules determine when to wear your Easter bonnet



RAYMOND E. BULLOCK

Easter Sunday is on April 11 this year. Determining the date of this very erratic holiday depends on the phase of the moon and a few rules.

The ground rules for determining Easter are set up in the year 325 A.D. when the Emperor Constantine called for a Council at Nicea for the purpose of calendar reform. Based on the advice of his Christian council, he decreed that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurred after the vernal equinox (the start of spring).

The reason for choosing the full moon, rather than the new moon, was so persons making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land could travel at night by moonlight. Since the start of spring occurs on March 20 or 21, the earliest date that can be Easter is March 22.

But now we have to consider the inevitable exceptions to the rule: If the first full moon to occur after the start of spring falls on a Sunday, then the following Sunday is Easter. If the full moon happens to be on the same day as the vernal equinox, then the April full moon is used. If the April full moon falls on a Sunday, the following Sunday is Easter. UNLESS that date is later than April 25, which is the latest date Easter is permitted to fall. If that Sunday does fall after the 25th, then the previous Sunday, the one with the full moon, must be used.

So all things considered, Easter can come as early as March 22, which it last did in the year 1818 and will again in 2285, or it may come as late as April 25, which it did in 1943 and will again in 2038. This year Easter Sunday is April 11, which is five days after the full moon. Now, wasn't that simple?

The moon will be found within the border of Sagittarius the archer on the morning of the 12th. It will be sitting just above the "lid" of the "teapot" that marks that constellation.

On the following morning the moon will be located four degrees above and to the right of the faint outer planets Uranus and Neptune, but these planets are not visible without the aid of binoculars or a telescope. Later this month Uranus will overtake Neptune (as seen from the vantage point of the sun).

The moon will be at last quarter phase at 3:39 p.m. on April 13. It will be starting the last quarter of its orbit around the earth. When the moon is at last quarter phase it will rise after midnight and will be in the south by sunrise.

Look for Saturn on the morning of the 16th. It will be easy to identify that planet; it will look like a star four degrees below the lower cusp (point) of the waning (fading) crescent moon. Follow the moon across the sky during the next three mornings as it approaches brilliant Venus in the east.

On the 19th a beautiful display will be visible with the crescent moon less than one degree to the right of Venus in the east. There will be a rare occultation (covering) of Venus by the moon, but unfortunately that will occur after sunrise in Michigan. A much more spectacular display will occur for people in Hawaii. (Details of the occultation will be found in the April issue of "Sky and Telescope" magazine. Check your local bookstore for availability.)

Uranus will overtake Neptune on April 21, as seen from the perspective of the sun. (From the earth's perspective, there will be a conjunction, or "grouping," between the two in September.) This is significant in that it will be the first passage since Neptune was discovered, the last one occurred in 1821, which was 25 years before Neptune's discovery! Will this alignment cause the destruction of the world by earthquakes and tidal waves? Well, it certainly didn't happen in 1821 and it's unlikely to happen in 1993, so don't lose any sleep over it. Since this alignment happens only once in 172 years, the next passage will not occur until 2165.

The New Moon, which happens with considerably more regularity, will occur at 7:50 p.m. on April 21. The moon will be located between the earth and the sun and will not be visible. This happily coincides with the peak of the Lyrid meteor shower.

The Lyrid shower, named for the constellation of Lyra from which the "falling stars" appear to radiate, is not one of the better annual showers. A patient observer can expect to see only 15 meteor on average each hour, which is about one every four minutes. Because the moon is at new phase there will be no moonlight scattered across the sky, making it possible to see the fainter members of the shower.

Look for the waxing (growing) crescent moon on the evening of April 23. It will be located in Taurus, just three degrees below the Pleiades (PLEE-a dees) star cluster. The Pleiades looks like a tiny dipper, and it's a beautiful sight in binoculars or a telescope at low power. On the following evening the moon will be just to the right of the Hyades (HIGH-a dees) star cluster, which looks like the letter "V." The bright star four degrees to the left of the moon is Aldebaran (al DEE-ba-ran). This star, which represents the "eye" of the bull, marks the upper left point of the Hyades "V." You can trace the "V" down four degrees, then angle back up toward the moon's lower cusp.

The moon will be four degrees below and to the left of Mars on the evening of the 26th. Notice that Mars is now nine degrees to the left of Pollux; on April 1 it was six degrees to the right of that star in Gemini. Now Mars is located within the faint constellation of Cancer the crab.

First Quarter Moon will occur at 8:41 a.m. on April 29.

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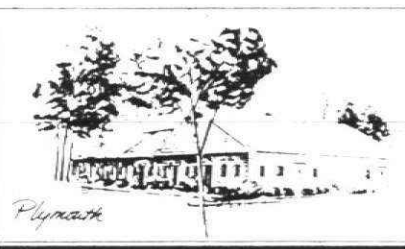
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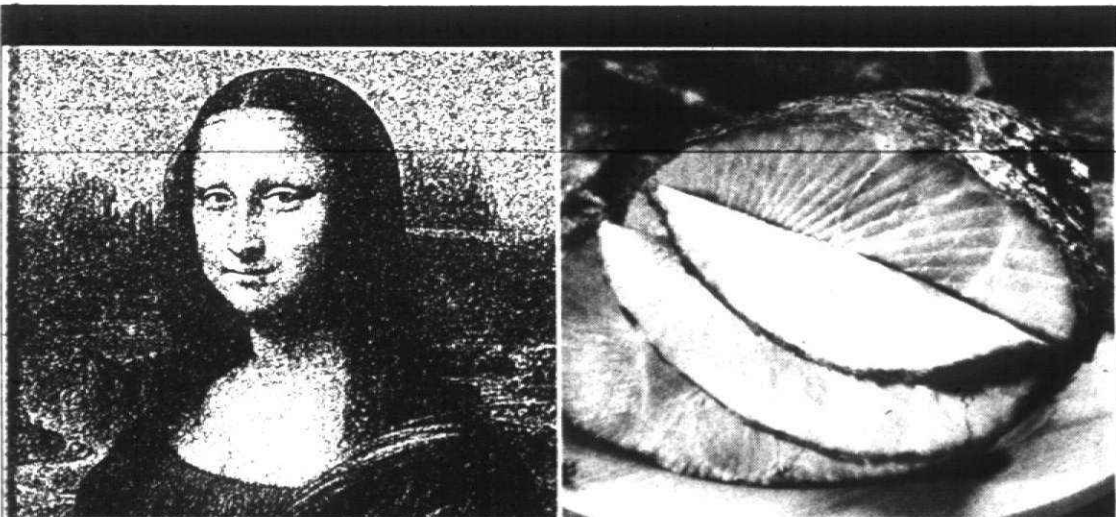
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On the 19th a beautiful display will be visible with the crescent moon less than one degree to the right of Venus in the east. There will be a rare occultation (covering) of Venus by the moon, but unfortunately that will occur after sunrise in Michigan. A much more spectacular display will occur for people in Hawaii. (Details of the occultation will be found in the April issue of "Sky and Telescope" magazine. Check your local bookstore for availability.)

Uranus will overtake Neptune on April 21, as seen from the perspective of the sun. (From the earth's perspective, there will be a conjunction, or "grouping," between the two in September.) This is significant in that it will be the first passage since Neptune was discovered, the last one occurred in 1821, which was 25 years before Neptune's discovery! Will this alignment cause the destruction of the world by earthquakes and tidal waves? Well, it certainly didn't happen in 1821 and it's unlikely to happen in 1993, so don't lose any sleep over it. Since this alignment happens only once in 172 years, the next passage will not occur until 2165.

The New Moon, which happens with considerably more regularity, will occur at 7:50 p.m. on April 21. The moon will be located between the earth and the sun and will not be visible. This happily coincides with the peak of the Lyrid meteor shower.

The Lyrid shower, named for the constellation of Lyra from which the "falling stars" appear to radiate, is not one of the better annual showers. A patient observer can expect to see only 15 meteor on average each hour, which is about one every four minutes. Because the moon is at new phase there will be no moonlight scattered across the sky, making it possible to see the fainter members of the shower.

Look for the waxing (growing) crescent moon on the evening of April 23. It will be located in Taurus, just three degrees below the Pleiades (PLEE-a dees) star cluster. The Pleiades looks like a tiny dipper, and it's a beautiful sight in binoculars or a telescope at low power. On the following evening the moon will be just to the right of the Hyades (HIGH-a dees) star cluster, which looks like the letter "V." The bright star four degrees to the left of the moon is Aldebaran (al DEE-ba-ran). This star, which represents the "eye" of the bull, marks the upper left point of the Hyades "V." You can trace the "V" down four degrees, then angle back up toward the moon's lower cusp.

The moon will be four degrees below and to the left of Mars on the evening of the 26th. Notice that Mars is now nine degrees to the left of Pollux; on April 1 it was six degrees to the right of that star in Gemini. Now Mars is located within the faint constellation of Cancer the crab.

First Quarter Moon will occur at 8:41 a.m. on April 29.

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## Hot Dogs from Next page

The biggest thing that Hygrade lost was goodwill with the stadium association, she said. Consequently, the company won't advertise on Tiger broadcasts this season.

Four factors generally come into play when food suppliers try to sell stadium accounts, Riley said.

"Availability to service the account, the price you're going to sell the product (to the concessionaire), quality of product, and merchandising support you give to the stadium," she said, adding that merchandising would specifically include billboard advertising and promotional giveaway days at Tiger Stadium.

"We were interested in continuing the relationship. They simply informed us after the negotiations that due to a business relationship at Joe Louis Arena, they were going with Thorn Apple Valley."

Some 300,000 pounds or about 1.8 million hot dogs were sold at Tiger Stadium last year, Riley said. Menus and stadium prices are jointly set by stadium operators and concessionaires, said Matthew D. Bauer, spokesman for Sportservice, which sells concessions in Tiger Stadium.

"It was a mutual decision between the Tigers and Sportservice that we would go with Thorn Apple Valley," Bauer said. "Both certainly have a high profile and certainly a high quality product."

"We're in contact with purveyors of different foods across the country," Bauer said. "We're approached by purveyors on a regular basis. We like to entertain everyone as much as possible. What makes us unique is we like to keep local brands in our facilities."

Hygrade never had a written contract to supply foods at Tiger Stadium, Riley said, basically working on a year-to-year verbal agreement.

Nowadays, food suppliers get it in writing, especially in new venues, she said. Jahne would say only that he has a multi-year deal for Tiger Stadium.

While disappointed, Riley isn't bitter about losing the Tiger Stadium account. "They were up front with us," she said. "We support people who support Detroit."

Marshall, and its snack crackers are packed in Benton Harbor. Campbell Soup owns the Marshall plant, while Creative Foods owns the Benton Harbor facility.

Snack food sales in the U.S. were up 5.6 percent last year, according to a report issued by the Snack Food Association. Consumers spent \$13.4 billion to quench their snack cravings.

"We see significant growth potential for the industry and our brands," Nunez said. "Win Schuler brands are high-quality, good-tasting products we expect will be extremely popular with today's snack-food consumer."

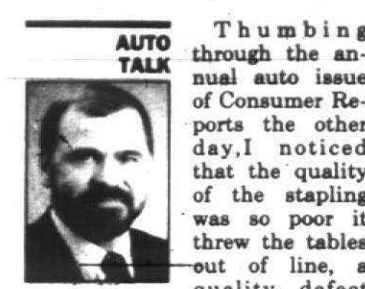
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## Reviews don't replace 'caveat emptor'



DAN MCCOSH

Thumbing through the annual auto issue of Consumer Reports the other day, I noticed that the quality of the stapling was so poor it threw the tables out of line, a quality defect that didn't say much for the fit and finish of the magazine.

Regardless, CR's annual auto issue is in all likelihood the most feared of any publication offering advice on what new car today.

Between their huge circulation, pseudo-scientific testing methodology, and regular polls of readers for product complaints, the magazine has a well-earned reputation of being the source most often consulted when a new-car purchase is in the offing.

There has been a good deal of talk this year about how imported makes took over most of the top spots in CR's annual auto issue,

leaving domestic cars mainly down near the bottom. This has been happening most years, just as most years someone accuses the magazine of bias, if not blatant anti-American sentiment.

The reality is that in the actual ratings, strictly U.S. cars took the top rating in three of the seven categories, Japanese makes took three, one was German, and the remaining category was the export Mercury Villager, designed by Ford, built in a Ford plant, but engineered in Japan and powered by a Japanese engine.

In fact, it is not import vs. domestic that is most noticeable on the CR ratings lists, but the dominance of Toyota, which was at the top of the reliability index for every category where they had a product listed.

No other manufacturer had anything approximating this showing, regardless of country of origin.

This reliability index is mainly based on the input of CR's readers, via a survey that is taken on a regular basis soliciting consumer

complaints. It is both the most interesting and controversial of CR ratings, the one that creates a neat little chart of red targets if nobody makes complaints, or a nasty-looking row of black spots if they do.

Neat as it is, the question remains whether people are really telling the truth about their cars, or are they failing to fuss up about the real turkeys?

Out of curiosity, I checked up on the Honda Accord, which as far as I know had the biggest single recall of any car for a mechanical defect last year — a problem with the fuel tank that resulted in more than a million recall notices sent out.

I remembered the recall mainly because at the time it had received little publicity, and I wrote a column about it, noting a trend towards bias against American cars.

Sure enough, the Accord got a row of red targets, the best possible rating, under the line on "fuel systems," meaning Honda owner's were part of a massive cover-up. Maybe one exercise doesn't de-

stroy the credibility of the whole system, but it sure doesn't support it.

Actually, I suspect this incident merely reinforces the contention that most people don't care as much if their car breaks down as they do about getting it fixed in a hurry.

In fact, the only really reliable records of how well a car is performing in the real world are the manufacturer's own warranty records, which are considerably more difficult to get than the plans for the atomic bomb.

Meanwhile, the consumer must rely on an odd mix of opinion, rumor, and romance that adds up to the reputation a particular car enjoys.

**Caveat emptor.**  
Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science magazine. If you have a comment, question or suggestion concerning Auto Talk, write to Dan McCosh, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or you can call him directly by dialing 953-2047, mail box number 1870, on a touch-tone phone.

## Schuler from Next page

"Win Schuler Bar Scheetz and Bar Schips have become Michigan traditions and are two of the most popular regional snack foods in the area."

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## Firm to use defense know-how on airbags

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."

Dave Bauer TIP Engineering

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 is itself can potentially

bag 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 Safety Administration is discussing the possibility of funding a similar project with TIP for driver-side airbags.

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## SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Stanley A. Zdeb, formerly of the Plymouth area, has been promoted to vice president, Engineering and Bob Greene, also formerly of the Plymouth area, was promoted to director, non-production purchasing and support for Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corp. USA in Smyrna, Tennessee.



Stanley A. Zdeb

Jane Mendenhall of Redford has been named vice president, director of traffic and studio operations at the advertising CME-KHBB in Southfield. Mendenhall will oversee the formation and management of its new studio including the hiring of top-notch designers, tracking technological advances in equipment and securing new clients for studio division.



