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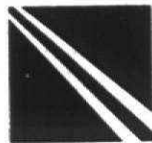
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Township braces for road work



Canton residents will see approximately \$7 million in road improvements in the coming months. The plan is to improve some worn out roads and relieve congestion on others. Work has already started at Warren and Sheldon.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Worn out roads and traffic congestion are prompting approximately \$7 million in road improvements in Canton this year.

"There's a fair amount of road improvements for the community," said

Tom Casari, township engineer. "Most of these projects will be just an inconvenience (during construction) for residents."

As the projects get closer to being scheduled, township staff expects to give advance warning to residents in construction areas.

The projects — which include repaving, paving, and intersection improvements — are being paid for with Wayne County, township, state and developer money, Casari said.

In areas that are being repaved or given a new overlay, the roads are worn out. Intersections that will be improved are expected to relieve congestion. "A lot of these will improve circulation south and north and so we can take people off the east-west routes," Casari said.

The widening of the Warren-Sheldon roads intersection is probably the

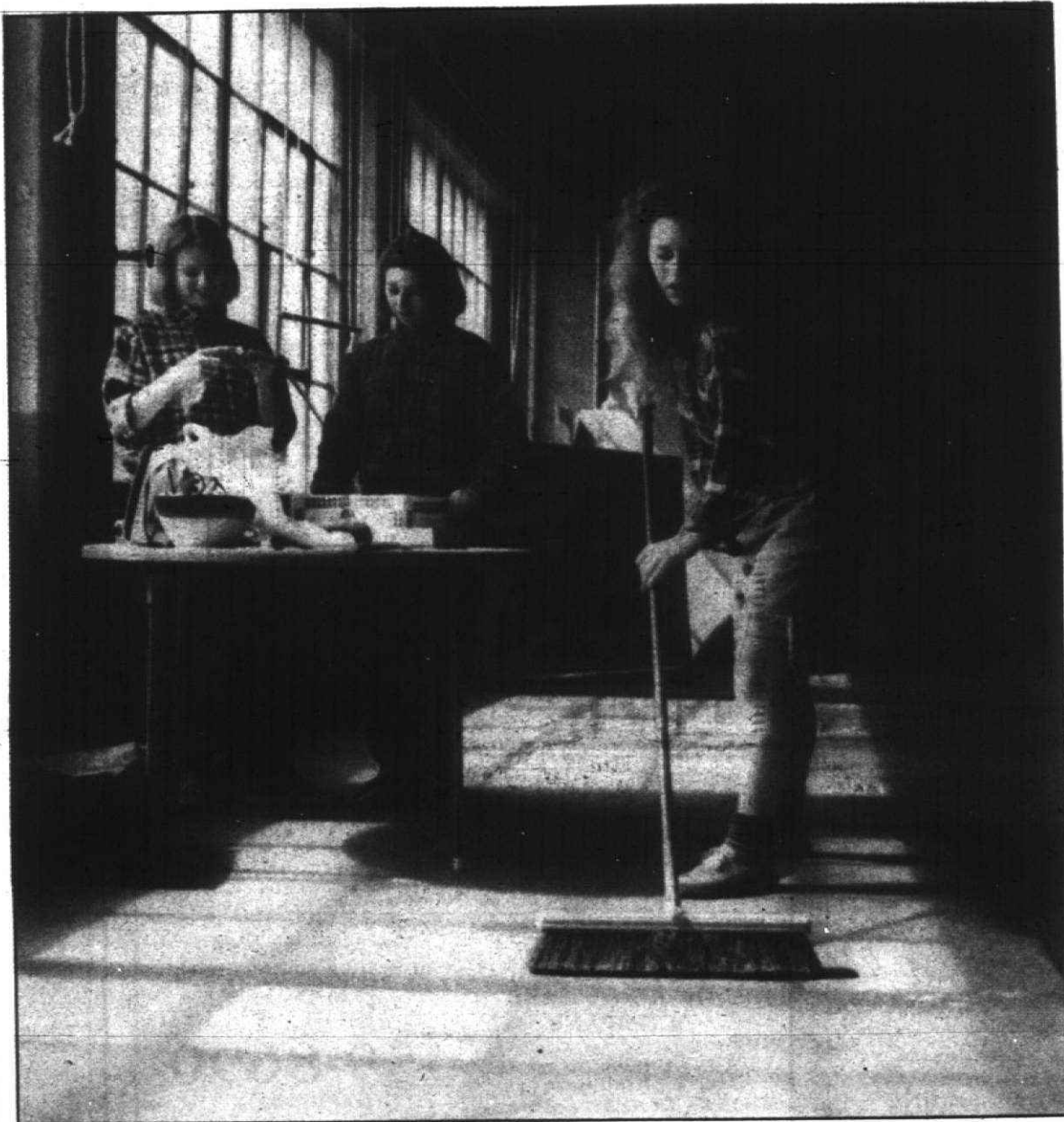
most obvious right now, with construction crews already at work. Motorists can expect some delays through the intersection. The project also includes extending the existing drainage culverts. The existing guardrails will no longer be needed.

Here's a peek at other major projects in the coming months:

■ Beck Road, between Warren and Ford, will be paved, and a bridge, north of Ford Road, will be repaired. "That will most likely close it for a

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Clean up



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mill cleaning: Students in the Close Up program at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools volunteered recently to give Wilcox Mill in Plymouth Township a clean sweep to prepare it for the Plymouth Community Arts Council Annual Treasure Mart, a garage sale set for May 12-15. Above, Raychel Quinn sweeps while Monica Gaut and Michelle Cime work on other cleaning tasks. The arts council is seeking items for the garage sale. For more information, call 455-5260.

Schools weigh tax hike

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler and the state legislature have complicated Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' millage campaign.

The district had planned, and will go through with, ballot proposals June 14 asking voters to approve a local tax increase. But exactly how much of one was the subject of debate at Monday's school board meeting.

The board is expected at its April 26 meeting to discuss asking voters to renew 17.74 mills and approve either 2.25 or 4 additional mills. Approving 2.25 mills would maintain the district's status quo, officials said. A 4-mill levy would enable the schools to restore the staffing, programs and contingency fund cut two years ago.

Engler's plan, which would increase the sales tax from 4 cents to 6 cents on the dollar, cut property taxes, and limit assessment increases, will be voted on in a statewide election June 2. If passed, districts across the state could levy a minimum of 18 mills and a maximum of 27. Retirement, Social Security costs, and special programs previously paid for by the state would be picked up by individual districts.

The Plymouth-Canton school district now levies 37 mills. A mill is \$1 of tax for each \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Complicating the issue is the fact that some of the language accompanying Engler's bill isn't even written yet, said Superintendent John Hoben.

"Our citizens' election campaign doesn't know what to build it around. The governor has done it to us once again," said school board President Roland Thomas.

District administrator Ray Hoedel said that if just the renewal passes, the district will be \$4.9 million in

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Empties can help preserve local history

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's spring and time to clean out the garage and basement of those empty returnable pop bottles and cans. And you can do it for a good cause.

The Canton Historical District Commission in conjunction with the Canton Historical Society, the Plymouth-Canton Schools, and Meijer and McDonald's, are hosting a fund-raiser with elementary and middle school children.

The fund-raiser's target is the restoration of the Bartlett-Travis house on Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill. The plan is not only to restore the house, but to create a rural farmstead on the 21 acres on which the historic house sits, said Terri Bennett, Canton Historical District Commission chairwoman.

This is how the fund-raiser, called "Canton Can and You Can Too," scheduled May 3-7 and again May 10-14, will work: Each child in the el-

ementary and middle school grades will be asked to collect at least 50 returnable bottles and cans during the fund-raising period. The kids will be divided into north and south teams.

Community volunteers will sort the bottles and cans and pick them up to take to Meijer. The store will provide the bags and whatnot necessary for recycling the items.

"They will also write a check or a bottle receipt" and donate the proceeds to the fund-raiser, Bennett

said. For their efforts, each student will get a certificate for a large sandwich from McDonald's restaurants.

Each student who participates in the fund-raiser will receive a Canton historical brochure.

Anyone else who is interested in donating to the effort can take their bottles or cans to Meijer and mail the return receipt to Canton Township Resource Development, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Mark the envelope "Canton Can."

Missing Rolls turns up almost intact

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The 1991 Rolls-Royce Silver Spur stolen from Don Massey auto dealership in Plymouth Township April 8 was found Tuesday night in a garage in the Brightmoor area of Detroit.

"A person who works with us on auto thefts let us know. When the car was stolen we let him know we were looking for it," said detective Sgt. Skip Ward of the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit.

Police took two men into custody Tuesday night in connection with the theft but expected to release them Wednesday, pending further investigation and interviews of suspects. "I expect more arrests," Ward said, adding that more than just the unidentified man seen driving

the car away from the dealership lot April 8 was involved.

No doubt about it. The Don Massey dealership staff is happy with the recovery. "We're very grateful. Police handled this very well, as well as the media. I'm sure that's why they found it so fast," Brenda Massey said Wednesday morning.

The tip led the surveillance team of the unit to a garage in a West Outer Drive-Acacia neighborhood. The car apparently had been seen sitting in the garage for a couple of days. "The car was larger than the garage," Ward said, adding that the rear of the car was visible.

Police believe the Rolls Royce was stolen for order and expected to be taken somewhere else in the United States or even outside the country. But with all the media coverage when the car was

taken from the Don Massey lot on Ann Arbor Road, it appeared the person who ordered it changed their mind.

"It was too hot for the intended buyer," said Sgt. Dave Gentry.

When police recovered the two-tone cream-colored car they found some interior damage, as well as the tires and radio missing. "It was initially wanted as a whole," Ward said, adding he did not feel the car was abandoned. "The publicity was extremely helpful in preventing the eventual outcome intended for this car."

On Wednesday morning, the Rolls-Royce was on its way to the Michigan State Police crime lab in Northville for fingerprinting, Ward said.

Ward and Massey both say it's unusual for this type of luxury car to be stolen.

Schools opt not to replace Homes

It appears unlikely that Michael Homes — the assistant superintendent for instruction who is leaving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to become a school district superintendent in Wisconsin — will be replaced. Superintendent John Hoben recommended to the school board Monday that Homes' duties be picked up by the existing, realigned administration.

The action would reduce the levels of management in the district, and realize a savings in salary and benefits of about \$100,000.

"I sense there's at this point a consensus to do that," said school board president Roland Thomas. "I'm not sure a decision will be formally made, as Dr. Hoben is responsible for that job in the organizational structure."

This will be the second administrator to leave and not be replaced in the last two years. When Shirley Spaniel, assistant superintendent for elementary instruction, retired two years ago, her position remained unfilled.

Thomas said the idea makes sense. "As people leave, we ought to be examining every position to see if there is a better way of performing those functions."

Thomas said Spaniel's departure prompted the district to realign administration, resulting in better communication at the elementary-, middle- and high-school levels by going to a flatter organization. "That pushes decision-making down," which Thomas sees as a benefit.

Armed robbery leads to arrest of 3 suspects

A man and two women face armed robbery charges in connection with an early Monday robbery during which a female employee was handcuffed at a Canton gas station.

John Ray Davis, 40, of Westland; Tina A. Longo, 22, of Taylor; and Erin Merkte, 20, of Ypsilanti pleaded not guilty to one count each of armed robbery at their arraignment before 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthurst Tuesday. Bond was set for each defendant at \$100,000.

A preliminary exam on the charges is scheduled for Friday, April 30. Conviction on the felony charge would carry a maximum sentence of life in prison.

At 2:43 a.m., a man walked into the Citgo gas station, 41350 Ford, and bought some gasoline and a sandwich. One woman also entered the store; another sat in a car outside. When other customers left, the man produced what appeared to be a 45-caliber handgun and announced a hold-up, according to police. The weapon was later discovered to be a fake, Colling said.

The store clerk, a 38-year-old woman, turned over cash in the register to the pair. The man ordered the clerk into a back room, where he handcuffed her to a bin. The man took the clerk's necklace, as well as several cartons of cigarettes. The pair then fled. The clerk was not injured, Colling said.

A customer later discovered the clerk in the back room, freed her, and contacted police. Canton police broadcast information about the robbery and suspects to other departments.

Canton police then received information from the Wayne Police Department that it had an armed robbery earlier by suspects matching descriptions given in the Canton incident, Colling said.

The Michigan State Police later stopped a car matching the description given in the Canton robbery at Wayne and I-94.

Man faces assault charge after domestic incident

A 41-year-old Canton man faces a felony assault charge in connection with a domestic disturbance April 17.

Police were called to the Academy Point mobile home park, on Haggerty south of Michigan Ave., at about 1:15 a.m. on the report of domestic trouble. Police recovered two handguns and placed the man under arrest on the four-year

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felony charge, according to Canton police.

Man waives exam

A 32-year-old Belleville man waived his preliminary examination on criminal sexual conduct

charges before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald April 16.

Leonard Joseph Richey will stand trial in Wayne County Recorder's Court on one count of first-degree and one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. His \$100,000 cash bond was continued. He remains in the Wayne County Jail.

Richey's attorney, Ina Zeemering, stipulated to forensic tests that showed Richey to be competent to stand trial.

Richey is charged in connection with the rape of a 9-year-old Canton boy Jan. 10. He was arrested Jan. 15, two days after the boy and his mother made a complaint to the Canton police.

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Self reliance

Choose for yourself, says Paula Blanchard



Speaker: Paula Blanchard gives women advice on starting over again.

BY JULIA HOGLEN
STAFF WRITER

"It is more important to live the life you choose, than to live a life more profitable, but less happy," Paula Blanchard's told nearly 100 Business and Professional Women's Club members from the tri-county area gathered at the Mayflower Meeting House on Monday.

It was also the message of her book, "Til Politics Do We Part." "Being married to a politician, your life becomes consumed by politics," said Blanchard, who wrote her book to explain why she left her marriage of 21 years and to lend insight to the tremendous price the lifestyle of the Governor's wife demands.

"Being under the microscope of the media takes an enormous toll on you — physically, emotionally, mentally, even spiritually. Most of the politician's wives I know are unhappy, but unwilling to change or give up their lifestyle," she said.

"Our choices, our actions, are a definition of our values and who we are. I wanted to bring my life in line with my values so that it matched my integrity and worth."

Each morning she reads a clipping from an Ann Landers column taped to her refrigerator door that reminds her that with each new day we are handed 24

golden hours that are ours to choose to use for ourselves.

"We can choose to be assertive or we can choose to be a victim."

She asked the audience to look at who is making their choices for them, is it their boss, their husband, or their children. She encouraged the women to write their own diaries. "Choose to live your life by your own choices."

With her newly chosen lifestyle came freedom and loneliness.

"While I'm not alone, I have family, friends, and intimate acquaintances, it's not the same as having someone to come home to."

"The loneliness is the hardest thing," she said. "That's why I have my cats."

"Risk can be paralyzing or energizing," she said and added three reasons why women are not taught to manage risk; our society teaches us that it is women who are responsible to provide emotional security for the family, while women seldom take charge of financial responsibility because they are usually provided for either by a husband or father; and third, women, until recently, did not get an opportunity to play competitive sports, learning as boys do early on, the rewards of risk-taking.

It was her strong relationship with her father which influenced her the most.

"He taught me everything was possible, that I could achieve anything."

She found following her dad around watching him work in the basement or the garage was far more interesting than watching her mother in the kitchen.

"He was proud of my successes, and taught me how to plan to turn my failures around," she said.

Blanchard's maternal grandmother was a living example of true self-reliance. Widowed at 29, she raised three children on her own while teaching school and completing her degree from EMU.

Roberta Duda, political liaison for Michigan Nurses Association, asked Blanchard how she dealt with the fears she faced in making her lifestyle change.

"I looked forward to the change. Ten percent of what life is about is what happens to us, 90 percent is our attitude toward it."

"I'm a positive optimist. I had a level of faith that things would turn out for the best."

She was also deliberate and organized in her decision-making approach, carefully weighing the advantages and disadvantages.

Valerie Gray, a Plymouth BPW member, asked for Blanchard's positive advice for goal-setting women who do have supportive husbands, to which she responded, such women are very lucky, and when it comes to taking control of your life, by all means, divorce is the last resort.

"I still communicate with Jim, and we will always be friends, because we will always be parents."

Where does Paula Blanchard want to be five years from now?

"I set daily goals and yearly goals and long-range, five-year goals. I'd like to own my own business in five years, to be my own boss."

Blanchard is vice president of Public Relations for Casey Communication, Southfield. She is active in community projects, serves on the board for the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade and is one of the parade clowns.

Maria Holmes of Omnicom Cable asked Blanchard if things would be different if she had been Governor.

"I don't think I would have ever been Governor. I didn't have that all-consuming drive and ambition for it."

Terry Churhan 5th to enter race for school board seat

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Terry Churhan, 46, is the fifth and final candidate to throw his hat into the ring for Plymouth-Canton school board.

Voters will fill a single four-year term in the June 14 election.

Other candidates include incumbent David Artley of Canton; Rev. William Myers of Canton; Steve Kiljanczyk of Canton; and Robert Burger of Plymouth.

Churhan is a metallurgical technician making his first bid for public office. He and his wife, former Canton clerk Linda Churhan, have two children who attend Plymouth Salem High School.

"With the rising millage and schools being such an issue, I thought it was time to see that tax dollars were being spent most wisely," said Churhan, who works at Masco Research and Development in Taylor.

Churhan said he favors the Engler school finance plan (which would raise the sales tax and cut property taxes) "as I've seen it so far. I hope it will make the 4 mill proposal unnecessary. If we need it fine. If we don't, I think it's something that we don't need."

Engler's proposal will go to the electorate June 2.

Churhan would like to see the

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board put the 4 mill proposal on the ballot, but not levy the millage if Engler's plan passes.

"I'm not necessarily against the 4 mills; I'm hoping it's not necessary if we look strongly at finance and cut waste."

A more aggressive board would benefit the district, he added.

"I think maybe the current board isn't doing enough with administration to see where waste can be eliminated so programs and teaching staff aren't cut."

Churhan, a 22-year Canton resident, is a graduate of Livonia's Bentley High School. He earned associate degrees from Schoolcraft College in metallurgy, tool design and engineering. Churhan said he's working on his bachelor's degree at Wayne State University in mechanical engineering.

His son and daughter have attended both Plymouth-Canton and private schools.

"Our kids went for a short time to a private school because we didn't think the quality of education was there. For their high school years, they wanted to go back into the public schools," Churhan said. Stacey, 16, is a Sa-

lem junior, and Scott, 17, is a senior, also at Salem.

Student achievement in the district is an area of need, he said. "The whole country is behind in math and science. You can never quit improving on the quality of education. There's always room for improvement."

Churhan said there's also room for improvement in administration.

"The board needs to be more active with administration and ask to other questions about how money is spent, and how programs are run, so everything is run as efficiently as possible. I'm not entirely happy with administration, but they've done a creditable job. Money is always wasted in any kind of system. It's just a matter of ruling it out and eliminating it."

As for the retirement of Superintendent John Hoben, which William Myers for one sees as a campaign issue, Churhan said, "I'm not sure when he's supposed to retire. If he does, we need to look for a replacement who's energetic and knowledgeable, and someone who wants to take our school system forward."

Churhan said he's mounting a serious campaign and that his strategy will be "dictated by how much money I can raise."

Kids Time Kamp signups under way

Registration is now taking place for "Kids' Time Kamp," a summer day camp offered by the Extended Day Program of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Kids' Time Kamp is offered for children who are enrolled in school during the 1992-93 year. The program will be in session 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 21 through Aug. 20. The weekly charge, including all field trips, is \$100. Parents who enroll more than one child in the program will receive a 10-percent discount.

Enrollment for the program is limited to 50 children. Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Application forms are now available at each elementary school. Forms also may be obtained at the Extended Day Office, which is located at the Tanger Center, 40260 Five Mile Road in Northville.

For more information, call the Extended Day Office at 420-5360 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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couple weeks," Casari said. It's scheduled for July and August.

■ The left turn lanes at the Ford and Canton Center roads intersection will be realigned to directly face each other. The west side of Canton Center will be widened to accommodate the change. The intersection will be closed, but some inconvenience will occur. It's scheduled for June-July.

■ Hanford Road, west of Canton Center to Beck, will be connected to allow access to Sunflower subdivisions, 6, 7, 10 and 11. "Residents will be able to enter Sunflower from a left turn on Canton Center," Casari said. Construction is scheduled for June.

■ Cherry Hill, from Beck to Ridge roads, will get an overlay, as will

Ridge Road, from Cherry Hill, south to the county line. Both are Wayne County projects.

■ Palmer Road will be paved, from Lots to Hannan. This is being financed with a special assessment district. The township is one of the property owners. The project is scheduled for late fall. The road is expected to be restricted to traffic.

■ Haggerty will be paved, south of Palmer to Michigan Ave. The project could begin later this year. Clean up work is almost done on Haggerty, north of Koppernick.

■ The Joy-Sheldon roads intersection will be extended. It could begin later this year, but 1994 is more likely. A traffic slowdown is expected when construction begins.



Congested roadway: Work is beginning on widening the Sheldon-Warren roads intersection. Turn lanes will be built. Some delay will occur during construction.

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debt, the equivalent of 2.25 mills. If the governor's proposal passes, Plymouth-Canton schools will be \$4.7 million in the hole, the equivalent of 2.28 mills.

Hoedel would like to see the district ask for 4 mills in June 1994.

"I wouldn't recommend the 2.25 mills only, because it would give the district no flexibility to take care of unforeseen problems."

"Either way, we're in a Catch-22," said Hoben. "However, the governor's proposal is the best thing that's out there in the sense

that it freezes assessments. It controls the millage so it can never go below 18 or above 27. We are in a particular situation where we are cut both ways."

Trustee Carl Battishill suggested proceeding "on the basis that the governor's proposal will fail. Let's make our projections based on what we know now."

Battishill favors the 4-mill, two-year proposal. "That's what we led the community to believe we needed. It also would allow us

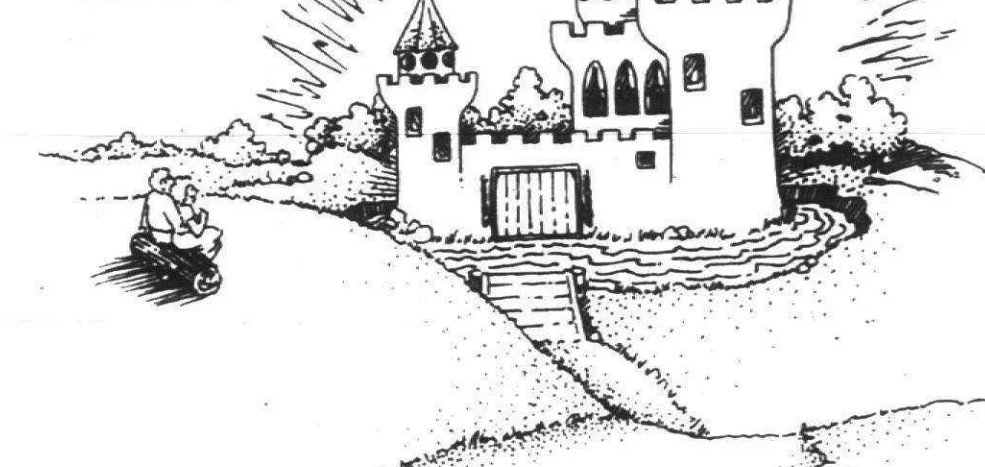
to operate the way we did two years ago. I couldn't go more than one year with no contingency fund. The status quo has to include some contingency, or we are not being responsible to the community."

Thomas asked audience members for their ideas.

School board candidate the Rev. William Myers said, "I would recommend you maintain neutral on the state proposal because the enabling legislation hasn't even been written."

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Dying drunk

Teenage testimony stirs students

BY MARY LOU SONG

Staff Writer

In a Students Against Drunk Driving assembly at Garden City High School this year, two seniors told their classmates about a friend who was killed after drinking at a party.

Courtney Cain and Kristine Bradley said their friend, a popular star football player at another school, drove his motorcycle into a parked truck. He died instantly.

"He had two or three beers," Cain said. "He was going to drive his motorcycle home before he was too drunk to take it home."

Many high school students say they hear stories like that often. But until something happens to someone close, the consequences of drinking and driving don't seem real.

"A lot of people assume it's not going to happen to them, they've had one or two beers," said Lisa Grabowski, a GCHS senior and SADD president. "It's a shame that it takes an experience like Courtney and Kristine's to shake people up."

Kelly Holubek, a senior and president of SADD at Walled Lake Central High School, said, "It's the normal teenage story. They think they're invincible, unless something happens close to home. Then it hits them hard."

But teens are trying to prevent tragedies. Project Graduation, a year-long campaign, promotes alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education. A ceremony at the Masonic Temple recently kicked off the campaign for alcohol- and drug-free proms and graduations.

More than 70 high schools in five counties are participating in the awareness program, including Garden City High School, North Farmington High School, Redford Union High School, Athens and Troy high schools, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central high schools, and Detroit Country Day High School in Birmingham.

Some 3,000 students attended the ceremony and heard speakers like Jerry Johnson, director of Adolescent Residential Services at Project Rehab; Sgt. Michael Lemmon of the Detroit Police Department narcotics division; Hank Glaspie of the FBI; and rap group

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Students killed in alcohol-related car accidents last year were also remembered.

At school, students are raising awareness through buttons, fliers and red ribbon weeks. They send letters to parents and place ads in newspapers asking classmates not to drink and drive. They hold raffles, rallies and assemblies. They sign contracts, promising not to drink and drive.

Teachers and parents are encouraging students, and students are encouraging each other, to have fun in ways that do not involve alcohol.

"It's a waste of brain cells, it's a waste of time," said North Farmington senior Danielle Schiff, head of SADD. "There are so many things to do that you can't do drunk."

Rather than leave opportunity for teens to drink on graduation night, many high schools turn into carnivals or cruise ships. Students are invited to stay at the school all night. They can dance, talk, play games and have fun — safe and sober.

The Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning reports that in 1991, a total of 1,425 people were killed in traffic accidents in Michigan. Of those, 635 fatalities were alcohol related.

In fatal accidents: 12 of 64 drivers, ages 16 and under, were drinking; 11 of 38 drivers, age 17, drinking; and 34 of 127 drivers, ages 18 and 19, were drinking.

Teens "make up about 7.1 percent of the total driving population in Michigan," said Judy Snow, departmental analyst. "But they make up 11.5 percent of drivers in fatalities and 10 percent of drinking drivers."

Michele Kubicz, executive director of Wayne County Mothers Against Drunk Driving, wants people to realize that any teen drinking alcohol under the age of 21 is breaking the law.

"Our mission is to not drink and drive and that encompasses stopping underage drinking," she

said.

Wayne MADD, active in Project Graduation, is encouraging students to celebrate sober, to refuse riding with a drunk driver and to buckle up.

