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368

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9860

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Probe clears cop of wrongdoing



A veteran Canton police officer has been cleared of any wrongdoing following an internal investigation by his department about having clothes that were worn by his sister-in-law when she was allegedly set afire by her ex-husband.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A veteran Canton police officer has been cleared of violating department rules and regulations, in the aftermath of court testimony that he had in his possession clothes worn by his

sister-in-law when she was set afire in January.

"They went and literally talked to everyone involved in this," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, about the departmental investigation of officer George C. Sharp.

"We have thoroughly investigated this issue, interviewing all participants and have found nothing wrong in officer Sharp's actions."

Sharp's sister-in-law, Karen Janik, was injured when she was allegedly set afire in her former Westland home. Janik's ex-husband, Michael, now a Canton resident, was charged with assault with intent to murder and arson. A mistrial was declared in August.

The Canton police department's internal investigation was prompted by Sharp's testimony during his

brother-in-law's trial in Detroit Recorder's Court in August. Though the Westland police submitted a warrant suggesting that Sharp be charged with obstruction of justice based on their position that Sharp withheld evidence, Wayne County prosecutors rejected it.

"How can clothes be evidence if the Westland police didn't consider them evidence?" Santomauro said. "An unknown nurse gave George, his wife and her dad a bag of clothing and a

See PROBE, 4A

Squad displays talent

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

While the weather outside was frightful on Saturday, the Canton Chieftettes Pom Squad was busy bringing "Indian Summer" to an appreciative audience in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

"Indian Summer" was the 10th annual variety show sponsored by the Chieftettes. The 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows offered something for everyone, from the hard rock sounds of bands Fishguy and Veneration to the lilting dance steps of Irish dancers junior Maureen McInerney, a member of the Chieftettes, and her brother, Patrick.

There was even a duo of 4-year-olds who brought a hearty round of applause for their "Dancing Poodles" routine. The girls, Lauren Craig of Canton and Kerri Fischer of Westland, are both students at Curtin Call dance studio in Canton.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Performing: The Canton Chieftettes perform Wild E. Coyote during the annual Variety Show Saturday. Below, the Freshman Chieftettes perform "Footloose."

Individual, class and group performances by the 33 members of the Canton Chieftettes showcased the talent of those peppy performers. Fast-paced jazz selections and graceful lyrical numbers complimented the snappy pom routines the girls are best known for among their peers.

"At the football games they like

to do pom," said coach Jeni Path, a University of Michigan-Dearborn junior. "During their show, they really like to get a lot of their dance out. Throughout the year we compete in both dance and pom."

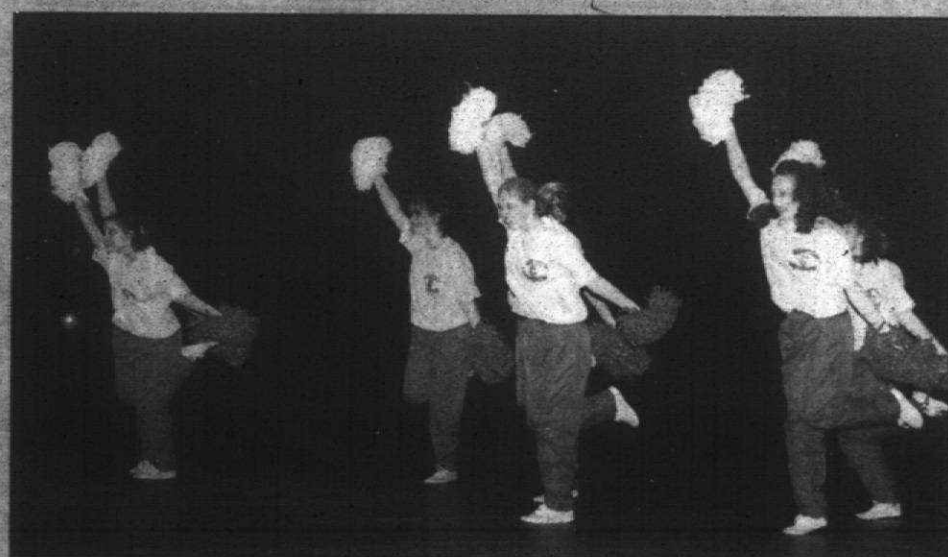
This is Path's second year of coaching the Chieftettes. Along with assistant coach Kelly Capaldi, and co-captains Kristina Frazer

and Stacey Gravett, Path is currently readying the squad for the upcoming dance competition on Nov. 11 at Cobo Arena. The competition is sponsored by Mid-American Pompon and will feature dance and high kick competition between squads from Michigan,

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Dancing: The Dancing Poodles — (from left) Kerri Fischer, 4, of Westland, and Lauren Craig, 4, of Canton, finish.



Canton opposes Willow Run expansion plans

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton officials are hoping they are the lead domino in the fall of the proposed Willow Run Airport expansion and international tradeport.

"They have basically been waiting for your lead," said Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, about Sumpter Township and other communities, which have been concerned about Willow Run.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday unanimously adopted a resolution opposing development of the proposed tradeport, an international cargo facility, as well as

extension of a runway — in Canton's direction — to more than 10,000 feet.

"I'm very happy about this. I think it will set a precedent for other communities to jump on the bandwagon and do what's right for western Wayne County," said Bill Mosher, the leader of the Citizens Against the Willow Run Airport.

Mosher, who originally organized the citizens group to gather information about the Willow Run project, opposes both the tradeport and the runway extension. "The two are tied in. You cannot have a tradeport unless you have a runway of at least 10,000 feet."

The resolution will be sent to neighboring communities, as well as Gov. John Engler, state and federal legislators, as well as the Federal Aviation Administration.

"It gives us one other way of saying this community has put the county on notice," said attorney Bryan Amann, referring to the FAA. Amann, formerly known as the "Noise Czar" for his work on noise levels at Metro Airport, represents Canton in the Willow Run issue.

Wayne County is working on an environmental assessment for the proposed expansion and tradeport. The study already shows significant im-

pact on surrounding communities. That result would require a more in-depth and costly environmental impact statement, which could possibly knock the Willow Run project off the drawing board.

"We'll evaluate this in the spring," said Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan, referring to results of the environmental study. He said he is disappointed with Canton's position on the Willow Run proposal.

The township's resolution clearly documents the reasons why officials are opposed to the expansion and tra-

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Trial begins in Canton Commons slaying

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

A witness in the murder trial of Michael Warinner of Garden City testified that shortly before Russell Harmon was fatally shot, Warinner asked him, "Do you know how easy it would be for me to go over there and pop him?" He gestured like he was shooting.

Witness Dan Hell, who lives in the Canton Commons apartments as did Harmon, also testified that Warinner owned a gun and a how-to-book on changing your identity.

"He was upset because he couldn't get his darts back from Harmon," Hell said.

Warinner, 29, is being tried on open murder charges in the shooting death of Harmon, 25, on Sept. 9, 1994, at Canton Commons. He is free on 10 percent of \$125,000 bond.

Prosecuting attorney Robert Agacinski told the jury in opening arguments that Warinner became obsessed with the fact that he couldn't get Harmon to return his dart set.

"As you will find out," Agacinski told Detroit Recorder's Court Judge

Prentis Edwards and 14 jurors, "Michael Warinner didn't really like Russell Harmon. In fact, he had expressed his hatred and the wish that he was dead, and that he wished to kill him himself. They had a lot of history together."

Warinner and Harmon met at Papa Romano's where they both worked, and frequented the same bars.

Harmon's girlfriend, Lori Warunek, 25, testified that Harmon had lived with her and her 4-year-old son Corey



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Michael Warinner

Two Canton teens charged in power station fire

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Two Canton teenagers face felony charges in the Oct. 21 arson of the Detroit Edison Wayne Power Station that supplies power to thousands of customers.

Arson investigators and Detroit Edison crews found two 16-year-olds near the power station on Cherry Hill, between Sheldon and Lilley roads, during the time of the fire. The teens were interviewed and determined to be involved. Petitions were filed with

the Wayne County Juvenile Court. They were arraigned on arson charges, which are felonies, and are being held in the Wayne County Youth Home, according to Canton Public Safety officials.

Canton firefighters received an emergency call shortly after 4 p.m. that a backhoe or end-loader was on fire within the fenced power station on Cherry Hill, said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

When firefighters arrived at the scene, they found an end-loader on fire as well as a fire in a nearby

building that contains an office and switching equipment.

"We went in and put the construction equipment (fire) out and made an initial attack on the building," Rorabacher said.

Detroit Edison officials were contacted and told firefighters to back away from the building.

When Edison crews arrived they checked out the scene and asked firefighters to continue extinguishing the fire, Rorabacher said.

Damage to the structure was estimated at \$75,000 and damage

to contents at \$175,000, according to public safety officials. But Detroit Edison officials say they aren't certain yet what amount of damage was caused by the fire, said Mary Kay Bean of Detroit Edison. "We are assessing the damage."

Despite the damage to the un-manned station, customers in the area did not lose electricity. The Wayne station handles electricity coming in from area power plants.

"I can't stress how dangerous it is to go into a place like this,"

'We went in and put the construction equipment (fire) out and made an initial attack on the building.'

Mike Rorabacher
fire chief

Bean said, adding that only authorized Detroit Edison employees are allowed in the secured area.

Firefighters extinguished both fires with water. "The fire were ordinary. The place was significant," Rorabacher said.

Woman faces trial in child's death

The Canton woman accused of abusing and causing the death of her 6-year-old daughter by hanging her on a bunk bed in January will go to trial on felony charges.

Linda Solomon, 47, faces one count of first-degree murder and one count of felony child abuse in the death of her daughter, Chelsea, at their Windsor Woods apartment. The Wayne County Coroner listed Chelsea's death as asphyxiation from strangulation.

Judge Ron Lowe of 35th District Court bound Solomon over for trial at her preliminary exam on the charges Oct. 23. Her arraignment in Wayne County Circuit Court is scheduled for Nov. 6.

Solomon underwent both a court-ordered and an independent psychiatric examination. She was determined competent to stand trial on the charges, according to court proceedings Oct. 23.

Her attorney, Samuel Churikin, could not be reached for comment.

In August, Lowe adjourned the exam until Oct. 23 to allow time for an independent competency exam as requested by Churikin.

Solomon had earlier told Lowe that she is competent to stand trial and added that she was in therapy and though she made one suicide attempt after her daughter's death, she no longer wishes to take her life.

According to the police report, Solomon spent most of Jan. 28 in her apartment with Chelsea, though she spoke to each other only occasionally. Solomon told police she heard her daughter singing and playing. She said she also heard bumping and banging noises coming from Chelsea's bedroom.

Solomon reportedly told police that she later went to Chelsea's bedroom — she thought then she must have been napping or resting — to ask if she wanted some pasta for dinner. The mother opened the bedroom door and found her daughter.

Solomon said she pulled off whatever was around Chelsea's

neck, lifted her up and off where she was hanging, and put her on the lower bunk bed mattress, according to the report.

Solomon told police she began CPR and called 911 shortly after 7 p.m. for help while continuing to try to resuscitate her daughter.

The Canton Fire Department arrived shortly after the mother moved Chelsea to the living room, which would be closer to the front door when emergency personnel arrived.

"We have people living in splendor, and a lot of people living in disaster. We have families who live in abject poverty when it comes to special things. It's not there for them. And it should be at Christmas. No kid should have had memories of Christmas,"

Township trustee wants shorter meetings

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township Board of Trustees meetings too closely resemble *bored of trustees* meetings and could benefit from brevity, says Trustee Robert Shefferly.

Shefferly has recorded Township Board meetings, which are cablecast on Channel 10, and can't bear to watch a meeting all the way through. "I get a half-hour, three-quarters-of-an-hour into it, and that's about it," he

said at an Oct. 12 "Leadership Team Meeting."

Treasurer Elaine Kirgatcher wondered why anyone would watch the meetings on TV. "I'm surprised that they do," she said. "I didn't think anyone watched it."

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said the camera doesn't even take in the entire board. "Me and John Burdick are out of the picture," she said.

As to the length of meetings, McLaughlin said they take as

long as they need to take, and that's that. "We're criticized a lot because we don't discuss enough at the meetings," she said. "If it takes an hour or three hours, that's the breaks."

Superior Tom Yack said that the quick action the board usually takes on things that have gone through the Planning Commission is justified.

"By the time you guys and the Planning Department rake them over the coals, there's nothing left for us to do," he said. "And that's the way it's supposed to be."

Clerk Terry Bennett, who joined the board just this year, said the meetings have been shorter than she expected.

Shefferly believes that perhaps the township government's policy of honoring someone at every other meeting should be cut back. People should be recognized by the board when they are deserving, he said, and not because there is a quota to fill.

School volunteers recognized

Linda and Rich Teeple, volunteers at Smith Elementary School, were honored by the Plymouth-Canton School Board and the "I Care Committee" on Monday with the Volunteer in Public Schools VIPS Award.

Both are employees of Henry Ford Community College where Linda teaches chemistry and Rich teaches culinary arts. They are the parents of two children, Kelli Teeple and Jeff Brandt.

Pat VanDusen, Kids Time coordinator at Smith said: "Linda originated Smith's Hands On Science Fun Fair. Rich creates ice creaming that everyone has come to look forward to at the annual Smith School event. They're always here volunteering and they're very involved parents."

The couple organized the Cafe Bon Homme Fund-raiser Dinner for the Smith Media Center. The

event raised \$1,500 for books and media materials.

"They are always eager to assist in the classroom, at events and whenever and wherever needed. Rich coaches fourth-grade boys soccer while Linda coaches third-grade girls," VanDusen said.

They both received a certificate of recognition, pins of the Flag of Liberty and Learning and a dinner gift certificate.

Canton Goodfellows need help of volunteers

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

All it takes is one can of food. "If everybody in Canton who had enough to feed their families and do well would donate one can of food, we could feed everyone in Canton who needs it for two years," said Nancy Spencer, Canton Goodfellows president.

The Goodfellows are gearing up for their 1995 Christmas project, with a goal of filling approximately 80 baskets of food and gifts for needy families in Canton.

"We'll take 80 families. The schools take 20. The churches 50. Individual groups take another 50 and there will still be needy people left out," Spencer said. "We could help 300-350 people without batting an eye."

Goodfellows members are concerned that Canton residents may believe there are few needy families in the township, which is booming with new upscale houses and subdivisions.

"We have people living in splendor, and a lot of people living in disaster. We have families who live in abject poverty when it comes to special things. It's not there for them. And it should be at Christmas. No kid should have had memories of Christmas,"

While the Goodfellows' work is

Spencer said. "These families are not deadbeats. There are plenty of poor here. We put them up in places that don't look too bad. A lot of people need a hand, not a hand-out."

Already residents have picked up dolls to either make or buy dresses for and then provide the dolls as gifts for needy kids at Christmas.

Spencer is also contacting local businesses to see if volunteers can sell Goodfellows papers on Dec. 2 in front of their stores. Approximately 30-35 sites are needed. Proceeds from the paper sales help buy food and toys for the families.

"We are not getting good responses from community businesses to let us sell there," Spencer said. "Maybe they aren't thinking Christmas."

A number of businesses have stood up to help the Goodfellows effort, including Kmart Distribution, which has 100 names of children and will buy gifts for them. Also involved is Dr. Robert Potter, a Canton chiropractor who collects food, as well as America's Most Wanted Car Club, and Divine Savior Catholic Church on Joy Road.

While the Goodfellows' work is

well-known in the community, this year plenty of volunteers are needed to help with the effort. That includes the paper sale, as well as helping to sort and pack gifts, wrap gifts, deliver gifts and donate food and educational toys for the baskets.

"Anything your kids ages one to 18 would like, our kids would like," Spencer said, of the educational toys and other items as donated gifts.

If you are interested in helping the Goodfellows and needy Canton families, you are invited to attend a general meeting at 10 a.m., Nov. 13 in Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

"Getting everyone in Canton to be involved is my goal. That's my life's reach," Spencer said.

If you want to get involved, call Spencer at 397-8975. Non-perishable food and gifts are needed for the effort.

Here's a run-down of the Goodfellows schedule:

■ 10 a.m. Nov. 13, general meeting.

■ 10 a.m. Nov. 27, general meeting.

■ 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 1, dressed dolls will be returned to township hall.

■ 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2, Goodfel-



Lending a hand: Alberta Thomas of Canton picked up 20 dolls from the Canton Goodfellows. She will make dresses for the dolls, which will be given to needy children in the township at Christmas. To help the Goodfellows, call president Nancy Spencer, 397-8975.

lows paper sales throughout the community. Hot dogs, chili and donuts will be served to volunteers.

■ 10 a.m. Dec. 4, general meeting.

■ 10 a.m. Dec. 8, the dressed dolls will be judged in a contest at township hall.

■ 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 13, 14, 15, sorting and packing of donated

food, wrapping gifts and basket packing at the Canton Public Library.

■ 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baskets will be delivered to needy families.

School board upholds swimming coach's suspension

BY JEFF CUNTS
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board on Monday stuck to its guns and refused to budge on its decision to suspend swimming coach Charles Olson for two weeks for ordering a student into the pool to retrieve felled matter.

More than 60 swimmers and some of their parents packed the board meeting, pleading for the board to allow Olson to attend semi-final swim meets with the Plymouth Salem High School girls' team.

Jim Cassilas, the parent of one team member, claimed that Charles Little, superintendent, embarrassed his daughter, Sara,

during a meeting between team members and school officials over the suspension.

He contended that Little told his daughter that "You need remedial math."

"Sara was embarrassed at being singled out for this comment and humiliated as spokesperson, in front of the other team members," he said.

Little acknowledged that he made the comment, but that it was taken out of context.

"I thought we were going to meet with four team members and when I walked into the room, there were 60," he said. "I was just trying to break the ice."

The meeting last week was

prompted by the suspension of Olson, which took effect Oct. 16. The incident took place on Sept. 29.

The parents of the student complained to the schools, and Little and other school officials investigated the incident and issued the suspension.

In a statement in response to the parents and swimmers, the school board said:

"The superintendent and members of the district's central and high school administration spent several days thoroughly investigating the situation to obtain the facts. The investigation strictly followed all the district's guidelines for obtaining the informa-

tion appropriately and in a timely manner. The superintendent, the district's administration and individuals involved then discussed how most appropriately to address the situation. A range of actions was discussed."

The statement in support of Little's action was read after nearly a dozen students and parents spoke in support of Olson.

"We haven't got an explanation. We've found out more than at first. There's no substantiation of the claim," said Larry Petroskey, the parent of one student.

Said Dave Satwicz, a parent: "I'm disappointed with the actions. It was a minor incident that was blown up."

David Pugh, former Plymouth mayor, spoke to the board, but not as a parent.

"I've known the Olson family for 20 years. I don't have any kids on the swim team and I'm surprised by the action of the board."

"The penalty seems severe," he said.

Wayne and Kathy Byrum, the parents of the student ordered into the pool, also spoke, saying that all the facts aren't known.

"All of this is a sad, sad commentary on values. Apparently attaining a meritorious award, qualifying for state meets and winning medals is more important than the impact that this humiliating

experience has had on a child's self-esteem, not to mention the fact that Tom McNulty from the health department said her health was definitely compromised. What about infectious hepatitis and other disease organisms?"

"No one in opposition obviously cares about any of those trivial matters."

"Our family would like to thank the board for putting Laura's interest up front. Dr. Little is a very fair superintendent who conducted a thorough, unbiased investigation into this matter. The actions he took were appropriate for this situation."

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Halloween thrills for all ages abound in Canton-Plymouth

Halloween is officially on Tuesday, Oct. 31. But there are plenty of things to do to get ready for the big day.

As part of the fun, the Observer is giving away candy bags for kids. Our office at 744 Wing St. is open from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 459-2700.

In Canton, parents can take their children's candy to be checked 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31, at both McDonald's restaurants — one on Ford Road and one on Michigan Avenue. Detectors will be available.

Trick or treating takes place in Plymouth from 5:30-7 p.m. on Devil's Night Oct. 30. It's part of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

A Halloween Costume Contest coordinated by Kris Reutio of First of America Bank happens from 5:30-6:30 at the stage at Kellogg Park. Winners will be announced at 7 p.m.

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees Haunted Warehouse, 340 N. Main St. in Plymouth is open through Oct. 30. The hours are: Sunday-Thursday 7-11 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Friendly Monster Night is 6-7 p.m. on Friday with the lights on and masks lifted. The cost is \$1. Call 453-8407.

The Canton Newcomers is also sponsoring a Halloween party for kids on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Police have these suggestions for enjoyable trick-or-treating:

- Wear costumes with bright material.
- Put reflective tape on the backs of costumes.
- Parents should escort young children.
- Kids should carry flashlights.
- Use make up instead of masks to increase visibility.
- Accept only wrapped candy.
- Kids should cross streets at intersections only.
- Kids should walk planned routes.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESELER

Haunted house: Pennywise the clown is a top attraction at the Plymouth/Canton Jaycee Haunted Warehouse at 340 N. Main St. The warehouse is open through the weekend.

- Go only to houses with porch lights on.
- Think safety first.

Family Fun Night: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, plans a Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 31 as a safe alternative to trick-or-treating.

Activities include crafts, games and a hay ride on the church's parking lot. A dinner menu of hot dogs, chips and pop will be available for sale.

Also planned is a Hallelujah House featuring scenes from the Bible.

Cost for the activities is \$1 per child. Parents and older brothers and sisters are free, and every young child will leave with a goodie bag. Registration is encouraged, and there will be a sign-up table at the church from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during Sunday services.

Scary costumes are not encouraged. For more information, call the church at 459-9550.



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Homes targeted for west Canton

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

STAFF WRITER

Three new subdivisions offering 135 lots are targeted for 90 acres immediately east of Beck Road and south of the Pheasant Run Golf Club. The project also offers acres of land to the township for parks and a nature preserve.

But residents in nearby Huntington Woods subdivision want to change the minds of Wayne County engineers who want Newton Road made into a boulevard off Beck Road.

"You can't replace those trees," said resident Terry Pask. "We think it should be left as a country lane. We've got to fight the county."

Planning commissioners recommended approval of the Lower River Rouge Planned Development District Oct. 10. The district includes three new subdivisions east of Beck Road, between Geddes and Cherry Hill roads.

A planned development district is a development plan for a larger area that requires flexibility in development standards and a certain amount of open space, said Jeff Goulet, county planner.

"They have to demonstrate there is a community benefit," Goulet said of the developers.

As part of the district, developers will build a recreation area along Beck Road, south of the new Huntington Place subdivision. To be called the Fowler Rouge Park, the area will include parking, a picnic shelter, tables, benches and grills. The park also

will have a 1,200-foot interpretive nature trail boasting six educational stations, said Judy Bocklage, associate planner.

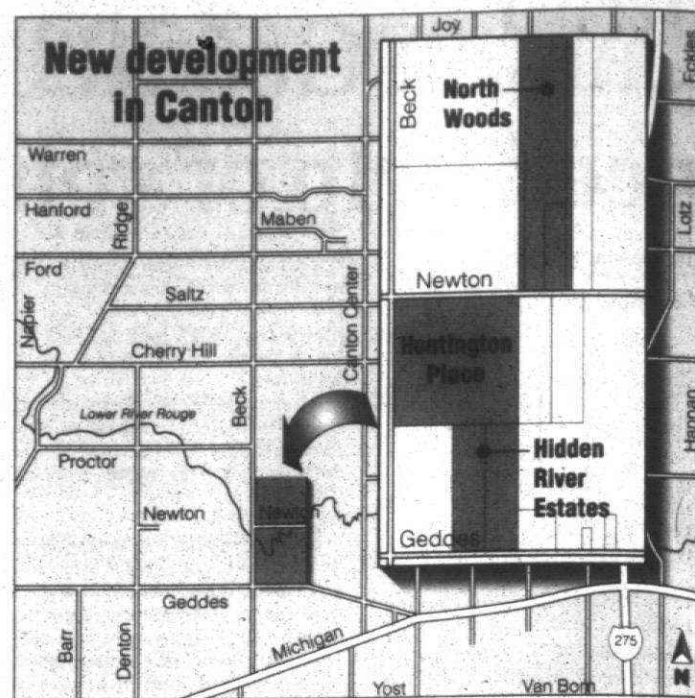
"They can't access the developed part of the park because it is blocked by the river," said planning commissioner Melissa McLaughlin, a Canton trustee. She suggested a bridge from the subdivision to the park. "I don't think it hurts to look into it."

But residents remain concerned about Newton Road and protecting trees in the area. Pask told Canton planning commissioners that many residents in the existing Huntington Place subdivision paid premiums on lots with tree lines. If Wayne County gets its way with the boulevard, 143 of 278 total trees would be gone, though the developers would have to replace trees, according to the township's forest preservation ordinance.

"The whole purpose of this project is to accentuate the trees, the river," said attorney Bryan Amann, who represented the project's developers Claudio Rossi, Angelo Constantine and Tony Naurato.

Commissioners urged residents to sign up and work with the township board to get a resolution to Wayne County to designate Newton as a natural beauty road, which would protect the trees in the right-of-way.

"We are not against it being black-topped. It's a dead-end



street. It doesn't go anywhere except to the subdivision," Pask said.

Commissioners recommended approval — it has yet to go before the township board — and included conditions, such as designation of a natural beauty road and the location of sidewalks on Newton, a gate on the nature preserve, as well as hours of operation and the possibility of a footbridge to the preserve.

Here's some information about the three proposed subdivisions which are part of the Lower River Rouge PDD:
■ Hidden River Estates: 20 acres on Geddes Road, just east of Beck. It would have 37 homes, as well as 3.9 acres next to the Rouge

River that would be deeded to the township. A boulevard off Geddes would be the only entrance.

■ North Woods Place: 30.3 acres, which abuts the Pheasant Run Golf Club to the north. The subdivision would have 46 homes and 8.37 acres of woodlands by the golf course that would be deeded to the township. Access to the subdivision would be from Newton Road.

■ Huntington Place No. 2: The lower branch of the Rouge River and the Fowler Creek run through the 40 acres, south of Newton Road. The subdivision would include 48 lots and 16.8 acres of wooded wetlands and floodplain that would be given to the township as a nature preserve.

nal investigation, Sharp said that he began thinking of the clothing as evidence after talking to Westland Det. Sgt. Tom Kubitsky.

Sharp also said that his wife or another sister-in-law told him that Kubitsky said the clothes should be turned over to the defense attorney. Sharp said it didn't occur to him to turn the clothing over to Kubitsky.

Santomauro said that the other sister-in-law will submit to a polygraph when she comes into Michigan from Tennessee. During the internal investigation, Sharp said that his wife or

the other sister-in-law turned the clothing over to Culppepper. Sharp said that he was badgered during cross-examination and said he used the word "I" when talking about turning the clothing over to the attorney.

During the internal investigation, Sharp took an un-related sick leave and resumed his duties when he returned. "It is our consistent practice and policy to conduct such an investigation when we think there may be or may have been a violation of department rules and regulations," Santomauro said. "The focus is to find out what happened."

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purse. The bag was put in the basement."

While questioned by his brother-in-law's attorney, Otis Culppepper, Sharp said that while he and his wife, Candice, were in the University of Michigan Burn Center, they received a bag of clothing that belonged to Karen Janik.

Under intense cross-examination by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV, Sharp testified that attempts were made to contact the Westland Police about the bag of clothing. Sharp testified under questioning from Culppepper that

he turned the clothing over to the attorney after Michael Janik was arraigned in early January.

Sharp also testified that he didn't immediately think of the clothing as evidence. Culppepper questioned him on his understanding of what would be done with the clothing when it was turned over.

"Did you understand that it would be presented possibly as evidence?" Culppepper asked in court. "Yes," Sharp responded.

During testimony, Sharp denied he purposely withheld the bag of clothing to protect his brother-in-law. In Canton's inter-

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Ohio and Indiana.

The Chieftettes have taken the Grand Champions trophy for the last three of four years and placed fourth last year. Competition is very tight, according to Path.

"Our fourth last year was only three points away from a perfect score," she said.

The high scores are not surprising considering the amount of time the squad devotes to practice.

The season begins in April and continues through the summer with two hours of practice each day. It is not uncommon to have a four- or eight-hour practice session during competition times.

"It's very intense," said Path. The team will compete at the Universal Dance Association in January at the Palace and State Pom Competition will be held at Cobo Arena at the beginning of March.

"Football coaches look up to these girls," said Path. "They're real dedicated. They're non-stop, a great group of girls."

Saturday's variety show also featured pom squads from Garden City and Divine Child, as well as the Canton Cheerleaders and the Salem Rockettes. Variety was plentiful with an a cappella singer, classical guitar soloist and a harmonizing trio included in the

program. The daddy-daughter dance with some of the Chieftettes and their fathers was a crowd-pleaser. Reaching the highest on the laughter scale, however, was the performance by the Puffettes, a group of high school guys daring enough to don a Chieftettes costume, strategically stuffed with balloons, who could really shake those red and white pom-poms.

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deport, which could cost more than \$200 million. Among the reasons are the increased frequency of flights over Canton and western Wayne County, which would have a negative effect on the quality of life, as well as the environment and economic success of the area and safety of residents.

The resolution also speaks to the conceptual plan for the tradeport, which was based on a 1980 outdated master plan and the

lack of data to show that indeed a tradeport would create manufacturing jobs. Township trustees also noted that studies of tradeports would require a "a continual infusion of tax dollars to remain viable."

Also included in the resolution is Canton's decision not to enter into an agreement with the Wayne County administration to stop plans for a runway extension

— during the rest of County Executive Ed McNamara's term — in exchange for township support.

"I was trying to find a way to resolve this to everyone's satisfaction," Duggan said, referring to the proposed agreement. "I understand the politics they are in."

Supervisor Tom Yack said the township waited as long as it did to take a position on Willow Run because officials wanted as much

information as possible. "We're at the point now where we think we fully understand the issue," he said. "It clearly captures every aspect of the tradeport we have had to deal with."

Amann and Patterson said the resolution is only the beginning of the effort to stop the Willow Run expansion and tradeport. "If you read this backwards, you will read Willow Run is dead," Amann said.

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in her apartment at Canton Commons for the past year. On the day of Harmon's death, "I was home all day. I was sick with bronchitis and a temperature," she testified. "My son was home that day, and Russell had gone to work." Harmon did installations for Pyramid Sprinkler.

"At about 10 p.m., I was in bed playing Nintendo and Corey was downstairs in the living room watching cartoons. I heard Russell enter the apartment.

"Then I heard a loud bang. It sounded like a firecracker. I looked out the window and saw a man running down the street."

Warunek said she didn't take a long look, because her son began to scream and she headed for the stairs. She described the running figure as a man with "very large, black curly hair and a hat. It

didn't look real; no one has hair like that. He had on a very large bowlish straw hat."

"I went downstairs and found my boyfriend at the bottom of the stairs. He was in a sitting position and there was a bullet wound in his face. I seen blood coming from his face."

Warunek said her son was "five feet away. I grabbed my son and the phone and went outside to call 9-1-1. I was numb."

Warinner had phoned to ask about getting his darts back, and stopped by the apartment to get them two weeks before the shooting, Warunek said.

"Russell said he didn't have them; they were in a friend's truck. He said he would get them for him and get them to him. He was persistent, but he didn't want to kill," Warunek testified that

the darts were in her car all along, but that she didn't mention the fact to Warinner. Asked why she didn't say anything, she answered "I don't know."

Two teen-agers who live in Canton Commons testified that on the night of the shooting, they saw a "strange-looking man with 'funny-looking, poofy long hair' and a 'funny-looking straw hat, bent like a cowboy hat.'"

Agacinski told jurors that Warinner's wife Julia is a dancer and has costumes and wigs. Police confiscated a curly wig and a straw hat from their residence, he said.

Employees from Papa Romano's testified that Warinner had a 45-caliber handgun for sale. Romano's employee Tommy Winfrey testified that when he inquired after Sept. 9 about buying

Legislators spar on student discipline methods

BY TIM RICHARD

STAFF WRITER

The state Senate this week is revising Michigan's 19-year-old school code, plodding through the 89-page bill a step at a time. Here are some of the major arguments in Tuesday's debate:

'Some more equal'

A medical doctor and a doctor of psychology each won a round in their fight over whether to forbid corporal punishment in public schools.

Sen. John Schwarz, the medical doctor, succeeded in putting back into the code a general prohibition on physical punishment except in special circumstances.

"If a student gets out of line — threatening, raising his hand to a teacher or school staff member, attacking another student — the school employee can do whatever is necessary to constrain the stu-

dent," said Schwarz, R-Battle Creek.

"Without this, there are absolutely no regulations whatsoever. Without this, you give carte blanche (blank check) to teachers and staff to beat on little kids," said Schwarz, adding it would allow school personnel to act in self-defense, prevent a pupil from harming himself and take possession of a pupil's weapon.

Senators backed Schwarz, 22-11, in rejecting Sen. Robert Geake's proposal to strip the section out of the school code. Although the vote wasn't officially recorded, it appeared Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and a handful of Republicans joined all Democrats in keeping the no-hit rule.

A child psychologist with a Ph.D., Geake, R-Northville, said, "Parents take their kids out of public schools and put them in private schools" where discipline



Robert Geake

is firmer. Geake said his amendment would leave the school code "silent on corporal punishment. It would allow the school board to

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Bouchard, supporting Schwarz, noted the current no-hit rule was passed in 1992 "after extensive testimony and input from parents. We came up with a set of circumstances that would allow for the use of force."

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, the daughter of a medical doctor, backed Schwarz because "what we found was a tremendous

amount of abuse of low-income, minority and rural students."

Schwarz's section applies to Michigan's 560-plus public school districts, but Geake won a minor victory when he had the no-hit restriction lifted for 37 "public school academies" or charter schools. (The bill also would allow an unlimited number of PSAs, currently capped at 75.)

"PSAs should be free to adopt their own policies," said Geake, who was supported by the GOP leadership on an unrecorded 18-9 vote.

That led Smith to charge unequal treatment by Geake's amendment. "Why do some (students) deserve more protection from abuse? Some are more equal than others," she said, lifting a line from novelist George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. In that book, animals take control of a farm, Soviet-style, but then the pigs unfurl a banner that says: "All animals

are equal, but pigs are more equal than others."

Who can teach? "I can't believe we're lowering standards when we're talking about educational quality," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian. Berryman lost an amendment to remove a plan called "alternative teacher certification" for high school teachers from the code.

The new plan allows persons with 1) five years work experience in the field and 2) a college degree in the subject in which they plan to teach to be certified by the state to teach grades 9-12.

"Just because they have real-world experience, it doesn't mean they can teach," said Berryman, who was supported by all Democrats and three Republicans, including Mat Dunaskis of Lake Orion. But Berryman's amendment

See DISCIPLINE, 7A

Senate passes school choice bill

BY TIM RICHARD

STAFF WRITER

Parents could send their children to public school in any district that will receive them under a state Senate-passed "choice" bill.

The home district couldn't refuse the transfer. The receiving district would get \$5,300 a head in state aid. But the state wouldn't have to pay for transportation under Senate Bill 639.

"Michigan Education Freedom Act — it's a great political sound bite. I wonder how many focus groups were used to come up with that title," said an opponent, Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

"We're setting parents free in passing public school choice," said the sponsor, Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland. "Local control reigns. Transportation is not offered, and the high school athletic rules which discourage and prohibit transfers from playing for at least one semester remain in effect."

The Oct. 18 vote was 20-15 with three absent and largely along party lines.

YES — all Republicans including Loren Bennett of Canton and Robert Geake of Northville.

NO — all Democrats including George Hart of Dearborn.

Current law, since 1982, allows a losing district to block a transfer. "Today, if a parent wants to move their child from one public school to another, you must first obtain permission," said Schuette. "That doesn't happen too often. The receiving district is under no mandate, no requirement to accept the students."

"This is not a state-issued mandate," said Bennett, a supporter. "If it was, I would have no part of it. No one is being forced to leave a particular school district. Neither are they any longer being required to stay."

Peters said little choice is offered by Schuette's bill because

"in Oakland County I was told by administrators that they like this particular bill because they don't

have to accept anybody. They can say, hey, we don't have any room."

Citing Pontiac with \$5,000 per child and Bloomfield Hills with \$11,000, Peters said, "I can guarantee there is not going to be much shifting back and forth in those districts."

"Quality education isn't going to be improved. It is only going to make it more difficult for those poorer districts," said Peters, arguing 60-70 of students never will be helped by schools of choice.

Countered Schuette: "In 1994 Bloomfield Hills let in 120 students, Pontiac 293 and Clarkston 204. They are letting kids in today, so let's be accurate with the figures."

"This begins to set up an elite system for a few," said Sen. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit.

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, warned the bill will run afoul of Michigan Supreme Court rulings.

"The Supreme Court state in that series of cases (Milliken vs. Bradley) that when there is facilitation

of a person self-segregating, there is segregation."

Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, predicted there will be heavy recruiting of athletes across district lines if the Schuette bill becomes law. A football player recruited in a spring semester would lose only one semester of eligibility — spring, when interscholastic football isn't played — but still be eligible next fall.

"If this bill passes, recruitment will be very, very prevalent," Berryman said.

Current law was passed in 1982 after it was revealed that a Muskegon area district heavily recruited top scholars and athletes from neighboring districts. Many groups of districts allow movement across boundary lines by agreement with their neighbors, but no law requires them to do so.

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This book will be the topic of a talk given by Robert Holcomb of Concord, Mass., Saturday, October 28th, at 2:00 p.m. The location of the talk will be at the B. Dalton Book Store located in the Westland Shopping Center, located at the corners of Wayne and Warren Roads in the City of Westland.

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Repair of Hulsing Elementary leak pleases teacher

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Water is no longer flooding moldy carpet in the classroom of Sally Evans at Hulsing Elementary, the first-grade teacher is happy to say.

"After the summer, we came into a wet, soggy mess," said Evans. "But since the last board meeting (at which Evans complained about the nine-month-old problem) it's been rectified. We now have new, dry carpet, a dry ceiling, and no leaking."

The leak — stopped when workers finally discovered the air

handling unit and not the roof was the culprit — was occurring in a new classroom constructed by Barton Malow, project manager for the capital improvements being made throughout Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Barton Malow vice president Jim Giachino came to a recent school meeting to explain why the problem took so long to correct.

"We apologize for what took place. It was dreadful when I saw how kids were coping. There is no excuse, and I'm not going to offer any," said Giachino.

Giachino said the problem "came to our attention early last winter. On three occasions, we had roofers come out, who tried unsuccessfully to find the leak. In April, we found a penetration and sealed the flooded roof." A water-proof membrane also was installed.

Barton Malow and its subcontractors thought they'd solved the problem, only to find out that the problem was in the penthouse, a structure above the roof that houses the air handling unit.

"With the humidity we had

over the summer, a tremendous amount of water had accumulated over a slab of concrete," said Giachino. "We pulled almost 200 gallons of water off that slab. We discovered the source was a malfunctioning air handling unit."

"The manufacturer had sent the unit out with the wrong piping configuration. The drain was on the wrong side. Rather than send it back and hold up the project, the contractor made do as best he could, Giachino said.

Barton Malow has repaired the unit, dried and disinfected the area, and made sure no more

moist accumulated, at no cost to the district, said Giachino.