Bob Greene

Maria A. Sipos of Northville has been appointed director of design at Interior Dynamics Inc., a full service business interiors firm based in Troy, with offices in Flint. She will supervise the design and staff and is involved in the marketing, proposal development and management of major projects.



Jane Mendenhall

Garden City dentist Joseph F. Pinto, D.D.S. has been elected to a one year term as chairman of the board of trustees of the Delta Dental Fund. Pinto, a retired practitioner, has chaired several committees of both the Detroit District Dental Society and the Michigan Dental Association.



Maria A. Sipos

Lowell Spence, president of Interlochen Consultants Ltd. in Livonia and a certified safety professional, has been awarded the "Safety Professional" award at the Engineering Society of Detroit's Gold Award banquet.

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## Hot dog, it's a new ball game for Tigers this summer of '93

■ A veteran of many baseball seasons here will be "long gone" when the Tigers open up at home next week. No one's at fault, really. It's just time for a change, according to those charged with the decision.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

One big lineup change will affect almost every fan at Tiger Stadium this baseball season.

Thorn Apple Valley, with corporate headquarters in Southfield, replaces Hygrade as the supplier of hot dogs at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull.

The decision to switch from Hygrade to Thorn Apple Valley couldn't really be viewed as a surprise after Mike Ilitch bought the baseball club and took over stadium operations late last summer.

Thorn Apple Valley hot dogs are sold at Joe Louis Arena, which also is operated by Ilitch and home to his Red Wings.

"Obviously, we're excited," said Keith Jahnke, executive vice president for sales and marketing at Thorn Apple Valley. "I think the difference was we're a proven good supplier to the Ilitch organization including Little Caesars."

Thorn Apple Valley sells ham to Ilitch's pizza operation.

Jahnke doesn't envision that the hot-dog business at Tiger Stadium — which will include bun-size smokeless sausage — will generate more jobs in and of itself for his company.

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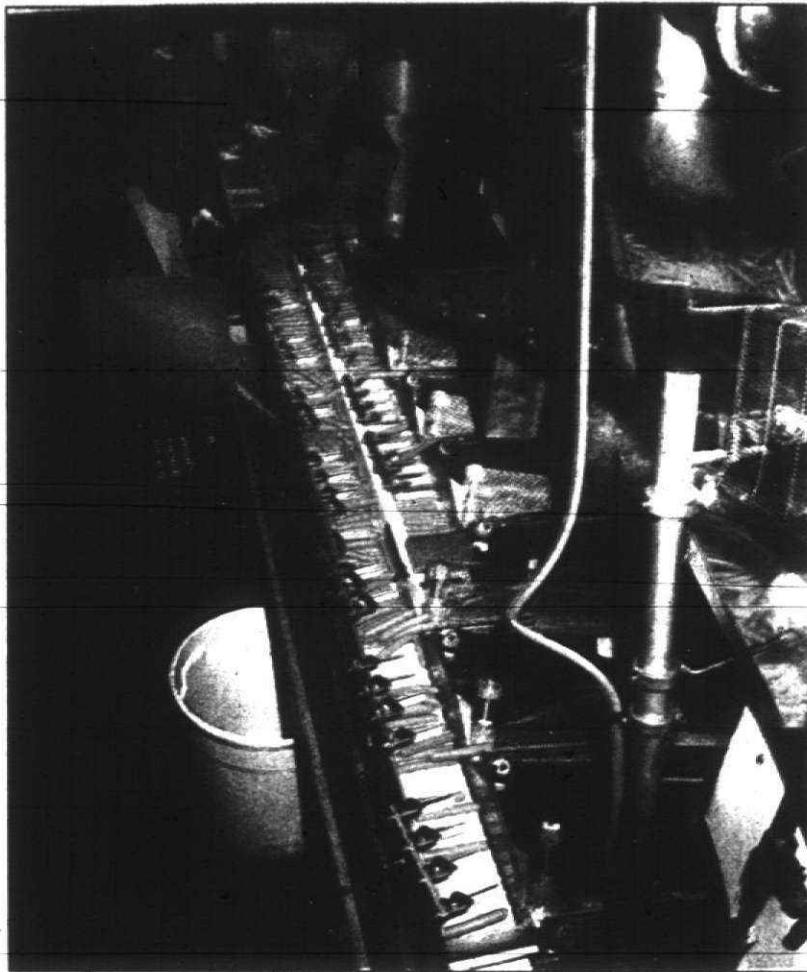
"Hopefully, it will have an impact at the retail level," he said. "There will be a lot of promotion. We're going to be doing a lot of advertising, a lot of couponing."

Hot dogs will be priced this season at \$1.75 compared to \$1.80 last year for a comparable size.

Hygrade, a division of Sara Lee, is headquartered in Southfield, with production plants in Livonia and Philadelphia.

"Obviously, we're disappointed," said Margaret Riley, vice president and director of marketing for Hygrade. "It was a relationship we had for 36 years. Ball Park Franks were created for Tiger Stadium in 1957. They were sold there before they were sold in grocery stores."

No employment cuts will result from losing the baseball account, she



Get your red hots: Thorn Apple Valley workers step up production of the hot dogs that will be served at Tiger Stadium this season.

added. Hygrade continues to supply the Kingdom in Seattle and will start supplying the Palace of Auburn Hills in August.

"Ninety-five percent of our volume

now is retail volume," Riley said. "In actuality, we could sell as much with a big ad for Farmer Jack or A&P as we'd sell in Tiger Stadium in a year."

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## Schuler Foods flies new ownership flag

A group of local investors has acquired Win Schuler Foods retail and food service products from the Campbell Soup Co. of Camden, N.J.

Win Schuler had annual sales of \$5 million last year. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

The acquisition includes only Win Schuler retail and food service brands, including Original Bar

Scheeze, Bar Schips, Win Schuler meatballs and barbecue sauce.

"Right now we're in the early stages of developing the business," said Robert Nunez. Nunez and Tom Bitterman will act as general managers of the new entity. The two were senior executives of Vlastic Foods.

"Our intent is to grow, to develop and market products that meet con-

sumer needs."

The Schuler family sold the business to Vlastic Foods in 1982 but continues to own and operate three restaurants — in Marshall, Jackson and Stevensville, Mich.

Hogan Partners of Livonia finalized the acquisition agreement with executives from Campbell.

"We hope our advantage is that

we're really focused," Nunez said. "Schuler was a small concern for Campbells."

"We're very proud to bring the ownership of these popular, high-quality food products back to the state," said Bitterman.

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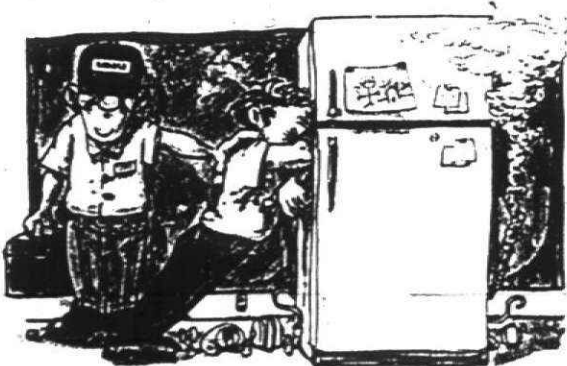
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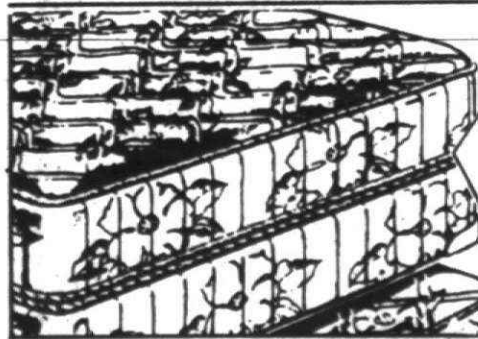
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# SUBURBAN LIFE

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## FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

## Here are few tips to avoid life's stresses

With each day come new situations that cause stress in the lives of parents. Parents are asked to respond to the many needs of children and their own personal needs as well as countless interruptions daily that can cause stress.

A stressed-out parent may find it difficult to deal with their daily routine. A baby may be crying at the same time a pot is boiling over, the phone ringing and the dog breaking a lamp. This type of activity is enough to drive the best parent up a wall.

There is hope, though, in the most stressful times for parents. Here are some stress tips:

- Get enough sleep and rest.
- Get regular exercise.
- Avoid the hurry, flurry and worry.
- Laugh more.
- Avoid loneliness.

Parents need to take proper care of themselves in order to combat stress. A well-rested, properly conditioned, happy mom and dad are better able to deal with stress than a mom or dad that refuse to take care of and listen to their bodies.

Parents should remember that children need parents to be the best they can be. A stress-free parent is better equipped to provide the care children so greatly need.

Dr. Kenneth B. Matheny of Georgia State University gives suggestions parents may use to combat stress:

- Modify a perfectionist attitude.
- Adjust the scope of responsibilities.
- Do one thing at a time.
- Balance work and play.
- Speak up for yourself.
- Develop a feeling of control.

Diet is also a very important consideration when parents are engaged in reducing stress. Dr. Neil Solomon, assistant professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University, suggests:

- Cut down on salt, animal fats, coffee, tea and colas and avoid all junk food.
- Increase your intake of foods rich in potassium, vitamin B and C.
- Drink at least two quarts of fluids a day, including two glasses of water and skim milk.
- Eat plenty of bulk foods.
- Have two snacks per day.
- Relax before every meal.
- Get some exercise.
- Don't skip breakfast.

Remember, parents, stress can be managed and we can live long, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.

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## He uses gift to encourage more giving

BY JAMES RADEBAUGH  
STAFF WRITER

Patrick Pruitt would like you to try seeing things his way.

He's not demanding, not begging — simply asking you to think about donating your eyes to the Michigan Eye Bank upon your death.

The way he sees it, it's a negligible sacrifice that can mean an awful lot to someone else.

Patrick, a skinny, blond-haired 8-year-old boy who lives with his mom, dad and two sisters in Canton, is an Eye Bank ambassador. He writes letters to newspapers, gives speeches, and is pictured in the Eye Bank's latest poster — all in an effort to get people thinking about the pressing need for eye donors.

He's also the recipient of a cornea transplant, able to see with his left eye because somebody somewhere agreed to be buried with artificial eyes.

"Although I don't think about it that much, I'm very grateful," the Allen Elementary third-grader said recently in his parents' living room.

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TAMMIE GRAVES

## OLDER CHILDREN CHALLENGE 'PARENTS'

■ If you want to do it because you think you'll be appreciated, foster parenting isn't for you. But if you're into giving of yourself and willing to be patient, the rewards can be many.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



Dorothy Murphy shakes her head slowly. Her nod says a lot of things.

Yes, it says, there is a need for foster families, especially foster families for older children, even though the number of children entering the "system" has been declining for nine consecutive months.

Yes, it says, there is a problem with people's perception of older foster care children as "problem children."

And, yes, it says, the age of the child aside, foster care can be challenging and rewarding.

"A lot of people want the cute infant and preschooler, so we're always looking for ways to attract families for older children," said Murphy, director of recruitment and special projects for Youth Living Centers in Inkster. "There's a perception that the older child is a problem child and the media plays into that, so people are leery of taking them in."

One family that hasn't been leery of such a commitment is Glenn and Jessica Meldrum. They have been foster parents for about nine years, caring for four children and acting as guardians of several of them. Most of their charges have been teenagers.

"There's definitely a lot of challenges, especially with teenagers who have been in the system," Jessica Meldrum said. "They bring along a lot of emotional baggage, so you can't have a lot of expectations about them. You have to deal with the issues as they come up."

Their first brush with foster care came when Glenn, a minister, was working with teenagers at a church in Detroit. He encountered a young girl who was living on the streets after running away from Vista Maria, a home for troubled girls.

The Meldrums helped the teen as best they could and, as it goes, one thing led to another. Eventually, they became licensed foster care providers through Sanilac County so they could care for her. Taylor residents, they eventually transferred their license to YLC.

### God's work

"We think it was God that led us into this," Jessica said. "We believe as Christ said that we should take up the problems of the world."

The Meldrums have been involved in an adult adoption of one of their foster children who was with them through high school and stayed on for another year. They were on the verge of adopting another when the child began exhibiting mentally ill tendencies.

Currently, the Meldrums are foster parents to a 16-year-old girl who was taken out of her home at age 4. She has been returned to her father several times and has been in seven different homes before arriving at the Meldrums at age 12.

The Meldrums enrolled her in a private Christian school where she was named to the honor roll last marking period. She also plays sports — volleyball and soccer — and is planning to go to college.

"We knew she had potential and needed a situation where someone would make some commitments to her and take care of her," Jessica said. "It took at least a year to win her trust. She tested us for a year, acting out behavior she knew would offend. We knew she needed to do it to test us."

Based in Inkster, YLC has been working with abused, neglected and homeless children and families since 1975 and has developed a history of "not having too many disruptions" in the children's lives, Murphy said.

YLC helps more than 400 children yearly through its residential services and more than 5,000 through crisis calls, drop-ins and drug prevention and community programs. It also operates the Counterpoint Runaway and Crisis Center in Inkster and two group homes in Westland as well as specialized foster care and adoption and supervised independent living programs.

"We have 47 children in foster care and many times we are called to place a child and don't have the family to take him," Murphy said. "It's a problem particularly for those 10 and older."

Being a foster parent is no easy task and it is why a single parent or married family takes on the assignment that spells success. For most, it is a way of giving back, of sharing the family atmosphere they like so much, Murphy said.

One thing it isn't, however, is a way to make some spare cash. Foster families receive about \$11 a day, a figure that hardly covers the cost of clothing, feeding and caring for the child. For families like the Meldrums, the money hardly covers the cost of sending their foster teen to private school.

"If you're investing in the kids, you end up putting out more than you receive," said Jessica. "You can't go into this to fulfill a need in yourself; you need to do this to give of yourself. Eventually, they will give back, but it could take a couple of years."

Foster care, Murphy stressed, isn't permanent. How long a child is placed depends on what the needs are of the birth parents. The case mana-

See PARENTING, 2C

## Agencies gear up for annual Magic Ride

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

OK, so the route will have to be changed a bit this year because of a little construction "along, around and over Proctor Road." But that's not enough to stop Magic Ride.

Now, before you get too confused, this ride has nothing to do with The Who's "Magic Bus." The transportation is of the two-wheel variety — bicycles. For the fourth consecutive year, biking enthusiasts will be peddling away to raise money for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Billed as the Southeast Michigan Warm-Up Magic Ride, it is sponsored by the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, the Child Advocacy Network of Monroe County, the Out-Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Washtenaw Area Council for Children in cooperation with State Sen. Debbie Stabenow and the Magic Ride Michigan Bicycle Tour.

Like many rides, walks and races, participants will pay a fee and collect pledges. With a cadre of



corporate sponsors like McDonald's, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, and the Michigan Education Association, to name a few, all the money raised from the ride will remain in the four-county area.

"Money is basically what this is all about," said Sandra Murphy of the Out-Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect at a recent Magic Ride kickoff breakfast. "It's wonderful to raise the con-

sciousness of the public, but we need the money. And because of corporate sponsorships, 100 percent of the pledges and fees will go to the councils from where the riders come from."