At the spring kickoff, Sgt. Lemmon told students that a classmate drinking alcohol in the school cafeteria at lunch may be funny, but "it's not when you're driving and he pulls up behind you."

North Farmington students drove that point home by placing a demolished car, wrecked during a drunken driving accident, in the schoolyard.

"We want to show the consequences of drinking and driving, especially around this time," Schiff said. "The whole point of SADD is, I don't want you to drink and I especially don't want you to drink and drive. But if you choose to drink, don't drive."

Holubek said many teens choose to drink because they are bored, stressed, because alcohol is easy to get or because "they think it's an adult thing to do; 21-year-olds do it. I'm 18 or I'm 17 and I go to do that also."

Several students at Garden City High said drinking and driving is prevalent among boys.

"When guys are together, they all drink," said Heather Godlesky, a senior at Garden City. "There's not one that won't drink. They all have to bond."

Jason Holton, another senior, said, "Guys are more macho and they think they can handle it. They think they can take more and it won't affect them."

Holton says to designate drivers or to take a friend's keys away, force him or her to sleep or stay the night — anything to keep them from driving drunk.

Holubek said talking about the problems and working toward solutions will protect those in the Class of 1993 and the classes to follow.

"Stopping one person from drinking and driving, or even drinking, is worth it," Holubek said.

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Woman's Club Ball postponed to May 19

The Woman's Club of Plymouth's annual Scholarship Ball scheduled for Thursday, April 22, has been postponed until Wednesday, May 19.

The annual event, which honors top students from the Plymouth and Canton communities, will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Plymouth Manor. Teenagers from Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools as well as Catholic Central, Mercy, Ladywood and

Plymouth Christian Academy have applied. Singers from the Plymouth Park Players production of "West Side Story" will perform.

Seniors whose parents live in the Plymouth-Canton community or own a business in the community are eligible.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Woman's Club of Plymouth. To mark the event,

students and the donors of the scholarships will meet each other.

"It's a special year because it is our 100th anniversary. The actual donors will be introducing the recipients and presenting the awards," said chairwoman K.C. Mueller.

The event is sponsored by The Plymouth Manor and The Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers.

Commission OKs controversial DNR reorganization plan

AP - A state panel approved a controversial plan last week to reorganize the Department of Natural Resources and move more workers out from behind desks and into the field.

Critics denounced the move as a budget-cutting ploy. Seven of the DNR's 112 field offices will close under the new plan to save \$3 million.

"The losers are recreational interests in Michigan," said Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch and co-chairman of the House Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes Committee.

The Natural Resources Commission, which oversees the DNR,

unanimously approved Director Roland Harmes' reorganization plan during a meeting in Dearborn. No further approval is needed.

The plan aims to better police Michigan's environment by shifting some DNR personnel from administrative jobs to "front line" posts in regional field offices and boosting their local supervisory powers.

"The director believes we have a cumbersome layer of managerial, supervisory positions that eventually should be eliminated," DNR spokesman Guy Gordon said.

Among the new plan's key

changes: ■ The DNR's Lansing staff will be thinned out and "redeployed" to bolster the agency's presence in other parts of the state and decentralize decision making. That will be done through attrition, not layoffs, Gordon said.

■ Thirty new conservation officers will be hired to help police Michigan's hunters, fishermen, boaters and campers for wrongdoing, and 39 environmental protection employees will be added to handle pollution cases.

■ The DNR's Parks Division and Recreation Division will be combined into a single office and their programs merged. The DNR will continue to provide technical help

with recreational programs in cities.

The Natural Resources Commission ditched Harmes' original plans to divide the state into 12 new zones. Instead, commissioners agreed to retain the current system of three zones and 13 district offices.

But the panel voted to close seven DNR offices in Calumet, Sanford, Lincoln, Imlay City, Pontiac, Jackson, and Plainwell. That move sparked anger in hearings held around the state in recent months.

Those offices were tagged for shutdown because they're small, minimally staffed and serve areas

that other nearby offices could handle, Gordon said.

Harmes has been under increasing pressure in recent months from environmental groups opposed to the reorganization plan. Alley, an outspoken critic of the restructuring, repeatedly has called for Harmes to resign.

But Gordon said the commission gave Harmes "a unanimous, overwhelming vote of confidence" in a performance review recently. The commission hires the DNR director.

Carol Misseldine, director of the Michigan Environmental Council, said the state should

have put off the reorganization until the Michigan Supreme Court rules on DNR changes proposed by Gov. John Engler.

The high court has agreed to review a challenge of Engler's plans. Among the most controversial aspects are eliminating 19 public boards and commissions, giving the DNR director the power to issue air and water permits, and giving the governor the authority to appoint the chairman of the Natural Resources Commission.

"What's the rush? Why not wait until the court rules?" she said. "This seems to be disjointed. No one knows how it will mesh with the governor's reorganization."

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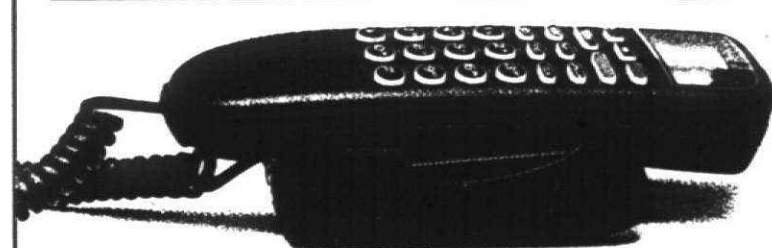
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Four registered nurses judged to best embody the spirit of Florence Nightingale (founder of modern nursing born in 1920 in Florence, Italy) will each receive a commemorative Nightingale statuette and a \$1,000 cash award.

Runners-up in the four categories — nursing administration, nursing research, nursing education and nursing practice — will also attend the dinner.

"Dozens of outstanding nominations have been received which are now being evaluated to select this year's winners," said Carol S. Zenas, acting dean of the school. "The response underscores the increasingly vital role of professional nurses in our nation's health care."

New at this year's Nightingale Awards Dinner will be a silent auction, according to Frank W. Jackson III, assistant general counsel of Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan. He is a Board of Visitors member and chairman of the 1993 dinner.

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OBITUARIES

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Services for Earl Schaf, 83, of Detroit were Monday, April 19, at Jazmowski Funeral Home, Detroit.

He was born June 3, 1909, in Detroit and died Saturday, April 17, in Detroit. He retired from the Chrysler — Jefferson Plant in 1969. His hobby was photography. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Frances Schaf of Detroit; two sons, Richard Schaf of Plymouth and John Schaf of Harper Woods; three grandchildren and two sisters, Marguerite Parsons of Romeo and Lorraine Hatton of Romeo.

VIOLET E. DALLAS

Services for Violet E. Dallas, 94, of Westland, formerly of Plymouth were Saturday, April 17, at Schrader Funeral Home. She was born April 4, 1899, in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. She died Thursday, April 15, in Westland. She came to the Plymouth community in 1968 from Livonia. She was employed as a mail sorter at the Plymouth Post Office for 20 years. She was a member of St. Matthews Methodist Church (Hope Chapel and United Lutheran Church combined to form this church). She graduated from Wayne State University, was a member of the Tongue Senior Citizens and managed the Democratic office in Plymouth. She was named Democratic Woman of the Year in 1947. She is survived by one son, William Dallas of Livonia; one daughter, Carol Loudon of Illinois; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. William C. Lindholm officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Salvation Army — Plymouth Chapter or a church of choice.

WILLIAM G. BERKEBILE
Services for William G. Berkebile, 51, of New Boston were Monday,

April 19, at Uht Funeral Home. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

He was born Feb. 3, 1942. He died Thursday, April 15, in Wayne. He was employed as a salesman.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Berkebile of New Boston; one son, William J. Berkebile; mother, Imogene Berkebile; father, Robert Berkebile; three brothers, Robert B. Berkebile of Southfork RDI, Pa., Denver W. Berkebile of Cherrytree, Pa., and James R. Berkebile of Canton; one sister, Karen L. Pondell of Flat Rock.

The Rev. Thomas R. Downs officiated the service.

WALTER F. SOUSA

Services for Walter F. Sousa, 77, of Plymouth were Monday, April 19, at Schrader Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 29, 1916, in Ann Arbor. He died Friday, April 16, in Ann Arbor. He came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Ann Arbor where he was

born and raised. He retired in 1977 from automotive sales, and then drove the handicapped bus for the Plymouth-Canton Schools. He served in the United States Army in World War II in the European Theatre. He was a member of The Eagles of Ann Arbor, The American Legion of Ann Arbor and was past commander of the VFW Post 4012, Northville. Memorial contributions may be given to the V.A. Hospital of Ann Arbor.

MARY C. SMEADER

Services for Mary C. Smeader, 87, of Canton Township were Tuesday, April 20, at Divine Savior Catholic Church, Westland. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Jan. 11, 1906, in Fontanet, Ind. She died Sunday, April 18, in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Eugene Gullede of South Lyon; three grandchildren, including Nancy Hurley of Canton and three great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given in the form of masses. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

LENORA HINCHCLIFF

Services for Lenora Hinchcliff, 72, of Livonia were Monday, April 19,

at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Livonia. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She was born May 19, 1920, in Illinois. She died Friday, April 16, in Livonia. She lived in Livonia for 32 years. She was a housekeeper at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia for about 13 years, retiring in 1984. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Carol Moersch of Canton; three brothers of Illinois; two sisters of Illinois; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Carl Pagel officiated the service. Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.

Pooling program promises free ride home

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"We find that many commuters are reluctant to vanpool or carpool even once a week on the outside chance they might be stranded. The GRH program addressed that concern by providing registered applicants with a free taxi ride home should an emergency arise," said Anita Ste. Marie, RideShare manager.

Guaranteed Ride Home programs are common in other parts of the country but new to southeast Michigan.

To be eligible, a commuter must be registered with RideShare, enrolled in the Guaranteed Ride Home Program and participate in a carpool or vanpool at least three times per week.

In case of an emergency, the participant takes a taxi home, gets a receipt for the fare, and submits it to RideShare with a voucher for reimbursement. The program reimburses participants up to 100 miles one way up to six times per year.

To apply to the programs, complete a RideShare application and



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Ridesharing: Ed Redlin mans the door as vanpoolers Geraldine Wiktor, Tom Hartnett and Tom Caras head for their cars at Ford and Haggerty roads in Canton Township. Redlin, who works at R.L. Polk in Brewery Park, Detroit, has been vanpooling for eight years. He's been the lead driver for the last three years. The 13-member group of Canton and Northville residents has put 18,000 miles on the van since last April.

return it to a RideShare office or call the RideShare hotline at 963-RIDE. A match list of potential carpool or vanpool partners, a Guaranteed Ride Home enrollment form, and trip confirmation form will be mailed.

"For the past 13 years, we have promoted ride sharing on the basis of the financial savings possi-

ble, as well as stress reduction and relieving traffic congestion," Ste. Marie said.

"Local commuters can expect to save \$1,000 or more per year in fuel and parking expenses plus wear and tear on their vehicle by participating in a carpool or MichiVan vanpool," she added.

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Westacres to host 25th multimedia artist market

It would have been easy for the women planning the first Westacres Artist Market 25 years ago to feel "snowed under," in more ways than one.

The Westacres community in West Bloomfield was a rural community then. Planners wondered whether established professional artists could be attracted to a community art show outside the established circuit, and whether the area would support it. And the event was postponed when a

blizzard dropped 17 inches of snow that March day, shutting down southeastern Michigan. "Frankly, we didn't know what we were getting into. We were thirty-something housewives. We were so rural those days," said Janet Freeman, publicist for the event. "This was to be a professional show for professional people."

But fears vanished the next week, when the rescheduled art show opened. Visitors filled the

Westacres clubhouse as 23 artists from the Rubiner Gallery, Pontiac Center for Creative Arts and Grosse Pointe Art Association displayed works. A weaver and a metal worker demonstrated their art.

Warm success continued over the years. The event is featured in *Audiat*, a national publication listing and rating major art shows throughout the country. The 25th annual Westacres Artist Market will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 24, at the Westacres clubhouse in West Bloomfield. Admission is free. The clubhouse is on the bluffs of Middle Straits Lake off Commerce Road, east of Union Lake Road and west of Orchard Lake Road.

Watercolors, jewelry, ceramics, fiber, pottery, photography, clothing, wood, paintings, stoneware, baskets, mixed media, clay, batik, glass, prints, raku and children's tents will be featured this year, along with children's activities, sponge painting, a caterer, food concessions and an outdoor cafe.

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Duggan announced the launch of a program that promises riders complete satisfaction or their money back. SMART's new money-back guarantee program, now in effect, makes it the only bus system in the United States to unconditionally guarantee its service to customers.

"The fact that we're the only ones in the country doing this sets a very high standard for ourselves, but we're ready and I hope others will follow," said Duggan. The money-back guarantee, Duggan said, is testimony to the confidence he has in the service provided by SMART. Under the guarantee, riders who are not completely satisfied with their ride, for any reason, can fill out a form stating why they are unhappy and whether they would like a free one-trip pass or a cash refund.

The money-back guarantee forms are available on all SMART buses and by calling SMART's Customer Information Line at 313-962-5515.

MHS hosts mutt derby

The Michigan Humane Society will hold its eighth annual "Rosey's Grand Mutt Derby" Sunday, April 25.

Dogs can compete in five categories according to size. The races begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Michigan State Fair Coliseum. The dogs will run 60 yards to their owners, who will be waiting at the finish line calling.

Preregistration is requested for the event. Entry fee is \$6 per dog. Entry forms are available at Humane Society shelters in Detroit, Westland and Rochester Hills, and at the society's Paw Pourri Gift Shop in Royal Oak.

General admission to the mutt bowl is \$3 for anyone 12 and older. Everyone else gets in free. Proceeds will help fund Humane Society programs.

Adoption rally set for May 1

Members of the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan are having a rally at the Wayne County Probate Court building in Detroit Saturday, May 1, to protest the state's policy of not releasing adoption information to those involved.

The idea is to encourage the state government to make adoption records available to adoptees, their adopted parents and birth parents.

"Adoptive parents should have the right to know the background of the child that they adopted," said Pam Zimmer, a birth parent who gave away her daughter 22 years ago.

AIM is a non-profit, search and support group for people whose lives have been affected by adoption. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Beecher Junior High School, 22750 Highland St., Hazel Park. For more information, call 884-9222.

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ROLL CALL REPORT

House OKs expanded DNA analysis

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending April 5.

Yes on money for genetic code analysis: By a vote of 374 for and 4 against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HR 829) authorizing nearly \$15 million annually to improve the ability of law enforcement agencies to use DNA analysis of blood and hair samples in crime-fighting. The FBI would get \$4.5 million for activities such as developing a national data bank of convicted criminals' genetic codes. States would get \$10 million collectively in grants to establish DNA analysis labs that would be overseen by the FBI and held to federal privacy and proficiency standards.

Supporter Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said the bill "will guarantee that DNA analysis will be an accurate and reliable tool for courtroom use."

No opponent spoke against the measure. A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting

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

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Yes to expand FBI telephone access: By a vote of 367 for and six against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HR 175) expanding the FBI's power to obtain, without court warrants, telephone records and conversations in probes of international terrorism and espionage.

The bill grants the FBI access in such investigations to information on unlimited numbers that phone companies cannot presently divulge. It also enables FBI counterintelligence agents to obtain a broader range of telephone conversations involving suspected terrorists and spies.

Supporter Ronald Coleman, D-Texas, said the bill strikes "a delicate balance between (giving) the FBI the means to fight terrorism and espionage and our responsibility to protect individuals from unreasonable intrusion by the government."

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Filibuster extended: The Senate failed, 49 for and 29 against, to achieve the supermajority required to end a GOP filibuster against President Clinton's proposal to provide more than \$19 billion this fiscal year in borrowed money to create jobs, spark the economy and set in motion a long-term recovery program aimed at curbing the deficit.

Democrats needed 60 votes to get by the GOP roadblock. Now they must compromise away some of the spending if they are to advance the bill (HR 1335) after the

current Easter/Passover recess. Least disputed is \$4 billion in the bill for the long-term unemployed. Most controversial is \$2.5 billion in grants to cities for public works that Republicans can pork barrel.

The bill also provides \$3 billion for highway building, \$2.6 billion for small business loans, \$1.9 billion in Pell Grants to needy college students, \$1.7 billion for loans and grants for water and sewage facilities, \$1 billion for summer jobs for city youth, \$737 million for mass transit including buying vehicles, \$735 million for compensatory education, \$500 million for Head Start and \$300 million for immunizing children.

Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said "the president's economic plan is a coherent whole. It does call for some increased spending. But that... is more than offset by an amount in excess of \$200 billion in spending cuts" over five years.

Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said "there is just a fundamental difference in our parties. The Democrats like to tax and tax and tax and spend and spend and spend, and we like to cut spending first."

A yes vote supported the bill. Michigan Sens. Levin and Riegle voted yes.

Talent show seeks audience

The 20th-annual Michigan Performing Arts Talent Show will occur 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Troy Athens High School, 4333 John R.

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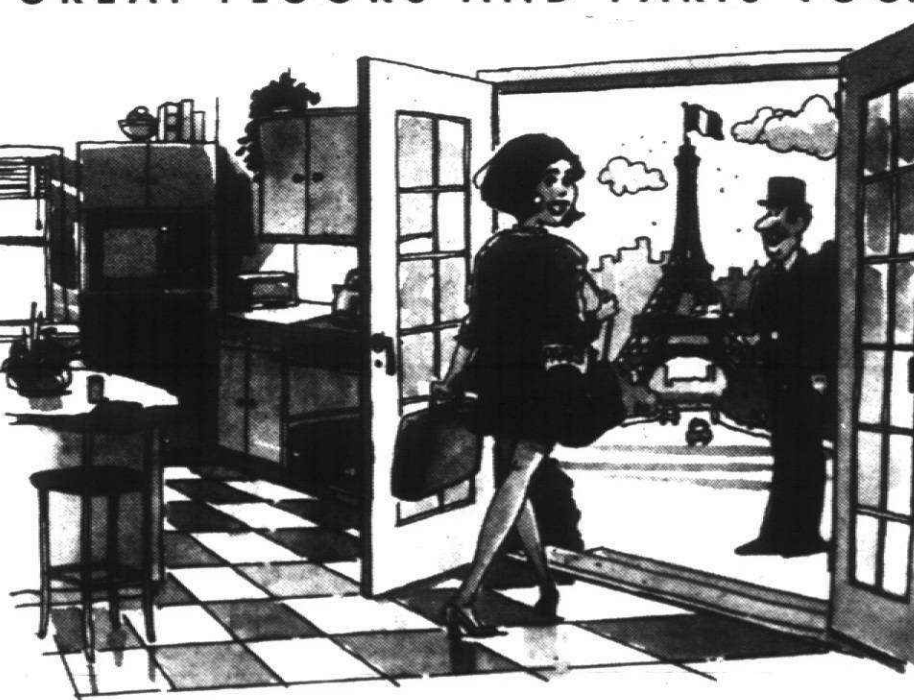
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Tracy Allen Mull

Police seek help in locating suspect

Police are seeking information about the whereabouts of a defendant charged with six counts of criminal sexual conduct who failed to appear for trial Monday.

Tracy Allen Mull, 27, was scheduled to be tried for five counts of first degree and one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct before Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Warfield Moore Jr. The complainant in the case is Mull's 7-

year-old daughter, who resides in Garden City.

Mull's attorney, who was attempting to withdraw from the case, had indicated his client was not expected to appear for the trial, Moore commented.

After verifying the prosecution was ready to proceed, Moore issued a warrant for Mull and forfeited his \$10,000 cash bond, which was 10 percent surety for a \$100,000 bond.

Mull is accused of sexually assaulting his daughter at his parents' home in the 28000 block of Bock and an apartment in Belleville, his last known address, where he subsequently moved.

Police said Mull has family and other associations in western Wayne County and Washenaw County.

Mull is described as a white male, blond hair, five feet nine

inches with a stocky build and broken front teeth. An avid bowler and golfer, police said Mull has worked at trophy shops. Vehicles he might be driving include a 1985 blue Dodge van, a brown station wagon and an older blue Grand Prix.

Anyone with information about Mull should call Garden City police Detective Sgt. David Harvey at 525-8863 or 525-8088.

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The auction is being broadcast on Channel 56 weekdays from 5:30 to 11:45 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight.

Nature group hosts Earth Day events

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association will celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day with two special activities this weekend.

A cleanup and tree-planting begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and a wildflower walk is set for noon Sunday.

Those interested in the Saturday event should meet in the parking lot at the Newburgh entrance to the William P. Holliday Forest and Wildlife Preserve (north of Warren and east of Newburgh).

Organizers suggest volunteers wear boots, because it's usually muddy. Participants will be asked to spread wood chips on trails and pick up trash. Some small trees also will be planted.

Those attending the wildflower tour should park in the north lot of Service Merchandise.

Boat Expo draws a crowd

The Novi Boating Expo March 31 through April 4 drew 14,370 people to the Novi Expo Center.

The five-day show was termed a success by the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) and exhibitors, who had visitors from all parts of the state.

Dealers were pleased at the large percentage of people came not only to look, but to buy.

The 1993 show was the second show owned and produced by the MBIA. It featured more than 500 new and late model boats of all types and sizes.

"When the opportunity arose to utilize the new Novi Expo Center, we jumped right on it," said MBIA Executive Director Van Snider. "The west side of Detroit is very accessible to boaters in the Detroit area and to the heavy boating areas further north, west, and south."

"Given time to establish itself in the very large list of Detroit-area boat shows, this show is likely to surpass all but the Cobo show in attendance and sales."

Volunteers sought

The Detroit Institute of Arts is looking for volunteers to join the Art to the Schools Committee.

Committee members will train with the DIA's department of education staff, then pass along their knowledge to area school children in grades four, five and six.

Applications to join the fall class are now being taken. Call 883-7975.

Lease payment for a 1993 Tracer with P.E.P. 576A based on \$11,665 M.S.R.P. 24-month closed-end Ford Red Carpet Leases on Tracer. Lessee may have option, but is not obligated to purchase the car at lease end at a price to be negotiated with the dealer at lease inception. Lessee is responsible for excess wear and tear and \$.11 per mile over 30,000. Lease subject to credit approval and insurability as determined by Ford Credit. For special lease terms, you must take new vehicle retail delivery from dealer stock by 5/3/93. Total cash due at lease inception includes first month's lease payment, refundable security deposit and cash down payment. For cash back take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 5/3/93. Package savings based on M.S.R.P. of package vs. M.S.R.P. of options purchased separately. Total savings on Tracer based on \$200 cash back and \$1,491 P.E.P. 576A savings and on Max Topaz based on \$500 cash back and \$1,733 P.E.P. 354R savings. This is an average of prices based on an independent survey of Metro Detroit area Lincoln-Mercury Dealers on April 7 and 8, 1993. Some prices higher, some lower. Title and taxes extra. See your Metro Detroit area Lincoln-Mercury Dealer for his price, terms and complete details. Based on sales 9/92-12/92. **Excluding models with optional privacy glass.

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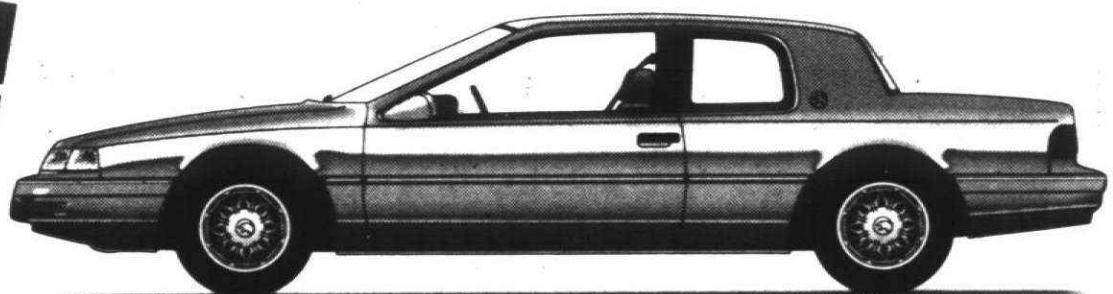
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THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1993

AROUND
CANTON

Society hosts clinic

The Canton Historical Society will host a DuMochelle Antique Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Canton Township Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.
Appraisals are \$4 verbal, \$6 written, \$10 for items valued more than \$1,000. Hand carried items only. All proceeds benefit the society. For more information, call 397-0088.

Cable from the Capitol

Residents of Canton, Plymouth and Northville will have an opportunity to see their elected officials in action on Tuesday, April 27.

The eight-hour "Cable from the Capitol," will be cablecast live on WLOC channel 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The show is produced and cablecast by Omnicon Cable in cooperation with cable companies throughout Michigan.

The daylong program will include coverage and commentary of the Michigan House and Senate, roundtable discussion with legislative leaders, a live call-in program with Gov. John Engler. Special feature segments will be presented, including winning entries in high school and high education television public service announcement contests, and the Michigan Voice of Democracy winner.

Raw TV is coming

Omnicon cablevision welcomes Hamtramck's popular "Raw TV" to the Saturday night line up on channel 15.
"Raw TV" is produced and hosted by three Hamtramck residents as a public access program since January.

Fine art auction set

The Plymouth Canton Jaycees are sponsoring a fine art auction at 1 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

A \$5 donation per ticket will be used to fund the Jaycees' annual Fourth of July activities in Plymouth. All ticket sales and a percentage of art sales will go to the Jaycees.

Stephens Fine Art Auction Co. of Detroit will handle the sale. Tickets can be purchased by calling 313-453-8407.



Fine detail: Special lighting draws attention to the artistry of the sand sculptures.

Toontown castle carves out fans



Fantasy and artistry combine to make magic for kids of all ages at Mickey's Toontown in center court at Twelve Oaks Mall.

By CINDY LIEBOW
STAFF WRITER

Kids are awed by it and adults admire the masterful skill it took to create the 180-ton sand castle display in the center court of Twelve Oaks Mall.

The sculpture, which commemorates the Jan. 26 opening of Mickey's Toontown in Disneyland, is made only of sand and water.

"I wouldn't think you could do such detail with sand," said a 34-year-old Sylvan Lake resident on a recent trip to the mall.

The exhibit has proved to be so popular that its stay has been extended. Originally scheduled to close this month, the exhibit continues through mid-May in the mall at 12 Mile and Novi roads.

One of the Toontown exhibits include Mickey's House, with a view of the interior. Also included are the Toontown Jail; the Toontown Fireworks Factory, with its spinning rockets and explosions of effects; and the Toontown Gag Factory, with a squirting flower, spinning eyes, and funny



PHOTOS BY CINDY LIEBOW

Toontown on high: A view from the second level highlights the special detail of the sand sculptures.

noises.

Five artists, from Sand Sculptors International of Los Angeles, teamed up and spent three weeks and more than 1,200 hours perfecting the 180-ton mammoth sand and water creation, according to Elaine Kah, marketing director at Twelve Oaks. They are the proud holders of 28 world sand-sculpture records, sculpting

whatever is called for.

