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IN THE PAPER TODAY

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OPINION

Guest columns: We're looking for opinions. But not just anybody's. We're interested in what Canton residents have to say about local issues. For more information, call Jeff Counts at 459-2700.

SPORTS

A memorable career: Susan Fero of Canton has completed her four years of eligibility in basketball at Miami (Ohio) University, and they will provide memories for the remainder of her life. /1B

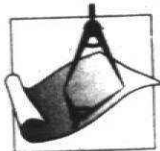
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Buyers seek home improvement



Residents are going to Canton officials with complaints about home construction. However, some township officials are saying that such disputes should be between the builder and the homeowner.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Crawford says he's not alone. "There are three other homeowners with a pipe that broke in the same

area," said the Glegary subdivision resident.

Crawford and his wife, Emma, are still trying to resolve problems in the wake of approximately \$75,000 dam-

age to their home after a pipe burst in their master bathroom — above their living room — showering water throughout the living, dining and family rooms.

While their insurance company is working with them, the Crawfords are having less luck with Lenwal Builders of Farmington Hills, which built the home. Builders Stuart Cykert and Mark Farber did not respond to the Observer's inquiries.

"They never acknowledged there is a problem here to me either in person or in writing," Crawford said.

Story prompts interest

Other residents in the Glegary and Royal Pointe subdivisions who live in Lenwal homes have contacted the Observer since the Crawford story appeared March 7.

See COMPLAINTS, 4A

Honoree's interest in history has deep roots



BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Joan Palmer has long been bitten by the genealogy bug.

"I became interested in genealogy when my mother and father died young in the early 1960s," Palmer said. "No one was alive in my family to tell me about my family."

Her interest in genealogy and capturing Canton's history for the record will put the longtime township resident up on the wall — the Canton Hall of Fame wall that is.

She will be honored at the Celebrate Canton dinner-dance Saturday night as the only hall of famer this year for her work with the Canton Historical Society, which she joined 10 years ago. Her husband, Dick, also long-involved in the community, has been up on the wall since 1991.

"I got back from vacation and it was a done thing," said Palmer, who is the 1994 historical society president. "I didn't know I had been nominated. It's a humbling feeling. I'm very proud. I never dreamt or thought of anything like that. I just wanted to save history."

When Palmer, whose family lived in Plymouth since the mid-1830s, joined the society she went right to work on a book about the township's sesquicentennial — 1834-1984.

The society then commissioned Di-

See HONOREE, 4A

Local historian: Longtime resident Joan Palmer is the only recipient of this year's Canton Hall of Fame Award. She is being honored for her work with the Canton Historical Society and on several books, including one on the township's country schools.

Celebrate Canton gives cause for recognition

Joan Palmer is the only Canton Hall of Fame recipient this year. But that doesn't mean she'll be the only one honored at the Celebrate Canton dinner-dance Saturday.

For starters, five individuals and one group will be honored for the Community Achiever awards for deeds and actions in 1993. The Hall of Fame award is given to a community member who has made a long-last-

ing contribution to the community.

The community achievers are business leaders Tom Adamusik and Janet Volante, Girl Scouts organizer Barbara Svec, longtime Canton Lions and Canton Goodfellows member and founder Ray Schultz, and former Salem High School basketball star Dena Head.

The only group to be honored this year for their efforts in 1993 is the

Canton High School Quiz Bowl Team, led by teacher Scott Beaman. The team won the state title and finished eighth in national competition.

The Canton Community Foundation, which sponsors the annual dinner celebration also will present its own founder awards. Robert Halso of Pulte Homes will receive the Mitch Howard Founder Award. Barbara Bergenty will receive the Cindy Bur-

gess Woman of the Year Award. Bergenty is the president of the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council and a member of the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport Advisory Board.

Past foundation president Phyllis Redfern, a member of the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals, will receive the Ken Grubel Founder Award, which is set aside for a foundation board member.

Interviews scheduled

Candidates for the job of Plymouth-Canton superintendent will be interviewed by the Board of Education beginning April 5. Superintendent John Hoben retires at the end of this school year.

Eight finalists recommended by consultant Bickert, Prophet & Associates will visit the district for 90-minute interviews at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7; and 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

The board will meet for dinners and interviews with three finalists the week of April 18. Dinner meetings are set for 5 p.m. April 18, April 20 and April 25. Final interviews are set for 7 p.m. April 19, April 21 and April 26.

Undetermined cause



House fire: Firefighters found smoke coming from this unoccupied house in the 47000 block of Cherry Hill just after 2 p.m. Monday. Damage was estimated at \$20,000, \$10,000 to contents.

BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Officials: Gallimore School closing unlikely

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Gallimore Elementary School parents and staff who packed Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board workshop were happy to hear that their neighborhood school probably won't close after all.

A decision is expected Monday, when the board is scheduled to finalize its 1994-95 budget. The budget must be passed by July, under state law.

To save money, Superintendent John Hoben had suggested transferring Gallimore students to other schools and using the building to house

special programs now located at Tanger, Starkweather and Central Middle School. He suggested selling Tanger and Starkweather, both former elementary schools.

The board has wrestled with the issue for weeks, and heard from plenty of Canton parents upset with the prospect of their children, who walk to Gallimore, being bused elsewhere.

The district's total 1994-95 revenues are projected at \$85.1 million, up \$6.5 million from this year.

Trustee Sue Feiten said that with Plymouth-Canton Educational Park approaching enrollments of 4,500 and 4,600, "maybe that size is

overwhelming. The idea of an alternative high school has been brought up many times. I'd suggest a long-range look at that. Maybe Bentley or Gallimore would be a consideration if you need an alternative site for a small high school."

Bentley is one of the two new elementaries built in Canton but left unopened after the millage failed last year.

Trustees including Roland Thomas, Dave Artley, Jack Farrow and Barbara Graham favor opening Tonda and/or Bentley next year.

Among the cost-cutting measures being con-

See GALLIMORE, 4A

Orchestra provides creative outlet for students

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton graduate Leslie Capozzoli credits an opportunity she had at Allen Elementary School in fifth grade with getting her where she is today, and laments the fact that today's students don't have the same chance.

Capozzoli receives a modest stipend for conducting the Plymouth-Canton Middle School Orchestra, phased out after the failure of last year's millage. A handful of one-time emergency grants enabled N. Michael Endres, director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park High School Orchestra, to set up a Saturday program for advanced middle school orchestra students.

But for the more than 30 students who signed up for beginning orchestra, there's no program because there's no funding. The Beginning Strings program Capozzoli joined in elementary school also

was phased out.

A student at the University of Michigan School of Music, Capozzoli operates a private violin studio and performs with local symphonies and the Stradivarius String Quartet.

She'll be a featured soloist at the upcoming "Mostly Mozart" free concert, to be staged by the PCEP Symphony and Middle School orchestras at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Salem High School.

"Our schools have turned out fine performers," said Capozzoli, who graduated from Canton High School in 1989. "People have gone on to study and teach music all across the country and world. There are people teaching in Europe who graduated from our school district."

Capozzoli has surveyed her students — whom she rehearses with every other Saturday — and says a majority can see themselves performing or teaching music in the future.

"I am so lucky I had the opportunity; I couldn't be happier with the path my career has taken," said Capozzoli, who's organizing a booster group. "It's so fulfilling I can't imagine doing anything else. But in the school district right now, my chances of having that opportunity would hardly be there."

Whether the board will allocate the more than \$4,000 needed to reinstate the middle school orchestra program at its budget meeting next week is unknown.

"We have so many pressing issues; I can't see it as a priority," said Trustee Barbara Graham. "The marching band has survived all these years; I don't know why kids can't pay a small fee. We can't keep running to taxpayers every time we need something."



Practice: Leslie Capozzoli directs students in the middle school group.

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Violinist Annie Radcliffe is a seventh-grader at East Middle School. "If the orchestra ended, oh my God, I would be really mad," she said. "I've only played one-and-a-half years, and I don't know how to explain it. It's really cool to be part of an orchestra. I

could play by myself, but it wouldn't be as fun."

Teddy Abesamis is a concert master violinist and an eighth-grader at East.

"I think that it would be a real shame if they phased it out," he

said. "A lot of good players come out of this area. My brother came out of here and went to Europe to play with an international orchestra."

Stephen Goto, also an eighth-grader at East, plays violin and cello. "If you practice a lot by

yourself, it's really boring. All you can do is listen to yourself. In the orchestra, you can listen to how everyone else plays."

The Plymouth Arts Council and Canton Community Foundation both gave grants to the Middle School Orchestra.



Student musician: Cellist Stephen Goto is one of the musicians.

New York Carpet World Center site to get larger trees

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The developer of the New York Carpet World Center will plant trees larger than originally planned to compensate for two mature trees illegally removed at the Ford Road strip mall.

"We feel these are the largest trees likely to survive," said township planner Jeff Goulet.

Originally, developer Carmen Naccaratto was to replace the removed trees with trees of a 4-inch diameter, the minimum allowed in the township's forest preservation ordinance.

But planning commissioner Tom Sullivan suggested March 7 that larger trees be planted. Other planning commissioners agreed

and tabled action on the developer's revised site plan that had been reviewed in February when it was discovered the trees had been removed in violation of the original site plan.

"We have agreed to do what the (township) landscape architect suggests," said attorney Jun Ro Lee, who represents Naccaratto. The developer was not at the planning commission meeting Monday.

Naccaratto must plant a total of nine new trees, four of which must be 6 inches in diameter. Two of the trees must be of 4-inch diameter, and three of 2 1/2-inch diameter. The large trees are expected to be green ash. Township landscape architect Paula Pres-

ton Bratto will determine where the trees will be planted.

The site plan recommended for approval by the planning commission was to be considered by the township board Tuesday night for final approval.

"We would love to see the trees well-watered and well-fertilized so they grow fast," said Sullivan,

who reprimanded the center's leasing agent Ben Gordon March 7 for removing the trees that were designated for preservation.

At that meeting, Gordon told planning commissioners that the two large trees caused a visibility problem for New York Carpet World, the center's anchor.

At a March 17 pre-trial hearing

in 35th District Court, Naccaratto agreed to pay \$400 in costs and allow the court to take two charges against him under advisement for nine months. The agreement is expected to be finalized at an April 18 hearing.

Naccaratto pleaded not guilty to one charge of violating the forest preservation ordinance and

one charge of violating an approved site plan. He could have faced a maximum 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine on both charges. When the township board revoked Naccaratto's site plan in February, he was forced to submit a revised landscaping plan showing how he planned to replace the removed trees.

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Tradition of helping women cause to celebrate

By SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

You didn't have to be Italian to enjoy the food or even wear a bib. All that was required was an appetite for good food and a soft spot for the "little house with a heart."

Following in the footsteps of previous benefactors, the annual Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow Fund-raiser Tuesday evening was the place to be.

Held at the college's Waterman Center, the buffet dinner again attracted a sellout crowd of local and state politicians and friends and fans of WRC who came to celebrate the cause of women.

"This is the highlight of events at Schoolcraft College because of you folks who turn out year after year," said Richard McDowell, college president. "We help 18,000 people out of that little house with a heart up on the

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highway, and we're here to celebrate that and thank you for your support in making this program so special."

Last year's dinner raised more than \$5,000, that — coupled with donations from groups like the Livonia, Plymouth and Northville chapters of the American Association of University Women and Zonta of Detroit and Northwest Wayne County — translated into \$10,000 in scholarships for WRC clients.

"There is no such thing as down time at the Women's Resource Center, and we welcome

the challenge and opportunity to help women," said WRC director Nancy Swanborg. "The staff gives up their time and talent beyond the hours of the work week. And our 40-plus volunteers gave more than 6,000 hours to the Women's Resource Center."

Those kind of efforts have helped Dawn Heipel, a single mother with a 2 1/2-year-old who turned to the center when she realized her Pell Grant wasn't enough to finish the school year.

"The Women's Resource Center helped with the tuition and helped me reach my goal of graduating in May," said Heipel, who carries a 15-credit load this semester while maintaining a 3.45 grade point average. "Without this organization I wouldn't have been able to succeed in my career goal."

Marilyn Madej found the WRC's programs for displaced homemakers helped get her back on an even keel, following the death of her son and a subsequent divorce.

The Women's Resource Center isn't just a house on campus; it's a home for women whose journey through life has been pretty disastrous," she told the gathering. A homemaker for 14 years, Madej said she was afraid "of everything — being homeless, my daughter being taken away" when she turned to the WRC for help. The center's classes for single parents "gave me the chance to work through and be whole again."

"Your continued support makes a difference in our life's journey. It gives us strength to challenge the opportunities that face us."

A surprise for the center came just before dinner, when State Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, presented Swanborg with a check for \$500. The money was a portion of a legislative raise he had opposed.

"I sat down with my wife, Joni, and we decided to bring it back to the 20th District and give it to charities in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia," he said.



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Dinner time: Nanette Mertz of Livonia (from left), Julia Quejado of Garden City and Colleen Zec of Canton enjoy some conversation during the benefit for the Women's Resource Center.

Worthy cause: The annual event was well-attended, with Alice Winkelman of Canton (from left), John Santeu Jr. and Judy Santeu of Garden City among those supporting the work of the Women's Resource Center.



Mayor of Wayne enters county commission race

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield wants to be sure western Wayne County gets its fair share of the annual county budget.

"I think that would be my main job to get county funding, especially for drains and roads," said Warfield, a Democrat who is seeking election to the Wayne County Commission 11th District, which includes Canton Township.

Warfield, 54, said he wants to be a strong voice on the commission. "We can do some things in Wayne County that should put us in the forefront where we belong."

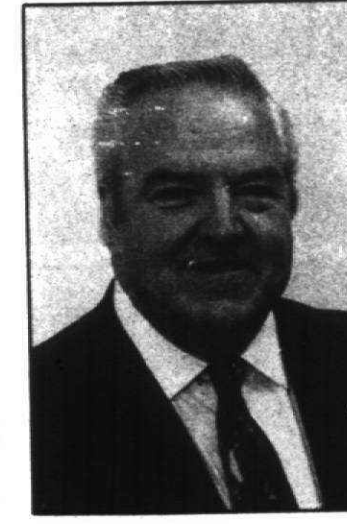
The 11th district includes Canton, Belleville, Wayne, Huron, Romulus, Sumpter, and Van Buren.

Warfield is in the third year of a four-year term on the Wayne City Council. He has twice been elected mayor by his colleagues on the council. "I was the top vote-getter so I was elected mayor."

Warfield said roads and airways will become increasingly

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important to Wayne County, especially western Wayne County. "The airways will drive development in this area. With the airport redevelopment at \$750 million, we need to be sure it's a world-class facility," Warfield said.

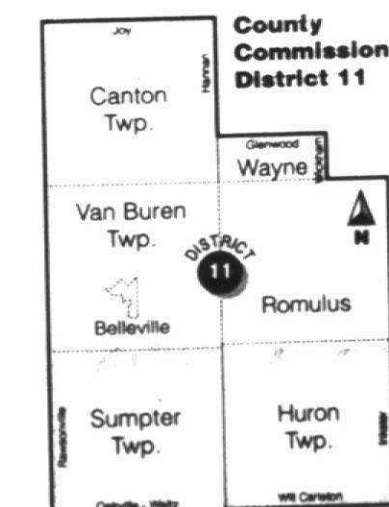
Warfield said his intent is to ensure "the highest level of safety, property protection and quality of life possible," with the efficient use of tax dollars. "I feel this is an opportunity and a challenge I can fulfill."

The mayor is the city's former fire chief, 1974-89. He joined the Wayne Fire Department in 1962. He also served as a fire sergeant and assistant fire chief fire marshal. He retired from the fire department in 1989.

During Warfield's tenure as fire chief, Wayne became one of the first cities in the country to have a mandatory smoke detector ordinance in 1977. The city also became one of the first to have firefighters trained as public safety educators.

Under his directorship as mayor, Wayne will have a new \$4 million public library scheduled for completion in 1995. The former library will be converted into a senior citizens center.

Warfield is chairman of the



Spelling bee in the works

The Canton Rotary Literacy Committee is sponsoring an annual Community Spelling Bee.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School. The bee will be one of the attractions at the Plym-

outh-Canton Community Schools' first Technology Fair.

The bee is a friendly competition between three-person adult teams. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams submitting a registration form with a \$100 registration fee. Proceeds from this

event benefit local literacy efforts, including the Community Literacy Council, a non-profit organization which provides volunteer tutors to adults wanting to improve their reading skills.

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Honoree from page 1A

ane Wilson to write a book about Canton's history. "Cornerstones: A History of Canton Township Families."

"For two years, I helped Diane gather material. She gave me a family name. I gathered all the pictures. I had never done this before. But I learned along the way," Palmer said.

While helping Wilson, Palmer realized how important — but incomplete — Canton's cemetery records were. With society member Ruth Wiles' help, Palmer decided to compile information about who is buried in Canton's five cemeteries.

Sure enough, Palmer brought all cemetery records up to 1990. "The township had records of who bought the plots. But there were no records of births or deaths," Palmer said.

What could be done next? Palmer answered her own question. "I wanted to save the history of Canton's schools. It is so important to save our history. I feel strongly about that."

That led to "Canton's Country Schools," which was published in 1993 and is selling like hotcakes. The Burton Library in Detroit

and a library in Fort Wayne, both which have genealogy sections, also bought the book.

"I had in my mind I would gather all the information and turn it over to Diane Wilson. She said, 'You can do it.'"

And she did. When you open Palmer's book, you step back into a simpler time and you'll recognize long-standing Canton family names at the 10 country schools.

"I am not a writer. We decided that the history would be the history and the memories would be the memories. We let people put down their own words," Palmer said, adding she did the key-linking and screening for photos in the book.

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Palmer began her career as a Linotype operator at her uncle Sterling Eaton's Plymouth Mail, in 1950.

Complaints from page 1A

The story also prompted township building staff to contact the Crawfords to inspect the house. "We consider this to be between the builder and the homeowner," said Casey Hans, township municipal services information coordinator. "If you talk with homeowners in southeast Michigan, with the extreme weather . . . I don't think this was an isolated incident."

Crawford, whose heat was at 73 degrees when the pipe burst, doesn't agree. He wrote to the builder asking for corrective work on the house. He also hired a forensic engineer to inspect his house, resulting in a 20-page report about deficiencies and improper engineering of the house.

Among problems faced by other homeowners who called the Observer are cracks — some with water coming through — in bathrooms and basement floors and walls, poorly fitting doors and windows, pipes freezing, uneven floors, and particular upstairs rooms that have remained cold throughout the winter.

"I could almost see my breath a couple times in that room," said a Royal Pointe homeowner who moved in six to seven months ago. "I have had to stuff paper towels in the doorway downstairs because of the wind."

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MEA has unfair advantage in negotiations, official says

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A suburban school board member tangled publicly with the Michigan Education Association lobbyist on whether the school union has too much power at the bargaining table.

"Seven school board members don't have the experience in negotiations. We cannot meet the money and manpower of unions. Negotiations are grossly unbalanced," said Susan Moorehouse, trustee in the Waverly School District just west of Lansing.

"Union members can strike and do not have any penalty. They still got 180 days' work," said Moorehouse, whose district once took a 12-day strike by the local MEA affiliate.

The Waverly trustee told a panel of state lawmakers Tuesday in Lansing that "after the strike I was no longer welcomed (by teachers) in the schools. My car was blocked in parking lots. I was called at all hours of the night."

She said the strike caused "intensity, hardship, hard feelings and anguish that cannot be described. Please — let us stop these strikes."

It's a bargain

MEA lobbyist Al Short denied the union of 130,000 teachers, administrators and support personnel had any unfair advantage.

Quoting from the management rights clause in the Kalamazoo School District — which he said is virtually identical to other contracts — Short said the employer retains all powers, rights and du-

ties conferred in the state laws and state and U.S. constitutions for executive management and administrative control.

"In other words, management retains all the power unless it bargains to give up that power. We do not have the right to put one word in the contract that's not bargained and agreed to."

Under questioning from Republican members of the House Labor Committee, Short said the MEA, far from refusing to discuss school cost containment, witnessed "the greatest cost containment in history" last fall. That occurred when state lawmakers shifted the cost of Social Security and retirement to the 562 local school districts. Previously, the state had paid any bill local school boards negotiated.

Moorehouse and Short were among leadoff witnesses as the Labor Committee — chaired during March by Republican Walter DeLoe of Grand Rapids — opened hearings on ways to keep public school costs from rising faster than inflation.

Target: MEA

The GOP's clear target: MEA, which gives the bulk of its political money to Democrats and led a bitter fight to defeat Proposal A on the March 15 ballot. The hearings began exactly one week after voters approved Proposal A, which eliminated local property taxes and replace them with state funding.

"Proposal A's remarkable mandate guarantees schools a stable funding source. Determining how

those dollars are spent is the next challenge," Republican co-sponsor Paul Hillebrands of Holland said a day earlier in a news conference.

Hillebrands' party has shared power with Democrats since the 1992 election, when each party won 55 House seats. Currently, the GOP enjoys a 55-52 advantage because of the resignations of three Democrats — two to become mayors, one to plead guilty in a money scandal.

Republicans will control the committee agenda in March and May; they will control the House calendar in April and June. If, as Republicans insist, they have a philosophical majority as well as numerical power, their reform bill can be passed.

Republicans said they will seek to write these principles into law:

- Penalizing union locals which strike school districts in violation of existing law.
- Requiring school districts to seek competitive bids for health insurance. In the majority of districts, MEA bargains on behalf of its subsidiary, Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA), to administer health benefits. MESSA allegedly buys "Cadillac-level" benefits at taxpayer expense.
- Guaranteeing administrators more authority to direct work, to bid out services to private contractors and to involve parents in site-based school management.

MEA's Short said the union long has supported parental involvement.

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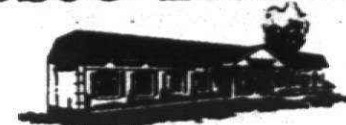


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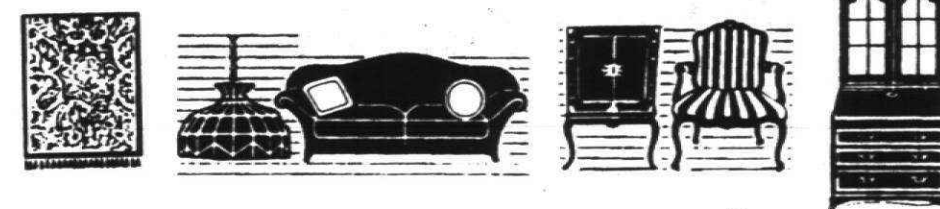
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CC student sets sales record

Catholic Central student Brian Downs is already busy planning his sales techniques for next year's Catholic Central fund-raiser, and it's sure to be a family project.

Downs, who is junior class president, sold \$15,000 worth of raffle tickets, a record, according to school officials.

Gregory Grabowski, associate director of development and director of public relations at CC, called Downs "a special kid who gets good grades and does good work on anything and everything he tackles."