"Barton Malow Company is here to service you; we are not going to run away from any problem. I assure you we will be here to take care of any problems you may have," he said, adding that "communication was not as good as it should have been."

An appreciative Evans said, "As a teacher and a taxpayer who's going to work on bond issues in the future, I need to know someone is going to listen. You have my heartfelt thanks."

Trustee Mark Horvath said

that given all the work Evans invested to remedy the situation, "I would ask that she and principal Becky Moore be permitted to see Barton Malow's Total Quality Management report when it is finished."

So far, so good, said Evans. "It's obviously working very well, because nothing is coming into the ceiling tile. I can't tell you how appreciative my parents are that an ongoing problem is solved. It's wonderful to work in a spotless, dry room, and there's much more room for the children and the computers."

State report says court load levels off

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michiganians in 1994 sued each other more, witnessed a jump in juvenile cases but saw filings drop in their local district courts.

"Labor-intensive criminal, domestic and juvenile case filings increased over the previous year, while less complex traffic filings declined," said an annual report from the State Court Administrator's Office.

Actually, the total number of new case filings dropped, and many hardly kept pace with population growth. Trial court filings were almost level — 3.19 million

in 1994 versus 3.197 million the previous year.

Trial courts consist mainly of three types:

■ Circuit — Total new case filings rose 1.3 percent to 240,270. Of these, 44 percent were domestic relations (mainly divorces), civil matters 25 percent, criminal matters 25 percent, and appeals from district courts 4 percent. (Numbers are rounded off.)

■ Probate — Overall filings fell 7.5 percent due to a drop in cases involving estates, guardianships and the mentally ill. But juvenile cases rose 4.6 percent to 94,704. Of those, 62 percent were criminal matters; 17 percent traffic; 11 per-

cent child protective proceedings; and 10 percent "status" violations such as runaways.

■ District — New cases were up a bare 0.3 percent to 2.6 million. Some 75 percent were traffic-related; 14 percent, civil; and 11 percent, criminal. A drop in traffic cases was offset in workload terms by more criminal cases. (District courts hold pre-trial exams for criminal cases that are tried in circuit courts.)

Michigan has two appellate courts.

The Court of Appeals saw new case filings drop nearly 10 percent to 11,287, in part because voters

approved a constitutional amendment limiting the right of appeal by those who have pleaded guilty.

The Supreme Court's business was up 16 percent to 3,188 new cases. The state's highest court completed 2,733 cases, up 9 percent.

Of all the cases brought to it, the Supreme Court denied leave to appeal 88 percent of the time.

Meanwhile, state legislators are studying the Supreme Court's proposal to consolidate the circuit and probate courts — a measure that would require voter approval — and an experimental program of integrating circuit and district courts.



On tour: Members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps toured parts in Canada and Vermont this past summer.

Drum Corps kids finish the season

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps finished its 1995 season with an appearance at the Caro Pumpkin Festival Parade.

The corps appeared at more than 50 events in Michigan this year and also toured Vermont and Canada, appearing at various fairs.

The group attended a muster in Waterbury, Vt., with 20 other fife and drum corps from the East Coast.

Jim Predhomme served as the group's director, while the drum major was Justin Smith and the color guard commander was Scott Berrey. The group won numerous awards and trophies this year.

Its annual banquet for members and their families is Sunday, Oct. 22. At that event, the

corps will say goodbye to three members who graduated from high school in June. They are: Smith, Tom Wrobel, first fife, who has been a member for seven years; and Jason Quay, drum captain, who has been a member for six years.

The corps is looking for new members for its 1996 season. Board members are visiting middle schools to talk to students about the corps and answer questions. The corps will have a parents' meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at Plymouth Salem High School.

Also, the corps is celebrating its 25th season and is planning a reunion for July 4. For more information, call 455-5298 or write to P.O. 70-1776 Plymouth, Mich 48170.

Salvation Army needs assistance

The Plymouth Salvation Army is looking for businesses, organizations, and schools to collect food for the needy.

Each year the Plymouth Salvation Army gives out thousands of food bags to needy families in Canton, Plymouth, and Northville. As the weather turns cold, the need increases even more.

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poster and food drop box, or perhaps even sponsor a food drive, please contact The Salvation Army at 453-5464. The posters and boxes will be available for pick up soon.

Food should be delivered directly to the food pantry during office hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. If you are unable to

deliver the food, please call in advance for a pick-up date.

Make a difference

Veterans Helping Veterans — Vietnam Veterans of America, Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 — will collect coats and bedding for homeless veterans on the national Make A Difference Day Saturday, Oct. 28.

The collection will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mans Do It Center,

41900 Ford Road, Canton, and Cornwell Pool & Patio, 874 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Trick or treating

The Halloween holiday will be celebrated in Canton on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Detectors will be available at both Canton McDonald's restaurants — one on Ford Road and one on Michigan Avenue — between 6-9 p.m. for residents to have candy checked.

Adopted budget includes salary increases

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township's 1996 budget has been completed and includes salary increases for all management personnel.

Overall, Canton Township revenue is expected to be 8.67 percent higher in 1996 than 1995, thanks mostly to new home construction. So there is sufficient money to give modest raises and still add new jobs and buy equipment.

The total more than \$48 million budget was adopted by township trustees Tuesday night. The budget takes effect Jan. 1. Topping the list of Canton Township salaries is Public Safety Director

John Santomauro, whose annual pay will rise from \$71,500 to \$73,700. Santomauro presides over the township's largest department in terms of people.

Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik's annual pay will rise from \$66,400 to \$71,500.

Supervisor Tom Yack is the highest paid elected official. His annual pay will increase from \$66,100 this year to \$68,100 in 1996.

Administrative Services Director Dan Durack's annual pay will rise from \$67,300 to \$69,400.

Chief Financial Officer John Spencer's annual pay will rise

from \$62,100 to \$64,000.

The annual pay of Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher and Township Engineer Tom Casari will rise from \$57,100 to \$58,900.

The annual pay of police captains Laura Gelles and Alex Wilson will increase from \$55,761 to \$57,433.

The annual pay of Clerk Terry Bennett, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike Gouin,

Community Planner Judy Bocklage, Chief Building Official John Weyer, Management Information Systems Manager Brad Thompson, Personnel Manager Dave

Medley, Resource Development Manager Mike Ager, and the financial services manager will rise from \$54,800 to \$56,500.

Fire prevention Capt. Art Winkel's annual pay will rise from \$50,172 to \$51,928.

Board trustees will continue to be paid \$8,100 a year each. Planning Commission members continue to be paid \$50 per meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Merit Commission and Building Authority members will continue to be paid \$40 per meeting. Tax Board of Review members continue to be paid \$9.25 per hour.

Discipline

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ment to keep certification standards lost on a 16-19 unrecorded vote.

"This does not reduce requirements," countered Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, chair of the Senate Education Committee that produced the bill. "It's only for a single or double-class load — not a full (teaching) load."

Added Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron: "Most (teachers) will come through the traditional process. Let the districts decide (on whether to use alternative certification). Universities make money."

Berryman, a possible 1998 gubernatorial candidate, jumped on that line. "That said it all! It's dollar driven. The purpose is not to hire the most qualified but a way to get around the system and save a buck."

Smaller classes

Class sizes in certifiably "at risk" districts would be lowered

under an amendment that Democrats, to their surprise, won on a 22-11 vote.

"It would apply only to the 30 school districts with the lowest test scores. That fits in with their economics," said the sponsor, Sen. Joe Conroy, D-Flint. That definition includes not only Detroit and Flint but Pontiac, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Highland Park, River Rouge, Inkster and Lansing.

It would limit class sizes to 17 in kindergarten through third grade, said Conroy, citing the experience of Republican Gov. Lamar Alexander in Tennessee. (Alexander later became secretary of Education in the Bush cabinet.)

"Lower class size had a large effect. After the fourth grade, it didn't make much difference," said Conroy.

If the Conroy amendment survives in the Senate and makes it through the House, the 30 districts would be told to dip into their \$230 million in special "at-risk" aid to hire more teachers.

"On the surface, it has a fair

amount of appeal," said Stille. "But we are now going to dictate, mandate, how school districts will spend their at-risk money. It more than likely will increase the budgets of local school districts."

Longer year

DeGrow won voice vote support for his amendment to change the way the school year is lengthened from 180 days, where it has been for a half-century, to 195 days. The Senate agreed to add one school day to the calendar for each of 15 years, beginning in 1997, rather than five days in three separate years, as proposed in the revised school code.

Carleton saved

State schools would no longer be told to observe Will Carleton Day — which few, if any, do anyway. The new code, aiming to remove all unnecessary regulations, stripped out a reference to the 19th century Chataqua speaker whose most famous work, "Over the Hill to the Poor-

House," once took the country by storm.

The 21-verse tale of a 70-year-old woman rejected by her grown children was considered a giant literary accomplishment in the days before Social Security, but today Carleton is largely forgotten, even in the Monroe County village named for him.

"He was a very important person in his time," said Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, whose district includes the Hillsdale County poorhouse that Carleton wrote about.

"It should be left to the individual districts," replied Stille. The pro-Carleton amendment, sponsored by Sen. Jackie Vaughn, D-Detroit, fell on a 17-17 tie vote.

The State Board of Education last week also asked for reinstatement of Will Carleton Day at the insistence of member Gary Wolfram, R-Hillsdale.

Refer to Senate Bill 679 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909. The Senate is expected to pass the bill by publication time Thursday.

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Health facility in Plymouth schedules open house Nov. 2

The University of Michigan Health Center in Plymouth will host an open house on Thursday, Nov. 2, from 8-8 p.m.

The purpose of the event is for the community to meet the staff and tour the facility. The center is at 9398 Lilley and is associated with seven hospitals and 110 clinics.

Forum to cover school funds

An open forum on school spending and finance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at the school board building on Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Physicians set up area offices

Two obstetrics and gynecology practices in the area have joined to provide a full range of services to women in western Wayne County.

Drs. James Brown, Michael Gatt and Karol Otterman have joined with Dr. Timothy Johnson in the newly organized Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology.

at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

New physicians available at the Plymouth clinic are Margie Andree and Maria Kopicki. Andree is a pediatrician and graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and Kopicki specializes in obstetrics and gynecology.

The public is invited to the workshop being conducted by the Plymouth-Canton school board and school administrators.

Future millage or bond issues will be discussed. The school board wants to listen to what residents have to say about those issues. Each member of the public will have three minutes to speak.

ogy and is a graduate of the State University of New York.

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m., on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

For more information, call 459-0820.



Mr. Kloote

WILLIAM JOHN KLOOTE
Services for William John Kloote, 65, of Northville are 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Funeral arrangements were made by Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel).

He was born in Grand Rapids, and died Thursday, Oct. 19, in Northville. He lived in the Plymouth community from 1961-67, Livonia from 1968-85, and North-

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ville 1985-present. He attended University of Michigan Civil Engineering school and received his masters degree at Eastern. He graduated from Hope College. He worked as a concrete contractor for 10 years. He was a teacher for the Plymouth-Canton schools for 30 years. He was active in the teachers union.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Kloote; daughter, Laura Pamela, Robert William; one sister, one brother; nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society and/or Angela Hospice.

HAZEL M. DETHLOFF

Services for Hazel M. Dethloff, 95, of Plymouth were Monday, Oct. 23, at Schrader-Howell funeral home with Rev. Oren Morton officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, in Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 8, 1899 in Perrinsville, and died Friday, Oct. 20, in Garden City. She was a homemaker. She moved to Plymouth from Nankin Township in 1915. She was a member of the Sixty-Plus Club and former member of the Navy Mother's Club, also the Plymouth Grange and

Farm Bureau.

She is survived by her sons, Linwood Dethloff of Plymouth and Elwood Dethloff of Gladwin; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Camelot Hall Convalescent Home, 35100 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia.

ROBERT LEE LYBARGER

Services for Robert Lee Lybarger, 74, of Plymouth were Thursday, Oct. 19, at The First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Bloomdale Cemetery, in Trenton.

He was born June 10, 1921, in Lima, Ohio, and died Oct. 16, in Livonia. He retired 7 1/2 years ago from Arrowsmith Tool and Die in Southfield after 24 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community 29 years ago. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth as well as the Plymouth Optimist Club. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He loved hunting, fishing and gardening.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., November 16, 1995, for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Published October 26, 1995

SYNOPSIS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 17, 1995

Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL FOR OPEN SESSION:

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery and Yack
Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Guy Desjardins, Claims Representative, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA)
Michael Ellis, Director of Claims, MMRMA
Craig Manser, Regional Risk Manager, IBEX Enterprises
Tim McClorey, Risk Manager, IBEX Enterprises

ITEM 1 REQUEST BY CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TO CONSIDER THE TRANSFER FRANCHISE REQUEST (FCC FORM 394)

Motion by Lajoy, supported by Burdziak, to approve the written request from Continental Cablevision, Inc. and Omnicom of Michigan, Inc. for an extension until October 26, 1995 for the Charter Township of Canton to act on the request for cable franchise transfer (FCC Form 394). Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2 OTHER

Supervisor Yack briefed the Board on the odor problem that occurred this morning (October 17).

Supervisor Yack suggested to the Board that, due to the opening of a staff communications position, he would like to evaluate and analyze how communication is handled in the Township and determine if changes should be made.

Supervisor Yack discussed the vehicle pursuit issue which was recently the topic of a meeting held at the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW).

Mr. Manser reviewed pertinent issues that MMRMA and IBEX Enterprises have worked on for Canton Township.

Mr. Ellis stated that he has prepared a written summary of pending lawsuits against Canton Township. He added that the summaries contain his analysis and strategy as well as those of the trial attorney retained by MMRMA, and suggested that the Board move into closed session to review the material.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to go into closed session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss pending litigation with Director Durack, Ms. Desjardins, Ellis, Manser and McClorey. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION:

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery and Yack
Members Absent: None

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to return to open session at 9:40 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on October 17, 1995. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on October 24, 1995.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following units will be sold to highest bidder on November 30 at 2101 Hagerty Rd. Canton, MI 48107. For information call 313-981-0390. Unit 5040 - Jennifer Owens - 3 antique dressers, weight bench, kitchen table & 4 chairs, lawn equipment, grill, pictures, misc. boxes and bags. Unit 6226 - Angela Shurthart - Desk, table, mirror, ironing board. Unit 6244 - David Anderson - Television, 30 misc. boxes, 29 misc. bags, crates, fishing poles. Published October 26 and November 2, 1995

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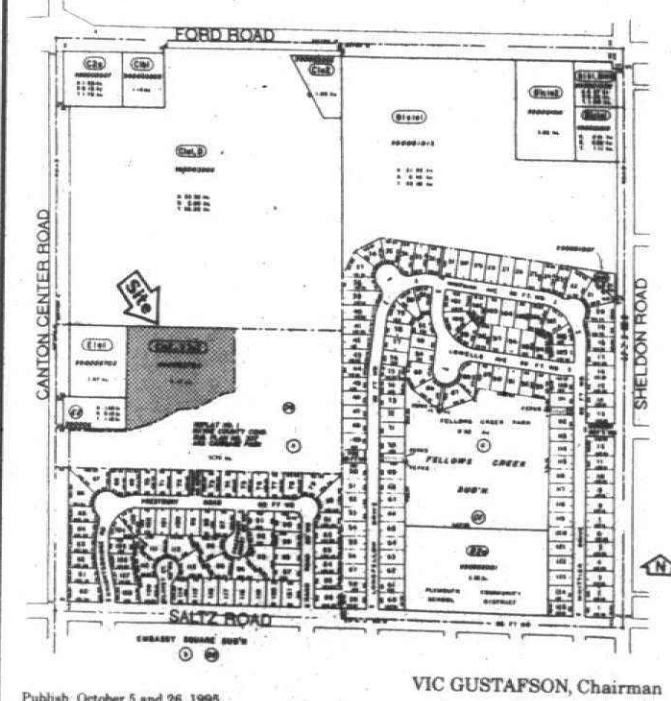
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 6, 1995, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

SINGH OF CANTON LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PARCEL 058 99 0005 704 FROM MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO COMMUNITY SHOPPING Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Ford and Saltz Roads.



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Maria Kopicki, M.D.
Dr. Kopicki is a graduate of the State University of New York in Syracuse and completed her OB-GYN training at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.



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Saturday is Make A Difference Day. This year's project is "Food for the Mind and Soul" — a special time to collect nourishment for the body and mind.

It's the day when you can take an active part in helping your neighbors, someone down the street or across the community — and know that you've helped someone in your own back yard.

We encourage residents to get involved Saturday by collecting food to replenish shelves at the Salvation Army pantry. A lot of that food comes right back to Canton families.

Through Friday you can also donate educational toys and other similar items that will be shared with the Canton Goodfellows, who provide food and toys for needy families at Christmas.

On first blush it might be hard to believe that some families have trouble putting food on the table or making Christmas a special and memorable day for their children.

When you look across the Canton landscape with large homes and a couple or more cars in the driveway, you might think that the township is becoming fairly affluent.

Not everyone in Canton lives in the new \$200,000-300,000 homes. There are plenty of people in need in this community. Some are just getting by and have nothing left over they pay their bills. Others are even worse off.

If you want to help, collect non-perishable food all by yourself, or if you're part of a group, organization, school, church or club, you can drop items off at the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. The educational items, such as model kits, puzzles, flashcards, children's books and art supplies can be

dropped off at township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center, through Friday.

But there are other ways you can help, too. The Goodfellows, who can always be counted on to help out at Christmas, are in need of volunteers. You don't have to give up your life to

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lend a hand.

The Goodfellows need volunteers to help with paper sales 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Money raised from the sales helps buy food and other items for baskets that are given to about 80 needy families in Canton. Volunteers are also needed to help sort and pack food, wrap gifts and pack the baskets Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 13, 14, and 15.

There are probably few opportunities where you can offer your time and effort and the benefits stay in your own community.

Let's face it: it's a good feeling to know you've helped someone who may not be as lucky as you are.

Besides that, volunteering gives you a chance to meet new people in the community and to be part of a group that accomplishes a lot without much fanfare.

Don't be fooled by the relative appearance of affluence in Canton. There are plenty of families out there, particularly single-parent families, who need your help. And it doesn't take much money or effort to make life a little easier and the upcoming holidays a little brighter.

No reason to change gun law

There are two types of bad legislation. One is benign — unnecessary laws pressed into passage by special interest groups that have little, if any, public relevance. Sunday "blue" laws, for example, or some of the more obscure regulatory laws.

The other is dangerous law. It is legislation that presents a threat to the public — either physically or philosophically. Michigan House Bill 4720, which would make it legal for nearly anyone to carry a concealed weapon, is dangerous on both counts.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, and backed heavily by the National Rifle Association, mirrors similar laws passed by Florida and other states in recent years. In Michigan, it remains stalled in a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, unable to win enough support to send it to the House floor for a vote.

The proposed law has generated a lot of discussion, some of it heated, with gun control advocates squaring off against NRA members and their supporters. Both sides use numbers to make their case.

Opponents, including most law enforcement agencies, say passage of the bill into law would put guns in the waistbands and purses of something like 360,000 more people statewide, increasing the potential for criminal and accidental shootings tenfold. Supporters paint this as unwarranted hysteria, pointing out that in Florida, handgun-related homicides have decreased since a less-restrictive concealed-weapons law was enacted in 1987.

But supporters don't address accidental shootings and the potential for increased gun incidents. Common sense tells us that whenever something is made widely available it becomes more likely. More cars on the road equals more motor vehicle accidents — it's that simple. At least the auto industry has emphasized safety with the addition of airbags and antilock brakes. The gun industry seems to be going in the opposite direction, with semiautomatic weapons and more powerful ammunition continually hitting the market.

And in their rush to lay claim to the Second Amendment, supporters are conveniently ignoring the fact that nobody is arguing against the right of the people to openly keep and bear arms. The proposed legislation deals only with concealed weapons.

The state has an obligation to protect all of its citizens, including those who don't own firearms and don't wish to purchase them. Yes, there have been instances where law enforcement has failed. But the police and courts still fulfill this function adequately for the majority of Michigan residents in most cases.

Current Michigan law requires a valid reason for obtaining a concealed-weapon permit. Such reasons can include threats to personal safety or job-related duties, such as regular transport of large amounts of money.

We see no outcry among the general public and no real validity for changing current law. There are enough accidents and deliberate acts of violence as it is. Why invite more?



Parent defends swim coach

BYRONALD J. LYNN
GUEST COLUMNIST

I attended the Oct. 23 open meeting of the Board of Education and was shocked that members of the board used innuendo to besmirch the good name of coach Olson, the Plymouth Salem High School swim coach.

Comments made by one of the board members toward parents who attended the meeting contesting the board's punitive actions against coach Olson, suggested that if the board members simply had the liberty to speak openly, they would be able to justify their action against Olson.

This use of innuendo, when they have no intention to speak openly, borders on slander of and character assassination of coach Olson, and should stop.

If there are additional facts, then the board should state the facts openly rather than leave parents and students wondering about the integrity of coach Olson.

If the board can't or doesn't intend to state the facts openly, then the board members and the superintendent should cease and desist their innuendo.

For those of you who don't know the background of this matter, coach Olson had asked one of his swimmers to scoop up with a flipper and place it into a bucket, a piece of suspected fecal matter the size of a pea that was in the pool.

The child told the coach that she didn't want to and coach Ron Krueger (the Canton swim coach) retrieved the object. Coach Olson closed the pool for the remainder of the school day, after adding additional chlorine, and the pool tested safe for swimming.

The child told her mother what coach Olson had asked her to do and the mother was deeply offended. So offended that she called the administration at the school, the Board of Education and the Wayne County Board of Health, which tested the pool and found it safe for swimming.

For this egregious offense, the coach was suspended, without pay, from teaching for two days, suspended from working with his swimming team for two weeks, and given a year's probation.

I believe in cause and effect and crime and punishment, but I also feel the punishment should fit the crime. I would suggest that the punishment borders on the excessive.

As for coach Olson and safety, I have al-

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ways found that he puts the highest level of concern for the health and safety of his students. It's not in his makeup to endanger a child.

Coach Olson has been a teacher and swimming coach at Plymouth Salem for 26 years. He is regarded by his peers as the epitome of the dedicated, caring competent teacher and coach. I have personally known coach Chuck Olson for eight years. My son swam on the team for four years, and my daughter has been on the team for three years. I have found coach Olson to be extremely dedicated, hard working, supportive of his swimmers, and a tremendous role model to his swimmers.

The mother of the child and certain members of the board were offended by the show of support by the parents for coach Olson. They said that it seemed that victories, championships etc. were more important than the safety of a child. But this has nothing to do with victories or championships; this has everything to do with over-reaction on the part of the board and all to do with the punishment being applicable to the "crime."

This punishment is excessive, punitive, and grossly unfair. Perhaps a mistake was made here (I say perhaps because I have a hard time finding it), but for a teacher of coach Olson's background and dedication to be treated this way, is shameful.

I would hope that the members rethink their position in this matter. The facts in this case do not support the shabby treatment of a very valuable Plymouth community resource — Coach Chuck Olson.

Ronald J. Lynn is the parent of a student on the swim team.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Supervisor has suggestions for road priorities

Some time ago the Canton Observer suggested that Canton increase its 1996 general fund contribution to road maintenance and construction. There was also the suggestion that the spending plan for 1996 did not take into consideration the failed March bond issue.

It should be noted that townships in the state of Michigan are not responsible for road maintenance and construction. Charter townships do have responsibilities for providing police, fire, public works, recreation and a variety of administrative services and programs.

Road maintenance and construction is the responsibility of the county of Wayne, for which they receive funds from gas and weight taxes. The county uses its funds to provide road and sign maintenance, traffic control devices, road grading and snow removal and to provide match money on federal or state qualified and funded projects (ex-

amples: Morton Taylor and Ganton Center roads).

Over the last seven years Canton has:

1. Participated with developers and Wayne County to upgrade roads from gravel to pavement. All of these projects have been west of Canton Center Road.
2. Shared in the cost with Wayne County in upgrading secondary roads from gravel to pavement. All of these efforts have occurred south of Palmer.
3. Participated in special assessment district projects to upgrade gravel roads to pavement. (SAD projects are paid for by property owners along the road). Example: Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes Roads.
4. Improved a few intersections using Canton funds.

In the coming years there may be a few more opportunities to work with the development community to extend Canton's paved road system. However,

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TOM YACK

these opportunities will be limited to the area west of Beck or south of Palmer. When these opportunities present themselves, unbudgeted general funds will be used.

The difficulty confronting Canton is that the road system east of Canton Center is in need of reconstruction, widening or intersection improvements. Most of these improvements are needed on secondary roads and inter-

sections, which do not typically qualify for state or federal funding. It is highly unlikely that Wayne County will have sufficient funds to address Canton's needs.

To address the community's needs a bond issue was placed before Canton voters in the spring of 1995. The bond issue projects identified would have addressed the bulk of Canton's immediate road needs.

The Canton Board of Trustees decided upon this approach because it provided residents an opportunity to consider adding road and intersection construction to Canton's responsibilities. It should be noted that if Canton were a city it would receive some of the funds that now go to the county. However, Canton would be responsible for all road issues. More importantly, city experiences (Livonia, Westland, Dearborn, Ann Arbor) would suggest that Canton would not receive sufficient funds to pay for road construction. As a result Canton would likely sell general

obligation bonds to make such improvements. Unlike townships, which are required to gain the approval of their residents to sell general obligation bonds, state law allows cities to sell general obligation bonds without a vote of residents.

Canton voters narrowly defeated (48 votes) the road improvement bond issue. As a result, Canton government will continue our past practice of working with developers and Wayne County when opportunities present themselves.

Canton government will continue to focus its efforts and expenditures on its statutory responsibilities. We will strive to use available funds to enhance the community's quality of life — public safety, recreation, public services, beautification and its culture.

Thomas J. Yack is supervisor of Canton Township. For information on writing a guest column, contact Canton Observer editor Joanne Maliszewski at 459-2700.

Charter schools have ideologues saying 'more'

The state Senate, prodded by ideologues on the State Board of Education, is about to ram through changes in the School Code. Few amendments will be allowed to alter the ideology of SB 679.

One major feature will be to lift the cap on the number of "public school academies" (PSAs) that may be chartered. Charter schools, as they're also called, are a year-old idea of untested merit. None is reported to have graduated anyone.

Why, then, are the ideologues in such a dither to charter more PSAs? Shouldn't we examine their effects on students? Shouldn't we study test scores and other measures of performance?

The answer comes from thalidomide economics. You remember that drug pregnant women took during the 1960s. Thalidomide economics says: "Down with those ding-blasted bureaucratic regulations! Let the marketplace decide, by cracky — after a few dozen de-

formed babies are born."

You would think our lawmakers would hesitate before exposing students' minds to potential educational thalidomide. Ah, but educating students isn't the name of the game. The name of the game is satisfying parents — particularly authoritarian, fundamentalist parents — with tax dollars and government power.

Consider the "vision" statement Clark Durant concocted and rammed through the State Board of Education: multiple references to parents. Consider the testimony of Nancy Jenkins, the so-called research assistant of Michigan Family Forum, before the Senate Education Committee: 13 references to parents, two to students. (I counted.)

The idea of public schooling is to raise kids above the level of their parents. If schools were guided by authoritarian parents, we'd still be teaching that stars are embedded in the firmament and never have heard of evolution and abolition.



TIM RICHARD

Last week the State Board of Education received a status report on 37 operating or planned PSAs from the Michigan Partnership for New Education. Some sound good.

West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science, Grand Rapids, "stresses academic achievement and sound character and citizenship principles emphasizing responsibility to the environment and society." Livingston Technical Academy in Brighton is offering 11th- and 12th-graders a

"school-to-work manufacturing program." Merle Academy for Creative Arts and Sciences will open in 1996 in Southfield with "arts education an integral part."

But I have questions about others: ■ Thomas Gist Academy in Westland will "prepare students to succeed in the global free enterprise economy" — in kindergarten through fifth grade?

■ Academy of Detroit-Southfield will complement core academics with a "business and entrepreneurial component" — for K-12th grade?

■ Pansophia Academy in Coldwater will "resemble the 'one-room' school house." Will Tom Sawyer's Mr. Dobbs return?

■ Sankofa Shule and El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, both in Lansing, are offering "holistic, Afrocentric curriculum" to grades K-4. Will EDS care?

■ Bahweting School in Sault Ste. Marie, Bay Mills Ojibway School in Brimley and Nah Tah Wahsh PSA in

Menominee are offering, or will offer, "native culture." Will IBM recruiters be lined up at graduation to hire those kids?

■ Noah Webster Academy in fractional district A-3 of Berlin and Orange Townships, Ionia County, is operating as a private school because it was denied state aid. Isn't that the outfit that wants to use 1995 technology to teach 1935 science?

Academies which concentrate on arts, science and the job market seem to be balanced by academies that are ethnocentric or trying to indoctrinate kids in ideologies, some fundamentalist, others ultra-liberal.

It would be unwise to give them the title of "public schools," and worse to give them tax dollars and power to set teacher certification rules.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Dysfunctional families are at root cause of social ills

Peter Luke is a reporter in the Booth Newspapers' Lansing bureau. In his column last Sunday, he produced the interesting idea that the Michigan Legislature may be on the way to giving something more than mere lip service to the now-trivialized phrase "family values."

As evidence, Luke pointed to bills now under consideration that would make it tougher to get a divorce, crack down on underage drinking and restrict driving privileges for teenagers.

I think he's on to something. Most thoughtful people are beginning to come around to conclude there is something terribly important about maintaining intact, functioning families as social units that can pass on values and ethics and discipline to the unruly impulses of adolescents.

Interestingly, the day after Luke's column was published, the wire services moved a piece reporting U.S. Census Bureau findings that the percentage of single-parent families is continuing to grow in the U.S. From a low 13 percent in 1970, the figure rose to 22 percent in 1980 and to 28 percent in 1990. Last year it was nearly 31 percent.

Of the 11.5 million single-parent families nationwide, 9.9 million are headed by mothers and 1.6 million by fathers. Nearly two-thirds of black families with children are headed by single parents; for whites, it's 25 percent. Nationwide, 30.5 percent of all births (22 percent white, 68 percent black) are now out of wedlock, the highest in the world.

Ask the cops. The kids who get in trouble with the law tend to come from broken homes. Ask the teachers. The kids who are in trouble at school are more often than not from single-parent families. Ask the social workers. Dysfunctional families are the single most common root cause for a whole range of social ills from drug abuse to sexual abuse.

Our society's crisis is not legal. It's no longer even racial. It is social. Whole neighborhoods of children are growing up without families, mostly without fathers and usually without the habits, schooling and skills required to survive in today's world.

The obvious question is whether a device as clumsy as a bill enacted by the Michigan Legislature can really do anything concrete or effective about reversing the trend toward deteriorating families.

In the case of divorce, where the Legislature is considering rewriting the no-fault divorce law, it seems clear that passing a law would have an undeniable effect. If a couple is child-



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less, the divorce would be granted if both parties want it. But if one spouse objects or if there are kids, the divorce would be granted only if a spouse broke the marriage contract — i.e., adultery, abuse, drugs, drinking.

But most abuses remain stubbornly immune even to legislative prohibition. I think instead we should explore novel ways to punish (and, hopefully, deter) bad behavior and to stimulate that old-fashioned feeling, shame.

Newspapers already print the names of "johns," men who are arrested for soliciting prostitutes, as well as people convicted of drunk driving. What about requiring convicted drunk drivers to put an icon of a bottle or a big red "D" on their license plates? Big-time troublemakers in school used to be made to wear dunce caps; why not now?

Why shouldn't unwed, underage mothers be required to live with their parent(s) instead of using welfare to get their own apartments? And why shouldn't we start enforcing the old regulation that every birth certificate has to contain the Social Security number of the father?

Wringing our hands about the decline in family values seems pointless. What we need to do is identify concrete ways in which our social institutions can help the values of the family, now under assault from a complex, rapidly changing, and sometimes threatening world.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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KAREN MEIER

Finding good in macaroni

— an average, Midwestern, Caucasian, stay-at-home mom and housewife — have an opinion on the Million Man March.

It's been 11 1/2 weeks since that march took place. And I remember cleaning up the lunch mess in my kitchen that Monday (the usual sort of mess created by my 3- and 1-year-old) when I first saw a televised report of the march. As the camera panned around, I saw that the day was sunny and bright on the Mall. And the spirits were high and the speakers were energetic.

As I scrubbed the macaroni and cheese off my kitchen floor, I heard parts of speeches, taped earlier that morning. The speakers spoke of family and fatherhood and responsibility and hope and community. The messages were good and strong. And it was at that point, crouched under my kitchen table, that I tossed aside the negative stuff swirling about this event, like the macaroni and cheese stuck on my floor, and looked at all the good that was left.

I know, I know. That's pretty simplistic. But I do that sort of thing all the time: look at the bright side and if I can't see the bright side, I search for it. And I usually find it, and things turn out just fine.

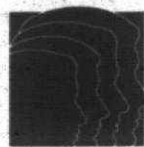
Seeing the bright side isn't always easy. Hopelessness and discouragement can creep in most anywhere. Even into a life filled with simple struggles — struggles against macaroni and cheese on the floor, car keys down the laundry

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She has special touch for children

■ A lot of things have changed during the 25 years Bernice Lawrence has been providing day care, but one constant has been her desire to make the children's experience with her a special one.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Plymouth day care provider Bernice Lawrence has seen trends come and go during her 25 years in the business.

But one common denominator in Lawrence's quarter century of owning and operating The Little People's Place is her desire to make the children's experience with her a special one.

Every year, for example, Lawrence holds a graduation ceremony for children who are leaving to start kindergarten.

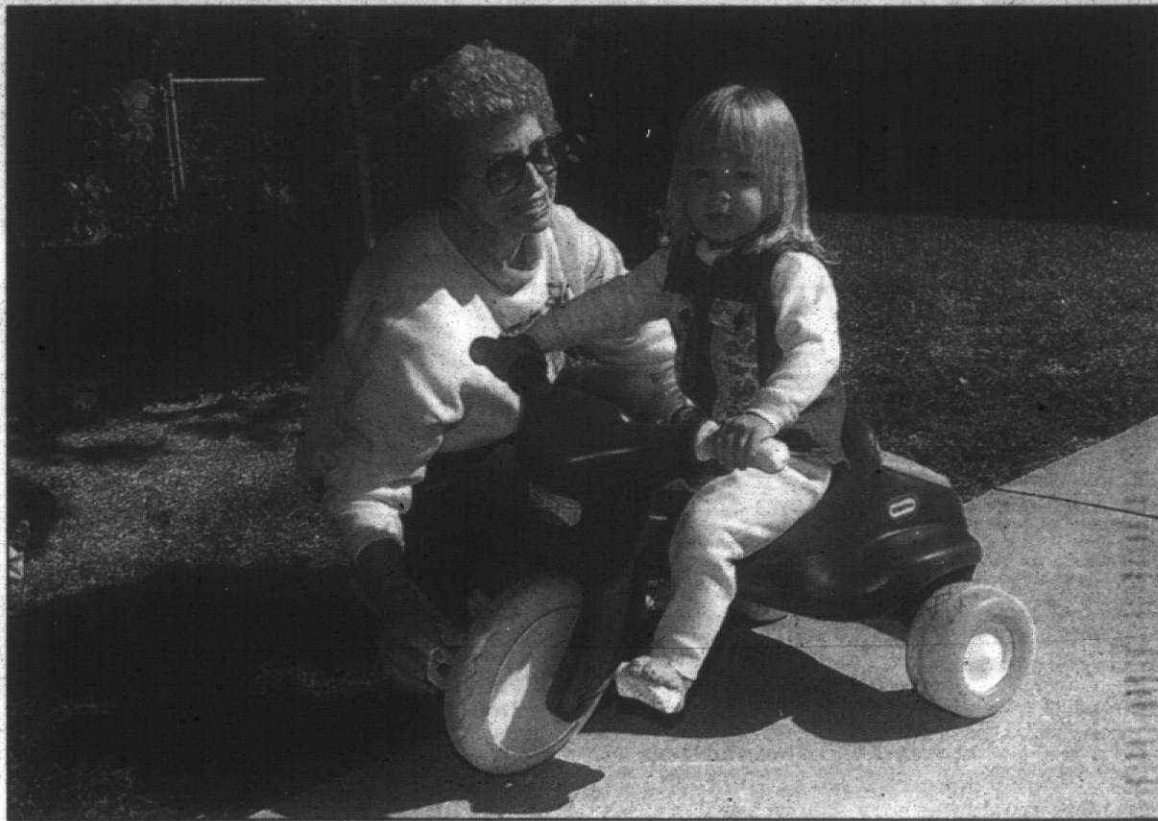
"They do have the cap and tassel with the date on it and a graduation certificate," Lawrence said. "That's quite a nice ceremony for them. It's something for them to tuck away and in later years look back and say, 'Gosh, I graduated way back then.'"

To further show her admiration for current and former visitors to her center, Lawrence held a reunion picnic last summer at Maybury State Park.

"We must have had close to 60-65 people — parents and children. We had a clown that we hired. The children enjoyed it tremendously."

Some of Lawrence's former "little people" brought their own children, many of whom attend her center.

"It is very interesting," she said about seeing former clients. "So many of them are in college. Of the ones that I had worked with many, many years ago, some are married



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Little people: Bernice Lawrence shares some time with Rachel Andrusiak, one of the children who attend the Little People's Place, a day care center Lawrence has owned and operated for 25 years.

and have children of their own.

"They all seem to be doing quite well. I really am very pleased with how well they are doing."

Lawrence, who earned an associate's degree in child development at Scholcraft College, started her business out of her fascination with children.

"I'm from a large family myself. It was like a reoccurrence of a lot of things that we have done with the children as a group," said Lawrence, who is the youngest of 10 children.

Married for 44 years, she is the mother of two and the grandmother of six.

"Many of the children (at the Little People's Place) have not been exposed to little siblings because they do not have a brother or sister," she said. "When they are an only child, and then a 2-year-old comes in, it is a wonderful experience for them because these children are learning to do the things a big brother or big sister would do."

The older child will often teach

the younger ones how to do puzzles, color or they will sit down and read to them, she said.

"Even though they can't read themselves, they go through the story by memory. Actually they're having a substitute family tie there."

Shelly Babcock has seen the change in her daughter since she's been involved with The Little People's Place.

"Mrs. Lawrence really takes a lot

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misplaced shoes, matted socks, toothbrushes in the toilet, toilet brushes in the front hall, nothing but bills in the mailbox, and no time to brush your own hair. Even these things can be discouraging.

On the day of that Million Man March, I indeed, cleaned macaroni and cheese off the floor. And while the Million Man March inspired me, my floor did not. Not at first anyway. But then I paused to consider some things. And I came up with this. Even though sticky noodles were on my floor, more had wound up inside Jack and Joe. And that meant they'd

had good, warm, from-scratch food for lunch. That was good. And by cleaning the glop off the floor, all of us could walk in the kitchen without sticking, squishing and sliding. That also was good.

As for the keys down the laundry chute, the dirty clothes had silenced their jangle as Jack — I'm sure he did it — tossed them down. And so my task of driving children to school that Million Man March day had been, you could say, severely hampered. I searched for the keys, and I searched for the bright side.