Kah said the artists began by hauling the sand in on huge trucks, transferring it onto small dump trucks and brought into the mall through the promotional doors. Conveyors then unloaded the sand into the center court.

See TOONTOWN, 15A

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SPECIAL EVENTS

SPRING CONCERT
Plymouth Community Chorus will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Ticket information, 455-4080.

POSITIVELY PLYMOUTH
Annual event is celebrated 5-7:30 p.m. May 13 at the Mayflower Meetinghouse. Display table rental: call Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 453-1540.

PLAY PRODUCTION
Plymouth's American Association of University Women and the Michigan Humanities Council will jointly sponsor "Count On Me" at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Ernestos on Plymouth Road. High school seniors in humanities and government classes are welcome to attend, as well as anyone interested. 459-3197.

DINNER/RECITAL
Mala Wisla Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will hold its sixth annual dinner-theatre/recital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road. Information, call Chris or Pat Gniwerek at 459-5696.

CENTER STAGE
Nazareth will perform live in concert Sunday at 39940 Ford Road. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets, 464-8447 or 981-5122.

LECTURE SERIES
Rabbi Sherwin Wine will speak on "Royal Scandal" at 10:30 a.m. (coffee at 10:15 a.m.) April 28, May 5 and May 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. For price information, call Nancy Cooper, 455-0782 or Nancy Sharp, 459-1875.

PARENT ACADEMY
Bill O'Connor will speak on "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen" 7-9 tonight at E.J. McClelland Education Center, 454 Harvey Street, Plymouth. 453-3441.

BOOK SALE
Annual sale sponsored by the American Association of University Women is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 6 and 7 and 9 a.m. to noon May 8 at the Starkweather Center Gym, 550 N. Holbrook (Old Village). Donations at gym entrance or Plymouth Dunning Hough Library.

CANTON LIBRARY
7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28 — McCabe Family Services will discuss "Living With the Loss of a Loved One." Register, 397-0999.

7-8:30 p.m. May 19 — Dr. William Vasiloff will discuss plastic surgery. Registration begins May 10.

7-8 p.m. May 5 — Karen Gears will give tips to young adults, ages 15-18, on how to find a summer job. Registration begins Monday.

MILLER WOODS
Wildflower walks are sched-

uled 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, and Saturday, May 1. Meet at the Powell Road entrance. Continuous guided tours. Call Emily Kemnitz, 453-6912.

RUNNAGE SALE
Ladies Auxiliary of Father Victor J. Renaud Council No. 3292 will sponsor a spring sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6-7 at K of C, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth.

TWO SEMINARS
City of Plymouth will sponsor a living trust seminar 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 6, and "High Costs 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. Tickets available at cafeteria at either school on May 25, 26, 27; June 2, 3, 4; and the night of the party.

TRIPS
City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department offers a trip to Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg, four days, beginning April 30, 455-6620.

LIBRARY STORY TIME
Register 10 a.m. April 28 for Plymouth library story times for toddlers ages 2-3 1/2 on Wednesday mornings; 7 p.m. April 27, for Tuesday evening family sessions; 10 a.m. April 29 for preschoolers ages 3 1/2-5 for Thursday story times. 453-0750.

FISHING DERBY
Sixth annual kids derby for Canton boys and girls ages 3-15 is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the ponds in Heritage Park. Advance registration required. Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 397-5110.

SPRING CONCERT
"The Glory of Spring," a blend of religious, popular and folk music, is presented at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth. Includes choir, instrumental and adult bell choir.

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.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL
The Plymouth Historical Museum will sponsor a clinic 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Appraisals by Dumochelle Galleries in De-

troit. Limit, four hand-held items per person. Appointment, 455-8940.

GARAGE SALES
Cherry Hill Orchards subdivision sale, at Cherry Hill and Lilley, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20-23.

MUSEUM EXHIBIT
"What Men Collect" display continues through June 27 at Plymouth Museum, 155 S. Main. Thirty-five collections from men in the Plymouth/Canton community. 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; 2-5 p.m. Sunday. 455-8940.

JAMES D. CUNNINGHAM has been offered a University of Missouri-Rolla (UMR) scholarship for the fall of 1993.

JAMES WALDECKER, son of Richard and Margaret Waldecker of Canton Township has been elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. Tau Beta Pi represents the highest honor which can be

achieved by an engineering student. Membership is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character. He is a senior at the University of Michigan and expects to graduate with a degree in chemical engineering in 1995. He is a 1991 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central.

KEVIN M. DILLEY received a bachelor degree in journalism, cum laude, from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is currently on assignment as staff photographer with the Mason City, Iowa, Globe-Gazette and will work with the newspaper in Eau Claire, Wis. this summer. He is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is the son of John and Carolyn Dilley of Canton.

PETER STELMASZEK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stelmasek of Canton has been elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. He is a senior at the University of Michigan and he expects to graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering in May. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

CARRIE HOWE of Canton was honored at a reception given by U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle (D-MI). She and other young men and women were nominated by the senator to attend the nation's military academies. She was nominated to the West Point Military Academy. Riegle has been praised by the academies for having one of the highest acceptance rates among congressional appointments in the nation.

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

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

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

PLYMOUTH YMCA
Volunteers needed, 453-2904.

UNITED WE STAND
Plymouth/Northville group will meet 6-8:45 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Plymouth Library. Local, state and national issues will be addressed. Thirteenth District meetings are the first and third Thursdays at Roman Forum Restaurant, Canton. 485-3998 or 425-2455.

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Luncheon and book review is noon Friday, May 7, at Plymouth First United Church, 45201 N. Territorial. Members only.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS
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GENEALOGY
Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meeting is 7:30 p.m. May 12 at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Topic is "Migration Patterns." In Plymouth, call Marge Nejarian, 455-1122.

GARDEN CLUB
Lake Pointe Village Branch of WNPFA will meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Farrand School parking lot. Carl pool and tour Jackson Park and Coventry Gardens in Windsor.

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

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

TWIN CLUB
Plymouth-Canton Mother of Twins Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Call Vicki Adams, 722-0248.

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

ADULT CARE
Poster 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.

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

GIRLS SOCCER
The Canton Cruisers team, which plays in the Under 14 Division of the Little Caesar's soccer league, needs good players. Call coach Carl Brey, 455-5547.

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

CLASS TIME
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 Department offers adult and youth classes. 455-6620.

PCAC GARAGE SALE
Plymouth Community Arts Council Treasure Mart donations accepted 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 24, May 1 and 15 at Wilcox Mill (Hines Drive at Wilcox). Sale is 6:30-8 p.m. May 12 (pre-view donation), 9 a.m. to noon May 13, 9-3 p.m. May 14-15. Volunteers needed. 455-5260.

CANTON LIONS CLUB
Club will observe White Cane Week April 30 to May 2 and May 7-9. Club members will solicit street cor-

rections. Call 397-0665.

CHILD BIRTH
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association offers classes, 459-7477.

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Wayne-Westland buys out 35

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Thirty-five Wayne-Westland school district employees, including three principals, have decided to accept early retirement bonuses of \$24,000 and quit their jobs at the end of the school year.

A split school board approved the early retirements during a board meeting Monday.

The district serves about 300 students in Canton Township.

Supporters have hailed the early retirement plan as a way of saving money by replacing longtime educators with newer ones who are lower on the salary ladder.

But opponents, such as board trustee Laurel Raisanen, have questioned whether the early retirement plan could interfere with normal attrition. Raisanen has said educators each year could await word of a possible retirement bonus before deciding whether to quit their jobs.

Raisanen also has suggested

that taxpayers may view the retirement bonuses "purely as a bonus and a frivolous expense."

Raisanen and board trustee Fred Wambier opposed the retirements at Monday's board meeting, but they were outvoted by board members Vicki Welty, Francis "Bud" Winter, Richard LeBlanc and Sharon Felan. Board President Leonard Posey was absent, but he supports the early retirement plan.

School officials have not yet announced any projected savings from the plan.

Five employees in the Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association will retire. They are:

■ Walter Durant, who will leave his \$67,749 position as principal of Adams Junior High School. He has been a district employee for nearly 30 years

Board election

Five hopefuls set new agenda

First there was one lone incumbent in the Plymouth Canton school board race. Now there are five lined up for the June 14 election. That makes us all winners. The candidates come from diverse backgrounds and will add spice to the political stew.

Here's a quick look at them:
■ **David Arley**, of Canton, has served on the board since 1983. He served as school board president and has been closely aligned with the administration, which he defends. He supports the 4-mill property tax increase proposal on the same ballot.

■ **Observation:** An Arley win will be taken as support for the status quo of the school board.

■ **The Rev. William Myers** of Canton has been involved with the Plymouth Canton Marching Band. He supports the millage. Myers' candidacy is a thorn in the side of school officials. The reason: He's calling for the resignation of longtime Superintendent John Hoben.

■ **Observation:** The Arley versus Myers race will help determine which way the political winds are blowing. Myers' candidacy will be a referendum on Hoben. Also, band parents are a well-organized, potent group of boosters. Such a group could well make a difference in a school board election in which the vote will be split in five directions.

■ **Steve Kilijanczyk** of Canton is new to local politics. He has a solid background in finance and community involvement. A systems analyst for Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, he opposes the 4-mill increase.

■ **Observation:** In a race between Myers and Arley, Kilijanczyk could well pull off an upset.

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because of his opposition to the 4-mill property tax proposal. While Hoben's retirement date is an issue for school board insiders, most residents are more worried about their tax bills.

■ **Robert Burger** of Plymouth is a retired teacher who supports the 4-mill increase and has no argument with the way schools are being run.

■ **Observation:** Burger is a nice man, but this is not the year for such a stance.

■ **Terry Chuhman** of Canton is a metallurgical technician who is questioning how wisely tax dollars are being spent. "With the rising millage and schools being such an issue, I thought it was time to see that tax dollars are being spent most wisely," Chuhman said. "Maybe the current board isn't doing enough with administration to see where waste can be eliminated so programs and teachers aren't cut."

■ **Observation:** Chuhman brings a fresh perspective. His children have attended both Plymouth-Canton and private schools. He also is asking important financial questions.

With the property tax cut/school finance reform plan on the ballot June 2, it's an important year for education. Having five serious candidates for one school board seat sets the stage for an interesting debate on school issues.

Helping can make difference

Although poverty certainly isn't unheard of in western Wayne and Oakland County suburbs, it doesn't predominate. But the mission of any news organization is to inform on issues that have an impact in the community.

In recent years it has become increasingly easy for those of us who live and work here to pretty much ignore Detroit's social ills. Main Street — in Rochester and Plymouth — is economically a long, long way from Malice Green's last stand at Warren and 24th.

Luckily, not everyone carries that attitude. That was made clear Monday when dozens of civic leaders and power brokers — urban and suburban — gathered in downtown Detroit to kick off a two-year program designed to tackle those problems.

The Volunteer Leadership Coalition of Greater Detroit was launched as part of National Volunteer Week. Coalition leaders hope to stimulate and coordinate a new level of regional volunteerism, using already-established agencies and programs to recruit volunteers. Immediate help and long-term education are the goals.

That's good because like it or not, inner-city problems do have an impact on the region as a whole. Doubters need only glance at recent studies that show personal incomes in our suburbs lagging behind those in metropolitan areas with healthier core cities.

The guiding hand behind the project belongs to former Gov. George Romney, a longtime advocate of volunteerism. United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit is the administering agency.

Co-chairs are Ford CEO Harold "Red" Poling, federal Judge Anna Diggs-Taylor and former UAW president Douglas Fraser.

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Suburban involvement comes from a cross-section of politicians, corporate heavyweights and community leaders that runs the gamut from Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara to Kmart CEO Joseph Antonini to Lisa Tille, president of the Birmingham Junior League.

All deserve some praise for at least getting involved and choosing not to turn their backs completely.

Let's be honest though. Adding big names to the project letterhead or even cutting a check for the cause isn't going to make a difference if there isn't enough support at the grass roots level. People and time, not money, are the keys to successful volunteerism.

That means middle-class suburban residents like Patricia Pennywitt will be the ones who ultimately pick up the slack.

Pennywitt, of Livonia, has worked at local hospices and spends a few hours each month doing gratis baby-sitting for families dealing with Alzheimer's patients. That way, parents of young children can spend more time caring for their own ill parents.

It takes many blades of grass to make a lawn. Get involved. Call United Community Services at 226-9888.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: What did you think of the way the FBI handled the stand-off in Waco, Texas, which ended with the mass suicide of the Branch Davidians led by David Koresh?



I think Dave Koresh was intent on killing those people. The FBI did the best thing they could.
Paul Jackson
Canton



It would really be hard to say without knowing both sides.
Wilma Castro
Canton



I'd have gone in. He was using that as a sanctuary, which is morally and ethically wrong.
Robbie Lublin
works in Canton



I have mixed emotions about that. I feel probably it could have ended it without so much death. May the people rest in peace now.
Mattie Ostrum
Canton

We asked this question at the Canton Post Office.



LETTERS

Road points

I don't think you get it. After reading your editorial in the April 15th Observer, I am puzzled as to why you do not want to spend more tax dollars on education, yet would promote cityhood for Canton which would immediately and greatly increase taxes with a city tax. Perhaps you should make a study of what a comparable value home in a city is required to pay in county, school and city taxes. I think you'll find those city taxes a high price to pay to acquire local control of ill maintained roads.

The point is that we are not getting our value out of those road maintenance dollars. That's the point.

Glen H. Reimer, Canton

Dumped on

Spring has arrived in rural Canton. The homeowners on the back country gravel roads can tell by the larger amounts of trash being dumped. The dumping problem on my road has been so bad that I have had to move trash including an old stove to get in my driveway.

Some of the dust has been kept down by people dumping their waste oil but running over the old oil filters is hard on the car tires. Speaking of car tires, I wish I had a penny for every tire left in the ditch. One night I was awakened by a large motor home dumping its sewage in my front yard. The story I was given by Canton was that the owner of the motor home lived in Ypsilanti and it was too much of a problem to prosecute. I even learned that the lawn service companies dumping their grass clippings were doing no wrong. My neighbors and I stopped this dumping on our own.

The Canton Police have done an outstanding job of answering our calls but they can only do so much. I am told by the officers (they wish not to be named) after they write the dumping reports complete with descriptions, license number and offer to sign a complaint the complaint is then taken to the prosecutor who judges the problem as too trivial to prosecute. What if a load of trash was dumped in the Canton officials' yards, would the problem be too trivial?

I have filed several dumping complaints in the past and have not had one prosecuted, in fact I now feel like I am bothering or rather wasting the police officers' time in making dumping complaints. In talking with several Canton officials, they rationalize that my problem is not as bad as Beck or Denton Roads, wow, am I lucky.

The powers that be have determined that since I live in the beautiful country side I should pay super high taxes and I feel that I should get something for my money and not a garbage dump. On April 6, 1993, my wife interrupted a family dumping trash on our road and a report was filed immediately with the Canton Police at 5:30 p.m. giving a description, license

and offer to sign a complaint. The ball is in your court again, Canton, I will not be forced to live in a garbage dump. If an attempt to solve the dumping problem is not begun, you are forcing the homeowners to solve the problem on their own.
Help!
James D. Sharp, Canton

Respect for life

This is in response to your front-page picture and article entitled, "Crusader aims at hunters." Mike Chiado was quoted as saying, "It's having respect for life. I can't give back a life, so I shouldn't take it." I too am a crusader for respect for life... of the highest form... human, and the most defenseless, the unborn in danger of being mercilessly slaughtered in their mothers' wombs.

Our president wants to pass the most horrendous bill of all — the "so-called" Freedom of Choice Act, even though a majority of Americans oppose its effects and support preventing abortions after three months, parental consent, spousal notification, 24-hour waiting periods, a ban on sex-selection abortions, and informed consent (Gallup polls, 4/89 and 1/92; Wirthlin poll, 11/92).

Mike also said, "To oppose lab testing of animals does not mean compromising human health." What about the current debate about using fetal tissue and parts for incurable diseases? Consider this: at 56 days all organs of the fetus are functioning — stomach, liver, kidney, brain — all systems intact. All future development of new life is simply that of refinement and increase in size. This is approximately two months before the mother will feel the child's movement, yet there is a new life with all of its parts needing only nourishment.

The media does not publicize all the ghoulish experiments that have taken place since 1973. For the reader's enlightenment, I recommend the article in the February 22 issue of Newsweek magazine titled, "A Search for Limits."

We must allow science the freedom to enhance our lives while at the same time avoid unethical, unbridled medical/scientific manipulation of our lives.

God help us. We are witnesses to another holocaust — over 20 million babies whose only "crime" was to be unwanted.

Barb Schmid, Canton

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POINTS OF VIEW

Many fought for monument to shared horrors

It's hard to understand Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig. The rabbi and West Bloomfield's Holocaust Memorial Center are synonymous. He's fought for and maintained this monument of our horrific past so the Holocaust won't be repeated.

Yet he believes the center should only tell of the horrors Jewish people suffered during World War II. Rosenzweig thinks widening the focus to include other groups, such as Polish people, homosexuals, the handicapped or gypsies, diminishes the impact of the Holocaust's message.

This issue came up because a Holocaust Center is about to open in Washington. That center is several times

larger than West Bloomfield's memorial because it includes representations from groups Rosenzweig excludes.

Unless I'm mistaken, a large part of the world came to the aid of all Holocaust victims. The event was called World War II.

Allied Forces didn't draw distinctions between who should or shouldn't be defended against the Germans and Japanese. It's ironic Rosenzweig seems to be drawing a line where others didn't.

Rosenzweig's view also seems contrary to mainstream Jewish thought. I've found most Jewish people and rabbis in particular — Sherwin Wine comes to mind — to be welcoming in all overtures. Passover is an excellent



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example of this. Our office received several letters telling us about Jewish-Christian Seder, Black-Jewish Seder, pretty much any combination a person could name.

The point of the letters was to say everyone was welcome to celebrate Passover. The letters reminded me of efforts made by West Bloomfield's Chaldean and Jewish communities to better understand each other through cultural exchanges.

And let's not forget that when Gov. John Engler tried to yank the funding for West Bloomfield's Holocaust Center, the community

it — saw the significance of the center and banded together to make Engler think otherwise.

Had that not happened, the center's

hours would have been severely reduced and many exhibits would have ceased to exist.

State Sen. Dave Honigman led that charge, and it included members of many surrounding communities. Honigman didn't fight to save the center for Jewish people — he fought to save it for everyone.

We cannot pick and choose the history we teach. It must be all-inclusive or it will not be accurate.

Rabbi Rosenzweig might wish to reconsider his opinion, in light of these facts, and welcome all members of the community that worked so hard to welcome him.

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Close meetings to select university presidents

Governance of Michigan's public universities, arguably our state's most valuable asset, is today largely stymied.

Why? Because of a far-reaching dispute between the universities and the news media about how the Michigan Open Meetings Act applies to the process of picking a new president.

The universities claim that presidential searches should take place in secrecy. They cite research that shows most good candidates will not allow themselves to be nominated if their names become public. They cite scholar John Nason. "The best qualified individuals are often the least inclined to submit themselves to being dressed and undressed in public."

The news media, most recently last month in arguments at the Michigan Supreme Court in connection with a suit by Booth Newspapers against the University of Michigan Board of Regents, claim the prohibition on closed meetings by public bodies is both correct and absolute.

Picking a new president in full public view is intrinsically a good process, the argument goes. Not only that, but public universities are public bodies and, as such, are obliged to follow the Open Meetings Act, regardless of any inconvenience to them

in the process of selecting a president. How bad is the present situation? Plenty.

■ The Michigan State University search for a successor to John DiBiaggio is, in the words of one insider, "a shambles." Trying both to conduct their search in private and avoid violating the OMA, MSU trustees designated a subcommittee to run the search. Somebody leaked to The State News, the student newspaper, a secret list of 136 candidates nominated for the job. Whereupon most of the experienced university administrators on the list promptly withdrew.

■ The U-M Board of Regents last year vacated its duty to advise President James Duderstadt in selecting a new chancellor for the U-M-Deerborn campus. The regents couldn't figure out any way to fulfill their duty of office without violating the OMA or some judge's nebulous order based on what the law might mean.

■ Caught in the legal and political confusion, most university boards are either ducking important decisions until the Supreme Court rules or letting their presidents make decisions without their input.

The policy issues are tough, setting in direct opposition two important



PHILIP POWER

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principles.

On the one hand, public universities are public bodies, clearly under the jurisdiction of the Open Meetings Act and therefore obliged to recognize the presumption that the best decisions

are made in the full light of public scrutiny. Most newspaper editorials on the subject tolerate no deviation from this absolute position. Most university board members and legislators are scared of editorial criticism for incorrect thinking.

On the other hand, members of governing boards are obliged by their office to act in the best interest of their institutions. Nearly unanimously, they believe that a public search for a president inevitably will scare off the best candidates, thereby damaging their university. And most resent being hamstrung by a mixture of ambiguous opinions by judges who don't have to deal with the consequences of their rulings and drumfire attacks from nosy editors.

Because I have a foot (firmly though uneasily) on both sides of the barbed wire of this debate — I'm both a regent of U-M and an active newspaper person — I am stuck at both how sensible and yet how irreconcilable these positions have become.

Here's a solution to this dilemma, one that pays respect both to the principle of public conduct of public business and at the same time allows our universities to get the possible pool of presidential candidates:

Urges the Legislature to amend the Open Meetings Act such that searches for university presidents may be conducted in secret until the board has reduced the field of candidates to a short list of finalists, say no more than four. At that point, make everything about the process — background of candidates, interviews, votes — public.

This process would preserve the legitimate interests of the public by requiring all decisions with consequences to be taken in public. But it would also encourage good candidates to allow their names to be put forward without fear of premature disclosure. At the end, releasing their names would force nominees to fish or cut bait as candidates.

Fortunately, a bill to amend the Open Meetings Act already has been introduced by Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. I encourage those readers who are interested in breaking the stalemate and allowing Michigan's great universities to get on with their business to write to Sen. Schwarz, Michigan State Senate, PO Box 30036, Lansing 48909.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His touch-tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

Canton dishes up a new money revenue strategy

In Canton Township, where I live, we're used to being teased by outsiders who don't know what they're talking about.

A friend of mine, a die-hard Detroit car fan, is stolen regularly from his driveway, says things like, "Canton? Isn't that where they park their pickup trucks on the front yard?" "That's right," I say, "but at least they stay there."

Actually I don't know how many pickups you'd find parked in Canton yards today. You're more likely to find Cadillacs and Continentals parked in the circular drives of those \$500,000 houses that are being built in areas where farmers once grew corn.

Some of the corn fields are still there. And you will find pickups and flatbeds and tractors parked alongside the barns and silos. And produce stands, where the corn is sold along with tomatoes, peppers and eggplants.

You'll even see an occasional Cadillac parked at one of the stands, but only long enough for the owner to buy some fresh corn and then head for his circular drive.

That, apparently, is the problem. Township officials want to see more Cadillacs and less corn. So this year, when property assessment time rolled around, they did something odd.

They pretended, for tax purposes, that those tractors were really Cadillacs and that that dirt drive in front of the produce stand was really a circular drive in front of a mansion. They assessed the farmland not for its actual value but for what it could be worth if it were developed.

As a result some farmers were hit with triple-digit assessment increases — one assessment went up by 1,000 percent. Never mind that the farmers had no interest in or intention of selling their land. Never mind whether they even could get a price close to the newly assessed value if they did decide to sell.

The township said this is what your property could be worth if it were developed. And this is what we're going to charge you in taxes. The officials didn't rezone the property, mind you. They just reclassified it for tax purposes.

Whether this hanky-panky is legal or not, I don't know. But it certainly is innovative. And I think the township officials may have inadvertently found a solution to everything from school finance reform to reducing the national deficit. Call it the Canton Paradigm. And apply it to school finance reform.

Say Proposal A passes in June. No one seems to know exactly how that complicated plan is going to work, but assume that in a given district the school property tax rate is rolled back from 37 mills to 18. The voters approve an additional 9 mills — the maximum allowed under the plan — bringing the tax rate to 27 mills,



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still 10 mills short of the original 37.

Property owners in the district, expecting relief in their tax bills, are outraged when the new bills are even higher than before. They demand an explanation. Officials explain that they have applied the Canton Paradigm.

They have reduced the tax rate according to law, but as if the homes were worth \$500,000. When residents protest that the homes are worth only \$80,000, officials point out that if \$500,000 homes were built there, they'd be worth \$500,000. And that's how they're taxing the property — on its potential value.

With logic like that, lower tax rates could bring in really big bucks. And tax assessors everywhere could learn a lot from those officials in Canton Township, where people park their pickups — and their Cadillacs — in their front yards.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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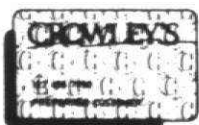
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GPD wins national title

Five area boys played hockey for the Genuine Parts Distribution Pee Wee Major (age 13) national championship team.

Redford's Scott Curtin, Livonia's Phil Osear and Dustin Kuk, Plymouth's Mike Porter and Westland's Dwayne McGowan helped GPD win the national crown April 1-4 in Alaska. Mark Curtin is an assistant coach.

GPD also won the Michigan National Hockey League with a 26-2 record and the state championship by defeating Little Caesars in consecutive games, 8-2 and 6-2. GPD was 88-10 overall.

At the national tournament in Anchorage, GPD was unbeaten in round-robin pool play with wins over the Buffalo Saints (3-0), Fairbanks (9-0) and the Alaska All-Stars (3-2) in double overtime.

GPD defeated Cleveland (6-1) in the semifinals and the All-Stars (4-1) in the final.

Blazers sweep twin bill

Livonia Ladywood improved its softball record to 4-0 in the Central Division of the Catholic League by sweeping a home doubleheader Tuesday from Birmingham Marian, 3-1 and 2-0.

Mary Jo Kelly was the winning pitcher in both games and threw a one-hitter in the first. She also had 12 strikeouts and two walks in that game.

Tara Wasiak (double) and Lisa Rozum had two hits apiece and scored one run each.

Katie Law hit a two-run single, and Christie Soter knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly. The Blazers (5-4) had eight hits and the Mustangs three errors.

Kelly, who pitched another complete game, struck out eight and walked three while tossing a four-hitter in the nightcap. Marian's Judy Stuart walked eight and was the loser.

Stacy Judd had a two-run single for the Blazers, scoring Kelly and Lisa Campeau. Kelly had the first of two Ladywood hits.

The Blazers lost to host Southgate Aquinas in nine innings Monday, 6-5.

Campeau had a two-run double; Soter, Judd and Law single RBI. Rozum scored two runs.

Mound maneuver



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

No decision: Canton's Dave Kapla pitched for Catholic Central, but the game was called because of rain Monday. See Page 3B for details.

Salem girls win
relays title again



The Plymouth Salem girls track team has another trophy to put on display after winning the Lady Chiefs Relays again Saturday. The Rocks won six events and offered further proof of their dominance in the sport.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem looked impressive in several respects Saturday while winning the Lady Chief Relays for the second year in a row.