### Big turnout

Organizers hope 2,000 riders of all ages will turn out for the ride Saturday, May 8. It will start and end at the Canton Township Recreation Complex, on Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill Road and Michigan Avenue, with the new route to follow paved rural roads in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Riders may ride either a four-, 14-, 25- or 50-mile course.

Registration will be 7-11 a.m. with check-in for returning riders lasting until 3 p.m. As part of the day's events, there will be a celebrity ride at 10 a.m. with state, county and local officials riding one mile.

See MAGIC RIDE, 2C



# Writer is self-disciplined, dependable, goal directed

## GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Ms. Green, I am 35 years old and the mother of three young boys. I have been married for 12 years. This June will mark my 13th anniversary.

I presently live in Canton. Prior to this my husband and I made our home in Walled Lake.

I am interested in many things. I volunteer regularly at the elementary school where my three boys attend, as my family is very important to me. I enjoy reading, playing tennis, going for walks and playing games, to name a few.

Thank you for analyzing my handwriting. I am looking forward to your response.

L.K.

The handwriting today is a classic example of beautiful copybook writing and good spacing. Adults who continue to cling slavishly to copybook style are people who have their feet firmly planted on terra firma.

This straight baseline coupled with the rhythm strongly suggest one who is self-disciplined, dependable and goal directed.

She is a compulsive worker. No matter how she is feeling she will work until everything is handled to meet her high inner standards. Inferior or incomplete work would be unacceptable. A strong sense of pride inspires her to live up to the expectations of others.

She is the quintessential organizer. Order and neatness prevail. She has a place for everything and wants things in their proper place. With three young sons this could be extremely challenging.

Planning ahead and the implementation of her planning is clearly seen in this handwriting. Once the plans are finalized she dislikes having to make changes. Willingly, she accepts responsibility. Those around her are aware of her conscientious nature. They know she can be counted upon to carry out a commitment.

When she undertakes a project she is not afraid of hard work. In fact, she seems to expect and enjoy complete involvement.

Early life was spent in a home where responsibility and discipline were required of her. Although she perceives the authority was rather strict she continues to live by standards instilled at that time.

Her upbringing included an awareness for the rules of society and "what will the neighbors think?" Possibly, she was made to feel guilty if she did not conform to these mores. She cares what other folks think of her and needs their approval. Authority figures are held in respect and she follows their directives.

Good old-fashioned virtues appear to be firmly rooted. Inner strength comes with her traditional lifestyle. She appears to have a rigid attitude regarding ethics, morality and social responsibility to her family as well as to the community.

Currently, she may be a little dissatisfied with something in her life, but few others are probably aware of it. She does not share her innermost feelings with many people.

I am thirty-five years of three young boys. I did for twelve years. The my thirtieth anniversary

Loyalty is pervasive in this handwriting. It includes loyalty to both people and ideals. Family and friends are held in high esteem and are important to her happiness. She is caring and compassionate with them. I strongly suspect she still has some friendships that started back in her school years.

Seemingly our writer lives by the old chestnut, "Business before pleasure." She does, however, have a lighter side which finds time for fun and pleasure.

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

## Parenting from page 1C

ger works with the birth parents, who may need substance abuse treatment, help in getting a job or parenting classes.

During the process, birth parents may get supervised visits with their children at the agency, moving up to more unsupervised visits away from the center as they get more involved in rehabilitation.

"Foster care is temporary care," Murphy said. "The child doesn't want to be with the foster parent, he wants the abuse to stop. And we want them back with their families. The goal of Youth Living Centers is to reunite families."

### Getting started

At YLC, potential foster parents attend orientation — six three-hour classes that cover everything from the agency's philosophy of discipline — "No hitting, shaking or spanking" — to the grieving process the child will go through as a result of being removed from his home.

Potential foster parents can be single parents, and one- or two-income couples. YLC works with the families, lining up quality child care where needed. The only stipulation is that in the case of couples, both must attend orientation.

Orientation serves as a screening process. In many instances, interested families or individuals self-screen, taking themselves out of consideration because of differences over the discipline policy, the time and commitment necessary or for religious reasons — if the birth parent wants their child or children to go to church, they must go to the parent's church of choice.

They also may fail a character check done to see if there are any criminal complaints or complaints against the individual or family by Protective Services. They also may be eliminated

through the home study which determines if the residence is a place the child will feel safe and welcome in.

"We look at it and think and ask 'Would I want to put my own child in this home?'" Murphy said.

More than half of the potential providers make it through the training and home study and sign on as foster care providers.

Some who don't make it through the licensing process opt to be supervised independent living home providers. They provide room and board for young people 16 to 18 years old who have lived

in residential care and are either in school or working.

YLC directly supervises the young person who signs a contract with the provider as to what he or she will do (their own laundry and the like) in regards to the living arrangements. The family receives a \$340 reimbursement.

One parent who didn't make it through the licensing process and decided against independent living volunteers as a foster care aide at YLC, caring for children while the parents are at the center for training. She also works with the drug prevention program.

With YLC now exploring the Family Assignment System, which would have the agency twice a month place all children

in foster care who come into the system, the need for foster families will continue to grow.

That's why Murphy hopes interested families will consider the monthly training classes. But she echoes the same words of caution that the Meldrums offered for prospective families: "You can't think you'll be appreciated for what you do, that the kids will be glad. They're angry. Some are taken away from their homes and they don't care why. They just want the abuse to stop so they can go back."

For more information, call Youth Living Centers at 728-3400. The center is at 30000 Hueley, west of Middlebelt Road, Inkster.

## Magic Ride from page 1C

Among the celebs will be Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack, who has promised "to make a mile this year" and challenged young people to get involved in the benefit.

Joining him on the starting line will be David Mills, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund, who admitted that he "has ridden in every one and never completed a mile."

Mills was the guest speaker at a breakfast in which he talked about the work being done by the child abuse and neglect agencies.

"It isn't that we don't have a cure for child abuse and neglect; the problem is the volume we serve," he said. "We can't prove that prevention is the cure until we can prove the programs work. It's like trying to prove the vaccine for measles works by vaccinating only 1 percent of the population."

According to Mills, a 1990

study showed that the country spent some \$823 million treating the problems of child abuse and neglect and another \$97 million for foster care.

"But if we spent \$50 million working with first-time mothers in every state instead of spending \$823 million, it would be more effective," he said. "We need to get to the family before the breakdown exists."

The ride also will include family activities (games, music and crafts) and lunch by Little Caesar's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Volunteer effort

The agencies will have some 200 volunteers working the day of the ride, manning registration tables, and two rest stops along the route. Nurses from Oakwood Hospital will also be at the rest areas and the hospital's health promotion van will be on-site in case of a medical emergency. And there

also will be a SAG wagon traveling along the route to handle breakdowns.

Help also is coming from the Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Club, which will keep organizers in touch with workers at the different checkpoints. This is the second year club members have helped with the ride, and they will be doing even more.

"They'll help put up signs along the road and help with the 'road kill,'" said Murphy. "Dorothy (Murphy of Youth Living Centers), her mother and myself did it last year."

"It wasn't bad after the first few, but you'd better bring two big shovels," Dorothy told Dick Hill of the radio club.

Pre-registration (before April 26) is \$15. For those who register after that date, the cost will be \$20 and lunch will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 400 registrants also will

receive a T-shirt.

There will be prizes for riders. The top pledge getter will receive a 1993 14-speed World Sport Schwinn 27-inch bike (or a comparable bike based on the age and height of the winner), helmet and hotel and restaurant gift certificates.

Second-, third- and fourth-place prizes will be hotel and/or restaurant gift certificates. There also will be a special prize for the top pledge getter under 16 years of age. Riders must turn in their pledges by June 1 to be eligible for prizes.

People who aren't predisposed to a 10-mile bike ride can still help by collecting pledges for riders or by direct donations, which can be turned in to registration volunteers the day of the ride, Murphy said. Checks should be made payable to Magic Ride.

For more information about Magic Ride '93, call Sandra Murphy at 728-3400.

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## Gift

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Although cornea transplants are relatively simple — blood matching isn't necessary and there's a 98-percent success rate — there's a constant shortage of donors. At any given moment, about 250 patients in Michigan are waiting for corneas, according to Lisa Langley, an Eye Bank nurse.

To cut that waiting list down to size, the Eye Bank, which receives much of its funding from the Lions Clubs, tries to correct certain misconceptions that continually crop up.

One is that it costs money to donate eyes. In fact, there is no charge for giving or receiving body parts, although recipients, usually through their insurance carriers, must pay some processing fees.

Another is that eye removal disfigures a corpse. In fact, the Eye Bank replaces real eyes with artificial ones, and nothing prevents donors from being sent off with an open-casket funeral.

Nor is particularly good eyesight a requirement for donating. And, Eye Bank advocates emphasize, all major religions support the practice.

Nevertheless, those same advocates realize that donating is a personal decision that individuals must make with their families. The Michigan Eye Bank won't take a deceased person's eyes without permission from the next



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

of kin — even if the deceased has signed a donor card, Langley said.

"We always go with the next of kin's decision because they're the ones who have to live with that decision," she said.

Despite the shortage of donors, 288 Wayne County residents, last year received cornea transplants through the Michigan Eye Bank.

Injuries, infections, diseases and congenital defects top the list of problems causing a need for transplants.

In Patrick's case, it was an infection. When Patrick was 6, his left eye became infected with a virus that left the cornea scarred. His vision was blurred, and he was unable to read.

His operation was performed at

Matt Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, where surgeons, using microscopic equipment, stitched a new cornea onto his eye. About seven months later, his body started to reject the transplanted cornea, but medication took care of the problem.

Today, he sees just fine, although he wears glasses for an unrelated problem, and it's expected his vision will develop normally.

It wasn't long after his operation that Patrick became an Eye Bank ambassador, which, according to his mother, Lynn Pruitt, he chose to do by himself.

"I don't have to encourage Patrick much," she said. "He does it on his own."

### Helping out: The Canton Newcomers recently held a Children's Carnival and Craft Show to benefit Hospice Services of Western Wayne County Inc. There were plenty of activities for children and parents alike — games, prizes and face painting for the younger set, craft booths for Moms and a hot dog or zesty plate of nachos for Dad. The benefit raised almost \$1,900.



### Fun and games

## Spring's events bring out heads... of government

By JULIA HOGAN  
Special Writer

Dear Jon:

Spring has sprung! How do I know? It's the showers and bright little heads popping up everywhere. No silly, I'm not talking about the rain and the flowers, I'm talking about the annual spring downsizing of dinners, dances and auctions which bring out the heads of departments, heads of state, heads of schools, heads of committees to honor their various efforts and the anticipated growth in their communities.

There's so much to look forward to with all kinds of spring events popping up, such as the Newcomer's Evening of Excellence Fashion Show April 30, the BPW's dinner meeting with Paula Blanchard speaking on risk management April 19 and the Symphony League's biennial home tour May 21. Even area business feel the spring fever, with Uniglobe's Cruise Night April 27-28 for those of us who want to be warm without the wait.

The heads of state and heads of committees were out in full bloom at Schoolcraft's Women's Resource Center 10th-annual spaghetti dinner.

Plymouth people Sandra Kosky, Marce Lee and Peg Burns, who work to provide the center's outreach programs, helped behind the scenes, serving as hostess and even blowing up balloons.

A "not for women only" evening, many of the male heads of state were there. State Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, Wayne County Commissioner, Thaddeus McCotter, Mike

### SOCIAL NEWS

McGee, Livonia City Council, Bob Bennett, Mayor of Livonia and Schoolcraft Trustees Steve Ragan, board vice president, and John Walsh.

Chef Benson, heading for retirement, served his 10th and last terrific spaghetti dinner under the supervision of Tom Savage.

State Reps. Deborah Whyman, Lyn Bankes and Justine Barnes were there taking notes from the politician's politicians: Mary Breen, chair of the Schoolcraft board; former Wayne County Commissioner Mary Dumas; Judge Jeanne Stempelen and Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter.

The head of the Suburban Bar Association, Liz Johnson, and the head of Canton Foundation, Phillis Redfern, were seated with other up and coming women.

Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell's wife Ann received a sweat shirt with the Women's Resource Center's motto of "The House with a Heart."

Theresa Gall, a major contributor to the Plymouth Arts Council, and Debbie Lynch, local real estate agent and one-time candidate for school board, joined the likes of Denise Radtke, U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg's right hand gal, and Margaret Sewer.

The heads of the Livonia Republican Women's Club put on an Untalented Talent Show, which proved the Democrats were dead wrong when they claimed that all Republicans, like Reagan, were merely good actors.

Produced and directed by Sandra Laverdure and Sally Mor-

ris, this spoof on the White House and its new residents could have given the Plymouth Arts Council's Follies a run for its money.

Jeanne Fitzgerald, Joanne Cook and Hilda Pierocchi entertained more than 80 of the "troops" with an Andrew Sisters rendition and Sally Morris recited "Casey at the Bat," complete in baseball attire.

Audrey Greenleaf, as Barbara Bush showing Hillary Clinton through the White House, asked if the Rose Garden would present a problem for President Clinton and his allergies, to which Patricia Coughlan, as Hillary, replied, "Oh, no, that won't be a problem; he doesn't inhale!" Club President Joy Hartman convinced the likes of Bob Coske and Thaddeus McCotter to show off "a little leg" for a rowdy round of applause.

But even with Gere Vollmer's choreography, the members of the chorus line — Nancy Freeman, Jo Hughes, Sharon Pommeroy, Kathy Burns, Jean Ritters, Joanne Cook and others — got a little goofy and out of kick.

Local politicians Steve Ragan, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and husband David gain new status as celebrities in this month's Monthly Detroit's Exposures.

Whose face popped up among those important heads at the 35th District Court House grand opening celebration? Was it Ron Lowe? Jack Kenyon? Thomas Cook? Chuck Curmi? John MacDonald? Well, yes they were there, along with every other judge and judge wannabe in the area.

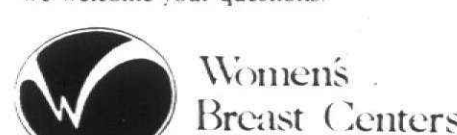
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## Host families are needed for area exchange students

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ca, and the contact person is Amber Crowell, 1-800-322-4678.

AYA students are 15-18 years old, have solid academic records and at least three years of English instruction. They also have their own spending money and medical insurance.

## College head reports improvements

Wayne County Community College officials have developed a program to help students who are having difficulty with their studies.

The academic assistance program will provide referrals for counseling, career guidance, employment, financial aid and tutoring to students.

It was one of a number of improvements at WC3 noted by college President Rafael Cortada in his March 24 report to the board of trustees.

The WC3 service area includes all of Redford Township and the Wayne-Westland school district.

Other items in the report include:

■ The veterinary technology program, housed at Wayne State University, has been granted full accreditation from the American Veterinary Medical Association for five years. Forty-one students are currently enrolled in the program.

■ The nursing department is moving toward seeking accreditation from the National League of Nursing. The preparation of a pre-accreditation self-study is now planned for the fall semester.