The bright side I found over

and over again. The keys weren't in the diaper pail. That was good. And they weren't in the ignition where someone could've taken them and the vehicle in the pre-dawn hours. Furthermore, we have a vehicle, and it runs and we make steady payments on it. That's all good stuff. And if children are late for school because the keys are buried in dirty clothes in the chute, that's not a big deal. I am thankful to have children to be late to school and that there is a school for them to go to.

And the dirty clothes in the chute? The bright side is that those are the very ones that, when

they're clean, keep my family decent and warm. And baby Jack's missing shoe that same morning was inconvenient, but at least he had socks. And he has feet. And I have him. And that old shoe was just a hand-me-down anyway, rather worn at the toe. And Jack is small enough that he can easily be carried over the mud and wet grass and pavement puddles. Again, the scales were tipped way in favor of the positive side.

Now, the discovery of the toothbrush in the toilet mid-morning, not a lot can be said positive about that. Except that I'd already brushed my teeth. And I am

fortunate to have a toothbrush and a toilet. And teeth that still need brushing. That's all good. And the fact the toilet was flushed when the toothbrush went in was a little bit good, but a new toothbrush was warranted anyway.

Brightness and goodness can be found most anywhere. I believe that. In homes with moms at the helm and in marches with men gathered.

Indeed, the organizer of the Million Man March has said things which are offensive to many and that's not a good thing. But the hundreds of thousands of

men on that bright, sunny, mid-October day who marched, who set their sights on family and community, who joined arms under the blue fall sky in our nation's capital, their actions spoke louder than the words of just the one man. And that's the hugely positive nature of the event that this floor-scrubbing, key-retrieving, toothbrush-buying mom saw that day.

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Lawrence's center, licensed for 12 children in the basement of her home, offers breakfast, a snack, and lunch. The cost is based on a sliding scale.

Now in her 25th year, she has seen trends come and go, many of which are influenced by the parents.

"It's more of the parents demanding the change," she said. "They would like to see more of the educational side brought into day care in order to keep the children in tune with the times."

During the children's stay at her center, she involves them in a number of projects to help increase their socialization skills.

"I try to involve them in little bits of nursery rhymes to help build their self-confidence and so they'll be able to project themselves to people," she said. "I think the exposure is extremely healthy to them at this age."

She also includes math, biology and cooking into her plans which in turn inadvertently sparks the children's creativity.

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cope with stress, to deal with it during the holidays and to introduce the community to the people who work here and the programs we offer," said Ken Hall, a therapist and the clinic's director.

The open house will be 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and include four presentations focusing on preparing yourself for the holidays — tips for holiday stress busting, dealing with difficult family matters, surviving the holiday blues and keeping the holidays holy.

Visitors also will be invited to enjoy a free 15-minute massage, provided by the newest addition to the staff, Heidi Barrows, a certified massage therapist.

A student at the Health and Enrichment Center in Lapeer, Barrows started working at the clinic in January to complete a 100-hour internship program. The feedback was so positive that she was invited to become a regular part of the program, Hall said.

"It's the kind of supportive program we knew people would enjoy because it's done in a safe setting," Hall said. "We had talked about it, but we didn't know how to find someone who was a certified professional. And then here comes Heidi showing up on our doorstep."

"I believe people tried massage therapy here because they never would have gone anywhere else,"

Barrows of her internship. "I enjoy touching and manipulating body tissue. By working together (with the therapist) you can see the change in people."

New Directions opened its doors in 1987. While its foundation is Christian — the staff of eight therapists "belong to one denomination or another" — religion is not a prerequisite for treatment, according to Hall.

About 150 clients visit the clinic each week. The center's services cover a wide spectrum — parenting skills, children and adults with Attention Deficit Disorder or other learning problems, stress management, anxiety and depression and men's issues.

The center also has a certified substance abuse counselor, provides marriage counseling and work with clients on recovering from trauma, grief and loss and spiritual direction.

And including massage therapy in the lineup fits in with the center's philosophy of paying attention to the whole person. The philosophy is based on the Jewish and Christian traditions concerning the nature of man which includes his body, soul and spirit.

"If something goes wrong in one area, it affects the other two," Hall said. "So we pay attention to

Sweet Petite's sweet rewards

Two titles: The Sweet Petite Sherryettes of Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi recently won two national titles — Junior Grand National Champion at the U.S. Open National Talent Competition and gold medal at the Starpower National Talent Competition. The members include Kristen Dimchoff (front row, from left) and Michelle Shaffer of Livonia, Ashley Robinson of Detroit, Jessica Moore of Redford, Jessica Kuhn (second row, from left) of Novi, Katie Borromeo of West Bloomfield, teacher Jackie Sulek, Jennifer Murphy of Novi, Emily Matthews of Detroit, Maggie Shaffer (back row, from left) of Redford, Rachel Powers of Livonia, Kristen Berriman and Lindsey Hornyak of Redford.

She wants to be recognized

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES

Dear Lorene, I'm fascinated with your ability to do handwriting analysis. I would find this most interesting if you could do this for me. I am 49 years old and married. Many thanks for analyzing my handwriting.

Warmest regards,
K.R., Dearborn Heights

This very large handwriting tells us we are about to meet a woman who is socially oriented. She enjoys the attention and admiration she receives from other people. She also wants to make an impression, to be observed and to win recognition.

She is gregarious and will cast her nets far and wide to include others in her activities and projects. No sitting idly for this woman!

Our writer is physically restless and wants to be where the action is. Nervous energy to the point of hyperactivity is suggested here. She has too many ironies in the fire and is usually behind in finishing what she has begun.

This over-involvement affects her organization and planning ability. Often, she will take on more than she can accomplish in a given time period, causing her stress.

A routine existence would bore her. This restlessness demands excitement, change and variety. If forced to be inactive, she may become irritable and even unhappy.

People are important to her happiness and she dislikes being alone. She makes friends easily and is friendly, congenial and has a sunny disposition usually. She is a fluent talker and also enjoys humor. Occasionally, however, her manner of speaking may be a tad blunt. Her love of people might make her a little intrusive at times.

Seemingly, there is something in her life that she is resigning herself to because she feels there is nothing she can do to change it. I'm not totally certain I know what this is, but I feel confident she does.

She appears to be trying to escape from someone or something that is threatening to her. Perhaps the two are related.

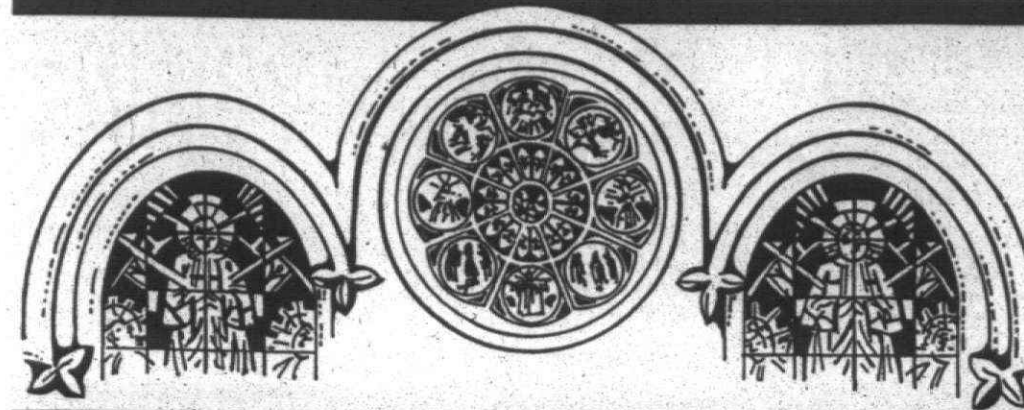
Her imagination is bursting out all over. She appears to be prone to dramatize reality. At times she may get carried away in fantasy, possibly without even realizing it.

She has a subconscious need to achieve. Her attention-seeking behavior is combined with ambition, but may lack the necessary drive to achieve all she wishes.

This woman has a mind that is resourceful, bright and creative. She has the intellect to explore, analyze and absorb information in-depth. She may have spiritual leanings.

Family is important to her. She is protective of them and wants smooth relationships.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.



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October 29th
11:00 a.m. "How Do We Talk to God?"
6:00 p.m. Guest: Rev. Richard Smith
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Livonia • 427-2290

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261-0766

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261-1360

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October 29th
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Redford, MI 48239 827-3170

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RUMMAGE SALE
St. Simon and Jude Church will have a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-28, in the church hall, 32500 Palmer, between Merriam and Venoy, Westland. There will be books, toys, clothes, household goods and more. Proceeds will go to the church's building/renovation fund.

IN CONCERT
Michael D. Bridges and Baum, two 31-year-old Christians who have been writing, traveling and performing together for 15 years, will sing at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Stylistically, their music has been called "two guys playing acoustic instruments as hard and as fast as they can." However, their message of God's love in Christ is easy to discern. Tickets cost \$6 at the door. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

DAN HOLLEY
Dan Holley will perform some old favorites and many new pieces on the piano and organ at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Unit of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

HERSTORY
"Herstory: The Mother's Tale," a production that recounts the life of Christ through the eyes of Mary, will be presented Friday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 29, at St. John Neumann Church in Canton and Monday, Oct. 30, and Wednesday, Nov. 1, at St. Mary Cultural Center in Livonia. The production stars Sheila O'Connell-Russell and Elinore O'Connell, who take patrons from one character to the next in song and dance, creating a spiritual experience.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Tickets are \$15 for general public and \$10 for students. For tickets and further information, call Shirley Hays at (313) 981-4512.

PUMPKIN PATCH
Children ages 3-8 years will enjoy and afternoon of decorating pumpkins and other fall activities Saturday, Oct. 28, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The party will be an open house from 1:30 p.m. Parents must accompany their children, and youngsters are invited to wear costumes. There is no charge for the

event, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.
FINDING PERFECT MATE
Pam Walker will discuss "How To Find Mr./Mrs. Right" during a 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. seminar Saturday, Oct. 28, presented by Single Place Adult Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St. The cost is \$15 in advance, \$23 at the door. For more information, call (810) 349-0911.
Single Place also meets every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the library of the church.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
The members of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriam, Livonia, will observe Make a Difference Day Saturday, Oct. 28, by collecting winter coats to help those, especially children, who cannot afford to help themselves. Participants then will join in prayer and song and enjoy a pizza lunch as part of the national event. The event is co-chaired by Mary Rice and Diane David. For more information, call Rice at (313) 522-1095.
'EMERGING WOMAN'
Unity of Livonia will sponsor

"The Emerging Woman" seminar 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. The seminar is designed to help people who are divorced, widowed and never married create a joyous and fulfilling life. Participants should bring their own lunch. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

YOUTH WORKSHOP
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will conduct a youth ministry workshop 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28.

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Concert previews Chicago performance

Performing together for the first time in Michigan, the Wind Symphony and Kapelle Choir of Concordia University of River Forest, Ill., will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

The performance by the 125 musicians will be a sneak preview of the invitation to perform Nov. 5 at the renowned Orchestra Hall in Chicago.

The Wind Symphony, which counts Plymouth resident Heather Thomson as a member, offers selections by Ticheli, Copland, Shostakovich and Gould, while choral works by Byrd, Distier and

Rutter are on the program for the Kapelle Choir. The ensembles will combine with the choir of Christ Our Savior to perform the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and R. Vaughan Williams. Richard Hillert's new arrangement of "For All the Saints" will be the finale.

Dr. Richard Fischer, professor of music and director of bands at Concordia University, conducts the Wind Symphony and University Band, as well as the pit orchestra for musical productions.

Since his arrival in 1974, the Wind Symphony, premiere instrumental ensemble of the university, has played concerts and

church services in 38 states and Canada, performed at the 24th National Conference of College and Director's Association, and recorded three albums of sacred wind music.

No stranger to the metropolitan Detroit area, Kurt Amolsch, associate professor of music at the university, is an alumnus of Ann Arbor Concordia College. He taught at his alma mater from 1980 to 1993, directing the Concordia Choir for three years. He is in charge of the choral program.

There will be a free will offering for the concert. A reception will follow the program.

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groups in southeastern Michigan. Amolsch also was chosen to perform with the Robert Shaw Festival Singers in Quebec, France, in 1992.

The 45-member Concordia University Kapelle Choir, the premiere choral ensemble of the school, has appeared throughout the United States in its annual spring break and on an around the world tour.

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WEEKEND

PUMPKIN PAINTING
Keller and Stein will provide the pumpkins, paint and fun 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 42155 Michigan Ave. in Canton. All pumpkins will be judged on creativity and neatness. Ages groups: 5 and under, 6 to 9, 10 to 13. A prize will be given to the winner in each age group. To reserve your pumpkin or pumpkins, call 397-0800.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES
Canton Parks and Recreation services is sponsoring two children's Halloween parties Saturday, Oct. 28: 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 7 and under and 10:45-11:45 a.m. for ages 12 and under and a clown show for Canton children ages 12 and under. Each party will feature games, refreshments, prizes and a special clown performance by Twisty the Fun Clown. Children should come dressed in costume. Space is limited to 100, so call 397-5110 with the number of children who will be attending.

HALLOWEEN DANCE
The Knights of Columbus Halloween Dance will be 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Thomas A'Becket Community Life Center, 565 S. Lilley in Canton. There will be a submarine sandwich and drinks. \$15 per person. For tickets, call John at 981-3105 or Chico at 459-6026.

CONCERT
The Music Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church presents Dr. Michele Johns in her 10th anniversary concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the church at 1180 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth. The program, entitled "Kosmic Keyboards," features Johns' artistry on organ, positif organ, piano and electronic keyboard. Joining her will be guest musicians Rose Guastella, mezzo soprano, Susan Lindquist on flute, Kay Ray on organ, and Bill Ebbitt on trumpet, in a varied program of lively program of lively and uplifting music. Admission is free, and an hors d'oeuvres reception will follow.

FARMERS' MARKET
The Canton Farmers' Market will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through October in the New Towne Plaza shopping center at Sheldon and Ford roads. Canton's farmers offer fresh fruits and vegetables.

CRAFT SHOW
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RUMMAGE SALE
Rummage and craft sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge in Canton. Inside sale will include housewares, furniture, books, toys and clothes. Holiday and craft items will be featured as well. Refreshments will also be available. 495-0035.

ACTIVITIES GALORE
Horse-drawn hayrides offered 1-4 p.m. Saturdays in October. For a nominal fee, you can enjoy a 20-minute ride through the changing autumn landscape of farm fields.

Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck in Northville Township. Farm hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. For more information, call the park office at (810) 349-8390.

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U-M NURSING
The University of Michigan Nursing History Society presents U-M Nurses in World War II with speaker Brian Williams, B.S., NLS assistant archivist. The film featured will be "Michigan On The March." Artifacts on display 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Whiting Room, Bentley Library, 1150 Beal, North Campus of the University of Michigan.

NEWCOMERS
Canton Newcomers meet 7 p.m. for hospitality, 7:30 p.m. general meeting Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Sunflower clubhouse, 45800 Hanford in Canton. This is the annual make and bake auction. Come and bid on one-of-a-kind crafts and baked goods.

CANTON BPW
The Canton Business and Professional Women's group meets 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at Roman Forum restaurant on Ford Road in Canton. This is an organization to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. Information, (313) 699-1970.

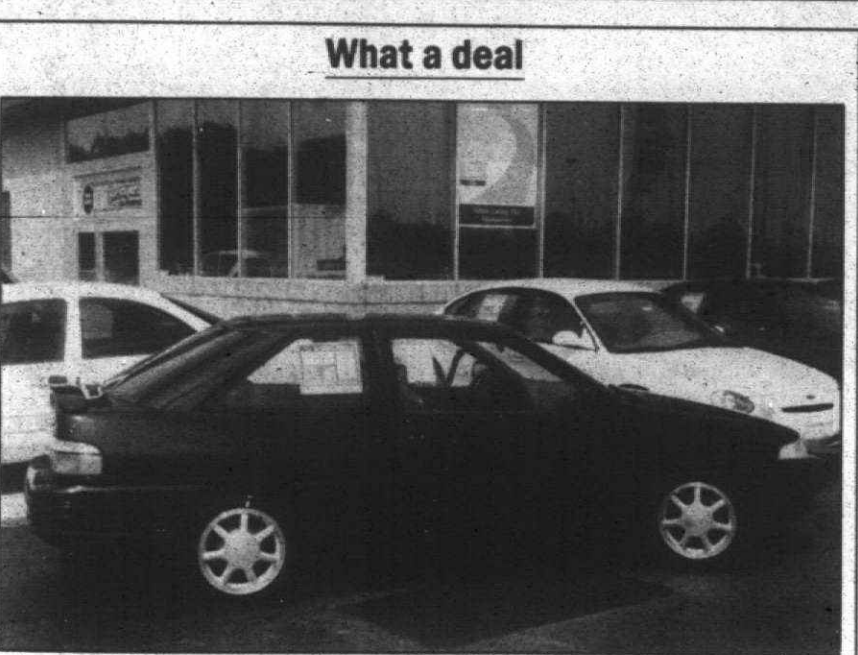
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Chamber raffle: Tickets are available for \$20 each in the Canton Chamber of Commerce raffle for a 1996 Ford Escort GT, provided by Jack Demmer Ford. The car is valued at approximately \$15,000. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to the chamber's building fund. The drawing will be during the chamber's annual holiday party, Dec. 1. For tickets, call the chamber, 453-4040.

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SMOKERS' RIGHTS
Group will meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month in Denny's on Ann Arbor Road at 1-275, Plymouth Township, for people supportive of smokers' rights. Information, call Marc at 455-1635.

JAYCEES
The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

FOR KIDS

NOAH'S ARK
Party with pumpkin carving, face painting, games, treats and lots of fun 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, between Lilley and Sheldon, in Canton. Make reservations (with number of children who will be attending), 981-0286.

HALLOWEEN PHOTO
Dress the kids up in their Halloween costumes 2-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, and bring them in for a free 3-by-5 photo at Precious Memories Studio

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Livonia-Redford Chapter No. 130 Parents Without Partners is meeting at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Parent and family activities are planned. New members welcome at 8 p.m. for orientation. Diane,

HAUNTED HOUSE
The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees' haunted warehouse will be open 7-11 p.m. Sunday to Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-30, at 340 N. Main in Plymouth (behind the Plymouth Landing restaurant). The cost is \$6 per person. \$5 age 12 and under (Dollar off coupons available through Halloween events newspapers.) Friendly Monsters 6-7 p.m. Fridays. Light on, masks off. Admission \$1 for kids, parents free.

TINY TOTS
The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds will be from 9:30-11:35 a.m. through May. For information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
There are limited openings for students in second-, third-, and fifth-through eighth-grade at New Morning School. Information, 420-3351.

ACADEMY ENROLLMENT
Superior Adventist Academy in association with Plymouth and Westland Seventh-day Adventist churches still has a limited number of vacancies for students in first through eighth grades. Parents living in Plymouth and Canton who desire a Christian education for their children can call 459-8222 or write to the academy at

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for fall Canton Crickets. Canton's preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds. The fall session runs for 18 weeks. \$200 for three-day session, \$300 for three-day session, 17 per class. Crafts, organized games, storytime, special events, trips and snack time. Driver's license and child's birth certificate required. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1 for the two-day class. Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 for the three-day class. 397-5110.

PARKS AND RECREATION
The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its fall classes. The City Recreation Department offers programs to ages ranging from tots to seniors. The classes include: art, dance, self-defense, martial arts, trips, gymnastics, cheerleading, crafts, roller skating and more. 455-6620.

KIDS CLUB
The Salvation Army is taking registrations for the "Saturday Kids Club" that meets 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. Games, arts and crafts, cooking, field trips and lots of fun. Fee: \$25 per child or \$50 per family. Information, 453-5464.

NURSERY SCHOOL
Plymouth Children's Nursery still has openings for 3-year-olds Wednesday morning and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon for 4-year-olds. Information, 455-6250 or 459-3111.

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BOOKS FOR SALE

SYMPHONY LEAGUE
The Plymouth Symphony League is raising funds by selling the Entertainment 1996 book. Each book contains hundreds of "Two-for-One" discounts on dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions and hotels. The profit from the sale of Entertainment books will help support the Plymouth Symphony. To order your Entertainment 1996 book, call 453-3016.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The Plymouth Community Chorus Entertainment books are now available. Huge savings offered on dining, movies, theater, sporting events, cleaners, car washes, and more. Proceeds will help fund the chorus' charitable and educational activities. \$40. Call Stan at 459-6829.

AROUND THE TOWN

OPEN HOUSE
There will be an open house 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at the University of Michigan Health Center Plymouth, 9398 Lilley. It will feature hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to meet the staff and tour the facilities. Reservations, 998-6497.

ADULT BASKETBALL
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will once again be offering a men's and a women's basketball league. The entry fee for either league is \$500, plus a \$15 non-resident fee for each player who does not live or work full time in the city of Plymouth. Teams are allowed as many non-residents on their roster as they want. Each league plays a 12-game schedule. There is a 12-team limit on the men's league, and a six-team limit on the women's league. The women's league plays on Monday nights, and the men's league play on Wednesday and Thursday nights. All games are at Central Middle School. Registration for returning teams starts Wednesday, Nov. 1. New teams may register starting Monday, Nov. 13. League play begins the first week in December. Information, 455-6620.

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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
announces local students who received degrees at the end of the summer session of the 1994-95 school year: Mary Ann Kay of Canton received her bachelor of science degree in engineering graphics and design and Dawn Suzanne Gable of Plymouth received her bachelor's in business administration. Her parents are Edward G. and Susan M. Gable.

CAMPUS NOTES

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

LAURA K. BODELL, a former resident of Plymouth, an actuarial consultant with Prud



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p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The workshop will be led by pastor Richard Borrad, who has developed a step-by-step approach to youth work, called the "Five-Year Plan for Youth Ministry." A vital component of the plan is a small group ministry with youth and adults called "5 Alive."

The registration fee is \$10 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and training materials. Call Hope Moran at (313) 522-6830 by Friday, Oct. 27, to register. Walk-ins also are welcome.

SPECIAL GUESTS

International recording artists Steve and Maria Gardner will bring their entertaining brand of inspirational encouragement to Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, for the morning services and a 7 p.m. concert Sunday, Oct. 29. The duo has recorded 16 albums and has traveled throughout the United States and Canada, to the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Europe and South America. For

more information on the ministry, call the church at (313) 422-1150.

RADIO SHOWS

The radio series "What is this Christian Science and who are these Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. Topics include "Is it possible to heal without medicine?" on Oct. 29. The series also can be heard at 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call 1-800-886-1212.

ORGAN CONCERT

Well-known classical organist and WQRS radio personality Dave Wagner and theater organist and performer at Radio City Music Hall Lance Luce will perform on the Rogers organ of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. An afterglow will follow the performance. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling the church at (313) 274-3820. St. Andrew's is at 26701

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BOOK TALK

Are you looking for alternatives to improve every aspect of life, including health, ethics and relationships? They will be covered at a free book talk on Mary Baker Eddy's "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Borders Books, 43705 Crescent Blvd., Novi.

The author faced homelessness, desertion by her husband, 45 years of illness and the best-selling book is the result of her finding spiritual answers to her problems, based on her study of the Bible. The talk is sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Plymouth. For more information, call Borders at (810) 347-0780.

The church also will have a free lecture on "Bringing Comfort and Healing to a Violent World" at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

The lecturer will be Maryl Walters of St. Louis, Mo., a mem-

ber of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Her lecture will be filled with examples of the healing of violence through prayer and will show how enlightened prayer provides a sanctuary of safety.

BLOOD DRIVES

Donors are needed for a Red Cross blood drive noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Garden City Church of Christ, 1657 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 422-8660.

Donors also are needed for a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1150.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Cardinal Adam Maida will celebrate a special Mass at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, as part of the church's 25th anniversary. Members of the clergy who served the church will also be there for the service and reception.

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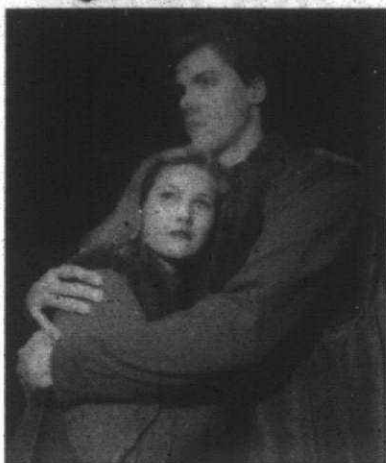
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Scott Mikita and John Patrick Lowrie are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Lend Me A Tenor." Call (810) 377-3300 for show times, tickets.



Hot tix: "Grease," one of Broadway's longest running musicals, takes a tuneful and loving look at what it was like growing up in the 1950s, through Oct. 29 at the Fox Theatre. Call (810) 433-1515 for tickets.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Personally Inspired: Connie Cronenwett uses materials found in nature to create masks after people she has known.



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FACE-TO-FACE WITH NATURE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • SPECIAL WRITER

Connie Cronenwett likes mixing a variety of media in her artwork. Found objects like rusted automobile parts form masks as do wasp nest paper, birch bark and acorns.

Pastel and watercolor paintings incorporate handmade paper, colored pencil, or oil pastel. There's a lesson here in her one-woman show at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery — Cronenwett is creative and that those who can, do teach.

Cronenwett began teaching art in the Livonia Public Schools in 1966. She presently is art department chairperson at Stevenson High School where she teaches drawing, painting, advanced art techniques, and jewelry. All of the works in the Livonia Arts Commission sponsored exhibit continuing through Nov. 9 seem to have one element in common, water. Much of Cronenwett's two-dimensional work is inspired by the beauty of Lake Michigan. Although other Michigan lakes and forests were instrumental as well. Impressionistic pastels of water scenes with a palette reminiscent of Claude Monet create a peacefulness sought after by man through the ages.

Her masks, which include natural materials like bark and a loon's skeleton, were found on jaunts along the lakes' shores. Could Mother Nature be behind these masks?

"I didn't realize until I put all of the work up that they all have water," said Cronenwett who lives in Ann Arbor.

"I also noticed my colors are getting

more intense. I'm using color more as a painting. The work is more about painting and less about line quality, and it's almost all nature."

"I try to capture the spirit of a place, the feeling and soul of a place. When I put it all up I got a certain spirit from it."

Cronenwett, a member of the Ann Arbor Women Painters, completed her master's degree with an emphasis on printmaking and jewelry at Eastern Michigan University. She has exhibited at the Ann Arbor Art Association, Mid-Michigan Show in Midland, Fremont Heritage Festival, Wayne State University, and Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. One of her masks took Third Place in competition sponsored by the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Design.

She started her teaching career at Holmes Junior High then taught at Dickinson Junior High, followed by Bentley High School and finally, Stevenson. The knowledge she passes on daily to students in her classroom about creative problem solving is strongly evident in the paintings. The masks, inspired by the personalities of people she has known, demonstrate her innate creativity. Who else could see, at first glance, a face in the piece of weathered wood called "Found Lakeshore Mask"?

"I started doing masks about nine years ago from found objects. I use only bark from dead trees. In Wasp Woman I was thinking about how our forests are disappearing. She's sort of

sad," said Cronenwett.

"Why masks? I love faces. They're a window to the soul."

The exhibit, which Cronenwett calls a retrospective of sorts, includes a watercolor and pastel from the collection of her sister, Christine Cronenwett Bunch. Titled "The Farm," the painting is the view Cronenwett and her sister shared from an upstairs window. Many images, such as Christine's horse Silver the Dilver, recapture memories. There's an ethereal quality to the work like a dream through the haze of the past.

"Red, Green, Purple Landscape" recalls her invigorating experience studying papermaking in Japan. Cronenwett spent five weeks at Kyoto Seika University, as part of a reciprocal agreement with the University of Michigan art school, making paper, studying Japanese wood block, and visiting a village of papermakers.

"It was great. We studied printmakers and papermaking. After I returned I made this using some of the paper I made there," Cronenwett said.

The experience infused the vibrant color combinations and different techniques in her landscape that she is appreciative to show.

"I'd like to thank the Livonia Arts Commission for giving me this opportunity. It's so wonderful having this art gallery for the community," she said.

Prices range from \$150 for a pastel to \$225 for the Wasp Woman mask.

Retrospective exhibition of mixed media

Artist: Connie Cronenwett

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

When: Continuing through Nov. 9. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

THEATER

Audience's role in play 'Shear Madness'

'Shear Madness'

Where: The Gem Theatre, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox theaters on Woodward Avenue), Detroit. When: Show continues through Dec. 31.

Tickets: \$19 for 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday shows, and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday shows; \$24 for 7:30 p.m. Friday shows; and \$16 for 6 p.m. Sunday shows. Tickets available at the box office (313) 963-9800, or any Ticketmaster outlet.

Discounts: Groups of 12 or more can purchase tickets by calling (313) 962-2913. Full-time college students with a valid ID can purchase discounted rush tickets for \$9.75 one-half hour before performance time, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

"Shear Madness" has been the theater industry's best-kept secret for more than a decade.

The murder-mystery's 15-year run at Boston's Charles Playhouse set the Guinness Book of World Records record for the longest-running non-musical play in American theater history.

Yet "Shear Madness" has never played New York City and earned the notoriety you'd think that a play seen by 3.8 million people in 24 cities worldwide should.

Nonetheless Detroit is hoping to dip into the cult favorite's crowd by presenting it at the Gem Theatre at least through New Year's Eve.

Set in a unisex hair salon, the play begins with flamboyantly gay salon owner Tony Whitcomb (played by Lathrup Village resident Thomas Suda) and his gum-chomping manicurist Barbara DeMarco (Lynnae Leffeldt of Detroit) combing through their daily routines — until someone murders Isabel Czerny, the unseen eccentric concert pianist who lives upstairs.

The salon staff and its customers — wealthy socialite Mrs. Eleanor Dodge Shubert (Carolyn Younger of Northville) and shady antiques dealer Eddie Lawrence (Dana Gamarra of Dearborn) — are all suspects.

When it's revealed that two other "customers" are really Dominic Rosetti (John Lepard of Royal Oak) and his assistant Mikey Thomas (Chuck O'Connor of Detroit) of the Detroit Police Department, the duo asks the audience members for their help in solving the crime.

Suda, who plays hairstylist "All My Children" fan Tony Whitcomb, said the show's resemblance to a popular board game is what draws people to it.

"The way I see it, it's a giant sparkling game of Clue," said Suda, who teaches at Oakland University in Rochester.

"Characters in the show, they're the pieces of this puzzle who respond to audience members. They (the audience) move us around and in quite an unusual way. We rely on the audience and their human nature to get involved in this. Through the evidence they provide, they help shape the show."

The play — which Suda describes as a mixture of farce, burlesque, double entendre, and comedy of insults — changes performance-to-performance as the audience does.

One thing that doesn't change is the Detroit-area thread that weaves throughout the play. Although it is or has played in other cities, "Shear Madness" has been localized to include cracks about Downriver



"Shear" silliness: Hairstylist Tony Whitcomb (played by Lathrup Village resident Thomas Suda) is one of four suspects questioned by the Detroit Police Department's Dominic Rosetti (John Lepard of Royal Oak) during the course of "Shear Madness," a murder/mystery at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

THEATER continued inside

GEM THEATRE

Haunted houses, festivals offer Halloween fun

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SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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By: Diane Hanson

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HAUNTED FOREST
 Youngsters ages 6-12 are invited to tour the haunted forest behind the YMCA on Stark Road, north of Schoolcraft in Livonia. Admission: \$2 per person. See witches, ghosts and goblins, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Oct. 27-28, call (313) 261-2161

HAUNTED MUSEUM
 "The Magic School Bus" at the Detroit Science Center 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday-Tuesday, Oct. 26-31. Children ages 4-10 will perform creepy chemistry, see "Monster Mash" Laser Show, and enjoy two hours of fun and refreshments. Reservations are required, (313) 577-8400

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CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
 "Halloween Science," 6:30-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28. Children come dressed in costume to see a haunting laser-light show, and collect science-related gadgets at hands-on activities stations. The Institute is at 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cost: \$6 per person (includes admission to museum), refreshments. Reservations required. (810) 645-3260

ENTERTAINMENT

MARQUEE CHILDREN'S THEATRE
 "The Pale Pink Dragon," 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 28-29; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Theater, 135 E. Main, Northville is decorated for Halloween. Tickets \$5 at door, box office or ordered by phone, (810) 348-8110.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
 Concert at Twelve Oaks Mall, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. The band will be in costume.

MALL MAGIC
 A family Halloween Magic Show 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 in the Center Court of Westland Mall, (313) 425-5001.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 Young People's Concert and Costume Parade. On Oct. 28 the USO will be joined by the Bob Brown Puppets to perform the story of "Peter Pan" 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. At approximately 12:45 p.m., children will be invited to parade across stage to the strains of spooky Halloween music. Prizes will be awarded. Tickets \$17 to \$45, call (313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666

HAYRIDES, MAZES

BORDINE'S HAUNTED FOREST
 Corn maze, hayrides, corner of Ford and Ridge Roads in Canton. Haunted Forest, \$7 per person, children under 8, \$5. Open 7-11 p.m. Adult hayrides and bonfires start 6 p.m., minimum 10 people, 50 percent deposit required. Family hayrides Saturdays and Sundays in October noon to 6 p.m., \$3 per person, ages 4 and under free. Corn Maze, 2-10 p.m., \$2.50 per person, bring your own flashlight after dark! (313) 495-1098

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GALLERIES

- ANDY WARHOL RECEPTION**
The merchants of Bloomfield Plaza in Bloomfield Hills will host a special opening reception for an exclusive exhibit of 32 limited edition screenprints by Andy Warhol 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Macbus Red Fox, Telegraph and Maple. Tickets are \$25 per person, with proceeds to benefit the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, tours and presentations by popular art historian Hope Palmer will be featured. Call the BBAA for ticket information and reservations. (810) 644-0866
- BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH**
The Pebble Lane Quality Art and Craft Show will take place 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 26-27, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 651 Woodward at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Voluntary admission is one or more food item or toiletries for church holiday charity baskets.
- CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**
Matthew Bro, assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Michigan, will give a lecture, "Montage, Subjectivity and History: Rudolf Borne and Astrid Klein," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, in the deSaule Auditorium in the lower level at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Bro's talk is in conjunction with the exhibit by Borne and Klein that continues through Oct. 29 at the museum. The lecture will explore the use of photomontage in the work of both photographers as it characterizes developments in German culture and an approach to history since the late 1960s. (810) 645-3312
- FANTAVAGANZA '95**
The Fancub Foundation for the Arts presents "FANTAVAGANZA '95," a fantasy circus, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the American Center Building, at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway in Southfield. The event will benefit Hilberry Theatre, Orchards Children's Services, Youththeatre and the Walled Lake Central High School Art Program. FANTAVAGANZA '95 will feature DAI objects of fantasy, food compliments of the area's top restaurant, lounge entertainment by Punch n' Killy and wine tasting by Merchant's Warehouse. Admission is \$75 per person (including entertainment, food, beverages and dancing), and \$25 per person after 10 p.m. (including snacks, beer, wine and dancing). The Fancub Foundation for the Arts is a tax-exempt, private group whose mission is to provide critical, essential funding and organizational support to emerging non-profit arts organizations in the metropolitan Detroit area. (810) 559-1645 or (810) 540-9228
- MEADOW BROOK HALL**
House Beautiful will present "A Lasting Vision: The Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright," a nation-wide exhibit to celebrate the work of America's revered architect, Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Underscored by the Chrysler-Plymouth Division of Chrysler Corp., the display explores Wright's life work and the continuing influence he has had on architecture and design. In addition, the exhibit highlights the architect's relatively unexplored fascination with the automobile. (810) 370-3140
- SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**
As part of the library's "Open in the Afternoon" programs, the movie "La Traviata" with Beverly Sills, Henry Price and Richard Fredericks will be presented 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in the Marcotte Room on the lower level in the Southfield Civic Center at 26000 Evergreen between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. The movie is in Italian with English subtitles and lasts two hours and 20 minutes. To mark the 100th anniversary of Wilde vs. Queensbury, dramatic readings from the epoch-making trials of Oscar Wilde in 1895 will be presented by Brian Murphy, professor of English and director of the Honors College at Oakland University, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, in the Marcotte Room. The Oscar Wilde program will be followed by a reception. (810) 948-0460
- START GALLERY**
Baron Hirsch, a professor of art at Saginaw Valley State University and director of the University Art Gallery, will talk about his work and discuss the images and origins related to the celebration of the Day of the Dead 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 211 N. Woodward, Birmingham. (810) 644-2991
- ATHRIUM GALLERY**
Local artists Kam and David Turner will demonstrate the construction of the Fimo beads used in making their jewelry noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 109 N. Center, Northville. The beads are made of polymer clay; the designs are made with stacking logs or canes of different colors. (810) 349-4131
- BUNTING GALLERY**
Recent paintings by Tom Parish, professor of painting at Wayne State University, will be exhibited through Nov. 24 at 514 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in Parish's works are found rich metaphor, the lyrical use of color, and the contrast of deep shadow with the liquid qualities of reflected light. (810) 545-4820
- DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET**
"Shirley Woodson: Filament, Wanting, Memory" and "Susan Logan: Hit the Deck" continue through Nov. 3 at 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit. Free gallery broom bag lecture with the artists 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28. (313) 393-1770
- DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
A series of videos from Latin America featuring fiction, performance, experimental, video art and video performance from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Paraguay and Uruguay will be shown 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Holley Room at 5200 Woodward. Also, a drop-in workshop for all ages noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the Education Studio is a chance to engage in projects relating to the exhibit "Art Works: The PaineWebber Collection of Contemporary Masters." MaryAnn Wilkinson of the Department of 20th Century Art will conduct a tour on the first public day of the PaineWebber show 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in Special Exhibition Galleries. On Expanding Day 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, DIA staff will help identify objects and offer advice on restoration and care of genuine art works in a free service organized by the DIA Volunteer Committee. (313) 833-7900
- LIU LIU**
The gallery at 405 N. Main, Royal Oak, will have its second annual "Day of the Dead" celebration 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. (810) 542-6464
- THE SCARAB CLUB**
The Scarab Club's fund-raiser art auction will begin 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 217 Farn-

worth, Detroit. Larry and Norman DuMouchelle will be auctioneers for a live auction, and a silent auction will also take place. Paintings and sculptures will be the primary works for an auction. Many unusual collectibles and memorabilia will also be sold. A \$25 entry fee will be partially applicable toward the purchase of items in the live auction. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and musical entertainment will be featured. (313) 831-1250

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER EXHIBITION GAL- LERY
"Essence of Character," an exhibit challenging the traditional ideas expressed in self-portraiture, continues to Nov. 12 at 117 W. Liberty. Ann Arbor Artist reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Juror presentation 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28.

ANN ARBOR WINTER ART FAIR
The 22nd annual event will feature works in a variety of media by 275 artists and craftspeople 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in a facility at the Washburn Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Admission is \$5, free for under age 10.