The Rocks were minus a handful of top athletes who were away on spring vacation, and they were disqualified in the shuttle hurdle relay after placing second.

Despite the handicap and setback, Salem still won the 10-team meet by 16 points over league rival Livonia Stevenson, 88-72. Ypsilanti was third (68) and host Plymouth Canton fourth (55).

"It opened up some opportunities for some other kids who normally don't get to compete in varsity meets," Salem coach Mark Gregor said, adding 27 of the 59 girls on the team scored. "They got a chance to compete and did very well."

With the exception of the shuttle hurdles, Salem scored in every event and won six of the remaining 13. The Rocks captured first place in every running relay but the cross country race.

"We weren't setting the world on fire in the field events, but we got on the track and did better," Gregor said.

"The 3,200 relay got us started with a win and it continued from there. Once we put a couple wins together, our confidence grew with each success."

Sarah Hamilton, Sarah Lapinski, Marcia Parker and Tonya Wheeler

won the 800 and sprint medley relays in 1:53.24 and 3:03.93, respectively. In the latter, Hamilton and Wheeler ran 400 meters each, Lapinski and Parker 200.

The winning 1,600 team consisted of Hamilton, Courtney Sheldon, Stacy Witthoff and Wheeler and finished in 4:26.24.

Witthoff also led the 3,200 and distance medley teams. Lynda Sebestyen and Kelly Stankov were on both relays, too. Sheldon was the 3,200 (10:36.81) anchor.

Karen Boudreau anchored the distance medley (13:58.23) in which Witthoff ran 800 meters, Sebestyen 400, Stankov 1,200 and Boudreau 1,600.

"Witthoff had a nice day. She worked hard to put us in position to win those relays," Gregor said. "She's having a nice season. Hopefully, she'll stay healthy and continue to progress."

Melissa Hopson, sophomore and Texas transfer Tanya Zraggen, Parker and Vanessa Benning won the 400 relay (54.14).

Hopson and Lapinski also helped the Rocks get second place in the high jump (9-8) along with Roshani Deranyagale.

"Under extremely difficult conditions, Hopson was able to jump 5-1 and ran a nice leg of the 400 relay," Gregor said.

"Lapinski had a nice high jump (4-7) and probably could have gone

See ROCKS, 4B

Chiefs confident '93 will be
another good year for them

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton tennis coach Fred Libbing believes the Chiefs can have another successful season despite the loss of his top singles players.

The Chiefs were third in the Western Lakes Activities Association, second in the Western Division, 9-2 in league duals and fifth in the regional.

"I'd like to think we can do that, but we lost some good talent," Libbing said. "We have enough players in reserve that if any of them don't or can't perform we can run some more people in there."

Canton has played one dual and defeated Grosse Ile 4-3.

Senior Eric Baden will play first singles this year, senior Steve Dale second, senior Scott

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Boersma third and junior Chris Bray fourth.

All were doubles players last year, but their lack of singles experience doesn't bother Libbing.

"They play enough that I'm not concerned about that at all," he said. "Any of the top six guys are interchangeable, so it's not as big a deal as it might seem."

Baden and senior Alex Warden played No. 2 doubles and were second in the WLAA. Dale and graduate Stu Levenbach were WLAA champions at No. 1 doubles. Boersma and Bray were No. 3 doubles partners and also won the league title.

Senior Jeff Fuerst, who was the No. 4 singles player last year, and Warden will play first doubles.

Juniors Joe Kim and Mark

O'Keefe comprise the No. 2 doubles team. A number of players are contending for the No. 3 positions, but juniors Mark Ratkewicz and Dave Vij are good possibilities.

Senior John Mincher and junior Todd Blakeney are returning players, and senior Alan Samouelian is a first-year player. All three could contribute.

The only serious problem the Chiefs have is the court situation, according to Libbing.

Only nine of the 14 are useable, and Canton and Salem must use what is available to practice.

"I hate to have the eighth-largest district in the state have the worst facilities in the league but we do," Libbing said. "I feel bad for the kids, who have to pay 60 bucks and use such rotten facilities."

Salem boasts experienced
squad, eyes more success

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

If experience wins championships, Plymouth Salem has a good shot at winning the Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis title.

The Rocks return all their singles players and three of their doubles combinations from last year's team, which won the Lakes Division and finished fourth in the conference and 8-3 overall.

"I'd have to say we'll be stronger than we were last season, but you really don't know until midway through the season because all teams change," Salem coach Judy Braun said.

Returning at first singles is senior Jason Grimm, whose only two losses last season were to WLAA champion Mark Schwagie of Northville.

Junior Harry Lee will hold

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down the number two singles for the second-straight year. Junior Mike West and senior Kevin Laber will be the third and fourth singles players, respectively.

The doubles pairs also look strong for the Rocks. The first doubles team of seniors David Bell and Ryan Hawley return for their second year.

"They did well together last season," Braun said. "They're the same type of player — both quick. In doubles, you have to have quick hands and quick feet. They also communicate with each other well."

Seniors Mike Cermak and Kris Dusbiber move from four doubles to the second spot. Braun said she is impressed with the improvement of Dusbiber.

Freshman Li Xinning joins senior Matt Dailey as the third doubles pair.

"Li is a fine player and a nice surprise," Braun said. "He would love to play singles, but he just doesn't have the match experience yet. He's where I need him the most now which is an important spot."

The final doubles team is juniors Corey Laber and Andy Jenkins.

"The key for success for our team is for these gentlemen to pull themselves together, root for each other, set goals and work hard to meet those goals," Braun said.

"When we have practice, it will be important for each player to use it to his advantage. Each person will have to improve where he has to or fine tune what he is good at."

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Ocelots fare well during a long tourney journey

It was a busy weekend for Schoolcraft College's golf team — three tournaments in four days, one a two-day affair.

The results were promising: The Ocelots were second at Monday's 10-team Henry Ford CC Golf Tournament at Dearborn Country Club, and they placed fourth out of 15 junior college teams at Friday's Lansing CC Tournament at Timber Ridge Golf Course in East Lansing.

In between, SC played in the 11-team Oakland University Pioneer Golf Invitational at Katke-Cousins Golf Course in Rochester, finishing eighth in the two-day event. The Ocelots were one of two junior college teams competing.

At the Henry Ford CC Tournament Monday, SC totaled 324 strokes. The winner was Grand Rapids CC with 313. Macon CC was third (327), followed by host Henry Ford (336), Oakland CC (338), Delta (340), Alpena (347), Kalamazoo Valley (356), Glen Oaks (400) and Mott (no team score).

Michael Brady led SC with a 77. Dennis Alcock, 87, followed by Dan Alcock (84), Steve Brining (85) and Pete Theophilus (93). Alpena's Gerry Kneshaw and Grand Rapids' Ryan Sprague each shot 75 to top the field on the 6,778-yard, par-72 Dearborn course.

At the Lansing CC Tournament last Friday, SC finished fourth thanks to medalist honors captured by Dan Alcock. The Ocelot team score was 339. Lansing won with a 326, fol-

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lowed by Grand Rapids' B team and Muskegon's A team, both at 337.

Behind SC was the Muskegon B team (352), Lake Michigan (353), Grand Rapids A team (356), Macon (362), Oakland CC (369), St. Clair County (371), Glen Oaks (391), and Kalamazoo Valley and Mott (no team scores).

Don Alcock was one of three golfers to break 80 on a cold, blustery day. He shot 76. Muskegon's Mike Johnson and Lansing's Ryan Simon each had 79s.

Other SC scorers were Brady, 84; Dennis Alcock, 87; Brining, 92; and Theophilus, 98.

At the two-round OU Pioneer Golf Invitational Saturday and Sunday, the host team captured low-score honors with a 617. Siena Heights was second at 620, with Saginaw Valley State third (623) and Ferris State and Detroit College of Business tied for fourth (634).

Next was Lake Superior State (649), followed by Wayne State (651), SC (656), Oakland CC (662), Northwood University (673) and Hillsdale (712).

Dan Alcock's 78-76/154 led SC. Dennis Alcock shot 83-80/163. Brady had an 81-87/168. Brining carded a 90-84/171, and Theophilus finished with an 89-90/179.

Medalist honors went to Saginaw Valley's Tony Daggett, 74-71/145. In second was OU's Todd Hifer at 149.

CC rallies to win a pair

Redford Catholic Central's lacrosse team won a pair of hard-fought games in the past week.

The Shamrocks scored six goals in the fourth quarter on Monday to defeat visiting Birmingham Seaholm, 12-7. The win came two days after CC rallied for a 9-8 win in overtime over visiting Loyola Academy of Chicago.

CC is 3-0 overall. Brian Rice and Justin Ronayne led the win over Seaholm with three goals each. Brian Ronayne and Jamie Ronayne scored two goals each and Paul Nemzek and Tim Williams added one each.

Alex Alviar won the game in overtime after replacing starting goal-

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Madonna rolling in district

In the next 10 days, the post-season fate of Madonna University's baseball team could be decided.

A strong weekend performance, sparked by the bat of Jim Solak, has put the Fighting Crusaders into position to challenge for the NAIA District 23 regular-season title. That would help when the district tournament rolls around, going against the sixth-place team in the district in the first round would be preferable.

Thanks to double-header sweeps of district rivals Grand Rapids Baptist Saturday (13-4 and 3-0) and Siena Heights Sunday (4-3 and 5-2) at Madonna University Park, the Crusaders are just percentage points out of first. They upped their record to 11-3 in the district, 23-10 overall. Aquinas College is 8-2 in district games, just behind Madonna in Spring Arbor at 9-3.

Solak earned himself co-player of the week honors with his plate performance last week. The sophomore outfielder slugged five home runs, collecting 11 hits in 24 at-bats, with nine runs batted in and nine runs scored. For the season, Solak is hitting .330 with a team-high eight homers. He is tied for the team lead in RBI (20) and doubles (nine).

In Sunday's first game against Siena Heights (13-36-1 overall, 9-3 in the district), Solak went 2-for-3 with a solo home run in the second inning. Jeff Miller singled in two more Madonna runs in the third, but the Saints tied it at 3-3. Rich Roy broke the tie with a run-scoring single in the fifth.

Jeff Kugelmann was the winning pitcher, improving his record to 3-1 (2.54 earned run average). Kugelmann went all seven innings, giving up two earned runs on three hits and three walks, striking out two. Todd Boike took the loss for Siena Heights. Joe Brusseau led Madonna's hitters with three.

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Shamrocks split baseball twinbill

In the first game, Redford Catholic Central took full advantage of its opportunities. In the second, the Shamrocks didn't.

Redford Union edged CC 5-4 in the second game of their non-league baseball double-header Sunday at RU. The pitching of starter (and winner) Mike Bjerke and reliever Brian Berryman had a lot to do with the Shamrocks' frustration — they surrendered just two hits between them.

But they also walked seven batters and hit two others, which means CC had its chance. The last came in the seventh inning, when the Shamrocks loaded the bases but couldn't score.

Their only hits were singles by Aaron Babicz and Jerry Nowzaki. Neither figured in the scoring.

RU scored twice in the first, one coming home on Jesse Sund's double, and twice in the third, one on Berryman's solo home run. Sund finished with two hits for the Panthers. They added their fifth run in the fifth. Andy Kummer lasted just 2½ innings and took the loss. He was tagged for four runs (three

earned) on four hits and five walks. Andy Slankster relieved him and pitched the final 3½ innings, surrendering a run on two hits and four walks. The CC pitchers combined to issue nine walks.

In the first game, Brian Hicks slugged a three-run homer to highlight CC's seven-run third inning, which allowed the Shamrocks to overcome RU's 3-0 lead en route to a 15-4 victory. The game was halted after five innings by the 10-run mercy rule.

Hicks finished with his home run, a single and three RBIs. John Raasch went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, and Babicz and Slankster each had two hits and two RBIs. Jerry Nowzaki pitched all five innings for CC to get the win. He gave up four earned runs on seven hits and a walk, striking out five. Jason Mitchell took the loss for RU.

Ryan Moore had two hits for the Panthers. The split left CC with an 8-3 overall record. The Shamrocks game against Redford Thurston Monday was stopped by rain in the third inning, with CC ahead 3-1.

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CC claims Elks Relays championship

BOYS TRACK

Redford Catholic Central and Westland John Glenn finished one-two in last Saturday's Dearborn Elks Relays at Dearborn High School.

CC defended its championship with four first-place finishes and a total of 57 points. Glenn finished with 32 points. Dearborn was third with 27, followed by Plymouth Salem (25) and Canton (24).

"The thing that helps us is we have good distance kids that I can move around," that really brought us out," CC coach Tony Magni said. "John Glenn is very good and Plymouth Salem and Canton are teams in Overland that have their eyes on us. So when we get to the Overland Relays (Saturday, May 1), they'll like to knock us out."

The shot put relay team of Joe Suhajda, Nick Kallas, Kevin Jakubowski and Doug Brzezinski took first place with a combined total of 184 feet, 4 inches. Suhajda, Jakubowski and Kallas also combined to win the discus. Suhajda recorded the best shot put throw of the day (50-¼) and the best discus toss (144-6).

The foursome also scored in the 400-meter relay for shot putters, taking third place in 51.7 seconds. "The shot and discus kids have a long way," Magni said. "They've worked very hard for this."

The Shamrocks' other first place finishes came from the distance medley team of Eric McKeon, Freddie Taylor, Damon Harris and Jamie Fitzgerald that finished in 11:32 and the mile relay team of Marc Eden, Mike Mittman, Chris O'Keefe and McKeon that crossed the tape in 3:36.6.

Glenn's first place showings came in the high hurdle and intermediate hurdle relays. Todd Peterson, Chris Vanderburgh, Sean Brooks and Randy Ellison won the high hurdle relays (1:07.09) and the same foursome won the intermediate hurdle relays (1:25.1), which was 9 off the meet record.

Glenn took fourth place last year. "I was real pleased to get second," Glenn coach Jess Shough said. "The meet was CC's to lose. They have depth, a good solid team."

Vanderburgh was a busy guy for Glenn as he also was on the high jump relay team that took second (11-4) and the 1,600 relay team that took third. Vanderburgh's clearance of 5-10 was the best high jump of the mile and he was helped by Herb Thomas and Greg Hendershot. Others on the 1,600 relay team included Ellison, Bob Lulek and Jason Crosby.

Securing third place for CC were: Intermediate hurdle relay team (1:28.5) of Jeff Betzler, Dan Smokovitz, Chris Watts and Eden; 800 relay team (1:36.7) of Betzler, Taylor, Pankow and McKeon; and the high jump team of Dave Viola, Ron Bialobrzeski and Mike Dorrington.

Bedford, Dave Yack, Todd Smith and Keith were fourth in the 4,400 relay (19:52.6), the 1,600 team (3:42.2) of Nelson, Demey, Keith and Martin placed fourth, too.

Justin McClain, Demey, Bedford and Keith earned fifth place in the 3,200 relay (8:54). "We got a chance to see a lot of kids in different things," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "We saw some good times and had a lot of great individual efforts by some kids."

The Chiefs go to Belleville for the Tiger Relays Saturday. The field events start at 9-45 a.m., prelims in the 100 dash and 110 hurdles at 10 a.m., the 4,400 relay at 11 a.m. and all other finals at 12:30 p.m.

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Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Jules Feiffer's "Grown Ups" opened for pre-view performances 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Regular performances begin 8 p.m. Sunday, April 25 through May 16. For ticket information, call 788-2900 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

Youth theatre

Bloomfield Players Youth Theatre will present two drama productions at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road at Long Lake Road, one block west of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, on April 30 and May 1. "The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen" will be presented 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, and 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be presented 8:15 p.m. Friday, April 30, and 2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Tickets are \$2 and may be bought at the door. For more information, call 433-0885.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Benjo picking and Bible thumping will be heard at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre when the bluegrass gospel musical comedy "Smoke on the Mountain" opens 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22. Performances will be given Tuesdays through Thursdays until May 16 on the university campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call 377-3300 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

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 422-6038.

Dinner theater

The Mala Wisla Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will hold its annual dinner theater and recital 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the gym at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, on the corner of Levan in Livonia. The event will include a traditional Polish meal and a recital of Polish folk songs and dances. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5 to 10. For information, call 452-5696.

Choral Celebration

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will present two performances of its annual spring concert, "A Choral Celebration," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Northville First United Methodist Church, on Eight Mile west of Taft, and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Faith Lutheran Church, on Five Mile, west of Middlebelt in Livonia. There will be no charge for either concert, but donations will be accepted at intermission. For information, call 462-4448.

Avon Players

Avon Players will present "A Chorus Line" weekends starting 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, through Saturday, May 22, at the playhouse in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call 375-1390.

Roles challenge actor in musical



Douglas Sills, formerly of Franklin Village, will portray the scheming Dr. Neville Craven and the grieving widower, Uncle Archibald in the award-winning musical "The Secret Garden" which opens April 27 at the Fisher Theatre.

"The Secret Garden" opens 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, and runs through May 16 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. For ticket information, call 872-1000. To charge tickets by phone, call Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

BY KEELY WYGNON
STAFF WRITER

Most plays are either for adults or for children. "The Secret Garden," a Tony Award-winning musical featuring Franklin Village native Douglas Sills, is for both.

Sills describes it as a musical drama. "There is humor, but it's more dramatic. It's a great musical. The songs serve to augment and enhance a terrific story."

Inspired by the Francis Hodgson Burnett children's novel of the same name, "The Secret Garden" tells the story of a young girl sent to live with her uncle on the English moors in 1906. On his large estate she discovers a secret walled garden. Her loving attention brings the garden back to life, even as it heals her own spiritual wounds and those of the people around her.

"This is a rare opportunity for people to bring their children, and younger relatives to the theater. Adults and children will enjoy the play and each other's presence. They can talk about it afterwards."

Sills, a 1982 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in music, and of Cranbrook Kingswood High School, said

the play is "like vitamins for the soul. It's a very healing, nurturing experience."

For an actor, it's a challenge. Sills, who now makes his home in Los Angeles, has been on the road with the national touring company of "The Secret Garden" for more than a year. He did manage to squeeze in a visit to his parents in West Bloomfield during Passover while the show was in Grand Rapids.

We talked by telephone from his hotel room in Cincinnati. From there he was going with the show to Columbus. When it opens in Detroit, he will have performed it 400 times. When the show closes in Detroit, he'll go to Des Moines, Iowa, to continue the tour.

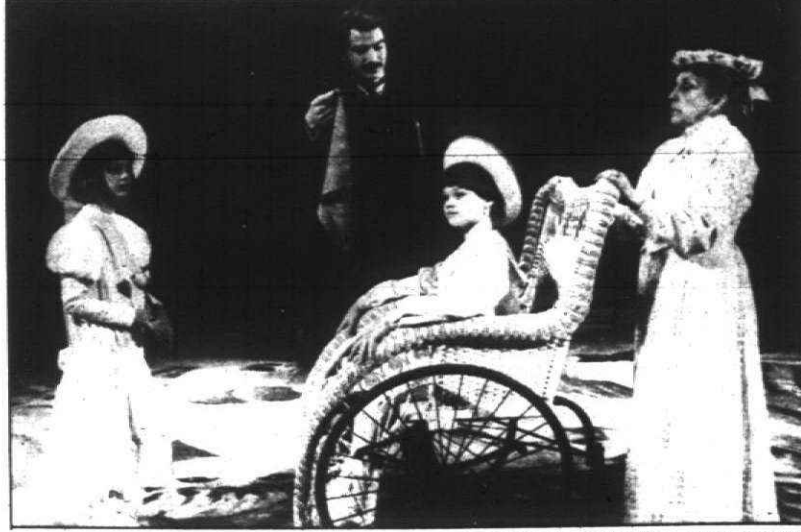
"It's difficult on your personal life," said Sills, who is single. "But it's very gratifying. Few people can do what they want and get paid for it. You make a sacrifice."

Sills' former voice teacher at Cranbrook Kingswood, Nina Machus of Bloomfield Village, said she is not at all surprised by his success.

"He was one of my top students. He's one of those people that has it all — he's intelligent, a wonderful singer, a good actor, and good-looking. He was always involved in music and drama."

Machus, who now teaches private voice lessons and classes at The Community House in Birmingham, said it's been exciting to see Sills succeed in his career.

"I feel just wonderful about it," she said. "You see a lot of kids who have



MARTHA SPOE ASSOCIATES, CAROL ROSEGG

Secret Garden: Demaree Alexander (left), Douglas Sills, Sean Cosindine (in wheelchair) and Mary Fogarty in a scene from the national tour of the hit musical, "The Secret Garden."

the potential, but don't go after it. He did."

For the first part of the run, Sills will portray the villain, scheming Dr. Neville Craven. Then he'll switch roles and portray Uncle Archibald, who has never gotten over the death of his beautiful wife, Lily.

"We couldn't be more different which makes it a joy," said Sills, explaining that there are two understudies for every role so that if something happens "the show will go on."

"Uncle Archibald is 35 to 40 years old. He has a hunchback, he's extremely depressed and neurotic. He's searching for peace of mind and trying to heal the grief that never healed over," said Sills.

"Dr. Neville Craven, Archibald's brother, is better looking, but he has

a darker view of the world, and is very pessimistic. Archibald got everything when their parents died because of the inheritance law in Victorian England. As a result, he expects less from the world around him, and gives less. He's looking for self-respect."

Trained as a classical actor, Sills had to master a British dialect for his roles, and learn how to walk with a hunchback and limp. "If I play a hunchback eight times a week and don't do it right, I will hurt my back," he said.

The singing is also challenging — Archibald is a tenor, Neville is a baritone.

"I'm working with a talented cast that keeps me on my toes, and helps me do my work," he said. "I'm looking forward to being back home."

Cantor makes MOT debut offstage in 'Aida'

Michigan Opera Theatre will present four performances of Giuseppe Verdi's masterpiece, "Aida," Saturday, May 15, Wednesday, May 19, Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23 at Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. The production will be sung in Italian with English subtitles. For ticket information, call 874-SING or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

Gail Hirschenfang laughed when she heard why she would be singing off stage as the High Priestess in her Michigan Opera Theatre debut in Aida. For that Act I, Scene II religious ceremony, composer Giuseppe Verdi placed the High Priestess off stage as women did not take leading roles in 19th

century religious ceremonies in Catholic Italy. Hirschenfang is one of the first invested women cantors in the United States in a religion whose tradition has excluded women from leading religious ceremonies.

"In traditional Judaism, a woman's voice is not permitted to be heard in the religious service," said Hirschenfang who has been the cantor doing life cycle events at Temple Beth El in Birmingham since 1989. She is a 1976 graduate of the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music.

Her soprano voice is one that should be heard. In 1992, she soloed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under Leslie Dunner, and with the MOT Orchestra un-

der Mitchell Krieger, in appearances at Temple Beth El. She has performed numerous times with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra under Julius Rudel and Semyon Bychkov.

Mitchell Krieger, director of artistic resources for MOT, was impressed with her performance at Temple Beth El and asked her to do the one page solo in Aida.

If Hirschenfang is relegated to improve the Egyptian God Ptah on off stage, a reluctant thespian Brian Moon will be on stage in the Triumphal March, playing a four and one-half foot "Aida" trumpet.

"I would rather be in the pit,"

said Moon of Birmingham. "On stage you have to wear body make-up to be dark like the Egyptians."

MOT is using four of these "herald" trumpets played on stage during the Act II Scene II Triumphal March. These long, dramatic instruments, designed by Verdi for the premiere of Aida in 1871, are straight on both sides of the valves. Moon says MOT is using four B flat instruments, not the usual six trumpets.

"You probably couldn't tell the difference between the sound of these trumpets and today's trumpets," said Moon, a professional musician with the Livonia Sym-

phony and the MOT Orchestra, and a graduate in music from Curtis Institute of Music.

While Moon is playing the famous Trio melody, engineer Richard Jerany of Beverly Hills will probably be marching in front of him and the gigantic New Orleans Opera sets carrying a spear as one of those dark skinned Egyptian conquerors or dragging himself across the stage as a defeated Ethiopian slave.

Audiences have always found Aida interesting. It tops the list for every major opera company for number of productions. Yet, this is only the second time in its history MOT has produced it.



Featured soloist: Gail Hirschenfang will be singing off stage as the High Priestess in Michigan Opera Theatre presentation of "Aida."

Local actor stars in musical

Rick Atkins of Garden City portrays "Jesus" in the Huron Civic Theatre production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, April 23, 24, 25, 30, May 1 and 2.

The theater is 10 minutes south of Metro Airport at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston. Tickets are \$9 adults, senior citizens

and students \$8. Call 782-5380 for information.

"Jesus Christ Superstar," features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice.

Atkins, 19, who has the leading role, is a student at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. He attended Lutheran Westland High School.

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LSO concert to feature flutist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Internationally known jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic will surely set the audience afire when he joins the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in a kaleidoscope of musical styles in the final concert of the 1992-93 season at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at Church Hill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

Tickets are \$10; seniors and students, \$6; and children age 15 and under, \$3. Tickets are available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington at Five Mile; Madonna University, Schoolcraft at Levan; Hammett Music, 15630 Middlebelt; and before the concert at the door. Call the symphony office noon to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at 421-1111, or the 24-hour hotline, 458-6675, for ticket information.

"Zonjic's a fantastic musician. It's rare that someone like Zonjic and Friends appear with a symphony orchestra," said LSO conductor and music director Francesco DiBlasi. "I was worried because he works

with 110 volts, so I asked him if he'd overpower the orchestra. He assured me there was nothing to worry about because these are all special arrangements of his."

Aaron La Vere, first-place instrumentalist winner in the 15th annual LSO Young Artists Competition held in January, will perform the second and third movements of Grondahl's "Concerto for Trombone."

"Euryanthe Overture" by von Weber opens the program, followed by Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F major" featuring LSO concertmistress Julia Kurtyka; Robynn Rhodes, flute; Kristen Williams, oboe; and Brian Moon, trumpet. Zonjic's up next with Telemann's "Suite in A minor for Flute and Strings."

"It's a popular flute piece for strings and orchestra," Zonjic said. "a chamber piece with a lot of fun and also very pretty dialogue written in sweet form from dance sounding to beautiful sounding. It's an accessible piece for the audience. It showcases the orchestra, and it's melodic."

Together with the LSO, they will lead the second half of the program with the universal jazz standard written in 1966 by Paul Desmond for the Dave Brubeck Quartet, "Take Five." Chick Corea's "Spain" follows, with the hauntingly beautiful and sensual "Bellavia" by Chuck Mangione closing out the program.

Zonjic has spent the last year putting finishing touches on a new record



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DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS

Troy-based Detroit Chamber Winds will draw its 11th season to a close with a performance entitled "Finale Ultimo," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 at the Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre on the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington. For ticket information, call 362-2622.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Plymouth Oratorio Society will perform Handel's "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 2," and John

Rutter's "Requiem," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren, Canton. Free will offering.