■ WC3 has become a member of the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering programs. Wayne County Community College is the only community college in this organization. The organization's purpose is to encourage area youth to get engineering and science degrees.

■ WC3 is working with Detroit

parks and recreation to develop physical fitness courses to be taught at the Coleman Young and Joseph Walker Williams centers.

■ The humanities department plans to increase the number of computer-assisted English classes offered at the eastern campus.

■ The Academic Support Division is working in conjunction with local universities to develop joint proposals designed to increase the graduation and senior transfer rate of students interested in math and science.

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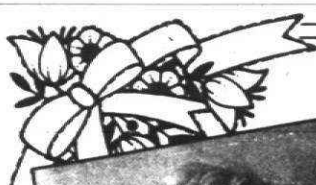
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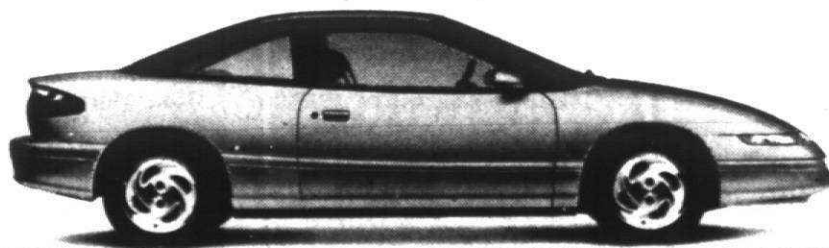
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## Rummage sale to aid school's restoration

**N**estled in a residential nook of Westland, Perrinsville School pre-dates the Civil War. It was built when James Buchanan was president — at a time of square nails, bark-lined beams and horsehair-bonded plaster.

Subjected to winter winds and summer sun for 137 years, the one-room school, on Warren west of Merriman, stood proudly until 1978. It later became abandoned and blighted.

But thanks to spirited friends eager to preserve their community's educational heritage, the sights and sounds of kids learning the three R's, 1890s style, will return to the tiny schoolhouse in the Livonia school district.

When built in 1856 on 2½ acres bought from Isaac and Hannah Perrin, Perrinsville School was part of a bustling village in Nankin Township.

The village, dating to the 1830s, was a stagecoach stop between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Abraham and Isaac Perrin ran a sawmill on the Middle Rouge and lent their name to the new settlement. It developed a commercial hub but commerce declined by 1900, after the railroad route tracked farther south in what's now Wayne.

Built within 27 years of the area's first white settlers in 1829, Perrinsville School finally closed in 1937. The building housed a church from 1948 to 1978. Developers Silvio and Marcello Scappaticci and Alfonso Tabaka donated it back to the community in 1988.

### Day-long classes

The Perrinsville School Committee envisions elementary-age kids — girls with pinafores, boys with suspenders or vests — attending day-long classes at the restored schoolhouse.

The curriculum will feature Harper Readers and reproductions of early textbooks. A hand bell at the Westland Historical Museum will return to its original spot on the teacher's desk. Inkwell desks, a lap slate, maps, class photos and George Washington's photograph on the wall will add authenticity.

After two years of volunteer site preparation, Phase I of the construction project began in earnest last September and should wrap up this August at a cost of \$73,000 (\$45,000 from the state, \$28,000 from the city). Historical drawings and photos serve as architectural guideposts.

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum will host a rummage sale fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the museum, 857 N. Wayne. Donations of items other than clothing are sought until May 8. Take donations to the museum 1-4 p.m. Saturdays (except April 10). Items sought include dishes, linens, tools, antiques, books, knick knacks, furniture, jewelry, toys and kitchen gadgets.

### Students provide labor

Thirteen house construction students of Monte Shettler at the Livonia Public Schools Career/Technical Center spend three hours a day bringing Perrinsville School up to today's building codes without overly compromising its historical integrity.

Shettler's students, all seniors, are dubbed the A-Team because of their excellent grades. They come to the first brick schoolhouse in Nankin Township with a full year of building trades study to their credit.

They've "put their heart and soul into their work," Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said. City plan examiner Al Gilhuly calls the work professional quality. "They're fighting every inch of the way — starting with original materials and trying to make them work after all these years."

With an eye to authenticity, the A-Team is making windows to fit original frames, rebuilding a cracked wall corner with cinder block, recreating the teacher's platform, reinforcing original beams, repairing the 1915-era maple floor, and installing new roofing, insulation and doors.

The vestibule, built within 24 years of the main building, will sport a teacher's closet, wire coat hooks and shelves for lunch buckets.

Earlier, the A-Team reinforced the original foundation, a crude trench filled with fieldstone bonded by a clay mixture. Until now, the weight of the double-brick walls had kept the building righted although heaving and an errant car against the west wall had caused some sinking.

Concessions have been made to convenience. A furnace hidden in the attic will heat the school instead of a wood-burning stove. There also will be electricity: drop lights of 1920s vintage. Slate blackboards will replace the original painted ones.

"With each thing they complete, you see the project coming closer to finishing. That's what's so exciting," said Ruth Dale, Perrinsville School Committee historian.

Phase II, projected to cost \$20,000, will bring back the bell tower and maybe the original bell. A heated outhouse will be built with running water and lights. Beyond the two phases, a small parking lot, landscaping and a brick sidewalk are planned.

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special sections. To leave a message, call 953-2113.



Awash in color: Louis Redstone creates vibrant watercolors. A retrospective featuring 40 of his paintings evokes emotion and stimulates the imagination.

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## Watercolorist tints work with hope, joy



The Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery provides the backdrop for a retrospective of paintings by Louis G. Redstone. The exhibition, spanning more than 60 years, focuses on worldly destinations and events.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

**A**rtist/architect/author Louis G. Redstone uses intense energy and a kaleidoscope of color to create luminous watercolors filled with magic.

Livonia Arts Commission presents the largest multimedia retrospective of his paintings to date at the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery, Farmington Road and Five Mile. The exhibition runs April 12 to May 15.

A reception in honor of Redstone's 90th birthday will be held 3-6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in the library atrium.

Watercolors using a vibrant palette of pure color dating from 1965 to the present dominate the exhibition, which spans more than 60 years. However, several somber oils and watercolors from the 1930s signal the times.

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Louis Redstone  
Artist/architect

"It goes back to 1932. It has the periods of the Depression, the social significance in the depths of the Depression," Redstone said in an interview in the studio of his Detroit home.

"The Broken Pulley" serves as the focal point of a solitary farm set amidst the countryside of northern Michigan in this oil on canvas. Red-

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Mountain Air: Jewel-like blues, yellows, reds and greens capture the essence of the mountains in this Louis Redstone watercolor.

## Livonia Symphony intensifies fund-raising

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BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Livonia Symphony Orchestra will be playing sweeter music next season if ambitious fund-raising efforts get the response the Livonia Symphony Society is hoping for.

Plans to step up fund-raising were launched last fall about the time the society got some bad news: It wasn't

getting a \$7,600 Michigan Council for the Arts grant needed to help pay for the orchestra's 1992-93 season.

Then another setback for the volunteer-driven group that manages the orchestra: a big reduction in financial support this year from the Livonia Arts Commission, whose own budget was cut last December by the city of Livonia. Commission funding for 1992-93 was limited to advertising support.

In 1991-92, commission funding to-

taled \$8,000; in 1990-91, the commission co-sponsored the orchestra's entire season.

"These are difficult times for all arts groups," said Robert Burger, arts commission treasurer. "This year, our promotions budget was cut almost \$10,000 — that's a big hit. With limited funds, the luxury of supporting all of the groups we'd like to is gone."

"We have to look for outside money from corporations that feel responsible for promoting arts in the commu-

nity," said Francesco DiBlasi, LSO's conductor and music director who founded the orchestra (called Oakway Symphony) in 1973. "Twenty years ago, our budget was \$60,000. Now it's twice as high, but for all the concerts we do, it should be \$250,000."

Increased operating costs over the past five years, coupled with drastic cuts in state funding to the arts, have halved the orchestra. Higher sala-

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Hudson's Westland to register: 458-5535.

The fee is \$70. Program participants will receive a reference manual to take home, see slides of beautiful rooms and have a chance for personal consultations with a designer.

At the first session, designers will review the history of interior design and explore customer interests, hobbies and living pattern.

Week two will see designers and customers working with their floor plan to achieve a workable, livable room based on traffic patterns, conversation areas and natural focal points.

Using color to solve problems and create moods, and the role of ceilings, walls and floors, will be discussed during week three.

Discovering how accents — a quilt, an antique chest, artwork — can bring a room to life will provide the focus for week four.



**Symphony** from page 1D

ries to attract quality musicians, more concerts and higher than expected fees for guest artists are partly blamed for making this a rough season for the LSO, according to a study by the society's planning committee.

The good news? This season, individual donations have doubled and ticket sales are up about 60 percent, Ed Hoban, society treasurer, believes concert-goers are sensitive to the funding woes experienced by the LSO and other art's groups.

The orchestra's current season of 16 concerts has included performances with guest conductors, chamber and children's concerts and holiday performances like The Nutcracker ballet, a sell-out this year. The season ends May 1 with a guest appearance by flutist Alexander Zonjic.

The society also sponsors the annual Young Artist Competition for area musicians and vocalists and it recently began an exchange program to bring Detroit-area students to orchestra performances.

The group's annual operating budget of \$120,000 mostly comes from fund-raising events, corporate donations or grants and individual contributions. Ticket sales make up less than one-third of the budget.

"The state grant was something we planned for, but we all know the condition of the economy. It's not the end of the world," said Ken Kelsey, president of the society's board of directors. "Right now, we're looking at our own resources, at what we can do to turn things around."

For starters, the board set up a corporate fund-raising team that



Ken Kelsey: LSO board of directors president.

**Boosters eye plan to step up revenue**

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER SPECIAL WRITER

Around budget time, the management of most metro Detroit orchestras start singing the blues, according to a study from the Livonia Symphony Society's planning committee.

The volunteer-driven society that manages the Livonia Symphony Orchestra might be facing its toughest-ever challenge: finding ways to counter drastic cuts in state funding to the arts.

"There's a decline in funding and we don't expect it to return," said Joseph Marinelli, Livonia Public Schools superintendent, who heads the society's strategic planning steering committee. "With a reduction in grants, it's becoming harder to balance the books."

After a May public hearing, where concert-goers and citizens alike will be asked for ideas concerning the funding and management of the LSO, the committee will come up with a five-year plan to run the orchestra. The LSO begins its 20th season this fall.

The planning committee was formed last fall, after the society learned it wasn't getting a \$76,000 Michigan Council for the Arts grant that it counted on for the 1992-93 concert season. It also set up a corporate fund-raising team (see related story).

"State grants are becoming less dependable. If we intend to ask for them, we'll have to compete better or not count on them at all," Marinelli said.

Says Francesco DiBlasi, LSO's conductor and music director who founded the orchestra: "Today, the boards (of directors) throughout the area have to decide how much they want their orchestras and find ways to get new money. State grants used to come every year... not anymore."

Besides examining its fund-raising effort, the society will review the orchestra's revenue and expenses, programming, publicity, audience and management. The group also is looking at the management of 11 other metro Detroit orchestras, "which also are financially distressed," Marinelli said.



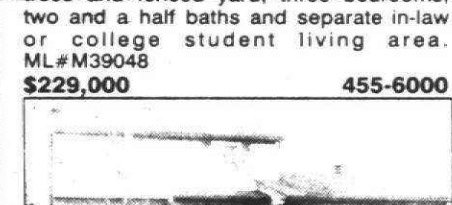
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# Life experiences flavor his paintings **Redstone** from page 1D

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Master of rigid architecture, artist of watercolor swimming soft and lyrical, Louis G. Redstone exists as a dichotomy in the arts.

Controlling cement and steel, or fluid seas of color, his experiences as founder/chairman of the 55-year-old firm Redstone Architects, along with 65 years of handling watercolor, have imbued his paintings with beauty and depth, creating high-energy views of the world filled with joy and hope.

In the tradition of representa-

tional abstraction, although non-objective abstracts also appear in the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery, Redstone passes on to the viewer 90 years of "seeing" the world.

His architectural offices were in Livonia from 1976 until moving to Southfield in 1990.

Born in Grodno, Russia, in 1903, he left home at age 17 in search of freedom. He had lived through German, Lithuanian and Polish occupations of his homeland before fleeing the encroaching Russian calvary in 1920.

He emerged from these trials and tribulations to arrive in Palestine, where, as an Israeli Pioneer, he worked at physically exhausting labor to build a Jewish homeland until coming to this country in 1923.

Redstone became enamored with watercolor under the tutelage of Jean Paul Slusser during his last semester at the University of Michigan, where he was studying for a bachelor's of science degree in architecture. His love for the medium continued through studies with Eliel Saarinen for a master's in urban design at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills.

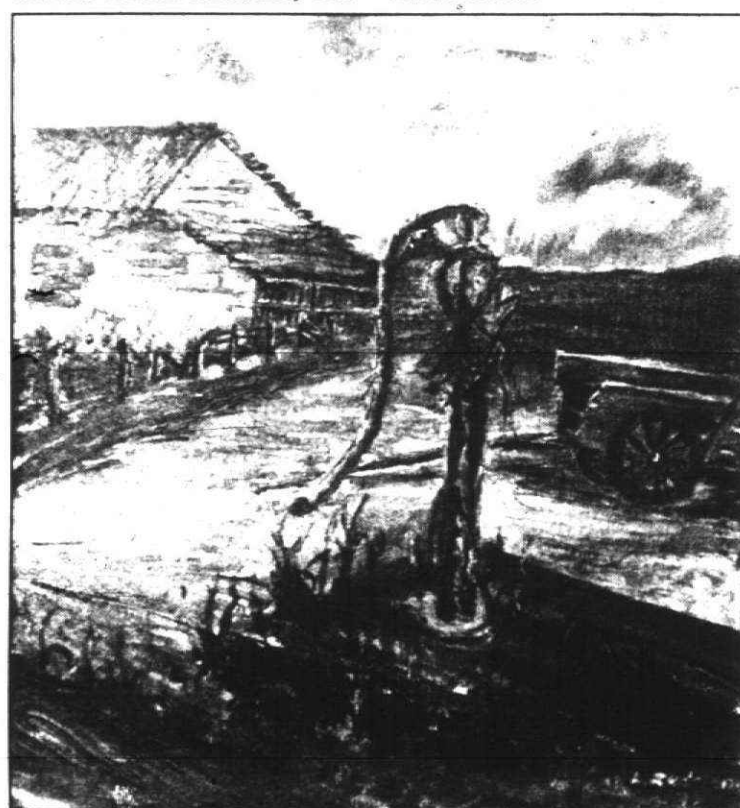
A quick look around town reveals such significant structures to his architectural credit as the Michael Berry International Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Comerica Operations Center and Stroh River Place apartments in downtown Detroit, Comerica Southfield Tower (home of Redstone Architects), and the Jewish Community Cen-

ter (complete with brick mural by the artist) in West Bloomfield.