SUGARLOAF ART FAIR
More than 300 artists and craftspeople will meet for the first Fall Novi Sugarloaf Art Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 27-29, at the Novi Expo Center. Admission is \$5, free for under age 12. The event will feature a wide variety of exhibits, live ongoing demonstrations, children's theater performances and musical performances by Brazilian guitarist Ney Me- lo. Thousands of items will be personally displayed and sold by the people who made them. Call for more information or discount admission coupons. (800) 210-9900 or (810) 380-7003

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Painting with Fire: Pewabic Vessels in the Margaret Wilson Parker Collection" continues to Jan. 7 at 525 S. State. Ann Arbor, free, hour-long tour 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, and free art talk by guest curator and Pewabic expert Thomas Brunk 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. Also, object lesson "Thomas Dewey's Figure of a Girl in Blue," 12:10-12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, "Thursday Evening at the Museum" program "Interior Journeys: Thomas Dewey and the Arts and Crafts" with art talk 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. (313) 764-0395

AUDITIONS

NANCY GURWIN PRODUCTIONS
Peter Pan "open auditions for children (ages 7 and up), and adults, at roles available," p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield in the Aaron DeJoy Studio Theatre. (810) 354-0545

AVON PLAYERS
Open auditions for Youth Theater production of "Jack in the Beanstalk," 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the playhouse, Tenken Road, 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Call (810) 651-7089 for information. Open auditions for "Still Made in the U.S.A.," a musical revue 7 p.m. Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 13-14, at the play house — high school and older, call (810) 339-3085.

STAGECRAFTERS
"Sweet Charity," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 26000 Evergreen, Nov. 5, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (810) 541-6430

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
Looking for boys to play multiple roles in "Daniel Wine," by Ray Bradbury. This play allows the audience to discover the world through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy as he and his friends romp through the summer of 1928, and inadvertently stumble across some universal truths of life. Auditions 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 6-7, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, open to all ages, 7-14, no experience necessary. (313) 533-8645

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
Season opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 with "Bedroom Farce," at the playhouse 23332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Show continues weekends to Nov. 18. (810) 553-2955

NANCY GURWIN
"Gypsy," the Jules Styne and Stephen Sondheim blockbuster musical in the Aaron DeJoy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield 2 p.m. Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays to Nov. 5. Tickets \$15; senior citizens \$12.50, students \$10. (810) 352-3729 or (810) 354-0545

SRO PRODUCTIONS
"Driving Miss Daisy," "The City of Southfield in Historic Park," "The Burgh" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays to Oct. 29. Tickets \$7, children under 12 and senior adults \$6. (810) 354-9362

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
"A Host of Ghosts" by Dale Van Dorp at the theatre, 15138 Beech Dale (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Show continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through Oct. 28. Two performances on Oct. 28, one at 8 p.m. and the second at 11 p.m. Tickets \$9 per person, \$7 for senior citizens and students. Tickets available at the door and in advance. (313) 531-0554

AVON PLAYERS
"Bare Spirit" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 and continues weekends to Nov. 18, at the playhouse on Tenken Road 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Ticket \$10 adults, student, senior citizen discounts. (810) 375-1390

STAGECRAFTERS
"Dangerous Liaisons" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, and continues Thursday-Sunday to Nov. 19, Baldwin Theatre 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. (810) 541-6430

FIRST THEATRE GUILD
"Oliver Opens" 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, Knox Auditorium First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Performances 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4; 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 10-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 students, senior citizens. (810) 646-3347

TRIO PLAYERS
"Father of the Bride," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays to Nov. 11. Matinee 2

p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Tickets \$9 adults, students/seniors \$8. (810) 879-1285

ROSEDALE PLAYERS
"More Fun Than Bowling," an off-beat comedy opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays to Nov. 11, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. Tickets \$8. (313) 537-7716

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Fall Theatre production "Macbeth" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18800 Huggerty Road, Livonia. Dinner theaters offered 6:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 27-28, Nov. 3-4. Theater only shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11. Dinner theater tickets \$16 per person, theater only tickets, \$6.50 each. (313) 462-4409

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Twelfth Night" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 in the Studio Theatre at Oakland University's Varner Hall. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Nov. 11. Matinees 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 & 12. (810) 370-3013

HILBERRY THEATRE
"Prelude to a Kiss" continues to Nov. 30 in rotating repertoire with "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" and Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon." Shows 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$9-\$50. (313) 577-2972

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Highland Lakes Campus hosts Michigan Opera Theatre performance of "Broadway Rhythms," 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Student Center, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Tickets \$8, students and senior citizens \$7. (810) 360-3057 or (810) 360-3186

YOUTH THEATER

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Once Upon A Mattress," through Dec. 17, Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Tickets \$7 per person, includes lunch. (810) 669-7548

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
"Herstory: The Mother's Tale" a play about the life of Jesus as told through the memories of Mary, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, St. Mary's Church, 18100 Meridian Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10 students, \$15 for general admission. (313) 432-5419

FOX THEATRE
"Grease" with Adrian Zmed & Sally Struthers, through Oct. 29, Call for show times. (810) 433-1515

MEADOW BROOK
"Let Me Be a Tender" continues through Nov. 12, theater on the campus of Oakland University. (810) 377-3300 or (810) 645-6666

THE GEM
Comedy whodunit "Shear Madness," set in a unisex hair salon with local Detroit references, through Oct. 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (810) 541-6430

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE
"Escanaba in da Moonlight" comedy by Jeff Daniels continues to Nov. 19, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Performances 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 & 7 p.m. Sundays. (313) 475-7922

DINNER THEATER

ALLEN PARK MOTOR LODGE
"The Gingerbread Lady," Fridays and Saturdays to Nov. 5, 14487 Southfield, Allen Park. Sunday brunch Oct. 29 & Nov. 5. Dinner and show \$20.95 per person. (313) 277-1982

STARCLIPPER DINNER TRAIN
Nostalgic train ride, dinner, and mystery & cabaret evenings. "Murder Madness," Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings; "Who Shot the Sheriff," Wednesday evenings; "Oldies Cabaret Friday and Saturday evenings;" "Hot-Time Clipper Cabaret" Sunday evenings. Call for reservations, show times. (810) 960-9440

KINGSLEY INN DINNER THEATRE
RJO Productions presents "Mass Appeal" by Bill C. Davis, Saturdays through Jan. 27, at the inn 1475 Woodward (south of Long Lake) Bloomfield Hills. Dinner 7:30 p.m. followed by show. Cost \$29.95 per person. (810) 642-0100

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
With special guest Zephyr Dance Ensemble 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 3-4, Varner Rect- at Hall, Oakland University, Detroit. (810) 370-3013

IRISH PALLOTTINE FATHERS
Annual dinner dance 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, Helen- ic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Music by Noel Henry's Irish Showband. Tickets \$35 per person. (313) 285-2966 or (810) 681-5736

FARMINGTON ELKS
Dinner and Dancing Nov. 3, music by Frank & Melody, 1950s-1960s music & old standards. No cover charge. Buffet \$8.95, fish fry \$5.95, dinner menu \$5.95-\$8.95. Open to the public. 23666 Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile. (810) 476-1940

COMMUNITY BAND
Farmington Community Band Spooktacular concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Harrison High band room. New members welcome. (810) 476-5014

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, Groves High School Auditorium, Birmingham. Titled "The Williams Boys" features music by well known composers, John Williams of "ET" and "Star Wars" musical scores, Clifton Williams, noted American band composer, and others. No charge

HEART OF THE HILLS CHORUS
Rochester chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America celebrates its 20th

anniversary with "Strike Up the Band" a vocal tribute to parade band music, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Rochester High School Auditorium. Reserved seating will be available for the evening performance. (810) 524-2669

OAKLAND SHORES SWEET ADELINES
Members guests to open rehearsals 7 p.m. Mondays at Waterford Church of Christ on Williams Lake Road, west of Dixie Highway. (810) 524-2669

FOREVER WILD
Celebration of the Wilderness featuring Walkin' Jim Stolz, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 children under 18. (313) 459-7869 or (313) 464-2949

PAINT CREEK FOLKLORE SOCIETY
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DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
"Brassissimo!" 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, Lia Jones-Johnson Theatre on the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College. Performance includes brass arrangements from "West Side Story" and senior citizens \$7. (810) 362-2622

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
English Baroque Music Festival 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 at the church in Bloomfield Hills. Free children's concert, Saturday, gala concert with choir and orchestra, Sunday. Tickets \$75 patrons, which includes a Baroque Feast, or \$20 for general admission. (810) 644-5210, Extension 56

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Concert for families featuring DSO musicians, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Program includes "Soldier's Story" and "Peter and the Wolf." Lecture for young people precedes concert at 3 p.m. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 college students/seniors, \$9 children under 16, children 12 and under free. (810) 357-1111

VOCAL MUSIC
"Broadway Rhythms," 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Student Center, Oakland Community College, 18100 Meridian Road, Livonia. Tickets \$8, students/seniors \$7. (810) 360-3057

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ORGAN CONCERT
Presented 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 by the American Guild of Organists and The Motor City's Theater Organ Society at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River. Joanne Wolfendorf, David Wagner, Ronald Houser will perform Toccata's and other favorite music, and Lance Luce will accompany a silent movie for Halloween. A sing-along will finish the evening. The program is free and open to the public.

OPERA
Metropolitan Opera District Finalist, Dorothy Coleman, mezzo soprano and Detroit Symphony soloist, Jan Rae, coloratura-soprano, presents "Voce di du Divo" (Voices of the Two Divas) with pianist Dore Hall, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Rectal Hall at Hammill Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia. Concert includes selections by Bach, Mozart, Rossini, and others. Call for ticket information. (313) 427-6040 or (313) 427-0040

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FOREVER WILD
Celebration of the Wilderness featuring Walkin' Jim Stolz, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 children under 18. (313) 459-7869 or (313) 464-2949

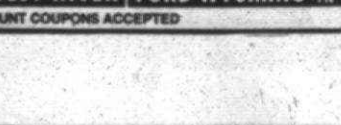
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DINING

Relish raises sauces to an art

BY ELENOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Since its opening Sept. 21, Relish has been drawing crowds attracted to its new concept — relishes. "Every cuisine in the world has some sort of relish," said Jim Barnett, Unique Restaurant Corp.'s corporate chef.

"We consider them sauces and they include salsas, Pacific Island sambal and Indian-chutney, the original relish. We go further and include ketchup, chow chows and piccalillis, a sweeter version of chow chow. From Indonesia, we offer blat-jangs (blat-yong) and atjars."

While waiting to be seated, diners can get in the mood. There's a table with three relish samplings plus a basket of tortilla chips and sweet potato chips for dipping and nibbling. In all, 95 percent of menu items come with at least one of 24 different relishes at this latest addition to the Unique Restaurant Corp.'s growing number of area restaurants.

Browsing the ambitious menu, one gets an immediate sense that it is produce intensive. "We have a distinct freshness advantage because the corporation owns G.W. Produce in Eastern Market and Sourdough Bakery in Pontiac," said Relish's 30-year-old executive chef Robert Oliver, a Livonia resident and Schoolcraft College Culinary School graduate who extended his training at the prestigious Culinary Institute of America. "The corporation trusted me to participate in Relish's kitchen design and menu development. My creativity was challenged."

Oliver observed that the Michigan Potato Soup with Corn and Roasted Pepper Relish, Wood Grilled Portabella Mushrooms with Chutney of Roasted Garlic and Shallots plus the Oriental Shrimp Satay with Oriental Vegetables and a Plum Wine Ginger and Almond Sambal were the most-requested starters. Most popular main courses are Block



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dishes to "Relish": Chef Robert Oliver and sous chef John Rees present (left to right) chocolate hazelnut torte, grilled tuna, grilled swordfish, and grilled New York strip steak.

Relish

- **WHERE:** 34555 West 12 Mile Road, (just east of Drake Road), Farmington Hills, (810) 489-8852
- **HOURS:** Dinner served 5-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Bar opens 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 4-9 p.m. Open for lunch beginning Monday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- **MENU:** Specialties include a broad range of appetizers, salads and main courses, all with a unique, fresh relish. About 2/3 of poultry, fish and meat dishes are wood grilled. Main courses are accompanied by choice of salad or soup and Basmati rice pilaf or giant baked potato. Freshly baked breads. Desserts with interesting fruit relishes. Five-item kid's menu. Full service bar with three draft beers plus 10 off-beat bottled brews. Thoughtfully selected wine list and wines by the glass.
- **MEATLESS OPTIONS:** Exceptional attention to this preference from starters, vegetable-based vegetable soup through main courses including accompanying Basmati rice cooked in vegetable broth.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Light, bright and modern Ron Rea bistro-style design. Casual, cozy, family atmosphere with tables and booths on three levels seating 190. Layout allows several tables to be pulled together accommodating large groups wishing to dine together. Everything comes off friendly with knowledgeable, well-trained waitstaff.
- **COST:** Moderate with appetizers ranging \$3-7 and main courses \$6-16.
- **RESERVATIONS:** Essential on Friday & Saturday.
- **CREDIT CARDS:** All majors accepted.

Island Swordfish with Spinach and Heart of Palm Relish and Roasted Pepper Sauce plus Crispy BBQ Duck Griddled (no fat) with Chipotle-Sundried

Cherry BBQ Glaze and Quince Sambal.

Seated at a large booth and relishing their experience was Bloomfield Hills podiatrist Dr.

Donald Garfield and his wife Eileen with their three young children. "This is our third time here in 12 days," Dr. Garfield said. "The first time, we came without our children, but tonight we have all three with us. This is healthy, low-fat food and the service is excellent."

"The kids menu is great and they love it," Mrs. Garfield noted.

This is not surprising considering that Matt Prentice, proprietor, president and CEO of Unique Restaurant Corp., has four children. He commented that families must feel comfortable at all his restaurants which include Morels in Bingham Farms, America on Woodward in Royal Oak, Bruschetta Cafe in Troy's Oakland Mall, Novi's Trattoria Bruschetta in the Hotel Baronette, Sebastian's Grill and Cafe Jardin in Troy's Somerset Collection and Birmingham's Tavern on 13. There are also two Deli Unique locations in West Bloomfield and Bingham Farms. In 1980, at age 21, a Deli Unique then located in Oak Park was Prentice's first restaurant purchase.

Also dining at Relish for the third time were Farmington Hills residents Diane and Tom Martin. "Matt Prentice is resourceful and the concept of Relish is novel," Tom noted. Diane observed that the service was consistent, that she enjoyed the atmosphere and additionally "it's a good bang for the buck," she concluded.

"We belong to the Unique Restaurant Corp. Frequent Diner Program where every dollar counts as one point," Tom explained. "With 500 points we receive a free dining club card that gives us discounts at all the URC restaurants and that amounts to a two for one deal. You can't beat it."

Prentice recently hired well-known area Master Sommelier Madeleine Triffon as director of wine for the corporation.

Restaurants offer Halloween treats

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

Put on your scariest or funniest costume and get ready for some Halloween howling fun.

For Big Ghosts

• **Fanclub Foundation for the Arts**

Annual Fantravaganza "Cirque du Surreal," Saturday, Oct. 28, American Center Building, Southfield. 7:30-10 p.m. — Tickets \$75 includes food and wine tasting; desserts; open bar; music; 10 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. — tickets \$25 includes Coney's, wine and home-brew beer tasting; dance music. Patron Tickets: \$150. Call (810) 559-1645.

• **Matt Brady's Tavern (Holiday Inn), 38123 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (810) 478-7780, 7:30 p.m. to closing, Saturday, Oct. 28.**

Selling \$1 raffle tickets to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. Drawing every hour, with winners spending 30 seconds in a money wind machine. Best costume contest. Door prizes, including trip for two to Florida, lots of gift certificates.

• **Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road, Livonia, (810) 615-1330, 6 p.m. to closing, Saturday, Oct. 28.**

Best costume contest, broomstick pool game, lots of tricks and treats.

• **Mitch Housey's, 2850 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, (313) 425-5520, 8 p.m. to closing, Saturday, Oct. 28.**

Costume party. The usual good food and drinks.

• **Eastside Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Road, Livonia (313) 513-8803, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26**

Best costume party, cash prizes, drink and food specials.

• **Water Club Seafood Grill, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (313) 454-0660, 9 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Oct. 31.**

Costume party, prizes, disc jockey and dancing.

• **Farwell & Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, (313) 421-6990, 9 p.m. to closing Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28.**

Costume party, prizes.

• **1st Place Bar & Grill, 6166 Canton Center Road, Canton, (313) 459-4020, 7 p.m. to closing Saturday, Oct. 28.**

Costume Party, \$100 for best costume and \$25 for second best. Karaoke.

• **Mr. B's Farmington, 24555 Novi Road, Novi, (810) 349-7038, 9 p.m. to closing Saturday, Oct. 28.**

Costume party, cash prizes, scary food and drink specials. (Jell-O shots with gummy worms!), plus live band "2XL."

• **Mr. B's Southfield, 19701 12 Mile Road, Southfield (810) 559-4400, 9 p.m. to closing, Friday, Oct. 27.**

Costume party, drink and food specials. Live music by Sal D. Angilo.

For little goblins:

• **Tremors Nightclub, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, (next to the Holiday Inn) Livonia (313) 462-2196.**

Second annual Halloween party for children age 10 and younger 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. Games and contests including apple bobbing, pumpkin painting, musical chairs, and dancing. No charge.

• **Farwell & Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, Westland (313) 421-6990, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.**

"Phooey" the Witch, costume party, picture-drawing contest, kiddie lunches for 99 cents.

• **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main Street, Northville (810) 349-0522, Saturday Oct. 28.**

"Haunted as Halloween," a play. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. with show beginning at 12:15 p.m., \$8.99 for kids, and \$10.99 for adults. Costume party and prizes.



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PPK qualifiers

A pair of Canton Township youths placed in the top five in their respective age divisions at the Punt, Pass and Kick regional finals, which were Oct. 14 at Griffin Township Park in Canton.

David Thomas finished third in the 9-year-old division with a combined total of 209 feet. Landon Langham was fifth in the 10-year-old division with a combined total of 227 feet, 5 inches.

Both will now compete at the state championships, which will be at halftime of the Detroit Lions-Tampa Bay Buccaneers game Nov. 12 at the Silverdome.

Winners at the state level advance to the national finals, which will be in February at the NFL's Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

Runners-up

The Canton Flames under-14 premier girls soccer team lost to a team that's become its nemesis in the State Cup final last weekend.

For the second consecutive year, Troy edged the Flames 2-1, scoring the game-winning goal with less than a minute to play. Previously, Troy beat the Flames in a shootout.

Team members are Susannah Bryant, Jessie Bucks, Amy Dorogi, Jeannine Edwards, Jessica Palis, Andrea Schimmel, Noelle Swartz and Heather Thompson of Canton; Claudia Sell and Lindsay Klemmer of Plymouth; Tiffanie Hem-brough of Westland; Karen Kramer, Megan Urbats and Melissa Sultana of Livonia; Emily Wilkinson of Belleville; Anne Marie Kotylo of Northville; and Jessica Booth of Dearborn.

The team is coached by John Schimmel, Ernie Bucks and Gary Pallis.

Hole-in-one

A first-time ace. That's what John Holtz experienced when he collected his first-ever hole-in-one Oct. 10 at Radrick Farms Golf Course. Holtz aced the 183-yard 11th hole.

SC outlasts Macomb for title

It's been two years since Schoolcraft College sat atop the Eastern Conference's volleyball standings after completion of the regular season. With Tuesday's win over Macomb, the Lady Ocelots reassumed that spot.



Back where they belong?

Tom Teeters would like nothing more for his Schoolcraft College volleyball team.

The Lady Ocelots are certainly the kind of team Teeters appreciates most — underdogs who jell late in the season to finish with a flourish.

On Tuesday, SC took the first major step back toward a position it is very familiar with: first place. For a decade, the Ocelots were the team in the state, winning every Eastern Conference match and every NJCAA Regional on their road to the NJCAA Tournament.

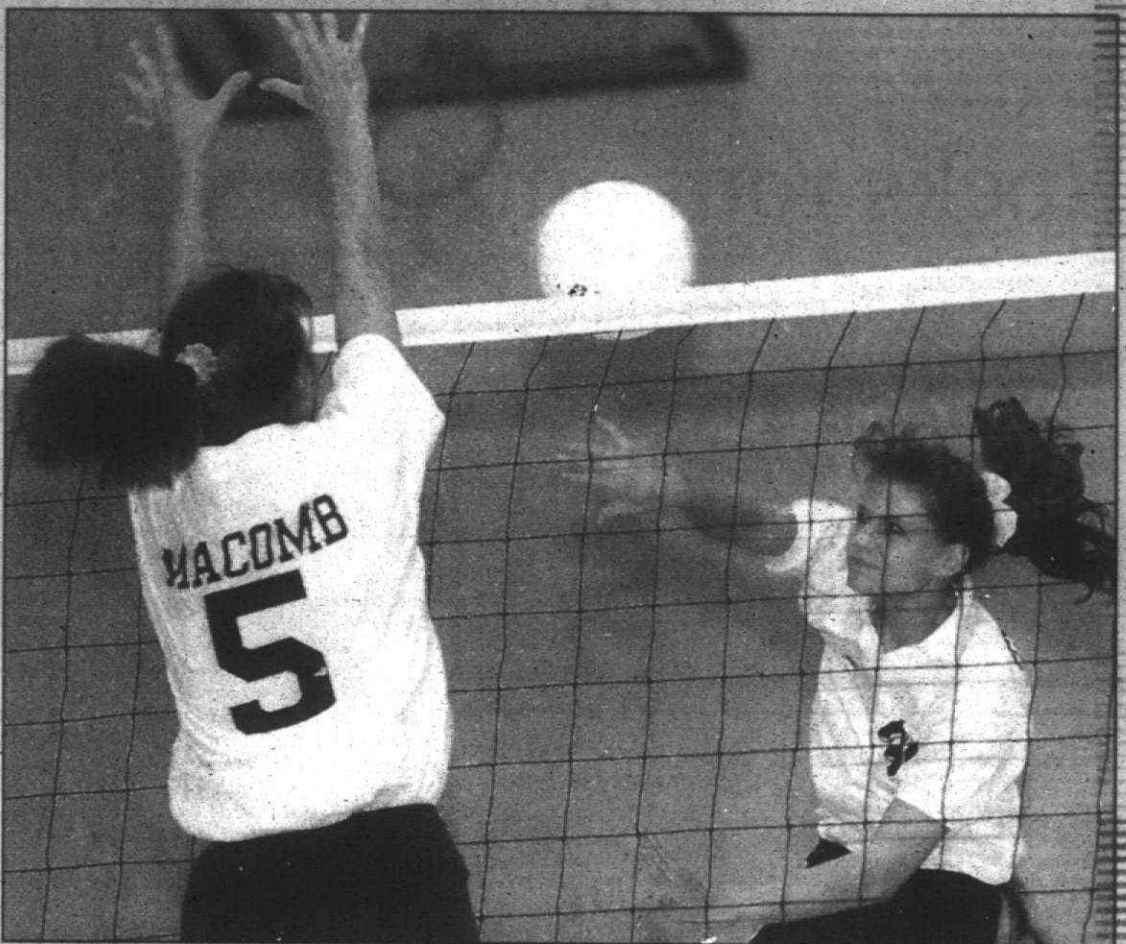
Over the past two years, however, SC slipped somewhat. The Ocelots were second in the conference both years and lost in the regional tournament.

Against Macomb CC Tuesday, they regained some of that prominence, but it didn't come easily: It took five sets for SC to prevail, 14-16, 15-11, 13-15, 16-14, 15-11, at SC.

The win gave the Ocelots an 8-2 final record in the conference. Macomb and Mott CC tied for second at 7-3, with Henry Ford CC next at 6-4.

"It was a great team effort," said Teeters, his team 21-19-3 overall. "There were great digs and unbelievable rallies."

"When you look back at this season, the way they've improved, this



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Put back: Schoolcraft's Michelle MacRae (right) has her kill attempt blocked by Macomb's Gloria Charrow. MacRae put away enough of her kills, however — she had 23 of them.

is a tremendous victory on their part."

And it took a tremendous comeback effort. The Monarchs won two of the first three games and had a 14-11 lead in the fourth — one point from winning the match and the

conference title.

But a defensive adjustment choreographed by SC assistant coach Dale Hartsell, moving Michelle MacRae and Hermina Angeles, the Ocelots' top defensive players, to the outside instead of keeping them in

side, paid dividends. SC rallied to score five consecutive points for a 16-14 victory.

Game No. 5 wasn't much different: close most of the way. It was

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SOCCER

Novi stuns Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Novi vs. Plymouth Canton — would history repeat itself?

Last year in the state regional semifinals, the same two soccer teams clashed. The Chiefs won, but not without a struggle — their 1-0 victory was well-earned.

In that match, Canton dominated play. They were definitely the better team, a fact proven in the Chiefs' march to the Class A championship.

If that's how Canton remembered the Wildcats — as a good team but not quite in their class, one that was fortunate to even be in the game — it was a major mistake.

The Chiefs' stay in the state tournament this year was just the opposite of last year, courtesy of Novi, which proved to be Canton's equal and a team that deserved the 1-0 triumph it posted over the defending state titlists Wednesday at Canton.

Novi, now 15-2-2, advances to the district final against Plymouth Salem. Game time is 1 p.m. Saturday at Northville HS.

What had plagued the Chiefs throughout the season was what cost them this game: finding the net. "They did everything but put it in," was Canton coach Don Smith's game — and perhaps season — summary. "We've been playing well, we just had trouble scoring."

The first half was scoreless, but the better chances belonged to Novi. "I thought in the first half, we excelled a lot," said Wildcat coach Larry Christoff.

The Wildcats' aggressiveness paid off in the second half. With six minutes gone, Novi's Dave York lined up a restart near the end line, just outside the box — sort of a short corner kick. York sent a soft ball toward the far post, where Kevin Ansara raced in unmarked and headed it in.

"If anything at all was planned in this game, it was to get the ball on a corner to the far post, to Kevin Ansara," said Christoff. "We knew they had too much height (to go inside). Their keeper (George Tomasso) does a nice job,

but we noticed he has trouble backing up on corners."

It would have been difficult to blame Tomasso on this goal, considering the breakdown in the defensive coverage. "We talked about watching that back side," said Smith. "You've got to watch that back side."

To the Chiefs' credit, they never surrendered. They continued to challenge until the final seconds, when Wildcat keeper Dave Hart knocked a crossing pass out towards midfield.

Indeed, it was Hart who frustrated the Chiefs most, making several diving stops. But Canton missed quite a few other opportunities, one of the best coming with 9:20 left after a restart by Jason Bennett. The ball reached Robert Gumber 12 yards in front of the Novi goal, but his shot was high, nicking the crossbar before sailing out of bounds.

The Chiefs applied constant pressure over the last 33 minutes, but to no avail — their season was over. Canton finished with a 12-5-3 record, with any hopes of a title repeat quickly squashed.

Salem blanks South Lyon

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Enjoy it, Rocks. You won't get any more like this.

Plymouth Salem got a break Wednesday, one it probably needed after Monday's overtime struggle against Northville. South Lyon brought an impressive record (11-3-2) into its state district semifinal opposite the Rocks Wednesday at Canton, but apparently little else.

The final score: Salem 6, South Lyon 0.

"When I saw (Monday's Salem-Northville game), I thought 'We can compete with this team,'" said Lions' coach Bill Stevanovic. "But Salem played well today."

"We played unbelievably bad. We compete, that's our strength, but today we didn't compete."

The worst defeat South Lyon suffered this season was 3-1, to

Brighton — until yesterday. Ronny Mashni and Drew Drummond got the Rocks started, the duo accounting for all three first-half goals.

The first came with 35:18 left in the opening half. Andy Makins intercepted a South Lyon goal kick at midfield and sent the ball quickly to Mashni, who put it past Lions' keeper Mike Cachen.

The second goal looked similar — in fact, most of Salem's goals started on quick breaks from the midfield strike, which South Lyon rarely crossed. This time it was Mashni who crossed it to Drummond for the goal and a 2-0 lead with 28:33 left.

Drummond's second goal of the half was the prettiest of the match. Mashni beat two defenders to the ball and crossed it to Drummond, who went airborne and one-timed his shot into the

net with 23:23 left.

By that time, the Lions were deflated. Even when the ball went into Salem's end of the field, they rarely pursued it, allowing the Rocks to play it unchallenged.

Second-half goals came from Matt Simons with 39:01 left; from Matt Sarkesian with 26:25 left; and from Brett Konley with 36:4 seconds left. Josh Fair assisted on Simons' goal, Drummond assisted on Sarkesian's, and Andy Power assisted on Konley's.

There wasn't much Salem coach Ken Johnson, his team now 17-3, could say to validate South Lyon's performance. "They looked pretty bad, didn't they?" he said. "Sometimes teams come in against a Western Lakes team, and they're beaten before they step on the field."

That would at least give the Lions an excuse.

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Salem survives Northville's 1st-round challenge

BY C.J. RISAK

STAFF WRITER

Was this any way to end a game? Through 80 minutes of state tournament soccer, Plymouth Salem had struggled with a team of lesser ability — Northville. Eleven days earlier, the Rocks had experienced similar problems with the Mustangs, failing to score in the first half, but they overcame them to post a 3-0 win.

This was different. Northville scored first and led 1-0 at the half. Salem tied it early in the second, but — despite constant pressure — the Rocks couldn't put another

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one past Mustang keeper Nick Bitell.

Overtime.

The first sudden-death OT was just over a minute old when Salem's Matt Simons lined up a corner kick. This was what the Rocks had been weakest at; throughout the match, their corners and restarts were mishit or fell to the turf without anyone playing them.

Simons' corner hardly looked any better. He lined it right at

Northville defender Steve Wieckel, who was at the near post, the ball never getting more than five feet off the ground.

But the ball deflected off of Wieckel and past a startled Bitell, into the Northville net.

Game over — 2-1, Salem.

"Maybe after beating them 3-0," mused Salem coach Ken Johnson. "They run well — they're always pressing."

The Mustangs opened the scoring 13 minutes into the match, when Andrew Weyer popped the ball over Salem keeper Bryan Bacyinski, as Bacyinski raced out of his net to try and smother it.

The Mustangs did not truly threaten again. But Salem did — often. None of the Rocks' efforts found the net, however, until the second half.

Ronny Mashni started the play, racing forward at midfield to take the ball from a pair of Northville players. Mashni sent the ball up-field, where it appeared Northville's Ryan Winn would play it.

But Drew Drummond stole it, then beat Bitell to tie it at 1-1 with 35 minutes left.

After that, it seemed the Rocks could not be stopped. But they were — oftentimes by themselves. "They're more skilled," said

Mustang coach Henry Klimes, his team finishing at 7-8-5. "They're the better team. We hung on by playing tight defense and hustling."

And that was nearly good enough. As Salem packed its bags and headed out after the sudden-death victory, assistant coach Dave Mashni's words blanketed them: "And I hope you learn from this."

Other goal-scorers for PCA, which led 2-0 at the half, were Chris DeRenzo, Matt Smith, Scott Carty and Dan Guldge.

Ben Davis recorded the shutout in goal, stopping a Huron Valley penalty kick with five minutes left.

and assisting on three others in Plymouth Christian Academy's home field victory.

The Eagles advance to play at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Thursday in the Class D district semifinals. The district final will be Saturday at Taylor Baptist Park.

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Rocks rout outclassed Harrison

No, there were no 20-point scorers or triple-doubles recorded in Plymouth Salem's win at Farmington Harrison Tuesday.

But it was the kind of basketball game that warns a coach's heart. The Rocks simply dominated a

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October 26 and 30, 1995

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good Harrison team (10-6 overall, 7-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association), pummeling the Hawks 56-28.

And Salem did it without a single player scoring in double figures.

"There was no one in doubles, but everyone scored," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, his team now 7-2 in the WLA and 11-4 overall. "We kept our intensity up, and our defense wore them down."

"We made great decisions with the ball on offense and we made our open shots tonight."

Shelly Sills and Amanda Abraham led the Rocks' scoring with nine points apiece. Sills also had eight rebounds, while Abraham totaled four steals and three assists. Angela Sillmon added six points.

Harrison got 10 points from Amy Roble.

The game was tied at 8-8 after one quarter, but the Rocks took command with a 17-8 second period for a 25-16 halftime lead. An 18-2 Salem surge in the third quarter tied the victory.

It was the start of a busy week for the Rocks. They host North Farmington at 7 p.m. Thursday and Northville at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Canton 48, Farmington 31: It wasn't pretty, but it was a win, according to Plymouth Canton coach Bob Blohm.

"We struggled a little bit, but the kids hung in there," said Blohm after the Chiefs posted their 13th win in 16 games, improving their WLA mark to 9-1. "Farmington played real well defensively and made us do things we didn't want to do."

"We didn't play bad ball tonight. We just didn't handle the

GOLF

championship. Oh well, we had a good year. The cold and rain just got the better of us."

Karabalski's finish was surprising to most observers because he finished third in the CC lineup most of the year despite a strong summer in which he played in several competitive tournaments, including a championship at the Michigan Junior Champions Invitational at Whispering Pines in Pinckney.

He said he only started to play well near the end of the season. He scored 77 at the regional and wasn't about to let the bad weather spoil his time.

"I'm one of those guys," said Karabalski when asked if he can adjust to bad conditions. "I was just hoping to play solid rounds to help the team. It turned out a lot more solid than I thought it would be. I had a little feeling deep down I wasn't going to win the whole thing, but I knew it would be a strong finish."

Karabalski was just as anxious as the rest of the players, however, to retreat to the clubhouse after each round.

"My hands were frozen, I couldn't even feel the club," Karabalski said.

Karabalski chose not to use his driver because he said he's been having trouble hitting woods lately. He got in trouble a couple times off the tee the second day when he finished with one bogey and two double bogeys. He had two bogeys the first day.

"I didn't pull out my driver either day, I just hit my three woods," he said.

DiPaola might have gone into the clubhouse as the No. 1 golfer Friday were it not for bogeying two of his last three holes with a three putt on No. 16 and a bad chip on No. 17.

He recovered well Saturday after starting the round at eight over par after eight holes.

CC finishes 4th at state

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Brian Karabalski's future plans include attending a college in the south "for a little bit of golf, a little bit of engineering."

After the way he handled the rain, wind and 50 degree temperatures last weekend at the Class A state meet at Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf Course, maybe he should reconsider the location of his future school.

Despite conditions more suited for an Eskimo than a golfer, Karabalski surprised the field by taking second overall with a two-day total of 149 and leading CCC to a fourth-place team finish. Grand League won with 621 strokes (303-318), followed by second-place Rochester (307-318, 625), Traverse City in third (311-314, 625) and CC in fourth (309-323, 632).

The Shamrocks have never won a state title. This year's finish was their best since 1988 when the state went to a two-day format.

"Anyone who broke 80 it was a good score, a great score," CC coach Phil Heyer said.

Bay City Central's Brent Gault took first place in the individual standings (73-74, 147). Karabalski was in first place after Friday's round of 1-over par 72 on the East Course, before scoring a respectable 77 on the second day, playing on the par 72 West Course.

CC senior Brandon DiPaola also placed in the top 10, taking seventh place (73-81, 154). Senior Chris Misiak, usually the Shamrocks' No. 1 or 2 player, scored 164 (83-81) and senior Chris Hulgrave scored 165 (81-84).

DiPaola, from Plymouth, who stayed warm wearing three layers on his legs and four on his upper body, said: "When he (Brian) came in at 72 and I was at 73 the first day, I thought we'd be real close to a state

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

It's no secret the National Rifle Association is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment. What many people don't know is that the NRA does much more than oppose anti-gun legislation.

From hunter safety and hunter education programs to range improvements and youth biathlon programs the NRA is the national leader in the promotion of safe firearms recreation.

The Oakland/Macomb Friends of the NRA, a grass roots fund-raising group designed to "affirm and introduce the rights and privileges of lawful gun ownership to hometown America," recently held its third annual fund-raiser at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Through raffles and auctions, upwards of \$5,000 was raised with the proceeds earmarked to help pay for the growth of hunting, education and training, and shooting opportunities right here in Michigan.

"Every penny raised here tonight goes to support shooting sports programs such as youth safety and range improvements," said Don Chilcote, the NRA's Michigan field representative. "We've spent over \$110,000 on shooting sports in Michigan so far, and we couldn't have done it without the Friends of the NRA."

Friends of the NRA opened the fund-raiser on a positive note by presenting a check for \$1,270 to the North Oakland Sportsman's Club in Oxford. The money will be used to finance hunter safety programs at the club.

The National Rifle Association

NRA going strong; Bennett aims high



BILL PARKER

finished with a total weight of 30-pounds, 3-ounces. He pocketed \$1,800 for his effort.

West Bloomfield's Rick Van Tien also finished in the money when he placed 50th. Van Tien caught 13 fish for a total weight of 27-pounds, 1-ounce and earned \$1,400.

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has been on the firing line in recent months. From headlines about former President George Bush resigning his lifetime membership to rumors that the NRA is bankrupt and is training militia groups, the mainstream media has taken every shot available at the nation's largest pro-firearms organization.

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For starters, the NRA is not bankrupt. According to Chilcote, the NRA operates on a balanced budget, pays its bills on time and has in excess of \$50 million.

The NRA has no affiliation with and does not provide training programs for the Michigan Militia or any other militia group.

NRA membership has dropped off a little this year, but not as much as expected. In the past, there has been an average of a 15-percent decline in NRA membership during years a dues increase goes into effect. In 1995, despite a 40-percent increase in annual dues, membership has dropped off by just 8 percent.

Despite the rhetoric, the NRA is alive and well.

Anyone interested in supporting the Friends of the NRA should call 1-800-368-5714.

A classic start

Linda Bennett is in Athens, Texas, this week representing Michigan in the women's world championship of bass fishing.

Bass 'n' Gals Classic Star World Championship.

The Canton resident qualified for her second-straight Classic Star by finishing 26th overall in the national standings after six qualifying tournaments. The top 35 in the standings advanced to the Classic Star World Championship to compete for \$100,000 in cash and prizes including the top

prize of \$30,000.

Bennett is the only Michigan woman to qualify for the event twice. Last year she placed 22nd in her first Classic Star competition.

"I'm going to go down there and try to get a pattern going," said Bennett. "The fish are suspended, and it's been real slow the last couple weeks. Unless some cold weather kicks in, it will probably stay about the same."

The tournament runs Friday and Saturday on Athens Lake.

Bucks for bass

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CLASSES

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'Danny Boy' goes for broke

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's desperation time for the un-lucky (?) Irishman.

Five games still separate yours truly (97-19) and Mr. Dan O'Meara (92-24).

Both, however, had mediocre performances in Week No. 8 — each going 11 for 15.

But the Fat Lady isn't about to sing just yet because the final week could create some chaos.

As for the other playoff race, the post-season jamboree, Redford Catholic (8-0) has already clinched a berth in Class AA-Region III, even if it loses its rematch Saturday in the Catholic League championship to Birmingham Brother Rice.

Meanwhile, two other Observer-league teams, Livonia Stevenson (6-2) and Dearborn Fordson (6-2) are battling Dearborn Fordson (6-2) for the fourth and final playoff spot in that same region.

Farmington Hills Harrison (7-1) appears to be a lock in Class A-Region III. The defending champion Hawks appeared to be headed for the third seed behind South Lyon (7-0) and Dearborn (8-0), the latter team which has been unscathed.

In Class D-Region IV, Redford St. Agatha (4-4) could clinch a berth with a victory over Marine City Cardinal Mooney (5-3).