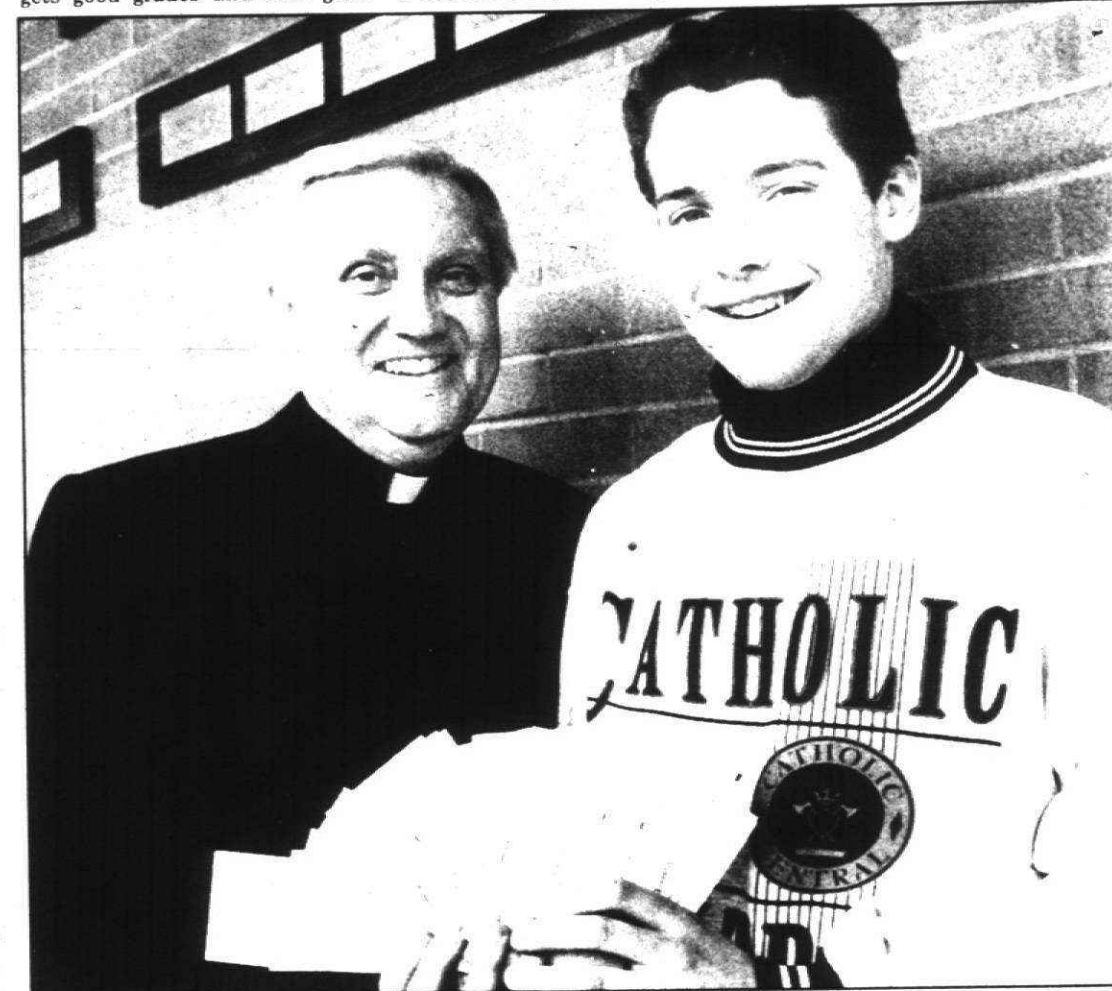
Downs, who works part-time at his brother's restaurant, the Mongolian Barbecue in Royal Oak, enlisted the support of family members. And they were eager to help: His dad, godfather and brothers are all graduates of Catholic Central.

Downs' selling efforts have grown since freshman year, when he sold \$5,000 worth. That year his uncle and godfather — Tim O'Hara, a CC grad — helped him.

Last year, his father, Bill, and brother Bill, 28, owner of the Mongolian Barbecue, got involved giving away free lunches and dinners for those who purchased a certain number of tickets. He sold \$10,000 in tickets.

This year, his uncle, mom, dad, brothers and sisters all helped sell tickets. Downs mailed to CC alumni known to family members.

See RAFFLE, 10A



Top ticket seller: The Rev. Joseph Moffatt, principal of Catholic Central High School, congratulates student Brian Downs for his outstanding effort on this year's CC fund-raiser. Downs, who is junior class president, sold \$15,000 worth of raffle tickets.

Local Senate hearing set tonight on drug-lifer law

A tough-on-crime state Senate committee is coming to western Wayne County at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) to consider four bills softening the mandatory life sentence law for those convicted of dealing in 650 grams (about two pounds) or more of drugs.

Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, will chair the Judiciary Committee hearing in the city of Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

The site is close to the home of Gary Fannon, Westland resident convicted at age 18 seven years ago for his aborted involvement in a relatively small deal. His mother has pleaded with lawmakers to ease Michigan's severe punishment.

Four bills are under consideration, Van Regenmorter said. Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, is sponsor of Senate Bills 909 and 910. One would allow paroles for some already convicted. The second would allow judges to depart from mandatory life sentences under limited circumstances.

Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, is sponsor of Senate Bills 323 and 324.

If you intend to testify, senators give these tips:

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Catholic Central Quiz Bowl set

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Refreshments will be provided by the Catholic Central Academic Teams for players and coaches.

Schools that would like assistance in establishing teams to compete in the "Varsity Sport of the Mind" can contact Catholic Central High School. A player from the three-time state championship varsity team will be assigned to consult. For more information, call the school at 534-0650.

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Raffle from page 8A

Throughout the fund-raiser the school gave away prizes and cash to motivate students. Downs' name was drawn and his prize was equal to the amount of ticket proceeds he turned in that day — \$3,000. He turned around and bought \$2,000 in raffle tickets.

"The other \$1,000 is in the bank for college," said Downs, who is chairman of the Michigan Teenage Republicans and who last summer worked as a page in the Washington, D.C. office of U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township.

Brian shares the credit for success with his parents, Bill and Cheryl Downs of Northville; brothers, Bill Downs, 28, Dan Kozlowski, 23, and Kevin Downs, 25; and sisters, Kim Kozlowski, 25, and Allison Downs, 22.

The fund-raiser prize drawing was held Monday, and Downs said three people who purchased tickets from him won prizes. Downs didn't win anything, but is proud of the amount that students brought in — \$181,000. The CC alumni association raised \$30,000.

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BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
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In 1993 the Michigan Humane Society destroyed almost 40,000 dogs and cats that their owners gave up on.

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An informal area group called Animal Crafters is trying to change all that by putting up the money to pay for the sterilization of pets whose owners are elderly, poor or handicapped.

Last year Animal Crafters paid for the sterilization surgery of 268 pets, according to Bloomfield Hills resident Jean Marx, the founder of Animal Crafters.

"We're not setting the world on fire, but we're a grass roots organization and we're making a dent," Marx said she was heartened to hear recently that the Humane Society took in fewer animals in 1993 than it did in 1992 (54,566 last year and 54,841 in 1992). She likes to believe that Animal Crafters had a small part to play in the reduction.

Joan Wahl is a veterinarian working in the Auburn Animal Hospital in Rochester Hills on Auburn Road between John R

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ROLL CALL REPORT

Tobacco education required

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending March 11

HOUSE

Tobacco Education: By a vote of 353 for and 70 against, the House adopted an amendment requiring schools receiving funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to instruct against smoking just as they do against drugs and alcohol. The vote occurred as the House continued to debate a bill (HR 6) to extend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The amendment did not provide schools with funds for complying with the new federal requirement.

Sponsor Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said "the tobacco companies shamelessly spend \$4 billion a year attracting our children to their products. What we are proposing today is a small effort. It will be dwarfed by the \$4 billion spent by this industry."

Opponent Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., said "it seems obvious to me that the politically correct Clinton administration and some of my colleagues in the House have set their sights on America's tobacco industry, an industry which produces a legal product consumed by millions of Americans."

A yes vote was to step up anti-tobacco instruction in public schools. Area representatives voting yes were: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Ford, D-Ypsilanti.

Voting no: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac.

Hawaii: By a vote of 203 for and 213 against, the House refused to kill a federal education program that spends \$13 million annually to instruct Hawaiians in their native culture. The program is targeted for elimination by Vice President Gore's commission on streamlining the federal government. The amendment was offered by HR 6 (above), which remained in debate.

Sponsor John Boehner, R-Ohio, said "This program benefits one group of people. It does not benefit the nation as a whole. Nor does it advance the national education concerns... it is not our role here in Washington to be funding these types of programs."

Opponent Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, said it is important for the U.S. government, which seized Hawaii a century ago, to help Hawaiians preserve their culture. "The takeover of the Kingdom of Hawaii is a tragedy that even now the people of Hawaii are trying desperately to reconcile," she said.

A yes vote was to eliminate the Education for Native Hawaiians program. Area representatives voting yes were: Joseph Knollenberg, D-Birmingham, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Ford, D-Ypsilanti.

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SENATE

To Block Out: By a vote of 49 for and 43 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment cutting nearly in half the projected \$2.8 billion, two-year cost of a bill (S 4) to increase the global competitiveness of U.S. companies. Under the bill, the Commerce Department and National Science Foundation would use government funds to boost certain technologies and industries regarded as important to American economic growth.

Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., voted to kill the amendment, saying it would eliminate money for a national information superhighway.

Sponsor Hank Brown, R-Colo., said his amendment would bring the Senate bill in line with the \$1.3 billion cost of its House counterpart.

A yes vote opposed to cutting the bill, Michigan Senators Levin and Riegle both voted yes.

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Pet sterilization from page 10A

and Dequindre.

Wahl knows Marx from when she worked for the Humane Society and Marx served on the board of directors. When Marx left the board in 1988 she took the society's crafting program with her. When Wahl left the society to open her own clinic it was only natural that she'd team up with Animal Crafters to perform many of the sterilization procedures.

"There are people in the world who really want to do things right

with their animals, and they're down on their luck," Wahl said.

She charges Animal Crafters about \$15 per sterilization, which covers expenses only.

The crafters raise their money by creating handmade items for and about pets. A short list includes catnip mice, dog sweaters and vests, crocheted balls and pet beds. And for the pet owners, the crafters create footprint earrings and tote bags.

In the last three months of

1993, the crafters raised \$3,600 by attending 13 craft shows around the Detroit area. That's a lot of crafts, considering that most items go for \$5 or less.

Marx employs 15-20 volunteer crafters in the Detroit area, but additional artisans are welcome. "We're looking for more senior citizens who can knit and crochet, cross stitch, or even sew on a sewing machine," Marx said. "We always need people to make this stuff."

Among the current volunteers are Janet Bushey of Troy, Chris and Karen Czedik of West Bloomfield, Mary Davidson of Farmington Hills, Diane and Chuck O'Malley of Farmington and Ina Stobart of West Bloomfield.

Stobart's contribution consists mainly of sewing, which she spends about eight hours a week at. "I feel like I'm doing something that really helps," she said. "I think there's an abundance of cats and dogs that have been

■ 'It's a little disheartening that we sterilized 10,973 animals last year and yet we still took in over 54,000 animals and had to euthanize almost 40,000 of them.'

Gary Tiscornia
MHS executive director

abandoned or abused (and) it's a sad thing."

Other volunteers hail from Grand Rapids, New York, Sterling Heights, Dearborn, Roseville, Waterford Township and Detroit.

If you would like to volunteer with Animal Crafters or inquire about having your pet sterilized, call Marx at 851-1433.

To purchase some crafts, attend the Animal Crafters next show March 25-27 at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens.

S'craft offers bee classes

Schoolcraft College offers a course on keeping bees and making honey 6-9 p.m. Mondays, March 28 to May 9.

Fee is \$61. Call 462-4448.

Topics include establishing a hive, handling bees and management of a colony. Students will build their own hive and order bees. The history of bees, pollination, honey production, bee diseases and the ecological importance of bees will be bandied about.

How to tackle dependency

A Madonna University class called "Chemical Dependency: Recovery and Spirituality" meets 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, April 7-28.

Fee is \$95 for 1.5 continuing education units or \$157 for one academic credit. Call 591-5188.

Topics such as healing, forgiveness and acceptance will be discussed within the context of addiction and holistic recovery. Specific intervention strategies will be presented.

Burton Manor to host job fair

The Michigan Collegiate Job Fair is planned 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 25, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

One hundred employers looking to fill entry-level positions are expected to attend the fair. To register, students may send resume and check for \$10 to MCJF at University Placement Services, 1001 Faculty/Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit 48202. Advance registration deadline is March 18. On-site registration is \$20.

Call Kay Kozora at 577-3390 for more information.

S'craft offers real estate class

A Schoolcraft College course called "Investing in Real Estate" occurs 8-10 p.m. Thursdays, March 31 to May 5.

Fee is \$78. Call 462-4448.

Course will show how to find and choose attractive and secure real estate investments, reduce income taxes and create tax-free income.

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Composting begins

Canton Waste Recycling will begin its compost program April 11. Unlike past years, however, CWR no longer will accept compost in plastic bags, which don't decompose quickly. CWR owner Paul Denski suggests residents dedicate a container with two handles for composting. Or residents are asked to use Kraft Yard Waste Bags. The bags are available at Aco Hardware, Arbor Drugs, Builders Square, Farmer Jack, Kmart, Man's Do-It Center, Meijer and Richardson's Super Drugs. Compostables include grass clippings, branches, small shrubs, and pruning wood debris. For more information, call CWR at 397-5801.

Buy a brick

Anyone who would like a brick placed in the Canton Veteran's Memorial walkway in June must buy the brick by April 15. Single bricks are \$100, doubles \$250. The bricks may be engraved with names. Forms to buy a brick are available at the Canton Public Library and Canton Township Hall. For more information, call 397-5421 (days) or 397-8975 (days and evenings).

New directions

Community Foundation facing changes



The Canton Community Foundation is shifting gears and will hire an employee to run its daily operations. Also, its board is looking to make it more of an endowment organization.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

When Bill Joyner's contract as executive director expires May 31, the Canton Community Foundation will change its course and hire an employee for daily operations. "Has Bill Joyner been excluded? No. Absolutely not," said foundation president Mitch Howard.

Joyner, one of the foundation's founders and contracted executive director since the organization's birth more than five years ago, said he plans to apply for the job. "I would take it," Joyner said. "They said it would be a full-time job."

The foundation board of directors expects to meet Monday evening to develop just what type of job will be open, salary and timetable for hiring. "The personnel committee made some recommendations. The full board though wants to work through some of these recommendations," said Phyllis Redfern, personnel committee chairwoman.

"The board voted not to renew a contract and go to an employee situation. They are leaning to full-time. But it is not definite," Redfern said. "We may look at the possibility of extending the contract. But no decision has been made," Redfern said, adding that overhead costs need to be reduced.

Board members say the decision not to renew Joyner's annual contract, which pays more than \$30,000, is not a personal attack on the executive director.

"I'm hard-pressed not to take this personally," Joyner said. "I have done 100 percent of what the board has asked me to do. I respect their decision, but I do not agree with it."

Joyner referred to numerous board resolutions lauding his work and for annually increasing contributions. In 1993, \$167,000 contributions were brought in. In 1994, the total is expected to reach \$175,000, excluding fees from programming and services.

Changes ahead

Howard says the decision not to renew Joyner's contract as executive director stems from how board members want to change the foundation to ensure it has a future.

"This is a transition as part of our strategic planning. I'm trying to lead this to where the foundation will be in 50 years. We're taking it one step at a time," Howard said.

The foundation board has decided to become more of an endowment organization. According to board member Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor, 50 percent of all contri-

butions will be put into an endowment fund that will be allowed to accrue interest.

But Joyner said if the \$250,000 in contributions the foundation has received in its lifetime was invested from the start at 3 percent interest, the foundation would have earned \$7,500.

"We have taken an activist approach to spin off and leverage dollars to get the best bang for our buck," Joyner said. "If we had had an endowment from the start we wouldn't have had any money for programs."

The foundation board, however, believes the foundation has met immediate needs in the community and it's time to plan for the future. All programs will be evaluated, Howard said.

The foundation also wants to serve as an organization that can work with businesses, families or individuals who have charitable interests, such as establishing scholarships. Under the plan, the foundation would act as an agent to accomplish goals, Howard said.

Reduce overhead

In mapping out a strategy for the future, Howard said efforts have been made to take personalities - of the executive director and board members - out of the picture. But board members believe it's time to have a hired employee instead of a contracted employee.

"With a contracted employee, you have very little control over their hours, their actions. We need to move to an employee position and re-



Bill Joyner

duce the compensation," Yack said.

With a hired employee there's a greater opportunity to invest in that person with training. "If they are successful at what they do, the foundation will grow," Yack said.

But Joyner wonders if there's more to the decision not to renew his contract. "I think my political involvement has upset the existing Republican establishment to the point there's a concerted effort that I will be removed from any position in the community," said Joyner, a Democrat who has successfully helped or managed campaigns for many local Republicans, including Yack.

Yack responded: "I've heard that. But hasn't he been a Democrat as long as he's lived? If that was an issue, I thought that would have happened a long time ago."

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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DINNER/DANCE
Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold its annual Recognition Night in honor of the firefighter and police officer of the year, as well as students who have completed various American Legion programs. Event will be 6 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Plymouth VFW Hall, 1436 S. Mill. Tickets by April 14, 455-5541 or 453-3888.

PENN THEATRE
Families may attend a 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, showing of "Rookie Of The Year." Proceeds benefit Plymouth Dream Playhouse Project. 454-4829 or 454-9614.

HAM RADIO
Amateur radio licensing class runs 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, March 31 through June 2, at Plymouth Township building at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. Stu Rockefeller Amateur Radio Club, 464-4061.

BAZAARS/SALES
Pasty sale is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Congregation, 290 Fairground, corner of Ann Arbor Trail. Also car wash and candy. Annual rummage sale is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth. Donations (usable clothing, toys, books, small appliances, kitchen utensils) accepted 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 4-5.

CRAFT SHOW
Craft show is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill, Plymouth. Space available. Michigan Crafters, (517) 874-4774.

CAR EXHIBIT
"The American Road" exhibit can be seen through June at Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. 455-8940.

FLOWER SALE
Orders for annual flats, potted plants and hanging baskets will be taken through May 1. Lake Pointe Village Branch of WNF&GA, 420-2912.

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

CLASSES
Plymouth: Plymouth Cultural Center open ice skating, 455-1782; Parks and Recreation, 455-6620;

YMCA adult and youth, 453-2904.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

EASTER EVENTS
Easter egg hunt is sponsored by Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Plymouth Township Park, at Ann Arbor Trail and McCumpha. 453-8407.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Easter egg hunt for Canton residents is 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Heritage Park behind Township Administration Building for children ages 10 and under. Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 397-5110.

SPORTS

HUNTING CLASS
Class meets April 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20 (6:30-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday) on the grounds of Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth Township. 453-9843.

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

SOFTBALL
Men's, women's and coed teams begin April 15 at Canton Softball Center. No residency requirement. Umpires needed. 453-5600, Ext. 102 or 103.

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

FOR KIDS

DINOSAUR PROGRAMS
Two programs include one for preschoolers, 3½-5 years old, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at Plymouth District Library, registration begins 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29; for youths

age 6 and up, program will be led by Douglas Goudie from Cranbrook Institute at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Plymouth Cultural Center, registration begins 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5. 453-0750.

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

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

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

Plymouth YMCA youth classes and summer camps, 453-2904.

CHILDREN'S
Plymouth Childbirth Education Association offers childbirth, cesarean, re-breather and newborn care classes. 459-7477.

WEIGHT WATCHERS
Estee Lauder skin care specialist will speak at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, at New Towne Plaza, 44734 Ford, Canton. 1-800-487-4777.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at Salem High School gym. Register, 453-1679 or 451-0713.

Weight Watchers Center
— H, 44734 Ford, Canton meets at various times; Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, meets 5:45 p.m. Thursdays. 1-800-487-4777.

RUNNERS/WALKERS
Spitfire men's and women's running club, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Canton High School track. 451-5966.

Group walks for walkers, 10 a.m. Monday-Friday, St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton, 455-9042.

EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY
Kiddie Kampus pre-kindergarten program for 4-year-old children, register through September in Community Education Office, Room 130 of Plymouth Canton High School. 416-2937.

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, and Little Lamb Co-op Preschool
Open house for kindergarten, 1-3 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14; preschool open house Thursday, April 21. 981-0286.

PLUS Preschool
offers registration for kids in the attendance areas of Erikson, Farrand, Field, Gallimore, Hoben and Smith Schools. Free program operated by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. 416-6195.

St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton, register, 459-9720. New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township, 420-3331.

Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township, 453-5464.

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

CALL TO HELP
FISH of Plymouth-Canton needs phone volunteers and drivers, 261-1011.

Growth Works, 271 S. Main, Plymouth; office help, 455-4095.

Chambers of commerce in Plymouth, 453-1540, Canton, 453-4040.

Meal delivery to home-bound senior citizens in the Plymouth-Canton community, 326-4444.

Plymouth Arbor Health Building Urgent Care, and McAuley Health Building, Canton, 572-4159.

Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

SENIORS

50-UP CLUB
Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at St. John Neumann Church, on Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center. Guests welcome. 459-4091.

ADULT DAY CARE
Seniors over age 60 may participate in daytime activities at Plymouth Adult Day Care, 46500 N. Territorial. 451-1455.

TRIPS
City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department sponsors trips, 455-6620.

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

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

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

Buy or sell used adaptive equipment
(wheelchairs, motorized carts, walkers, van lifts, etc.), 1-800-237-3422, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Focus:HOPE
provides food to eligible Canton seniors at the Canton Recreation Center, 397-1000, Ext. 278.

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

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

CLUB CALL

MOM
Meet Other Mothers group meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth. Topic is "Getting Organized." 453-6134 or 455-5407.

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

MEDICAL SUPPORT
Cystic Fibrosis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, Curious Child, Forest Avenue, Plymouth, 455-0172 or 763-5459.

AUXILIARY 6695
Post and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Speaker will discuss cancer and hospice. Public welcome. 981-0771.

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

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

Canton Democratic Club, 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday, Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, 721-2170.

Experimental Aircraft Association, 8 p.m. third Thursday, EAA Hangar at Mettetal Airport, 453-8969.

Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, 7:30 p.m. fourth Thursday, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, 397-2973 or 397-1111.

VFW Canton Post No. 6967, 8 p.m. first Monday, Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, 397-2444 or 459-8027.

Piecemakers, 7 p.m. third Thursday, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, 455-3838.

Woolgatherers Knitting Guild, 6:30 p.m. third Thursday, Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township, Call Karen Rumpitz at 420-4022.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
Toastmasters Oral Majority Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. 277-2709 (evenings).

West Suburban Stamp Club meets 8 p.m. first and third Fridays, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

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Multiple sclerosis, 6-8 p.m. Fridays, Livonia YMCA, 261-2161, Ext. 312. Also, call survey hotline with suggestions for programs, 1-800-860-7922.

ton residents, 397-2241 (after 6 p.m.).

Parkinson group in Western Wayne, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Livonia Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, 421-4208 or 459-0216.

Heart patients, 7:30-9 p.m. third Friday, Arbor Health Building Community Room, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Jack Bologna, 459-8787 (days).

SAFE, Setting Addicts Free Eternally, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor, Canton. Interpreted for the deaf. 453-4785.

Women's therapy group for adult children of alcoholics and dysfunctional families, call Growth Works, 455-4902.

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

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

MORE SUPPORT
Co-dependents Anonymous meets 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth. 459-2622.

Meet Your Needs, 7 p.m. Mondays, Full Gospel Church, 281 E. Spring, Plymouth, 453-0323.

Starting Over for young widows and widowers, 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. 677-0500.

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County for attention deficit disorders, 7 p.m. first Thursdays, Livonia Civic Center Library, 380-0847.

WOMEN
Researchers are looking for women to participate in osteoporosis study at Henry Ford Hospital. Includes free examinations. (313) 876-7135.

ADULTS
Ceramics show and sale is March 24-26 at Orchard Mall, Maple and Orchard Lake roads, West Bloomfield. 961-2374 or 471-7500.

Tour New England July 10-18. Deposit by April 1. Schoolcraft College, Livonia, 462-4448.

FAMILY
Tropical fish auction begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. James Catholic Church Community Center, Woodward Avenue at Pearson, Ferndale. (810) 377-2472 or (313) 533-3033.

MARY ANN TRUAX
Services for Mary Ann Truax, 90, of Westland, previously of Plymouth, were Monday, March 21, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

She was born Oct. 29, 1903, in McBain, Mich. She died Friday, March 18, in Westland. She previously lived in McBain, Lake City, Mich., and Cadillac. She moved to Plymouth in 1928.

She is survived by three sons, Sylvester Truax of Wyandotte, Charles Truax of Plymouth and George Truax of Leslie, Mich.; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three half-sisters, Lucille Boger, Dora Platz and Lula Platz.

MARIAN A. RICH
Services for Marian A. Rich, 81, of Plymouth were Thursday, March 17, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 22, 1912. She died Tuesday, March 15. She was a life-time Plymouth resident and an artist and art show director throughout southeast Michigan.

She is survived by two daughters, Elaine McIntyre of Pinckney and Mary Bagnasco of Plymouth; one son, Kenneth Rich of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margery Williams of California and Jean Cover of California; and two brothers, Fred Hadley of Plymouth and Robert Hadley of Texas.

Memorial contributions may be given to Angela Hospice or Lapham Cemetery.

MARGARET A. GREEN
Services for Margaret A. Green, 93, of Plymouth were Monday, March 21, at First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 11, 1900, in Butte, Mont. She died Thursday, March 17, in Plymouth. She was a homemaker most of her life. She was formerly with the Detroit Board of Education. She came to Plymouth from Detroit in 1947 and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was active in the church organization and assisted with Health-o-rama. She graduated from high school in Milford. She attended Alma College, where she studied library science. She then worked at the Detroit Public Library.

She is survived by three sons, Larry Green of Milford, David Green of Connecticut and Raymond Green of Arlington Heights, Ill.; two daughters, Carolyn Hartnett of Texas City, Texas, and Mildred Herman of Ypsilanti; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Laura Dixon of Redford and Harriet Foote of Milford; and nine nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or Plymouth Court.