FAMILY COMBINATION

Enjoy a combination of divergent musical styles and art in an entertaining presentation by Arvi Sinka 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at the Troy Public Library, 510 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. No reservations, seating first come, first served.

VOCAL MUSIC

PLYMOUTH CHORUS
Spring concert, "Best Seat in the House," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. For ticket information, call 455-4080.

LIVONIA CHORUS

Spring concert, "Just off Broadway," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7 and May 8 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. For ticket information, call 261-2260.

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCING
Ballroom dancing has returned to the historic Bedford Inn where Henry Ford and his wife Clara often danced. Traditional ballroom dancing to live Big Band sounds 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays at the inn, 2800 Grand River, at Eight Mile in Farmington. Admission \$4 per person, and for the novice or non-dancer, dance lessons will be offered.

for \$2 per person 6:45-7:45 p.m. For information, call 474-4800.

BALLROOM DANCING
Ballroom dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight Wednesdays at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. Singles, couples all ages. Live band each week. Cost \$4 per person. For information, call 689-3636.

THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"Anything Goes," a musical by Cole Porter will be presented 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30 through Saturday, May 22 and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. For ticket information, call 553-2955.

JAZZ

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.

Armenians mark struggle in Saturday night program

Music and speakers bring to life the struggle of Armenia at a special presentation of "The Continuing Genocide" at 8 p.m. Saturday at Groves High School in Beverly Hills.

Sponsored by the United Armenian Committee of Metropolitan Detroit, there is no admission charge. The school is at the intersection of 13 Mile and Evergreen. "This is a program for Armenians as well as for people who are interested in the Armenian culture and a struggle for independence," explained Dickran Toumanjan, an officer with the Armenian committee.

"The history and current story of Armenia is very interesting. For a two year period (1918-1920) Armenia was independent until the Sovietization of that area. And now since 1990 Armenia is experiencing a second chance at independence and is facing difficulties both economically and politically."

Performers include the Southfield Madrigal Chorus with conductor Robert Martin singing both the American and Armenian national anthems, plus "Sardarapat" a heroic song detailing a 1918 Ottoman Turk invasion; comedy writer/actor Harry Berberian reciting "The Dance" by Siamanto and students of the AGBU Alex Manoogian and ARS Evening schools presenting the song "Zartir Loo."

"The Dance" is one poem from a series of poetry entitled "Red News from My Friend." "It's a very fascinating poem," Toumanjan said. "The poet heard an eyewitness representation of the atrocities from the massacre in 1905 in the Adnan area of Turkey. It's quite moving."

Spring park walks to focus on wildflowers

The 16th-annual wildflower walk on the grounds of the Livonia Bicentennial Park will be held on selected dates between now and May 29. Individuals and groups such as scouts, garden clubs, retirees,

churches, or any other organizations are welcome. Call Roger Sutherland at 668-8568 to set day and time.

WILDFLOWER WALKS

The 45-minute tours are free and cover about 50 percent of one mile. Tours are conducted by Schoolcraft College teachers

and people who have taken a wildflower class at Schoolcraft. Bicentennial Park has more than 35 species of wildflowers. It's located on Seven Mile between Newburgh and Farmington roads.

Make note of upcoming classical concerts

Here is a roundup of the classical music concerts being presented this month.

Group du jour, "Farmington's Harmonic," presents Bach to the Future - subtitled "The Old World, The New World and Out of This World," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Come early for the 7 p.m. pre-concert coffee hour featuring chamber music from the Renaissance to avant-garde. Orchestral selections include Antonin Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9," "From the New World," and excerpts from Gustav Theodore Holst's "The Planets."

For ticket information, call 478-2075.

Mark your calendars, the Michigan Flute Festival, featuring various flute ensembles, the Michigan Flute Orchestra, Mass and flute choirs with more than 300 participants from all around Michigan, will be 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Call 833-3700 for ticket information.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony will perform "Great Romantic Symphonies" including Johannes Brahms' "Symphony No. 2 in D Major" and Peter Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4

in F Minor," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the sanctuary of Temple Beth El in Birmingham. For ticket information, call 645-BBSO.

Celebrate the French masters of the 18th century when Chamberworks presents music at the French Court 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Christ Church Cranbrook, Guild Hall, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call 643-7788 for ticket information.

Pianist Steven Rosenfield will perform at the Birmingham Temple's Vivace Performing Arts Series, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25. The program - "Forms of Music: Concert and Commentary," will include music of Scarlatti, Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert. Afterglow will follow concert. Admission \$10, students and seniors, \$9. The Birmingham Temple is at 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call 647-4632.

The Rackham Symphony Choir and Orchestra with the Novi High School Concert Choir and Ars Nova Chamber Ensemble of Detroit's Osborne High School will present a joint concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in the auditorium of Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi. For ticket information, call 886-3480.

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Continuous Irish entertainment is on tap 2-9 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Food and beverages will be served. The donation is \$3 for adults and \$1 for older children.

St. Pat's is at 58 Parsons, directly behind Orchestra Hall off Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

"For 16 years, our Senior Center has provided for the very poor senior citizens of the Casa Corridor a daily, fully nutritionally balanced dinner," said Ed Neubacher of Birmingham, St. Pat's publicity chairman.

For more information, call 833-7080.

Springtime is best to see wood frogs



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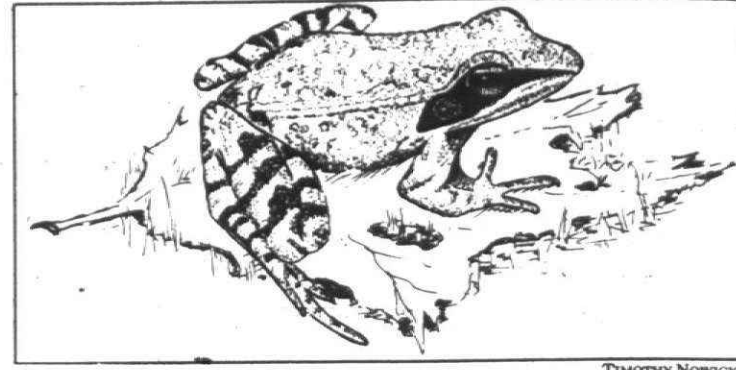
Traversing trails in spring is a wonderful experience. Watching life spring forth from winter's depression seems to revitalize the spirit. According to some, the extra sunlight activating the ions in your body is what physically increases one's energy level. Knowing the cycle of life continues invokes a sense of security and satisfaction.

Experiences with life forms enhance that feeling even more. Especially when that life can be right in your hands. That happened the other day, when I picked up a masked marauder of the woods.

Most of you are probably thinking that I picked up a baby raccoon. Well, there are no babies at this time away from their mother, and I surely did not pick up an adult raccoon.

Actually, it was a wood frog. Warm days in late March and early April will cause wood frogs to emerge from their wintering sites under rocks or in cracks of fallen logs. As their name suggests, they like woods or forest habitats.

Casual hikers may not see them because they are not very big. Adults measure only about 1 1/2 inches to 3/4 inches long. Their brown and tan coloration blends in well with the dried leaves of the forest floor — providing excellent camouflage. Some males can be mostly dark brown, but the dark mask that covers the eyes is always present. This characteristic separates wood frogs from the



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chorus frogs and spring peepers that may also be in the vicinity. Adults emerge from their winter dormancy and seek spring ponds, where males will call from to attract females for the purpose of mating. Several male wood frogs calling together may sound like ducks quacking. Egg-laying often occurs in one location in the pond. Egg masses of 800 to 3,000 eggs per female will be clustered together.

Eggs may hatch in one to three weeks, depending on the water temperature. Young develop into adults anywhere from 45 to 80 days after hatching. If woodland ponds dry up before the developing tadpoles can leave the pond, they will die.

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

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SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Steve Tihanyi of Plymouth has been promoted to vice president/group account supervisor at Bloomfield Hills-based Ross Roy Communications.



Tihanyi

NBD Bank recently elected Reginald J. Nizol vice president in its Personal Trust Division.



Nizol

Karl L. Harbarcuk has joined Presbyterian Villages of Michigan as the Director of Human Resources.

Also joining the organization is Kathryn Chavez.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, a Torch Drive service based in Detroit, recently elected new officers to its board of directors.

The new officers are Brian P. Campbell, president of TriMas Corporation, as president; Charles G. Dharte, Jr., president of Huntington Banks of Michigan, as vice president/treasurer; Michael T. Monohan, president of Manufacturers National Corporation, as vice president; John H. Norris, attorney at Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen, as vice president; Dave Bing, chief executive officer at Superb Manufacturing, Inc., as vice president; F. James McDonald, retired president of General Motors Corporation, as vice president; Harold A. 'Red' Polling, chairman and CEO of Ford Motor Company, as vice president; Susan D. Nine, as secretary; and Michael J. Brenner, managing partner at Coopers & Lybrand, as assistant treasurer.



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Campbell

Couple finds best of both worlds in pawn, jewelry shop

■ People in a pinch can turn to an ancient service that's been updated for today's customers.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Sharon and Norman Gornbein recognize that pawn shops haven't enjoyed the best of reputations over the years.

That's why the husband-and-wife team paid special attention to detail when recently moving their business, Norman's Jewelry & Loan, to larger quarters in Southfield.

"We wanted to give a comfortable environment, not overwhelming," Sharon said. "We wanted to stay away from a dirty environment."

Most of all, the Farmington Hills couple needed more room to combine retail jewelry operations, their custom designed wholesale line and the pawn/loan end.

"They all go together. They really are related," Sharon said. "We wanted to find something no one else was doing out there."

Some 60 percent of their overall business is pawn related, 40 percent retail, Norman said. Their pawn customers run the gamut from upper class to middle class to poor.

The place looks like a jewelry store more than anything else with carpeting, chairs and display cases. Customers can look into a room where jewelry is created and repaired.

Stereotypes dashed

The Gornbeins will pawn jewelry, cars, works of art and collectibles but not guns, tools or appliances.

There is no typical pawn customer. "You'd be surprised at the lawyers and doctors," Norman said. "Some of our clients you see every night on TV."

"I would say the wealthier the people, the less liquid they are," Sharon said. "Their money might be tied up in CDs."

"When someone comes in, we don't ask them what it's for. It's their business," Norman said.

"They tell us a lot," Sharon added. It may be to help a son or daughter get started in business. It may be to pay for medical treatment. It may be to raise some cash during divorce proceedings.

"A lot of people don't have credit cards, they don't use banks," Norman said. "When an emergency happens

"They get it (money) quick," Sharon said.

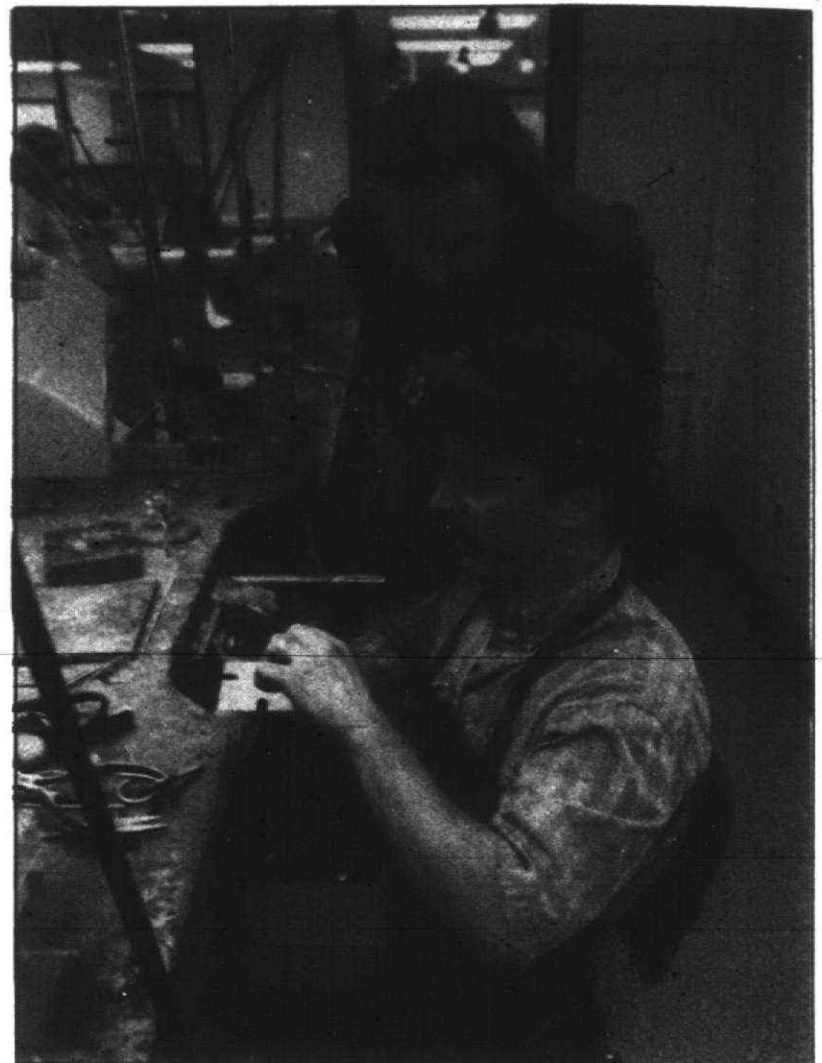
The interest earned on pawn loans is lucrative. State law allows 3 percent per month with a loan period up to six months.

That means a customer who receives a \$1,000 loan will pay \$30 interest by redeeming the first month, \$60 the second up to \$180 if waiting until month six.

Back to the owner

"Most of our loans are picked up — 90-95 percent," Sharon said.

If they aren't, Norman added, it isn't because he and his wife don't try to reach them.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Quality check: Norman Gornbein checks the progress of Anthony Lividoti as he works on a ring at Norman's Jewelry and Loan.

"After the sixth-month period, we wait a week and our computer automatically spits out a letter that they have two weeks to pick up their merchandise," Norman said. "We'll wait a week or two and one of us will contact them ourselves."

"Our busy times are right before

tax time, before school when parents need money for clothes, right after Christmas because they wanted to get gifts for the kids," Sharon said. Their smallest loan was \$5, the largest into the thousands of dollars.

See COUPLE, PREVIOUS PAGE

Personal financial reviews can yield surprising results

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Businesses regularly take inventory. So should people, especially as it concerns their overall financial standing.

That's the advice of investment planners, bankers, insurance underwriters and lawyers who annually co-sponsor Financial Affairs Month in April.

Why now? Because many of us already pull together information at this time of year to complete our income tax forms. Professionals recommend that we go beyond tax considerations to determine exactly where we are financially and where we're going.

"I call it spring cleaning," said Peter W. Ronan, senior vice president for Michigan National Bank in Farmington Hills.

"We certainly find people have

an interest in this," said David Lau, owner of an insurance agency in Birmingham. "More don't do it because they don't know how to go about it or they haven't been approached by a professional."

"We think most people know how much they make," said Alan M. Meitzner, a certified public accountant with the Southfield firm of Parker, Wittus & Co. "The average person doesn't know his net worth, which perhaps is more important — how much you keep."

A basic financial inventory consists of a balance sheet, a record of what you own and what you owe; an income statement or annual budget plan; and a will, which specifies disposition of assets at death.

Make a plan

"You're not going to get any-

where unless you have a road map," Lau said. "I've never been much into rules of thumb. It smacks too much of salesmanship."

"You sit down and look at long-term objectives. If something should happen to you and you die, the easiest way to create capital to meet objectives is life insurance and that's done through the stroke of a pen."

Life insurance and disability insurance needs change over time, Lau concurred, and should be reviewed periodically.

Some people don't know that you can borrow against the cash value of a life insurance policy, Lau said, and depending on circumstances, "It's a great way to leverage money."

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Gift/card retailer heads growth rankings for private companies

A Southfield gift and greeting card retailer that grew more than 37-fold during the past five years is Michigan's fastest-growing, privately held company, according to the eighth annual Michigan Private 100.

The ¼ Off Card Shop topped the survey of the state's 100 fastest growing, privately held companies based on growth revenues. Owners William, Leonard and Steven Zucker saw the seven-year-old company's revenues climb to \$22.5 million in 1992 from \$604,000 in 1988.

Southfield produced seven companies that made the list, followed by Rochester Hills with six and Troy and Livonia with five. Ann Arbor was the leader with eight companies named in the survey.

Other companies in the Observer & Ecentric area recognized in the survey include:

Flexible Plan Investments of Bloomfield Hills, an investment advisory company, ranking sixth with a growth rate of 67.95 per-

cent; Sygnetics of Troy, permanent and contract placement services, seventh with a growth rate of 61.44 percent; Saturn Electronics & Engineering of Rochester Hills, electronics assemblies engineering and production, 10th with a growth rate of 56.56 percent.

Retail Resources of Rochester Hills, hardware and customized software for retail automation, 11th with growth of 54.08 percent; Virtual Services of Rochester Hills, computer service and support, 13th with growth of 52.43 percent; Rock Financial of Birmingham Farms, mortgage banking, 15th with growth of 52.19.

Sim Ware of Livonia, computer cabling system manufacturer, 16th with growth of 51.63 percent; MCA Financial of Troy, mortgage banking, 17th with growth of 50.31 percent; Multi-Bank Services of Southfield, institutional financial services, 24th with growth of 46.76 percent; Phoenix Group, Farmington Hills, business communications, 30th with growth of 44.37 percent.

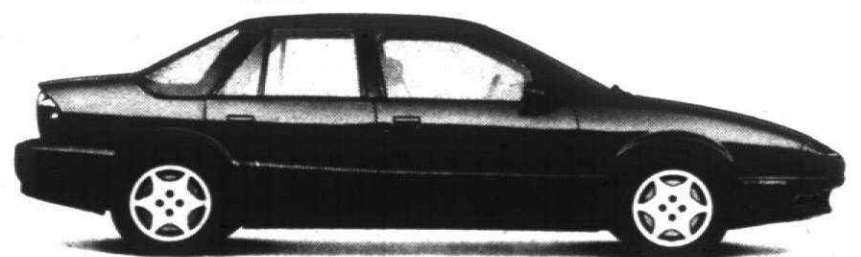
PPOM of Southfield, preferred provider organization, 34th with growth of 41.14 percent; Decision Consultants of Southfield, software services, 35th with growth of 39.57 percent; Engineering Analysis Associates of Birmingham, automotive product consulting, 36th with growth of 39.17 percent; Butler Graphics of Troy, computer graphics systems and production, 52nd with growth of 33.54 percent.

University Moving & Storage of Livonia, relocation and storage services, 59th with growth of 30.87 percent; MIDA Dental Plans of Southfield, dental benefit program administrator, 61st with growth of 30.69 percent; S&J Tech Data Service of Rochester Hills, technical writing/training instructors, 64th with growth of 29.88 percent; Key Electronics of Farmington Hills, electronic component distributor, 74th with growth of 26.94 percent.

Climax Research Services of Farmington Hills, metallurgical

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THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1993

FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Simple story easy to create for children

There are different ways to celebrate the Month of the Young Child during April. One way is by creating a simple story for children.

It doesn't need to be a masterpiece, but if you know someone who can draw the pictures to go along with your story, all the better. Pictures serve as a visual aid and make it appealing to children.

Stories for young children should be simple and perhaps based on real experiences. Although children love fairy tales, talking cows and animated characters that seem to come to life right off the pages of a book, there's still something to be said about the appeal and a child's ability to relate to real life everyday things . . . experiences.

Here's a story that I wrote that may appeal to preschoolers and kindergartners. It's an example of a real life, first-time experience story and is meant to be a coloring story. Children color the pictures, created by Donna Angers, as the story is read. A few of the illustrations have been reproduced to accompany this column, but full-size copies to read and color are available from Direct-Link Consulting, 19101 Inkster Road, Romulus 48174.

Our story is entitled "Parakeet & Parakeet:"

Sunshine and Brandon were sister and brother. They played together and had fun together.

Sunshine and Brandon had many toys which both children shared each day.

One night at bedtime, Brandon peeked his head from the bunk of their bed. He whispered to Sunshine, "I'm tired of playing with the big train and other toys all the time. I want a bird. A talking blue bird."

"Me, too," said Sunshine. "Let's ask Mommy and Daddy in the morning. We will have a pet to call our own. Do you think the pet store will have a green bird?"

"Oh, yeah," said Brandon. The pet store has all kinds of birds and animals.

The next morning, Brandon and Sunshine got dressed. Mommy and Daddy were in the kitchen getting ready for breakfast. "Mommy, Daddy, we want a bird," said Sunshine.

"A bird!" laughed Mommy. "Do you know how to take care of a bird?"

"Sure they can," said Daddy. "Children need a good pet. We'll go to the pet store after breakfast."

"Saturday is a good day to buy a pet," said Mommy.

On the way to the pet store, a tall lady was walking a very long dog. The dog wore a green sweater with red dots. At the stoplight, a boy was crossing the street with his pet kitty. The kitty was under his arm. It looked happy and safe.

Finally, Brandon and Sunshine arrived at the pet store. It was noisy but cheerful. "I see birds," said Brandon. "There's a green one for Sunshine and a blue one for me."

"Can the birds talk?" asked Sunshine. "Can they do tricks?"

"Hello, birdies," said Mommy. "Hello, hello," sang the birds.

"Oh boy, the birds can talk," cheered Brandon. "We'll take them home."

The pet store owner took the birds from the big bird cage. He put the blue one in a little box, then he put the green one in another box. The boxes had little holes and a handle. It looked like a lunch box with holes.

The green bird poked his beak through the hole on the side of the box. The blue bird fluttered around in the little box.

"Maybe they want to get out and play," said Daddy. "I hope they like us."

"I hope they like their new home," said Sunshine.

When the family got home, Mommy took the bird cage, like the one in the store, from a box and sat it on the kitchen table. The bird cage was made of wire.

"Now who will take the birds from the little boxes?" asked Mommy.

"I don't know how," said Brandon. "I never had a pet before."

"We have Cindy and Sammy, our goldfish," said Sunshine.

"That's different; the fish are little and cannot talk," said Brandon. "You can pick them up easily with a net."

See FAMILY, 2C

Hand work pays for puppeteers

■ For 13 years, Sunny and Don Venable have been hanging out with some interesting characters — some of which are their own creation, others the fodder of children's books. And during those years, they've discovered the interest in and learning that takes place when their puppets take the stage.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



Bonnie has a new spring dress and matching hair ribbons, and she's quick to let you know that after you exchange greetings.

But a compliment about the pretty floral print is enough to make her hide her face in Sunny Venable's shoulder.

Bonnie, you see, is a shy bear. Yes, she's a bear . . . a puppet bear, just one of some 75 puppets Sunny and husband Don have tucked away in the basement of their Rochester Hills home.

They are "the Puppets With a Heart" that have been entertaining children and adults at churches, schools, libraries and private parties, to name a few places, since 1980.

"It's amazing how with such intensity the children watch a puppet show; their faces are so intense," Sunny said. "I'm not a ventriloquist, but most times the children, even adults, don't see that you're doing the talking. If it's good puppetry, you can hear a pin drop."

Starting with one play and characters like Ralphie the dog and Orvell, a little red-haired boy, the Venables have gone on from performances at parties at their now defunct ice cream parlor to make a name for themselves with their puppet ministry. They have created teen puppet troupes at churches in Missouri and Wisconsin and captured the attention of youngsters with their children's moments in church.

Using big mouth, huggable hand puppets and smaller versions, they've expanded their repertoire to include the "Dandy Family Fun Show," "The Giving Tree" and Ricky and Sunny skits reminiscent of "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" performances of the '50s.

And it is that knowledge that they will share with others at a Detroit Puppeteers Guild workshop "Puppetry . . . the Whole Kitt'n Kaboodle," Saturday, April 24, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Getting started

Natives of Missouri, the Venables got their start in puppetry to try and salvage their ice cream parlor which was "rapidly going under." A window that allowed patrons to watch the ice cream being made was redone to serve as the puppet stage and the Venables came up with an appropriate puppet script.

"We found the children would re-



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tain what they saw from one party to the next, so we knew we had to come up with a few more routines," said Sunny. "We've done a little research and discovered that children will retain seven times more knowledge when they learn from a puppet."

The puppetry brought in business, but ice cream sales lagged and the business eventually closed in 1983. But in the meantime, the Venables took their puppets to church where they established a teen troupe which entertained at malls, libraries, nursing homes, wherever there was a gathering.

With job transfers — Ron is a sales manager for PPG — to Ohio, Wisconsin and eventually Michigan, Sunny estimates they have formed four or five teen puppet troupes over the years, the last in Janesville, Wis.

The troupes were popular with the teens who, with the Venables, would

take their shows on the road for two weeks during the summer.

"The kids started out behind the stage and we would guide them to come out front and share why they liked doing it," Sunny said. "People forget you have to challenge teenagers with service. They think they have to entertain them or babysit them. But if you challenge them with service, they really get into it."

Made to order

At one point, the Venable puppets numbered 200, but with the move to Michigan, many of the characters were left with their Janesville troupe. Sunny makes the foam-headed puppets, while the big-mouth puppets and even Bonnie were crafted in Branson, Mo.

For most performances, Sunny dresses in black, the traditional garb of puppeteers, but at Christmas she

Puppet pals: Sunny Venable of Rochester Hills has hung around with a colorful group of characters the last 13 years. With her husband Don, they have been using hand puppets — foam-headed ones she makes and large-mouth ones made in Branson, Mo., — to entertain children (and adults) at parties, in special programs and at church as well as teach teens to handle the huggable entourage.

becomes Mrs. Claus and does storytelling about Santa's nine reindeer (all hand puppets). One lucky youngster gets to play Rudolph.

Don, who was a music major in college, does all the music for the shows as well as work backstage. When Sunny strikes out on her own, it's generally Bonnie who accompanies her like during her weekly visits to a children's Bible study program. Sunny uses Bonnie to ask questions about what the children have learned.

The Venables look for stories children don't know to use for their plays. The idea, Sunny said, is to encourage children to read.

"I'll do one for my grandchildren and they'll ask, 'Granny how did you learn all those stories?' I tell them by reading," she said.

See PUPPETS, 6C

Making life equal between the sexes

BY ARLENE FUNKE
SPECIAL WRITER

Vic Vicini of Livonia wants his son and daughter both to aim high and be successful.

But will Vicini's 5-year-old son Matthew face a brighter future than his sister Andrea, 2, simply because he is male?

These and other issues emerged during a recent workshop on gender equity at Grant Elementary School in Livonia. Approximately 125 people signed up for nine separate mini-workshops covering a variety of educational and parenting topics. Sponsoring the forum was the Grant PTA, Livonia Public Schools and Grant's Student Assistance/Family Education program.

"It appears we have to make it more equal for both (sexes)," said Vicini, 35, who writes procedure manuals for the telecommunications industry.

Gender equity means treating people as individuals, not pigeonholing them as males or females. It includes offering equal opportunity to both sexes.