At Cranbrook, Redstone developed an interest that later prompted the use of art in architecture. Throughout his years as an architect, he managed to allot a part of the building budget to incorporate art into the overall design. Louise Nevelson, Samuel Cashman, Marshall Fredericks and Robert Youngman, to name a few, were employed by Redstone to this purpose.

Author of five books on architecture and his autobiography "From an Israeli Pioneer to an American Architect," Redstone over the years has received awards and honors for his contributions to architecture and art.

A few weeks ago, he was the recipient of plaques and letters for his efforts on behalf of the arts from the Arts Foundation of Michigan, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Cranbrook president Roy Slade, Gov. John Engler and the Detroit Institute of Arts.



**The Broken Pump:** Louis Redstone uses a sepia palette to tell a story from the Depression era.

stone points out that he used a sepia palette to relay the emotion felt that day while telling the story that goes with the manual water pump long since fallen into disrepair.

After an all-day painting session, the farmer and his wife came out to invite him in for a modest lunch of cookies that must have been sitting on a shelf for weeks. "It has a lot of sentiment," Redstone said. "There's nothing cheerful about not having 10 cents for a part."

From 1942, a watercolor in the exhibition, "The Neighborhood Cathedral," communicates the bleak mood in wartime Detroit. Redstone's unfolded sketchbooks filled with black and white impressionistic paintings document Bogota in 1960, Mexico in 1963. Rendered in quick study, six additional framed sketches capture the flavor of Rome and Japan.

Redstone made these brief sketches to record places he visited on educational tours organized by the American Institute of Architects.

"Few people know I made fast sketches on location mostly on trips throughout the world," Redstone said. "Twenty minutes is all you have. You have to do very fast. Everything has to be done real fast with architects."

Bright spots of yellow, green, blue and red used in paintings throughout the show reflect the spirit of the man. A 1969 study in yellow and black sizzles in the sun-baked "Arizona Landscape."

"In 1965, I started out in abstract with bright color," Redstone said. "I use limited colors, mostly primary colors. For accent and effect, I leave negative spaces. It's somewhat subjective. A lot depends on how I feel."

The death of his brother-in-law changes vivid color to gray and black with the merest touch of red. Eventually, the vitality returns as color, vibrant color, energizes Redstone's abstracts.

Picture a landscape saturated with brilliant blue, red and yellow, fluid shapes accented with black Oriental-like brush strokes. Then you'll have imagined the uplifting experience of viewing a Redstone watercolor.

"As long as it makes people feel good," Redstone said. "The color is real. It's the thing that pepa you up. This is what color does."

A note from a newlywed enjoying one of Redstone's watercolor reprints: "When I look at it, I feel warm, live and passionate."

The young bride plans to hang the piece in the couple's bedroom. Light streams through the skylight and wall of north windows in Redstone's studio. Surrounded by collected paintings, sculpture, ceramics and glass, he sits at a table crowded with bottles by the dozen of liquid watercolor. Stacks of paintings grace the tops of every free surface.

"I don't know what I'd do without the skylight and north light," Redstone said. "I appreciate art that is full of light, that makes use of light. In my work, I like the light to come through."

Light flowing through painted silk hung in the window adds yet another dimension to Redstone and his exploration of the watercolor medium. The silken white fabric luminates the paints like so many jewels.

"I was down in Mexico at Club Med recently when it was suggested to me, 'Why don't you try silk?' So I tried it."

Openness to new ideas and a passion for living life to its fullest that is the essence of Louis Redstone. Painters struggle their entire lives to achieve the luminosity found in Redstone's watercolors.

Overall, his Livonia show offers viewers a multifaceted perspective of the man.

"It's an amazing body of work by a man who has been painting since the 1930s," said Jack Olds, Livonia arts commissioner. He called the work expressive, spontaneous and colorful.

In 1986, Redstone was listed in "Who's Who in American Art." Since 1927, he has exhibited at the Detroit Artists Market, Cade Gallery in Royal Oak, T'Marra Gallery in Ann Arbor, Massick Gallery in Tel Aviv, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Redstone communicates with paint because "it's a certain connection with life. This is my second career. Spiritually and mentally, it kept me alive."

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

## Clutter can help organize photo



MONTE NAGLER

**FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY**

In past columns, I've discussed the need to keep things simple, express a single idea, and keep backgrounds simplified to assure that the viewer's attention will be directed toward the main subject.

But there are times when using the environment as a backdrop can add an extra dimension to your pictures. You might even say that "controlled clutter" can add important information to a photograph and make it easier to understand and relate to.

In a picture of a person, for example, what surrounds the subject can tell us something of his or her interests, job or social status. You'll often see environmental portraits where much is learned about the person by the "clutter" in the finished picture. This applies to non-portrait photographs, too.

The accompanying picture shows an almost 200-year-old log cabin in Pine Mountain, Ga. At first glance, the shot may appear too cluttered. But a close inspection will show how all the elements of the picture work together to produce a photograph with lots of impact.

The dark window was off-center and I carefully placed the chairs, broom, ax and saddlebag in strategic locations to make the picture "flow" and produce an overall rustic feeling. Even the pile of logs behind the left chair was carefully positioned to add to the effect.

All in all, this is a photograph that "tells a story" of the past. The picture works because of "controlled clutter," the careful use of complementary items to compose the shot.

As in all good photography, pay attention to lighting and camera angle and choose the lens that will enable you to include all that you want in the viewfinder. Be sure to use an aperture small enough to place all items in your composition in the camera's depth-of-field.

So organize your photographic thinking by adding a little "clutter" to your shots!

**Short shot**

Monte Nagler's spring photography classes begin Tuesday, April 20, at the Community Center of Farmington Hills (phone 477-8404 for registration information) and Wednesday, April 21, at The Community House

in Birmingham (644-5832). Take one of the popular classes to sharpen up your photographic skills.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a him message by dialing 953-2047 on a Touch-Tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873.

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**Clutter control:** This Monte Nagler photograph gets its impact and tells the story by the use of "controlled clutter." Notice how the many items in the composition complement one another.

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## EXHIBITIONS

**Send calendar items about Oakland County art gallery exhibitions to The Eccentric, 806 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Send items about Wayne County exhibitions to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Attention: Creative Living editor.**

**LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
Continuing — Romulus artist Rich Kutzin will exhibit his pen and ink drawings of Naval ships and Michigan lighthouses to April 25 in the Livonia Arts Commission second floor showcases at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

**LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
Continuing — Livonia Arts Commission presents a retrospective of 40 watercolor and oil paintings by artist/architect/author Louis G. Redstone through May 15 in the Art Gallery. An opening reception for the painter will be held in the gallery 3-6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in honor of his 90th birthday. Vibrant watercolors in the tradition of representational abstraction, although non-objective abstract also is represented here, dominate the exhibition, which spans more than 60 years. Oil and watercolor from the 1930s and '40s sound a somber note in keeping with the times. Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

**THE GALLERY**  
Continuing — Livonia watercolorist Billie 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-OM HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER**  
Continuing — "Automobiles and Art," an exhibit by 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.

**ATHRUM GALLERY**  
Continuing — Work by Glassblower Stan Megdall of Birmingham. All colors of the rainbow are shown in perfume bottles, vases, three-footed bowls and platters. Some pieces are done in tortoise shell patterns and sea foam wraps. 109 N. Center, Northville. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**CARY GALLERY**  
Continuing — Works by Redford Township sculptor Sergio De Giusti and Detroit artist Tom Humes will be on exhibit to April 16. 226 Walnut, Rochester. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

**SISSON ART GALLERY**  
Thursday, April 8 — The 36th annual Henry Ford Community College Stu-

dent Exhibition will continue to April 27. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday. The student works on display represent the various study programs offered through the HFCC art department, including ceramics, graphic design, interior design, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and foundations. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at HFCC, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, 845-9634.

**BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION**  
Saturday, April 10 — The 12th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition Exhibition will take place through May 8. Reception for artists and guests 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 17; awards presentation 3:30 p.m. The exhibit is in a variety of media to showcase recent work of artists living and working in Michigan. Laura Trippi, curator of the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City, is the juror. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, 644-0866.

**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 Kunesch and photographs by Zuhair Sha'aouni. 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.

**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. 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.

**SCARAB CLUB**  
To April 17 — The 1993 Annual All-media Silver Medal Exhibition and "Bette Prudden: Recent Paintings and Drawings." Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, 831-1250.

**ARTIST'S COOPERATIVE, THE**  
To April 17 — "A Tribute to Spring," an exhibit of fine art photography by Brian Elrod. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, to 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday or by appointment, 39550 W. 14 Mile on the northwest corner of 14 Mile and Haggerty, 624-3557.

**ARTIST'S COOPERATIVE, THE**  
Friday, April 23 — "Recent Works," a group exhibit by Ted Carmody, Jim Slack and Theresa Swan. Opening reception 7-10 p.m., 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. To May 22. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

**THE GUILD GALLERY**  
To April 23 — In celebration of Michigan Glass Month and the Year of the American Craft, the work of four Michigan stained glass artists: Barbara Krueger, Michael Myers, Connie Sullivan, John Sullivan. Both two- and three-dimensional pieces incorporating a variety of techniques, including glassblowing and sculptural casting, are on display. Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, 118 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

**SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY**  
To April 24 — Works by Artswager, Egner, Farber, Goodwin, Gorchoff, Jensen, Mitchnick, Morley, Pfaff and Phelan. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward,

Birmingham, 642-8250.

**THE WETSMAN COLLECTION**  
To April 24 — "Transformations: Harry Anderson and Stephen Whitlesey," featuring lamps and furniture created from found objects. Anderson's colorful and whimsical lamps brighten the gallery during Michigan Glass Month. Whitlesey describes himself as an artist who makes furniture. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-6212.

**MICHIGAN GALLERY**  
To April 24 — "Urban Dwellers," a focus on local black art. 2661 Michigan, Detroit. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

**FEIGENSON/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 — "Organicism," 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.

**JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY**  
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 Harwoods, 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. Sunday, 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. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin, 851-9949.

**PARK WEST GALLERY**  
To April 30 — "Modern Masters: Picasso, Chagall, Miro" features more

than 90 works from 1907 to 1979 and touches every significant aspect of these remarkable artists as printmakers. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 354-2343.

**ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY**  
To April 30 — Color pencil and watercolor works by Karen Arnold Klein. The show covers American Indian artifacts, rocks and feathers, represented in inventive ways. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 4520 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, 647-7709.

**SANDRA COLLINS**  
To April 30 — "Hot Glass" features works by Ginger Kelly, Michael Jarose and other artists in celebration of Michigan Glass Month. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 470 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-4795.

**JUDITH DRESNER GALLERY**  
To April 30 — "Rain" pieces by Hannelore, multimedia works by Audrey DiMarco, pottery by Carole Berhorst and watercolors by Jerry Folwood. The gallery is in the Claymont Building at 29260 Franklin Road, Suite 123, Southfield. Call 352-1166.

**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 Haeffle, Michael McCurdy, Wendell Minor, Robin Spowart and Jane Briskin Zalten. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 580 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-7040.

**HILL GALLERY**  
To May 1 — New paintings by Andrew Young. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, 540-9288.

**O.K. HARRIS/DAVID KLEIN GALLERY**  
To May 1 — The new work of Gabrielle Senza and Carole Zak. Senza's paintings consist of industrial landscapes on juxtaposed, recycled materials. Zak juxtaposes paint and aged, printed paper on canvas, in conjunction with three-dimensional objects. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 433-3700.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM**  
To May 2 — Nineteenth-century American Indian drawings are on view. In a related program 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24, storyteller and potter Frank Ettawageshik of the Ottawa tribe will recount tales from the American Indian tradition. Also at the museum, an exhibit of works acquired by Museum of Art director emeritus Charles Sawyer during his tenure continues through May 30. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor, 764-0395.

# Realtors observe national Fair Housing Month

By Doug Funke  
STAFF WRITER

Like twin sentinels, the Oakland County Center for Open Housing and the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit stand guard against discriminatory practices.

They're in the spotlight now because April has been designated Fair Housing Month by the National Association of Realtors. Both organizations are on the job all year round.

The overriding mission of the Oakland County Center in Birmingham is to help individuals find homes in integrated Oakland communities.

The Fair Housing Center investigates specific allegations of discrimination within the metro area and helps complainants recover financial damages.

"We provide for home seekers

information on communities,

schools, city services, average price of homes, rental costs and, in more detail, racial and ethnic composition of schools and neighborhoods," said Terrie Perdue, co-director of the Oakland County Center.

"Our primary service is to provide counseling services to home seekers who want to make pro-integrative moves... to live where diversity exists, not all live or all that," Perdue said.

"Home seekers have many questions when they want to make a pro-integrative move. Most revolve around the community, questions about being accepted, how to network," she said.

Individuals can call the Oakland County Center (647-0575) for an appointment for assistance in their search. Those sessions last

about 90 minutes.

But the center does more than one-on-one counseling. It offers free quarterly seminars on how to buy a house or rent an apartment, focusing on mortgages, credit and the application procedure. "It kind of reduces their chances of being denied a loan," Perdue said of prospects.

A center's expo has been scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 5 at the Southfield Pavilion.

Last fall, the Oakland County Center introduced a family volunteer program where families already living in an area agree to help mentor people who may want to move in.

Interactions would include personal visits, tours through neighborhoods, then introductions if a buy were to occur.

Recognizing differences and making efforts to get along are the

keys to making open housing work, Perdue said.

"We need to concentrate specifically on families and neighborhoods," she said. "The only way we can effectively tackle challenges is to work together and meet them head-on."

Clifford Schrupp has been director of the Fair Housing Center (963-1274) since 1977.

"The major practical thing we do is investigate complaints of discrimination based on race, creed, national origin, age, marital status," he said. "Most of our complaints involve allegations of racial discrimination, probably 65 to 70 percent against blacks or African-Americans."

Most are against landlords as opposed to sales situations, Schrupp added.

"The major way we investigate a complaint is the use of testers.

We compare the results of visits to identify if there are differences in treatment," he said.

Complaints have remained fairly steady over the years, Schrupp said. Some 270 were received last year and about half were tested.

"Ten percent of all complaint activity results in litigation," he said, adding that it can take months if not years for final resolution.

"We've encouraged all of the time for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is our success in litigation and response of the courts," Schrupp said.

"Home seekers who think they've been discriminated

against certainly can help the cause by filing complaints rather than forgetting about it," Schrupp said.

"People not looking for housing now can help by volunteering to be a tester or other service."

"We're always looking for volunteers. Financial contributions are always welcome."

"People in the housing industry know that their best contribution to fair housing is to treat everyone equally and fairly," Schrupp said.

"They would be well advised to clean up their own industry. What we're finding is many people in the industry want to do just that."

## Open housing concerns aired

The Oakland County Center for Open Housing presents a forum on "Diversified Families and Neighborhoods — Building Our Future 'Block by Block'" at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Standard Federal Bank, 2600 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Panel members will discuss community outreach (what concerns should be addressed), education (how should school systems address ethnic-racial relationships), housing counseling (how it would benefit a family), incentive loans (their roles in encouraging families to make pro-integrative moves) and volunteer programs.