DONNA J. SOCKOW
Services for Donna J. Sockow, 45, of Plymouth were Tuesday, March 22, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

She was born July 31, 1948, in Ann Arbor. She died Friday, March 18, in Detroit. She came to Plymouth 20 years ago from Traverse City. She grew up in Ann Arbor. She was a member of Newburgh Baptist Church and attended Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft College and Northwestern in Traverse City.

She is survived by her husband, Paul D. Sockow of Plymouth; two daughters, Corie Sockow of Plymouth and Shelly Sockow of Plymouth; one son, Christopher Sockow of Plymouth; one brother, Charles Thayer of Traverse City and step-mother, Beulah Thayer.

Memorial contributions may be given to Michigan Cancer Foundation.

DONNA L. LAFRANCE
Services for Donna L. LaFrance,

Church of Plymouth or Plymouth Court.

60, of Plymouth were Monday, March 21, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

She was born July 6, 1933, in Detroit. She died Friday, March 18, in Oakwood Hospital. She was employed as a secretary.

She is survived by two sons, Thomas E. Cornell and Daniel S. Cornell; one daughter, Susan D. Cornell; and one sister, Barbara Pyzik.

BETTY L. VERNON
Services for Betty L. Vernon, 76, of Canton Township were Wednesday, March 16, at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

She was born Sept. 1, 1916, in Akron, Ohio. She died Monday, March 14, in Westland Convalescent Center. She previously lived in Garden City. She was employed as a reservations clerk for a railroad.

She is survived by her husband, Melville Vernon of Canton Township; two daughters, Sharon Derkellen and Cathy Vernon; four grandchildren; four sisters and one brother.

FLORENCE D. KITCHEN
Services for Florence D. Kitchen, 88, of Plymouth were Wednesday, March 23, at John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

She was born July 13, 1905, in Augusta, N.Y. She died in Livonia. She moved to Michigan in the 1920s, living in Brightmoor, Plymouth and Garden City.

She is survived by one son, Lester Kitchen Jr. of Plymouth; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Luella G. Pryde of Canton; two sons, John Pryde of South Lyon and Robert Pryde of St. Helena, Mich.; one daughter, Margaret DeLaHaye of Canton; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one sister, Jessie Loch of Westland.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice.

OBITUARIES

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He was born Dec. 15, 1906, in Scotland. He died Sunday, March 20, in Canton. He came to Canton in 1992 from Belleville, where he

had lived 17 years. He was a tool and die maker at Davis Tool, retiring in 1969.

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Merit pay New system noble experiment

Canton Township is engaging in a noble experiment that could save money for taxpayers and improve services.

The township is putting a system into place that will create competition between department heads. The next step would be to extend it to non-union employees.

Just putting the system in place shows that Supervisor Tom Yack is aware of the basic problem with government, the bureaucratic thought process. The primary goal of bureaucracy is to ensure it survives. Providing a service to the public is secondary.

To force a change the township board approved changes to the department directors' compensation plan that will provide a bonus, based on performance. Criteria include budgeting, customer service, personnel administration, achievement of department goals and the director's role in achieving township goals.

Each of the four directors — public safety, chief financial officer, administrative services and municipal services will be treated differently under the new compensation plan.

Under the plan, salaries are changing. As of Jan. 1, 1994, the public safety director will earn a base salary of \$69,000 — up from \$62,384 in 1993. The municipal services director will earn \$67,000 — up from \$61,600 last year. The administrative services director will receive

\$65,000 — up from \$61,600. The chief financial officer will receive \$60,000 — up from \$55,900.

The salary ranges from \$60,000-\$75,000, including midpoints and maximum levels, allow the flexibility to pay based on job performance, degree of responsibility for personnel and budget, as well as length of time on the job.

The bonus, which is a pot of money set aside each year — equaling 3 percent of the aggregate directors' base pay — could be given to none, one or all the directors in any given year. The bonus, which for 1994 would total \$8,000, would be paid in a lump sum at the end of the year.

Other changes include a car allowance for the municipal and administrative services directors of \$250 per month. The public safety director is provided a car by the township. The chief financial officer would receive neither benefit. The car allowance will cost the township less than buying both directors a new car, according to Yack.

Changes in the compensation package, which in 1994 could cost the township as much as \$22,000, include the \$8,000 bonus pot.

Such a cost is small especially if there are gains in service to residents and more efficiency on the part of township government.

Residents can only hope the experiment is a success.

State still has education crisis

Proposal A didn't solve Michigan's educational crisis.

There is more equity — but still our wealthy districts continue to have more money behind each child. And the quality issue has a distance to go.

Yes, we endorsed it. It was the better choice the Legislature gave us. And after the sales tax ballot fiasco last year, we did ask the Legislature to use its gumption and create an improvement.

But what will happen when millages expire; when Oakland County districts go for "hold harmless" millages, which entitle them to what they got last year per child plus 3 percent; or if they go for enhancement millages to provide extras? We're predicting that voters in many districts will come up with a quizzical "Huh? That's not what the governor said" when asked for renewals or voted increases.

Well they should. The truth is that it takes good money to run good educational programs; however, voters are smarter than many politicians give them credit for being. They aren't going to throw their hard-earned, good money after bad decision-making.

For instance, voters in the Rochester district probably will think twice about future millages after the school board decided to build a school it could not afford to operate, despite protests to the contrary.

Let's Rochester school folks think we are picking on them, there's also the 3.5 operating millage request in the Plymouth-Canton district that voters rejected in June. An arrogant board insisted residents didn't mean what they said and, in August, put the identical millage on the ballot. That, too, was turned down.

The problem is, school boards don't develop budgets. School administrations, the real operating force in any district, develop spending plans that school boards almost routinely approve.

■ There are areas voters should demand that their board look to for savings. Hard as it's going to be to consolidate, those gerrymandered, small districts like Clarenceville and the Redfords lack efficiency of scale. We all have to ask if we want to pay for someone else's expensive tradition.

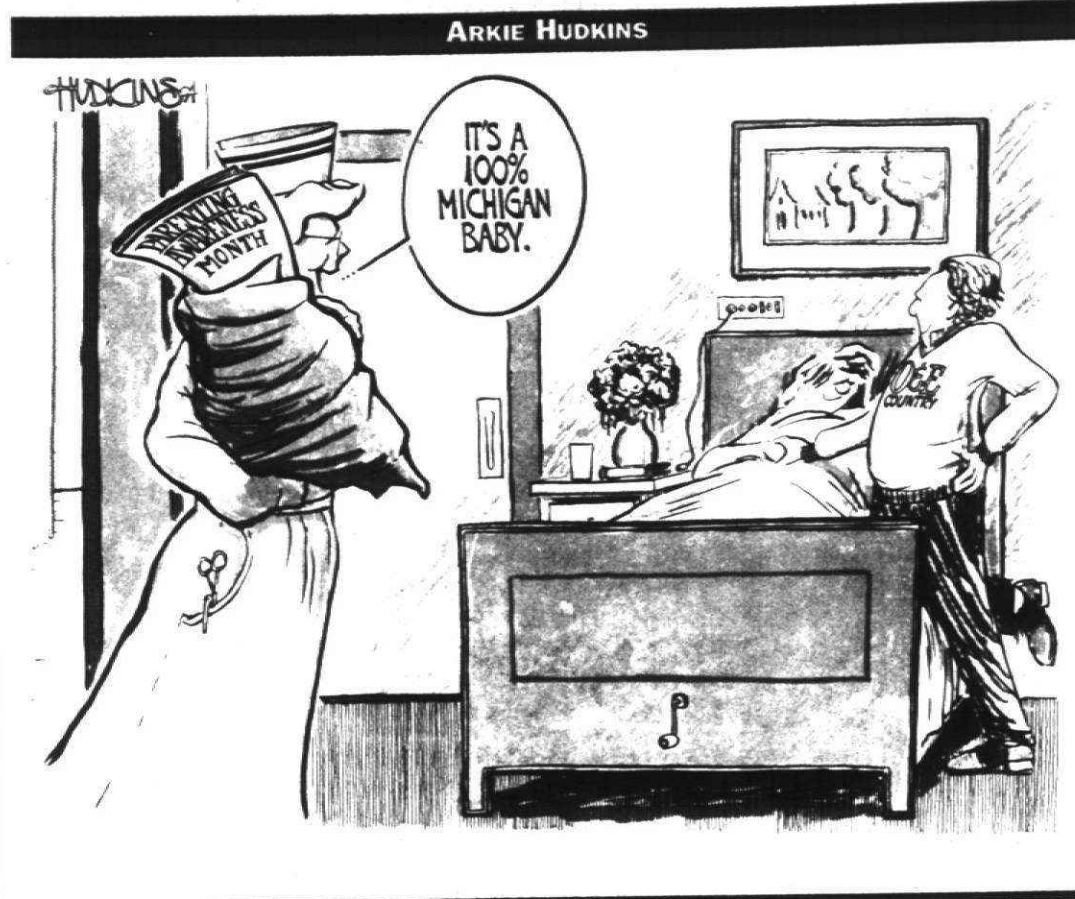
With the new school tax shift plan, voters in those districts will have to ask themselves how much \$10,700 per student in Bloomfield Hills will buy that \$6,594 in Livonia won't.

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Legislators privately tell us that an economic stranglehold on schools will force changes in the way things are done. But default is not the way to alter behavior. Change becomes a monster projected on the wall if not planned for.

And change apparently is what voters are demanding. A survey sent out by state Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, showed that voters' demand for cost containment in schools (retirement reform, contract bids, downsized administration and wage containment) closely followed voting patterns for Proposal A.

So here we are, still talking about funding education and about property taxes when all we want to do is provide a good education for all our kids. The three are inseparable. This year's March madness at the polls has helped but not solved the crisis of quality and equity in our schools.



LETTERS

Moms shouldn't hide

I read Dorothy Matsu's article "Discretion: She's nursing a grudge about public breastfeeding" with frustration.

Ms. Matsu has obviously never tried to orchestrate an outing with an infant. Most infants nurse every 2-3 hours for the first few months of life. By the time you change their diapers, pack them (and all their gear) into the car, drive to the mall, situate them in the stroller, get through those wonderful glass doors and are ready to shop, it doesn't take a mathematician to figure out that you don't have a whole lot of time left before the next feeding.

I am sure that given a viable alternative, most moms would not choose to "offend" anyone by nursing in public. But, what is the alternative? A locked bathroom stall? I don't think so.

I have even gone back to my parked car to nurse only to have the people parked next to me stare until they figure out what I am doing and then glare at me.

Moms should not have to hibernate in their homes just because their child doesn't take a bottle. Rooms with chairs situated next to bathrooms or in the malls would be the best solution.

But, since many places don't even offer an infant changing table, asking for a separate room to breast feed in is probably out of the question.

Contrary to what Ms. Matsu believes, most moms do not jump at the chance to feed a child in public. Nor is it done to "satisfy (our) own momentary convenience." Children do get hungry and until there are better places available, they will have to be fed wherever we can find a place to sit.

Cindi M. Ripple, Canton

Equal rights

It would be very unfair to those who smoke or derive income from cigarettes to have the federal excise tax increased from 24 cents to 99 cents.

President Clinton's health-care plan is a good idea, but if everyone benefits all should contribute equally in the way it is funded. All minorities, including smokers, are supposed to have equal rights in the United States. The taxes they now pay, especially in Michigan, more than pay for their right to smoke.

Terry Savola, Canton

Cat troubles

Recently, I unfortunately witnessed a brutal sight — a small, household cat was hit by a speeding car on a downtown Plymouth street. What really bothered me,

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POINTS OF VIEW

Reality check

Gang, violence talk getting hysterical in community

It's time to cut through the cheap tricks and figure out if there is really violence at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

For a recent public access television show, students from the schools gathered to discuss and debate violence, racism and all the other stuff to which kids overreact.

What bothered me most was the way the kids tossed around the term violence. Every school yard fight is considered violence. Apparently a bloody nose is the same as getting shot in Northern Ireland.

Then there was a cadre of students who had tried to stage a walk out at the high schools, claiming that they are full of fascists and KKK members.

Those claims made me envision Hit-

ler hanging out in the chemistry lab and skin heads taking over the audiovisual club or the debate team. But no, that's not it.

Next to me was seated one of the principals. Being a professionally trained journalist, I asked him if there were any closet fascists at the school or if these kids were mistaking members of the swim team for skin heads.

"I'm the fascist," he said, "and every kid who wears a black leather jacket is also one."

Having established that in my mind, I went on to other things. Gangs. The principal said there are a few Detroit gang members at the schools, but that they are really quiet. One gang member even came to the principal to complain. It seems that wannabe gang members at the high school were bothering him.



JEFF COUNTS

He wanted the principal to tell the wannabes to back off before they got themselves into trouble with real gang members.

Due to some shoddy television reporting and some local hysteria, there is a lot of talk about gang activity in Plymouth and Canton. According to

the principal, it's overblown.

It's easy to see how that happens. A kid comes home and shows an overly sensitive parent a gang sign, and all of a sudden there's an alleged problem.

It's not that we shouldn't be concerned about gangs. The Canton police are clamping down on the use of spray paint and beepers.

Gangs use the paint for graffiti, which is a free advertisement for recruiting members.

But while it's right for us to be concerned, it's wrong to get hysterical every time a kid wears his baseball cap backwards or flashes a gang sign.

There are a lot of wannabes out there who love to fake it. One kid at the television show hit it on the head. He was responding to charges that the KKK was active at the high schools.

"Oh, sure, I know what happens. A couple of guys are standing around and just start saying they're in the KKK. They aren't. We know it."

It's time for us adults to get smarter about gangs and teenagers, or at least listen to those who have a sane view of youth behavior.

Every school yard fight isn't violence and every bit of spray paint on a garage door isn't gang graffiti.

It's time to quit being hysterical and see things for what they are.

Jeff Counts is the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers. He lives in Livonia with a teenage son who sometimes wears his baseball cap backwards. He can be reached at 459-2700.

Anti-OBEers off course in aiming at education

The anti-OBE crowd has the wrong target when it blisters state education bureaucrats and school superintendents over Outcomes-Based Education.

Anti-OBE types have been dominating radio talk shows and letters to the editor columns, passing themselves off as local parents concerned about school quality. In fact, they're taking their cues from Phyllis Schlafly, the very conservative Eagle Forum lady from Alton, Ill.

Their targets should be General Motors, General Electric and Gen. Eisenhower.

The anti-OBEers are different from the evangelical fundamentalists who attack the Michigan Model health curriculum as a tool of witchcraft and Satan. Phil Power has frequently deplored the anti-OBE ideas as irrelevant, more concerned with "inputs" — how many Carnegie units of English, math and so on a kid sits through —

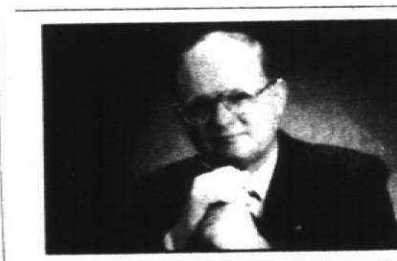
rather than with "outputs" — what a kid actually learns.

The anti-OBE litany goes like this: OBE fosters "cooperative learning" and group grades while stifling individualism and fostering globalism; OBE's "decision-making classroom technique" and "critical thinking" mislead children, who should be absorbing the religious values their parents want to teach them; "self-esteem" is naughty; and so on.

They emphasize drill and practice, phonics and, above all, Parental Authority.

They must have thrown a fit at syndicated columnist Mary McGrory's description of General Motors' Saturn plant:

"Spring Hill is not just a car, it's a whole way of life . . . where GM executives and UAW professionals work in partnership . . . Spring Hill's premise is that happy workers make better products . . . because they are making



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their own decisions, every step of the way. They have 15-member teams that have great latitude and great responsibility . . ."

They probably went ballistic at the recent business story about GE, the company that nurtured Ronald Reagan. GE is totally committed to the team approach — financiers, accountants, engineers and marketing gurus all working in teams to reach a global market.

And we know they don't like Ike. Dwight D. Eisenhower, before becoming president, penned "Crusade in Europe," in which he laid bare the strategies of himself, Chief of Staff George Marshall, and the Allies who won World War II in Europe and North Africa. Rereading Ike, I was fascinated by the many parallels between his style of leadership and Outcomes-Based Education.

"(Marshall) insisted that his principal assistants should think and act on their own conclusions in their own spheres of responsibility, a doctrine emphasized in our Army schools but too little practiced in peacetime."

That's what OBE calls critical thinking — making decisions on your own. American generals operated far differently from the British, Ike said.

"The American doctrine has always been to assign a theater commander a mission, to provide him with a definite amount of force, and then to interfere

as little as possible in the execution of his plans."

The irascible Briton, Montgomery, "separated himself habitually from his staff" and would walk into an Allied conference with his personal plan and expect everyone to bow. Ike, as supreme Allied commander, would tap all his officers' knowledge and develop a plan cooperatively. Thank God, Ike prevailed.

Phyllis Schlafly's newsletter says: "OBE is sweeping the country in the name of school 'restructuring.'" But our education columnist, Doc Doyle, recalls using OBE techniques in the 1950s.

Outcomes-Based Education makes good business sense, good military sense and good common sense. And it has for at least 50 years.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Proposal A passage attacks taxes, not school quality

In the aftermath of Proposal A's unexpected landslide victory, some observations on the Michigan political system:

First, as to history. Last week's vote to shift support for schools from local property tax millage to statewide sales tax receipts ended a long, long effort to fix the basis of Michigan's tax system.

Our over-reliance on the value of real property as the best index of a family's ability to pay goes back to the Middle Ages, when land was the only asset worth talking about. Our history as a predominantly farm state in the 19th century contributed to the assumption that property ownership defined a family's stake in the economy and, roughly, determined its ability to pay taxes.

But as time ran on, the absurdities of a tax system skewed toward real property began to show up. Retired senior citizens, living in a home they could afford while working, found they no longer could make tax payments. Farmers living near the rapidly developing suburbs suddenly found their land taxed not at its value as a farm but in anticipation of development. The final rupture of a discredited system came about when suburbanites by the tens of thousands found their assessments rising at double-digit rates.

At bottom, the real point of Proposal A was to undo as outdated an unfair taxation system that relied excessively on the value of real property. Hooray!

Second, as to political demographics. Make no mistake about it: This election was decided for good when voters living in the suburbs served by this newspaper concluded that a tax shift was inevitable and the only choice was between an increased sales tax and higher income taxes.

The numbers are conclusive. We have seen two prior efforts to vote tax changes; both were killed by suburban opposition.

In 1992, when voters in Wayne County voted on Proposal C (Cut 'n' Cap), the vote was 26 percent for and 74 percent against. And in 1993, when Proposal A was on the ballot, the local vote was 31 percent for and 69 percent against.

But the March 15 vote was quite different. Voters in Wayne County approved the sales tax increase in Proposal A by 54 to 46 percent — and the spread was even higher in the suburbs.

Why the turnaround? Simple. There is nothing that folks in Michigan dislike more than income tax increases. As long as advocates



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could keep the focus on the idea that Proposal A was a vote between increasing the sales tax and the income tax, they were home free.

I remember when in 1972 a labor-liberal alliance tried to override the provision in the Michigan Constitution forbidding the graduated income tax. The effort lost more than 2-1. But what was so striking to me was that it lost the biggest in blue-collar communities with large numbers of union households. It doesn't make any difference whether people are working class or middle class: Nobody likes to see his or her hard-earned income taxed in one big chunk.

Third, as to future trends. Bear this in mind: Things are seldom what they seem.

Has Gov. John Engler fulfilled his 1990 campaign promise to cut taxes big? No. He did promise over a big and worthwhile tax shift, but you won't find that kind of language in his advertising this fall.

Has Michigan found at last a stable source of school revenue? Not at all. One problem with the sales tax on discretionary consumption is that it can oscillate with the economy. Already some experts are talking about a \$500-million shortfall in a couple of years.

Will the schools improve as a result of the passage of Proposal A? Not necessarily. All Proposal A did was to shift financial support for the schools from the local millage to state sales tax revenue. In and of itself, this has done nothing whatsoever for school quality.

The bottom line: Last week Michigan voters took a big step toward fixing a bad tax system. That's about all.

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Blue herons: Sign that spring is here



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

As you drive back and forth to work, keep your eyes open for pterodactyls in the sky. They were gone all winter, except for a few diehards, but return when the ice melts from ponds and lakes. When great blue herons fly, their profile reminds me of a pterodactyl.

Heron, bitterns and egrets fly with their necks in an "S" shape. Cranes fly with their necks extended straight forward. The large head and neck of the great blue heron tucked back on its shoulders is reminiscent of the long beak-pointed head of the pterodactyl.

Great blue herons stand about four-feet tall and have a six-foot wingspan. Those lazy lumbering wings flap so slowly it makes one wonder how they stay up in the air. Then again, I've wondered the same thing when I see a big 747 coming in for a landing.

Their large body size, large wings and stocky head/neck area are the field marks to identify this species while flying. Along the edge of a pond, their bluish body, long legs, yellow bill and white face with a black eye slash are the necessary field marks for identification.

Upon arriving from their wintering grounds in northern South America, they will establish a nest among nests of great blue herons. These rookeries are often maintained for several years and may have a few hundred nests. Lyon Oaks, the newest Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission park, has had herons nesting in the swampy woodlands for at least 85 years.

Though great blue herons are often seen along shorelines searching for food, they nest high in trees. Their long legs seem ungainly among the small branches high in the canopy. Despite their size they deftly build a nest made of twigs that may be anywhere from 19 inches to 48 inches across.

Three rookeries I know of in the Detroit area are at Lyon Oaks near Wixom, Kensington Metro Park and in West Bloomfield off Pontiac Trail. If you discover a rookery, it is a good idea not to disturb them while they are breeding — especially during their early nesting efforts.

Birds range several miles to feed from locations such as these, which allows careful observers the opportunity to see them as they fly by. Fortunately for Michigan residents, all but 10 counties in the state have at least one rookery.

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.



High nesters: Although great blue herons are often seen along shorelines searching for food, they nest high in trees. Their long legs seem ungainly among the small branches high in the canopy.

German exchange students need homes

Two 16-year-old German exchange students need local homes for the next school year. The students won't arrive until the end of August but a family must be found for each before April 15 or they will not be allowed to come to Michigan, said Lynne Levanbach of Plymouth.

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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Blue line special

The Pee Wee Travel A hockey team (11- and 12-year-olds) from the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association are the Little Caesars Hockey League Tier II champions, thanks to Saturday's 6-2 win over Port Huron.

Dan Cook scored four goals in the championship game to earn most valuable player honors. Other team members are David Beard, Jeremy Broadway, Evan Currie, David Demray, Adam Devlin, Gene Diamond, Jeremy Majszak, Jim Nagel, Jason Pelty, Conor Sedam, Brian Sommariva, Brian Stewart, Ryan Stewart, Brian Sutherland and Brandon Zeni-Marks.

The team is coached by Duane Winquist; he is assisted by Tom Spirl, John Currie, Frank Majszak and Don Broadway.

Most improved

Brian Paluk, a Redford Catholic Central graduate from Plymouth, played in 25 games for Saginaw Valley State's basketball team and did well enough in his freshman campaign to earn "most improved player" honors.