Here is a look at Week No. 9:

THURSDAY'S GAME

Redford Thurston (1-7) vs. Redford Union (2-6), 5:30 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome: Junior tight end Matt Kukka has been an unheralded player for the Eagles, while RU counters with William Mustang, who gained over 100 yards in a 22-20 loss last week to Taylor Truman. PICKS: Emons says RU looks like the Lions against Frisco, but O'Meara joins the Eagles' nest.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Bishop Borgess (3-5) at Ecorse (1-7), 3:30 p.m.: This is a rematch of the season opener, won by Borgess 28-0. The Spartans, however, have lost four in a row after being defeated by Allen Park Cabrini. Ecorse, meanwhile, is coming off its first win of the year, a 32-6 victory against Taylor Light & Life. PICKS: Borgess makes it two for two against the Red Raiders.

Liv. Stevenson (6-2) at Liv. Churchill

GRID PICKS

(0-8): A lot is at stake in this one, Stevenson, fighting Lakes Division rival Westland Glenn and Dearborn Fordson in Class AA-Region III, can keep its state playoff hopes alive with a victory. Church-

ill, meanwhile, is trying to avoid its fifth winless season in the past six years. PICKS: Stevenson wins and sits by the phone Sunday night awaiting word from the MISAA.

Liv. Franklin (2-6) at Trenton (4-4): Franklin, which has lost six games by a mere total of 32 points, has definitely played the toughest schedule this year. But Trenton, a runaway 53-6 winner last week over Redford Thurston, is a formidable team when running back Ryan Szokola is in the lineup. PICKS: Emons goes with the home team, but O'Meara rides with the Patriots.

Westland Glenn (6-2) at Wayne (2-6): Glenn can put itself in position to garner its eighth post-season playoff berth under Chuck Gordon since 1985 with a victory. The Rockets, who have the edge up front, have dominated the city series, 18-3. Wayne, perhaps better at the skill positions, last won in 1992. PICKS: It's off toward the playoffs for the Rockets again.

Ply. Canton (5-3) vs. Ply. Salem (2-6) at CEP: What appeared to be a lopsided matchup only weeks ago now looks a lot closer. Canton took itself out of Class AA-Region II playoff contention by losing to Walled Lake Central in a rematch, 10-3. The Rockets lost last week to Walled Lake Western, 28-14. PICKS: Emons says the Chiefs repeat last year's victory, but O'Meara says the Salem is Rock-solid.

Farmington (3-5) at Milford Lakeland (1-7): The Falcons, despite a 17-12 win over Livonia Franklin last week, have not lived up to their preseason expectations. But perennial Kensington Valley doormat Lakeland rarely has high expectations. The Eagles, however, beat Imley City, 24-21, to pick up their first win of the year. PICKS: Farmington's Jake Sikorsky ends his stellar career on a high note.

Romulus (2-6) at Garden City (2-6): These are two Mega Conference teams that are meant for each other. Romulus is coming off a 34-22 win over Wayne Memorial, while the Cougars were pounded by Dearborn Edsel Ford, 48-0. GC gave up 34 points in the first period alone. PICKS: The Mega-Red Division is supposed to be tougher than the Mega-White, so Romulus finds a way to win, Emons predicts. O'Meara, however, likes GC's chances.

Clairemontville (3-5, 3-3) at N.W. Lutheran East (7-1, 5-1): The Trojans put up a good struggle last week in losing to Macomb Lutheran North, 13-6. East, led

by tailback Marlon Fair, is trying to maintain its grip on first place in the Metro Conference. The Eagles can gain at least a tie share along with Hamtramck and Harper Woods by winning. PICKS: East clinches a co-title.

St. Agatha (4-4) vs. M.C. Cardinal Mooney (8-0): Could this be a preview of a potential playoff matchup in Class D-Region IV? Mooney, a 35-13 loser last week to Detroit Holy Redeemer, is running second in the region, while the Aggies, who got back on the winning track by beating Hamtramck St. Florian, is running third. We could be doing it all over again next week. The two teams met earlier this year with Mooney prevailing 14-0. PICKS: Emons says Mooney beats Agatha a second time, but O'Meara takes the Aggies.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all at 1 p.m. unless noted)

South Lyon (7-0) at N. Farmington (2-6): Holy Mackerel! South Lyon is loaded again this year with the running duo of Mike Watson and Greg McGuire. The two combined for 460 yards rushing in a 47-6 blitzing of Highland last week. North, coming off a 26-7 win over Livonia Churchhill, is going to have its hands full. PICKS: It's a jungle out there, South Lyon roars.

Oxford (5-3) at F.H. Harrison (7-1): Oxford has put together some very competitive, playoff teams the past few years, but these Hawks are flying high after beating Livonia Stevenson for its 11th Western Lakes championship, 31-18. Oxford, a member of the Flint-Metro Conference, is coming off a 13-3 loss to Lapeer West. PICKS: Harrison wins its eighth straight.

Hamtramck (6-2, 5-1) at Lutheran Westland (3-5, 3-3): The Cosmos can claim a share of the Metro Conference title with a victory over the Warriors. But Harper Woods handed the Cosmos their first conference loss last week in the big way, 35-6. Lutheran Westland, a hard team to figure, stumbled last week against Class D-Region IV playoff leader Peck. PICKS: Where was Rudy Tomjanovich last week when Hamtramck needed him? Both stick with the Cosmos.

Redford CC (8-0) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (7-1), 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome: Rice, a 26-23 Boys Bowl overtime loser to CC earlier this year, needs a victory to stay alive in the Class A-Region IV playoff hunt. Backup quarterback Eric Marcy has filled admirably the past two games for injured starter Dave Sofran, who is out this week because of a shoulder injury. Junior tailback Brian Marshall has rushed for nearly 1,500 yards. But CC, ranked No. 1 in the state, counters with a punishing offense, led by fullback John Spolsky. PICKS: It should be another good one. Emons says CC prevails, but O'Meara takes Rice.

Catholic Central trips Divine Child

Must be a big game coming up somewhere on the schedule — Redford Catholic Central was airing it out against Dearborn Divine Child.

OK, so six passes isn't airing it out for your high school. But for Redford Catholic Central, trust me, throwing six passes in a game definitely qualifies as a razzle dazzle offense.

Especially in a game CC won by a score of 23-8 in the cold and rain, as the Shamrocks did Saturday night when they shot down the Falcons of Dearborn Divine Child.

The weather may have had something to do with the fact the game was scoreless after a quarter. Maybe Divine Child had a bit to do with it, too.

But Eron Kosmowski kicked a 38-yard field goal with 11:01 showing on the clock in the second quarter and Catholic Central was off and running to its eighth win in as many tries. (Divine Child drops to 3-5.)

Two minutes later, Kevin

FOOTBALL

Quay ripped off a 63-yard run to give the Shamrocks a 10-0 half-time lead. Quay averaged 15 yards a carry for 10 rushes.

John Spolsky scored on a 12-yard run with 8:59 left in the third quarter and tallied again on a 9-yard run with 4:19 to play to cement the outcome. In between, the Falcons' Shaun Harvey scored on a 1-yard run with 14 seconds left in the third quarter.

Quarterback Greg Call threw six times in the game, completing two passes for 27 yards. Laugh if you will, but Coach Tom Mach's team sometimes won't even register six passes in defeat. Both of Call's passes were hauled in by senior tight end Eric Gilbo.

But an upper echelon football team must be able to run when it wants to in order to win. And Catholic Central does just that — to the tune of 347 yards and

19 first downs against Divine Child.

Call had an interception — but as a defensive back. Kevin Thomas recovered a fumble for CC, which held DC to just six first downs, 65 rushing yards and 28 passing yards.

Defensive end Mike Smiley was in on 11 tackles and had two sacks while brother Tom was in on eight tackles.

— Rich Shook

PECK 28, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6: On Saturday, the host Pirates (6-2 overall) picked off four passes en route to a non-league victory over Lutheran Westland (3-5).

Peck, leading Class D-Region IV, led 13-6 at halftime.

Two interceptions by the Pirates led to touchdowns.

Offensively, junior Albert Cook led Lutheran Westland with 74 yards in 10 carries. He scored on a 54-yard TD run in the opening quarter.

Mat Belts added 54 yards in eight attempts. The Pirates ran a total of 54 plays to Lutheran Westland's 38.

Defensively, Cook, a linebacker, led with five solo tackles and 10 assists. Bill Garlick was in on nine tackles.

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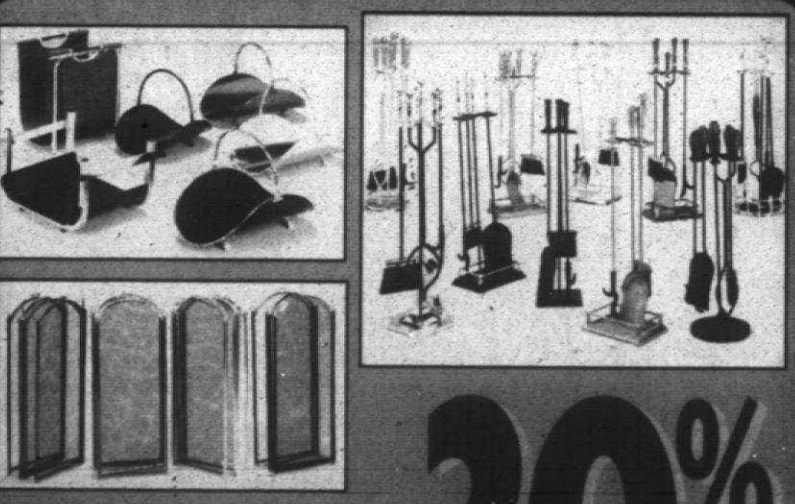
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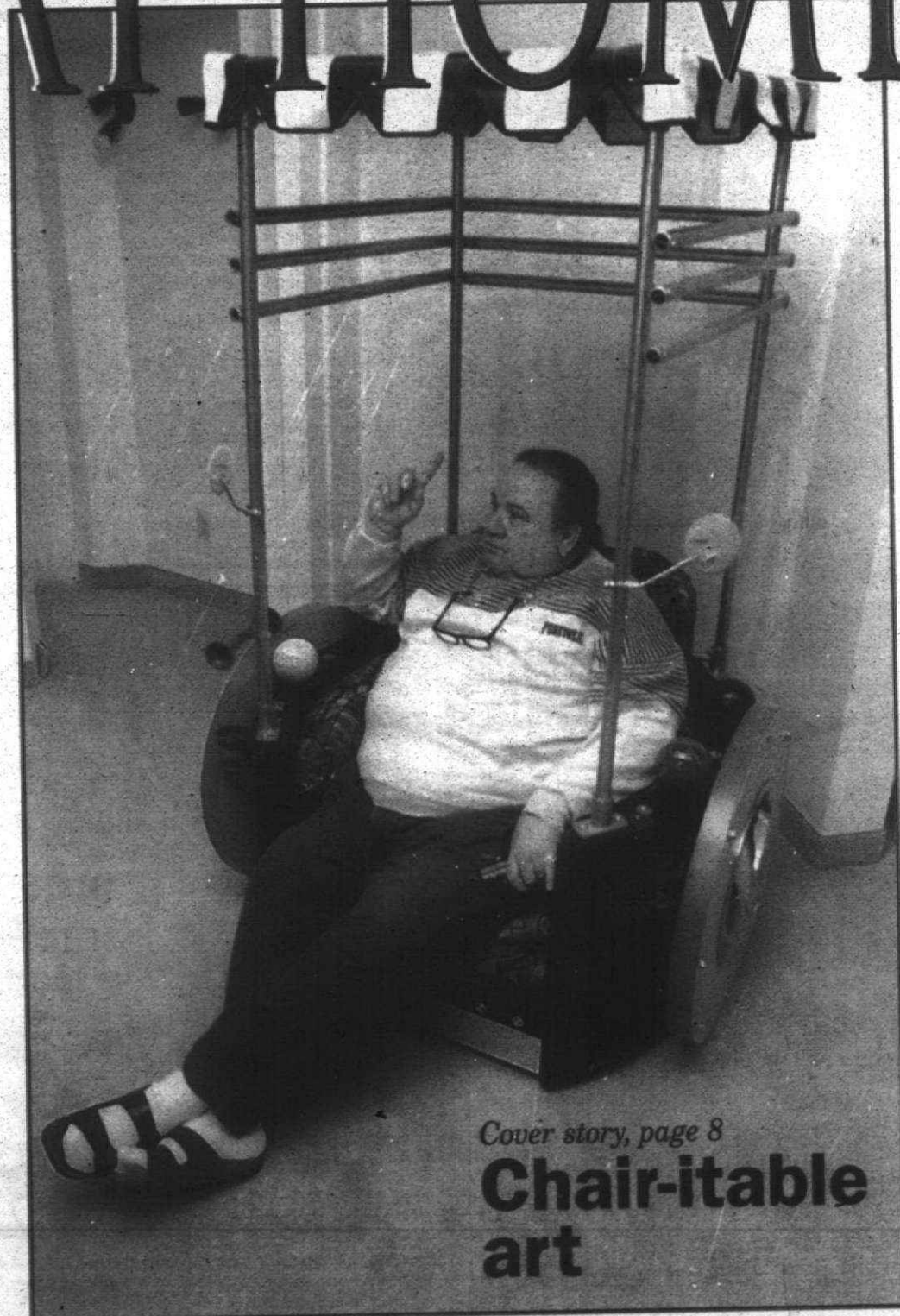
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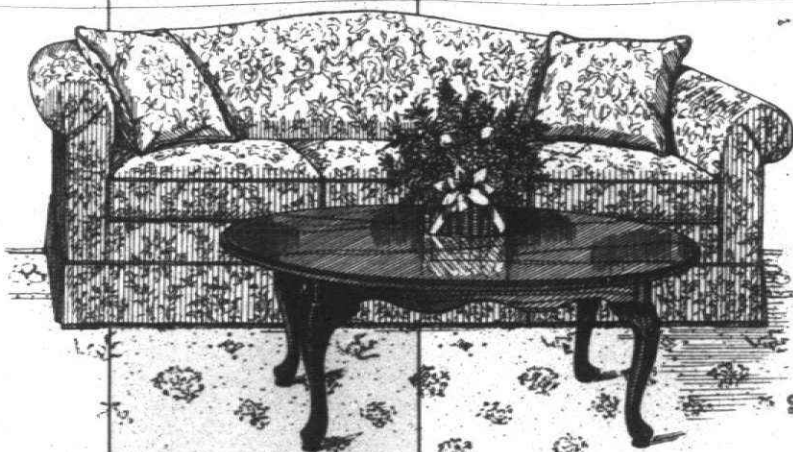
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8 drops pure vanilla extract
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cold water
Milk

If using fresh sweet chestnuts — make
a slit in the deep brown chestnut skin
near the pointed end. Place in a saucepan
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minutes, remove the chestnuts one at a
time and peel off the outer skin, then the
inner skin — make sure this is done while
they are warm.

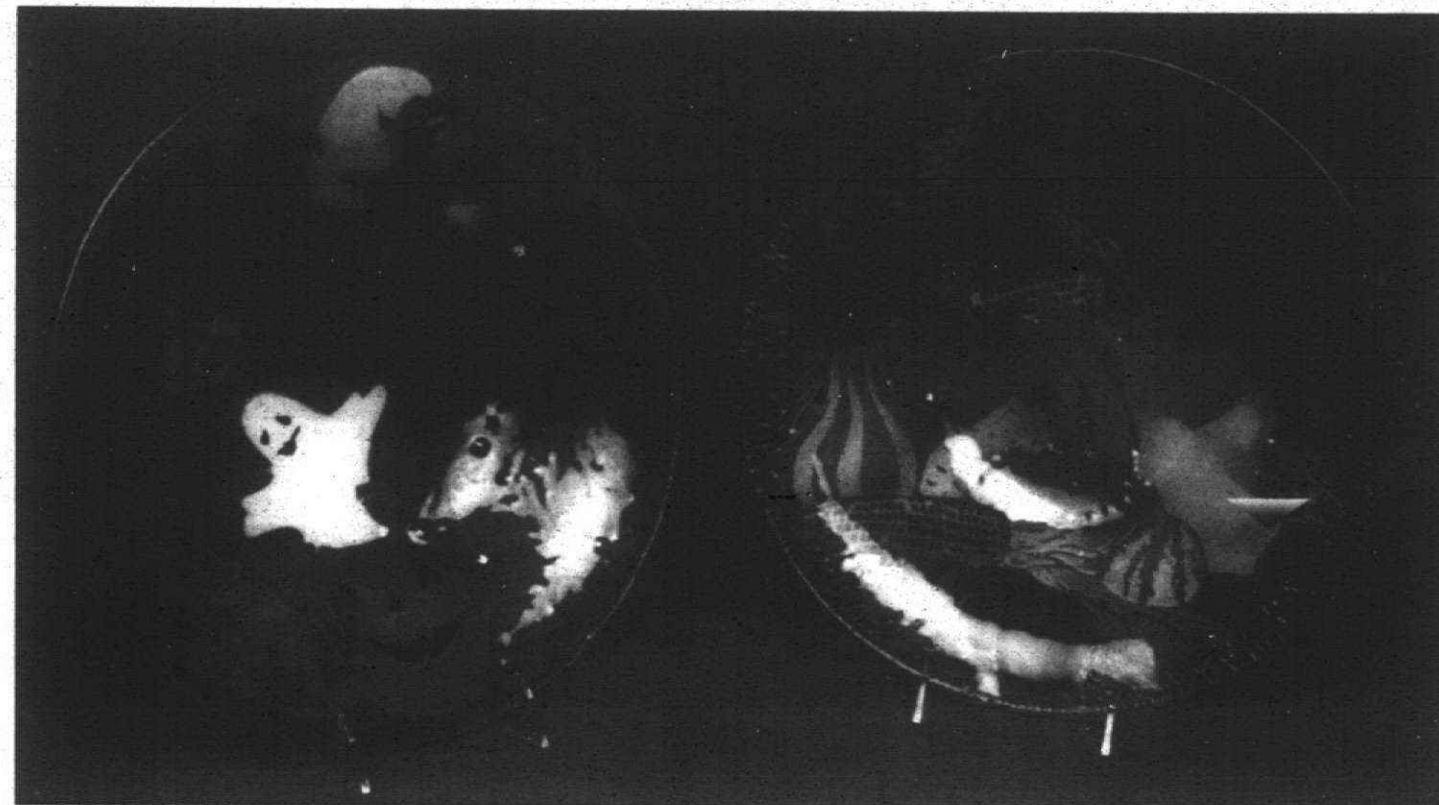
Place all of the peeled chestnuts in the
saucepan covering with a combination of
1/4 milk and 1/4 water (to cover). Cover the
saucepan with a lid and simmer for 20-30

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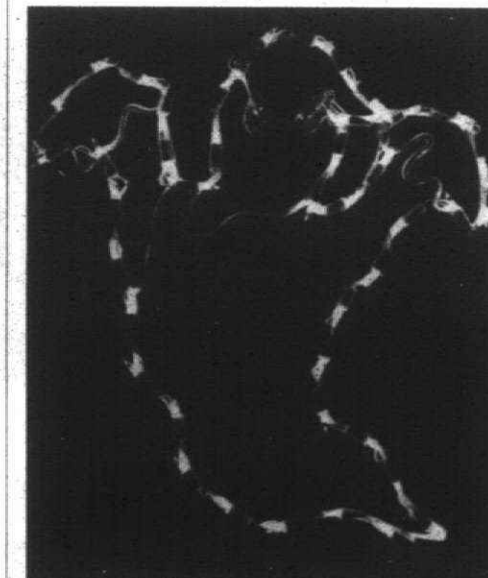
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minutes or until the chestnuts are soft (fork tender).

If using canned chestnuts skip the first steps — drain the canned chestnuts and pat dry carefully, so they will not break apart.

Place the sugar and glucose in a large saucepan — heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Add the peeled, tender chestnuts to the sugar/glucose mixture and bring to a boil. Remove the saucepan from the heat source — carefully transfer the chestnuts to a low dish — place a plate on top to keep them submerged in the liquid. Put the dish in a warm spot (a

place where you might let bread rise) for 24 hours.

Remove the chestnuts from the dish and place back in the saucepan — bring the mixture back to a boil — again remove the saucepan and place back in the dish — let sit again for 24 hours.

On day 3 — place the chestnuts and dissolved sugar mixture back into the saucepan with 8 drops of pure vanilla extract — bring back to a boil. Let the chestnuts cool slightly and then remove them from the saucepan with a slotted spoon to a wire rack (place something below it to catch the drips). Let them air dry

for several days.

Prepare the glaze. Place the 2 cups of sugar and ½ cup water in a saucepan and heat gently and mix until the sugar is dissolved. Bring the sugar mixture to a boil — let the mixture rapid boil for 2 minutes. Turn off heat, but keep warm by covering with a lid.

In another saucepan, bring 2 cups of water to a boil. Place some of the syrup in a small glass bowl keeping the remainder covered. After the plain water has boiled, take each chestnut, one at a time — dip in the boiling water, remove, shake off excess water and dip in the small glass bowl of glaze syrup. If the glaze syrup becomes cloudy — replace it with the fresh syrup (only a small amount at a time). After dipping each chestnut into the glaze — place it on a clean wire rack. When all the chestnuts have been dipped, place them in a slow — low oven (120 degrees F.) for several hours.

Wrap the Marrons Glaces in foil if not using right away — you do not want them to harden.

Note: Liquid glucose can be purchased at the Kitchen Glamour Stores in Redford, West Bloomfield, Novi and Rochester.

CHOCOLATE PECAN-FRUIT CLUSTERS

12 ounces of your favorite solid chocolate, broken into pieces (you can use milk or semi-sweet chocolate)

2 tablespoons butter

1 ½ cups pecans, shelled and roasted or toasted

1 ½ cups dried cherries (you can use dried blueberries or dried cranberries)

Place the chocolate and butter in an oven-proof bowl over a saucepan of hot water — heat slowly and gently until completely melted. Be careful to keep the water in the saucepan and not in the bowl.

Stir in the pecans and dried cherries — mix gently until the fruit and nuts are covered. Place teaspoonfuls of the chocolate covered nuts and fruit into lightly sprayed (no-stick cooking spray) foil cups, or on waxed paper. Let clusters completely cool.

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Florist holds pumpkin painting

Rows of round, ripe Halloween pumpkins will have new faces bestowed upon them 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, as McFarland Florist of Farmington Hills kicks off its third annual Kids Halloween Pump-

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BOOK BREAK

This holiday book is politically correct



ESTHER LITTMANN

Ah, the ignorance of childhood and the perfidy of man! Little did we know as children that the December holidays we cherish are really a time of "calousness and insensitivity." That's when the "Genital Power Elite" like Santa Claus and Kris Kringle grab center stage, animals with antlers are abused, and shameless consumption and commercialism prevail.

Whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanza, the exclusivity of our celebration rests on the self-centered assumption that our "heritage-himitage" is superior to other cultural identities.

At last comes an author who sets the record straight (I mean, unidirectionally)! Determined to raise our PC consciousness, he teaches "family, alternative household, or other social or non-social groups" the true meaning of the holidays.

The name of this master of cultural sensitivity is James Finn Garner, author of the best-selling "Politically Correct Bedtime Stories" and "Once Upon a More Enlightened Time."

His newest educational tool is the recently published "Politically Correct Holiday Stories" (Macmillan, 1995). The book is the size of a five-by-seven index card and contains just 99 pages, a clear indication of Garner's commitment to the conservation of our natural resources. (There's no mention of recycled paper, though.)

"Politically Correct Holiday Stories" begins with the inspirational "Twas the Night Before Solstice." Transforming decadent indulgence into wholesomeness and virtue, Garner writes: "The children are nestled all snug in their bed, Dreaming of lentils and warm whole-grained breads." Not for them the Barbie doll, that "icon of sexist, consumerist kitsch" or games that teach violence and rapaciousness. Responsible "pre-adults," writes Garner,

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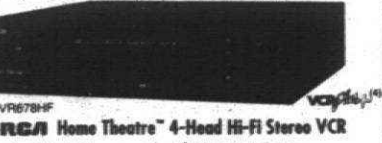


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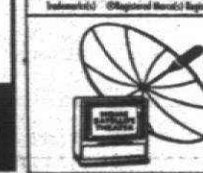


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Herb society set to spice up show

By MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Dorothy Brown of Livonia has been gardening in that city for 15 years and has been an active member of The Southern Michigan Unit, The Herb Society of America, since 1986.

She began growing herbs 12 years ago when she attended an adult education class in Livonia and the speaker gave samples of mint, parsley and chives.

The herbs were carefully planted in the center of rubber tires. This lady soon needed more space for the herbs and for all the other plants in the growing garden.

"I got hooked on square foot gardening, bought a book about it and built nine four-by-four-foot squares of two-by-fours. Then I tried Jeff Ball's ideas (he is the garden expert on the Today TV show) and a friend made a four-by-eight-foot bed with plastic hooped over the top. Soon the plastic didn't hold up and I gave that up."

She liked the idea of raised beds, though, and wanted a special place for the herbs. Now there are four big frames, each four by eight feet filled with all kinds of herb plants, from culinary to decorative. The frames are intersected with chip paths, which were spread over old carpeting to deter the weeds.

This year she has made 36 jars of peach chutney, spicy peach jam and grape basil jelly for her unit's participation in the Franklin Antiques Show, 10



MARTY FIGLEY

Ready: Dorothy Brown is ready for the sales of herbal products at the Franklin Antiques Show.

a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The show will be at the Franklin Community Church, 32473 Normandy, near the gazebo. Admission is \$4. More than 30 select dealers will be offering choice pieces, and the church women will provide a country kitchen luncheon and bake sale.

Other members of The Southern Michigan Unit, HSA, have been fashioning wreaths and grapevine trees, packaging herby tidbits and making

mustards, jellies, jams, vinegars, special spiced nuts, pomander ball kits and more. Wonderful gift items such as sundials, century potpourri and dried bundles of exclusive handpainted herb labels and pins will be for sale.

Brown has used her culinary herbs for pesto (which she freezes), vinegars and oils. She also makes a green tomato, zucchini, green bean and carrot pickle flavored with dill, which she cans, and makes several other kinds of relish. She dries the flowers such as feverfew and yarrow. Her favorite herbs are chives, parsley and sage. Members of the SMU choose a signature herb as identification, and study and report about their own; Brown's is borage, *Borago officinalis*, which blooms with star-like blue blossoms.

She is a true gardener. As winter approaches she will take borage, chives and parsley inside, and this year she is trying pineapple sage that will set on a shelf in a window, under regular fluorescent lights in the kitchen. In another room of her home African violets will be grown in the same manner along with geraniums. These she cuts back before setting them under the lights; sometimes she takes cuttings if the plants grown outdoors are too large.

This year she plans to try something new.

"Since the garage is heated, I can make a place so I can start plants earlier next year to get a jump on the season," she said.

Antiques sale set

The Franklin Community Church Antiques Show will take place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the church, 32473 Normandy.

Admission is \$4. More than 30 quality dealers and the Herb Society of America will be featured. The church is at the corner of Wellington in Franklin. Call (810) 626-6606 for information.

A preview reception will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. Admission is \$30 per person. Advance reservations are required.

Artist to visit

Tomie dePaola has illustrated nearly 200 children's books and has written the stories for many of them as well. His newest creation is "Country Angel Christmas," a story about St. Nicholas and the Country Angels painting a Christmas celebration for all of heaven.

Tomie dePaola will kick off his fall book tour by making two special appearances at Hudson's Sunday, Oct. 29. He will be signing purchased copies of "Country Angel Christmas" and his exclusive ornaments and items 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Twelve Oaks and 4-6 p.m. at Summit Place. Due to time limitations, he will be able to sign a total of three items per customer.

Midwest of Cannon Falls has partnered with dePaola to produce a classical line of holiday ornaments and gift items all based on "Country Angel Christmas."

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"take CPR so that they can save lives. And go door-to-door for the used clothing drives."

Social activism is also the theme of two other childhood classics, "Frosty, the Persun of Snow" and "Rudolph, the Nasally Empowered Reindeer." Thrill to the youngsters' commitment as they march on Washington to protest the ozone layer that threatens their frosty friend. Discover that Rudolph's greatest contribution lay not in serving as Santa's glorified headlight but as labor leader of the exploited reindeer masses.

There's more, of course! Multiculturalism makes an appearance in "The Nutcracker" when little Clara receives a dreidel for Christmas. And Dickens' Scrooge is purged of materialism once and for all by the "Supervising Spirit of Intercosy Therapeutics."

Is the author just tweaking our nose? Has his tongue become permanently lodged in his cheek? That would be quite politically incorrect. Surely a native son of Michigan, who attended

Sacred Heart Elementary School in Dearborn, Detroit Catholic Central in Redford, and the University of Michigan, could never be guilty of discriminating against the humorless and satirically challenge among us. No, Mr. Garner's yuletide offering shows nothing but good will — to men, womyn, pre-adults and "companion animals" alike.

P.S. The book is hilarious! I can't wait to meet James Finn Garner at Border's Books and Music in Farmington Hills 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. He'll be reading and signing copies of his book.

Esther Littmann, a resident of Bloomfield Township, is a lecturer of English and German at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. As an only child, Littmann grew up regarding books as substitutes for siblings. You can leave her a message from a touch-tone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1893. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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READER'S CALENDAR

■ FARMINGTON HILLS
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Children's Storytime 10 a.m. every Wednesday; 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4; 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11; 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.

Wally Pleasant mixes comedy and music 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.

Sunday afternoon jazz with the Bill Higgins Quartet 1-3 p.m. Nov. 5.

"Diary of Anne Frank" reading: a preview in advance of the Jewish Ensemble Theater production 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Seminar with Rabbi Reuven Hammer: "Jerusalem in Modern Writings: From Agnon to Amichai" 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.

Guitarist Jake Reichbart performs 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

Dennis Cyporyn Duet with Pooh Stevenson on cello and mandolin 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

Thanksgiving stories with storyteller Corinne Stavish 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. Ages 10+.

Blues and ragtime with guitarist Ari Eisenger 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17.

Join us for a relaxing and stress-relieving session with Kenneth Sikora from "Massage for Health." 10-minute sessions all day.

Drive Train performs Newgrass music 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.

Jewish Authors and Topics Book Group: "The Promise" by Chaim Potok 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20.

Learn-n-Fun Puppets and drawings

with Dahn Brickner and Roger Peschke 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21. For kids and parents!

Gay and Lesbian Book Group: "Becoming a Man" by Paul Monette 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

General Literature Book Group: "Siddhartha" by Hermann Hesse 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

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Western Wayne Branch of National Organization for Women will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8. New members welcome!

William Kienzie signs his books "Bishop as Pawn" and "Call No Man Father." Drawing for autographed copy of hardcover book for fans and customers visiting the store between 7 and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24.

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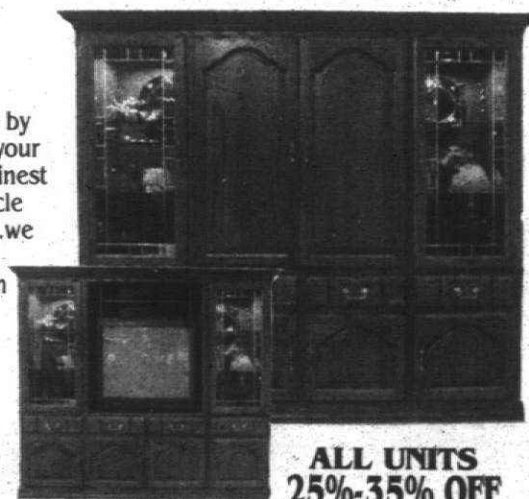
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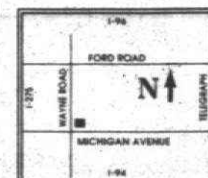


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COVER STORY

Chairs with flair show care

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC, AT HOME EDITOR

Here's a chance to pull up a chair and make a difference. "The Chair Affair at Design, Live!" is a gala event 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Michigan Design Center in Troy, with an auction of chairs made into works of art by 14 artists and designers from the area. Proceeds will benefit the Furniture Resource Center of Pontiac, which collects and distributes usable household items to Oakland County families with emergency furniture needs.

The evening will begin with a preview of Design, Live!, 20 room vignettes designed and executed by local interior designers. Hors d'oeuvres and wine, Patrick Kuhl at the keyboard and auctioneer David McCarron of the Frank H. Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills will be featured. Both the chair and the room vignettes will be displayed during Design, Live! Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 4-5. MDC is at 1700 Stutz, north off Maple and east of Coolidge.

Tickets are \$40, Benefactor, and \$50, Patron, and are tax-deductible. Mail a check, made payable to the Furniture Resource Center, to Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, Suite

84, Troy 48084. Your check will hold your reservation. For more information, call (810) 649-2020.

Participants took "gently used" chairs and gave them a new look and new life. Interior designer Gene Baker made a low seat into a funky chariot with hubcaps, awning, bumpers, tiny horns, pink rearview mirrors, bocci balls and containers for drinks. It represents power in motion, he said.

"If I had room in the house I would buy it," Baker said as he settled into the chair when it was delivered to MDC last week.

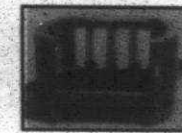
"We wanted to do something really fun. (We thought) we oughta make it look like a chariot."

Ellen Reid Monkman of the Reidelbach Gallery at MDC was one of the organizers of the event.

"We wanted some people out there who could really express creatively," she said.

Interior designer Linda Golden calls her chair "After Lunching with Salvador Dali (and friends)." She expanded a

On the cover:
Gene Baker takes a break in his chariot style chair, which he made from the low seat at right. Cover photo by Jim Rider.



chair into a surreal settee. It features black nylon stockings on legs that end in tiny high heels. The arms have full, draping sleeves and end in hands with elegant nails and jewelry. The back is outlined like Dali's wavy hair around a collage of recipes. A scale is on the seat.

Artist Maxwell Davis turned a bench into a wall hanging that reads

"Reconstruction." Potter and sculptor John Glick painted a wooden rocking chair black and added curling ceramic leaves, scattered over the surface.

Artist Harold Linton scaled down a chair into a butterfly shape, made of simple, brightly colored curves. The chair is for use by children to celebrate special times, he said. Black and white decorated the low chair by artist Greg Petty, who calls it "Guilty."

Interior designer Sara Scott Cullen calls her swivel chair "What I Did This Summer." Denim, ribbons, antique buttons, tassels, favorite fabrics and her children's Christmas trousers

are among the materials she used to turn a somber seat into a lively work. Cullen was inspired by a Dolly Parton song, "The Coat of Many Colors" and said the piece is a "memory" chair for her youngsters.

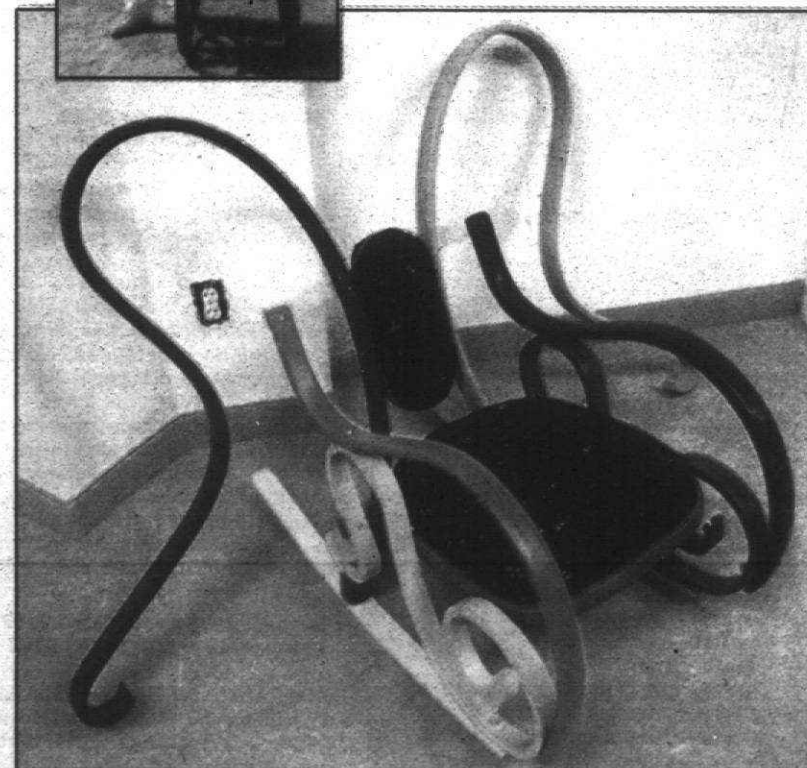
Other participants are designers Rick Carmody, Marilyn Gardner, Aleksis Lahti, Glenda Meads and Michael Willoughby; Gary Griffin, artist in residence and head of the metalsmithing department at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills; and Gerhardt Knodel, head of the fiber department at Cranbrook and Detroit Institute of Arts advisory board member.

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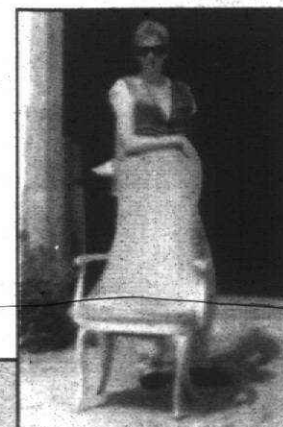
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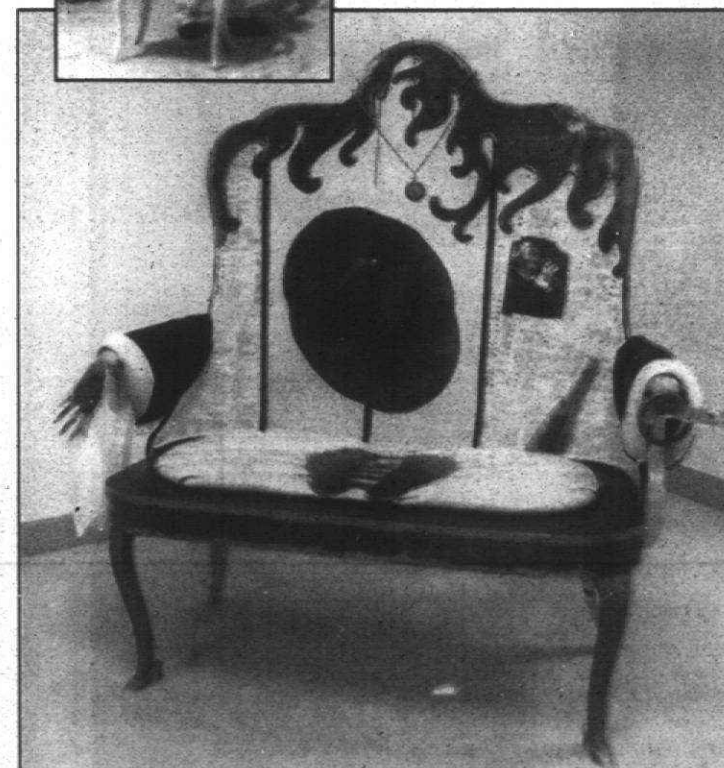
Butterfly chair: Harold Linton is shown in the photo at left with the "gently used" chair he converted into the colorful work below. Linton and other artists and designers turned chairs into works of art for a benefit auction at Michigan Design Center in Troy next week.