Participants include Miriam Blanks-Smart, attorney and president of the South Oakland Chapter of the NAACP; Rebecca Holowicki, director of Oakland County Community and Minority Affairs; Sharkey Haddad, co-chair of Southfield/Lathrup Multicultural Coalition and representing the Chaldean Federation of America; Cliff Schrupp, executive director of Metro Detroit Fair Housing; Richard Lothenthal, Midwest director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; and Shirley J. Bryant, director of community relations of Birmingham Public Schools.

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In short, often a large tract of open natural land becomes suburban because of its location. But the court seems to be saying that as long as you have a large undeveloped parcel of land, it is subject to the protection of the statute even though it is surrounded by subdivided property. In effect, the court is going to look at the land itself and not what the adjacent properties are being used for.

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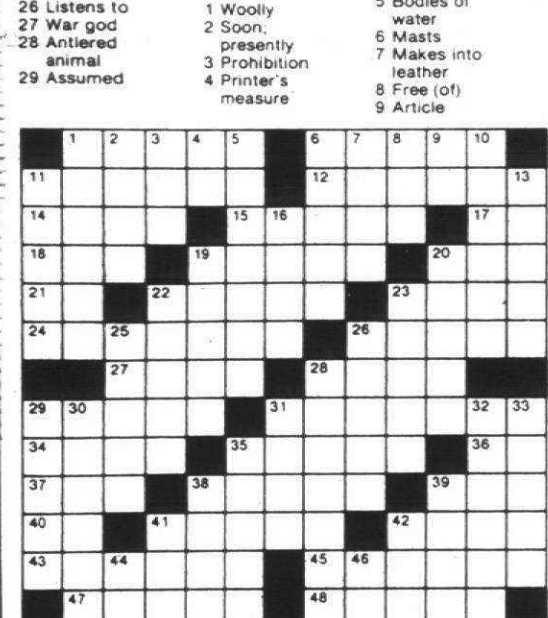
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home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great  
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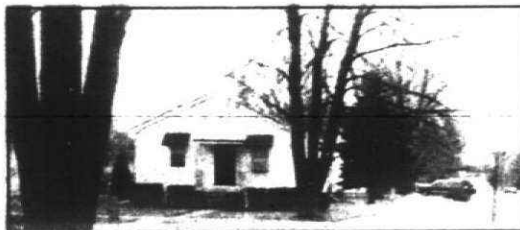
**MAINTAINED WITH LOVE!** Colonial sits on double lot, deck overlooks pond, country setting, newer carpet, finished basement, air condition, 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths.  
\$122,500 (PON) 348-6430

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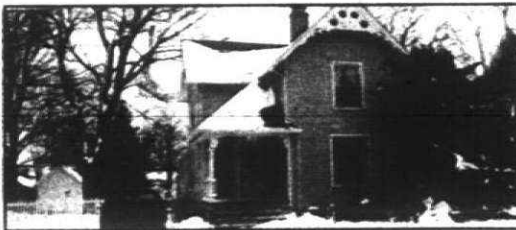
**DREAM LOCATION!** Charming 3 bedroom Colonial. Beautifully landscaped lot. Fireplace in family room and first floor laundry for convenience.  
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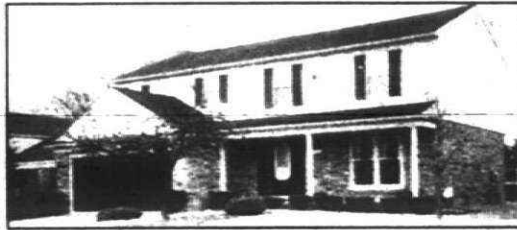
**COZY AND ALOT OF EXTRAS.** Three bedroom brick Ranch, central air, finished basement, newer windows, 2 car garage.  
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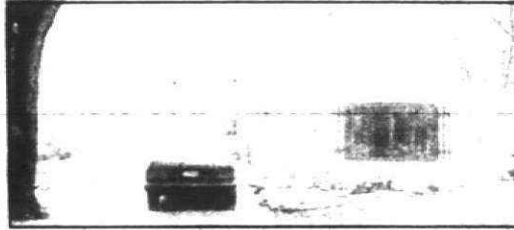
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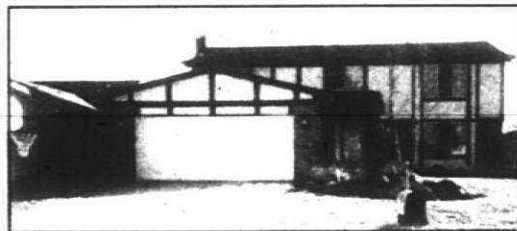
**MAKE YOUR OFFER.** Two bedroom Garden aluminum Ranch. Completely remodeled and redecorated. Attached garage.  
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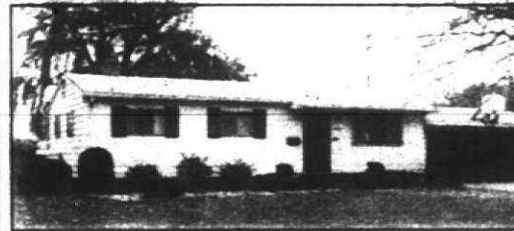
**PRIVATE, PEACEFUL AND PERFECT!** 2½ acres, 4 bedroom ranch with 2 master bedrooms, both with bath, 3 fireplaces, finished walk-out basement with ½ bath.  
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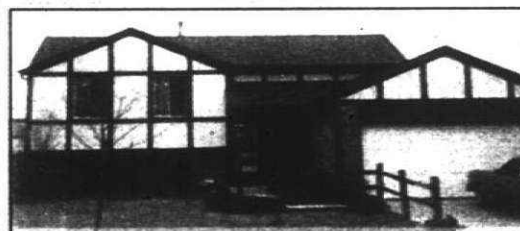
**RANCH WITH GREAT ROOM.** Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with finished rec room, neutral decor, first floor laundry, dreck, sprinklers. Less than 10 years old.  
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**EXCLUSIVE SUB** 2281 sq. ft. Colonial offers oversized rooms, ceramic tile foyer, mud room, private master suite, natural fireplace in family room. Open Saturday 1:00-5:00.  
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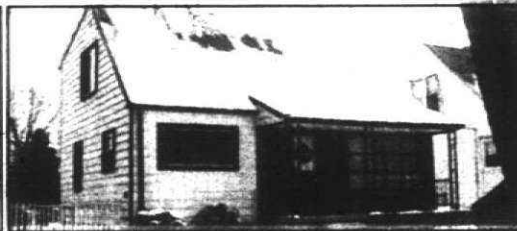
**VERY LARGE LOT.** Three bedroom Ranch with country kitchen, air conditioned and partially finished basement. One year Home Warranty.  
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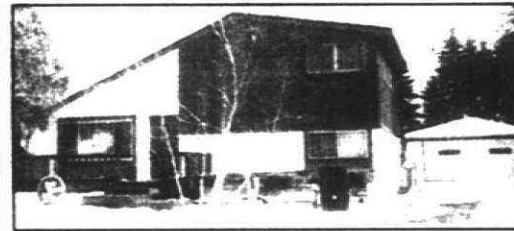
**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING** Everything new or remodeled, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, raised Ranch. All appliances, blinds and curtains stay. Across from park.  
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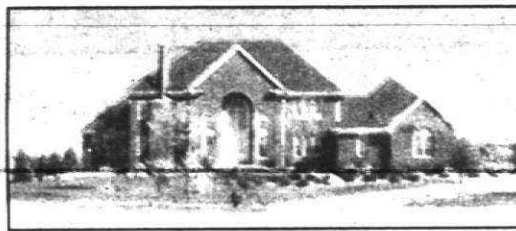
**LOOKING FOR SPACE?** Four bedroom aluminum, 2 down, 2 up. Sitting room upstairs, new windows except picture window. Cedar closets, fans, finished basement and deck.  
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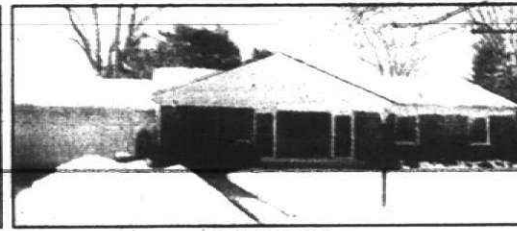
**TRI-LEVEL TOPPER.** Three bedroom brick, 1½ bath, remodeled kitchen. Family room, 2½ car garage on an oversized lot.  
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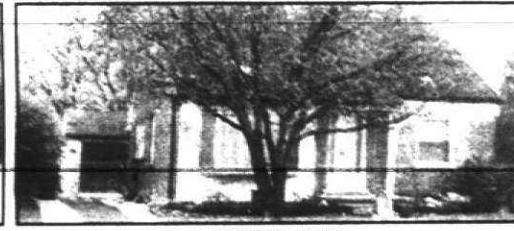
**A FAMILYS' TREASURE** is this 4100 sq. ft. Finished lower level with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Pond, non motor boating and swimming, 4½ acres.  
\$299,000 (23F08627) 455-7000

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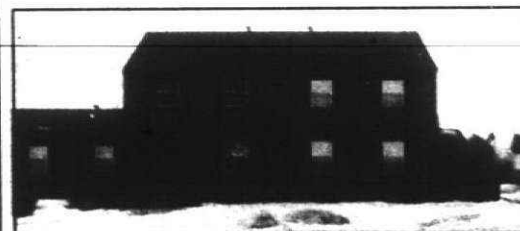
**ESSENCE OF ELEGANCE.** First floor master suite, open library, gourmet kitchen with built-ins, appliances and butler pantry. Extensive decking.  
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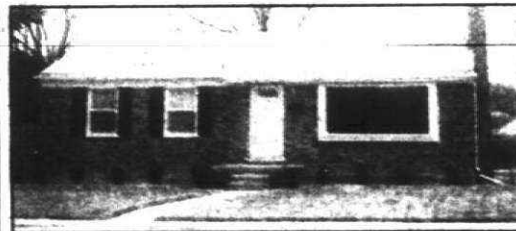
**CONVENTY GARDENS SUB!** Three bedroom Ranch. Remodeled kitchen, fireplace, 2 full baths, sun room, newer furnace, attached 2 car garage. 10K.  
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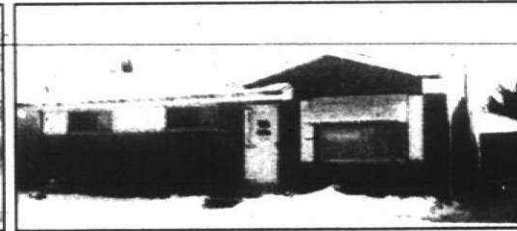
**COUNTRY CHARMER.** Three or 4 bedroom brick Bungalow, Wayne/Westland schools, finished basement, garage, remodeled kitchen and bath.  
\$54,900 326-2000

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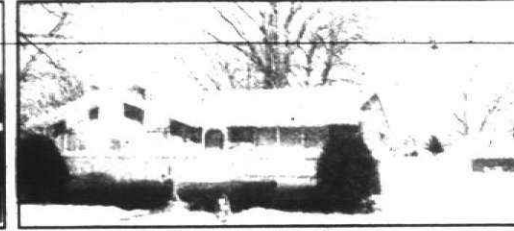
**TENNIS ANYONE?** This townhouse overlooks courts and pool. Two bedrooms, 1½ bath, finished basement, central air, attached garage, new bath.  
\$75,900 (23R23574) 455-7000

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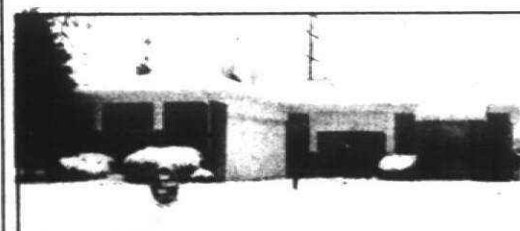
**ROSEDALE GARDENS.** Transferred owner just completed updating. Karastan carpeting, oak kitchen, new dishwasher, freshly painted, 3 bedrooms, large lot.  
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**BRICK RANCH** 3 bedrooms, living room with dinning area, newly finished rec room, 2½ car garage, newer roof. Motivated sellers!  
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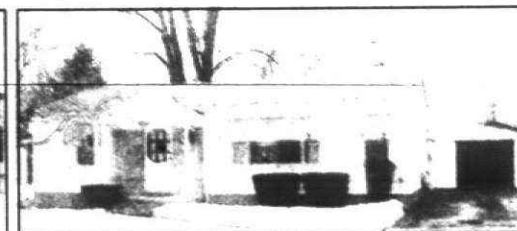
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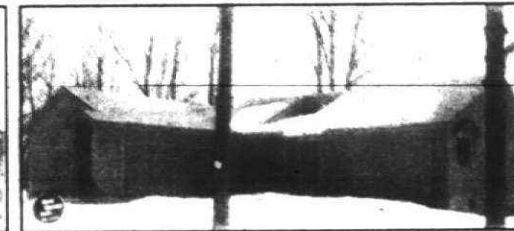
**DESIRABLE CASTLE GARDENS.** Immediate occupancy on the maintenance free home, 3 bedroom Ranch, family room, Florida room, basement, 2 car attached garage. Many updates.  
\$105,900 (RIC) 477-1111

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**ONE ACRE RANCH** Beautiful updated L-shaped living room, fireplace, stained glass window, formal dining, ceramic tile floor throughout hall and kitchen. Home warranty offered.  
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**NEWLY BUILT HOME.** Never lived in, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings. Cedar exterior, fireplace in great room, full basement. Must see!  
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**LOCATION AND CHARM** One year old Colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, gourmet kitchen, wooded setting, first floor master suite with whirlpool tub, great room with fireplace.  
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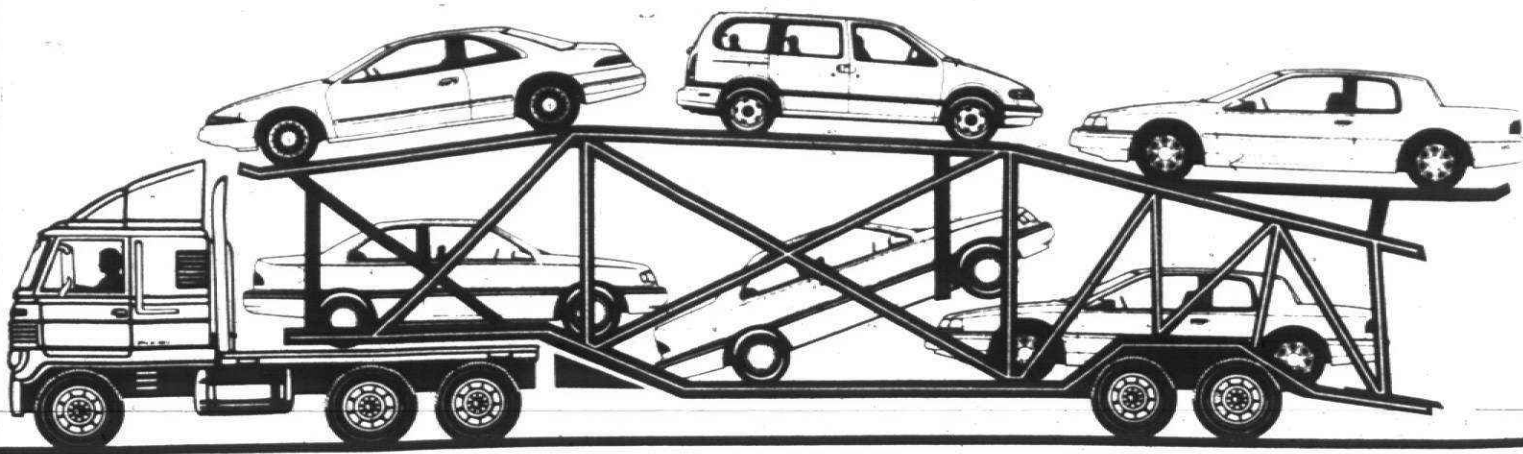
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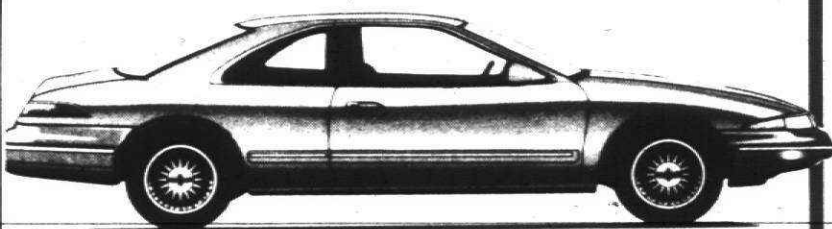