"We all have bias," said MaryBeth SiKora, workshop leader. "They are certainly not malicious, and many times we don't realize what we are doing."

SiKora, 36, is a career development resource person for the Farmington Public Schools. She works with both educators and students on the issue of gender equity.

Starts at birth

According to SiKora, bias starts at birth. It affects both males and females. Expectations are based on physiology, cultural norms and social views.

See GENDER, 3C



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Dreamers: At age 4, Megan Petty (from left), doesn't worry about a clash between her "Little Mermaid" shirt and fire chief's hat. Classmate Lisa Garrett, 4, opts for a more sophisticated fashion model look, while Amy Dial, 4, goes for a gender neutral cowpoke look.

Writer knows what she wants from life and pursues it



LORENE GREEN

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Hi Lorene, I'd like to thank you for your consideration in analyzing my handwriting in the Eccentric. I'm 55½ years young, right handed and a lady. Sometimes I have fun writing backwards which comes to me easily; of course, the aesthetics of the writing is not too great. Your expertise, analysis and thoughts will be greatly appreciated. Thank you kindly.

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Determination and discipline are the hallmarks of this rigid handwriting. She knows what she

wants from life and living and pursues it with firmness. Her determination can be compared to that of a marathon finisher.

Our writer exercises control over her environment and herself. Her sense of responsibility is alive and well. She is driven from within to achieve. Routine must be maintained at all costs. If it isn't, she can become unglued. Flexibility and affection are blunted.

A penchant for perfection keeps her chasing the impossible dream. Assiduous attention is given to all she does, even the details. The amount of time, talk and energy she often spends before actually starting on projects or work could be counterproductive.

Our writer is neat and orderly. This is true both in her appearance and her bailiwick. She is a rather private person. Rarely does she reveal her inner feelings. Security needs are

strong, especially with regard to people. She places emphasis on proper behavior as she perceives it. Involvement with people is often superficial.

Some time to be alone is a must. On occasion she may retreat to her ivory tower to do a little day dreaming. I strongly feel this woman is reaching for understanding. Her early background was strict. It is quite possible she was made to feel more acceptable if she adhered to these high expectations. She is still dependent on the past in many ways.

This is a sensitive woman. Her insight into the female role could be somewhat limited. A memory of perceived slight or hurts cause her to be defensive at times.

The handwriting further suggests a narrow philosophic outlook. She is not too receptive to the ideas or opinions of others. Has she considered that some

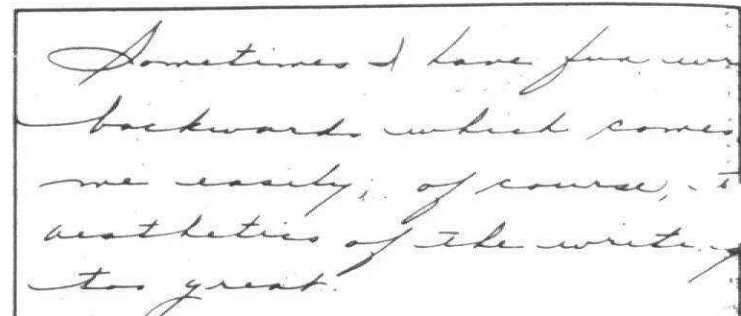
others may have new or interesting views worthy of consideration?

It seems quite possible that someone is trying to tell her something, but she is turning a deaf ear.

Within our writer's personality are a few diametrically opposed qualities. Her attention seeking behavior and high ambition is in conflict with a limited need to interrelate on a personal and social level. She is quite selective of her friends.

She conceals feelings of inferiority by showing herself to be more warm, friendly and artistically inclined than she actually feels.

Seemingly this woman's daily life is not measuring up to her ex-



pectations and dreams. She may want to reassess some of these traits to reduce the stress and indecision they cause her. 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 feedback is always welcomed.

Family from page 1C

"I'll try," said Mommy. This was Mommy's first time, too, and she was a little shaky. Daddy opened the door to the cage. Mommy tried to let the green bird fly into the cage. The green bird did not fly into its new home. The green bird flapped its wings and Mommy dropped the box in the cage.

"Oh no," shouted everyone. The green bird instead flew around the kitchen. It flew on top of the refrigerator. It even flew on Mommy's special dishes and crashed into the half-filled glasses of orange juice from breakfast.

"Come back, birdies. You're not supposed to fly around like this," said Brandon. "The blue bird was still fluttering inside its box. 'Hello, hello,' said the blue bird. 'We can't get you out now,' yelled Daddy. 'We must catch the green bird.'"

Everyone was running around the room. "Get a sheet," shouted Daddy. Mommy hurried and got a sheet from the closet. We ran to catch the green bird who now flew down the basement stairs.

In the corner of the room, there was the green bird. It was perched on Daddy's snow boots. "Here birdie, birdie, birdie," whispered Daddy. "Hello, hello," the green bird sang.

Daddy threw the sheet carefully over the bird. "Gotcha!" Daddy reached over and picked up the little hump underneath the sheet. "Hello, hello," the bird kept singing.

Soon the birds were safe in their new home. "Let's name them," said Sunshine happily. "The green one will be Rocky and the blue one will be Rick," said Brandon. "They're brother and sister. They'll play together and share things just like us."

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

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Plymouth Symphony puts pop in its pop concert

By JULIA HOOLEN
Special Writer

Dear Jon:
Tune up and tune in. There's music in the air in Plymouth. And it's coming from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. You should have heard their fabulous Pop Concert evening. Par excellence are the words for it.

No tourist class here. It was first class all the way. And you should have seen the meticulously landscaped Fox Hills Country Club.

Nestled in the tranquility of snow-covered fairways and wooded Audubon nature trails, five deer poised near the entrance to watch the approaching string of cars wind up the drive for an evening of tasteful delights.

And dear the event was. With the cost of each symphony concert

performance being near \$10,000, the community owes a debt of undying gratitude to Plymouth people like Kathy Amadorian, Sandy Mily and their mother, Estelle Dul, who provided the Golden Fox for this simply elegant evening of culinary perfection and Cole Porter classics.

Chef Doug Hirsch prepared a truly scrumptious meal of chicken toasts with eggplant and rice pilaf, served by a staff trained in old world attentiveness that's rarely found these days. The sweeping slopes viewed through the recently renovated clubhouse's floor-length windows provided a backdrop which enhanced the intimate setting for the memorable music of Cole Porter which filled the room.

World travelers and longtime symphony-goers Geno Toffanetti

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and Joyce Broolouer, wearing her Brazilian bobbles, joined friends Bob and Pauline Alex for a night that rivaled the Ritz.

As if the evening wasn't already a hit with tunes like "Can-Can," "From This Moment On," "Anything Goes" and "Night and Day," the guest performer, Dennis Smith, professor of trombone at the University of Michigan, brought down the house with his trombone solo of the Blue Bells of Scotland and honored the audience with an encore.

Intermission was a necessity and not just for the dessert plates filled with delicious petit fours and hazelnut coffee, but for U-M enthusiasts like Mike Amadori-

an it was imperative to learn the score of the University of Michigan vs. University of Kentucky NCAA Semi-Finals.

Bill Joyner, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, brought a miniature tabletop TV, and spent the evening "blending the cultures."

Also at the table was symphony attorney Carol Lovette, township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy with husband David, who took home a door prize dinner from Cozy Cafe, and school board candidate Bill Myers with wife Beth.

Plymouth Historical Society past president Jackie Kenyon and husband Jack, former mayor of Plymouth, joined Bob and

Joan Upton's table, which burst into the U-M fight song when conductor Russ Reed announced Michigan was ahead by two points.

There were a couple notable landmark celebrations, such as Edith Schutze, who has played with the symphony for more than 45 years and again performed on her cello, and Martha Elsemann of Chelsea who celebrated her 68th birthday with her sister, Ruth Elsemann, and friend Barbara Davis of Kalamazoo, who were seated with Nancy Reed.

Dennis Shrewsbury, longtime symphony supporter, made his conducting debut, attired in the latest fashion statement from Richard Orlanda at Steve Petix's formal wear. Shrewsbury's degree in "music-ology" from WQRS

proved to be just the music theory background he needed to be a successful guest conductor. Though his first wave of the baton rendered sour grapes, the musicians began again, and this time played beautifully, following his every down beat without their eyes ever leaving the music.

Tricia Curmi, daughter of township Trustee Chuck Curmi and wife Peggy, presented Shrewsbury with a bouquet of flowers and a round of applause for his efforts.

The evening ended on a spectacular high note with the orchestra's rendition of Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Definitely mark March 25-26 for next year's Pops Concert at Fox Hills. It's a "must do" for your entertainment pleasure.

Gender from page 1C

TV shows, advertising and even remarks can send powerful messages to children. Examples of gender bias included statements like "Oh, he's all boy, full of mischief," "Woman's work," "This is a job for a man," and "Be a good little girl."

SiKora cited a four-year study conducted by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Sex Equity.

The study, encompassing 1988-92, surveyed approximately 7,000 students. It included questionnaires, interviews and written essays.

The report indicated that gender bias flourishes. According to SiKora, such prejudices cripple self-esteem and have a powerful effect on life choices.

In one group of 1,400 students, a majority said that boys and girls are treated differently; boys and girls excel at different subjects; and that certain jobs should be considered as either male or female.

"The foundation has been laid earlier," SiKora said.

On the question, "Are boys and girls treated differently?" 62 percent of elementary students answered yes. By middle school age, the yes responses rocketed to more than 80 percent.

"They are starting to take their cues from parents, society and peers," SiKora said.

More girls than boys answered yes to the question, "Do you want to be of the opposite sex?"

"The bottom line is that males have more intrinsic value in our society," SiKora said.

In the way

All parents want their children

to be independent, caring individuals, SiKora said. But gender bias gets in the way. Women are kept economically and socially. Bias affects males in terms of nurturing and personal relationships.

For example, SiKora notes that very young boys enjoy playing with dolls. But many parents strongly disapprove.

SiKora told of counseling a young man who longed to enter the nursing profession. He felt he had caring, nurturing qualities needed for such work, but he feared ridicule. He worried that people would label him homosexual if he chose nursing.

Vicini expressed concerns that he was treating son Matthew, a kindergarten student at Grant, differently.

"Maybe I demand more of him," Vicini said. "I treat (Andrea) more of a baby, but I don't want that to happen. We could encourage more."

Collette Burney of Livonia and her mother, Annette, Mission of Detroit came to the workshop looking for professional advice.

Both are employed in home day care. Burney said she has tended to make gender-based distinctions for behavior and toilet-training.

"I never really thought about how I treat the children until this subject came up," said Burney, mother of two.

'Disheartening'

Dona Gossett, a mother of three, said the studies present a "disheartening" picture.

"The upside is, we are moving along," said Gossett, 40, of Livonia.

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'Affairs of Heart' has coronary health agenda

A distinguished slate of female experts will provide life-saving information and strategies on heart disease, the nation's number one killer of women, during "Affairs of the Heart," a conference on heart health, Saturday, May 8.

The conference will be held 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Macomb Community College's South Campus in Warren. Designed for women by women, it will introduce the health professionals and their vital messages in light-hearted sessions with titles, such as "Humor Your Heart," "Eat 'Til Your Heart's Content" and "At the Heart of It All." Topics range from stress management through

humor to recognizing heart attack symptoms and reduction of risk factors.

Dr. Sherry Jackson, nationally recognized lecturer on women and heart disease, will share her renowned expertise on both the benefits and risks of estrogen replacement therapy. A graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine, Jackson is assistant professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and founder and director of the Cholesterol Care Center in New York.

Conference presentations also will feature Leslie Crespi, certified social worker, Theresa King,

registered dietitian, psychotherapists Bernadette Beyer and Peggy Stern and St. John Hospital staff physician Dr. Mary Beth Hardwicke.

"Affairs of the Heart" is sponsored by St. John Hospital and Medical Center, WJR Radio, Macomb Community College and "Mirabella" magazine. There is a registration fee of \$20 which includes a heart-healthy breakfast and lunch. All early registrants will receive a complimentary, personalized, coronary risk profile upon arrival.

For more information, or to register, call (800) 237-5646 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Camp Sun Deer offers fun for children with asthma

The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM) is accepting applications for volunteers and campers for Camp Sun Deer, a free weeklong summer camp for 9- to 12-year-olds with asthma.

Camp Sun Deer will be held June 20-26 at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center in Dowling, Mich.

Children who attend Camp Sun Deer will experience all of the excitement that camp has to offer, while under medical supervision. With the support of trained medi-

cal professionals, campers will be able to participate in activities such as swimming, fishing, boating, arts and crafts, volleyball and other summertime activities.

At a time when neighborhood children are going to camp, the child with asthma is often left behind. At Camp Sun Deer, not only will the asthmatic child go to camp, but he or she will be in the company of other children with asthma. The mutual support and education provided during Camp Sun Deer can be a lesson that will last a lifetime.

For more information on applying for the free camp, call the American Lung Association of Michigan at (800) 678-LUNG or (313) 559-5100 in the metro Detroit area. Applications must be completed by parents (or legal guardians) and the family physician and returned to ALAM by Monday, May 3.

Volunteers with medical experience are also needed for the camp. For information on how to participate, contact the American Lung Association of Michigan.

Puppets from page 1C

Their puppetry work has put them in touch with an impressive list of puppeteers. They have rubbed shoulders with the likes of the late Jim Henson and Frank Oz of Muppet fame and took classes given by such greats as Frank Ballard.

They also have frequented regional, national and international puppet festivals, entertained not only family members, but people throughout the Midwest and presented their own seminars for teachers.

And although they have made a name for themselves with the puppet ministries, Sunny admits they were surprised when the Detroit Puppet Guild asked them to do a workshop for "Kitt'n Kaboodle."

"I didn't realize our name traveled that far (from Wisconsin), but we're pleased to have that opportunity," Sunny said.

The workshop will run 1½ hours to "give in a nutshell" what their ministry is and to get participants to understand how easy it is to do.

A few how-to's

Easy? Sure, says Sunny, pointing to their children's moments that are usually built around the sermon theme or something happening within the church.

"Children hear the words, but they don't understand them," she said. "Like Lent. The puppet might say 'I know what Lent is, it's the white stuff on Don's socks,' then you explain why it isn't. It sounds crazy, but it works."

The Venables have yet to form a teen group at their new church. In fact, they are looking to train others to start teen puppet ministries. The couple isn't up to the

11 shows in 10 states over 12 days travel of previous groups.

Which is why "Kitt'n Kaboodle" is important to them. The program is for beginning puppeteers, librarians, teachers, group leaders, teens and the like. In addition to the Venables' workshop, it includes programs on puppet head construction, creating walk-around puppets, the art of the ventriloquist and storytelling with puppets to name a few.

There also will be a puppet performance of the popular fairytale, "Puss 'n Boots," presented by the Poppinjay Puppets of Ohio at 2 p.m. that's open to the public. Tickets are \$3 for the marionette performance of puppeteers Roger Dennis and Bob Vesley.

And while the Venables have given up their traveling shows, the Venable puppets are far from

Party planners



Garden delight: The Catholic Central Mothers' Club is welcoming spring in a big way with a garden party at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The \$30 per person event is being planned by Peggy Bonn (from left), Kathie Sosnowski, Jeanne Trumpy, Gerry MacArthur and JoAnne Evangelista and features fashions from Twelve Oaks Mall. Music will be by the Catholic Central Stage Band and there will be special guest appearances by CC mothers and their sons. For more information, call 591-0034.

Party kicks off stroll benefit

Summer is just around the corner and in anticipation of it, the Epilepsy Center of Michigan is

looking for fun and fitness buffs interested in participating in the 1993 Summer Stroll for Epilepsy, the second annual national fundraising event benefiting people with seizure disorders.

A special kickoff party for the event will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Mr. B's Restaurant, 19701 W. Twelve Mile Road between Southfield and Evergreen roads, Southfield. Persons interested in putting together corporate teams of five people or walking as individuals will receive event brochures, registration information and pledge forms. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres also will be available.

The Summer Stroll for Epilepsy, a five-mile walk, will be June 5 at Addison Oaks County Park north of Rochester. The money, raised through pledges, will benefit the work of the Epilepsy Center. Prizes will be awarded based on the amount of pledges raised as well as for the top individuals and teams.

The Stroll also features a post-event party with free food and live entertainment. Pro Bowl offensive tackle Lomas Brown of the Detroit Lions is the event's honorary

chair, joining media chairs Jim Harper of WNIC-FM and sportscaster Tom Varrato of WDIV-TV.

"Last year's stroll raised more than \$24,000, and we are looking to build upon that success," said Arlene Gorelick, the center's executive director. "In addition to the much-needed funding, events like this also bring a lot of positive exposure to the cause of epilepsy."

Founded in 1948, Epilepsy Center of Michigan is the state's only non-profit organization focusing solely on epilepsy.

Epilepsy affects more than 90,000 people in Michigan. It is a common neurological disorder marked by sudden, brief changes in brain function that result in seizures of various types. Most people with this condition are otherwise normal and healthy. With regular use of medication, many can live completely free of seizures.

If you are interested in participating in the Summer Stroll as the captain of a corporate team, an individual walker, or as a volunteer, call the center at 351-7979 for more information.

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BOB SKLAR

3 Cities Art Club show shares original local art

Enlisting younger members is a priority of the 3 Cities Art Club, an Observerland conduit for original fine art.

A Plymouth-Salem High School student attended the March club meeting. And members hope the 16-year-old boy signs on because both he and they would benefit through a sharing of ideas.

"We have a very friendly club, but we're getting older. We need some younger members to refresh us. In turn, they can learn a great deal from us and our speakers," said club president Sue Argiroff, a watercolorist and marbler from Livonia.

"It's fun to have younger people attend our meetings. They make older members move a little faster and compete a little harder," said Plymouth painter Andrea DeZell, who helps prepare high school seniors planning to study fine art in college.

An International Marblers Gathering member, Argiroff has marbled for eight years. In this ancient art form, colors are floated on the surface of powdered Irish seamoss in an abstract or traditional designer shape, then printed on treated paper, fabric, wood, tile or even acrylic.

Argiroff also works in fabric and chairs Michigan Surface Design's workshops. Every year, she stages a workshop for fabric students of Wayne State University professor Urban Jupena.

"I'm a Wayne graduate and enjoy working with Women of Wayne, an alumni group that offers scholarships to new or returning women students," Argiroff said. "The workshop lets me give something back to the university. It completes the cycle."

Varied skill levels

3 Cities reaches out to artists of all abilities. "Not everyone's a painter or a seller. Some paint for fun, relaxation, even therapy," Argiroff said.

Painters, sculptors, printers, potters, jewelry makers, no matter — all are welcome. Ditto for non-artists. "Just an interest as a patron of the arts qualifies you for membership," Argiroff said.

Newcomers find particular delight in the palette wizardry of octogenarian oil painters Hugh Burley of Ann Arbor (flowers and birds) and John Davison of Plymouth (ships and the sea).

From eight members in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia in 1957, 3 Cities has grown to 35 members throughout Observerland.

Under Plymouth painter Floyd Riley's chairmanship, the club will host its annual spring show of member work May 11-17 at Al Larson's Frameworks, 833 Penniman, Plymouth. Framed art in the 60-piece show will range from \$35 to \$600. The artists will take turns greeting visitors.

Ann Arbor artist Ellen Mouscoullis will judge winners in three categories: watercolor, oil, mixed media. Gift certificates from local merchants and ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show, People's Choice, first, second and third place, and honorable mention. The Grumbacher Award, a silver medallion, honors best of use of color.

3 Cities also exhibits member artwork at the Plymouth Fall Festival, Plymouth Art in the Park and the Canton Township Library.

A percentage of club proceeds supports student art scholarships, community cultural projects and local charitable groups.

Club members meet at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month in Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 E. Ann Arbor. Annual dues are \$15. Meetings typically spotlight an artistic technique via a demonstration or video. Guest speakers include Visual Arts Association of Livonia faculty.

In preparation for their spring show, club members invited Livonia Artists Club member Al Weber to critique their work.

Top winner back

A serious painter for 16 years and a winner of every 3 Cities award, DeZell was the "People's Choice" last year for "Blackberry Harvest." The matted and framed oil on watercolor paper also won Best of Show. "It's beautiful," Argiroff said.

In the foreground, sunlight glints off a bucketful of blackberries so realistic, you see the seeds. Leaves surrounding the bucket form colorful, moving abstract patterns, giving depth to the painting and defining the realism.

The piece is typical of DeZell's contemporary oils on paper and their colorful, almost three-dimensional look. She loves the rich glow paper gives these embossed-like paintings.

DeZell will have two unframed abstract oils on gallery wrap canvas in this year's 3 Cities show: "Neptune's Glory," a night seascape, and "Passages," an interpretive piece in the form of peaks, hills and hidden passageways.

With commissions limiting the time she can devote to painting, DeZell soon will offer selected lithograph prints so she can go national. "Blackberry Harvest" and "Rose of Sharon," both realistic with abstract background patterns, are first up.

There's no secret to DeZell's love for art: "I simply get very excited when I paint. I think it's the creative aspect. I let go and do my thing my way — without any pressures or inhibitions."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special sections. To leave a message, call 953-2113.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Victorian air: Louise Bonczak of Canton works on an oil painting for the seniors art show. It depicts two ladies in a rowboat on a lake filled with waterlilies.

Canton seniors to spotlight their artistry

Seniors in Canton Township strut their talents in their first fine art show, a multimedia extravaganza, April 25-26. More than 42 artists will exhibit oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors, drawings and woodcarvings.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



Canton's parks and recreation senior citizens program presents its first fine arts show Sunday-Monday,

April 25-26, in the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center.

The public may attend an opening reception for the artists 1-5 p.m. Sunday. From noon to 3 p.m. Monday, a meet-the-artists session will allow viewers to speak with artists and ask questions.

Twenty-two fine artists will exhibit more than 65 oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors and drawings created in a multimedia class taught by Canton artist Sharon Dillenbeck at the Canton Recreation Center on

See SENIORS, 2D



Crafty art: Don McCready of Westland works at carving a shoe from the fairy tale "Old Woman in the Shoe."

French artist celebrates architecture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Architectural in nature and alive with color, French artist Fanch Ledan's artwork captures the tranquility of quaint provincial sea and landscapes as well as intimate interior environments creating idyllic scenes of respite.

Ledan exhibits the latest in a series of paintings, limited-edition lithographs and serigraphs Saturday, April 24, in Wentworth Gallery at

Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

A reception to meet-the-artist takes place 2-5 p.m. at the gallery.

"Fanch Ledan's work is admired and owned by people from all walks of life. His originals, lithographs and serigraphs are quite bold and appeal to a great commonality, so we're especially delighted to honor this renowned artist and bring his work to those in the Livonia area," said Michael O'Mahony, president and CEO

of Wentworth Gallery.

Prices in the exhibition range from \$3,250 to \$12,250 for a painting. A framed poster costs \$285.

Ledan, who lives in Cannes, France, spent his childhood in Pontivy, a small provincial town in Brittany. Summers on the coast with his parents developed a love of the ocean and sleepy hillside villages.

A world traveler at age 17, he ventured to Europe and Africa before settling down to study business in Paris.

At age 19, he picked up his first paintbrush after studies as a means to relax, unearthing a lifelong passion for painting.

Ledan's travels give him inspiration, he says, for the street scenes, interiors, seascapes and landscapes dominating his art. He works from a combination of pictures, memory and imagination to create his subject matter.

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GLASS ART

Plymouth artist Donald Schneider will demonstrate the art of lampworking, creating glass beads 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R.

After 19 years of working in glass, Schneider still finds the material mesmerizing.

"The whole thing is a fascinating process, going from raw materials, the beauty of the material itself, to the molten stage when the glass is fluid to the finished product. Even at the torch, they're little pieces of art, not just beads," he

Art Beat

said.

The Detroit Science Center features more than 50 hands-on science exhibits. Call 577-8400.

BEST ART FAIR

Plymouth Art in the Park is one of five "art fairs to remember," according to a poll published in Michigan Living magazine's April issue.

Readers statewide voted on their choices for Michigan Living's third annual Treasure Awards/Gems of the Great Lakes State. Other honored art fairs were Rochester Arts 'n

Apples, Birmingham Art Fair, Wyandotte Art Fair and the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

Michigan Living, the official magazine of AAA Michigan, is circulated monthly in the homes of 1.1 million members.

ON EXHIBIT

Graduate student Jim Grams of Livonia is among the 71 student artists whose work is on view through May 16 in the Snite Museum of Arts O'Shaughnessy Gallery at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind.

Part of the master of fine arts thesis exhibition sponsored by the Department of Art, Art History and Design, his lifelike oil paintings of Duchamp's Ready-mades comment on the "making" of art versus the "taking of art."

The show also includes a bachelor of fine arts exhibition and a juried exhibition.



Wooden tricks: Westland senior Larry Damask displays his puzzles carved from a single piece of wood.

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Michigan Avenue. "Twenty woodcarvers will display ducks, eagles, dogs and a variety of other subjects. Exhibitors produced the woodcarvings in classes taught by Paul Kitti at the center."

The show will be judged by Garden City painter Norma McQueen, Garden City Fine Arts Association president and director of The Art Gallery in Garden City. She will award ribbons for Best of Show, first, second and third place as well as three honorable mentions based on subject matter, control of the medium, originality, color choice and overall appeal.

Tremendous talent

"This is the first time for the seniors. They're really excited about the show. Our seniors have a tremendous amount of talent," said Dianne Neihengen, senior citizens coordinator.

"I would like to see a heightened awareness of the arts exhibited in the community. I get to see this beauty all the time. Now the show gives the community an opportunity to see it."

Dilleneck has taught art five years at the center. The classes, held through the fall and winter, run 12:30-3 p.m. every Monday. On average, 25 painters attend.

"We've had a good response to the show. This class is so upbeat and positive," Dilleneck said. "They'll try any new medium or technique. They're so happy to have this environment."

Pat Tanski, assistant seniors coordinator, bought several paintings when the seniors exhibited work at the Liberty Fest in Canton last August.

"People think once you turn 65, you don't have talent. I think they're very talented. They're very inspiring, not only for people their own age but for young people, too," Tanski said.

"Our seniors prove there is art. There is talent. There is life after 65."

Louise Bonczak works in oil and acrylic, painting florals and scenes with an Irish flavor.

"We come because this is fun. We learn something new all the time," said Bonczak, who has been painting since 1989.

"This event is to show people our work. We don't just sit around. We get out and paint," Bonczak's paintings have a Victorian feel. In an untitled oil, two ladies in a rowboat surrounded by water sit in a landscape with waterlilies. Bright, cheery yellows and greens dominate the work.

Cherish Leboda of Canton Township has been attending the senior art classes for three years. His oil seascape with a strawberry colored sky captures a peaceful moment at sunset.

"I come here and my wife takes ceramics. During the summer, when Sharon isn't here, we have videotapes. They give you all the steps and colors," Leboda said. "The tape showed us different cloud types. The sun behind the clouds is why the clouds are so orange."