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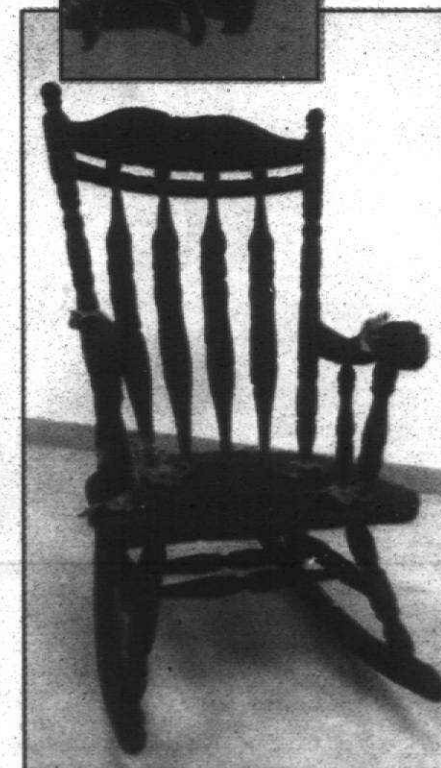
Hello, Dali: Linda Golden made a surreal settee with more than a touch of Salvador Dali.



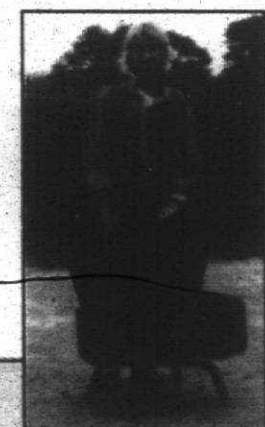
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A new leaf: John Glick added ceramic leaves to a wooden rocker.



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Memorable: Sara Scott Cullen turned a somber piece into a lively "memory" chair, using meaningful materials.



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Calendar

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Scriptures" 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.
Folk artist Neil Woodward entertains with his recording "Life, Love & Food Songs" 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.

The Mask Puppet Theater performs a show for the whole family 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Children's Storytime: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, with Sherri Bowman; 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, with Corinne Stavish.

Johanna Lindsey signs her book "Love Me Forever," followed by champagne reception, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Poet's Workshop: Learn new techniques, get input on your verse 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.

Robert Jones and Ari Eisenger play the blues 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

Singles Night: Enjoy icebreaker sports where everyone can win at "Borders Winter Olympics" 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13.

Joan Wester Anderson signs her book "Where Miracles Happen: True Stories of Heavenly Encounters" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Professional storyteller Corinne Stavish tells tales of life in America in celebration of Thanksgiving 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15. Adults and ages 10+.

Media specialist Gary Price explores what's available on the Internet 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.

Folk duo Mustard's Retreat sings

funny and finely crafted songs 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17.

Local photographer Kathleen Thompson demonstrates photo coloring techniques 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.

Prizewriting: Join in the poetry competition or read in the open mike free-for-all 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24.

Jim Perkins Carolers from Greenfield Village sing Old English and Early American carols 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26.

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Children's Storytime 7 p.m. every Tuesday and 10 a.m. every Thursday.

Writer's Harvest: Special events all day to benefit "Share Our Strength" in effort to fight hunger Thursday, Nov. 2. Contact store for more details.

Book Club: "A Pale View of Hills" by Kazuo Ishiguro 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

Author signing/seminar with Professor Austin Murphy, author of "The Last Year of a Country That Never Existed." This day marks the sixth anniversary of the opening of the Berlin Wall. Murphy discusses his experiences in Berlin and his book 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.

■ HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS
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Book talk and art demonstration with

Caldecott Medalist Denise Fleming: a library benefit. The author of "In the Small Small Pond," "Barnyard Banter" and other nature books shares the origins of her stories and shows us how she creates her own paper for the vivid illustrations 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

Free ticket required, available Monday, Oct. 30, from the library for residents and from the store for non-residents.

Storytime: Willaby Wallaby Wooks, An Elephant Sat on the Books! It's Rhyme Time: We'll play with our own rhymes and toe tap to rhyming stories that delight the ear 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Ages 2-6.

■ SOUTHFIELD
Media Play, Tel-12 Mall, (810) 351-0258

Jackie Torrence signs her book "The Importance of Pot Liquor" 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

■ WEST BLOOMFIELD
Barnes and Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, (810) 626-6804

Regular monthly programs: Children's Storytime 10 a.m. Mondays and 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Scrabble Club 7 p.m. Thursdays, Weight Watcher's Meeting 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Writer's Harvest featuring Devin Scillian from WDIV-TV reading children's stories 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Ronald Muller of St. Mary's College hosts "College-in-the-Cafe" with lecture "Rethinking: Serious Reflections on Perennial Questions" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Chef George of Inn Season Cafe in Royal Oak prepares a Vegetarian Thanksgiving Feast 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.

Fiction Book Club: "All the Pretty Horses" by Cormac McCarthy 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8.

"\$ for College" seminar: practical tips for college funding 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

St. Mary's College president Ted Radzilowski hosts "College-in-the-Cafe" with lecture "What's in a Name? (Historical Sources)" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Stephanie Mellon signs her book "The Golden Angel" 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

Photographer Monte Nagler signs copies of his 1996 calendar and his book "Statement of Light" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24.

Mystery Book Club: "14 Peck Slip" by Ed Dee 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Ted Radzilowski, president of St. Mary's College, hosts "College-in-the-Cafe" with lecture "The Usual Suspects: Humpty Dumpty and Jack and Jill" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Naomi Rosenblatt discusses and signs her book "Wrestling with Angels" 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30.

Compiled by Esther Littmann

APPLIANCE DOCTOR

The doctor is in emergency — and he needs help



JOE GAGNON

In my column dated Sept. 7, I wrote about the service industry and how better laws are needed to protect the consumer from the few unethical appliance repair centers in business today. I mentioned that I would be meeting with state Rep. Lyn Banks and that meeting was completed just a couple of weeks ago.

The meeting went very well and I can assure you that Ms. Banks has a thorough understanding of why better protection is needed for you and that she knows how to accomplish this in Lansing. Even though the mood of the public wants less government involvement in our lives, let me say that in this case there is no other way.

I'm going to get very personal with each one of you who reads this article today. You may have read stories in the past or even recently about my involvement in consumerism and the appliance industry. The many television and radio interviews across the country have put me into a spotlight that I sometimes wish didn't exist. The creative

process of this consumer gladiator (that's a quote from a newspaper) began in 1985 when I attacked my own industry. The result of my criticism was read about by thousands on the front page of a major newspaper and then things began to happen.

Many long hours and meetings with government people and the assurance that steps would be taken to help the consumer and get rid of the rip-offs. In the end, nothing did happen. The many good guys in the service industry were afraid to stand beside me and the bad guys were calling whoever they could to complain about me. Do you think that this time around some of the good guys will join me in this endeavor to clean up this appliance repair business? I sure hope so, because I'm getting awful tired of being the lone ranger.

I'm just a guy who can't stand to see any consumer receive the shaft treatment from anyone in business. There is nothing special about me, maybe I care a little too much for others, but I sure feel good inside. I don't care about money and will probably never have any, but that's OK, there are others much worse off than I am. Fame, well I'm as famous as I ever want to be and sometimes I get tired of it and embarrassed

by it. I am just a normal hardworking guy with a degree in common sense who wants to do something for somebody else.

When I was trying to create new laws 10 years ago some very scary things happened to me. To be honest with you I am afraid to do this again fearing that some of the same may occur this time. Pictures were taken of my 6-year-old daughter on her way home from school by two guys in a car without a license plate. Phone calls were made to me that asked me to stop this consumer stuff or my daughter would be dead. Threats were made to my life several times by phone and much more. It was very frightening and yet the idiot that I am, I wouldn't stop. Even now, as I write this column, I'm thinking about the extra precautions I will be taking in my everyday life. I've said it before in an article, not everybody likes me. But wait a minute, I've had a terrific life and it's going to be even better once we have better consumer protection in the State of Michigan.

I would like to say just a few words about this newspaper you're reading today. To my knowledge there is not another appliance doctor in the country

who is writing a column for a newspaper. This paper asked me to this column knowing that it would be of interest to its readers.

The power of the press, I never knew what it meant until these last few months. I promise to never abuse that power and to use it to help to inform others. I need you, the readers of this column, to do something for me. As the bad guys come together and try to stop my efforts in Lansing, I need the good people to get behind me. Talk with your friends and family and tell them what Rep. Lyn Banks and I are doing in our efforts toward consumer laws. If anyone has had an appliance service experience that was distasteful, put it in writing and send it to me. We will need all of the ammunition we can get if we are to make things happen in Lansing. This is emergency surgery and the doctor needs YOU.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

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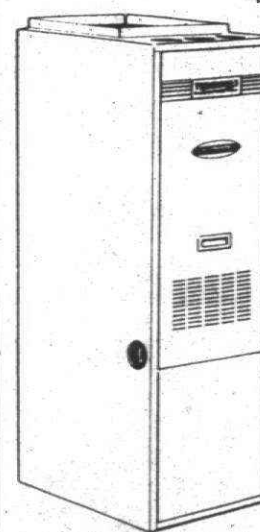
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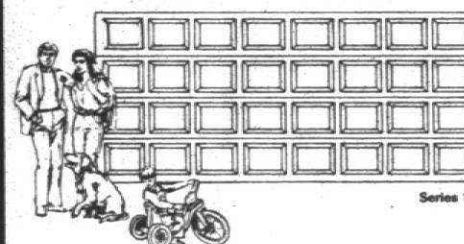
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M. Cooney,

Livonia

Dear M:

A baby grand piano is 5 feet 6 inches and under, so yours is really a baby, baby grand.

Most grand pianos have one lid that lifts from the right side, while the piano photographed has two lids that lift from the center like butterfly wings, hence the whimsical name "butterfly" piano. A butterfly piano was displayed in the movie "Housesitter" starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn. The piano has only 77 keys as compared to the regular 88 found on a traditional grand piano.

You know, of course, there are two sides to every story, and we got both on the "butterfly."

The "butterfly" was made by Wur-

litzer, which was sold to Baldwin. Someone at Baldwin Piano told us that he had heard only 50 "butterflies" were made and given to Wurlitzer's best dealers to be used for promotion. However, in finally tracking down the Wurlitzer archival material at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., manuscripts archivist Craig Orr was able to help us with some detective work. Here's what we uncovered.

There were four different models, from a simple child's version to an elaborate Louis XIV model. These smaller pianos were intended for use by both children and adults who didn't have space for a regular size grand piano. The style photographed here is a 235, intended for quality introduction of children to the piano.

Every piano should have a serial number that tells you when the piano was made. We found out the serial number on this butterfly is 221,183. The last serial number on record in the Wurlitzer catalogues (some of which are missing) at the Smithsonian ends in 1938 with piano number 151,161. Shortly thereafter, Wurlitzer suspended piano production and converted its production capabilities 100 percent to the war effort. When they resumed postwar

production, one would assume that it took a few years to reach serial number 221,183 and therefore also assume that this piano was made in the late 1940s or early to mid 1950s.

Baldwin is now reintroducing the "butterfly" in the form of a digital or electric piano, reducing interest in these older versions as most people will want the "high tech" model. Every president of the United States has had his own piano made especially for his tenure in the White House. We believe most of such pianos are in museums, presidential libraries, etc. For some reason, Wurlitzer has never had the distinction of making a presidential piano.

The "butterfly" pianos can be bought at retail anywhere from about \$800 to \$3,000, depending on their internal and external condition. However, in our sleuthing we found a dealer who sold a restored Louis XIV version for \$9,000. Sherlock Holmes, Columbo and Monsieur Poirot have nothing on us!

Nancy and Frank Boos are with the Frank H. Boos Gallery, an appraisal firm and auction house at 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills that has been in the auction business for more than 30 years. Do you have an item you would like to know about?

Send in a good photo of it, along with its description (including size, working parts, etc.) and any known provenance (history) to *Treasure Search*, The Eclectic Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Include your name, community and phone number.



Oh, baby: This baby grand is called a "butterfly" piano because it has two lids that lift from the center like butterfly wings.

Cranbrook plant sale

By MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

The leaves are changing to their autumn colors, which triggers our thoughts about Autumn Harvest, Cranbrook Gardens' 23rd Fall Plant Sale.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Where: Cranbrook Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Parking is free at the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot, across from the entrance to the Gardens. Shuttles will transport patrons to and from the sale.

I recently spent a morning at the Cranbrook greenhouse where Sylvia Paddy and her "Steady Eddies" have

been preparing for the sale. They are Ann Besner, Diane Burton, Stanley Gavel, Cecile Kaelin, Sue Lombardi, Laurie Murray, Margaret Nadriang, Frances Sturley, Julie Warshaw and Jane Zink. Paddy has been greenhouse chairman for four years.

Paddy and Nadriang were busy potting ferns such as Boston, Whitman Lace, Petticoat and Fluffy Ruffle. These are just some of the varieties of ferns that are being offered.

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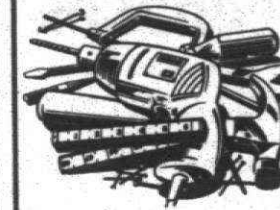
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Table-toppers are important for decor



NAOMI STONE LEVY

Your dining area will be incomplete if you don't think of what is to **top your table** as a part of the entire decor.

This will include linens, glassware, china, flatware, flower holders, candlesticks, salt and pepper containers, trivets, jam and jelly holders, relish dishes, cake plates and bread baskets.

First consideration? Very informal living vs. more casual decor vs. more formal environs vs. extreme elegance. This involves your backgrounds. Is your space an extension of the kitchen? Is this a separate and more formal room? Where do we begin? I am ready — are you?

When the home or apartment is small, and the dining area has a Formica finish on a counter or island, your accoutrements will be altogether different from that topping a highly polished

traditional mahogany dining table.

For this I would suggest placemats and napkins of an informal nature. They are available in charming cotton prints, oftentimes quilted. This doesn't infer they need be inexpensive and without taste. The china can be pottery, the flatware black-handled, the glassware of heavier construction, perhaps in ruby red color, and a small, low bowl, always in evidence, and filled with real geraniums. This sets the less formal mood.

Stepping up

One step up the informal ladder would be a dining table of butcher block oak mounted on a pedestal. The mere fact that there are no legs interfering with seating allows the tabletop to be a mite larger.

Once again a lovely bowl filled with live greens should be permanently in use. Because the butcher block of white oak has its own charisma, linens aren't required. But I envision a colorful napkin folded in a fanlike manner.

See LEVY, 15D

Levy from page 14D

The cutlery conceivably could be stainless steel in an informal finish. The dinnerware again can be pottery, in an appealing pattern. Include several sets of minute stainless steel colonial-styled salts and pepper mills. Include a set of four pewter candlesticks. *Voilà*, you have the essence of "bon gout" (good taste).

Maple, pine or oak rank as formidable woods for still another informal look. Please **don't buy a suite**. If you are desirous of any individuality don't match the chairs to the table. Paint or lacquer will enhance this scene. For added comfort use tie-on cushions in a durable, charming and synchronized fabric.

Dictated by the shape and size of your dining area is the shape and size of the table. Without exception I prefer a round table wherever it is feasible, because the conversation group is more pleasurable.

I sound like a needle stuck in a record track, but I never give up on an arrangement of fresh flowers. Once you have become accustomed to this look, you too will never give it up.

The bowl is critical to the final effect. Crystal, porcelain, brass, copper, pewter, silver, black glass, whatever. Just keep it low. The more distinctive the bowl the less important its contents. A few blossoms tucked in among pine needles is all that is necessary. The foregoing pertains to modern or traditional. The tabletop can range

from glass through all manner of woods.

Contemporary

And so we venture into a contemporary dining room. This isn't necessarily all steel and glass. It is a combination of simple forms.

Top your table with a large grouping of candlesticks. All white bone china without any pattern would be a singular approach. Uncut crystal must follow classic forms. Flatware patterns range from the ultra simple English "Pistol" design to the more complex and remarkable Danish, whether stainless steel, silver plated, gold plated or sterling silver.

Linens cloths have become less necessary to the finished table. But our choices of napkins are awesome: real linen, extra wide hem-stitched edges, sheer, drawn threads, lace bordered, white or ecru, all elegant. I dislike the feeling of poly threads, merely because they are stiff and not very absorbent. Cotton is preferable by far. At this juncture it behooves me to list some of the trappings pertinent to all table topping.

Fantastic selections of the following can be found at Slade's Gift Shop at Applegate Square, Northwestern Highway and 13 Mile.

■ Tableware sources include: Swid Powell — the gurus of modern; Rosenthal — fine bone china; Villeroy and Boch; Sasaki — mostly modern; Mikasa; Wedgwood — great traditional

■ Stemware in color: amethyst, royal blue and ruby red

■ Flatware and serving accessories in all finishes

■ Covered casseroles in pottery or china

■ Pyrex casseroles in basket, wire or iron holders

■ Cheese trays and servers: I love just a slab of marble

■ Demitasse cups and saucers: pottery or bone china

■ Fruit plates: often with different fruits; centered

■ Relish dishes: sometimes divided

■ Chip and dip servers: casual or dressy

■ Nambe serving pieces: Pewterlike in a myriad of forms

■ Cake plates on stands: china or crystal

■ Mustard and catsup holders

■ Jam and jelly containers

■ ... and fun stuff!

Elegant

In a large and formal and extremely elegant background we should aspire to inordinate table toppings.

Envisage silver candleabra on a lace-edged, white linen cloth. The ubiquitous floral arrangement must be low — it is disconcerting to peer over the top of massive flowers to maintain a conversation. The flatware might be a heavily embossed pattern such as Francis I. I love it when each person has his or her individual small salt and pepper. Bread and butter plates are in evidence.

Service plates are in order in this venue. They conceivably could be silver, but they could also be 13-inch diameter, gold-banded porcelain, in contrast to the other bone china being used. (Pottery isn't correct for elegance.)

Not too many of us live the above lifestyle. We would find it difficult to maintain the glitter. Service is almost a thing of the past. Buffet service requires less assistants. Perhaps just someone to pour coffee and clear away plates. We can be almost as elegant and even enjoy the freedom more.

Naomi Stone Levy, a Franklin resident, is an interior designer and a former secretary of the American Society of Interior Designers. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1897. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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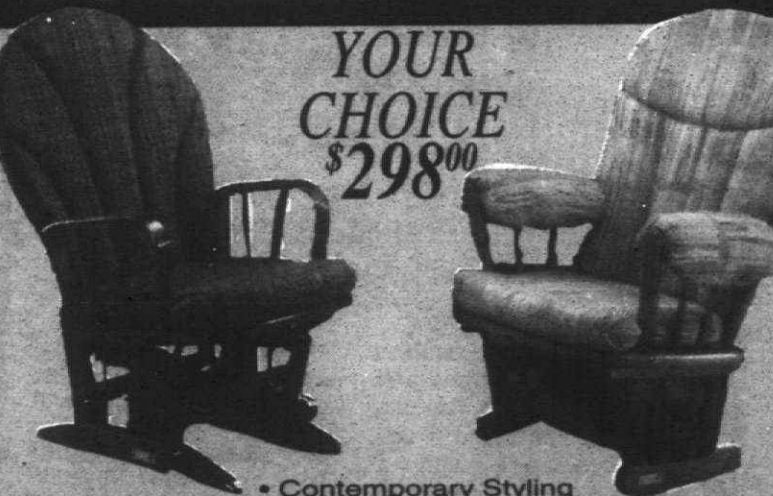
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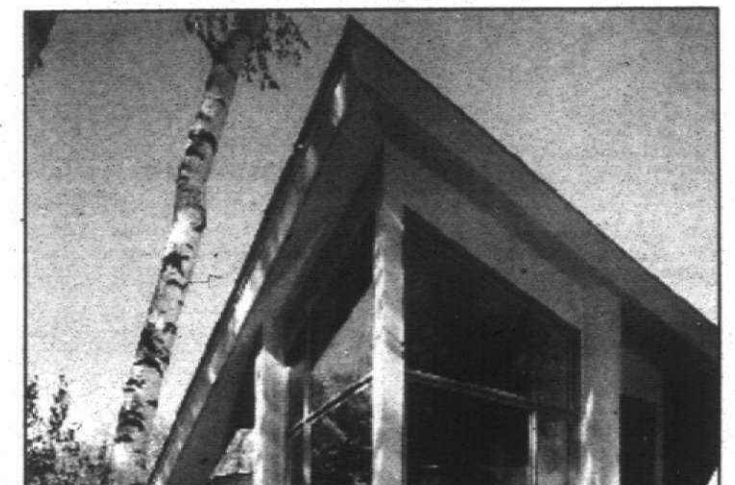
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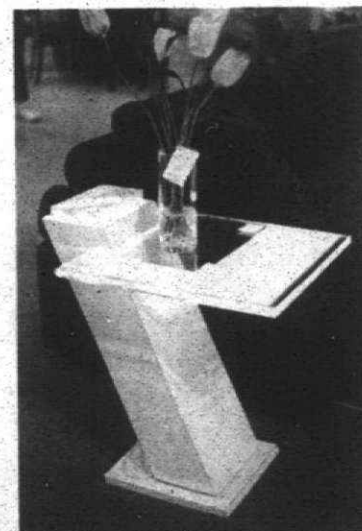
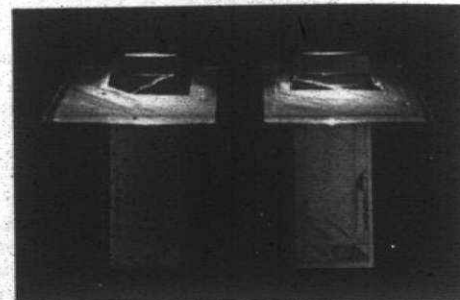
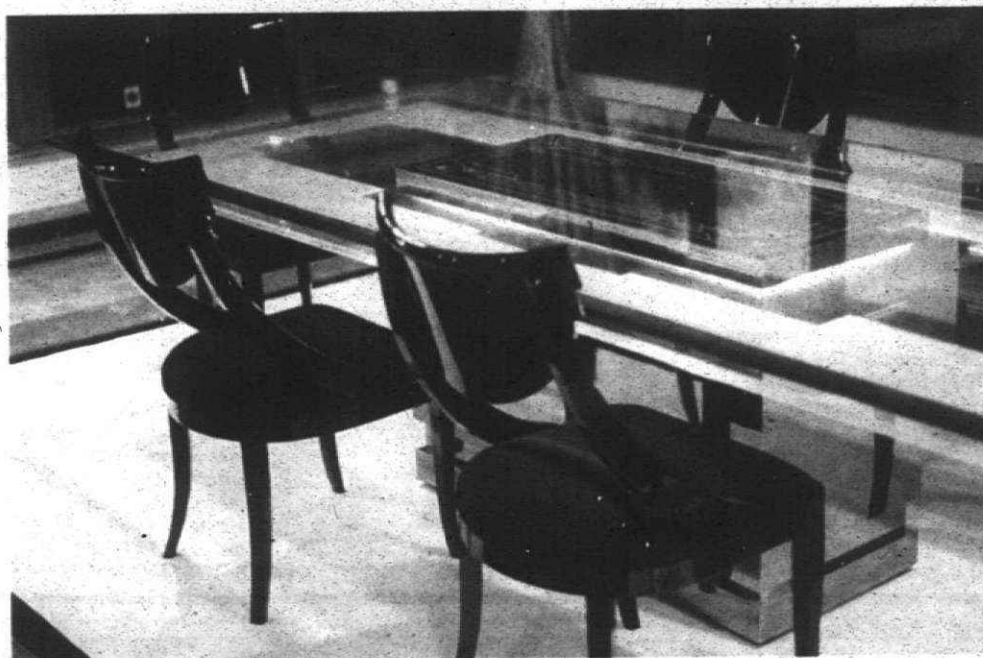


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Bowling recognized



Rick Bowling

Rick Bowling, owner of the AmeriSpec Home Inspection Service franchise in Plymouth, has been recognized as North American Franchisee of the Year at the company's annual convention in Texas.

Bowling, a former Rookie of the Year, has been part of the AmeriSpec team for almost five years.

Kushmaul joins up



Zan Kushmaul

Zan Kushmaul has joined Red Carpet Keim Exclusive as recruiter and director of career development for both the Livonia office and a new office in West Bloomfield.

He lives in West Bloomfield and has been involved in management for 27 years.

Rzepka promoted

David Rzepka has been promoted to division area manager at Perini Building-Central U.S. Division in Southfield.

He will be responsible for project delivery systems, labor relations, safety and loss control, cost control and equal employment efforts.

Rzepka graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in construction engineering.

Stockton hired

Janet Stockton of Re/Max 100, has been hired by Long Lake Building of Farmington Hills to handle sales in its residential locations.

Stockton lives in Farmington Hills.

Reggio joins Axiom

Therese Reggio has been hired into the Axiom Real Estate office in Southfield as portfolio manager for the 26 Prudential properties in Michigan, many concentrated in Livonia and Troy.

Reggio, who previously worked as a pension funds adviser at Acquest Realty Advisors, brings an extensive background of real estate, property management and financial analysis experience to Axiom.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Walsh College and a master's from Central Michigan University.



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Remodeling pays off for auto dealers

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Auto dealers have unique problems when it comes to renovating their buildings. What do they do when there is no showroom to display new cars and trucks? Bill Brown Ford in Livonia solved that problem by renting a vacant building next door. Sales representatives and customers can walk to the new car lot in a matter of minutes.

Not having vehicles in a showroom was good for Jack Cauley Chevrolet Geo in West Bloomfield. "We had one of the best Junes in the history of this business, and we didn't have a car on the floor," reported Jeff Cauley, president. His business on Orchard Lake Road just underwent four months of renovations.

Other auto dealers find the hardships of construction worthwhile in return for better workspace and a more customer-friendly environment.

Renovations at Jack Cauley Chevrolet Geo led to several new customer services. These include a new customer waiting room that contains nothing automotive. "It is a place for our customers to come and relax," he added. The customer waiting room doesn't contain one thing related to the automobile industry. The dealership collaborates with Objects of Art in West Bloomfield, which fills the waiting rooms with art objects such as a copper and brass fountain, wall hangings and unusual tables.

"We already had one customer buy a table that was in our showroom. This arrangement is good for us, good for the art gallery and good for the customer," Cauley added.

When customers bring in cars for service at Cauley Chevrolet, they aren't bombarded with sounds and smells of service workers doing their job. Instead, the newly installed glass partition between the service area and write-up area make the area more comfortable for the customer.

And once they've bought a new car, they get a double-dose of customer service. "When a customer walks into the showroom for his or her new car, we have a surprise. The car is in a special area of the showroom, highlighted by special lights shining on it. It's a real surprise for the customer." Another unusual feature at Cauley Chevrolet is the boutique featuring car-oriented items for sale.

"We are one of the largest Corvette dealers in the nation. So we added a small Corvette museum and feature a 1959 white Corvette with red interior slowly revolving in the showroom," added Cauley.

The showroom interior was refurbished in grays, accented with Chevrolet-blue chairs and maple-topped work tables. "But the bathrooms are decorated in racing colors: red, white and black." The showroom also has a new section where children can play with educational toys while parents meet with sales representatives.

Why did Cauley Chevrolet undergo the renovations when it did? "Actually, we were a year later than we'd like. We had to wait until we had time to spend on it," said Cauley.

The customers love the changes, Cauley said. The renovations went so



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Remodeled showroom: Jack Cauley Chevrolet and Geo in West Bloomfield, like many other dealerships in the area, makes better business use of a good real estate location by remodeling.

well that he is already considering changes for the repair shop.

Bob Gunnigle, general manager of Bill Brown Ford, can't think that far ahead. The Ford dealership is still undergoing renovations. In fact, the new car showroom was demolished.

"We're having a new one built with the help of Roth Engineering in Troy. It will expand our space from 3,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet and add a second floor for our general offices," he said. "This building will take us into the 21st century."

Where are the salespeople working in the meantime? Bill Brown Ford rented the vacant Livonia Parish Credit Union next door. Customer can look outside and see what cars are for sale.

"It's working out well," said Gunnigle. "We think we'll get into our new building in the early part of 1996."

Some may question why the dealership didn't move from its location, instead of enduring the temporary hardships of no showroom. "We're committed to this community and wanted to stay where we are," he explained. "In 1990 we doubled the size of our service area, and now we're improving the customer parking, signage, giving each sales person a more private and more comfortable work area, adding a separate customer lounge, improved climate control equipment, new lighting and new lavatories and making everything handicap accessible."

The renovation hasn't hurt auto sales, either. "New vehicle sales volume haven't suffered at all. We get customers walking in all the time, making positive comments about what we're doing."

Renovations brought an extra bonus to Bruce Campbell Dodge dealership in Redford. It recently received the

annual Beautification Award from the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce. "We gave the award to the dealership because of the beautiful job it did fixing up an old building," said Jean Rouen, chamber secretary. The chamber also honored 16 other Redford businesses for their beautification projects.

"What we did was buy the building that was the original Fretter's Appliance Store. It is right next door to our dealership," said Michele Johnson, general manager of the dealership on Telegraph Road. "The building was being used as a repair shop."

Renovations began in October 1994 and were completed in April 1995. The results gave Bruce Campbell Dodge a new, 21,000-square-foot building for new car sales, for business offices and a space to get a new or used car ready for delivery to the customer. Dale Scrase from Benchmark Group in Grosse Pointe was the contractor.

That left Campbell Dodge's other building, which is 19,000 square feet, for used car sales and for the service and parts areas.

"We designed the new building with many things in mind, growth being one of them," said Johnson. "We added electrical outlets and wiring wherever we thought it might be possible to add another work station." The dealership has 71 full-time employees.

Employees really appreciate all the changes, according to Johnson. "Our nine general office people were just crammed into a tiny office. Now they have an area about three times as large to work in. Also, we had to store old business papers in the parts department. Now we have all our records in the business area where they belong."

Other changes include the eight

working service bays and three wash bays for car delivery, partitioned work spaces for the sales staff, a showroom that can easily display 12 cars and trucks on the showroom floor, new landscaping, increased parking, brighter and more efficient lights, water-saving washroom appliances and more.

"It was muddy, messy and somewhat miserable," Johnson added. "But it was worth it. Many customers have said it's about time we did something. Sometimes people walk in to look at the changes in the old Fretter building and end up buying a car from us. Seeing the changes is a pretty 'wow' experience."

Although Crestview Cadillac Inc. chose to move from one location to another, it found its customers were devoted enough to follow the business to a different city.

"My brother, Les, and I bought the former Arnold Gerome Cadillac dealership that had been in Pontiac for 50 years," said C.J. Ghesquire. "We found we needed much more land than we had. We found the perfect spot in Rochester on Rochester Road. We bought seven acres and haven't developed it all yet."

When the Ghesquires did build on the new property, they designed a showroom that doesn't resemble a car dealership. "We have a colonial style building that reflects the uniqueness of the Cadillac automobile. The interior of the 30,000-square-foot showroom is decorated with dark oak paneling and dark green carpeting. Frank Rewold was the contractor for the construction."

"We found it was easier to start fresh and design exactly what we wanted than to try to renovate an existing building on property that didn't serve our needs," Ghesquire added.

Snow removal company is responsible for actions

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. Our condominium association entered into a snow removal contract which contained a provision by the snow removal service that indicated that it was not responsible for any damage or injury caused by slipping or falling. One of our residents fell on the ice and is now suing the snow removal contractor stating that the snow removal contractor negligently removed the snow from the premises. Can they sue that snow removal contractor?

A. In a recent court of appeals decision under similar facts, the snow removal contractor argued that it had no duty to the plaintiff based, in part, on the contract between the snow removal contractor and the premises owner. The court held that regardless of the contract, the snow removal contractor had a common law duty to the plaintiff that arose out of defendants' undertaking to perform the task of snow plowing.

The court basically indicated that even though the plaintiff was not in privity of contract with the snow

removal contractor, she was owed a duty of ordinary care by the defendant. Under these circumstances, it would appear that the snow removal contractor is liable to your co-owner.

Q. We own one of several cabins in a resort area in northern Michigan where we share common grounds and a well. We have what we believe is a master deed and bylaws, but we are not sure we are a condominium.

One of our provisions in the bylaws regarding resale requires that any prospective seller reveal price and terms to all the association members and any other member may match that offer and thereby be able to buy the property.

Is this provision legal? Is it advisable for the association to discontinue the practice? Additionally, what recourse does an individual owner have in order to protect themselves in the event he may have to sell his property?

A. You have asked a very interesting question which is difficult to respond to without the benefit of reviewing your documents. It would appear, however, that what is contained in your bylaws is a "right of first refusal," which is disfavored by secondary mortgage lenders, to VA and HUD in regard to providing

any mortgage insurance since the "sight" is a basis by which discrimination can be utilized.

It is also disfavored by many courts in the sense that it is an impairment on the transferability of property. On the other hand, it may be enforceable in certain circumstances as long as it is not used for discriminatory purposes and is used uniformly and consistently.

I would recommend, however, that you have your documents reviewed by a knowledgeable real estate attorney familiar with this type of law which will no doubt lead to a total revamping of your documents, perhaps with a deletion of this clause.

If the association does not change the provision, you as an individual co-owner may be in a position to contest it should you wish to do so.

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These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings received Monday, Oct. 23, as taken from Wayne County Register of Deeds records and compiled by AmeriState, Inc. publishers of Pace, a regional real-estate transaction report. Listed below are towns, addresses and sales prices. Asterisks denote multi-parcel transactions.	7044 Foridge Dr \$176,880 43832 Hanford Road \$47,247 1891 Vine Way Dr \$137,900 44664 Hanford Road \$120,000 68333 Willow Creek Dr \$132,900 45575 Hanford Road \$190,000 45688 Lechmont Dr \$220,000 32909 Mame Ct \$119,000 44488 Meadowcreek Lane \$152,000 46617 Mornington Road \$234,375 47274 Northgate Dr \$183,905 42260 Saltz Road \$118,000 733 Buckingham Road \$125,000 733 Buckingham Road \$113,300 7731 Chester Ct \$177,000 257 Cornish St \$157,000 1174 Dundee St \$178,340 996 Foothill Dr \$35,000	4225, 140 \$225,140 42214 Trent \$247,247 1891 Vine Way Dr \$137,900 44664 Hanford Road \$120,000 68333 Willow Creek Dr \$132,900 45575 Hanford Road \$190,000 45688 Lechmont Dr \$220,000 32909 Mame Ct \$119,000 44488 Meadowcreek Lane \$152,000 46617 Mornington Road \$234,375 47274 Northgate Dr \$183,905 42260 Saltz Road \$118,000 733 Buckingham Road \$125,000 733 Buckingham Road \$113,300 7731 Chester Ct \$177,000 257 Cornish St \$157,000 1174 Dundee St \$178,340 996 Foothill Dr \$35,000	1045 Ross \$48,000 2205 Hannan Road \$164,000 31453 Hazelwood St \$92,000 31463 Hazelwood St \$92,000 31022 Havelly St \$87,000 33148 Havelly St \$75,800 7947 Hugg St \$119,800 34609 Marquette St \$151,000 7841 Millwood Dr \$157,500 2070 Minerva St \$92,700 5887 Morley St \$62,000 5913 Parent Ave \$73,500 29056 Powers St \$36,500 7880 Rivergate Dr \$69,000 815 S Wildwood St \$69,000 1165 Shoemaker Dr \$62,000
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New fiber glass insulation protects against itch, dust

Although most homeowners recognize the need for insulation in order to increase house energy efficiency, some shy away from installing it because fibers can cause skin to itch and can create airborne dust.

Now Schuller's new ComfortTherm insulation is overcoming their reluctance. That's because the popular gold fiber glass found in houses and commercial buildings has taken on a different look and feel.

It's been encapsulated with a high-tech poly wrap system that is extremely user-friendly.

Poly Wrap Offers More Than Comfort
Besides handling comfort, the poly vapor facing is superior to traditional kraft paper facing in three ways.

First, the poly facing is twice as resistant to moisture vapor penetration as kraft. The wall cavity stays dryer, and the insulation maintains its thermal efficiency.
Second, unlike kraft facing, the

ComfortTherm facing is Class A rated and has a fire hazard classification of 25/50 to maximize fire protection.

Third, the poly facing and the triple-reinforced flanges by which the wrapped insulation is stapled to the wall studs are tougher and more resistant to tearing than kraft.

Batts Pre-Cut For Quick Installation
ComfortTherm batts are factory pre-cut to fit standard 8 ft. wall cavities for fast and easy installation. This assures a better fit, compared to hand-made cuts from rolls.

Factory cuts also save time and reduce potential itch and dust generated from job-site cutting.

The new batts are available in R-11, as well as the high-performance values of R-13 and R-15. Higher R values mean greater insulating power. All three values of batts fit into standard 2 in. x 4 in. stud walls. The R-13 and R-15 batts are made of

higher density fiber glass. Although they cost more initially, their cost may be recouped in lower utility bills.

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For any homeowner considering the purchase of replacement windows, one important trend is worth noting: close to 40 percent of all remodeling jobs today use vinyl windows — a significant accomplishment for a product that, in the early eighties, represented less than five percent of the replacement window market.

Vinyl's increasing popularity is attributed to the high level of comfort and numerous style options it offers. In addition, vinyl windows require low maintenance and reduce energy costs.

Homeowners should be aware that vinyl material composition, the window design, and the manufacturing process dictate the quality of vinyl windows. "Windows weak in any of these areas will not offer the long-term air and water resistance and overall energy efficiency that remodelers have come to expect in vinyl windows. Common problems associated with low-quality windows are the existence of drafts and water leakage," according to Mike Maher, window product manager with Rehau, a vinyl window designer and extruder headquartered in Leesburg, Va. "Conversely, well-engineered window designs incorporating high-quality vinyl offer significantly extended life and performance."

Some of the features that contribute to a vinyl window's ability to eliminate leaks and drafts are structural aspects such as frame construction, the number of internal chambers and weather-stripping seals, and profile wall thickness.

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New house has advantages

Shopping for a house involves a lot of decisions. Should you buy a detached house, a townhouse or a condominium apartment? Do you want to live in the city or the suburbs? How many bedrooms and bedrooms do you need?

Another key question involves whether you should buy a new or an existing house. New houses cost more on average, but they have numerous advantages. Among these are:

- Better designed kitchens with new appliances.
- More energy efficient heating and cooling systems, resulting in lower monthly energy bills.
- Better insulation.
- More electrical outlets.
- Safety glass in safety-critical areas.
- Warranty protection on the house itself and the appliances and goods within the house.

Many features of today's new houses were either rare or unheard of a few decades ago. For instance, in the mid-1960s, there were no home computers. There were no VCRs. There were no microwave ovens. Central air conditioning was unusual. Houses built in that period have far fewer electrical outlets, because there were far fewer devices to plug in.

Tastes and needs of homeowners change over time. Successful builders study changes in consumer lifestyles and incorporate features into their new houses that accommodate the changes. For instance, houses built in the 1960s catered to the needs of a people in the 1960s. At the time, a much smaller percentage of couples had two wage earners, while households were likely to have a larger average number of children. In the 1990s, household sizes have fallen and there are more two-income families.