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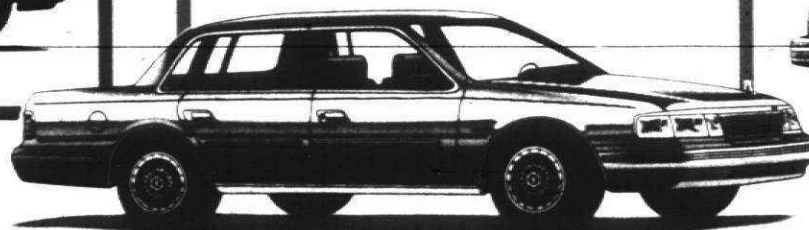
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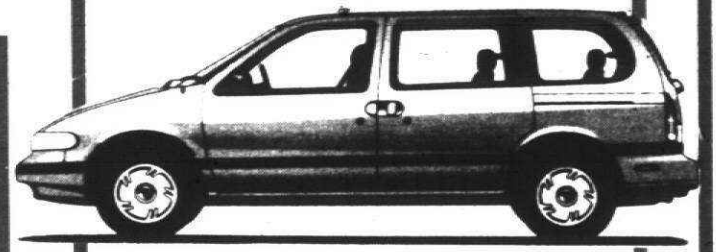
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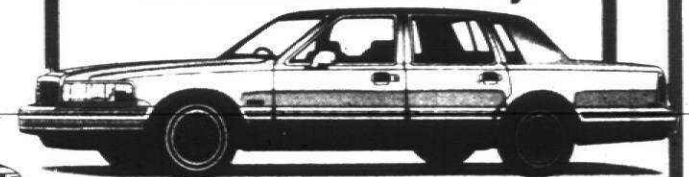
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## BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

### Ford & Earl changes

Dick Nicolson of Bloomfield Hills has joined Ford & Earl Associates, Troy, as a graphic design specialist. Prior to joining Ford & Earl, he owned and operated Nicolson Design, worked for Display & Exhibit and Smith Hinchman & Grylls as a graphics and signage designer.



Nicolson

Melanie D. Murphy has been named marketing assistant at Ford & Earl. She will maintain the marketing database and corporate print materials, coordinate presentation and proposal development and implement public relations and sales activities.

### HRC promotions

Four project engineers at Hubbel, Roth & Clark, Bloomfield Hills, have been promoted to associates. They are Curt A. Christeson, Randal L. Ford, Kenneth Melchior and Dennis M. Monsere.



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### Before you dig

Home improvement buffs planning a project that involves construction or excavation are reminded by Consumers Power to call MISS DIG at least three working days before beginning the project.

Those who fail to contact MISS DIG risk their safety and that of others and could be charged for repairs if underground utility lines are damaged, according to Kathie Fournier, executive director of the MISS DIG utility communication system. Charges to fix underground utilities can run as high as several hundred dollars.

Last year, 279 residential natural gas services were repaired in the metro area following damage by homeowners during construction or excavation projects.

Damage occurred for projects such as building decks and room additions, installing underground sprinkling systems, removing tree stumps, planting shrubs and trees and installing mailbox posts.

MISS DIG can be called toll free at 1-800-482-7171 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday to request free staking of all participating underground utilities and assistance when work is to be performed near overhead electrical lines.

### Fraser joins Murphy

Landscape architect Robert A. Fraser has joined the Bloomfield Hills landscape architectural firm of Murphy and Associates.

He will work to expand the firm's landscape design, land planning, client relations and marketing business.

He also is an adjunct faculty member in the landscape architect program at the University of Michigan.

### Quality award

Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates of Troy has received an award of excellence for its design work on a health physics calibration building at the U.S. Department of Energy's Mound facility in Miamisburg, Ohio.

The award was presented by EG&G, operating contractor of the 100-building government complex.

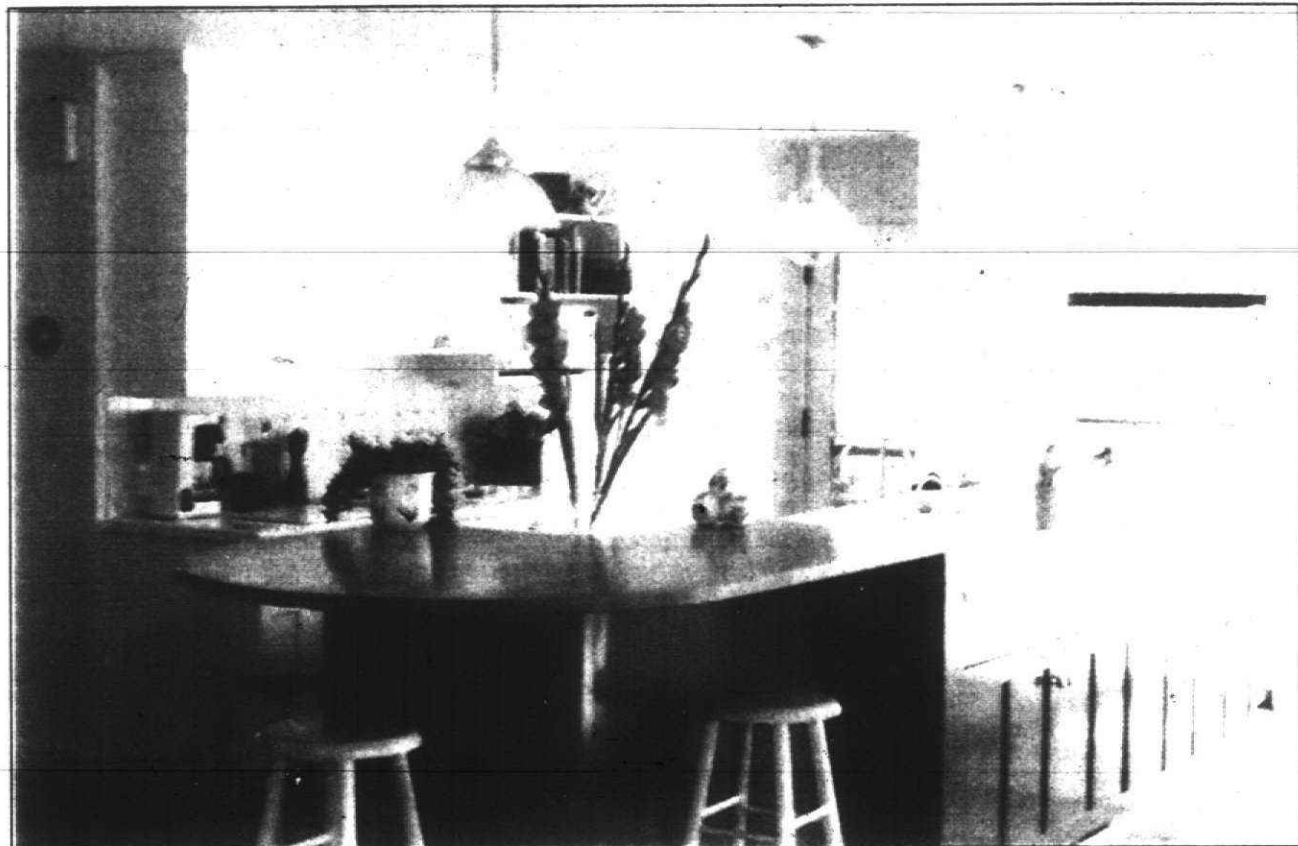
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## Heart of the Home

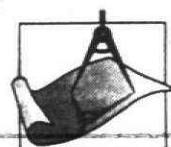


**Big job:** This kitchen, left, designed and constructed by Carnovale and Associates in Troy, began as a typical small, poorly lit, ill-equipped space.

Workers removed walls, added windows and moved electrical, plumbing and heating mechanicals so the owners could have a modern kitchen with all the amenities.



## Kitchens empowered as multi-task areas



Kitchens are taking on added responsibilities as they are outfitted as more than just the place where food is prepared by a single cook. They're stepping up to the job as gathering places for family and company, as computer centers and as media rooms.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY  
STAFF WRITER

**M**ore people are remodeling than ever before, and nowhere is this more evident than in the kitchen.

Be it a complex, no-holds barred, rip out the walls and start from scratch or a more simple spruce-up job, kitchens are where it's at.

Architect Frank Carnovale of the architectural and building firm Carnovale Associates in Troy said five years ago the majority of his work was in new construction. Today, roughly 70 percent of his company's business is in renovation.

"People are buying older homes — or they decide they don't want to move from their current homes — and they want something to meet the needs of today," Carnovale said.

A good percentage involves kitchens — although he has done whole house renovations, additions, baths

and master bedrooms, he said. Carnovale is not alone.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, remodelers are beginning to see the kind of explosive growth builders saw in the 1980s. After falling 9 percent in 1991, spending on remodeling rose 7.8 percent in 1992; the association expects remodeling to increase by an additional 6.8 percent this year.

### Remodeling serves 2nd function when house goes on the market

A remodeled kitchen does more than make a house more livable or enjoyable for its present owner; it also makes it more valuable to its future owner.

According to the October issue of Remodeling Magazine, 72 percent of

### Wanting a change

Carnovale said it doesn't take a psychology degree to figure out why the kitchen is the No. 1 candidate for remodeling, surpassing even the bathroom.

"More people are staying put than ever before," he said. They get tired of the same look day in and day out and want a change.

The kitchen, because it has evolved from a place to cook and eat meals to the prime gathering area of the house, is usually the first room homeowners want changed, he said.

Not everyone is going to consult an architect, Carnovale said, but an increasingly large number do.

The cost of a \$20,000 professionally done major kitchen remodeling can be recouped when the house is sold in the Detroit area.

For the purposes of its survey, a

See REMODELING, 2F

"I think the architect pays for itself — you get better planning and better control of the project," he said. "We're not talking about just a cabinet layout."

Moving appliances, electrical systems, mechanicals, non-load and load-bearing walls, and windows does more than merely spruce up a kitchen, it changes appearances, functions and spatial relationships, he said.

"There is a perception that an architect is a luxury for the rich — our attitude is it's a service for everyone," Carnovale said.

Jeanette Prey, a designer at Kitchen Master Inc. in Farmington, said kitchens designed 20 to 30 years ago just don't meet today's needs.

"Kitchens are a place to live in, not just a place to cook in."

Furthermore, all indications point to the fact that people spend more time in their kitchens. Since people spend more time in them, kitchens should be more amenable to their lifestyles, she said.

See KITCHENS, 2F

## Builders told to study market segments

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Homebuyers with different values and lifestyles approach the process with different expectations.

Builders who design and sell their products in recognition of that psychology — which can operate on a subconscious level — probably will be more successful than those who don't.

That was the major theme of a recent seminar, Housing Market of the '90s, co-sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and GE Appliances.

"People approach buying a new home very logically and end up making an emotional decision," said Clark Rector, a marketing consultant. "The more we know about them, understand them and target in on them, the more successful we're going to be."

"People buy houses that support their daily activity and the image of themselves, their hopes and aspirations," said Bill Webb, a sales consultant. "If we can get in our customers' shoes . . . then we'll have a better chance to provide a house they're looking for."

### Scattergun approach

That's sometimes easier said than done, the speakers suggested.

Builders too often use a scattergun approach to business rather than designing and selling to prime target groups.

Builders were advised to determine whether their prospects are more principle-, status- or action-oriented, then gauge their financial wherewithal.

Research indicates what housing elements are preferred by specific value and lifestyle groups — believers,

strivers, makers, fulfilled, achievers and experiencers — and what merchandising techniques best reach each.

"It's hard to design a product that's the be-all and end-all for everyone," Webb said. "If we do well in this business, it's because we've created for people exactly what they're looking for that they haven't found anywhere else."

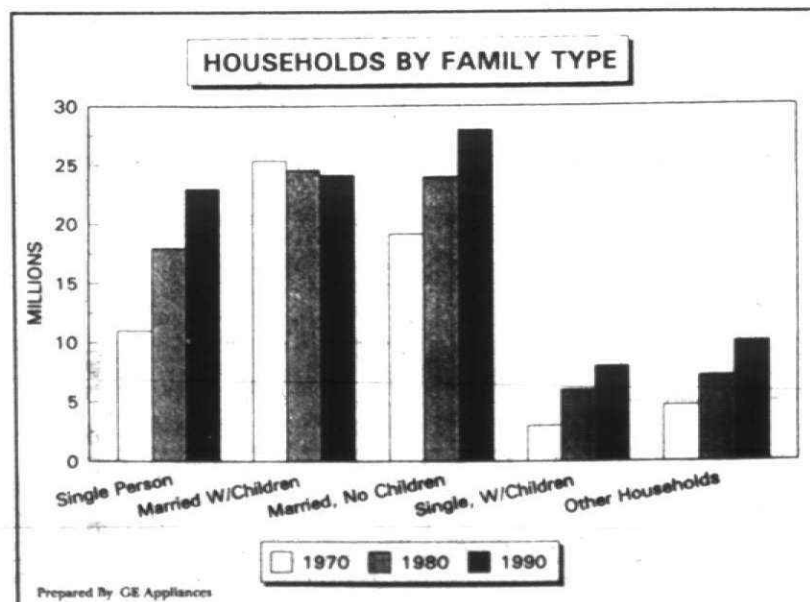
First-time buyers, for instance, often are classified as believers with limited economic means who have a strong attachment to family and tradition, Webb and Rector described.

Both spouses generally work and already have children or intend to have them.

"Give them some impact at the entrance," Rector said. "They want their friends to say, 'Gee, nice house.' Give long sight lines, but be careful where they go."