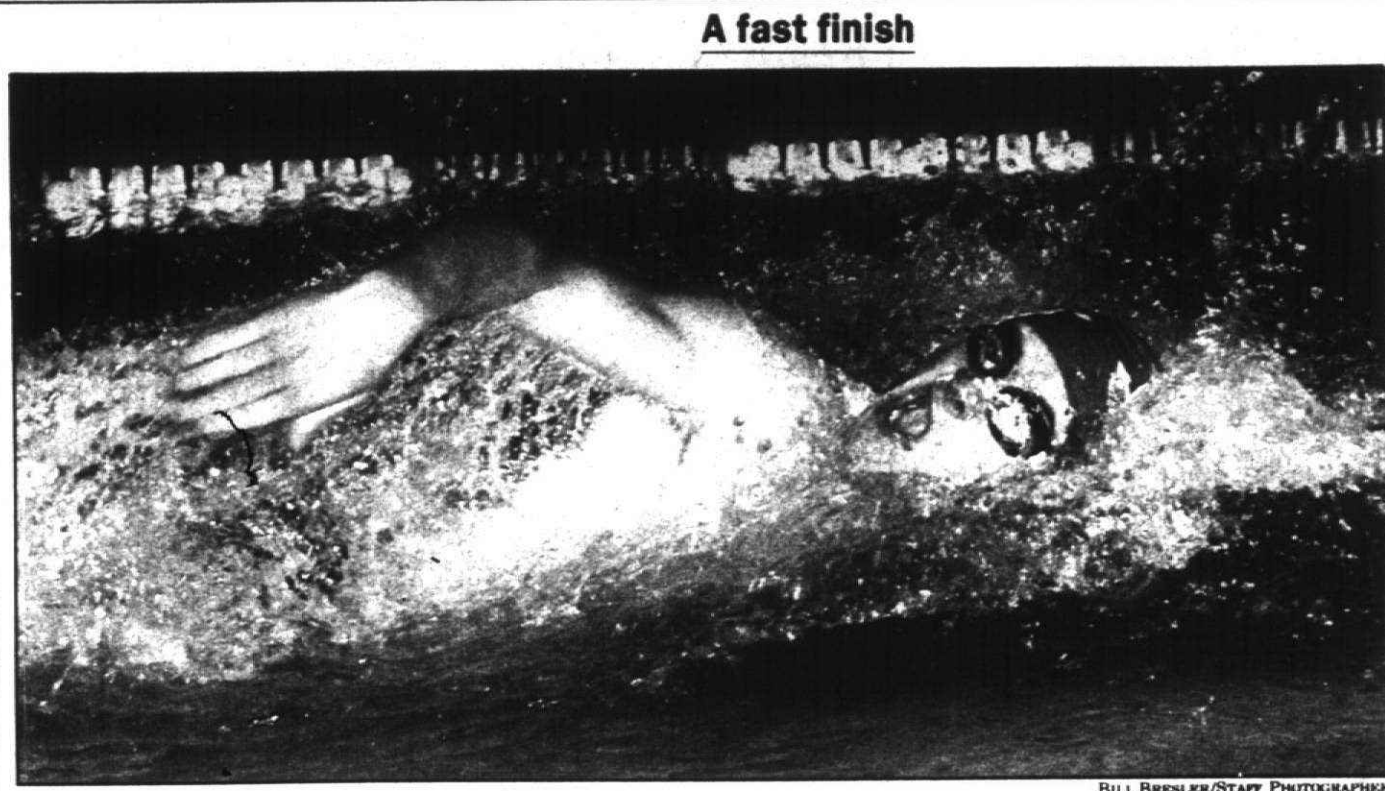
The 6-foot-6, 215-pound forward averaged 5.5 points and four rebounds a game, shooting 61.4 percent from the floor and 72 percent from the free-throw line. Paluk is currently pitching for the Cardinals' baseball team.

Another award winner for SVSU: senior forward Kevin Hankerson (from Wayne Memorial), who claimed the spirit and hustle award. Hankerson was a standout at both ends of the court; he was the team's defensive leader, nearly eclipsing the school record for steals in a season with 73 (2.8 a game, 14th in NCAA II). He averaged 11 points and 7.2 rebounds a game, making 56 percent of his floor shots.

The Cardinals were 14-12 for the season, and 10-8 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, good for fifth place.

Football sign-up

Now's the time to register for the Plymouth Salem football team. All middle school students who will attend Salem in the fall are asked to sign-up with either their school's athletic director or secretary.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Among the best: Canton's Jeff Clark proved himself to be one of the state's premier prep sprint freestylers this season. Clark was unbeaten in the 50-yard free — until the state meet. He finished third at state, behind Salem's Fred Locke, who took top honors. The all-Observerland swim team is on 4B.

Ferko gets a college education



BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

A four-year career in college basketball can teach a lot of lessons and lead in all directions. Susan Ferko found that out in her playing days at Miami (Ohio) University, which she just completed with her best season ever. It was an experience she'll never forget.

stopover in Cairo on the airplane she worked for.

Fifty camels in exchange for a hand in marriage?

For former Plymouth Canton basketball star Susan Ferko, the question seemed outrageous when posed to her this past summer during a

If that layover wasn't enough, a few stops later the American TransAir plane stopped in war-ridden Mogadishu, Somalia, where warning shots were targeted at the defenseless plane.

"I was somewhat concerned when the (American) soldiers asked if we knew how dangerous of a situation we were in. I was pretty naive of the whole thing," Ferko said.

After the exhausting summer, a relieved Ferko returned to American soil and went on to post the best season of her four-year career as a Miami (Ohio) University Redskin. Ferko

started all but four games, scoring in double figures in 15 games and finishing 18th in the Mid-American Conference in scoring (11.5 points per game). Her Redskins finished 16-10 overall and 11-7 in the MAC.

"Statistically speaking, it was my best season as I improved in every category," said Ferko, who also pulled down five rebounds a game.

The road through Canton

Ferko's illustrious career at Canton started rocky, or should we say grog-

See FERKO, 3B

Fouled out

Glenn challenges but can't top Central

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Coulda, shoulda, woulda.

That's what coach Mike Schuette and his Westland John Glenn basketball team may be asking themselves for days to come.

The Rockets were on the verge of an upset victory Tuesday in the state Class A quarterfinals at Lansing Eastern, but highly regarded Battle Creek Central held on for a 75-71 win.

It was a valiant effort by underdog Glenn, which did not say die until Battle Creek's Reggie Tucker nailed a pair of free throws with six seconds left to clinch the victory, sending the Bearcats (21-4 overall) into Friday's 7:15 p.m. semifinal matchup against Detroit Murray-Wright at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

BASKETBALL

"I think we made believers out of them," said Glenn coach Mike Schuette, whose team bowed out with a 20-5 mark. "Once the districts started, we called it a new season and we got some great leadership from our seniors, Tariq Horne and Tony Goins. The close game with Romulus, the overtime win against Livonia Franklin and the two-point win over Wayne in the districts gave us confidence."

"The kids listened and they executed in practice. It got contagious and everything started to work. It's too bad we came up just a little bit too short."

Down by as many as 13 points midway through the third quarter, Glenn quieted the predominantly Battle Creek Central

crowd by storming back to tie, 57-57, on a Goins three-pointer with 5:13 remaining in the game.

With the momentum clearly in Glenn's favor, sophomore guard Albert Jones scored a hoop to put the Rockets up 59-57 with just under five minutes left to play.

Central missed on its next trip down as the 6-foot-5 Goins, Glenn's go-to man all season, grabbed the rebound.

Fouled on the play and with Glenn in the bonus, Goins stepped to the free-throw line.

He missed the front-end, but snared the rebound, only to be called for going over the back, a critical fourth foul, with 4:32 left.

The controversial call, which will stick in the craw of Glenn fans for years to come, ultimately

See GLENN, 2B

Madonna sweeps twinbill

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University baseball team didn't need to head to the Dominican Republic to play a baseball game last weekend.

But the Crusaders found some favorable weather conditions and two wins in three games at Ohio Dominican in Columbus, Ohio.

After a 6-1 loss on Saturday, Madonna won a Sunday double-header over Dominican, 11-2 and 9-2. Dominican came into the weekend 15th ranked in the NAIA.

The Crusaders also had a good time last year in Columbus, giving Ohio State a scare before losing 11-10.

"I don't know if they'll let us back in Columbus," Madonna coach Mike George joked.

The Crusaders, who are 12-4 overall, open their home schedule at 1 p.m. Saturday at Madonna Park.

Madonna collected 18 hits in Sunday's double-header sweep.

"What I like is we scored four runs in the last two innings of the second game and eight in the last

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two innings of the first game," George said.

Senior shortstop Jeff Miller raised his batting average to .455 after going five-of-eight on Sunday. Miller was 3-4 with two runs scored and four RBI, including a three-run home run in the 11-2 win.

The Crusaders scored five runs in the seventh inning and junior pitcher Jeff Kugelman (Plymouth Canton) won his first game against one loss with a two-hitter over six innings. Kugelman overcame some wildness, as he walked eight batters.

Senior third baseman Jeff Pendell (Livonia Churchill) hit a solo homer in the sixth inning and Scott Anderson went 3-5 with two runs scored.

In Sunday's nightcap, pitcher Ryan Grabetz tossed a seven-hitter in six innings of work to move to 2-0.

Pendell, who is now hitting .375, was 3-4 as was Jim Solak. Solak hit a two-out grand slam in

the seventh and finished with two runs scored and five RBI.

The Crusaders loaded the bases for Solak with singles by Pendell and Anderson and a walk to Dan Taylor.

T.C. Raptis' delivered two hits, including a homer, and had two RBI.

The Crusaders on Saturday took a 1-0 lead on Miller's homer but Dominican scored six runs in the seventh to win 6-1. Senior pitcher Lou McKaig pitched six shutout innings before being tagged with three runs in the seventh.

McKaig, who is 0-3 for the season, allowed only four hits, struck out six and walked two. The Crusaders committed three errors, including two in the seventh that led to Dominican runs.

"Every time Lou's pitched, we've out-hit the other team but also made errors," George said. "Like he said the other day, 'All game count, but the ones that are important are the district games.' That's the sign of a mature player."

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changed the whole complexion of the game.

Nineteen seconds later, Central's 6-9 junior center Cory Gibson scored off a pick-and-roll play and was fouled by Goins, his fifth, for the night with 11 points.

Gibson converted the free throw, putting Central ahead 60-59. The Bearcats then went on an 8-2 run.

"All I saw is Tony getting the ball, with all kinds of daylight between him and the next man, and scoring off the shot to give us a four-point lead," Schuette said. "Except for that call, I thought it was a well-officiated game."

Without Goins, Glenn appeared doomed, but the Rockets fought back to within two, 73-71, on a three-pointer by Jones with only 15 seconds left.

"We called a timeout to let the kids know that Tony still had two more games left and somebody had to step up," Schuette said. "I thought we did without him."

Forced to lead, the Rockets let only four seconds tick off the clock, sending Eric Doggett to the line.

Doggett hit the back of the rim, but the ball bounced directly to the Central guard, who grabbed possession and passed to Tucker, who was fouled. He sank both free throws to seal the win.

Demetrius VanSyckle, a 6-7 junior who plays inside and outside, led Central with 19 points.

Gibson contributed 16, while the 6-5 Demetrius Virgil off to 6-4 Tucker added 13 and 12, respectively.

Guy Rucker led Glenn with 18

points, 12 rebounds and four blocks. The 6-10 1/2 junior center stepped back and drilled a big three-pointer with just under a minute to play to pull Glenn to within three, 71-68.

Junior guard Savon Hubbard added 14, while Jones had 12. Horne and Brent Washington each netted eight.

Central's full-court press, resulting in 13 first-half turnovers for Glenn, gave the Bearcats a 37-31 advantage at intermission.

"At halftime I was comfortable," Schuette said. "I was not worried because we were still in the ballgame, but I did not anticipate getting down by 13."

Midway through the third quarter, Glenn gave Central a taste of its own medicine, going with a full-court press of its own.

"If I had to do it again, I would have gone more with a full-court (press) in the first half," Schuette said. "We really attacked the ball and it caught them off guard."

Despite a decided height advantage, which also featured a pair of bruising 6-6 players off the bench, Central had trouble dealing with Glenn's quickness.

"We knew Glenn matched up well, but it was their three perimeter people who could really penetrate to the basket," said Battle Creek coach Chuck Turner, who is making his fourth state semifinal appearance in 25 years. "I was really more worried about them than their big people to be honest."

Our height was a factor, but not necessarily the difference. Our press was maybe the difference, although we gave up some easy baskets."

Glenn outshot Central from the floor. The Rockets made 28 of 47 shots (59.6 percent) compared with 28 of 67 for Central (41.7 percent).

Another key factor was the free-throw line. Central was 15 of 23 (65 percent), while Glenn connected on 11 of 20 (55 percent).

Glenn took care of the ball better in the second half, but wound up committing 20 turnovers to Central's 10.

"Gibson down the stretch may



PHOTO BY JON FRIELICH

Making a point: Glenn coach Mike Schuette directs traffic on the sideline during Tuesday's quarterfinal clash.

have been the difference," Turner said. "He pretty much neutralized Rucker. He's averaging about nine points per game, but he picked it up in the fourth quarter (10 points). He got his outside shot going."

But it was the fourth and fifth fouls down the stretch against Goins which opened the door for Central.

"He's a heck of a player," Turner said. "My guy VanSyckle had a tough time getting past him. And if he beats Goins, Rucker is going to be there."

Shamrocks facing a big rebuilding job

Redford Catholic Central lost one of its most impressive senior classes ever to graduation, so approaching last season's success in boys track would be wishful thinking.

The Shamrocks won their third Catholic League championship in the last four years and had their best-ever finish in the Class A state meet, taking fourth place. But graduating All-Area runners like Eric McKeon, Mike Mittman and Marc Eden, and thrower Joe Suhajda, will take its toll.

"That's 50 points a dual meet," CC coach Tony Magni said. "McKeon would win the 100, 200 and 400 meters, Joe is going to win the shot and discus, Eden the high hurdles, plus all of them ran relays."

Magni said he still has great numbers, with more than 100 runners out for the program, but only five who should consistently score.

The five include senior sprinter/long jumper Freddie Taylor, shot and discus throwers Nick Kallas and Doug Brzezinski and distance runners Joe Leo and Mark Leo.

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Taylor ran the 55 meters in 6.4 seconds and also long jumped 21-6 to take second place in the indoors championship. Kallas was first in the indoors championship with a shot of 56-2.

Kallas and Brzezinski are seniors and should contend for state championships, according to Magni. Joe Leo is a sophomore and Mark Leo a senior, and Magni said both have chances of advancing out of the regional.

Other contributors figure to be senior high jumper Dave Viola and senior Brian Smith, who runs the 3,200 and 1,600 races.

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SWIMMING

The Livonia- Novi Spartan Aquatic Club placed 10th overall in the 13-over Short Course State Swimming Championships last weekend at Saginaw Valley State University.

Jason Fisher won the 15-18 men's high-point title after gaining first place in the 100 and 200 backstrokes. He also took second in the 200 freestyle, third in the 200 Individual Medley and fourth, seventh in the 100 butterfly and ninth in the 100 butterfly.

Other Spartan finishers: 13-14: Jamie Vandermass — ninth, 100 backstroke; 11th, 200 backstroke; 12th, 50 freestyle; 14th, 200 IM. Brent Meils — 12th, 200 backstroke; 14th, 100 backstroke; 200 butterfly. Kelly Meils — ninth, 200 breast stroke; 15th, 200 butterfly. Maria McKenzie, 13th, 200 backstroke.

Steve Domin, 13th, 400 IM. 15-18: Drew Sopha — fourth, 400 IM; sixth, 200 IM; eighth, 100 breast stroke; 10th, 200 breast stroke; 12th, 100 breast stroke; ninth, 400 IM. Randy Cobb — second, 200 breast stroke; third, 100 breast stroke; ninth, 400 IM; 12th, 200 butterfly. Eric Kelly — sixth, 400 IM; ninth, 200 backstroke; 12th, 200 IM; 13th, 500 freestyle. Julie Gallagher — eighth, 100 backstroke; ninth, 200 backstroke; 14th, 400 IM. Beth DeWolf — 12th, 100 breast stroke; 16th, 200 breast stroke. John McLennan — 15th, 200 backstroke.

13-14 girls: 400 free. Sixth place (McKenzie, Vandermass, Kristin Demich, Michelle Sweller). 800 free — eighth (McKenzie, Vandermass, Sweller). 15-18 girls: 400 free — 11th place (Gallagher, DeWolf, Amy Kohl, Sheri Hall). 15-18 boys: 800 free — fifth place (Fisher, Kelly, Sopha, Cobb). 400 freestyle — seventh place (Fisher, Kelly, Sopha, McLennan).

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gy. During summer practice, Ferko would tag along with older sister Vicki, who was on the varsity squad.

"There was this one day where I was taking a nap and she said she tried to wake me up to leave to practice," Ferko recalled. "She left without me and I eventually got to practice late. We argued for awhile if she tried to wake me up or not."

"I learned my lesson by college, though, where you run a mile for every minute you're late."

Ferko was coached as a freshman at Canton by Bob Blohm, then for the next two seasons by Rob Neu. After the Chiefs won the Western Lakes Activities Association title in 1988, her junior year, Blohm returned.

With Ferko averaging 18 points a game, the Chiefs repeated as WLAAs champs and advanced to the state semifinals where they were eliminated by West Bloomfield.

"She was a highly successful student-athlete for us while she was here," Blohm said. "Every team she played on did well. She would figure out on the court what the team needed and supply that. Scoring was secondary to her. How the team did was her main concern."

"She just wanted to make sure her team had more points than the other team, and she took that attitude with her to Miami. She was a great player to coach. . . . she was a competitor and tenacious on the court and laid back and relaxed off the court."

The hard work paid off for Ferko. She was recruited by Miami, Ball State University and Western Michigan University. She chose Miami after feeling comfortable with the team, the campus and the university's highly regarded academic reputation.

Adjustment to college "When I first began practice at Miami, there was nothing that surprised me because I had seen

everything already. Bob and Rob prepared me well," Ferko said. "The preparation made it easier for me. Like there were some girls that had not played a man-to-man defense before they got here, but we played it all the time at Canton."

After a freshman year of mainly sitting on the bench and observing, Ferko returned to Canton during the summer to adjust her game to better fit the college style. "It's a different game in college, mainly because of the time constraints," she said. "It's also more like a business. If you perform, everyone will be happy."

Her summer labors proved fruitful. Ferko scored in double figures in eight games and was considered one of the conference's most improved players on a team that upset Ohio State and finished second in the MAC.

Ferko started all 28 games her junior season and was named to the GTE Academic All-District team — a feat she repeated this season. Perhaps Ferko's biggest contribution her senior year was providing leadership on the court as one of only two seniors under first-year coach Lisa Bradley.

The career ends Every player must eventually succumb to the reality that his or her career on the court is over. But Ferko doesn't let that sense of finality get the best of her.

"It's disappointing in a way, but the past four years have been a great experience," she said. "I'll miss the competition but it's time to move on with the rest of my life. It may hit me when I see the team play next year but I'll never stop playing basketball. I love the game."

What Ferko didn't love, but accepted, was being the conference's shortest center. At 5-foot-11, Ferko received more than her share of elbows, one that blackened her eye this season.



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Future stars: Sue Ferko (left) used to battle tough little guards in high school like Franklin's Dawn Warner (with ball). Ferko ended up at Miami, Warner at Western Kentucky.

VOLLEYBALL

Blazers fall short

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's bid to reach the state Class A volleyball finals didn't come to pass Friday night at Portage Central High School.

The Blazers, somewhat off of sync offensively, fell to Bay City Central, 15-13, 11-15, 15-8.

"I'm proud we got here, but I didn't think we played our best, nor do I think they (Central) played their best either," said Ladywood coach Tom Teeters, whose team bowed out at 40-8-2 overall. "They (Central) served tough at the end and they ran their plays."

"It's a team I thought we matched up well against, but some of the easy plays we made were real difficult."

Bay City broke a 13-all tie in the first game when 6-foot-3 junior Jamie Kowalkowski came up with a key block. Teammate Heather VanOsten then closed out the game with an ace serve.

Ladywood, however, regrouped to take the second game.

Anne Pogits, a 6-3 junior, had 12 kills in the game, but it didn't seem to cure all of our ills," Teeters said. "We just didn't pass like we normally could."

In the third and deciding game, Central jumped out to a 6-1 advantage before Ladywood pulled back to within one, 8-7.

The Wolves, getting some key hits from 5-10 senior Heather Heinz, scored seven of the next eight points to close out the match.

Kowalkowski led Bay City with 13 kills and three blocks, while Heinz contributed 12 kills. Pogits paced Ladywood with

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17 kills, but was limited to three in the final game. Sophomore Stacey Judd added 10 kills and two blocks.

"We got a videotape on Ladywood and we knew what to expect from number 10 (Pogits)," said Bay City coach Loren Larceny, whose team was eliminated in the 1990 state semifinals by eventual champion Livonia Churchill. "But number 16 (Judd) hurt us quite a bit, too."

"We were just able to hang in there. We got some good serving at the end (despite four errors)," Jill Rozek, a 5-8 junior, came up with a crucial block for a sideout with the Wolves leading 12-8 in the third game.

"We were playing pretty good defense all along, but we had to hit the ball more and stop tipping it around," said Larceny, whose team improved to 46-8-2 overall.

Despite the disappointing loss, Teeters said "there were no long faces" afterward.

"I guess there were some tears," he said, "but these girls enjoy each other's company."

The future looks bright for the Blazers, who graduate only two seniors — starter Kristy Walker and reserve Lyndi Pailing.

Walker's defensive presence in the back row will be missed.

"She was a leader, the team comedian and she always kept things loose in the practices," Teeters said.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES

■ **WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL** More than 50 of the best wildlife artists from the United States and Canada will exhibit their work on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the 11th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival at the Southfield Civic Center. Proceeds from the show will be used for wildlife restoration and habitat protection. The festival also features wildlife seminars, conservation exhibits, winning photos of the Outdoor Writers Association of America photo contest and thousands of affordable wildlife paintings, prints, carvings, clay and bronze sculpture, stained glass, porcelain and jewelry. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, March 25, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Admission is \$7 adult

for a weekend pass and children under 12 will be admitted free.

■ **HABITAT SEMINAR** Joe Derek, host of the radio program Naturally Michigan Afford, will present "Backyard Habitat Seminar" beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at the Farmington Community School. Seminar fee is \$7. Call 489-3333 to register.

■ **WILD TURKEY WORKSHOPS** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Wild Turkey Federation are offering wild turkey orientation courses. WTP's Huron Valley Chapter is offering workshops today in War-

ren and Thursday, March 31, in Taylor, 421-2593. The Blue Water Chapter is offering a workshop Saturday, in Almont, 798-3677.

■ **SAFE HUNTER CERTIFICATION** The Wayne County Sportsman's Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer a class leading to a Michigan Safe Hunter certificate beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Wayne County Sportsman's Club in Romulus, 532-0285. Similar classes will be held April 23-24 and May 21-22.

■ **WALLEYE FISHING SEMINAR** The Metro-West Chapter of the

Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association is offering a free seminar on walleye fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at Garden City High School. The seminar features some of the top walleye fishing specialists on western Lake Erie and the Detroit River, 420-2965.

■ **SHOTGUN CLASS** The Wayne County Sportsman's Club will offer a series of classes on shotgun safety and marksmanship beginning April 11, 532-0285.

BANQUETS

■ **SAFARI CLUB FUND RAISER** The Southeast Michigan

Bowhunters Chapter of the Safari Club International will hold its third annual Fund-Raiser Banquet beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Imperial House in Fraser. Evening activities include dinner, open bar, outfitting and manufacturer booths, auctions, raffles, door prizes, hunting and fishing trips, wildlife art and more. Tickets are \$30 per person, (810) 585-1415.

■ **FISHING CLUB MEETINGS** ■ **FOUR SEASONS** The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Metro-West Chapter of the

day of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

■ **MICHIGAN FLY FISHING** The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, 420-2233.

■ **METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS** Metro-West Steelheaders, a non profit club dedicated to educating the public on improving, preserving and promoting anadromous sport fishing, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School, 420-2965.

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First team 200 free relay: Salem's (standing, from left) Fred Locke, Eric Seidelman, Dave Bracht and (seated) Joe Ervin.



First team 400 free relay: And also the second team 200 free relay, Catholic Central's (from left, standing) James Leslie, Paul Magoulick, Steve Reinke and (seated) John Zarow.



First team 200 medley relay: North Farmington's (standing, from left) Drew Sopha, Phil Zald, Jason Speed and (seated) Karl Kozicki.

Tankers save best for last

By C.J. RISAK
AND STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITERS

It takes only a cursory examination to realize this was one of the most powerful seasons ever in Observeland swimming.

Three teams in the top six at state should say enough. But add into the mix four first-place finishes, two seconds, two thirds and three relays in the top eight in both the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle events and you have an impressive group.

Most of the scoring done at state meet by area swimmers came in the free events. North Farmington's Jon Kershaw had the best day, with firsts in the 100 and 200. But Plymouth Salem's Fred Locke wasn't far behind, finishing first in the 50 and third in the 100.

Then there's Redford Catholic Central's James Leslie, second in both the 200 and 500; Plymouth Canton's Jeff Clark, third in the 50 and sixth in the 100; and CC's Paul Magoulick, fifth in the 50.

The Class A state meet is the showcase event every year, and this year the Observeland teams showed themselves very well.

But our choice as Observeland's coach of the year is Ross Bandy of Farmington. His 10th season as the Falcons' coach was the team's best. They were 9-2 in dual meets, won the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays meet to start the season, and finished second to Salem in the WLAA finals.

1ST TEAM INDIVIDUALS
Jon Kershaw, N. Farmington, 200-yard freestyle: A repeat selection on the first team, Kershaw capped his senior season with a championship in both the 200-yard freestyle (1:41.09) and 100 free (46.74) at the Class A meet. He leaves North with records in those two and the 100 backstroke, and also was a member of a team record-setting 200 medley relay team that placed 12th at state.