To accommodate the needs of a 1990s household, a house might need two bathrooms off the master bedroom or a bathroom with two sinks to allow both members of the couple to get ready for work at the same time. Fewer number of children might mean that the house should have fewer rooms, but each room can be larger.

Each year, about six times as many existing houses are sold than new houses. One reason is that people who move into a new house often come from an existing house. When they sell their existing house, the buyers may be coming from another existing house, which in turn must be sold. The chain stops only when someone is either moving out of an apartment, the home of a relative, or some other non-ownership situation.

There are many fine existing houses on the market. But for quality, value, safety and convenience, a new house may be one of the smartest purchases you could ever make.

Laundry equipment prices, on the other hand, say the Whirlpool home economists, may only go up 6.4% over the past 10 years. In fact, in terms of how many work hours it takes a person to earn the money to buy a piece of laundry equipment, it actually takes less time today than it did in 1970. Back then, it would have taken 71.3 hours on the job in order to afford the average automatic washer. In 1993, it took less than half that 32.5 hours.

Dryers have also become a better buy over time. In 1970, buying an electric dryer meant 50.5 hours on the job, while a gas dryer took 57.9 hours. By 1993, though, the price to be paid had dropped to only about 27 hours for either dryer.

So, with inflation, you're actually getting more washer and dryer for your dollar today than you did a decade ago. And, that doesn't even take into account all the improvements — like reduced energy consumption, quieter operation and better cleaning performance — that have made in laundry equipment over the years.

So, if you're looking at ways to stretch your remodeling or home improvement dollar, a look to a new washer or dryer. It's a best buy!

Almost any electronic gadget plugged into an outlet can be damaged or ruined by a power surge. Obviously, the stakes go up if you are operating an expensive computer system, stereo system or home-theater system. This is why buying a surge suppressor is necessary. It's a sensible investment as insurance against having the circuitry of your computer burned to a crisp — even for computers with some degree of built-in protection.

For a decent suppressor, you can expect to pay more than \$50. Most of the models have at least six outlets, a light to show when some form of protection is ineffective, a resettable linear current breaker, some type of warranty and compliance with the UL 1449 standard. (The best rating is 330 volts; a rating higher than 500 volts can be unnecessary.)

Today's interest rates are still historically low



DAVID C. MULLEY

When the phrase "Every-thing is relative" was first used, chances are the speaker was not referring to interest rates. However, in today's interest rate environment, this saying certainly applies. Many people have become discouraged because interest rates are not as low as they were a year ago. This is in spite of the fact that an interest rate between 7% and 8% should still be very attractive to potential house

buyers. Since many people have gotten used to the record low interest rates, these new numbers are throwing cold water on an overheated refinancing market. But all you have to do is look at recent history to know that you should still be able to do well in the refinancing and purchase markets even if rates continue to rise.

The mistake we make comparing today's 8% interest rate to yesterday's 7%, when only a few short years ago, rates were at 10% and higher. If you think that now is not a good time to enter the housing market, look at this example and see what you might be missing.

William and Jane Strauss know firsthand that the selection of replacement windows is one of the most important remodeling decisions a homeowner faces. Three years ago, they remodeled their center hall Colonial to create additional space and bring in more light. At the recommendation of their design/builders, they selected vinyl windows to replace their wood windows.

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with today's low rates, they can do a lot better.

Look at the difference if you plug in an interest rate of 9%. The mortgage amount goes up to almost \$200,000 and the price of the house Jim and Janet can reasonably afford jumps to around \$250,000, all for the same \$1,600 a month mortgage payment. At a rate of 8%, the difference is even more pronounced. The new mortgage amount is about \$218,000 (which is more than the conforming limit), and the top price for a house comes in around \$272,000.

Using this information, you can see that, even though today's interest rates are not as low as a

year or so ago, you can still afford to buy more house than you could afford just a few years back and keep the same monthly payment.

It's critical for you to realize that you can still buy the house of your dreams, instead of spending years building up equity in a house where you're really not comfortable. Of course, if you already have substantial equity in your current residence, you can now apply that equity towards a much more expensive house than you could have just a few years ago.

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Vinyl replacement windows light up remodeling projects

Window frame corners are either welded together or mechanically joined. Welded corner joints offer seamless connection at each corner of the window, while mechanically joined corners require fasteners such as screws to hold the window frame together. Over a period of time, mechanical fasteners may loosen or rust, and gaps may form in the corners of the frame or sash (the inner frame that holds the glass pane in place). Welded corners are stronger and permanently sealed, ensuring long-term protection against leakage of air and water.

Weatherstripping seals provide a barrier between the outside elements and your indoor environment. Generally, the greater the number of weatherstripping seals, the better the protection against the weather and water penetration. The sashes on most vinyl windows have two seals, and some have as many as four. Seals also contribute to a window's ability to prevent vibration. "Older windows often rattle when planes go by," according to Ms. Strauss. "We live right underneath the flight pattern, and it helps to quiet the noise."

While thinner vinyl frame walls reduce initial costs, they decrease a window's energy efficiency. Thicker walls improve thermal performance, and, over the long run, save homeowners money by reducing energy bills. According to Ms. Strauss, whose remodeling project significantly increased the number and size of windows in her house, "As soon as you add this much light, then the concern is, 'Will we be able to keep it warm or cool?' But that has not been a problem with these windows. The glass that was installed is able to keep out the worst of the sun's rays, so that we have comfortable temperatures all year around."

Higher-quality vinyl windows incorporate many internal chambers in the frame that enhance insulation while adding strength. The air in the internal chambers provides a barrier against outside temperatures. Internal chambers also provide separate water drainage areas in the frame and sash. This is critical for larger windows, which require steel reinforcement to retain their shape. Water penetration may rust the steel, leading to the deterioration of the entire window.

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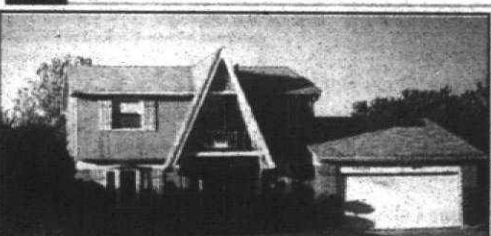
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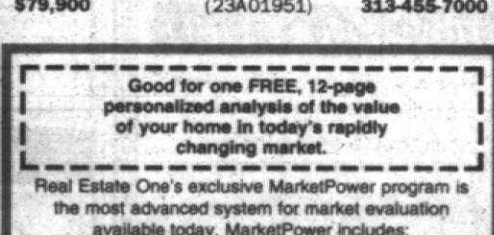
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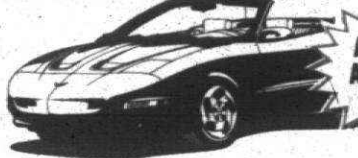
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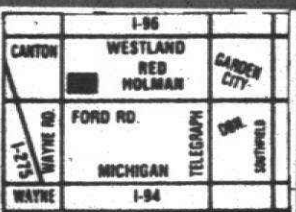
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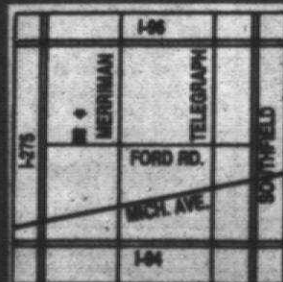
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Book traces local world of engineering

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SPECIAL WRITER

If you think Detroit's only claim to fame is designing and manufacturing automobiles, think again.

Over the last century, Detroit area manufacturers and inventors have turned out enough technological innovations to fill a coffee table book. With that in mind, Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) commissioned such a book to celebrate its centennial.

"The Technology Century" chronicles hundreds of local engineering fetes and reviews ESD's first 100 years. Its cover boasts Diego Rivera's famous work, "Detroit Industry."

The richly illustrated book includes more than 50 brightly written essays about prominent and little-known innovations created by Detroit's finest researchers and engineers. Nearly everything conceived in metro Detroit is included — from the outboard motor and electric refrigerator to the one-piece gelatin capsule.

Local history hounds will learn Sidney Oldberg patented the first air-bag system, Solvay Automotive in Troy first patented a process to make soda ash, and Stinson Aircraft of Detroit designed the first cabin airplane before moving to Northville in the late 1920s.

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Mike Davis
editor

The area's rich cultural history also is chronicled in this 262-page book written by more than 30 local journalists and historians, including many from Observer area communities. The book's editor is Mike Davis, former executive director of the Detroit Historical Society.

"There hasn't been a good Detroit history book written in a long time. Most books provide the political, social and anecdotal history, but not the history of industry and infrastructure," Davis said.

Detroit's endless infrastructure — a subject that could be dry — provides lively and interesting reading. Chapters are devoted to

the groundbreaking works of Consumers Power, Detroit Edison, Ameritech and the railways that once carried assembly line automobiles out of the Motor City.

"People think Detroit is primarily an automotive city, but it's not so. Detroit has given a lot of interesting things to the world and hasn't gotten a lot of credit," said Anthony Yanik, a retired General Motors engineer. Yanik wrote a chapter on the independent automakers that surfaced in Detroit in the late 1930s.

Dan Jarvis, a communications specialist for Detroit Edison, wrote about Henry Ford, a promising Edison engineer who by day worked from Detroit's Washington and State Street plant in the 1890s. After hours, he "tinkered with his experimental gas-powered motorcar," the author

wrote in part.

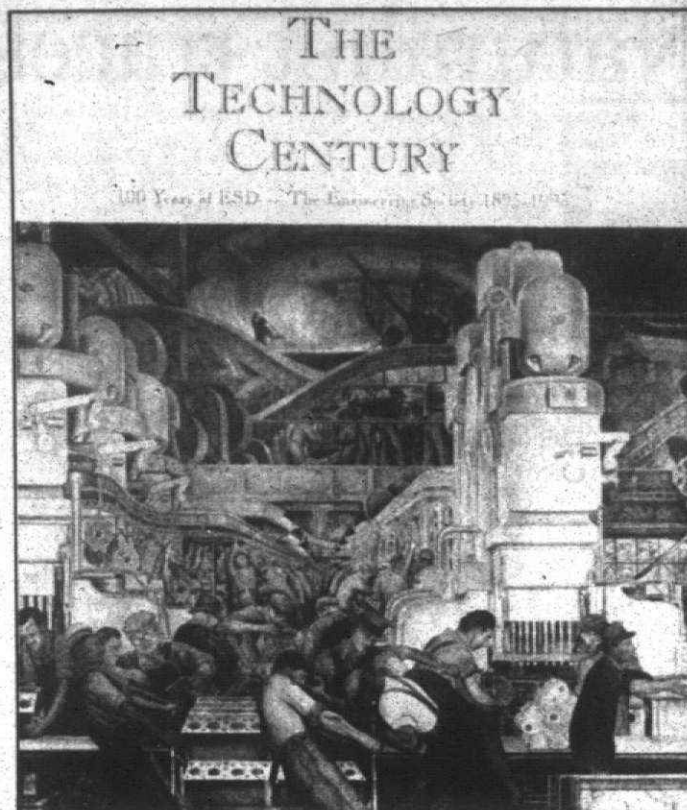
The book couldn't chronicle Detroit's achievements without a big chapter devoted to the automobile industry. Besides an industry overview, there are histories of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

Michael Kollins assembled a timeline of the century's automotive industry achievements. Since the gas-powered automobile was built in 1893, he wrote, "almost every year of progressive development is marked by an outstanding first in the automobile industry."

Al Fleming gathered the history of Detroit's automotive suppliers. Frank Buttler, revealed Detroit was the fridge-making capital before it became Motor City.

The book also mentions Detroit's first concrete mile — on Woodward between Six and Seven Mile Road — and covers the history of the city's architecture, construction, health care and news media.

"The Technology Century" (\$45) is available at Border's in Southfield and Lawrence Technological University, Southfield. To order by mail, contact Eisbrenner Public Relations, Troy, (810) 641-1446.



Century of achievement: "The Technology Century," a book commissioned by the Engineering Society of Detroit, chronicles 100 years of innovations created by metro area inventors, manufacturers and engineers.

Business school plans to open metro area campus

The University of Phoenix expects to open a metro area campus in Southfield within four to six months.

The University of Phoenix's Michigan is a multi-campus school targeting professional adults for bachelor's and master's programs finish negotiations for a building.

"We hope to open in Southfield in four to six months," director of the Michigan campus, Sarah Serra, said, adding that the school has been directing its search for a campus in Southfield because of

its central location.

The University of Phoenix's Michigan campus currently has offices in Southfield's American Center. However, the first classes, which start at the end of the month, will be held at the Ford Fairlane Training and Development Center in Dearborn.

The accredited university is trying to attract students who are at least 23 years old and have full-time jobs to enroll in five- and six-week courses to earn degrees in business administration. The school held two information sessions in Dearborn to attract enrollment.

So far, there are 27 students enrolled for the first session, according to Serra, who said she expects many more in the years to come.

"With such a large area, I can easily see us growing to 3,000 to 5,000 students," she said. "As it stands now, we have interest from Clarkston to Warren to Windsor to Ann Arbor."

The private University of Phoenix, which is a subsidiary of the Apollo Group public company, has graduated more than 60,000

students in business, education and nursing programs. It has 30 campuses spread throughout Louisiana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and San Juan, and was ranked as the nation's 12th largest private university in 1994.

Serra said the university awards credit for classes at other universities as well as for on-the-job training and experience. Instructors must have full-time jobs in the field they teach as well as advanced degrees.

"We have the same high stand-

■ 'As it stands now, we have interest from Clarkston to Warren to Windsor to Ann Arbor.'

Sarah Serra

ards as other universities," Serra said about the school's North Central Association Accreditation. But, she said, the school works around the busy schedules most people with full-time jobs keep. Each class meets one night a week from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. If students can't attend, they can make it up through the university's electronic classroom on CompuServe. Tuition is \$187 per class hour for undergraduate courses, which last for five weeks and \$245 per class hour for master's courses, which run six weeks. Most classes are three credit hours. For more information, call the school at 1-800-849-4549 or 262-3003.

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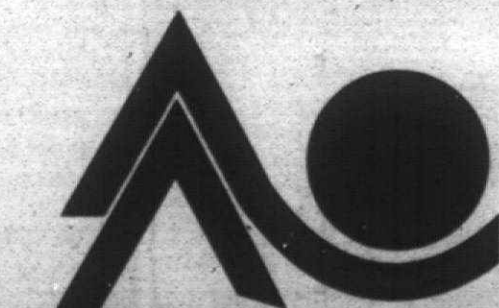
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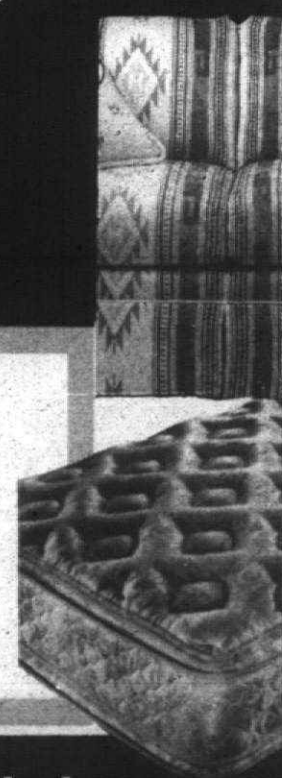
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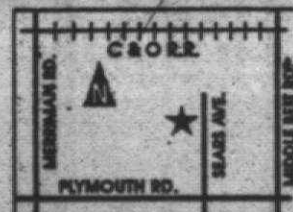
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Naturalist traces life forms in an unusual setting



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

As I walked through the gate of the cemetery fence, visions of dark days, mourners draped in black and last rites of those in their final resting place raced through my head.

Cemeteries are places that spark much emotion. In reality, cemeteries are some of the more natural, peaceful places found in both urban, suburban and rural areas.

The large trees provide shade, the grass a cool mat and the wildflowers and wildlife reflect a variety of life forms.

As soon as I entered the plot of land identified as the cemetery, I was greeted by the solemn pitched song of the bird that endears happiness — the Eastern Bluebird.

A bluebird's song does not reflect the heavenly blues seen on its back feathers, nor the earthy reddish-brown of its breast, but it is of discreet duration with modest inflections for the cemetery setting.

Cemeteries found near open fields are excellent places to find bluebirds. As long as the cemetery is sufficiently open so the birds can hunt, they will take advantage of trees or promontories that will aid them in finding food. The song of the bluebird directed me to the dark blue male perched on a high promontory. Between songs it would hawk for insects by flying out to grab an insect it had spotted from its vantage point.

Hunting perches
Hunting perches for a bird may be on branches of the tall trees that are often associated with long-established cemeteries. Cemetery trees are often larger than trees nearby because they are left undisturbed. They may have been planted as a living memorial to those buried in the cemetery, or they may have been seeded naturally.

Most cemeteries are maintained to provide a natural setting which has a calming effect on those using the area. In order to

attain that goal, trees, shrubs and wildflowers in appropriate areas will go untouched. These plants help provide food for birds and other animals in the area.

Some wildflowers, and certainly shrubs and trees, can provide hawking promontories for bluebirds, but the bluebird I saw was on the top of a spiked monument.

As I approached the bird for a better look, I could see he had used it many times before. Ringing the pointed apex where the bird would perch was a halo of guano. He evidently perched in every direction equally because the halo was of equal height all around. It may seem disrespectful to have guano on the monument of a loved one, but think of it as providing a perfect perch for birds finding food to feed themselves and their young.

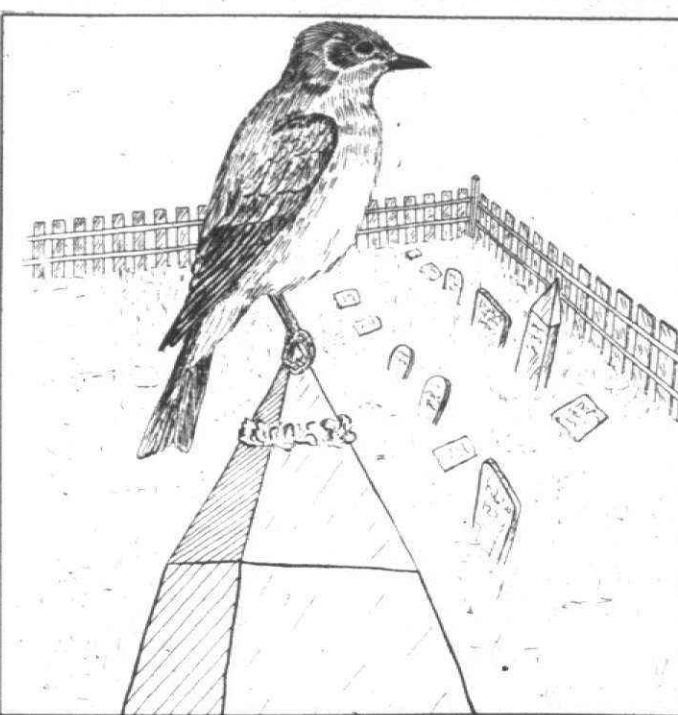
While watching the bluebird I was distracted in a different direction by a chipping sound. Reminiscent of the sound of a stonemason rapidly tapping on his chisel engraving the name on a headstone, I recognized the song of a Chipping Sparrow. This small red-capped sparrow has a clear gray breast and a black bill.

A black line goes from the bill, through the eye and stops above the ear. It was probably attracted to the cemetery by the evergreens edging the fence.

Evergreens help to even the scenery of a cemetery even in winter. When deciduous trees lose their leaves and expose their skeleton of bare branches, evergreens continue to remain robust and lively. Chipping Sparrows often build their mug-sized nests in the lower branches. They collect grasses from the vicinity and line the cup with animal hair.

Nesting places
After about two weeks, four or five young nestlings will hatch from their eggs. One of the headstones I saw identified the Hatch family; maybe indirectly they were encouraging the young to emerge.

Some of the headstones dated back to early 1798. I began to see other signs of life and ironic cycles. Headstones are erected to draw the attention of future generations to those lying beneath. That is one reason they are made



Perfect perch: The solemn pitched song of the Eastern Bluebird is of discreet duration with modest inflections for the cemetery setting.

from long lasting materials such as granite, limestone and slate. Yet as soon as a cemetery is created, it is subject to the forces and principles of nature. Like the people it represents, it too will die and be buried in time.

The cold slabs of stone marking the graves of those who lived have never exhibited the characteristics of life — breathing, reproducing, digesting and sensing the environment. But the headstones I examined were the foundations for the renaissance of life.

As the wind carries spiders, spores and seeds to distant places, sometime in the past 200 years it carried spores to the cemetery. The tiny seeds of life anchored themselves on the textured

surface of the headstones. Despite the lack of soil for nutrients and water, lichens bring their own unique form of life to the lifeless headstone. Together, a fungus and an algae interact to grow. The algae provides food, while the fungus provides support. Separately, each would perish.

On several different headstones there were lichens that were leafy. On other headstones there were blotches that looked like dried paint with black spots scattered against a textured background. Some patches grew so densely that it was hard to see the neatly engraved letters and numbers on the headstone.

Part of that defacing process was not the density of the lichens, but the by products of their existence.

Chemicals produced by the symbiotic relationship of the algae and the fungus caused the stone to erode. Little by little, year by year, the combination of wind blown grains of sand hitting the headstone and the reaction of

The cold slabs of stone marking the graves of those who lived have never exhibited the characteristics of life.

the lichen chemicals caused the headstone to decay.

Soil forms
Small particles of rock and once living material, together, form the most important mixture here on earth — soil. All living things depend on soil. The grasses, wildflowers, trees, insects, birds and worms all depend on soil. Like lichens, the two components work together. Unlike lichens, the two components can be separated to function individually.

This was evident on the sides of several headstones I examined. Attached at one end of its half-inch long length by a pad of silk were the cocoons of bagworm moths.

Bagworm moth cocoons are created by attaching available material to the sticky cocoon for camouflage. One cocoon was decorated with the fragments of pine or hemlock needles in a pattern parallel to the axis of the cocoon. Another cocoon incorporated sand-sized grains from the headstone. What perfect camouflage.

In this cemetery full of coffins marked by headstones, the "coffins" of the bagworms in which the most marvelous transformation of life occurs.

Though a worm-like caterpillar enters the "coffin," an entirely different looking animal emerges. Dangling beneath many were the pupal cases from which the males emerged. Those without pupal cases housed the wingless females.

After the males emerge they search for a female and copulate with her while she is inside the cocoon. Before she emerges she lays her eggs and eventually the cocoon becomes the womb of the new bagworms.

Life cycles
As I continued my walk and made more observations, it became obvious that in this cemetery were several cycles of life. A web of life, or a network of plants

and animals all dependent on each other had developed. In fact, tucked in cracks and engravings of the headstones were insects that attracted the bluebirds to the cemetery and it was the insects that were attractive to the spiders. Easily visible on many of the headstones were the spiders' droplets of death. Thin silk was intricately woven into a pattern designed to ensnare unsuspecting prey. After capture the spider entombs its prey in a sarcophagus of silk.

While walking through a cemetery, I came upon a mourning cloak butterfly. The mourning cloak is named because of its dark chocolate colored wings, reminiscent of the dark clothing worn by mourners at a funeral.

I spotted the butterfly because it was basking with open dark wings in the resurrecting rays of the rising sun. As a caterpillar, it probably fed on the elm or cottonwood tree leaves in the cemetery. It pupated in its own "coffin" in a secluded place, either on a headstone, or stem of vegetation sustained by the enriched soil beneath.

From its "coffin" in the cemetery emerged the transformed life of a butterfly warming in rays of the sun. As it feeds on nearby nectar, it will mate, lay its eggs and start the cycle of life again.

As I processed all these forms of life in a landscape of death, I found it ironic that a cemetery is not the end point of a life. To the observant, it is a graphic example of the dynamic nature of life and its many manifestations.

Cemeteries are natural undisturbed areas and provide all the necessary requirements for life, and like a living organism they will succumb to the pressures of the natural world.

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ROLL CALL REPORT

Local lawmakers split on funding for science bill

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Oct. 13

HOUSE

Science Funding: By a vote of 248 for and 161 against, the House passed a bill (HR 2405) authorizing \$21.5 billion in fiscal 1996 for the civilian science activities of seven agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Department of Energy. The bill, which cuts spending by about 12 percent from 1995 levels, embodies the new Republican majority's approach to funding non-military science in times of tight budgets. For example, it combines what had been seven separate bills into a single measure, and it gives priority to basic research while deemphasizing applied research that could be undertaken by the private sector. Democratic critics said the cuts

will hurt domestically in areas such as health and the environment, while benefiting Japan and other foreign competitors that invest more heavily in government-industry research ventures.

Sponsor Robert Walker, R-Pa., said the bill recognizes that "a strong basic research foundation is essential to the future of our nation" but that "we do not have the luxury, and it is not a wise use of resources, to continue steering taxpayer dollars in the direction of applied research which can and should be market-driven and conducted by the private sector."

Opponent George Brown, D-Calif., called the bill "the first installment" in the Republican plan to reduce science spending by 33 percent over five years as part of its balanced budget timetable, adding: "It is ironic that the Republican plan requires that in order to pay for a tax cut, we must sacrifice the very thing that we know leads to long-term economic growth."

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Area representatives voting yes were: Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham. **Voting no:** Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, and Lynn Rivers, D-

Ann Arbor.

Global Warming: The House rejected, 199 for and 215 against, an amendment by Democrats to continue an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) research program into the long-term climate changes known as global warming. The vote occurred during debate on HR 2405 (above) which would kill the program, leaving global warming research up to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Defenders of the new policy said it would eliminate costly EPA-NOAA overlap, while foes said it gives short shrift to the threat posed by slowly rising temperatures.

Amendment supporter Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said "We are talking about taking another sad step into the realm of anti-science. . . How do you stop (the EPA) in its tracks from reducing some of these manmade chemicals that are causing this problem?"

Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., said: "Global warming should not be handled in EPA. . . long-term climate research is something that should be done in NOAA. . . the

(Democratic) amendment would take funding away from all other areas of EPA in order to fund something that it should not be doing."

A yes vote was to preserve EPA's global warming research program.

Area representatives voting yes were: Dale Kildee, Sander Levin, Lynn Rivers. **Voting no:** Joseph Knollenberg.

Indoor Air: By a vote of 195 for and 218 against, the House rejected an amendment to preserve Environmental Protection Agency research into indoor air pollution. The vote occurred during debate on HR 2405 (above) which would end EPA's responsibility in this area and put the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in charge of indoor air research.

Amendment sponsor Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., said: "Viruses and bacteria that thrive in air ducts have been proven to cause influenza, pneumonia, tuberculosis and dozens of other diseases. . . Yes, folks, believe it or not, the bill that is before us today would eliminate the EPA's non-regulatory indoor air research program."

Opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa., said, "The American people made a fundamental change in Congress because of some of the lousy policies we passed in the past Congress and, in fact, mandated us to do something towards balancing the budget. . . We think that one of the ways to do that is by rationalizing what agencies do. EPA is in fact not that place that regulates indoor air. OSHA is."

A yes vote was to preserve EPA research into indoor air pollution.

Area representatives voting yes were: Kildee, Levin and Rivers. **Voting no:** Knollenberg.

SENATE

Job Training: Voting 95 for and two against, the Senate passed a bill (S 143) to transfer job training from Washington to the states, eliminating more than 80 federal programs designed for the unemployed. States, with assistance from the private sector, would set up one-stop centers to teach new skills to the jobless and help them find work. States would receive few

strings-attached federal grants to run their programs. While empowering states, the Senate voted (below) to keep Washington in charge of the Job Corps and the Trade Adjustment Assistance entitlement program for workers displaced by imports.

Supporter Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., said: "This is a critical change if we want to be successful in helping people find jobs. (The bill) would combine funds from these 80-odd programs and turn them over to the states and, in turn, to local communities, so that training programs will be tailored to actual jobs available in the community."

Opponent Paul Simon, D-Ill., said he liked much about the bill, including its streamlining of existing programs, but is "not an enthusiastic supporter of just saying to the states, 'You have this money and you make all the decisions.' I want to give some flexibility to the states, but I also want to make sure people get served who need to be served."

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Michigan Senators Carl Levin, D, voted yes. Spencer Abraham, R, voted yes.

Tips to keep your pets safe, healthy on Halloween

Halloween night generates constant traffic at the front door, and while some pets are very interested in the trick or treaters who visit, others are frightened and confused.

To ensure that your pet stays healthy and safe this Halloween, The Pet Practice has issued guidelines and safety tips to keep

your animal free from harm.

■ The number one health hazard for pets during Halloween, said Ken Genova, Michigan area vice president of The Pet Practice, is the ingredient in chocolate called theobromine.

Even small amounts of theobromine can cause vomiting and

restlessness in pets, and larger doses can be fatal, Genova said.

"If a pet accidentally ingests chocolate, contact your veterinarian, then feed it one tablespoon of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide per every 20 pounds the animal weighs. Continue to give the peroxide orally once every 10 minutes until the animal vomits, but

do not exceed three doses. If the animal ingested the chocolate one hour or more before it was discovered, contact a veterinarian immediately."

■ Keep pumpkins with candles out of pets' reach. If a pet does burn its nose or paws from a candle, Genova suggests applying cool water to the burned area first

in order to cool the tissue and then consulting a veterinarian.

■ Consider keeping outdoor pets inside during trick or treating hours to avoid the possibility of them getting loose or excessively barking. If your pet must stay outside, make sure it is safely secured and out of the sight of curious children.

■ Remember to take pets outside before trick or treating begins, to avoid having to take them out during the evening hours.

■ Keep pets confined when sorting out the children's candy.

■ Place all candy out of reach so pets don't have access to it.

Commission plans town hall session

The Wayne County Commission has scheduled its first Town Hall meeting for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Allen Park City Hall, 16850 Southfield Road. The meeting will be preceded by a welcoming reception from 5-6 p.m. The Town Hall meeting is open to the public.

The downriver meeting is the first of three Town Hall meetings the commission will hold throughout the county. The other Town Hall meetings will be scheduled in the western Wayne area and the city of Detroit.

The commission established these Town Hall meetings to give county residents a new avenue to discuss issues and voice their opinions directly to their commissioners. The Nov. 8 Town Hall meeting will give residents in the downriver communities an opportunity to hear updates from various county departments as well as discuss issues of particular interest to the area. The commission encourages all downriver residents and community organizations to attend.

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Report says lawmakers curtailed foreign travel

Members of the House of Representatives, under pressure by voters to cut back on perks, sharply reduced their taxpayer-funded foreign travel in the congressional election year of 1994.

Even so, a survey by Roll Call Report Syndicate revealed that more than one-third of the membership took at least one official overseas trip last year on either a committee fact-finding mission or an official U.S. delegation visit to an international event or parliamentary conference.

The news service's sixth annual survey of official House travel found that 166 members recorded 275 trips over 1,847 days to 568 countries in 1994. This compared to the 1993 figures of 180 members making 308 visits over 2,042 days to 681 countries. The number of travelers decreased last year by 7 percent, trips were down 10 percent, days abroad off 10 percent and countries visited down 17 percent.

Survey of members

The survey is based on information published in the Congressional Record by House committees and other trip sponsors such as the House Speaker.

The State Department authorizing law requires that House trips abroad be reported in the Record, the official daily publication of Congress. This stems from the involvement of U.S. embassies in handling per diem expenses, currency exchanges and other fiscal matters for visiting lawmakers.

The leading 1994 traveler was Rep. Earl Hilliard, D-Ala., who took six trips over 34 days to eight countries, mainly to international parliamentary conferences.

"I don't remember the actual number of trips," Hilliard told Roll Call Report Syndicate, "but I certainly went to all places you mentioned" — Norway, Belgium, Austria, Japan, South Africa, Portugal and France (twice).

Sharing second place were Democrat Tom Lantos of California and Republican Butler Derrick of South Carolina — each with five trips to 12 countries, with Lantos spending 42 days abroad and Derrick 41 — and

Doug Bereuter of Nebraska, with five trips over 29 days to six countries.

Top travelers

Ranking next were Republican Floyd Spence of South Carolina (four trips, 32 days, 11 countries), Democrats Donald Payne of New Jersey (4-32-15), Robert Torricelli of New Jersey (4-32-7) and Eliot Engel of New York (4-23-8), Republican Alex McMillan of North Carolina (4-24-7) and Democrat Patricia Schroeder of Colorado (4-21-7).

Funding for congressional travel comes from State Department and Pentagon accounts. The total cost can't be determined because there are no line items for the activity. When members use military jets, which they usually do, the overall trip sums reported in the Congressional Record represent only a fraction of the cost to taxpayers.

"The public hates this stuff," said Bob Schiff of Congress Watch, a Ralph Nader advocacy group. "Members are more reluctant to take these trips because of how it looks to the public. It may be that members are going only when it's really necessary, otherwise they'd be more willing to defend the travel."

But top travelers were quick to defend their jaunts.

Defending travels

"I feel I would be derelict in my duties if I did not participate in these assignments," said Lantos, a member of the International Relations Committee. For example, as "one of a handful of Russian experts in Congress," he was part of a delegation to Russia which followed up on meetings between Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin.

Lantos was included in Clinton's official delegation to Normandy marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day. A May visit to sunny Bermuda was to meet with British parliamentarians.

Butler Derrick's globetrotting occurred in his last year in Congress. He had no apologies about traveling extensively on his way out after years of hardly ever taking trips.

Now working for a Washington law firm, he said his decision to

not seek re-election "gave me more time to travel and represent our country . . . a U.S. congressman has the responsibility to represent his country abroad, to learn how other people think, to study other forms of government."

He sat on the Rules Committee, which has only intra-House responsibilities. He said the committee paid for the trips because "we met other parliamentarians and heads of governments."

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., was another Rules Committee member who used the panel to sponsor trips.

"He was participating as a parliamentarian" at meetings with legislators from other countries, said aide Bill Treator. "As a member of the Rules Committee, that was his role."

Money for trips

Payne, an International Relations Committee and Congressional Black Caucus member, took trips to Africa and Haiti, after which he made a number of speeches and gave congressional testimony based on what he learned.

Torricelli said of his International Relations Committee jaunts to Europe and Latin America: "All of the trips provided significant insight and understanding into foreign affairs issues facing the United States and the world."

Engel's trips included visits to Britain and Northern Ireland, and he met with Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

Spence's trips were mainly sponsored by the National Security Committee, which he now chairs.

Explaining her employer's National Security Committee jaunts, Schroeder aide Andrea Camp said voters seldom understand the reason for such trips. "Oversight and fact-finding are the most difficult part of committee work to communicate to the voters," she said. "They don't see the amount of work that is done."

The Roll Call Report Syndicate survey did not cover Senate travel or privately-financed foreign trips by House members.

Wright exhibit comes to Meadow Brook

House Beautiful will present "A Lasting Vision: The Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright," a nationwide exhibit to celebrate the work of America's revered architect, Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at Meadow Brook Hall.

For information, call (810) 370-3140. Meadow Brook Hall is on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.


Underwritten by the Chrysler-Plymouth Division of Chrysler

Corp., the exhibit explores Wright's life work and the continuing influence he has had on architecture and design. In addition, the exhibit highlights the architect's relatively unknown fascination with the automobile.

"The Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright" focuses on many of Wright's architectural and design works that were completed after his death in 1959. Wright's love of cars is also explored, as are the

many buildings he designed to accommodate them. The exhibit includes a photographic survey as well as a selection of Wright decorative arts objects. David Hanks, noted Wright scholar, is curator of the show.

The exhibit traveled to nine cities during the past year and will travel to an additional nine cities during 1995-96. It premiered in the Detroit area in November 1994.



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Eight-by-10-foot room vignettes are being readied by creative metro Detroit area designers. Each vignette lets the consumer view MDC's selection of quality and custom furnishings available through interior designers, new color stories and finishes, as well as the expertise of each professional interior designer.

Designers will be at their vignettes to answer questions. Consumers also may register for 20-minute complimentary consultations with a designer to discuss their design projects.

Admission is \$12, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Furniture Resource Center, a non-profit charitable organization that distributes usable household items to families in crisis. Lunch

will be available for purchase. Non-participating showrooms will be lighted for window viewing.


MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, north off Maple and three blocks east of Coolidge. For free designer and architect referral, call MDC at (810) 649-4772.

A number of design-related seminars will be offered in the showrooms on both days.

Speakers and topics are Linda Hudson, "New Construction/Remodeling: How a Designer Helps with the Hard Decisions"; Kamran Karimpour, "Woven Treasures from the Past/Antique

Rugs"; Mandy Schwall, regional vice president of Terra-Green Technologies, for the Beaver Tile Co., "Beautiful Ceramic Tiles From Recycling? Yes!"; interior designer Karen Sellenraad, "Accessorizing Your Home"; Gary Fried of Madison Design Group, "Custom Cabinetry: Right for Any Room!"; Greg Petty, "Great Interior Design: Where Do You Start?"; Loni King and Robert Albrecht, "Choosing the Proper Wallcoverings"; Gail Urso, "Get A Feeling For Your Room"; Rick Carmody, "Incorporating Art in Your Interior Design Plan"; and Hope Ruessmann, "Beige is Gone — Color is IN!"

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BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

"Wellness Works."

Indeed, it does. Just ask one of Spectrum Human Services' 730 employees. Perhaps one of those who has recently lost weight or who has stopped smoking. Maybe one of those who has just delivered a healthy baby because of good prenatal care. Or, how about one who has lowered his/her cholesterol significantly or raised the level of exercise?

"The first thing you see when you come into the building is our big 'Wellness Works' sign," said Shirley Edwards, deputy director of Spectrum Human Services in Livonia.

The company, with branch offices in Southfield, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Berrien County, was one of 15 Detroit-area businesses recognized and awarded by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports for its worksite fitness programs.

"It has become part of our milieu here. It's not something that we do once a year," said Edwards.

Turnaround

That wasn't always the case for the 11th largest nonprofit company in the state of Michigan. Spectrum is a private, nonprofit, human service organization that works with the Department of Social Services, Community Mental Health and with the courts to provide programming for children, youth and adults involved in foster care, in-home services, group homes, independent living, etc.

About five years ago, the company began to look into ways to reduce high-risk pregnancies as a way to cut down on health care costs. Edwards pointed out that it would cost from \$20,000 to \$100,000 for one hospital stay for a mother with her premature infant.

Spectrum instituted a well-baby program for its employees, and was there a payoff? Absolutely. Not just in savings to the company, but in healthy babies for the parents. Since the program's inception, there has not been a single premature birth.