Traditional wood cabinetry and appliances appeal to this group as well as traditional country-style furniture in a model. Have at least one bedroom decorated as a nursery, the consultants said. And if possible, realizing that space is often tight, include a small feature nook.

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Kitchens from page 1F

Add to that the recent spate of mortgage refinancing, and it appears as if people plan to spend more time in their existing homes, Prey said.

As for kitchen styles, that varies from area to area, Prey said, but many homeowners are buying into a traditional, raised-panel cabinet style made from hardwoods like maple painted in white or light-colored tones. "Not in a European, contemporary style, but softer — not so plastic."

Dark colors are out, she said, adding light colors make rooms appear larger.

**Islands used**

Islands remain popular, sometimes supplanting the kitchen table, Prey said. Old formal dining rooms, often found off the kitchen in older homes, are being opened up by knocking down kitchen walls. The new space is used as a seating area for gathering, but eating is done at the kitchen islands.

Work and desk areas are also built into kitchens — often near the phone — to create a space for daily planning.

In addition to a preference for maple over traditional oaks, homeowners seem to be gravitating toward different materials in kitchens.

Granite and Corian countertops are popular, but are also expensive. Many buyers are opting for an expensive countertop on the island, which helps enhance it as a kitchen focal point, and use more traditional laminates in the remainder of the room.

Recessed, incandescent lighting is used almost exclusively over harsher, colder fluorescent lighting.

More buyers are also opting for ceramic tile and hardwood floors, but longer lasting linoleum remains popular, she said.

Cary Seal, a designer at KSI Kitchen and Bath Showrooms in Livonia, said function wasn't high

on the priority of home builders until very recently.

One of the most basic items in the kitchen today — the microwave oven — was almost nonexistent 20 years ago, Seal said. Consequently, people have to make do with less countertop space or microwave carts.

A wall cabinet will have a place designed for a microwave, increasing the functionality of the kitchen.

People want more than plain cabinets with doors and drawers. Buyers are clamoring for television nooks, microwaves suspended over cooktops with built-in lighting and venting, in-cabinet recycling bins, and numerous gadgets like pullout trays, built-in wine and spice racks, swing out pantries, and drop down cookbook holders that generally make life in the kitchen easier.

"Things like that make the kitchen more livable," he said.

**Minimal changes**

Not everyone needs a new kitchen. Many companies now offer services such as cabinet refacing, meaning the cabinet fronts are replaced, but the utilitarian shelves and frames remain.

Kitchen Tune-Up in Rochester Hills takes this idea one step further. "Let's say you're happy with what you have, but the kitchen just looks a little dull — that's where we come in," said Tony Julian, co-owner of the Kitchen Tune-Up franchise for Oakland County.

Kitchens are one of the highest traffic areas in the house, he said, and it stands to reason they suffer the most from everyday wear and tear.

Kitchen Tune-Up removes the dirt and oil built up over years, repairs cracks, broken hinges and drawer glides to generally return the cabinets as near as possible to near-new condition, he said.

Badly damaged doors can also be duplicated, he added.



Marketing from page 1F

"In the kitchen, give them a little better than builder basic," Rector said. "Try to make the bath a little special. Give them choices. Let them personalize the house and let them upgrade."

Use children in advertisements, he added.

**Luxury for move-ups**

Second move-up buyers want more luxury, Rector said.

"They want all the rooms and all the rooms to be big and spacious. They want the house to have some pizzazz. Show the dining room furnished for eight. It kind of expands the space."

"In the kitchen, give them as many choices as you can," he said. "Give them two separate ovens and a microwave." The message is you're moving up and the advertisement focus should be on the product as opposed to people, Rector said.

Other general points made during the seminar:

- "Would you give the same presentation to a striver as a believer? I wouldn't. Their orientation to life is different. They will tune out without knowing why." — sebb.
- "Why not look at other parts of the newspaper (to advertise)? Where will my targeted buyer look if not in the real estate section? Sports? Entertainment?" — Rector.
- "The basic reason for having a sales information center is to stop the customer long enough to find out who they are and send them off in a direction you want them to go. The key is to get them talking." — Webb.

**Builders respond**

Builders and sales reps who attended the seminar liked what they heard for the most part.

"Target marketing and merchandising definitely is the way to go," said Laurie Frankel, vice president of sales and marketing for the Herman Frankel Organization in West Bloomfield.

"In the past, a house sold itself. Now, it's a lifestyle," she said. "It's a whole different mind set. You have to get more emotionally involved."

But builders have to be careful about specializing too much because all buyers aren't what they might seem, Frankel said.

"There are a lot of consumers," she said. "You can never totally merchandise it to a target because it's never 100 percent. You never have a community that's one type of person."

"I don't think we're emphasizing enough the different types of people we're catering to," said Don Pratt, a Troy builder. "It's always good to get people to give you facts and figures on demographics, whether we're targeting the market correctly."

The largest growth in households by age of household head between 1970 and 1990 occurred in the 35-44 age group, said Evan Barrington, GE manager for regional forecasting. Single persons and marrieds without children showed the largest growth in households by family type.

Nearly as many births were recorded in 1990 as during the peak of the baby boom, he reported.

"Ours is a very cyclical industry and it's going to continue to be cyclical," Barrington said. "Never plan your business under the assumption we're going to have growth forever."

"Clearly the desire is there for people to own a home if at all possible," he said. "We have to have jobs that create income that create demand for consumer spending."

Builder turns seminar teacher

BY MARY RODRIQUE  
STAFF WRITER

Building a home can be a stressful endeavor, with buyers forced to make dozens of long-term decisions in a short time frame.

"You think you're getting everything you need from the architect or the builder — but you're not," said Livonia builder Jim Nawrot.

After 30-plus years building single family dwellings from metro Detroit to Gaylord, Nawrot is hanging up his tools for a new line of work.

On Saturday, April 17, he will offer his first home building seminar at the Holiday Inn, Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia.

For \$25 a person, or \$40 per couple, Nawrot promises — in one workshop — to save consumers hundreds of dollars in energy related tips.

"I've put together a workbook with 250 to 300 tips, plus drawings. The seminar will be like a miniature home show, with displays on insulation, walls and windows," Nawrot said.

Nawrot holds a U.S. Patent on a double wall system that he claims can heat and cool a 2,000-square-foot home for \$200 a year.

"You keep the home air tight, well insulated and have an air to air heat exchanger," he said.

"I'm an energy nut in the building trades. I'll show them the proper things to do. They should be able to say — it's my house, do it my way."

He says many of the tips can be incorporated into subdivision houses at no extra cost. On housing, Nawrot's motto is "A steel chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

"Keep it simple, use common sense, make it cost effective," he said.

He promises to offer dozens of insider tips culled from 32 years in the business. A workbook called Energy Efficient Techniques & Quality Construction Methods Simplified will be presented free to the first 100 in attendance. The book will be for sale at later seminars.

Nawrot will address issues such as the advantages of blown-in fiberglass or cellulose insulation, a wall framing technique that saves wood, and how to properly install windows or doors.

The seminar is meant to avoid

Hope springs eternal for sales

(AP) — Despite adverse weather and a big jump in prices, sales of new homes increased 4.6 percent in February, government figures show.

"Without the bad weather, the February data would be much, much stronger," said David Berson, an economist with the Federal National Mortgage Association. "The report understates the strength of the housing market."

"All I can say is anyone who has ever thought of building a home should be here," he said.

To register or for more information, call Nawrot at 462-0944.

On the job education with the idea of learning before you start to build.

Nawrot, a licensed builder, stopped building homes just weeks ago. He is incorporating his new business under the name Home Building Workshop. He hopes to go national with his program within a year.

"There are so many little tips that can save money and aggravation. Have you ever had a towel bar fall off the wall? Or a curtain that wouldn't hang properly? These annoyances can be corrected once and for all with scrap lumber."

"I'm not sure how severely consumers will react," he said.

Sales totaled 595,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from 569,000 in January, according to the report Monday from the Commerce and Housing and Urban Development departments.

The February advance included double-digit increases in both the Northeast and West, which offset declines in the Midwest and South. Analysts had expected sales in February to rise about 6 percent. The slower pace and a 12.7 percent plunge in January were attributed to the

So far in 1993, sales are down 10.7 percent from the first two months of last year. At the end of February, the seasonally adjusted estimate of new houses for sale was 271,000, representing a supply of 5.5 months at the current sales rate.

The median price of a new home rose to \$126,700 in February, from \$118,000 a month earlier. The median means that half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

"The price of lumber has roughly doubled in the last six months," Carliner said. "Since October, lumber has added about \$5,000 to the cost of a new house."

Still, analysts expect the rising costs to be partially offset by the lowest mortgage rates in two decades and an improving economy.

Home fire drills encourage safety

The first rule of fire safety is: Be prepared.

Here are some tips for alerting your family about the dangers of fire:

- Draw a plan of your home (including stairs, windows and doors) and plot two escape routes in the 35-44 age group, said Evan Barrington, GE manager for regional forecasting. Single persons and marrieds without children showed the largest growth in households by family type.
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- "Clearly the desire is there for people to own a home if at all possible," he said. "We have to have jobs that create income that create demand for consumer spending."

■ Hold regular fire drills and designate a place to meet outside for a head count.

■ Some persons may need to use a window to escape. Make sure they are able to reach and unlock it, remove the screen or storm window and get down to the ground safely.

■ Purchase chain ladders, available by mail and from locksmiths, hardware stores or home centers. Store them next to upstairs windows or under beds and practice using them.

■ Install smoke detectors wherever recommended by the manufacturers.

Also hang fire extinguishers bearing the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label at key spots in your home. Teach your family how and when to use them. Check detectors and extinguishers every six months to be sure they work.

■ Post the fire emergency number near telephones or program a phone with automatic dialing to call 911 or the fire department. Find out the location of the nearest fire alarm box.

Here are some suggestions if a fire occurs:

- Regardless of the size of the fire, first get everyone out of the house and have someone call the fire department immediately. If you decide to try to put out a small fire, position yourself between the fire and your escape route. If after two minutes you can neither contain nor extinguish the flames, don't waste critical time. Close doors and windows behind you and get out of the house. Once out of the house, don't go back.

Remodeling from page 1F

major kitchen remodeling includes an updating of a 200-square-foot kitchen with design and installation of functional layout of new mid-priced cabinets, laminate countertops, energy efficient oven, cooktop and ventilation system, microwave, dishwasher, disposer and lighting.

Also included are new resilient flooring, wall coverings and ceiling treatments. The kitchen includes 30 linear feet of cabinets and counter space and a 3-by-5 foot island.

For a \$6,000 minor kitchen remodeling, homeowners can recoup 84 percent in the Detroit market.

**Planning hints:** Andersen Window Centers are offering the Brighter Homes Idea book and Brighter Home Ideas video for \$1.95 each at participating stores including Dillman & Upton Lumber, 607 Woodward, Rochester, Quality Window Center, 3911 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, and Mans Do-It Center, 41900 Ford Road, Canton. The 120-page book is aimed at homeowners undertaking a remodeling or new construction project. Window and patio door design ideas are offered along with advice on how to work with architects, builders and banks. The video complements the book, offering ideas on how to incorporate ideas on windows into the home.

Construction industry regulations seminar planned

The Michigan Architectural Foundation will conduct its first construction industry regulatory seminar Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20, at the Shanty Creek Schuss Mountain Resort in Bellaire.

The conference is being held to promote understanding and cooperation between the industry's design, construction and regulatory entities. Supporting organizations include AIA Michigan, Society of the American Institute of Architects, Associated Builders and Contractors, Associated General Contractors, Building Officials Conference of Michigan, Building Officials & Code Administrators International, Michigan Association of Home Builders.

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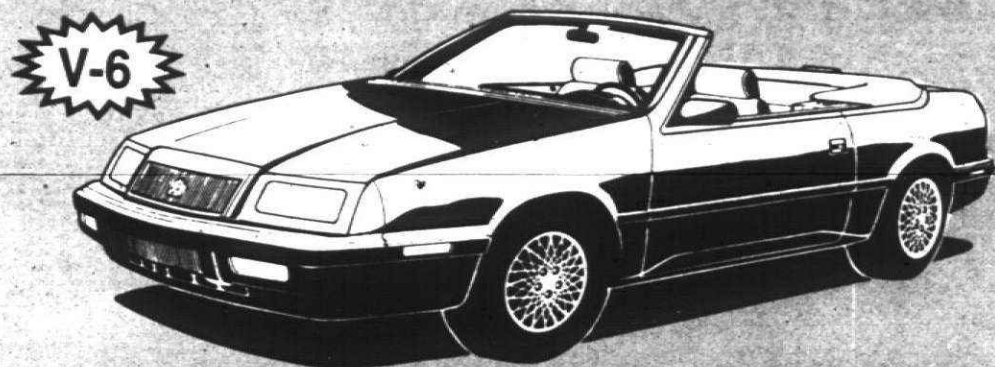
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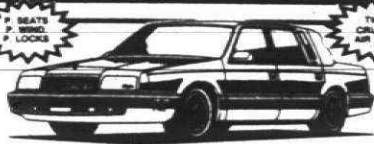
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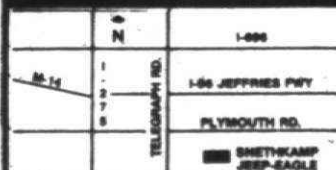
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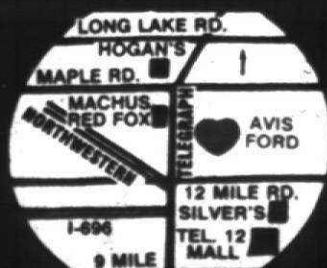
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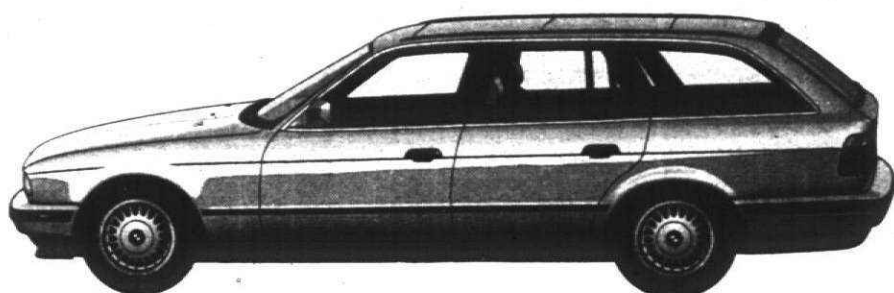






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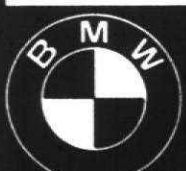
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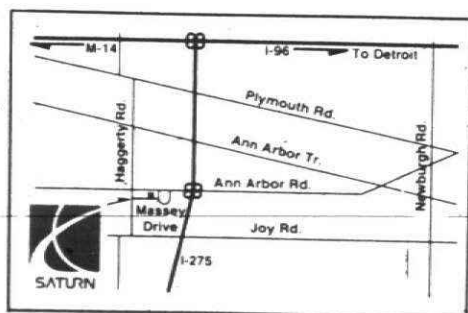
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