Jon is a strong and talented swimmer. "North coach Danny Knipper said, 'He can still develop his skills and strength and continue to improve his times.'"

Karl Kozicki, N. Farmington, 200 individual medley: Kozicki was a doublewinner at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. A senior, he also helped the Raiders finish in a sixth-place tie at state with a fifth in the 200 IM (1:57.06) and seventh in the 500 free (4:39.05). He has school records for both.

"Karl is a versatile swimmer, everything a coach could ask for," Knipper said. "He is very dedicated and knows exactly what needs to be done to accomplish his goals."

Fred Locke, Salem, 50 freestyle: The senior was one of the busiest freestylers in the state, taking first in the 50 free (21.18) at state meet and first as a member of the 200 free relay team (1:26.47). He was third in the 100 free (47.07) and swam on the 400 free relay team that took eighth (3:14.99).

For these efforts, he was named Salem's most valuable swimmer for the second straight year.

His best times in the 50 (21.04) and 100 (47.04) free are Salem records. The 200 medley and 200 free relays which he swam on also hold school records.

"Fred has had a great career at Plymouth Salem," is an outstanding student and person," Salem coach Chuck Olson said.

John Hovey, Harrison, diver: Hovey finished his senior season with an eighth at the Class A meet (391.50 points). He was second in the regional, fourth in the WLAA and seventh at the MISCA meet. The 1993 Oakland County champion, Hovey placed second at the same meet

this season.

"John's eighth-place finish at the state meet showed what a great athlete he is," Farmington Harrison diving coach Pam Heiden said. "He is mentally tough and will do well diving in the years to come."

Steve Reinke, Redford CC, 100 butterfly: Reinke, a senior, finished sixth at the state meet in the 100 butterfly (51.66) after helping the 200 freestyle relay team take fourth (1:27.37). He also swam on the 400 freestyle relay team that placed fifth (3:13.93).

He is a four-time member of the All-Observeland team.

"Steve is a very versatile swimmer, will swim anything asked," coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He's a hard worker and will have a great impact in his college years."

Jeff Clark, Canton, 100 freestyle: Clark, a senior, took third in the 50 free (21.35) and sixth in the 100 free (47.38) at the state meet. He also swam on the 200 freestyle relay (1:27.67), took seventh at state in the 200 free (1:41.70) and second in the 500 free (4:34.42) at state. His preliminary time of 4:34.22 in the 500 free was the fastest time recorded in the state this year.

He also anchored the 200 and 400 free relays, which placed fourth (1:27.37) and fifth (3:13.93) respectively, at state.

"James is an extraordinary distance swimmer and trainer," Shoemaker said. "He's capable of swimming anything effectively. He will have a dominant influence on any college he attends."

Kevin Reinke, Redford CC, 100 backstroke: The freshman made a strong first-year impression, qualifying for the state meet in two events. His 100 back time (56.30) is the fastest for the area behind his brother Steve. He was third at the Catholic League meet in the backstroke and second in the 200 IM (2:03.16).

"He's been very successful and a great asset to the team as a freshman," Shoemaker said. "He has high potential to do great things in the future."

Randy Cobb, Franklin, 100 breaststroke: The junior lost only two individual events during the dual meet season. He won the 100 breaststroke at the Walleye and Wayne Invitational and placed fifth at the Class A meet. He also had a top-10 time in Observeland for the 200 IM (2:06.46).

The team captain and most valuable swimmer holds the Franklin record in the 100 breast (1:00.12 at the state meet).

"Certainly, having Randy on the team, a swimmer of his caliber who was a leader and role model in and out of the pool, made my job easier," first-year coach Jean Pritchard said. "In turn, Randy achieved many personal bests and I look forward to his return next year."

1ST-TEAM RELAYS
North Farmington, 200 medley relay: The team of Drew Sopha, Phil Zald, Jason Speed and Karl Kozicki finished 12th at state meet (1:42.20). North's foursome was also second in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet (1:39.97).

The relay's best clocking this season was 1:39.67 at the state preliminaries, with Sopha, Zald, Speed and Kozicki were all individual point scorers at state.

Salem, 200 free relay: Fred Locke, Joe Ervin, Eric Seidelman and Dave Bracht were state champs by the narrowest of margins — .01 over Birmingham Brother Rice (1:26.47 to 1:26.48). To accomplish this, each of Salem's swimmers had to be below 22 seconds for their relay legs. They were.

The good news for Salem coach Chuck Olson is that three of the four are juniors and will return. The bad news is the man they lose is Locke, the state's fastest sprinter. But Bracht was a state qualifier last season. "He improved vastly from last season," said Harrison diving coach Pam Heiden. "He has just begun to realize his potential."

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But he did break school records in both. And he was third in the WLAA in the 200 free and fifth in the 100 backstroke (58.14). "Mark worked through some tough times this season to achieve his goals," said Churchill coach Ken Stark. "Mark got real focused and dedicated to achieve his state meet (outs)."

Jon Reed, Farmington, 500 freestyle: A versatile swimmer, Reed, a junior, qualified for state meet in three individual events in the 200 free, 500 free, 200 IM and just missed in a fourth (100 free). He ended up swimming every event this season except the 100 back and 100 breast.

In the Oakland County meet in February, Reed surprised by finishing second in the 200 free. At the WLAA championships, he was used in the 500 and fourth in the 200 IM. "Jon is a hard-working distance swimmer with speed," said Farmington coach Ross Bandy. "He has matured as a competitor and should score well in any freestyle event next year."

Scott Brown, Farmington, 100 backstroke: A junior, Brown set a school record when he placed second in the 100 back at the WLAA meet (56.51). He was also a very strong freestyler, clocking relay splits of 22.8 in the 50 and 49.5 in the 100. Brown played a role in all three Falcon relays, which also set records.

"Scott has a lot of talent," said Farmington's Bandy. "I am looking forward to a big senior year (from him), and possibly all-state in backstroke and the 400."

Falk Roeding, Livonia Stevenson, 100 breaststroke: This junior's success was the most unpredictable of all. A foreign exchange student from the former East Germany, Roeding had not swam competitively in two years. He decided to give it a try and, as coach Doug Buckler said, "He told me it was the best decision he made."

That opinion was two-sided. Roeding finished third in the WLAA in the 100 breast in 1:02.42, which qualified him for state. He didn't score at state, but he posted his best time: 1:01.69, finishing 16th. "He's a real hard worker, a pleasure to coach," said Buckler.

2ND TEAM RELAYS
Stevenson, 200 medley relay: Youth ruled this Livonia Stevenson quartet: one sophomore (Brian Patino in the 50 backstroke) and three juniors (Roeding in the breast, Chris Teeters in the fly and Jeff Buckler in the free). All but Roeding return next season.

The team actually did its best time at the WLAA finals, finishing third in 1:40.3. That got them to state meet, where a missed turn and some bad swims dropped them to 13th (1:40.34). Still, as coach Buckler said, "These kids did a great job for us — a bunch of kids nobody knew took third in the league."

Redford CC, 200 free relay: Paul Magoulick, Steve Reinke, John Zarow and James Leslie — again. The same foursome that earned first team notice in the 400 free relay was good enough for the second team in the 200 free relay.

The Shamrocks were timed at 1:26.68 in the state prelims, but ended up fourth in the state (1:27.37). Their prelim time set a new CC record.

North Farmington, 400 free relay: This was a fast foursome. Karl Kozicki, Jason Speed, Drew Sopha and Jon Kershaw splashed out their fastest time in the state final (3:13.92), where they finished sixth.

Speer, a sophomore, made a major difference. Coach Danny Knipper had him concentrating on backstroke early in the year, but switched him and "he surprised us." Speer had a 49.0 split at state. The same team was first at the WLAA meet in 3:17.19.

Relay at-large — Canton 200 freestyle: Special recognition is given Plymouth Canton's 200 free quartet of Clark, Orris, Jason McMann and Jason Stirling. They established a new team record by finishing seventh at state in 1:27.67.

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Drew Sopha, N. Farmington, 200 IM: The junior had a personal best time of 2:01.07 that gained him 12th place at state in the IM. His best time in the 100 breast (1:02.10) was good enough to place among the top five in Observeland.

"Drew is a hard worker with high goals," said North's Danny Knipper. "If he works hard next year, he will be an all-state swimmer in two events."

Pete Magoulick, Redford CC, 50 freestyle: Magoulick, a junior, took fifth place at the state meet in the 50 free (21.75). He also led off the 200 free relay, which took fourth and gained All-American notice at the state meet.

"Pete's an excellent sprinter with much potential for next year," Shoemaker said. "There were some excellent divers in Observeland this season, and two of them were the same team. Strohmaler, a senior, was unbeaten against dual meet competition."

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But he did break school records in both. And he was third in the WLAA in the 200 free and fifth in the 100 backstroke (58.14). "Mark worked through some tough times this season to achieve his goals," said Churchill coach Ken Stark. "Mark got real focused and dedicated to achieve his state meet (outs)."

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4TH TEAM RELAYS
200 medley: North Farmington (Karl Kozicki, Drew Sopha, Phil Zald, Jason Speed)
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400 free: CC (James Leslie, Paul Magoulick, Steve Reinke, John Zarow)

5TH TEAM INDIVIDUALS
200 free: Mike Orris, Canton
200 IM: Drew Sopha, N. Farmington
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100 free: Mark Strohmaler, Harrison
100 fly: Aaron Berlin, Salem
100 back: Mark Campbell, Churchill
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100 breast: Scott Brown, Farmington
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200 medley: Stevenson (Brian Patino, Falk Roeding, Chris Teeters, Jeff Buckler)
200 free: CC (James Leslie, Paul Magoulick, Steve Reinke, John Zarow)
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Team will be heard from again.

Catholic Central, 400 free relay: Paul Magoulick, Steve Reinke, John Zarow and James Leslie took fifth place at the Class A state meet (3:31.90) after a season-best time in the preliminaries (3:12.32).

Three of the four Shamrocks were among the Observeland's best in the 100 free: Magoulick, a junior, was fourth (48.28); Zarow, a senior, was ninth (49.91); and Reinke, a senior, was just on the fringe (50.23). Leslie was busy honing his skills in the 200 and 500 free; he placed second at state in both.

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senior Michael McClain of Canton placed among the top 100 students, receiving an honorable mention. More than 17,000 Michigan high school students participated.

The students were honored at an awards program held at Lawrence Technological University recently. In addition to the award

Nominating petitions are now available for any resident of the school district who is registered to vote. Petition forms are available at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, which is located at 454 S. Harvey Street in Plym-

Garden City co-defendant Shawn Michael Fischer, 21, is awaiting a jury trial April 19. He is charged with armed robbery for allegations that he waited outside and drove the getaway car during the robbery.

The store clerk was injured but survived the attack. Westland police have said the steel pipe used to beat the employee was 2 feet long and 1 inch wide.

Gates could have faced life in prison during his sentencing Wednesday, but Townsend in-

Allen Elementary School will celebrate its 40th birthday at an open house 5:30-8 p.m. on Friday, May 13.

In preparation for this celebration, the organizing committee is searching for alumni of Allen School. Alumni are welcome to attend the open house and to contribute any special Allen School memorabilia.

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The nursing course sequence can be completed in five semesters by testing up to 14 nursing credits and 25 general studies credits, allowing a part-time pursuit of studies.

For more information, call 591-8358.

Society seeks foster families

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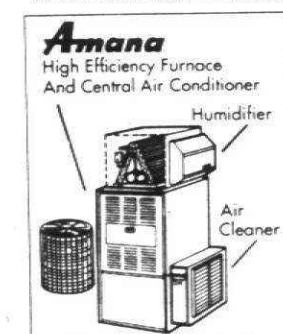
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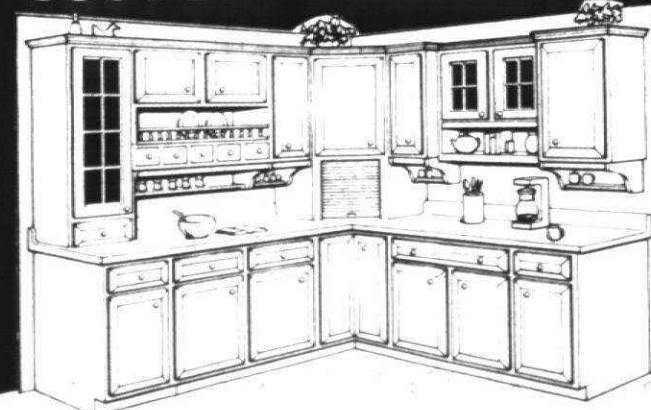


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Madonna readies arts, crafts show

Madonna University's ninth annual Spring Arts and Crafts Showcase is set for 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27, in the campus Activities Center.

There will be different exhibits each day showing various arts and crafts such as pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and

woodwork. Other activities include a campus open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday in the Take 5 Lounge, photo sessions with the Easter Bunny and a \$1,000 raffle on Sunday.

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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGNON

Dancers to present new works, tango

A variety of dance styles will be featured this weekend at exciting concerts you won't want to miss.

■ Rochester-based Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, one of only a few professional dance companies in Michigan, is performing 8 p.m. Friday, March 25 at Music Hall in Detroit. Tickets are \$15 and \$25 and can be purchased at the door, 350 Madison in Detroit. Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling (810) 645-6666 or (313) 963-7680.

■ Titled "The Michigan Choreographer's Project," the performance will consist of premiere works by three of Michigan's outstanding choreographers — Whitley Setrakian, Gregory Patterson and EDE artistic director, Laurie Eisenhauer.

"Sweet Ella Suite," a lively modern jazz dance by Patterson, is set to the music of Ella Fitzgerald. Eisenhauer will present "Rites and Passages," a full company work about evolution, discoveries, and passages through time. Setrakian will premiere "Hyacinth Rash," a fast paced and edgy dance about poison and compliance set to the new music of Amy Denio.

■ Completing the program will be three other dances from the EDE repertoire including "Love Songs," a humorous audience favorite set to the music of George Gershwin. Company dancer Giuseppe Canale, a former soloist with the Bejart Ballet, will perform a solo to the live music of pianist/composer Stanley Hollingsworth.

■ "Tango and more Latin dance will be featured at the Musica Viva International Concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 25 at Smith Theatre for the performing arts on the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus, south of 12 Mile off I-696. Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$18 in advance, and \$10 for an afterglow after the concert. Call (810) 932-0400.

■ Sensational dance duo Eduardo Dorfer and Mercedes Colon, masters of "Tango Argentino" will be performing with Alejandro Scarpino on bandoneon, and Michigan's top dancers, Paul Milligan, Lori Accia, Amy Calio, Louis Soma, and Suzy Brecht of Troy Dance Studio.

■ Wayne State University Dance Company presents its annual spring concert 8 p.m. Friday and

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Lincoln's voice missing in drama



HUGH GALLAGHER

Abraham Lincoln is the soul of America, the summation of all its strengths and the symbol of its agony. Unfortunately Lincoln is a voice off in Charles Nolte's "The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln." Nolte, who directs the Meadowbrook Theatre production of his play, has fashioned a reader's theater piece around the assassination of Lincoln and its aftermath.

The works focus is not on Lincoln. The play should be called "The Last Days of John Wilkes Booth." Nolte was obviously drawn to the subject because of the handsome matinee idol turned assassin.

Booth was the youngest member of a prominent acting family. Though never attaining the stature of his brothers Edwin and Junius, John Wilkes was popular with the women, the Tom Cruise of his day.

Nolte has arranged nine actors in gray period costumes on several platforms. Behind them are projections of portraits, cartoons, playbills and photographs of the Civil War era. The actors take on a variety of roles, giving us a brief outline of Lincoln's character and reputation and a more detailed portrait of Booth and his gang of assassins. This group has a lot in common with the Tonya Harding entourage.

History buffs will be interested in the tidbits of historical trivia that Nolte has accumulated in his research. Unfortunately, Nolte is unable to turn historical facts into compelling drama. We are told what happens and only rarely shown. The play would have more life if it were a



straight dramatization of the conspiracy. After all the plot included failed attacks, cross country horse chases and a deadly shootout.

Nolte has some ideas about the plot and the accused plotters, showing some sympathy for Mary Seurat and none for Dr. Mudd, but his recitation of incidents raises more questions than it answers.

The acting is good enough to hold our attention. Peter Gregory Thompson resembles Booth and projects the proper ham actor dash that made Booth confuse theater with reality. Jeanne Arnold is effective as the gaunt, world weary Mary Seurat, who either was or was not a key figure in the plot to kill Lincoln. Secretary of State Seward and Vice

President Johnson. Jayne Houdyshell makes the best of her resemblance to Mary Todd Lincoln, bringing some sympathy to playing this distressed, unhappy woman. Carl Shurt is properly regal as Edwin Booth, the greatest American actor of the 19th century and a victim of his brother's zeal. In addition to playing numerous parts, Paul Hopper and Joseph Reed provide a humorous musical interlude.

"The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln" is a playwright's notebook for an interesting play, now he has to go on to write the play.

Hugh Gallagher is production editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. He has reviewed films and plays for the past 20 years.

Repeating history: Paul Hopper, Jeanne Arnold, Joseph Reed and Peter Gregory appear in "The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln," at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre through April 10.

ON STAGE

"The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln"

★ Theater: Meadow Brook on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester

★ Curtain time: 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, March 24-25, 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 30. Shows through April 10, weekend times vary.

★ Tickets: Range from \$18 for Wednesday matinee to \$24.50 for Friday evening performances. Call 377-3300.

ON STAGE

"The Fantasticks"

★ Theater: Schoolcraft College, 16600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

★ Curtain time: Dinner theaters will be offered in the Waterman Campus Center, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2. Followed by an 8 p.m. show in the Liberal Arts Theatre. A theater only option will be offered 8 p.m. Friday, April 1.

★ Tickets: Dinner theater, \$15.50 per person, show (only) \$6. Call (313) 462-4409.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.

Cast captures charm of 'Fantasticks'



BOB WEIBEL

Schoolcraft College's production of "The Fantasticks" magically captures the charm of this popular little musical about the innocence of first love and pitfalls that may follow.

The tale is simply told, and simply staged with music, a cast of seven, and lots of theater. There is a small platform with acting curtain, a prop box, cardboard sun/moon, stepladder (for a tree), and bench (for a wall and sitting).

Director Jim Hartman has also added another nice touch — he co-

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turned the whole cast in white outfits. They work well against a black backdrop, and during special lighting, which by the way, are very good.

The effervescent cast is a joy to behold from beginning to end. There is, for example, the Mute, played beautifully by Kelley Oley. Never saying a word, she gracefully moves about the stage pantomiming and giving items like flowers to actors, or sprinkling a little rain or snow on a scene.

John Michael Norman commands the stage in his double role as the Narrator who invites the audience to "Try to Remember" when they were

young and in love — and the devilish El Gallo who plots to disrupt the young lover's bliss.

Beth Anderson and Jeremy Morris play the two young lovers (Luiza and Matt). They capture the lighting, joy and humbleness of life's mysteries with warmth, energy and insight.

Their fathers, of course, play the fool — or so it seems. Regardless, Brian Taylor and Steve Geary are a hoot as bumbling fathers in their gardens worrying about life — and pretending to feud so the youngsters will not get together. Kids, of course, do the opposite of what their parent's wishes. They secretly want them to pair off.

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COMMUNITY

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

PROFESSIONAL

BIRMINGHAM
"The NOT Mikado" continues through April 24 at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call 644-3533.

JET

"Sight Unseen" by Donald Margulies opens previews April 6 and continues through May 1 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets range from \$8 to \$19.50. Call 788-2900 or Ticketmaster 645-6666.

ATTIC
"Dancing at Lughnasa," through April 17 at the Strand Theatre in Pontiac. Call 335-8100.

CHILDREN

RIDGE DALE
"Easter in Dogpatch" a musical children's Easter play, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27. Tickets \$5.50 includes breakfast or lunch with Bunny. Call (810) 542-1322 or 288-0799 for reservations.

MARQUIS THEATRE
Musical adaptation of "Charlotte's Web" continues 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays, through April 10 at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. Tickets \$6.50, call (313) 349-8110.

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"Flappers & Phantom," an upbeat musical revue in the lower level of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield, through March 26. Cost \$48 per person. Call 559-4230 for reservations.

LSO features guest artists at cabaret

There's still time to buy tickets for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra cabaret concert — "A Night in Paris" 7 p.m. Friday, March 25, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Doors open 7 p.m. for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Concert begins 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20, call 851-4524.

The popular cabaret concert includes music from Broadway and Hollywood performed by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and guest artists, is a major fund-raiser.

This year's featured performers include vocalist, violinist Stacy Heister, Miss Michigan 1993, Fat Bob Taylor, pianist soloist Joshua Cullen, 9 and Peter Soave, playing the bayan.



Peter Soave

Puppeteer, singer present programs for kids

Emmy Award-winning Professor Ed U. Gator brings his puppetry to Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26.

He will be performing "Pierre and the Alligator," a Cajun version of "Peter and the Wolf." Tickets are \$6. Call (810) 377-3300.

For more than 21 years, Profes-

sor Ed U. Gator (John Byrne) has been dedicated to bringing his special style of educational entertainment to adult and children's audiences all over the world.

After his performance, Professor Ed U. Gator will invite the audience to participate in a demonstration on "How to Make a Puppet."

Children's singer/songwriter/

entertainer Marc Thomas of Farmington will make his Youththeatre debut at Music Hall in Detroit, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 27.

Youtheatre recommends the show for 3-6-year-olds. Individual tickets for adults and children are \$6 each. Call (313) 963-2366.

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Saturday, March 25-26 at Bonstelle Theatre on campus in Detroit. The concert will feature original choreography by faculty members Eva Powers of Bloomfield Hills and Linda Simmons. Tickets are \$6 at the door (\$5 for senior citizens and students). Call 577-4273.

Schoolcraft College is offering Easter dinners for two — oven-ready Spring Lamb with djonianese, romary jus, ratatouille casserole and cheese gratin, anna potatoes and petite baguette and Easter fancies. A six to eight pound ham or a ham at \$3.90 per pound may also be purchased. A variety of other gourmet accompaniments will also be available. To order your Easter feast, call Sylvia Hayes, (313) 462-4991. Deadline to order is Monday, March 28.

Christy Anzalone of Livonia, Amy Hendrickson of Garden City and Tiffany McKay of Westland are among the 12 students invited to join a new dance company, Full Circle, at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. The student dancers were required to audi-

tion and have previous dance training in ballet, jazz or modern dance, and be enrolled in the dance technique for performing class. Full Circle will perform 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 29-30 at the Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen. Doors open 7 p.m. Friday, April 29 will be with Detroit Dance Collective, a modern dance company. Tickets are \$6 general, senior citizens and students, \$4. Call 845-6314 for tickets.

Metropolitan Ballet Theatre has canceled its April performances of "Giselle," scheduled April 7-10 at Music Hall in Detroit. Tickets will be refunded at the place of purchase. All subscription ticket holders will be contacted by mail regarding refunds.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Entertainment sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments, 553-2105, fax 591-7279, or write: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

'Velveteen Rabbit' hopping to Livonia

September Productions, a group of adult professional actors, directors and technical staff, all from the metro Detroit area, will be presenting "The Velveteen Rabbit" 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 27, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

Tickets are \$5 adults, \$4 children. The theater is at 38840 W. Six Mile between I-275 and Hagerty. Call (810) 615-0414 for tickets.

"The Velveteen Rabbit," is an original musical adaptation of the beloved story by Margery Williams. It tells the story of a small boy's favorite toy and how it becomes real.

September Productions' presentation includes dancing toys, silly rabbits, and a magical fairy. Wonderful costumes, charming music, sound effects and a lovely set round off this production.



Children's show: Theresa Weiss (left) as the Velveteen Rabbit and Mark Barrera (right) as the Skin Horse in "The Velveteen Rabbit."

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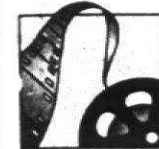
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'The Mighty Ducks' return in hilarious sequel



When a clumsy crew of lame losers were transformed into a mighty flock of lucky Ducks by

direction, in Walt Disney Pictures' live-action comedy sequel "D2 The Mighty Ducks" opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

The film is directed by Sam Weisman, from a screenplay written by Steven Brill, based on characters created by Steven Brill. The producers are Jordan Kerner and Jon Avnet. Buena Vista Pictures distributes.

In creating the story, characters and sports milieu for the original Walt Disney Pictures film "The Mighty Ducks," it was inevitable that Disney would begin working on a sequel to the 1992 hit. But where the original movie was about regional sports and a town

divided by the Ducks and Hawks teams, the filmmakers wanted to take the new story to a global level.