Will Spooner of Northville will exhibit a still life, portrait and snow scene.

"I was a woodcarver before," Spooner said. "I wanted to create and I'm color blind. Being color blind, you always want a feel for color."

Leboda and other fellow painters help Spooner with use

of color when necessary. But copying nature's color isn't what he has in mind.

"If it's an exact picture you want, you don't need a painting," Spooner said.

Pleasant pastime

Phyllis Price of Canton loves painting because it's a nice pastime. She will display a collage of still life based on a kitchen theme.

"You concentrate so hard, you don't notice the time," Price said. "It's fun, but it's a lot of work, too."

Josephine Hilla of Canton is working on a portrait of her grandson for the show. "This is our holiday. We come here to entertain ourselves," Hilla said.

Canton woodcarver Joseph Bonczak will display ducks and a Blue Gill Christmas ornament. Bonczak attends the weekly sessions with his wife of 53 years, Louise. "Woodcarving's good for anybody. Woodcarving and painting is just like square dancing, you make new friends," he said.

Fellowship is key to woodcarving, said George Hanosh of Plymouth, who was working on a relief of a monkey. "We help each other, exchange ideas. If anybody has a problem, we all help them."

Tim Deconinck of Canton likes expressing himself in wood. That's why he comes every Monday.

"It's a little self-expression, and a whole lot of fun," Canton resident Ed Barry likes the camaraderie. "We enjoy it. It's a little bit for the camaraderie, and to look after these guys, keep them going in the right direction."

"It's fun to come over here and shoot the breeze with these guys. It's a fun afternoon," added Don McCready of Westland.

Larry Damask carves wood puzzles from a single piece of wood. Inside a rectangle, a ball rolls back and forth. The ball was carved while inside the rectangle from the same piece of wood. "The secret is you have to keep your knife sharp," said the Westland woodcarver, who began sculpting wood in 1985.

Judy Bond of Canton has been carving for 10 years. She does it to stretch her hands and mind. "It exercises my hands. It keeps them from getting stiff," Bond said. "Woodcarving takes patience and it takes great concentration, keeps the mind active."

Bond has led the woodcarvers' class since instructor Paul Kitti had a stroke last month. But that hasn't stopped Kitti from carving. "I lost a leg in 1973 and started carving then. It's good therapy," he said.

Before his stroke, Kitti also taught woodcarving at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Livonia Woodcarvers Club. A charter member of the Livonia Woodcarvers, Kitti is looking forward to exhibiting a large eagle in the show.

Much to see

"It's one of the first shows of the season. The community should come and take a look at the progress and the beauty, and because everybody in the Canton area is participating in this show."

Regular Canton Public Library hours are noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday.

Scarab Club auction to benefit health care

The Scarab Club and Project HOPE League will present "An Auction of Art, Collectibles and Memorabilia" 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth in Detroit.

The DuMochelles of DuMochelles Art Galleries will provide the auctioneers. Both a live and a silent auction will take place. For information or tickets, call the Scarab Club at 831-1250 between noon and 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday.

A preview of the work will take place noon to 8 p.m. Friday, May 21. Absentee bid forms will be available for those who cannot attend the auction. While the primary pieces for auction will be works of art, collectibles or memorabilia surprise items will go on the docket.

Donated art work or items will be accepted at the Scarab Club May 7-14.

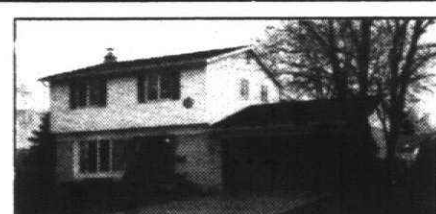
Advance reservations are required at \$25 per person (50 percent tax deductible) by Tuesday, May 18. The evening's events will include a cash bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and jazz harpist Christa Grix.

Preview of live auction items will be 5-7 p.m., preview of silent auction items 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin 5:30 p.m., the live auction at 7 p.m.

The Scarab Club auction has been a traditional fund-raising event that has undergone many variations. This year the club joins with the Project HOPE League. Project HOPE is an organization devoted to the improvement of health care education worldwide. The club will apply proceeds toward making its 1928 vintage building wheelchair accessible.

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Line of tranquility: French artist Fanch Ledan celebrates architecture and elegance in his paintings, lithographs and serigraphs.

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Twilight descends outside the glass environment of the sunroom in "Interior with Guitar," a lithograph. Towering evergreens beyond the black framed glass bring the countryside's fresh scent of pine indoors. An abstract area rug picks up the yellow and orange of throw pillows on the sofa.

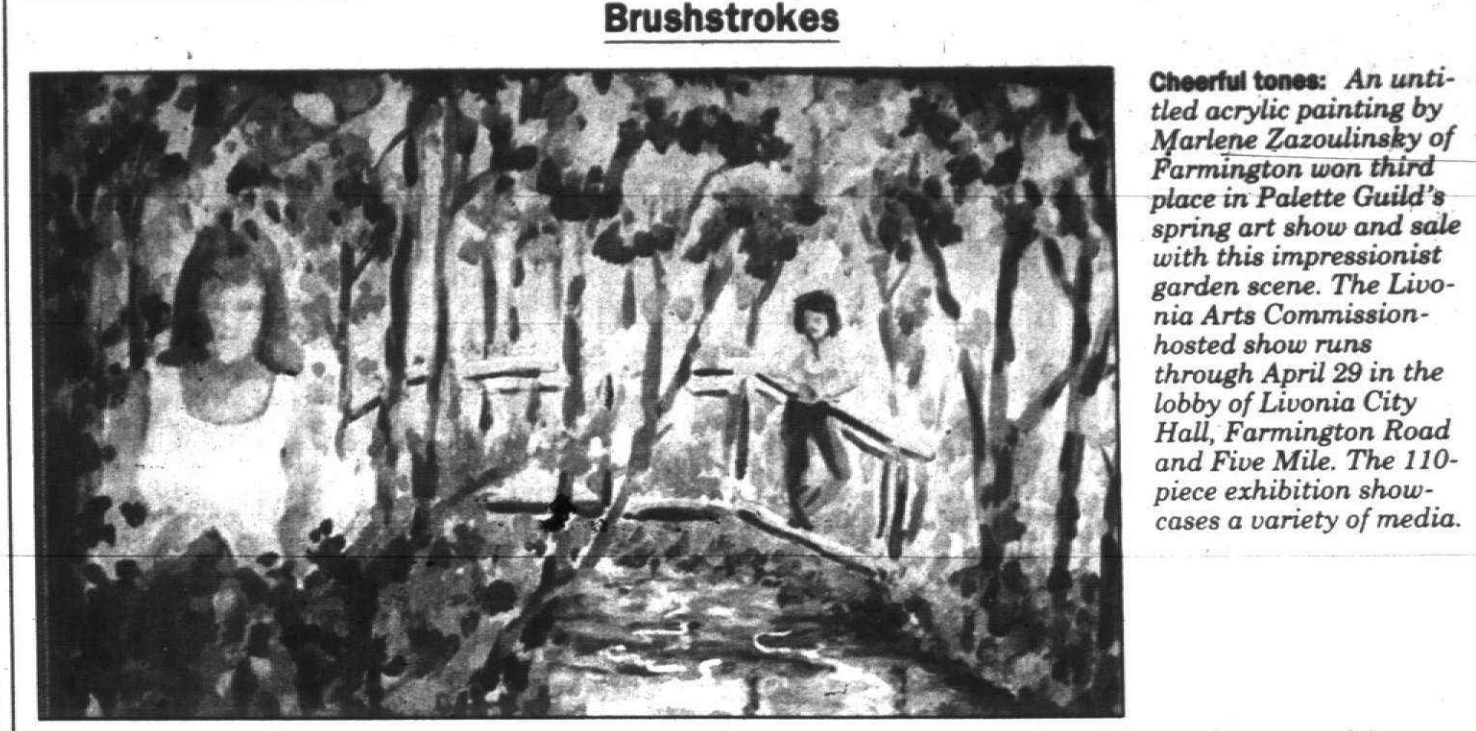
In nearly all of the works, Ledan draws the viewer into the scene by using strong architectural lines. A vibrant red spiral staircase leads the viewer up to an architectural gem on the landing, a large arched window in the lithograph, "Sallinger Mason."

In many of the interior scenes, references to Matisse intrigue, as do the artworks by Chagall and

Dufy that grace the walls. Vertical elements of architecture provide bold contrast to the lyrical lines of a chaise longue and baby grand piano in "Interior with Dufy."

Ledan first came to California in the late 1960s. In 1972, he had his first one-man show at Pantheon Gallery in San Francisco. Since then, he has exhibited in Paris, Stockholm, Brussels, New York City, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and San Diego as well as Italy, Australia, Japan and Switzerland.

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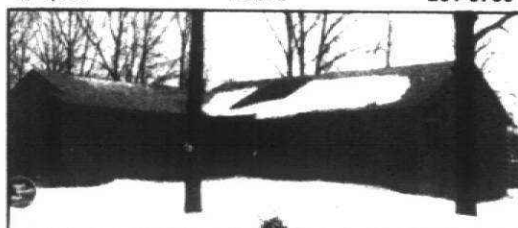
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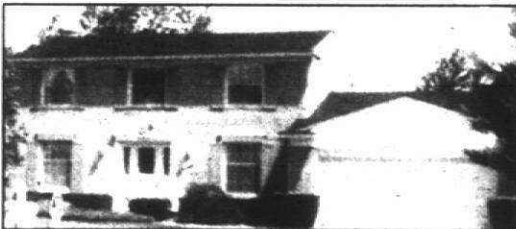
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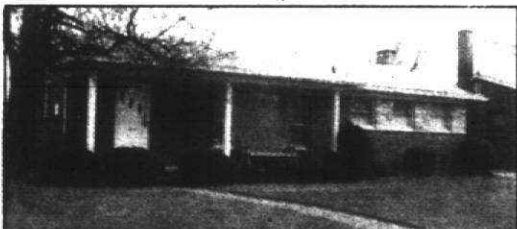
COVENTRY GARDENS SUB! Three-bedroom ranch. Remodeled kitchen, beautiful addition, natural fireplace, 2 full baths, skylights, sun room, attached 2-car garage, treed lot. Easily converted to handicapped accessible. \$127,900 R33945 261-0700

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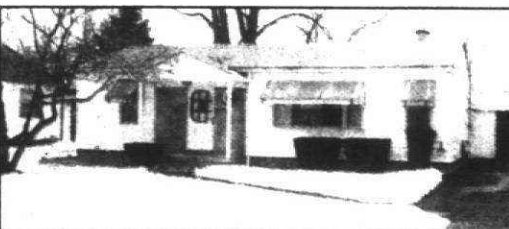
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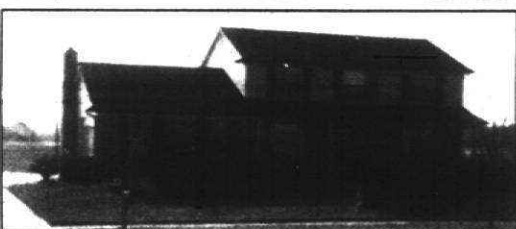
A REAL GEM! Newer oak kitchen, breakfast room, neutral decor, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rec room in this brick ranch. Mechanic's dream garage with hoist, fenced yard, slab for storing RV or boat. \$106,900 (OAK) 477-1111

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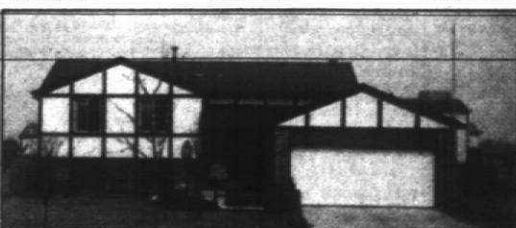
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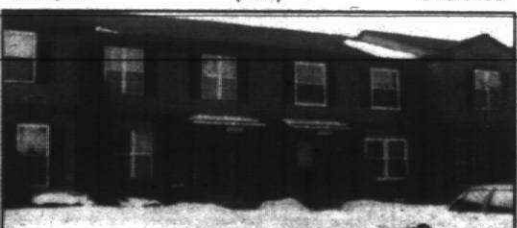
LOOKING FOR SPACE? Here it is! Four bedroom aluminum - 2 down & 2 up plus sitting room upstairs. All new windows except picture window. Cedar closets, ceiling fans, finished basement & deck. \$72,900 I18504 261-0700

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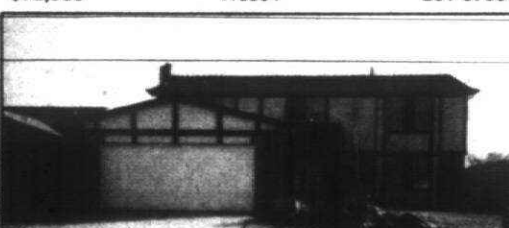
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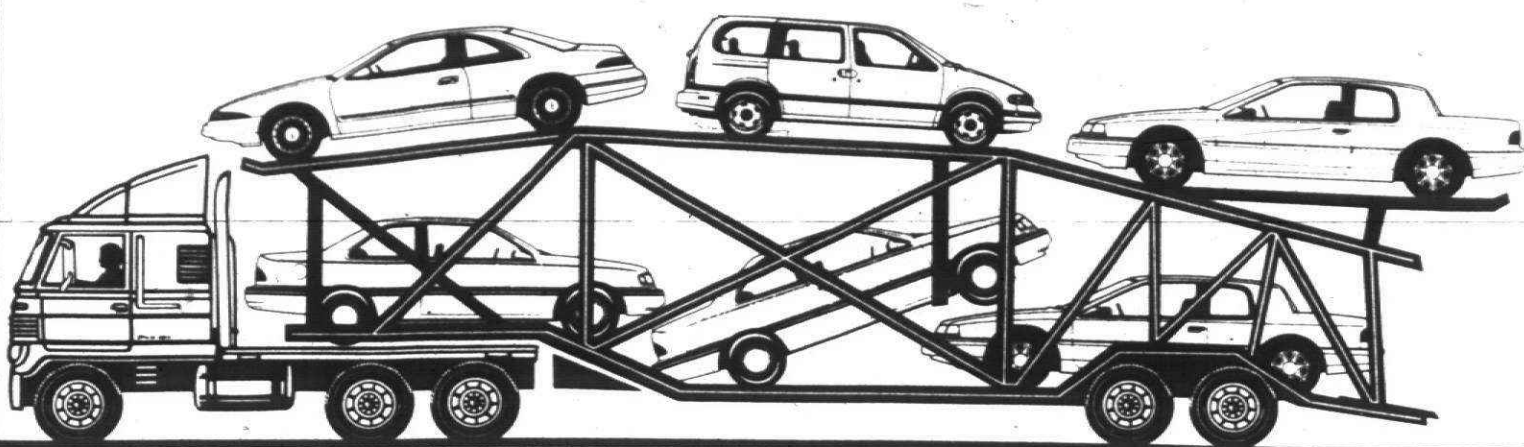
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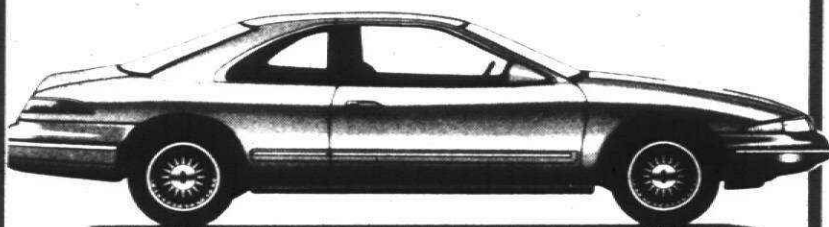


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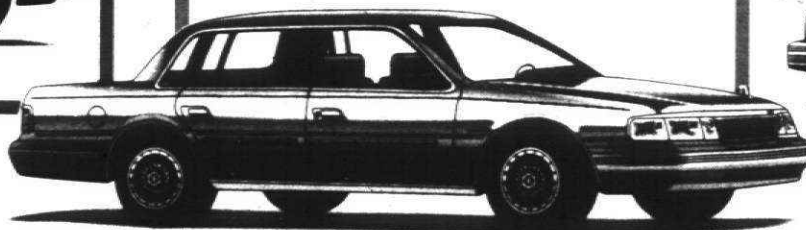
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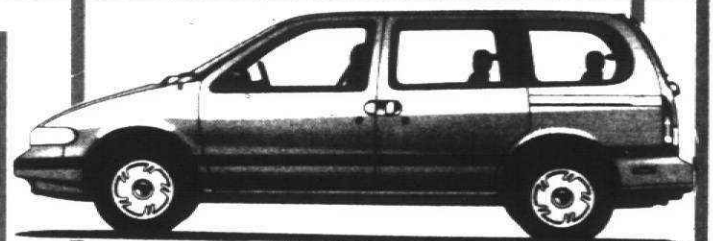
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BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

Sales director

James Morse of West Bloomfield has been named sales director for Jaikins Investment Development Corp., Bloomfield Hills. He will coordinate sales and oversee operations of Silver Bell Oaks residential development in Orion Township.

Morse previously managed sales at Robertson Brothers, Dearborn.



Morse

Lutz move

Eric Yale Lutz has relocated its headquarters to the ninth floor of the American Center, 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield.

The company specializes in real estate investment and advisory services.

NTH changes

NTH Consultants, Farmington Hills, has named six employees associates of the firm. They are: Richard A. Bresso, manager of roofing technology; Robert L. Bailey, senior vice president and chief financial officer; Richard L. Burns, senior project geologist, environmental services; Richard L. Burns, senior project geologist, environmental services; Thomas O'Brien, manager, Exton office; Stephanie A. Redman, director of human resources; and Sharmyn Elliott, Detroit office project manager.

Parliament kudos

Parliament Co. of Bingham Farms was recently recognized by the Building Owners and Managers Association International as one of North America's leading property firms.

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Firm expands

Colorworks Studio of Interior Design has expanded at its Courtyard location, 32506 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

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Sales achievements

The Garrison Co., Farmington Hills, was named one of the Midwest's high performance builders by Butler Manufacturing, a manufacturer of metal building systems. Garrison achieved annual sales of more than one million dollars for the 10th time in its 37-year history.

Information for inclusion in this column should be sent to Marilyn Fitchett, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Top talent, projects recognized

■ It's time for architects, engineers, construction companies and owners to take their bows and accept their awards.

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

They're the Oscars of the architectural world, the Grammys of the construction trades.

Designers and builders of eight metro Detroit area projects will be honored Friday, June 4, by the Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) as winners of the 1993 construction and design awards. And the winners with ties to the Observer & Eccentric area are:

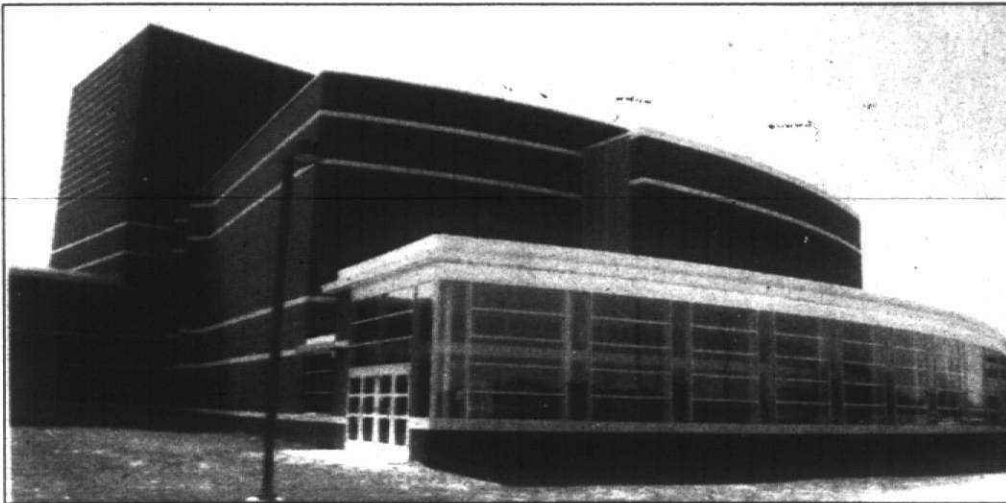
■ Troy High School — owned by the Troy School District, designed by Perkins & Will; general contractor: Barton Malow Co. of Southfield.

The design employs extensive use of glass and simple geometric shapes. The school is conceived as a series of parallel bars running east to west that form a series of courtyards, some of which are U-shaped and open to wooded areas. The elevation is also built into a slope of the site to reduce its bulky appearance and to allow for multi-level access to the outside. The athletic area is designed so that gyms, pools, locker rooms and playing fields are clustered together away from the academic areas of the school.

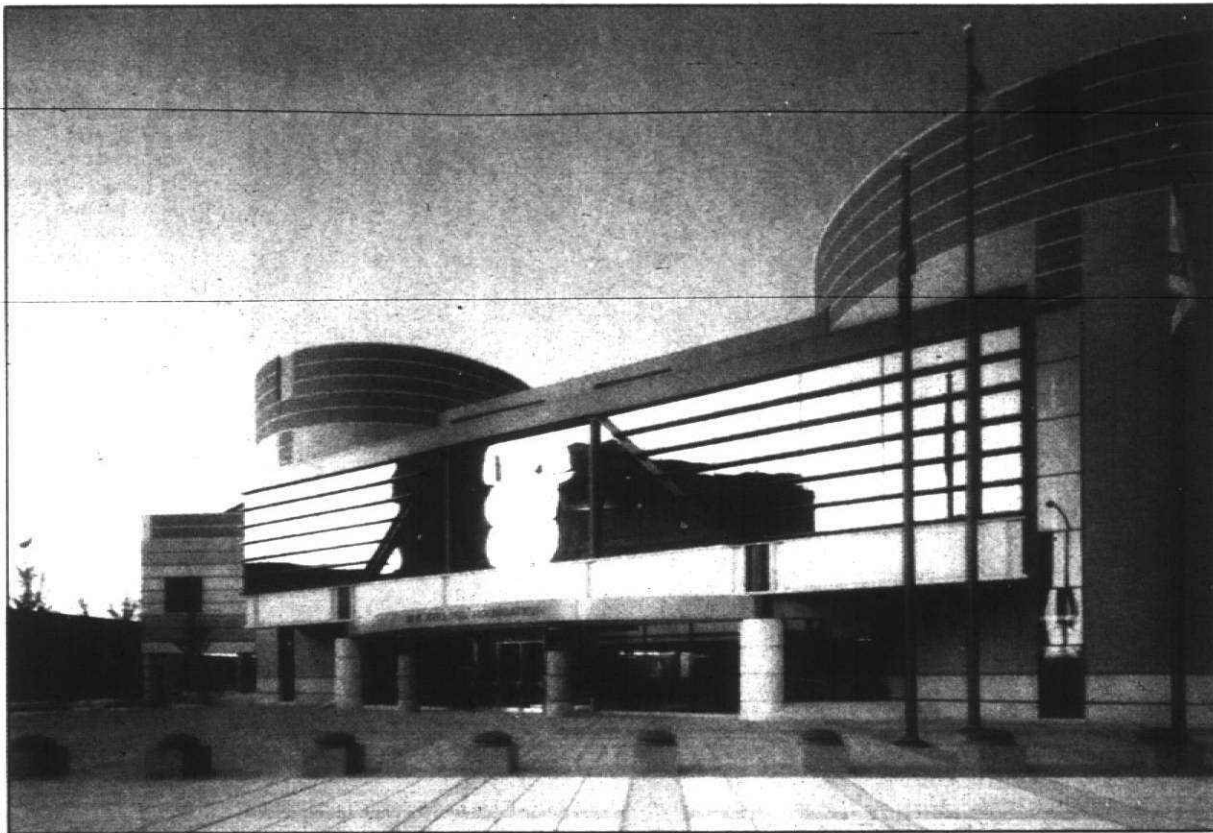
A tower at the main entrance serves as housing for a stairwell and mechanical equipment. The spire also pinpoints the administration, counseling offices and main entrance.

■ W.K. Kellogg Foundation Headquarters, Battle Creek — owned by the Kellogg Foundation, designed by Luckenbach/Ziegelman and Partners

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Kudos: The Troy High School design employs extensive use of glass and simple geometric shapes.



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Winner: W.K. Kellogg Foundation Headquarters were designed by Luckenbach/Ziegelman and Partners of Birmingham.

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Industrial architecture: Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, Southfield, was the architect for Ford Motor Co.'s scientific research laboratory. Pictured is the atrium that connects the old building to the new.

Awards from page 1F

of Birmingham; general contractor: Walbridge Aldinger.

The office modules, the basic building block of the building, are approximately 80 feet wide by 240 feet long and three stories high with a lower level for services and parking. All floors contain what is called private spaces, those individual work stations where people work essentially alone or with one or two others. At the middle level, across the atrium, are shared work spaces such as conference and meeting rooms and the board room, where staffs work together.

■ The Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly Plant in Detroit — owned by Chrysler Corp., designed by Albert Kahn Associates Inc.; general contractor: Barton Malow Co.

The 283-acre environmentally friendly complex is devoted to production of the four-door Jeep Grand Cherokee. Separate entrances are provided for trucks, employees, visitors and shippers. A roadway underpass was designed to allow new vehicles to be driven from the plant to the shipper's yard without crossing plant truck roads.

The perimeter of the plant is bermed and planted to present a parklike setting to the bordering streets. The plant features contemporary architecture and color-coded assembly lines. Jefferson North was designed to permit building expansion of each major element, from body shop to paint shop to general assembly.

■ The Detroit Bus Terminal — owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation, designed by William Kessler & Associates; general

contractor: R.E. Dailey Co. of Southfield.

This 32,000-square-foot project on two floors features a first floor devoted to inter-city bus systems and a second floor occupied by Department of Transportation offices. The land was minimal in size which greatly influenced the size and shape of the structure. The overall design objectives were to develop a functional and efficient building that was site intensive and would survive hard use for many years.

■ Masco Corp. headquarters (addition and renovation), Taylor — owned by Masco Corp. designed by TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills; general contractor: R.E. Dailey Co.

The evolution of this Fortune 500 company into one of the leaders in the home furnishings and automotive markets created the need to increase dramatically the size of its home office facility, the site of the company's origin. An addition of 300,000 square feet was necessary to respond to the firm's needs and future goals. A visual reference to the original headquarters is preserved. A skylit atrium accented with custom light sconces at the columns connects the existing building to the new addition.

Two major lobbies serve the building: one for everyday business activities at the south end, a larger curved space at the north end houses an exhibit area and is used to display the company's wide range of materials and products. The complex also provides a supervised exercise and aerobics

studio for employees and securely houses an extensive art collection.

■ NBD Bancorp Technology Center, Van Buren Township — owned by NBD Bancorp of Troy, designed by Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates; general contractor: Barton Malow Co.