"We wanted to make America the symbol for the Ducks and vice-versa, so we included the entire spectrum of races and ethnicities all playing on one team with one purpose in mind. After a few problems they unite. This is very much about a team of disparate parts becoming strong together," said Brill.

"D2 The Mighty Ducks," picks up where the original story left off. The Ducks hockey team end their season as winners, and their coach, Gordon Bombay has gone on to pursue his dream of playing in the minor leagues.

Gordon finds himself back in Minnesota when an injury ends his skating career. His hopes are revived when he is approached by Tibbles (Michael Tucker), an official sponsor of Team USA. Gordon agrees to coach hockey for the Junior Goodwill Games.



Exciting sequel: Coach Gordon Bombay (Emilio Estevez, top row, second from left) reluctantly agrees to help his old team in their bid for the Junior Goodwill Games in the sequel to Walt Disney Pictures' box office hit "The Mighty Ducks."

from commercial endorsements. They are "ducks in Babylon," as Estevez describes them. And despite the best efforts of the team's

teacher Michele (Kathryn Erbe) to keep them from straying from their roots, the Ducks must ultimately find their own way back.

"D2 The Mighty Ducks," is rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested). Some material may not be suitable for children.

UPCOMING MOVIES

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

Opening Friday, March 25:

"The Hudsucker Proxy" — Satirical comedy about big business. Follows the fortunes of Norville Barnes (Tim Robbins), a naive, good-natured young man who comes to New York to make his fortune, and within days, finds himself at the top of the corporate ladder at Hudsucker Industries. Also stars Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.

Opening Wednesday, March 30:

"Four Weddings And A Funeral" — A stylish romantic comedy set exclusively at four weddings and a funeral, is a tale of 8 friends and 2 people who belong together but insist on staying apart. Stars Andie MacDowell, Hugh Grant, Kristin Scott Thomas, and Simon Callow.

"Thelma & Louise" — Animated feature based on the beloved Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale about a tiny girl "no bigger than your thumb," and her adventures as she follows her heart.

"Major League II" — The ex-champion Cleveland Indians are headed for a fast paced finish again thanks to their off season meanderings, and they must prove once more that they have what it takes, as they are coached by their former catcher, Jake Taylor. Stars Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger.

Opening Friday, April 15:

"Cops and Robbers" — The lives of the average suburban Robbers family are changed when a no-nonsense veteran cop moves in to stake out the house next door. Comedy starring Chevy Chase.

Opening Friday, April 22:

"Brainiac" — Teenage boy faces a living nightmare when his playing of an interactive fantasy game might in fact be responsible for real murders.

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"Jimmy Hollywood" — Street-smart actor who takes a vigilante philosophy after a series of robberies, creating the role of a lifetime.

Opening Friday, April 1:

"House of the Spirits" — Saga of the powerful Trubia family, followed over the course of three generations. Stars Jeremy Irons, Meryl Streep, Glenn Close and Winona Ryder. Based on best-selling novel of the same name.

"Clifford" — Martin Short stars as a mischievous 10-year-old boy who has many misadventures while in the care of his bachelor uncle.

Opening Friday, April 8:

"Threesome" — Two guys and a girl, college roommates through an administrative error, find their relationship evolving into a complex triangle in this contemporary comedy.

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Join staff on deadline at 'The Paper'

AP — Near the end of Ron Howard's "The Paper," opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters, an overwrought city commissioner jumps the columnist who's been skewering him with relentless exposes on parking enforcement, points a gun at the reporter and asks why he's being hounded.

Because the looming columnist, Dan McDougal (Randy Quaid), says with cool abandon, the commissioner works for the city and it's "your turn."

It's that type of deadpan cynicism that helps make "The Paper" a high-voltage joy ride of journalistic fun. But wowed into the laughter are some telling moments that mirror a few truths about the Fourth Estate.

Directing from a well-crafted screenplay by David and Stephen Koepp, Howard storms through 24 hours at the New York Sun, a scruffy daily that thrives on wham-bam headlines with slammers (exclamation points).

It's an especially critical day for Henry Hackett (Michael Keaton), the Sun's metro editor, who's down to the wire over a story that could free two young men wrong-

fully charged with murder and also has a job interview with the highly respected Sentinel ("We cover the world").

Adding more dynamics to Henry's day, wife Marty (Marisa Tomei) is about to give birth to their first child, his managing editor, Alicia (Glenn Close), wants him dead, and the paper's editor Bernie White (Robert Duvall) is having thoughts of mortality as he learns of a cancerous prostate.

Hey, no biggie. It's just a typical day in the life of a reporter.

Hackett might work for a tabloid, but he has journalistic ethics. It's important to get it first and get it fast, but more important — get it right.

Two white out-of-town businessmen are murdered, with a racial slur painted across their car to make it look like a crime of hate. Two young black men who are on the street at the time are arrested.

Wham. Alicia wants their arrest and pictures on the front page.

Bam. The headline: "Gotcha!" Henry learns the Sentinel has information that the murdered men were involved in a banking

scandal and the arrested kids are innocent. But Alicia won't budge.

The minutes tick away as the paper's deadline arrives. The incompetent police beat reporter has nothing, and McDougal doesn't seem to be getting anywhere with the feds. But Marty, a former reporter who's dying to get back into the game, gets the 411 from an old Justice Department source.

There's only one missing ingredient and Henry has to get that one himself.

Howard keeps a brisk pace. The audience races through deadline pressure with Henry, and watches the creation of a breaking news story.

And yes, you do get to hear the almost mythic "Stop the presses!" But Howard packs a few surprises with that one.

The filmmakers went to the New York Daily News and New York Post to research a big city tabloid, and learned well. Howard does indeed capture the frenzy and the passions, the pranks, the paranoia, the jealousies, the cre-

ative edge, the neurotic but intellectual curiosity, the intense camaraderie, and the sexual romps. Nothing is sacred in a newsroom, and everyone's fair game.

His camera is never still. At times, it's handled to give a gritty sense of urgency.

And he couldn't have a better cast: Performances are excellent all the way around.

As Hackett, Keaton is marvelous and once again shows his incredible versatility. He's a newsman, right down to his Coca-Cola addiction and telephone balancing act.

Close is wonderful as the frustrated but sexually skilled freelance writer thrust into an administrative spot she really can't handle, a journalist who thinks she's in the same league as the people she covers.

Duvall is a classic, an editor who slept his way around the newsroom and made his job the mistress. His wife is gone, his daughter hates him, and he's sick and old.

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Stage set for 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

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SPECIAL WRITER

It wasn't going to be just another traditional set. And it definitely wasn't the usual technical requirements. That's what Timothy Hughes and Lucy Mayo discovered when they signed up to work on the Royal Oak Stagecrafters' production of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"I wanted to do something quite different, something really dramatic, in terms of set design," said Hughes of Rochester. "Luckily, the director allowed me to create the usual set that has lots of different levels and platforms, some of which are sloping. In addition, the focus of the set is a crown of thorns that is nine feet in diameter."

While Hughes was designing the set, technical director Lucy Mayo of Southfield was busy

trying to figure out how to "hang" two of the actors in the play. "This is the first time I have had to 'hang' anyone, so I went to a wilderness store for assistance," she said.

"I decided that a harness used by a sky divers would be suitable for the actor playing Judas, who 'hangs' himself after he betrays Jesus. This type of harness balances the body at the shoulders so it helps create a realistic-looking 'hanging by the neck.' We are using a mountaineer's harness, worn backwards, to hang Jesus on the cross. This harness puts the body weight on the waist."

Although she has been a member of Stagecrafters for just one year, Mayo has worked backstage on more than 100 community theater productions, primarily in Cleveland where this computer programmer formerly lived.

ON STAGE

"Jesus Christ Superstar"

★ Theater: Royal Oak Stagecrafters, 415 South Lafayette Avenue.

★ Curtain time: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 27. Shows 8 p.m. Thursday March 31 and April 7, and weekends through April 17. Sunday show times vary.

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"I have no desire to perform on stage," she said. "I am very happy working on the technical requirements such as lighting, props and carpentry."

Hughes said that although he had one "walk on" part in a play, he, too, likes working on the sets. "I have designed more than 12 sets since I joined the Stagecrafters nine years ago," he said.

PREVIEW

"I am fortunate because I am able to be creative and move away from more traditional set designs," said the chemical technician.

Although he likes designing unusual sets, Hughes said that the actors' safety must be considered. "The 'Superstar' set is very angular and I was afraid that the actors might have trouble staying on some of the platforms because they are wearing sandals. We solved this problem by adding a clear coat of paint with sand in it to provide traction."

Safety is also a concern of Mayo's. "That's why I tried out the harnesses before I purchased them. I wanted to see what they felt like and if the actors could comfortably maneuver in them."

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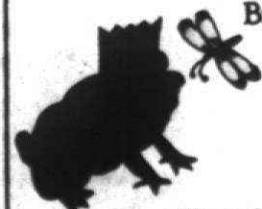
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Community Playthings: Built to last

It's here! The truck is here! The director of the new child care center rushed to the entrance, flagging down the delivery truck that read YELLOW on the side. More than 20 huge boxes were unloaded.

Out of the first box came a solid maple dress-up cupboard, with the word Community etched at the base of the cupboard, and a logo of three children in motion. Next came a child-sized rocking boat that when turned over can double as a set of stairs for a toddler to climb, or be used as a prop to encourage language development during show-and-tell with the top stair serving as a platform or stage.

This creative and well-crafted piece of equipment also was solid maple. In fact, every piece of equipment and child care furnishing delivered was solid maple.

The director was quite pleased with her selections, as well as the company that designed the equipment, Community Playthings. What a difference in the room now. The new items that graced the soon-to-be-open child care center were sturdy and resembled fine pieces of art carefully constructed, awaiting the community children who would enjoy them.

The toddlers would feel in control as they sit at the toddler-sized tables. They would join in with the preschoolers, their heroes, you know, and select the toy of their choice from the medium and low storage units (shelves) that connect.

The equipment is well-crafted, safe and convenient. The storage units were equipped with a locking option, so closing the connecting units gives the appearance of a nice, neat suitcase. Not only that, on most of the adjustable shelves and large pieces are concealed swivel casters for mobility, making them ideal for easy arranging in a classroom.

The director walked over to the nursery rocker while she discussed her plans for curriculum and daily activity. She casually bent down while continuing to talk. Wow, she was so excited. Back and forth the rocker swayed, with her watching and anticipating. Not so surprising, she tried to position herself into the rocker. Yes, she did!

Couldn't blame her though, Community Playthings' toys and equipment could easily entice even grown folks to play. However, her legs were just a little bit too long to fit comfortably. Darn it!

Headquartered in Rifton, N.Y., Community Playthings builds quality equipment for energetic, inquisitive young children. The company considers itself a partner with parents, teachers and child care professionals in nurturing today's children and providing safe environments.

Perhaps what makes Community Playthings even more interesting is the people behind the solid wood products that can be found in every other child care center, classroom and even family day care home across the United States and Canada. They are a fellowship of families and singles who live in communities of the Hutterian Brethren.

Simon Mercer, customer service representative, provided a brief history of the community and its new catalog items. Community Playthings has community workshops in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, Germany and now Nigeria.

For more than 40 years, Community Playthings has designed products that meet the developmental needs of children. Child care professionals and schools find the equipment a great choice. Affordable too, which makes it great for fitting into a budget.

Rifton, an extension of Community Playthings, or vice versa, carries a line of equipment that focus on children with physical disabilities. These products are equally as safe and well-crafted, providing years of enjoyment. Children with various physical disabilities can take part in many of the same activities other children do, with the aid of specially-designed equipment.

There are mobile standers where tots and older kids can experience eye-level interaction with others and feel apart of the group. There are great things like an adjustable desk that can convert into an art center, easily attached to the mobile stander and much more.

A Vestibular balance board in the Rifton line products can be used on the nursery rocker. This would give a child with a disability a comfortable, stimulating, yet fun experience using the same rocker the other children use. The added safety and readiness device can fit right onto the

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Lights, action . . .

This 'cub' reporter has Palacevision

■ Heads up, George Blaha. Watch out, Kelly Tripucka. There's a new kid on the block who's ready, willing and able to make his debut in "Kid's Report," a new feature of the Detroit Pistons' pre-game show.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Justin Issa will have no problem adjusting to his future stardom as a host of the Detroit Pistons' new television show "Kid's Report." He is only 12, but he already knows the art of rubbing elbows with the big-wigs.

He and his co-hosts Angela Dominick of Novi and Carl Ford III of Monroe toured The Palace of Auburn Hills recently to acquaint them with their new workplace. Whenever Issa was introduced to someone with the authority to hire, he immediately shook hands and complimented the person on his tie.

During dinner, Pistons announcer Ken Calvert stopped by and jokingly suggested that the kids interview him. After Calvert left, Issa mumbled what it would take for an interview: "Twenty bucks and you can be first in line."

The children, along with Jenni Little of Warren, who couldn't make the tour, were the four students chosen from 91 videotaped entries submitted for the chance to be reporters for "Kid's Report," a TV show geared toward young children. The budding TV journalists will be introduced during a live segment of the Pistons' pre-game show at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, on WKBD-TV Channel 50. Issa's "Kid's Report" feature will focus on the Pistons' team plane, Roundball One. That report will air at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 1.

For his entry, Issa's sophisticated video featured a color monitor replay screen and an outdoor remote shot. Although he doesn't get nervous in front of a camera, he realized that it still takes a while to tape a program.

"It took a couple hours because I kept messing up," he said.

Issa's tape was impressive enough to land him the job. After the winners learned what goes on behind the scenes at The Palace, they watched the game from the courtside media tables. They were



ART EMANUEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Almost real: Jason Issa of Westland might have to use a phony mike to practice, but it will all be for real when he does his "Kid's Report" on the Detroit Pistons' team plane, Roundball One, for the April 1 pre-game show.

warned that members of the press cannot show favoritism. In lieu of that, Issa and Ford wrote notes to each other on their official Pistons notepads. Other times Issa sat on his hands to keep him from cheering.

Midway through the first period, the Pistons welcomed their new employees to the organization by flashing their names and faces on Palacevision.

Issa's "Kid's Report" assignment is his first for a wide television audience. He has done some stage

work and attended a drama course at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. He was only able to take the first drama class, however.

"I was gonna take the second one but I was grounded," he said.

Success is nothing new to Issa, who wears a golden "J" earring. A student at Frost Middle School in Livonia, he participates in the MACAT (Middle school Alternative Classroom for Academically Talented). The program incorporates more student involvement than regular school.

"He is a very creative and imaginative young man," said Nancy Stoner, Issa's language arts teacher, pointing out that he has won two Young Author awards. "He has also used a lot of creativity in making presentations, for instance in doing radio scripts."

Issa has learned a lot outside of school, however - especially what it takes to make it. He turned down chocolate pie during dinner.

"I have to stay away from the stuff. You don't get a complexion this smooth by eating chocolate."



Stylish: Drapery cashmere, linen jersey, silk, leather and cotton burlap have found places in Ron Leal's JAX designs.

Leal highlights color, textures in his designs

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Ron Leal grabs a butter-colored cashmere and wool jacket from the rack, flips up the collar and spreads it out on the floor. To it he adds a matching washed silk blouse, dark brown trousers, a dark blue blazer, and dark gray slacks.

He twists the body of a gray knit vest and adds it to the arrangement, along with a pair of white slacks, then stands back to admire his selection.

"The brown plays off the blues of winter and carries on to spring, where you pick up the white trousers," said Leal. "For \$335 (for the jacket) you've got an incredible value that carries you through fall, winter and spring."

Leal knows a lot about dressing. He's designer for JAX and Country, two divisions of Mr. Jax Fashions of Vancouver, B.C., and known for his philosophy of "maximum minimalism": "By stripping away unnecessary details, I simplify the design and allow it to be worn in a variety of different ways."

In fact, the fall season was "dedicated to the intelligent woman, the woman who says, 'If you want to sleep with me, you have to listen to me. If you don't listen to me, then I'll decide where this will go,'" Leal said.

Leal - who showcased JAX cruise and spring styles at a fashion benefit and trunk show at Jacobson's Laurel Park store in Livonia in November - was back in the state this month for

trunk shows at the store's Birmingham, Grosse Pointe and East Grand Rapids stores.

Leal highlights color and texture in his clothes. Drapery cashmere, linen jerseys, silk, leather, and cotton burlap have found places in his lines, with triacetate rayon, the fabric of the '90s, helping them go beyond a seasonal styling.

Leal is into 12-month fabrics and destination dressing. A well-heeled traveler himself, he looks for material that can stand the test of seasonal changes and being squashed in suitcases. It complements his view on how women should buy clothes.

"Women have to re-evaluate their buying habits," Leal said. "They have to buy smarter. You need less clothing as you get older, so you need to buy better. You need to buy one or two things."

"You need a quality of life for yourself and the quality of your clothing reflects that."

For Leal, long drapery shirts pair up with loose-fitting slacks in muted tan and green or bold checks, stylish with dress flats or a pair of Doc Martens. And yards of layered tulle becomes an elegant floor-length skirt.

Leal knows what he likes and is quick to stop a model on the runway to loosen a sash or turn up a collar. His thing is "sloppy chic," and he likes collars turned up, even on himself. After all, he said,

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Ancient customs bring meaning to Holy Week services

Palm Sunday, March 27, marks the beginning of Holy Week as area churches celebrate the passion of Christ with customs dating back to the New Testament church. The palm branch was waved to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday falls on March 31. Maundy comes from the Latin word for command. The Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples is remembered at this service.

Good Friday on April 1 marks the occasion of Christ's death on the cross and remembrance of his last words to his family and disciples. Noon services (Tre-Ore service) commemorate the three hours Jesus hung on the cross. The evening Tenebrae (meaning darkness or shadows) service is a Holy Week devotion dating back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses.

Easter (April 3) the resurrection of Christ, is often celebrated with an early morning " Vigil," or sunrise service. This service is designed to remember Jesus as the light of the world, and recalls the mighty acts of God.

With that in mind, local churches are putting the finishing touches on their Holy Week and Easter observances.

A Good Friday Communion Service will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. April 1 at the Meridian Road Baptist Church, 2055 Meridian Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City. The theme will be "Gathered at the Cross."

Sponsored by the Garden City Pastors' Association, the public is invited to "come when you can and leave when you must" for the service. Participating are Dearborn Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), First United Methodist Church, Garden City Presbyterian Church, Good Hope Lutheran Church, Meridian Road Baptist Church, St. David's Episcopal Church and St. Paul's United Church of Christ. A freewill offering will be taken.

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene Concert Choir and

guest soloist Tom Hartley will present an Easter musical program, "God With Us," at 6 p.m. April 2 and 10:30 a.m. April 3 at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 453-1525.

At Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, Palm Sunday services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Palm branches will be distributed to all worshippers and special music will be by the Brass, Cherub, Chorists, Christ Our Savior and the Handbell choir.

On March 31, a Maundy Thursday worship will be at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion and special music from the Christ Our Savior, Cherub, Chorists and Woodwind Choirs. As a part of this service the altar will be stripped of all cloths, candles and furnishings in preparation for Good Friday.

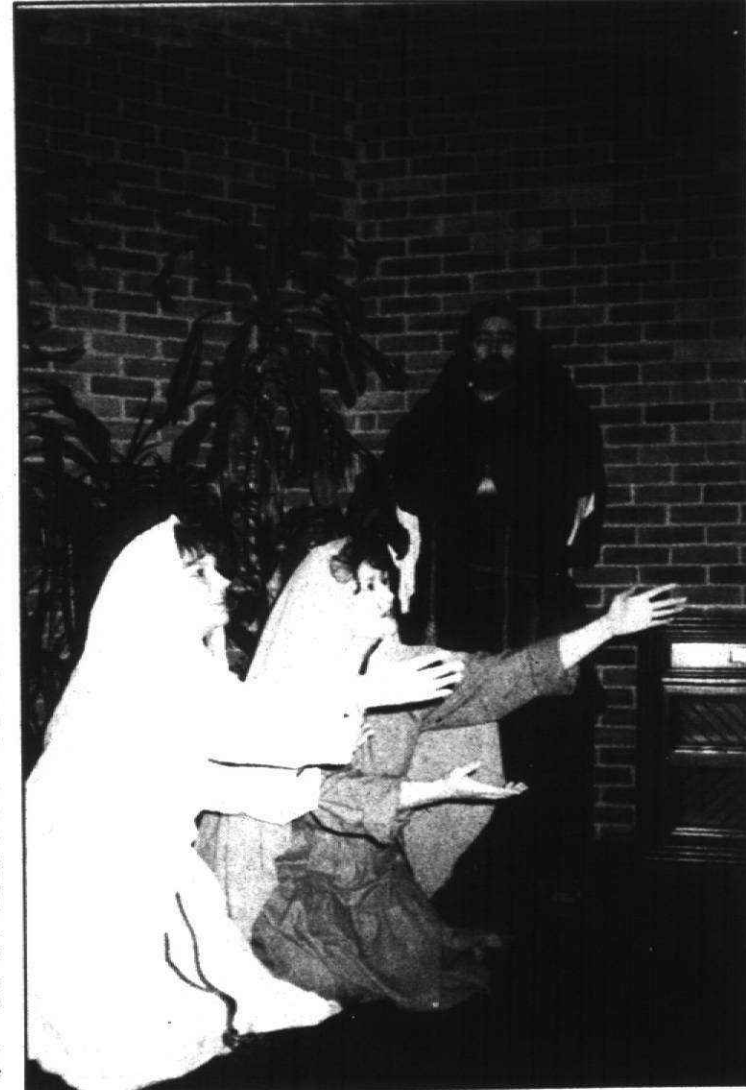
The Good Friday service of the cross will be at 12:30 p.m. with special music. A candlelight Tenebrae service of darkness will be at 7:30 p.m., titled "The Nails of Lent," featuring the Christ Our Savior Choir.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotion and festival communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Cherub, Chorists, Handbell and Brass and Woodwind choirs will be featured at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. The 11 a.m. service will feature the Christ Our Savior, Handbell, Brass and Woodwind choirs.

Children attending Easter services will receive a copy of the book, "God's Easter Plan." An Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth 7:30-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4-10 years of age, children 3 and under free. For more information, call the church office at 522-6890.

The Alpha Baptist Church and a cast of 30 will present a musical drama, "The Greatest Life Ever Lived," at 6 p.m. March 27 at the church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. For more information, call 421-6302.

St. Michael Parish in Livonia



'Awaiting': Kimberly Stone (from left), Kimberly Smith and Ron Wroblewski rehearse a scene from the Ward Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra presentation of "The Joy Awaiting." The musical drama will be presented March 27-28.

will have its annual Palm Sunday cantata, "Good News," at 7:30 p.m. March 27 at the church, 11441 Hubbard, between Meridian and Farmington roads.

The cantata is a combined musical/meditation experience and features St. Michael's Adult,

Children's and Handbell choirs. Refreshments will be served after the program in the Activities Building.

Holy Week at Hosanna Tabernacle Church, 9600 Levee, Redford, will include a Maundy Thursday Communion service at 7 p.m.

March 31. On Good Friday, churchgoers will have the opportunity to stand at the foot of Calvary's cross during the afternoon service, beginning at 1 p.m., or at the evening Tenebrae Communion service at 7 p.m.

On April 3, the Easter sunrise service will be at 6:30 a.m. Additional Easter services will be at 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, call 937-2233.

At Ward Presbyterian Church, 1700 Farmington Road at Six Mile, Livonia, the Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present its annual Easter production, "The Joy Awaiting," by Ken Parker, Palm Sunday, March 27, and Monday, March 28. The story depicts the Angel Gabriel and his struggle to understand the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

The Ward Chancel Choir last performed this drama in 1984, for the area premiere directed by Parker. The performances, directed by Jerry Smith, will be at 7 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday. Complimentary tickets for early admission are available at the church or by calling 422-1899.

Good Friday services will be noon to 3 p.m. April 1. Pastors from Ward Church, with Pastor Emeritus Dr. Bartlett Hess, will deliver messages, addressing "Faces Around the Cross." The Baptist Choir of Brynarth, Russia, will perform.

At Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, the Palm Sunday, March 27, service, "Guided to Jerusalem," will be at 9:30 and 11 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be served 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Holy Communion will be distributed at 7:30 p.m. "Taste, See the Lord Is Good" service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30. The Good Friday, April 1, service, "He Teaches Us from His Cross," will be 1-2 p.m. There will be two services Easter Sunday with Unity's Easter Choir, 9:30 and 11 a.m. For more information, call 421-1760.

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will have its Palm Sunday, March 27, service at 10:30 a.m. with worship scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday

day, March 31, and Good Friday, April 1. The Easter Sunday Service will be at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 422-0494.

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, at 42690 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, will have a Holy Week service at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 31. The 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 1, service will include a prayer vigil until the Easter sunrise worship. The prayer vigil is a watch kept at the altar by prayer partners every hour. Prayer requests should be deposited in the box on the church office window; names are optional.

The Easter sunrise service will be at 6:30 a.m. April 3. Breakfast will be served between that service and the 10:30 a.m. festival service. For more information, call 981-0286.

Holy Week at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will include a Maundy Thursday service with Communion at 7:30 p.m. March 31. On Good Friday, April 1, a community service of worship will be 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Three services will be celebrated Easter Sunday, April 3. Holy Communion will be served at 9 a.m. The Azure Singers will perform at that service. The Shalom Singers and Chancel Choir will present music at the 9 a.m. service, "Hallelujah Chorus." For more information, call 453-6464.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be host for a Good Friday Ecumenical service noon to 1:15 p.m. April 1. Pastors and members of several area churches will join in worship and meditation. St. Andrew's music director, Elaine Symons, will direct the choir.

Easter Sunday celebrations will begin with an 8 a.m. worship service, followed by a 9 a.m. breakfast, traditionally prepared by the men of the church. The regular 10:30 a.m. service will include special music and the celebration of Communion. For more information, call the church office at 274-3820 a.m. to noon weekdays.

St. Andrew's is at 26701 Joy Road between Inkster and Beech Daly roads.

Marriage: Society poses challenges to its traditions



RABBI IRWIN GRONER

At a lecture conducted for a group of married women in Long Island, the subject was "A Happy Married Life." At the conclusion, there were questions and answers, and finally, the lecturer asked, "Are there any more questions?"

From the back of the room, one heard a voice cry out, "Are there any more answers?" We live in an age when marriages seem fragile, under great stress and subject to disintegrating forces. We consider ancient words of wisdom on this theme.

A Roman matron of the first century asked a venerable rabbi, "Why has God been doing ever since He completed the work of creation?"

He responded, "The Almighty has been sitting in heaven, arranging marriages."

But a wise man, in commenting on this passage, noted that matches are made in heaven but marriages are made on earth. We all know that it's only in fairy tales that we encounter the phrase, "They were married, and they lived happily ever after." On behalf of all who are successfully married, we offer collective testimony that a fulfilling marriage is created, nurtured and developed.

The traditional conception of marriage is challenged by ideas and philosophies that are achieving wide circulation in our culture. The very spirit of the modern age challenges the stability of marriage. According to the judeo-Christian tradition, marriage is more than a biological union, an economic partnership, a legal entity, or a psychological association. Marriage is a consecration, a sanctification of life intended to endure. It links us with the past and the future. It enables us to experience sacred qualities of the human spirit.

Several years ago, a book titled "The Temporary Society" achieved wide circulation. The

author believes that we need to find new social forms that are consonant with the transient quality of our society. Manufacturers are developing clothes that are disposable. We wear them once and throw them away. Similarly, he argues that we ought to design social structures that allow us to throw them away when they are no longer useful to us. Our task is to help people learn to develop intense and deep human relationships quickly, then learn how to let go, learn how to get love and how to lose love; learn how to enter relationships and how to leave them.

Like Chase used to tell the story of the aftermath of her divorce from Louis Holt. His next wife was Julia Cahen. Ms. Chase, going through a trunk, found a box of hand-drawn sketches, bearing simply the name, "Mrs. Louis Cahen." Feeling ashamed that they should go to waste, she wrapped them up and sent them to her successor with a little note: "Dear Julia, I hope these reach you in time."

Something of that spirit pervades this book. The author is wrong conceptually, morally and scientifically. Life becomes cheapened and trivialized without commitments that endure and loyalties that persist, without friendship and love that grow and blossom with the passage of time.

Every couple who has lived well together over the years develops a sense of shared history. It's like a sea anchor in the turbulent seas of life, holding them steady in the face of life's storms and high winds. The richness of joint memory creates for them a special kind of tenderness.

To spend a lifetime with another human being is an incredible thing to contemplate. Marriage partners intermingle their energies and experiences and dreams over an entire life span.

Rabbi Irwin Groner is with Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. If you have a question or comment, call him at 963-2047, mailbox number 1862, on a touch-tone phone.

NEW VOICES

ALAN and LAURA BENNETT of Westland announce the birth of COURTNEY MARIE Jan. 11 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Robert and Norma Collop of Sarasota, Fla., and Henry Bennett of Canton.

ALBERT and REGINA FREDERICK of Canton announce the birth of a baby boy Nov. 12 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has two brothers and a sister, Devin, Justin and Erica. Grandparents are Charlotte Happony of Canton and Emma Frederick of Rogers City.

RONALD and ANNETTE KING of Livonia announce the birth of MITCHELL ALLAN Jan. 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a brother, Benjamin Andrew, 4, and a sister, Carly Anne, 2. Grandparents are Robert and Marilyn Bryce and Lester and Barbara King, all of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Grace Gibb of Dearborn and Elsie DeVries of Westland.

JEFFREY and ALLYSON JONES of Garden City announce the birth of AMELIA ELIZABETH Feb. 5 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a sister, Adrienne, 3, and a brother, David, 2. Grandparents are David and Joan Jones of Milan and Alfred and Maxine Sebes of Garden City.

DALE and MICHELLE CHARRON of Wayne announce the birth of JACOB ANDREW Feb. 4 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Eugene and Sharon Charron of Westland and Anthony and Frances Dombrowski of Wayne.

JEFF DORK and DENISE HALL of Westland announce the birth of STEVEN JAMES Feb. 1 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandmother is Debra Hall of Westland.

DAVID and SHEILA GOFF of Plymouth announce the birth of CONNOR JACOB Jan. 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a brother, Tyler, Grandparents are Orville and Mae Wilder of Westland and Tom and Carrie Goff of Canton. Great-grandmother is Bernice Goff of Garden City.

BRIAN and HEIDI BARTES of Canton announce the birth of ABIGAIL ELIZABETH Nov. 23 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a brother, Andrew Edward, 2½. Grandparents are Jack and Carol Wagner of Saginaw and Jimmy and Carol Troutman of Canton. Great-grandparents are Joyce Helbeston of Palm City, Fla., and Jack and Catherine Salow of Saginaw.

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JAX man: Designer Ron Leal.

designers are a reflection of their clothes.

In fact, his favorite outfit for a woman is a pair of gray flannel slacks, a big man's white shirt, and a pair of black flats.

A California native, his first visit to Europe at age 19 lasted 1½ years. Five years later, while living in New York, he agreed to accompany a friend to Greece, a 3½-week trip that turned into a four-year adventure.

"It was just the greatest," he said, pushing up the sleeves of his wool jacket.

His adventure included building a house in Portugal, remodeling a 200-year-old farmhouse, acting as an announcer for the Blue Bell Girls at the Lido in Paris, and selling clothes in London. The latter was his ticket to high fashion.

When a male model took ill, Leal was asked to fill in; within



LORENE GREEN

Dear Ms. Green, I recently read about your handwriting analysis and I've always wanted mine examined, so I compose this letter to you to do so.

I am 27 years old, single mother of a 5-year-old girl and an 18-month-old son. I am soon to be a medical assistant after I finish my schooling in March of '94. I like the challenge of the complexity of my course.

Any examination would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

A.B., Farmington Hills

This young woman has inner resources of strength. She is independent and creative in her thinking. She wants new opportunities and to break with the old.

Our writer is intelligent. She is efficient in both style and conduct. She desires efficiency and lack of waste.

Productive in her thinking, she seeks facts and information without embellishment. She can probably devise shortcuts and figure out ways to perform a task more efficiently than before. She concentrates on the essentials and separates the important from that which she knows is not.

After she completes a project she wants to move right on to the next one. She probably feels time is money, so let's not waste it. I have often said one's past has a strong impact. Signs of rebelliousness are suggested in her handwriting perhaps, the early home atmosphere did not always provide the love and approval she needed. Seemingly, she is still searching for that which she feels she missed. Other people may not be aware of this as she has a certain air of aloofness about her.

She has not always been able to integrate past experiences into present-day reality. This suggests she may not always learn from her past mistakes.

In relationships with others she can be defensive and tries to conceal personal problems. She

"Right now, our best defense

against breast cancer is early detection — screening, mammography, self-examinations and physician's physical breast exams," MacKenzie said. "When breast cancer is detected in its earliest, most treatable stages, chances for cure increase dramatically."

Among the thousands of walkers and runners will be hundreds of breast cancer survivors and their families. They will be wearing, with honor, the pink ribbons, buttons and visors that have come to symbolize the nation's awareness of breast cancer.

Proceeds from the 1994 race will continue to support breast

Participants will be admitted to the zoo free of charge after the race.

The MCF Prentiss Comprehensive Cancer Center, a United Way agency, is one of only 27 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive centers designed to provide timely education and up-to-date treatment and conduct advanced cancer research.

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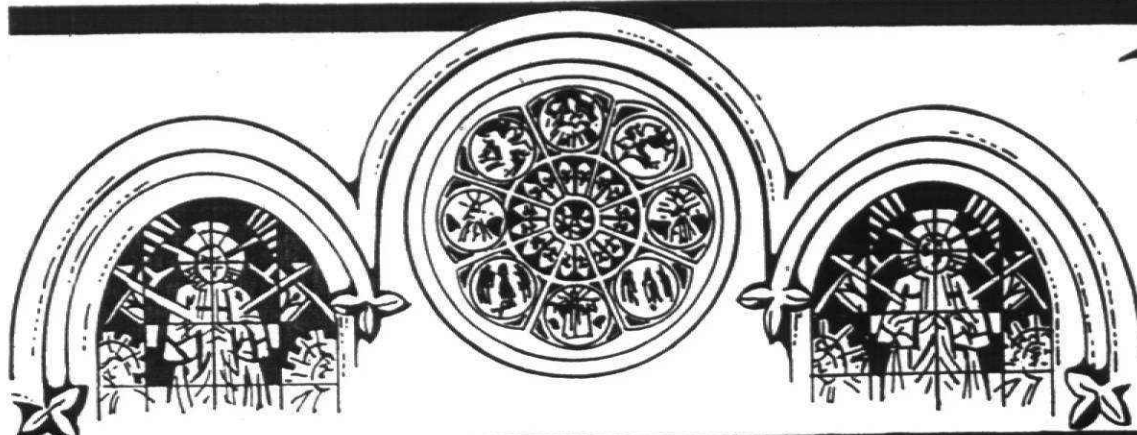
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Fact: Census shows historic change in women's status

The 1990 census revealed historic changes in the characteristics and status of American women, according to an analysis of a special census tabulation funded by the Ford Foundation and released by the Population Reference Bureau.

State by state as well as nationwide, PRB demographers Martha Farnsworth Riche and Kelvin Pollard found more variation among women along virtually every dimension the census measures.

In Michigan, they found that 17.8 percent of women are members of minority groups while 48 percent of the female population is not in married couples. The statistics also show that 23 percent have less than four years of high school while at the other end 15.1 percent having four or more years of college. Lastly, the census shows women's mean personal income in Michigan is just \$11,600.

What Riche and Pollard also found was that:

- Women are "older" than ever. The median age of American women increased from 31 years in 1980 to 34 years in 1990. During the 1980s, the number of teenagers and young adults declined, while the number of middle-aged and older women grew rapidly.
- The aging of the baby boom, and the continued increase in women's life expectancy contrib-

uted to this trend. In addition, interstate migration during the 1970s and 1980s produced a generally younger female population in states that received migrants and left a generally older female population in states that lost migrants.

Not surprisingly, retirement mecca Florida has the highest average age of 38, but West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey are not far behind. Utah has the youngest female population (average of 27), followed by Alaska, Texas and New Mexico.

The population of women is more racially and ethnically diverse than ever. Nearly one in four American women are members of a minority group. Moreover, these 30.7 million women of color are themselves more diverse than ever. About half are African-American, one-third are Hispanic, and one-eighth are Asian-American. Immigration and higher fertility among women of color account for the increased diversity.

Not surprisingly, Hawaii has the most racially and ethnically diverse population of women (70 percent are members of minority groups), followed by New Mexico (49 percent) and California (42 percent). In contrast, only 2 percent of Maine's female population are minorities, followed closely by Vermont, New Hampshire, Iowa and West Virginia.

The living arrangements of women are more varied than ever. Only one-fourth of women are more likely to work than ever. Two-thirds of women with children under age 18 are in the labor force as are three-fifths of women with small children.

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Women are a greater part of the American work force than ever. Some 50 million women of working age — nearly two-thirds of all such women — are employed in the labor force, representing an all-time high.

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South Dakota has the highest proportion of mothers with young children in the labor force (more than 70 percent), followed by Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota and Minnesota. In contrast, fewer than half of West Virginia's women with young children are in the work force, followed by New York, New Jersey, California and New Mexico.

The incomes of American women have grown. In the 1990 census, adult women reported an average personal income of \$12,200, an increase of 30 percent from 1980, after adjusting for inflation.

Women living alone have the highest average income, reflecting the fact that unmarried women who can afford to live alone often do so. Still, wives with young children contribute a significant share — one-fourth — of the family income.

Alaska is the state where women have the highest personal income.

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Dinner serves up cash for AHA

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

A Farmington Hills volunteer is cooking up a charity dinner seasoned with laughs by celebrity waiters vying for tips to be donated to the American Heart Association.

Carol Scheuer — organizer of the Celebrity Celebration for Heart Dinner and Auction Thursday, April 28, at Laurel Manor in Livonia — comes to the job with personal interests in helping the organization. Cardiovascular disease is America's No. 1 killer.

Scheuer speaks from the heart when she explains why it was important for her to get involved with the organization.

"Heart is very special to me, because of my father," Scheuer said. "Thirty years ago my father found out he had heart problems. He retired, quit smoking, followed doctor's orders and 30 years later he's still around. So the heart is very close to me."

She finds time for AHA despite running her own business, S & H Sales, a firm which specializes in mugs, hats, trophies and the like conducting "At Work" Weight Watchers classes; and volunteering with the American Cancer Society Shirley Wimmer Memorial Fund.

Meanwhile, her focus is on finding waiters and organizing the celebrity dinner. Everything seems under control as she reads a note in her Franklin Planner and explains that the theme of the dinner is country-western.

Guests are invited to wear jeans and cowboy boots, or whatever else will help them have a relaxing evening. The reception is at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$35 for each ticket.

A silent auction, organized by Scheuer's husband, Bob, will be held before the dinner.

"We've set a goal of \$15,000," Scheuer said.

Last year, the first celebrity dinner raised \$6,000 with lawyers, doctors and others donning aprons and hamming it up as waiters.

The waitperson with the most tips wins the "Favorite Waiter Contest" and, of course, all proceeds go to the AHA. Last year, one attorney even went so far as to drop his pants to reveal heart-shaped boxer shorts. Anything for a tip.

"This is one of the most fun and unrehearsed events," said Andrew Kramer, AHA West-Metro regional director. "Expect the unexpected." The event is one of the biggest of the year for the local division of AHA, he added.

Getting people involved has been the key. Scheuer said her volunteer work sometimes crosses over. For instance, other volunteers for the American Cancer Society have agreed to work on the celebrity dinner.

"As soon as I mentioned this, the other volunteers said they would help here."

But more waiters are still needed. Scheuer said, explaining that the only job requirement is to have a "great personality, a heart and wanting to volunteer."

Women

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come, on average, followed by Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and Massachusetts. West Virginia is the state with the lowest average personal income for women, followed by Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and South Dakota.

Poverty remains a major problem for many women. While women comprise a slight majority of all Americans, they are three-fifths of all adults living in poverty. One in seven adult women was poor by government income standards, with the youngest and oldest among them — under age 25 or over age 85 — most likely to be poor.

Mississippi has the highest proportion of women living in poverty (25 percent), followed by New Mexico, Arkansas, West Virginia and Alabama (20 percent). Connecticut has the lowest proportion of women living in poverty (7 percent), followed closely by New Hampshire, New Jersey, Hawaii, Alaska and Maryland.

The 1990 census results tell a mixed story about women. In many ways and for many women, women's status improved dramatically during the decade. Yet not all women shared in these gains, and women of color remain significantly behind majority women on almost every dimension of well-being measured by the census.

■ 'Thirty years ago my father found out he had heart problems. He retired, quit smoking, followed doctor's orders and 30 years later, he's still around.'

Carol Scheuer

Some of the items that have been donated for the auction include a baseball bat signed by De-

troit Tiger Cecil Fielder, a golf package at the Links of Novi, services by Charisma Salon, a gift

certificate at Sneaky Pete's in Livonia, boxes of basketball and baseball cards from All Star Card and Comic of Livonia and golf vacations. Also, John DeSignore, owner of Laurel Manor, donated the facility for the evening.

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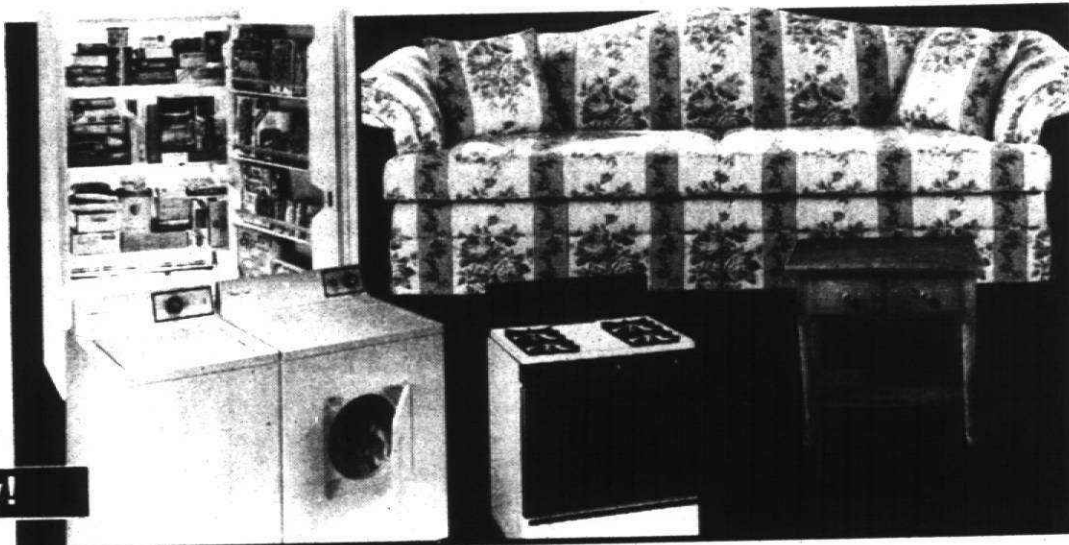
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Indoor gardening project is quite a dish

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A dish garden is an easy project; the makings are readily available, and the result will make a nice addition to your indoor plant collection. You can choose a container to match your decor and the plants that appeal to you. Blooms come in different colors. Members of the cactus family, Cactaceae, are from the hot, dry regions of the Americas and are especially suitable for dish gardens.

All cacti are succulents; the name comes from the Latin *Sucus*, which means juice. They have reservoirs in the leaves, stems, flower tubes and sometimes roots for storing the "juice" or moisture.

There are around 2,000 species in the cacti family — some have spines, others don't. All cacti have special cushions or sunken areas called areoles on the stems from which the spines, flowers and leaves grow.

I constructed the dish garden pictured by using all desert cacti. I did use one succulent, a small aloe. Desert cacti have the same cultural requirements, and it's important that the plants have the same needs. The plants are readily available for purchase.

The Latin names are tongue-twisters. Some common names are Scarlet-bugler (silver-torch), Peruvian apple (curiosity-plant), Blue barrel (devil's-tongue), Golden barrel, Urchin — the list goes on and on. I have found that many of the plants aren't specifically labeled, so I'll leave it to you to find the proper name if you wish.

Dish design

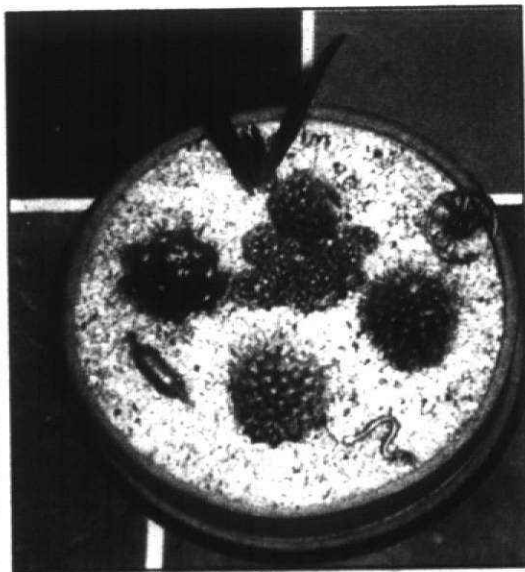
Choose a low dish about 5 inches deep and 10 to 12 inches across, with drainage holes. Five small plants will fit into this size with room for a little painted figure. I used three pewter objects to add interest.

Place a layer of broken shards or gravel and several pieces of charcoal in the bottom of the dish. It is imperative that you do this if the container has no drainage holes.

A potting soil that allows good drainage is necessary and can be bought with the right formula for these plants. An inch or two of the potting soil goes in next, then gently set the plants in a pleasing manner on the soil. Wear gloves or use a piece of cloth or paper towel to protect your hands from the spines.

Carefully add more soil, firming it around the

See FIGLEY, 2D



MARTY FIGLEY

Dishing it out: A dish garden makes a nice addition to a plant collection. Members of the cactus family, Cactaceae, are from the hot, dry regions of the Americas and are especially suitable for dish gardens.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- Preview the "Rain" exhibition of Native American artistry at Native West in downtown Plymouth.
- Bob Sklar's Creative Encounters column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.

Auction to benefit Plymouth school

■ Join the fun at a live auction in New Morning School's behalf Saturday, March 26, when more than 80 fine art and craft items go up for bidding at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



Live auctions always spell fun.

New Morning School's 18th annual extravaganza featuring more than 500 items, including a 27-foot Catalina sailboat, roundtrip air fare on American Airlines, dinner and theater packages, autographed sports memorabilia, pit tickets for the Grand Prix, a hot-air balloon ride as well as fine arts and crafts, promises an evening full of fun.

The gaveling goes down 5 p.m. till midnight Saturday, March 26, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets are \$45 per person (includes hors d'oeuvres and seated dinner). Proceeds benefit the New Morning School in Plymouth. Reserve your seats by calling the school at (313) 420-3331.

"We've targeted larger items that would be more appealing to people this year," said Leslie Stolaruk, auction chairwoman.

Topping the list of more than 80 fine art and craft items are:
■ a limited-edition (19/30) print, "Canvasbacks," by Larry Hayden of Farmington Hills donated by Wild Wings, Plymouth.

■ "Mischief in the Making," a numbered print of a raccoon by Theresa Politowicz, Howell.

■ a set of two prints by Cyndy Calog from Wild Wings.

■ a maple burl wood vase from Selo/Shevel Gallery, Ann Arbor.

■ a mixed-media painting, "The Fire Within," by Diane Harrison, Plymouth Township.

■ a porcupine photograph by Carl R. Sams II and Jean F. Stoick, White Lake.

■ a framed Navajo chart of plant dyes used in weavings from Native West, Plymouth.

■ a watercolor by Madeleine Vallier, Ann Arbor.

■ six stoneware goblets from David's Pottery.

■ a hand-glazed ceramic yellow perch by T.J. Richter, Freeland.

■ a porcelain figure pin by Marcia Hovland from Atrium Gallery, Northville.