As a new business development in a predominantly residential area, the challenge was to provide the necessary processing and office space without disrupting the surrounding area. The one- and two-story building was set back and protected from adjacent residential developments. Extensive landscape berming was provided on all sides to protect views of the 52-acre-site and buffer daily activities from the surrounding quiet neighborhoods.

■ Providence Medical Center, Novi — owned by Providence Hospital, designed by Albert Kahn Associates; construction consulting and management: George Auch Co.

The major challenge was to provide a comfortable patient environment with a very simple circulation system for the public and also to create an efficient building layout for staff to execute procedures easily.

■ Scientific Research Laboratory, Dearborn — owned by Ford Motor Co., designed by Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates of Southfield; general contractor: Walbridge Aldinger.

Awards will be presented on Friday, June 4, at the ESD annual meeting at the Masco Corp. in Taylor.

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Quiet time: Adding nooks and bends and varying ceiling and floor levels will deflect sound. For example, if the television is around a corner from the kitchen work center, the noises from those areas will not interfere with each other as easily.

Guide for choosing exterior colors

If you pick the right colors, a fresh coat of paint will do more than just protect your house. It can make your home a more attractive and inviting place.

Here are some guidelines:

■ Start with the colors you can't easily change — the roof, brick facing, a flagstone walk, a stone foundation or chimney. Look for paint shades that match or harmonize with these colors.

■ Consider the architectural style of the house. A Mediterranean-style stucco almost demands pastel colors, while a Cape Cod can take deeper, richer colors.

■ Pay attention to the landscaping. If your house is heavily shaded by trees, dark colors, which absorb light, will make it disappear. If the house dominates its site and gets plenty of sunshine, dark colors can be warm and dramatic.

The basic components of a house color scheme are body color, trim color and accent color.

Body color is the dominant color for exterior walls and can most change the look of a house. A light body color makes a small house appear larger. A dark body color can bring a large, rambling house

into proportion. Painting an off-shaped addition or an awkward feature the same color as the body of the house will visually integrate it.

Pick the body color first. It should either contrast with the roof color or be a variation of it. A light to medium shade is the safest. Dark colors always look darker on the house than in a paint sample.

Sunlight can affect how a color looks.

Reduce noise in open areas

Open floor plans are popular because they give the feeling of spaciousness and bring family activities together. They also bring together the whir of the exhaust fan, the roar of the television and the clang of the dishwasher.

Building Ideas magazine says that the noise level in these open areas can be reduced with careful planning and wise selections of appliances, flooring and furniture. Following are some suggestions:

■ Modify the floor plan. The

more turns sound makes and the further it travels, the quieter it becomes. Adding nooks and bends and varying ceiling and floor levels will deflect the sound. For instance, if the television is around a corner from the kitchen work center, the noises from those areas will not interfere with each other as easily.

Also, installing a special wall-board (such as Homasote's Sound-A-Sote or Georgia Pacific's Sound Deadening Board) behind

drywall absorbs sound. These wallboards can also be used in the ceilings and floors.

■ Silencing appliances. Appliances are notorious noisemakers. When shopping for appliances, look for models with sound control. For example, dishwashers that offer quieter operation feature extra insulation, sound barriers in the doors and quiet motor design. Some food-waste disposers are wrapped with insulation for quieter operation.

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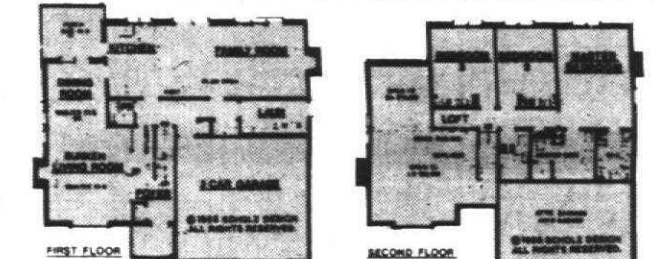
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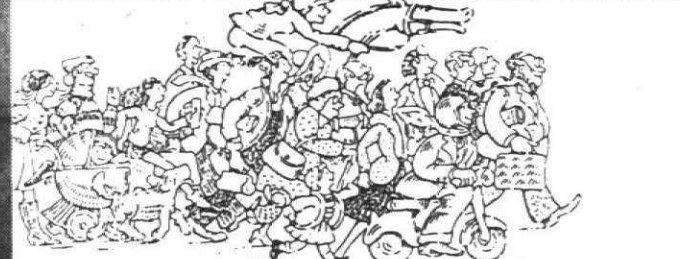
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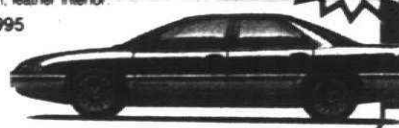
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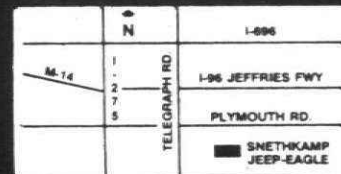
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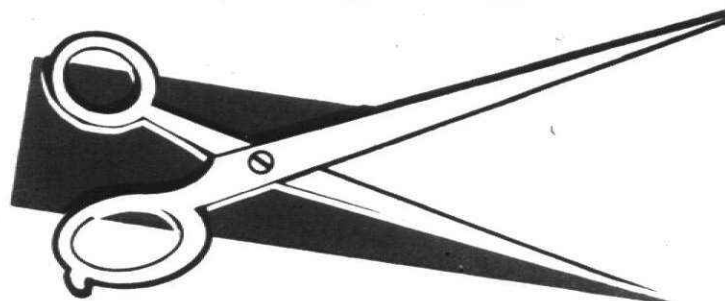
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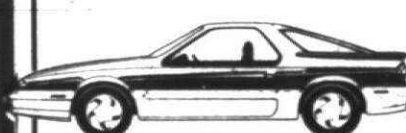
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First comes love, then comes marriage. Well, sort of. Remember, nothing worthwhile comes easily, and that includes the all-important task of planning even a modest-sized wedding.

From the ceremony to the cake, and all the trappings in between, today's couples have a bounty of wedding options available.

In this spring bridal supplement to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, we've chosen to profile three of the three C's of wedding planning: chapels, carats and cakes. But as you'll see, there's nothing average about our findings.

Enjoy!

Cover: Here comes the bride down the aisle of The Little Wedding Chapel in Farmington Hills.

Claudia Baugher and Gary Myers of Livonia chose the chapel for their formal wedding because of its intimate Victorian decor. The chapel's own minister officiated at the candlelit ceremony before about 40 wedding guests on Feb. 27.



* Why a chapel wedding? "We're not church members. But we're spiritual and we wanted a meaningful ceremony," the bride said.

Fox Portrait Studios, with locations in West Bloomfield, Troy, Plymouth, Allen Park, Ferndale, Detroit and Mount Clemens, took the photograph.

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Custom diamonds help add shimmer

A diamond may be forever, but the popularity of certain settings and cuts comes and goes.

The wise groom doesn't shop for his bride's ring without her — unless he knows exactly what she'll like. And the wise bridal couple knows what questions to ask when shopping for rings.

The average couple spends about an hour looking at stones and settings and learning how to purchase a diamond, said Michael Mazzoni, co-owner of Orin Jewelers, Garden City, Northville and Brighton.

"Today, our customers are wise consumers. They want to know exactly what they're buying," said Mazzoni, who encourages his customers to stay in a price range that's comfortable for them.

"The diamond is still the preferred stone, but we're seeing more and more couples choosing a birthstone or another precious stone like a ruby or emerald to surround it," Mazzoni said.

Because couples are waiting longer to marry (age 22 to 28), he said, they're willing to spend more on wedding sets.

Jewelers like Mazzoni say beware of prices that seem too good to be true. There's a wide variety in quality among stones that superficially seem the same. Your best bet: Choose a reputable jeweler who's a member of the American Gem Society or a similar organization. Ask the jeweler for certification — your written proof of a diamond's quality.

Diamonds sold at Orin's are pregraded by registered jewelers (trained by the Gemological Institute of America) and a certified appraiser. The traditional brilliant (round) cut is by no means the only one. Other shapes may look better on the bride's hand. Certain cuts may even enhance the setting you choose. Color, graded by letter, varies from clear (white) to shades of yellow; the whiter the diamond, the higher its value.

Carat is the weight of the stone.

CARATS

Larger stones are more expensive than small ones, unless, of course, they're flawed or yellow. Gold should be 14 to 18 karat to be of good quality; colors range from yellow and white to rose. Textures include matte, polished, hammered and satin.

There's a trend toward sculptural settings and creatively cut stones, said Gary Astrein, co-owner of Astrein's Jewelers, Birmingham.

Astrein, who sells only certified stones, said many couples like "fancy" stones like the brilliant cut triangular-shaped diamond and the modified emerald cut that has the brilliance of a round stone.

Many couples also like the newer, contemporary settings: the channel setting holds stones without prongs; stones in an invisible setting are "locked" together like tongue-in-groove flooring.

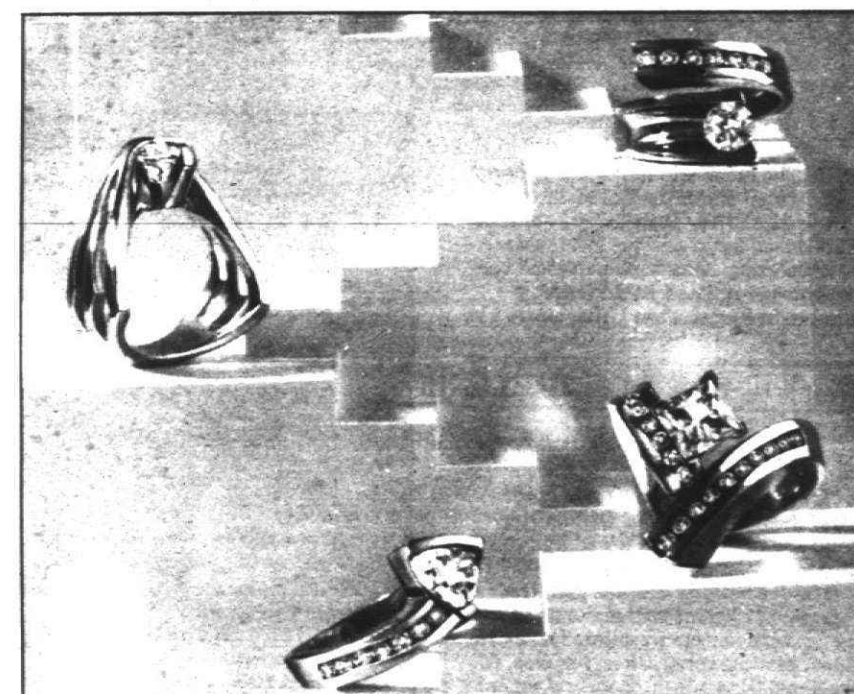
The most popular bands are works of art.

Astrein and Mazzoni both said many couples like yellow gold bands combined with platinum or white gold. Tiny stones can be embedded in the band; textures sometimes vary within a single ring.

Both jewelers said textured bands with gothic, Greek and other ethnic engravings are popular. Other possibilities include tri-colored gold, interlocking designs and styles that reflect a shared heritage (such as matching Claddagh rings for an Irish couple).

Identical wedding rings aren't necessary, but if you buy different rings, talk about it beforehand, the jewelers recommend.

Copley News Service contributed to this report.



Contemporary look: Creativity for the '90s couple... Top (from left) the pear-shaped diamond; the brilliant cut stone. Bottom (from left) the triangular cut diamond; the princess cut stone. The smaller accent stones are channel set (placed in a groove without prongs). At Astrein's Jewelers, Birmingham.

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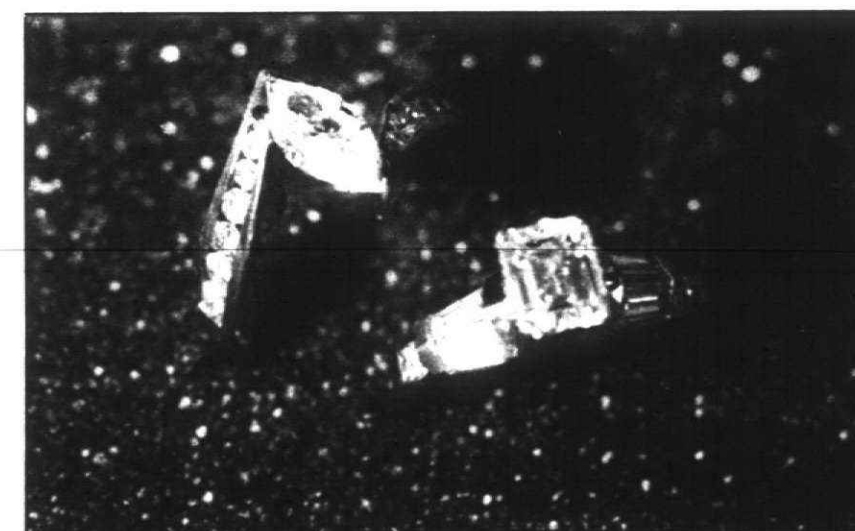
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Chapels a popular wedding backdrop

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

The bride and her wedding party step out of the limousine and the driver pulls away — with a half-dozen boutonnieres left inside.

A wedding catastrophe, in most cases, but not at The Little Wedding Chapel in Farmington Hills, located in

CHAPELS

a busy strip center with a full-service florist just doors away.

"Oh, this happens. It's not a problem," says an unruffled Debbie Higgins, one of the chapel's wedding coordinators.

Besides helping couples plan their ceremony, Higgins will make arrangements with selected vendors for invitations, photographs, cakes, tuxedos, receptions, limousines, horse-drawn carriages and live music, all at special prices for couples exchanging vows at the chapel.

The Little Wedding Chapel, in the Orchard 12 shopping center at Orchard Lake and 12 Mile, is the product of longtime friends Shari Johnson, Sharon Reed and Irene Bruza, who have years of management and sales experience between them.

The three opened the Victorian-style chapel in 1990. Today, there are franchises in Taylor, Mich., and San Antonio, Texas; the partners' goal is to have a chapel in every major U.S. market.

On a busy Saturday, weddings are scheduled about every 90 minutes. Some dates are booked for 1994, but it's possible to plan even a formal wedding in a few days, says partner Shari Johnson, a non-denominational minister who marries about 95 percent of the couples in a candlelit ceremony.

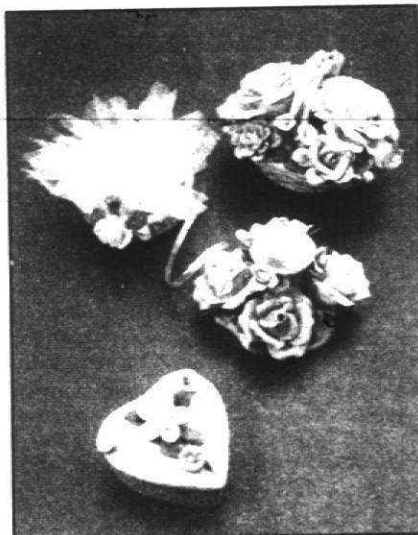
The chapel, which seats up to 65, is tastefully decorated in dove gray with white Victorian accents, French doors, a gas fireplace and a staircase leading to the bride's Victorian dressing room. Silk bouquets decorate each pew.

"Our ceremonies are reverent, conservative and traditional," Johnson said. "Afterward, especially if it's a family's first chapel wedding, most everyone says they feel a sense of satisfaction; that's a wonderful way to begin blending families."

So far, the partners say the chapel has hosted "tons of ceremonies," including small and large weddings, first and second marriages, vow renewals and the nuptials of some local celebrities.

Claudia Baugher and Gary Myers of Livonia looked at several places before choosing The Little Wedding Chapel for their wedding in February. It was the bride's first marriage, the groom's second.

For a shopping center location, Myers says he was surprised by the chapel's intimacy and attractive decor.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Just a token: *Elegant things come in small packages. The pastel-colored porcelain candle holder and accent pieces make thoughtful shower gifts or remembrances for the wedding party. At Laurel Boutique in Laurel Chapel Center, Livonia.*

Baugher especially liked the chapel's restful colors and fireplace. "We're not members of a church. But we're spiritual and we wanted a meaningful ceremony," said Baugher, who had two attendants and about 40 wedding guests.

The owners' goal is to make each couple feel their ceremony is the only one that day.

"We're not a Las Vegas chapel. Las Vegas minimizes a wedding — we maximize it," Reed said.

The fee for a Little Wedding Chapel ceremony is \$175 (\$200 on weekends). That includes the minister, rehearsal, music, chapel decorations and use of the dressing room.

At Cameo Wedding Chapel in Plymouth, owner Joan Burger's goal is to create memories. "I've had brides say maybe they don't need to walk down an aisle and I say, 'Yes, you do,'" said Burger, who opened the chapel in Charlestowne Square two years ago. "Brides and grooms need that memory; ceremony is important."

The Colonial-style chapel, furnished with old oak church pews, seats up to 60. Burger found the chapel's 120-year-old lead-glass doors, which have a cameo etched in the center, in a Plymouth antiques store.

She thinks the chapel's traditional decor, coupled with Plymouth's old-world charm, bring many couples from as far as Monroe. A wedding boutique,



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Exchanging vows: *Choosing a chapel wedding was a compromise for Dana Goscinski and Curtis Cureton of Northville. He suggested a civil ceremony but she wanted a formal family wedding. Both said the chapel was the perfect place for their nuptials, which included 30 guests and two attendants.*

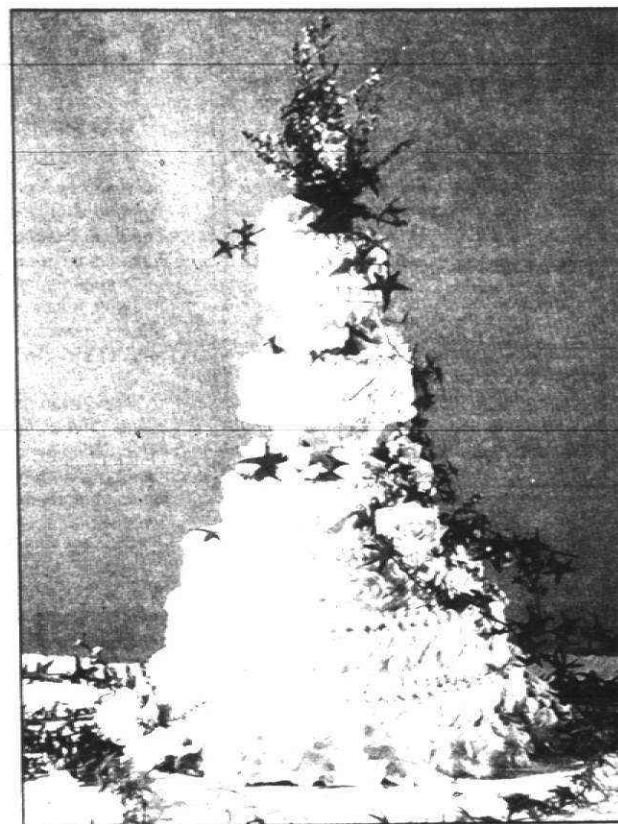


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Last minute: *Claudia Baugher (Baugher) Myers of Livonia looked at several area chapels with husband Gary before choosing The Little Wedding Chapel. Here, the bride takes a moment alone before the ceremony in the chapel's Victorian-style dressing room.*

A Victorian look: *Ivory icing gives this raspberry-filled cake an antique look. Wedding white roses and English ivy are added for a '90s accent.*

Cake from Machus Pastry Shops, Birmingham and Bloomfield Township. Flowers from Twig & Blossoms, Rochester Hills.



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Taste plus looks equal winning wedding cake

BY SUSAN TAUBER
SPECIAL WRITER

Wedding cakes — they set the stage for the wedding party, eliciting oohs and aahs from the guests.

Just as styles change in wedding dresses and tuxedos, they also change



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CAKES

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John Wood, executive vice president

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Dishing up dessert: *This three-tiered wedding cake is easy to slice on a Lucite stand. The chocolate mousse torte, cheesecake and lemon torte from Lorrie's Confectionately Yours, Livonia, are garnished with fresh flowers. The frosting is lightly sweetened whipped cream.*

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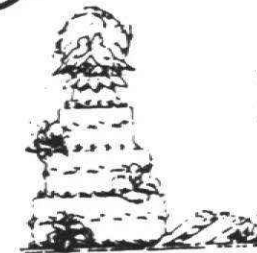


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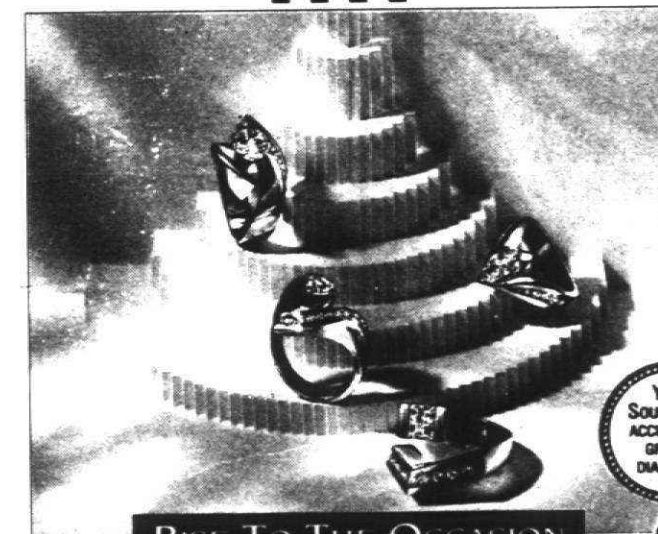


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Cakes

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of Machus Pastry Shops, sees a growing trend of individuality in cakes. Machus has pastry shops in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township.

"People's individual tastes are coming out. They don't want the same cake others have had. This trend is real challenging for our decorators," Wood said.

Wood also sees a trend in colors for cakes. "Many people want something other than stark white. They also want cream-colored cakes if the bride is wearing a cream gown. We can add decorations that match the color scheme of the wedding."

Smaller cakes are another new trend. "I've noticed that cakes are getting smaller because people are using them as dessert now instead of cutting them into pieces and giving them to the guests as remembrances," said Paula Christ, owner of The Baker's Loaf in Southfield. Her husband Duane is the baker at The Baker's Loaf.

Christ also has noticed a return to more traditional cakes. "Many brides and grooms want three- and four-tier cakes with the traditional trim on top," she said. "Also, ornaments are becoming popular again. There's a nicer selection on the market and people are attracted to them. I think they make a cake look very traditional."

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Marriage mini-mall unveils 1-stop service theme

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

Laurel Chapel Center in Livonia may be the only place around that offers one-stop wedding planning and shopping under one roof.

Owner John DeSignore, who also runs the adjacent Laurel Manor Banquet and Convention Center, came up with the idea for this mini-mall with friend Ron Reck, the mall's co-owner.

The mall houses a traditionally styled chapel that seats 110, and six other wedding-related businesses. They are: The Best of Times Entertainment, Hearts & Roses Florist, Ashleigh's Limousine Service, Guiliano's Salon, Ultimate Image Photography, and Laurel Boutique and Pastry Palace.

Couples who use the chapel also get discounts from Lina's Bridal in Plymouth, Laurel Manor, and Fonte d'Amore restaurant in Livonia.

By design, the year-old business, at Newburgh Road and I-96, is a short walk from Laurel Manor, which often hosts receptions for couples who marry at the non-denominational chapel.

"Nothing like this had been done before," said Reck, who also owns the center's photo studio and manages the complex with wife Kathy. "It's ideal for busy couples who don't have the time to look all over town for the things they'll need for a wedding."

After comparison shopping, the Recks say the services offered at the wedding mall are competitively priced. But couples who rent the chapel aren't required to use the other vendors, the two point out.

It's difficult to imagine that this tastefully decorated complex once was a vacant Knights of Columbus hall. Today, expanded to about 6,000 square feet, the well-designed mall has a Victorian-style bride's dressing room, a spacious entry for greeting wedding guests, and an outdoor garden often used for photographing the wedding party.

Occasionally, the chapel is reserved a year in advance, but it's possible to plan even a formal ceremony with a week's notice, says Kathy Reck. Couples may use their own minister or rabbi to officiate, or use the clergy available through the chapel.

The Recks, whose own wedding was in a church, say the chapel fills a specific need. "We're not trying to take the place of the church, and we are definitely not a Las Vegas chapel," Kathy said.

Laurel Chapel was an ideal place for Jean Ledger and David Napolitano's wedding last February. Since it was a second marriage for the Canton couple, they decided to bypass the series of questions and answers required to marry in their own church. Instead,

they asked the Rev. Joe Hutchinson, a relative of Jean's, to officiate at the chapel.

"Many times, couples have to go through a rigorous ordeal to get married in a church if they're not members," said Rev. Hutchinson of Warren. "I like (the chapel) concept; it fits a

niche."

The fee for weekend weddings is \$225, which includes one hour of chapel time, pre-recorded music, pedestal flowers, use of the bridal suite, and rehearsal time. Monday to Thursday weddings are \$195. The minister's fee is extra.

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open to the public and adjacent to the chapel, sells invitations and other wedding odds-and-ends.

Burger, formerly a special education teacher, gives couples plenty of leeway in planning their ceremony. Though pew bows and bouquets come with the chapel, one couple decorated the room with nine potted evergreens and a mural of Mount Rainier, the site of the marriage proposal; their music was a recording of nature sounds. Couples can write their own vows or choose a non-denominational service.

Brenda Ost of Plymouth liked the way Burger planned a family ceremony that included the presentation of medallions to her husband's two children.

"She (Burger) was patient and calm and open to everything," said Ost, who married at the chapel in September. "I

was marrying my husband and his children, so we wanted them included."

Besides a chapel ceremony, Burger can arrange a wedding at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Plymouth Township, where husband Robert Burger is pastor.

Cameo Wedding Chapel is one of a few places that rents bridal gowns and dresses for attendants and mothers-of-the-bride. Rentals for brideswear starts at \$115; other dresses are \$75 and up.

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Using flowers as cake decorations is a popular trend at all three of the bakeries mentioned.

The cakes decorated with fresh red roses are among his favorites from Machus, Wood said.

Lorrie Chopra, owner of Lorrie's Confectionately Yours in Livonia, says her patrons usually select flowers for their decorations. Her store works closely with florists to coordinate the flowers for the cake and wedding.

"About the only time we use a traditional wedding decoration on top," she said, "is when someone has one that's been handed down in their family or when they have a really nice one such

as a Lladro. Our cakes are not traditional ones, however. We make more contemporary wedding cakes. We only make tortes and cheesecakes."

Offering different flavors is a trend at Chopra's. "We usually put the tortes and cheesecakes on staggered Lucite stands. Our customers frequently select different flavored desserts to offer their guests."

The current popular flavors at Lorrie's Confectionately Yours are Frangelico liqueur for the tortes and Bailey's Irish Creme for the cheesecakes.

"It's not enough to make a cake that looks good anymore," Wood said. "It also has to taste good."

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