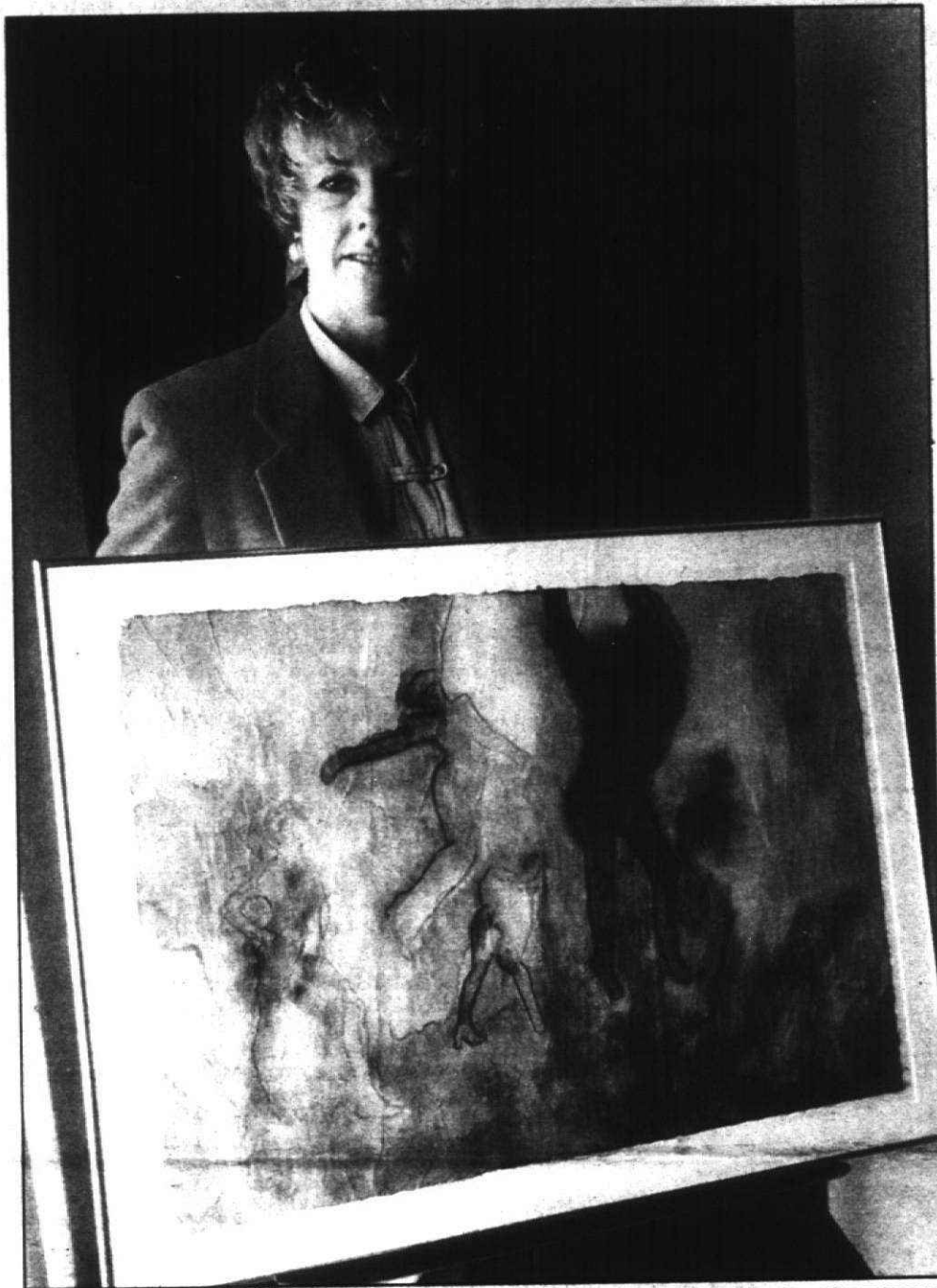
■ a brightly colored Earth Angel soft-sculpture doll by Linda Haderer, Petoskey.

■ baby-theme frames by Leslie Stolaruk, Plymouth.

■ a "First Puppy" numbered lithograph by Michelle Tolle.

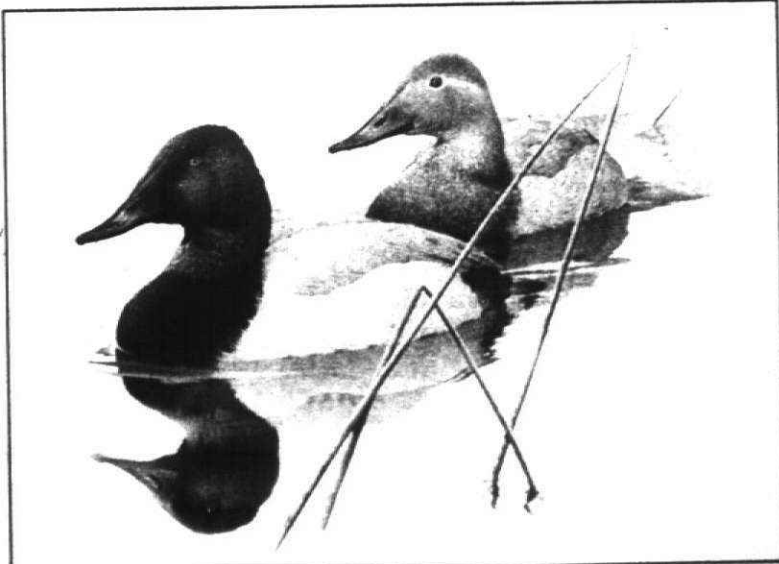
■ a birds watercolor print by Carol Groves, Dearborn.

See AUCTION, 2D



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Striking emotion: Diane Harrison of Plymouth Township uses color to create emotion in the mixed-media painting, "The Fire Within." The work goes on the auction block Saturday, March 26.



King pin: "Canvasbacks," a framed print (19 by 30 inches) by Farmington Hills artist Larry Hayden, is sure to draw heavy bidding from sportsmen and wildlife art lovers alike. Wild Wings in Plymouth donated it for the auction.

Scarab Club applauds Redford sculptor

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Randall Lentz of Redford Township won Best of Sculpture plus a \$250 cash prize for "Eve in the Garden" at the Scarab Club's all-media Silver Medal Exhibition continuing through April 23.

Jurors were Gary Eilenko and Grete Weekly.

"I hadn't been entering any shows, but I decided to enter this one on a whim," Lentz said. "Now I will con-

tinue entering shows around town." Lentz's figural sculptural serves a warning that defines the evil of the future by using found objects discarded in the present.

One year ago, Lentz exhibited 14 of the works in "The Rape of the Future: Dark Warriors in the New World Order" at Nelson's Gallery in Livonia. The primitive-looking artworks, one of which is a towering seven-foot, nine-inch figure with tail, haunt the viewer long after exposure

to their eerie presence.

"Eve in the Garden" features the serpent talking to Eve before the fall. Lentz crafted the upright hissing snake between Eve's legs from stock once used in his magic act. Like Lentz says, "You have to be really hardcore to like these. This isn't something for your average person."

The Eve in the Scarab Club show looks less rustic than a year ago. "I really made her a lot more clean," Lentz said.

To offset his sculpture, Lentz recently began a series of acrylic paintings on Masonite. The four- by four-foot representational abstracts in the "Saved by Grace" series deal with a religious theme. So far, he's completed the "Stoning of Steven," "Conversion of Paul" and "Christ on the Cross."

The Scarab Club is at 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 831-1250.

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■ CRAFTY GATHERING

Craft Gallery's Easter folk art and Victorian craft show takes place; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 27 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, north of West Warren, in Westland.

Observerland exhibitors will include: Diane Malaznik, tole on wood, Livonia; Val Davis and Debbi Jordan, country painted wood and fabric, Plymouth; Kay Vincent, country cross stitch, Redford.

The show's fare includes 65 Michigan-based displays of juried folk art, Victorian crafts, early Americana, seasonal attire, French country and

the Southwest.

Admission is \$2 with children younger than 12 free. Lunch and refreshments will be available in Hawthorne Gardens. No strollers or cameras are allowed.

■ FOLK ART

American folk art and colonial living expert Shirley Meyer will speak at the M.T. Hunter Colonial Lighting and Furniture Store 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 25, 201 E. Main, Northville. Refreshments will be served.

Meyer will speak and give a slide presentation on American folk art, the role of women, and how

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it changed in folk art in the 17th and 18th century.

"American folk art and colonial furnishings are enjoying a big resurgence," Meyer said. "The more high tech we become, the more we inwardly rebel against that same technology. We like it in our public lives but not our private lives."

"People want their homes to be warm and cozy, so they are reaching back to America's roots when furnishings," Meyer said.

■ CALL FOR ENTRIES

Observerland art groups can apply for Arts Foundation of Michigan regional or statewide competition funding till May 23. AFM funds first place or best of show awards in competitions in all disciplines.

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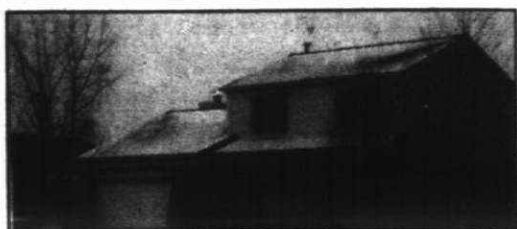
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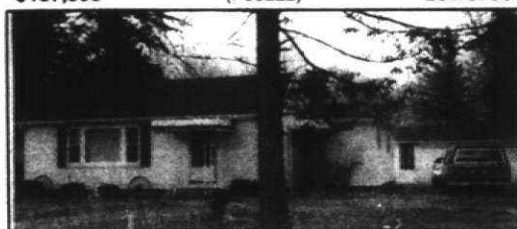
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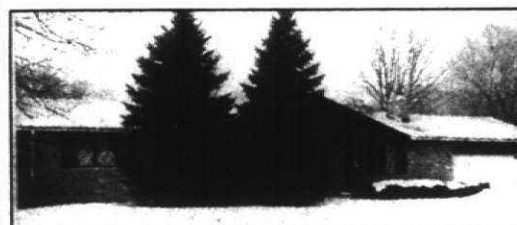
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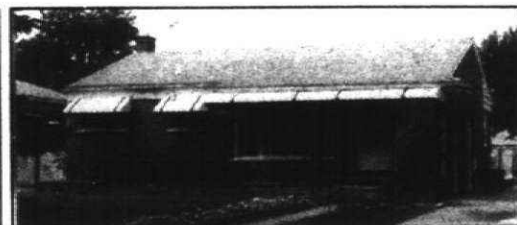
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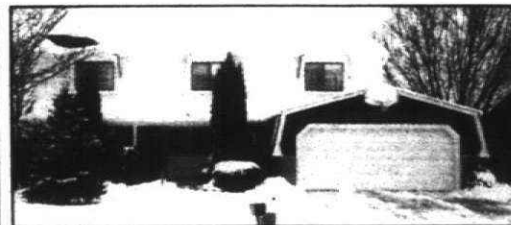
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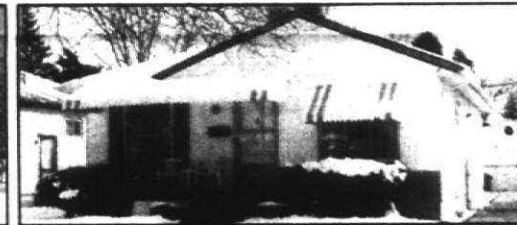
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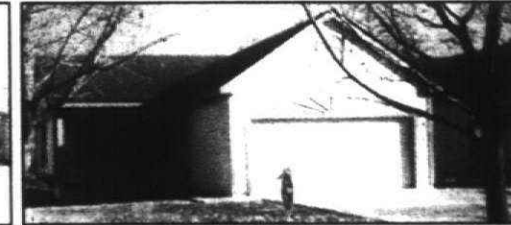
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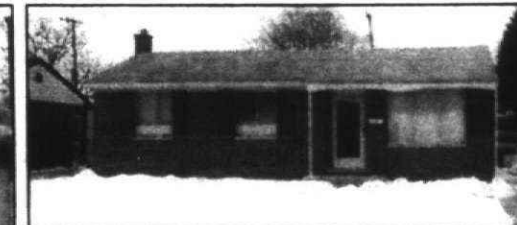
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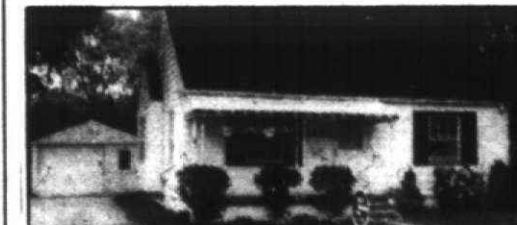
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BUILDING & BUSINESS' SUBURBAN STARS

Suburban Stars highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Suburban Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Arthur R. Matin of Birmingham was named general manager of the Michigan trading area for Southfield-based International Business Machines. He's responsible for marketing for IBM Great Lakes Area large customers. He joined IBM in 1980.



Matin

Pamela J. Hall of Livonia was named branch manager of Sunbelt National Mortgage's new branch at 190 Plymouth Road, Suite 2, Plymouth. She has more than 10 years of finance and lending experience.



Hall

John Bohanick of Rochester Hills becomes vice president of engineering for Gates Power Drive Products, Bloomfield Hills. He previously was project management director for North America and Europe.



Bohanick

Connell Alsop of Southfield was named assistant dean for student affairs at Detroit College of Law. He previously was an assistant vice president-special assets group for Manufacturers/Comerica Bank.



Alsop

Patricia Rizzo of Livonia was promoted to branch advisor for The Longaberger Co., an Ohio-based maker of baskets and pottery sold through home shows. She'll recruit, train and direct new sales consultants.

See STARS, 2F



Buyer favorite:
The Riverview model, with the master suite on the main floor and two bedrooms upstairs, is offered by Muirfield Homes at River Meadow.

River Meadow: appealing, affordable



It's getting more and more difficult to buy a brand new house for less than a king's ransom. But it can be done. Several builders have put out the welcome mat in a subdivision developed by one of the biggest names on the residential construction scene.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a new house for less than \$150,000 and a choice of several different builders to do the job, check out River Meadow in Canton.

Located off Geddes between Canton Center and Beck roads, the 80-acre subdivision of 100 sites in-

cludes ranches, cape cods and colonials ranging from \$124,990 to \$149,900.

Orloff Homes in West Bloomfield, Muirfield Homes in Southfield and Regent Homes in Canton have purchased lots in River Meadow, which was developed by the Selective Group in Farmington Hills.

"We're all small grass-roots builders, dirty-boots builders," said Robert Orloff. "We all run our businesses on site. I think people appreciate that they're not dealing with a mega corporation. They don't get lost in the shuffle."

"I think we're all pretty good builders," said Gary Leebove, Regent president.

"We're giving people a lot of square footage for the money, and amenities," said Marc J. Ruben, Muirfield president.

Ruben's most popular model, the Riverview, a cape cod of about 1,870 square feet, carries a basic price of \$145,900.

The master suite on the main level contains a separate tub and shower, duo walk-in closets and a pitched studio ceiling.

Also found on the first floor are a den, great room, kitchen/dining room, laundry and powder room. Two bedrooms upstairs share a full bath.

Orloff's most popular model, the Meadowridge, a colonial of nearly 2,200 square feet, is priced at \$140,990.

All four bedrooms are upstairs. The master has two walk-in closets and a glass enclosed shower.

See RIVER, 2F

Candy emporium:
Sidney Rubin has nurtured Mr. Bulky Treats & Gifts into a multi-million dollar enterprise.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mr. Bulky Treats & Gifts

He parlays investment into national chain

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Sidney Rubin, a Bloomfield Hills resident, has proven to be a successful entrepreneur a couple of different ways.

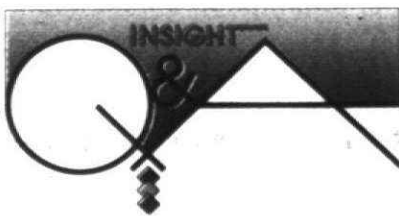
He started Circus World in Livonia in 1964 and built a toy/hobby supply retail empire of 165 outlets before selling the operation in 1982.

Rubin then looked for another venture, which, among other requirements, "had to be fun." He found it in 1988 while vacationing in Florida - a small, bulk-food business owned by a couple of Canadians.

Rubin invested. Since then, he's refined the concept and bought out his partners.

Now, Rubin is president of Mr. Bulky Treats & Gifts, headquartered in Troy with more than 200 company and franchise stores scattered from coast to coast.

Rubin, 56, has appeared on more than one list of successful entrepre-



neurs in recent years. Following are edited excerpts of a recent interview:

Let's talk about money first. How are you doing?

Rubin: Our chain-wide sales including franchisees are in excess of \$65 million annually. Margins are different in every store.

The company, itself, has been profitable the last five years, every year except for the founding year.

Last year, chain-wide, we served more than 12 million customers and customers generally have a way of telling us how much they enjoy shopping in our stores by the size of

their purchase. We're quite pleased by what we see.

Our surveys indicate 90 percent of people who walk into a store make a purchase.

I'm told, and I can't verify this, that we have one of the highest average sales per customer of a candy store nationwide, in excess of \$4.50 per transaction.

Our profits are enough to pay our share of taxes annually.

How large is your organization?

Rubin: There are about 2,000 to 2,500 corporate and franchise employees depending on time of year.

Forty-eight would be in our main offices in Troy. That would be administrative staff. We have six buyers who taste everything before purchasing. We have two real estate people full time, one in Michigan, one in Kansas City. They meet with shopping center developers nationwide daily.

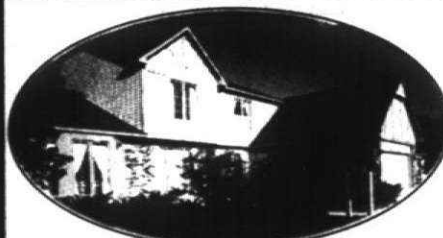
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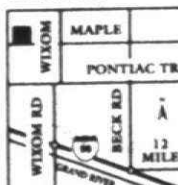
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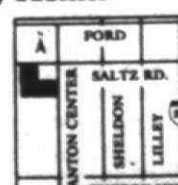
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On the south side of Saltz Road, west of Canton Center Road.

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Stars from page 1F

Robert C. DeVoe of Farmington Hills was promoted to zone manager Lansing region for The Kroger Co. He's responsible for market analysis, operations and employee training at 12 stores. He previously was based in Livonia as merchandiser of the deli and pastry departments of 78 Kroger stores.



Trustees of Southfield-based Michigan Credit Union Foundation named **Michael Kelly** of Southfield executive director in charge of administration, grants and fund raising. He's also senior director of information for Michigan Credit Union League, Southfield.



Robert A. Feldman of Ann Arbor, an attorney specializing in computer law, became a principal of Wise & Mancas, a law firm with offices in Birmingham, Detroit and Ann Arbor. He has more than 25 years' experience and has written a book on commercial contracts.

Mark V. Watroba of Plymouth was named associate vice president-investments for Prudential Securities, Ann Arbor.

Gloria Bruhowski of Northville was elected chairwoman of the Michigan Home Health Association.

Mr. Bulky from page 1F

Each store has about four full-time employees, the rest part-time. They must be outgoing, customer-oriented.

We're always interviewing. Even when we're not hiring, we won't stop. You never know. We've been known to make room for people we believe can contribute to the success of the company.

Our payroll, excluding franchising, is almost three quarters of a million dollars a month. Are more of your stores corporate or franchisees?

Rubin: We have combined over 230 stores in 44 states. About 60 percent of stores are company owned. One of the reasons we like that type mix is it enables us to better serve our franchisees and it also enables us to learn from franchisees.

In this area, we're in Livonia Mall, Wondersland Mall, Twelve Oaks, Fairlane, Oakland Mall, Lakeside, Briarwood, Tel-Twelve, Eastland. All but Tel-Twelve is corporate.

There's no set formula. We aren't opposed to opening a store as a corporate, then selling it to a potential franchisee. There's no set pattern.

What's it cost to open a store today?

Rubin: The total cost, including construction, fixtures, inventory, is anywhere between \$150,000 and \$220,000 depending on the size of the store, location of the store and whether or not it's franchise as opposed to corporate.

How did you pay for your expansion?

Rubin: It was basically through bank financing coupled with my own personal financing.

Banks aren't reluctant to loan money provided the entrepreneur demonstrates his or her confidence by putting up their own monies.

I have never seen a business not get started because it couldn't raise capital provided it was a good, sound concept, the entrepreneur believed in it and the entrepreneur was willing to invest total sweat equity.

So how much did you put up and how much did the bank?

Rubin: More like 60/40, with the bank providing 60.

And you had money saved up from the sale of Circus World for your contribution?

Rubin: That's right. Who is your customer?

Rubin: Our customer ranges in age from 5 years old to 70 and we have product for people between those ages. Product at the higher end is sugar-free, low-calorie candy. At the lower spectrum, we have nostalgia candies such as Dots on strips of paper.

We have candies geared toward teens such as Tear Jerkers and Tongue Splashes. Jelly Bellies. We are the largest retailer nationwide.

River from page 1F

The other three bedrooms share a full bath.

The main floor includes a living room, dining room, kitchen/eating nook, powder room and laundry/mud room.

Leebove's most popular model, the Regency, a colonial of 2,150 square feet, is priced at \$138,900. All three bedrooms, including the master, plus a significant loft area are upstairs.

The floor plan on the main level shows the living room flowing into a formal dining room. The kitchen/breakfast nook opens to both the dining room and family room. A laundry and powder room fill out the main living area.

All three bedrooms include a fireplace, two-car garage, basement, ceramic tile in bathrooms and a dishwasher, garbage disposal and range hood as standard fare.

Who's buying in River Meadow?

"First-time new buyers, apartment dwellers, people just getting married," Ruben said. "They're upstate people moving from smaller houses with very young children."

Older, empty-nesters have selected a smaller ranch model, Ruben added.

Bozell Worldwide, a Southfield-based advertising firm, named **Michael J. Vogel** of Rochester Hills chief executive officer of Bozell/Detroit. He'll manage two Detroit-area offices formed through the Jan. 1 merger of Bozell/Detroit and CME-KHBB, now called Bozell/North.

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Meadowridge: Robert Orloff features four bedrooms up stairs and a mud room connected to the utility room on the main floor of the Meadowridge model.

'We were looking for a new home I wanted a two-story colonial. My husband wanted a ranch. It was perfect for us. I was so happy.'

Julie Edgar

thought, for us," she said. "It's a beautiful area, secluded from the city but only two miles away," said Jill Castro, who bought a three-bedroom colonial with husband, William.

"We have a real mix of people moving in — singles, married couples with no kids, elderly people, married couples with children," Castro added.

River Meadow, in the Van Buren School District, is serviced by city water and sewers. The monthly association fee is \$17.

The property tax rate for township, school and municipal services following the March 15 school financing election will be about \$29.90 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value.

That means the owner of a \$140,000 house in River Meadow would pay about \$2,100 annually in taxes.

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The N.A. Mans Building Centers provide thousands of customized deck packages every year to homeowners through the firm's Canton, Trenton, Monroe and New Boston stores.

Here are some deck-building tips provided by Mans:

■ Plan ahead. Determine in advance what uses the deck will need to accommodate; for example, dining outdoors, entertaining, sunbathing. Create a design that

will satisfy your family's needs. Make sure the design is compatible with both the house and property.

■ Work from a good design. A deck designed by a professional will hold up for years. "The under-structure of the deck is very important and must be done right," Mans said. "Support posts must go down below the frost line — 42 inches — and be spaced properly." The N.A. Mans stores pro-

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■ You don't have to splurge on tools. The key tools needed to construct a deck are a circular saw, a hammer, a post-hole digger and a level.

■ You don't have to get a loan. A good deck can be built for as little as \$300, according to Mans. In general, costs range from \$300 to \$3,000, based on the size, complexity and features incorporated into the deck.

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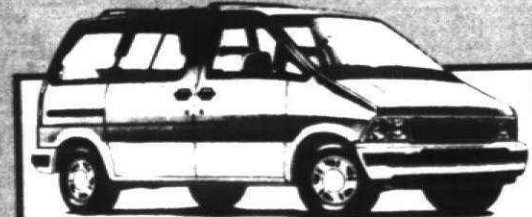
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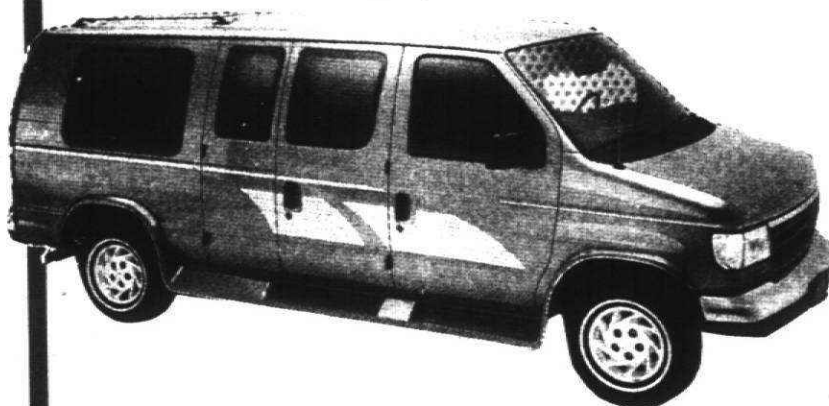
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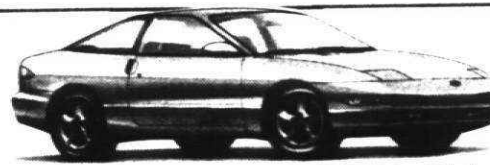
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