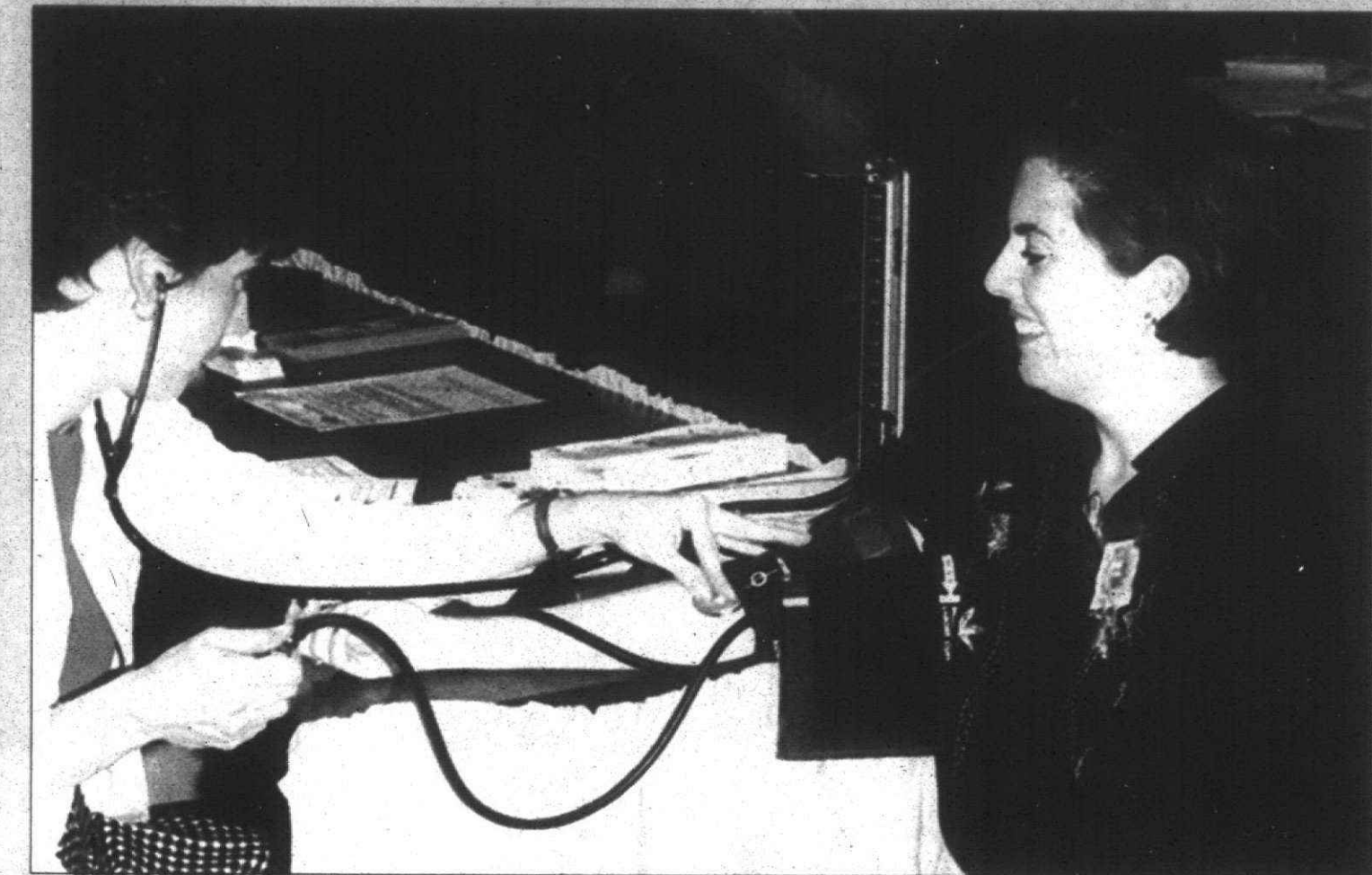
"We have a lot of statistics that bear this out financially in terms of health care costs that have been saved," Edwards said.

Expanding wellness

That initial program stressing good prenatal care, exercise and nutrition has ballooned into a comprehensive companywide program encouraging the development and maintenance of good health habits for all its employees.

"It literally has taken on a life of its own," said Edwards.

Spectrum held its fourth annual health fair Sept. 29. The company declared a holiday for



Pressure check: Rose Radosevich (left) checks Lisa Stadig's blood pressure at the health fair last month. Stadig is assistant to the president at Spectrum Human Services in Livonia.

the event with the day off for all employees who were strongly encouraged to come take part in the programs at the office.

In addition to vendors promoting a myriad of healthy products, there were workshops going on throughout the day. This year's menu consisted of such topics as homeopathic medicine, women's health issues and holistic health issues.

Masseuses available for a 10-minute massage, facials and door prizes were other little perks of the day. A video room was available for informational videos on a variety of pertinent health topics.

Edwards pointed out that most of the employees turned out for the event, but admitted, "We do some things to encourage it, like everybody had to come here to pick up their paychecks. The way we had it arranged, they literally had to go through the fair to get their checks."

She was quick to point out, "Once people came, they enjoyed themselves and didn't leave."

Attitude counts

Healthy attitudes at the company spread quickly with the help of company incentives like a credit toward health insurance premiums each pay period for employees participating in company-sponsored health programs and activities.

The programs, including weight loss and maintenance classes, are all free of charge to employees thanks to being



Wellness tips: Marge (left) and Meida Olliviera were among the exhibitors at last month's Health Fair at Spectrum Human Services. The women are from Stressage Health Spa in Detroit which specializes in aromatherapy.

partially funded by Worksite Health Promotion, a state-run funding program.

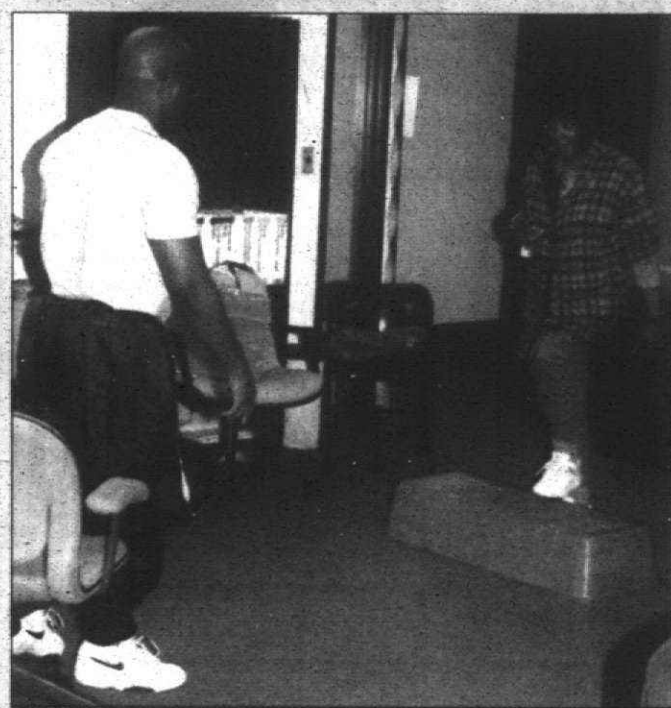
Edwards gave kudos to the administration at Spectrum for the wholehearted support of the ongoing programs. James Minder, CEO, and Roger Swaninger, executive director at Spectrum, just completed an eight-week Weight Management and Nutrition program.

Approximately 70 employees participated and collectively lost nearly 300 pounds. Swaninger lost 20 pounds.

"Moving Across America" was a program developed to reinforce healthy habits. Employees could accumulate miles by doing such healthful things as not salting food, exercising and drinking plenty

of water. Starting in Maine, they could chart their way across the United States to visit eight national parks. For each park visited on the chart, an hour of personal leave time would be awarded. By visiting all eight parks on the way to California, a free vacation day could be earned.

A lot of little things that have become a way of life at Spectrum have added up to make a healthy lifestyle for its employees. Walk groups have replaced a walk to the coffee pot. Fruit and bagels have edged out doughnuts and danish. Fruits and vegetables in vending machines? You bet. A healthy recipe box produces more offerings than the suggestion box.



Steppin' up: Nathan Kitchen helps coach an unidentified Spectrum employee on the basics of step aerobics.

CDC recognition

In September, The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., selected Spectrum Human Services to be featured in a training module video for company health promotions as an example of what a small company can do. The large company featured was Coca-Cola.

Edwards, who is sometimes affectionately referred to as the health guru by fellow employees, is a staunch supporter and advocate of all the health programs offered at Spectrum. Indeed, she has lost 45 pounds in the past year. And the big payoff? "I feel good!" she said.

MARKETPLACE

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CENTER AWARDED

The Displaced Homemaker Program at the Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College, has been awarded \$27,780, according to Doug Rothwell, chief executive office and department director of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

The center is based in Livonia and serves Wayne and Oakland counties.

"At the Jobs Commission, we are committed to helping displaced homemakers secure employment and self-sufficiency," Rothwell said.

The Displaced Homemaker Program provides services to eligible clients such as vocational counseling and testing, job seeking skills training, job placement assistance, direct job development and placement assistance, and referrals to community resources. The program is administered by the

Michigan Jobs Commission.

TOURISM CONFERENCE

Stephen T. Economy, along with more than 1,700 other delegates from the travel and tourism industry, will attend the first-ever White House Conference on Travel and Tourism Oct. 30-31 in Washington, D.C. Economy is deputy director of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. He is involved in the expansion plans at Metro Airport.

At the conference, the delegates will work on a national tourism strategy. The plan will be developed with the input of travel and tourism industry leaders from across the nation.

"I am pleased to represent the Detroit metropolitan area, and all of the tourism destinations that it includes," Economy said. "I will be working with the other delegates to the White House Conference to devise strategies for our nation and our local businesses to attract more tourists. Either directly or indirectly, everyone in our region benefits from an increase in the local travel and tourism market."

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RECOGNITION DAY

More than 75 van operators recently attended an annual recognition day sponsored by DMS Moving Systems, an agent for Atlas Van Lines.

DMS was one of 600 Atlas agents across the United States and Canada that participated in the seventh annual ROAD "Recognizing Our Atlas Drivers" Day, an occasion to honor the van lines' more than 3,000 drivers.

"We at DMS know that the success of our company depends on the hard work and dedication of our drivers," said James Meyer, DMS vice president of operations. "In the eyes of the customer, our drivers are DMS Moving Systems."

The DMS drivers were treated to a barbecue lunch at the company's headquarters in Canton and presented with flashlights engraved with their names.

NEW EXECES

Troy-based Kmart Corp.

announced two new executives in its home fashions division.

Steve Ryman has joined Kmart as divisional vice president, domestics. He will be responsible for merchandising the bed, bath, kitchen/domestics and floor and wall covering categories. He most recently was divisional vice president, home fashions, Shopko stores. He also held a variety of merchandising positions with Dayton-Hudson's department stores.

James B. Alvord will join Kmart as divisional vice president, home furnishings. He will be responsible for tabletop, stovetop, home accessories, ready-to-assemble furniture, plastic storage, patio and grill categories. Alvord most recently was vice president, divisional merchandise manager, home textiles and decorative accessories at Caldor. He also has held merchandising positions with Montgomery Ward, P.A. Bergner & Co. and Carson Pirie Scott & Co.

RECESSION WATCH

The Recession Watch Index compiled by Comerica Bank, which forecasts the probability of a national recession occurring

within the next 12 months, remained unchanged at 48 percent in September, the same probability level recorded in August and July. The Detroit-based bank has several branches in western Wayne County.

"After rising continuously since the middle of last year, the index has remained at the same level for three months now," said Comerica economist William T. Wilson. "The Recession Watch Index is forecasting modest economic growth throughout the remainder of 1995 before turning anemic in 1996. The index still is not calling for a full-fledged recession like the ones that occurred during 1981-82 or 1990-91," Wilson said.

Comerica's Recession Watch Index is a weighted average of three leading indicators: spread in the yield curve, adjusted bank reserve growth, and the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Indicators. The index forecasts the probability of recession or an economic slowdown over the next 12 months.

UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES

Michigan employers will qualify for a cut in their 1996 unemployment taxes thanks to recently approved changes to the state's unemployment insurance (UI) law. "Because we have a solid cash reserve in the state's UI trust fund, Michigan employers will receive a 10 percent reduction in their 1996

unemployment taxes, totaling \$139 million," F. Robert Edwards, Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) director, announced at the annual meeting of the Employers Unemployment Compensation Council in Troy.

The tax cut will save employers an average of \$38 per employee and up to as much \$95 per employee, depending upon the employer's tax rate. The tax cut is across the board and all fully experienced employers, generally those who have been in operation for more than four years, should receive it.

Edwards estimated that cut will affect 180,000 Michigan employers. According to state law, the tax cut is triggered if the cash reserves in Michigan's UI trust fund are at least 1.2 percent of all Michigan total payrolls as of the June 30 prior to the tax year. By June 30, 1995, the fund's reserve was \$1.315 billion, which exceeds the requirement.

Money from the UI trust fund is used to pay unemployment benefits to jobless workers, while employer pay state

unemployment taxes into the fund. The reduced tax rate will appear on next year's tax rate notices, which will be issued around April 1, 1996. The April mailing is later than usual due to the recent law changes and the need to include the lower tax rate in the notices.

MISS DIG celebrates 25th anniversary

Acknowledged as a national model for one-call damage prevention programs, MISS DIG System Inc. celebrated its 25th anniversary Monday.

A proclamation signed by Gov. John Engler recognized the one-call utility damage prevention program for helping to save lives, prevent injuries and avert millions of dollars in property damage since its inception in 1970.

The program received a similar proclamation from the Michigan Public Service Commission.

More than 700 Michigan utilities, including gas, electric, water, sewer, cable and long distance telephone carriers, participate in the MISS DIG System program.

"It is with a great deal of pride that we celebrate the silver anniversary of MISS DIG. This successful one-call operation began as a pilot program in four townships and now covers all of Michigan's 83 counties, encompassing 58,000 square miles," said Kathleen A. Fournier, executive director for MISS DIG System.

More than 700 Michigan utilities, including gas, electric, water, sewer, cable and long distance telephone carriers, participate in the MISS DIG System program.

Those who call the MISS DIG System three working days prior to the beginning of an excavation or construction project will have member utilities at the exact location staked with color-coded flags free of charge.

The MISS DIG program recently received its seven millionth utility staking request. Dave Barnett, Invisible Fencing of Birmingham Inc., was recognized by the MISS DIG System for placing the record staking request at Monday's celebration in Lansing.

Requests have increased steadily in the past several years, with a record-breaking 568,693 calls received in 1994.

"The underlying message of MISS DIG is that of safety," said

Fournier.

"One toll-free call is all it takes to have utilities staked. Proper staking and hand-digging around underground utilities as well as staying clear of overhead electric lines can mean the difference between safety and serious injury or death," Fournier said.

"Millions of dollars in property damages have also been saved because MISS DIG was called prior to construction," she added.

Five of the state's largest utilities — Consumers Power Co., Detroit Edison, General Telephone, Ameritech and Michigan Consolidated Gas — started MISS DIG in 1970, and hold the administrative responsibility for the program.

The operation of the MISS DIG

System was under the direction of CMS Utility Services Inc., a subsidiary of CMS Energy Corp., until its incorporation in December 1994.

Public Act 53, approved by the Michigan Legislature in 1974, requires that any contractor or private individual using power equipment to excavate, blast or drill must notify MISS DIG of construction plans. Homeowners planning to excavate on their property for any reason are also encouraged to call the MISS DIG System.

The toll-free MISS DIG phone number is 1-800-482-7171. Calls can be made from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Normal staking requests are taken three working days prior to the beginning of an excavation or construction project.

Emergency staking requests for situations such as water or gas main breaks and utility line repairs can be phoned in to MISS DIG System 24 hours a day.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, OCT. 26-27

BUILDING

A national conference on "Project Delivery Systems" occurs at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi. The conference will focus on strategies available to both public and private owners for the successful completion of a construction project. Panelists will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various project delivery systems and other issues pertinent to the building construction industry. Attendees will learn firsthand from contractors, architects, and public and private owners their perspectives on lump-sum contracting, construction management, design-build, program management, partnering, total quality management and more. The conference format allows attendees to participate in open discussions with each of the panelists. For registration information or details on the conference, contact Dick Brundand at (517) 371-1550.

The University of Michigan Health Center Plymouth is holding an open house 6-8 p.m. so the community can meet the staff and tour the facility. The center is at 9398 Lilley. Margie Andree, M.D., and Maria Kopicki, M.D., are new physicians at the center. Andree, a pediatrician, is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and completed her pediatric training at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She received additional training in dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Kopicki, who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, is a graduate of the State University of New York in Syracuse and completed her ob-gyn training at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Make reservations for the open house by calling (313) 459-0820.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 26

ESTATE PLANNING

Madonna University will host an estate planning strategies workshop 7:30-9 p.m. Presenters Jeff Hyman and John Turcotte, registered representatives of CGNA Financial Advisors Inc., will discuss the following topics: financial security — your No. 1 priority, solving the most common estate tax traps, using gifts to transfer assets through a will, strategies to save both income and estate taxes, second family estate planning and funding estate taxes in advance. The workshop is free but seating is limited. For reservations, call Sister M. Danatha, executive director of development, (313) 591-5123.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

FREE SEMINAR

PaineWebber's retirement planning consultant Gregory R. Wright and investment executive Philip P. Bocketti will offer a seminar on retirement planning and lump sum distribution management 7-9 p.m. in PaineWebber's Livonia office, 19500 Victor Parkway, Suite 325, Livonia. Topics of discussion will include: preparing for retirement, tax ramifications, maximizing returns on IRA accounts, pension distribution, IRA rollover or 10-year averaging and lump sum distribution. For reservations, call Tom Grossman at 1-800-852-6228 or (313) 953-5592.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

EXPOSITION

Detroit Chapter One of the Fluid Power Society has sold out all of its available exhibit space for the Biennial Fluid Power & Controls Exposition. The show will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Many exhibitors will be showing the latest in fluid power equipment, components and controls. Trade publications and technical organizations will also have informative exhibits. Refreshments will be available. Call Art DesMarais or Ted Kokubo at (810) 474-4750 for exhibit and admission ticket information.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

HEALTHCARE

The Oakwood Healthcare System Cardiology Center of Excellence presents the third annual Ford Bryan Cardiovascular Symposium 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dearborn Inn, 30301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. The symposium will address "Trends and Advances in Cardiovascular Medicine." Physicians from throughout the United States will discuss a variety of topics. The symposium is free. For more information or to register, call (313) 562-4131.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

WORKDAY CASUAL

The Women's Economic Club is holding a workday casual seminar 5:30-8 p.m. in Hudson's at Oakland Mall in Troy. The program is free for members and \$10 for others. For information, call (313) 963-5088.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

OPEN HOUSE

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TUESDAY, NOV. 7

SEMINAR

A free seminar on "What To Do with a Lump Sum Distribution When You Retire or Change Jobs," will be 7-8:45 p.m. at the Dearborn Merrill Lynch Office, Dearborn. The seminar is for people who are already retired or for those who are planning for their retirement years. Call Jennifer at 1-800-937-0240 for reservations.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

QUALITY

Motorola Chairman Robert Galvin will give the keynote speech at the Michigan Quality Leadership Award Banquet 6 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. The banquet honors Michigan organizations that have won the Michigan Quality Leadership Award. For information, call (810) 370-4552.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 10-12

SYMPOSIUM

Botsford General Hospital will host "Cardiology 2000," a symposium focusing on advances in cardiology, at the Novi Hilton and Conference Center. The symposium will feature international authorities, interactive displays and demonstrations of new technology. For information, call Kate Panelli at (810) 471-8222.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

JOB FAIR

Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities are co-sponsoring the 16th Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. More than 100 employers are expected to attend. The fair offers an opportunity for students to meet with employers looking to fill entry-level positions. Graduates also can practice their interviewing skills and obtain information about employment opportunities. To register for the fair in advance, students can send a resume and check for \$10 to MCJF at University Placement Services, 1001 Faculty Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit 48202-3622. Advance registration is \$10. On-site registration is \$20. Parking is free. For more information, contact Nannette McCleary at (313) 577-3390 or Ken Meyer of EMU at (313) 487-0400.

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired — to: Stars, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, ATTN: Business Editor. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Jeff Crook has been promoted to area manager for DF&R Restaurants Inc., according to vice president of operations Reagan Redus.

Crook will be responsible for Don Pablo's units in Canton and Flint as well as in Roseville, Minn., and Maumee, Ohio. He began his DF&R career in 1977 and was most recently general manager for the Don Pablo's in Iyng, Texas.

"Jeff is a dedicated, hard-working DF&R employee who has proven his ability to successfully direct restaurant operations," Redus said. "His promotion is well-deserved."

Based in Bedford, Texas, DF&R owns and operates 44 full-service, casual dining restaurants, including 32 Don Pablo's and 12 Harrigan's.

and finance from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

He lives in Westland with his wife, Christina.

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Karen Smith Kienbaum has joined the law firm of Abbott, Nicholson, Quilter, Bashaki & Youngblood as Of Counsel. Kienbaum is an authority in the areas of labor and employment litigation, wrongful discharge, discrimination law, OSHA and workplace violence.

Kienbaum was the second woman president of the Detroit Bar Association in its 157-year history. Recently she was reappointed to a second term to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. She also is a past president of the American Corporate Counsel Association Michigan Chapter.

Kienbaum's legal career began in 1975 in Detroit as a public defender. Thereafter she was in-house counsel at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, and Ford Motor Co., where part of her responsibilities related to health and safety matters at all domestic facilities.

In February 1993, she opened the Detroit office of Varum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett. Kienbaum received her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

of Detroit Mercy School of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. She has practiced law since 1975 and has appeared at all levels of the Michigan court system, including the Michigan Supreme Court and the federal district and appeals courts.

Kathryn L. Ritchie, Jill A. Bankey and Dawn M. Macaddino joined the firm as associate attorneys.

Ritchie is in the practice of corporate, tax and real estate law. She is a 1993 magna cum laude graduate of Wayne State University School of Law and is a member of the Order of the Coif. She received her undergraduate degree from Wayne State University, summa cum laude. Ritchie was previously associated with Deloitte & Touche.

Bankey is a 1994 magna cum laude graduate of the Wayne State University Law School. She is a member of the Order of the Coif. Bankey received her undergraduate degree, with distinction, from the University of Michigan. Bankey engages in the practice of commercial litigation and land use planning.

Macaddino joins the firm to practice in the area of land use planning and construction law. Macaddino, 1989 cum laude graduate of the University of Toledo College of Law, has experience in construction and real estate-related litigation. She received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, James Madison College.

William H. Scanlan was re-

cently appointed as a local board member, serving Wayne County, for the Selective Service System. Board members must be nominated for the position by the governor prior to appointment by the director of Selective Service.

The Selective Service System's local board, although in an inactive status, would be responsible for deciding claims for certain classifications, such as conscientious objection, hardship and religious ministry, should a draft be re-instituted by Congress and the president.

Michelle A. Domas has been named a manager in the audit department of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, in the firm's Ann Arbor office. She previously served as an audit senior consultant.

Domas, a certified public accountant specializing in manufacturing, airlines and health care, joined the firm in 1990 after earning a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Central Michigan University. She is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Domas and her husband, Douglas, are residents of Canton.

Michael Marston has been promoted to operations manager at PCR Personal Computer Rentals in Plymouth. Marston specializes in short-term computer rentals for trade shows, conventions, seminars and training classes.

Marston is now in charge of developing and maintaining a quality assurance program, training all PCR personnel in the use of PCs and related technical skills, train-

ing, development and supervision of technical support personnel, scheduling technicians and their assignments and coordination of deliveries and pickups of rental orders. Marston, 33, has worked for PCR for three years, starting as a technician. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children.

Ronald A. Springer, a Canton Township resident for 16 years, has been promoted to district sales manager for the Detroit and Pittsburgh Cargo Sales Offices of British Airways Inc.

Springer joined British Airways in 1969 as a cargo agent and was promoted several times. Most recently he was senior cargo officer. He has earned numerous company sales and merit awards and is also the Detroit Area Transportation Union representative for British Airways. Springer attended Michigan State University and was a member of the Michigan State hockey team.

Robert Ortleb has been named communications and government affairs director for Universal Self Care Inc. of Livonia, a medical equipment company, which specializes in diabetes care.

Before joining Universal Self Care, Ortleb worked with the American Diabetes Association for 12 years as director of public relations in Illinois and Michigan. Universal Self Care comprises three divisions: Patient Care Services in Livonia, Sugar Free Centers in Van Nuys, Calif., and The Thriftee Group in Roanoke, Va.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

SEMINAR

Michigan's unemployment insurance system and hearings before Michigan Employment Security Commission referees will be the topics of a free seminar in Canton

Township for employers. The seminar, co-sponsored by the Canton/Livonia Job Service Employers' Council and the MESC, will be 7:30-11:30 a.m. at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The seminar will examine the unemployment insurance system from the employer's perspective, answering questions about the payment of jobless benefits. Additionally, the

seminar will look at MESC's referee system and how employers can best prepare themselves for a hearing. Seminar presenters include Neil Zechman, chief of MESC's Appeals and Interpretative Standards Section, and John Davidson, an attorney with Chrysler Corp. To make reservations, call Mary Hoefling of Horizon Technology Group at (313) 729-1610 by Nov. 9.

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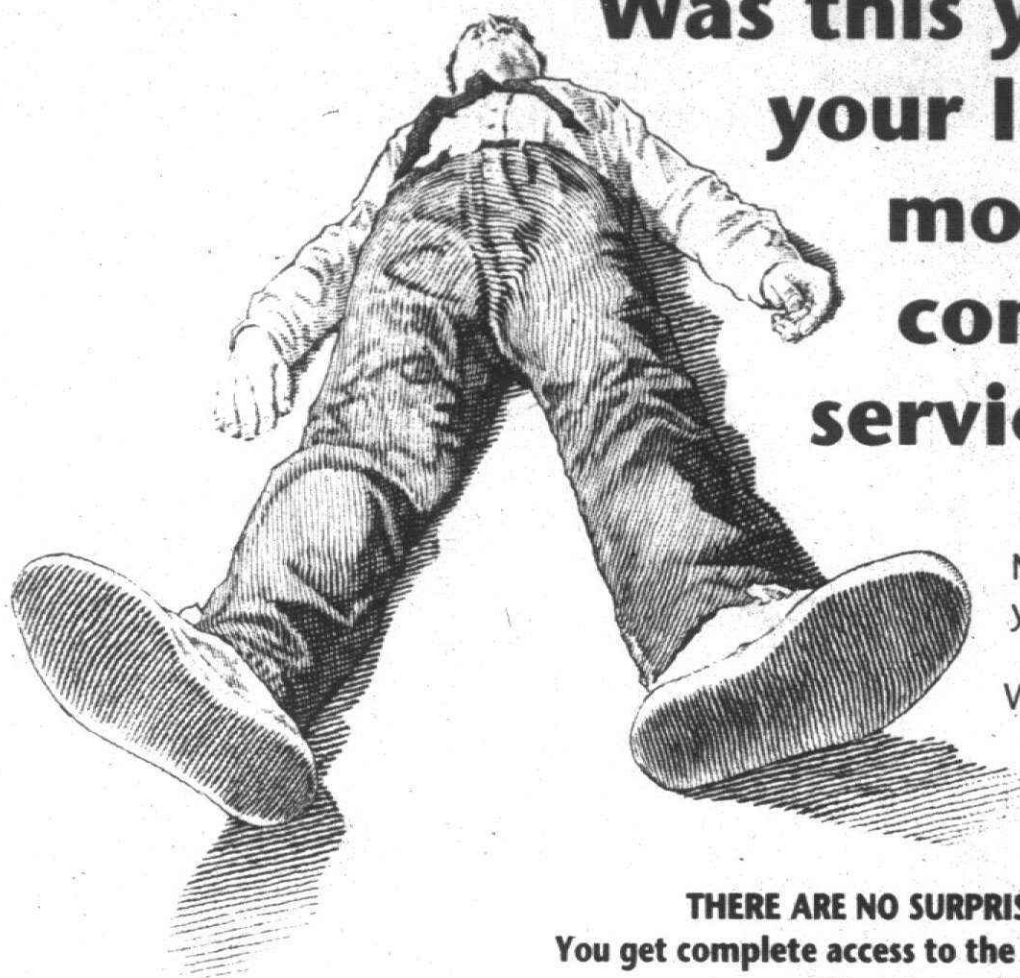
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NEW HOMES

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Builders showcase their 'distinctive' homes

What's your idea of a distinctive house?

Builders have their thoughts. They submitted nearly 40 floor plans and photographs of their best work for evaluation by a panel of architects during a recent Showcase of Distinctive Homes competition.

"What we looked for was creative and effective use of space, what we felt was the best value for the dollar," said Robert R. Bryce, a West Bloomfield architect and judge. "The other factor was attractive elevation (exterior)."

The houses are actually built and used as models throughout the metro area.

"This scattered site showcase of new homes gives buyers the opportunity to see a wide selection of outstanding homes," said Janet L. Compo, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Builders competed according to price categories. Following is a brief description of the winners and where they can be found.

CORRECTION

An incorrect locator map for Plum Hollow Woods in Southfield ran in our Oct. 19 edition. The correct map is below.

Twenty-nine condominium units are planned for an eight-acre site off Lahser between Eight and Nine Mile. Prices start at \$112,900.

The sales rep, Alan Malisow, can be reached at (810) 948-7100.



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Robert R. Bryce
West Bloomfield architect

Foxborough, S.R. Jacobson Development.

This colonial of 1,616 square feet with three bedrooms and 2½ baths at Hunt Club in Auburn Hills is priced at \$153,500.

An open first floor layout lends itself to entertaining and plenty of natural light. Soaring ceilings accentuate each of the three bedrooms.

"It's a very traditional home," said Theresa McCarthy, sales rep. "It has a formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, separate living room. The bedrooms upstairs are very nice size."

The model, (810) 852-3110, is on South Boulevard west of Squirrel.

Birchwood II, Wineman & Komer Building.

This detached ranch condominium of 1,515 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths is priced at \$177,900 at Clarkston Pines in Independence Township.

"We attract a fair amount of empty nesters here — they don't want to deal with steps," said Don Oakley, sales rep. "They like the floor plan. There's two cathedral ceilings — one in the master and a cathedral in the living room."

The model, (810) 620-3217, is near the Dixie Highway-Maybee intersection.

Oakhurst, S.R. Jacobson Development.

The detached ranch condominium of 1,722 square feet with two bedrooms and two baths is priced at \$215,000 at Hickory Creek in



Birchwood II: This ranch condominium with three bedrooms and two baths built by Wineman & Komer was judged best in its price category during Showcase of Distinctive Homes competition.

Northville Township.

The model features a living room and dining room with three-way fireplace. The spacious master includes his-and-her sinks and walk-in closets.

"It just has wonderful architectural lines," said Linda McCulloch, sales rep. "It has an inviting kitchen/nook area. It has many windows, a light and bright design."

The model, (810) 348-7878, is off Beck between Six and Seven Mile.

Chelsea, Nosan Community.

This two-story detached condominium of 2,460 square feet

with four bedrooms and 2½ baths carries a price of \$236,900 at Chelsea Crossing in Farmington Hills.

The model features a living room/dining room combination with large sloped ceiling, secluded library and family room with fireplace. The master suite has a luxury bath.

"The style and openness of this particular home, a beautiful open kitchen with a lot of cabinet space, attracts most of the buyers," said Christine Krupa, sales rep.

The model, (810) 488-0560, is at the southeast corner of Halstead and 13 Mile.

Heritage, Monogram Homes/Stonewood Corp.

This two story of 3,118 square feet with four bedrooms and 2½ baths carries a price of \$292,900 at Addington Park in Novi.

The model features two staircases, family room, dining room, den and exercise room. A second-floor bridge overlooking the family room and foyer reportedly offers a striking view.

"It's a spacious home — very livable, very comfortable," said Linda Roberts, sales rep. "It's very functional, pretty."

The model, (810) 380-5600, is at 10 Mile and Taft.

Optima, Benivegna Building.

The story-and-a-half of 3,200 square feet provides three bedrooms, two full baths and two half baths for a base price of \$367,900 at Southwyck in West Bloomfield.

The model features dramatic windowscapes, elegant master suite with cathedral ceiling and whirlpool tub plus a gourmet island kitchen with spacious breakfast nook.

"We have unique windows here... very high ceilings throughout," she added.

The model, (810) 960-6100, is at Maple and Halstead.

Housing starts take expected dip

BY JOHN D. MCCLAIN
AP NEWSFEATURES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing starts slipped 0.1 percent in September, the second straight drop after bouncing back from a winter slump. All regions shared in the decline except for the West.

Many analysts expected the housing industry to plateau during the second half of 1995. They say the current level is relatively healthy and consistent with the moderate growth elsewhere in the economy.

The Commerce Department said today that overall starts totaled 1.390 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in September, down from a revised 1.392 million the previous month, when they fell 2.8 percent.

The government initially had estimated that starts rose 0.6 percent in August, to 1.398 million.

In another report, the Labor Department said today that new claims for jobless benefits jumped by 5,000 last week, to a seasonally adjusted 361,000. It was the third advance in a row and boosted applications to the highest level since 366,000 during the week ended Sept. 16.

Analysts had expected claims last week to fall slightly to 345,000.

Many analysts have predicted that housing starts would level off at about the 1.40 million rate after rebounding from the year's low of 1.24 million rate in March, when high mortgage rates curbed sales and construction.

But rates have fallen through much of the year and averaged 7.61 percent in September, down from 9.15 percent last January. That made housing costs more affordable and sparked the spring and summer housing rebound.

The monthly payment on a \$100,000 mortgage with a 7.5 percent interest rate is \$699, while the payment on the same loan with a 9 percent rate is \$805 — a difference of \$106.

We believe that the level of starts activity has reached a sus-

tainable pace and will fluctuate around the 1.40 million unit range through the remainder of the year," economists at Mitsubishi Bank wrote in their Weekly Economic Indicator Report.

That would be down from the 1.46 million foundations laid in 1994, but well above the 1.29 million new homes started in 1993.

Applications for building permits — often a gauge of future activity — rose 1.5 percent in September, to a 1.39 million annual rate, the fourth straight increase.

The latest monthly membership survey by the National Association of Home Builders also suggested continued housing activity.

After remaining unchanged in September, its Housing Market Index rose in October, the fifth advance in six months. Two of the index categories — present home sales and expected sales for the next six months — were up. A third — builders' ratings of traffic of prospective buyers — was unchanged.

Starts in September were 8 percent below the 1.51 million rate in September 1994. And because of the weakness earlier in the year, starts during the first nine months of 1995 also were 8 percent below the same period of 1994.

Single-family starts, about 80 percent of new residential construction, fell 0.8 percent, to a 1.12 million rate, the first drop since last May.

But construction of new apartments and condominiums, which often is volatile, increased 1.9 percent, to a 272,000 rate, after plunging 18.5 percent in August.

Regionally, starts were down 4.2 percent in the Northeast, to a 114,000 rate. They fell 3.8 percent in the Midwest, to 301,000, and 2.2 percent in the South, to 611,000.

But the West posted an 8.7 percent gain, to a 364,000 rate. It was the third increase in a row.



Many views: The Vista is perfect for mountain top or lake side as it offers many viewing areas throughout the house. The plans, below, show an open, airy traffic plan.

Vista design has dramatic views

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Vista 10-154 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 150 house plans is available for \$12. For more information, call (800) 634-0123.

With some houses, the name is tacked on as an afterthought. Not so, the Vista. This house was designed for maximum appreciation of a view — hilltop, river bank, lakeside, ocean, or what have you.

Every major room is rimmed with windows facing the rear. And to enhance the viewing possibilities, a wide railed deck spans the entire back of the dwelling, adding extensive outdoor living space.

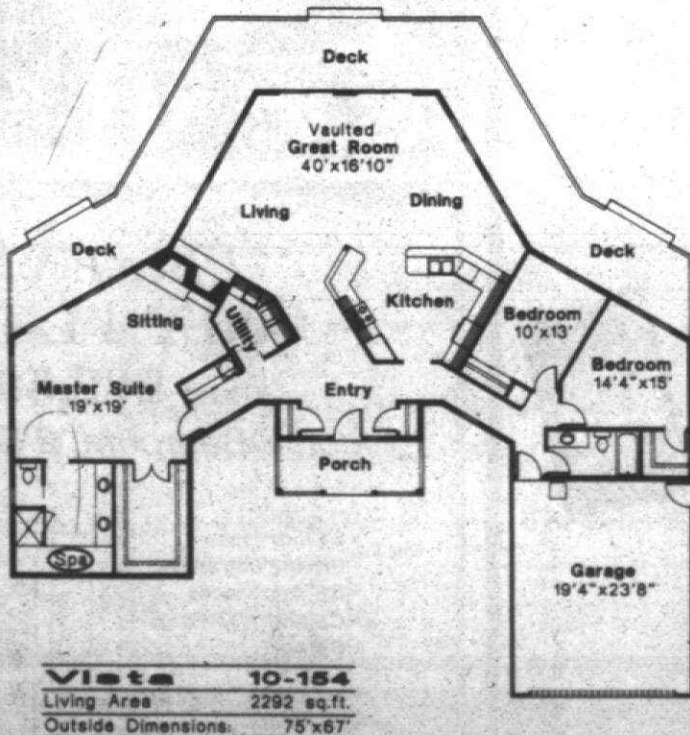
A vaulted, hexagonal great room, windowed on three sides, is at the core. Two sets of sliding glass doors in the center section provide deck access and allow cooling breezes for air circulation

in summer. When the weather turns gray and cloudy, you can kindle a fire in the fireplace and watch the flames.

The kitchen is large, with plenty of counter and cupboard space. Two or more cooks can work together in this kitchen, without getting in each other's way. Standing at the kitchen sink, or in front of the stove, you can gaze across the great room for full enjoyment of the panoramic view. Washer and dryer are close at hand, in an angled utility room equipped with a sink.

The master suite is well-isolated from the secondary bedrooms and boasts its own fireplace and sitting area. Other luxuries include a huge walk-in closet and a private bathroom with twin lavatories, spa tub, oversized shower and separately enclosed water closet. Glass blocks over the tub provide natural illumination.

The Vista's other two bedrooms share a bathroom; one of the rooms is larger than the other and has a walk-in closet.



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According to 1991 U.S. Census Bureau figures, Americans have more than \$4.1 trillion in equity in the houses they own. That's an average of \$65,152 per household and accounts for nearly half of the net worth of the average American family.

That makes home equity the primary source of a household's net worth, with financial assets (including saving accounts, stocks, bonds, etc.) coming in second.

Owning a house is perhaps the single most important investment that can be made. By paying down mort-

gage debt, house equity — and therefore, household net worth — grows. That equity can be tapped through a house equity loan to give homeowners cash for significant costs such as college tuition.

House ownership and house equity are even more important for lower-income households than for households in general. In 1991, house equity for owners with monthly incomes below \$1,071 accounted for 75 percent of their total net worth. People over 65 make up the majority of this group, meaning house equity is an extremely important financial cushion for post-retirement years.

For younger homeowners, house equity also makes up a significant

portion of their wealth. For example, for households headed by a person age 35 or under, house equity accounted for 54 percent of total net worth in 1991.

For households with limited net worth, house equity takes on great significance as well. For homeowners with net worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000, 71 percent of that net worth is house equity. As net worth rises, house equity as a percentage declines since those households typically have greater financial assets of other types.

For homeowners of all ages and income levels, it's clear that buying a house and building equity in the house offers a stepping stone to a secure financial future.

Mortgage rates still affordable

Don't let rising mortgage interest rates keep you out of the market if you're thinking of buying a new house.

Even though rates have increased steadily since early 1994 in response to the Federal Reserve Board's efforts to curb inflation, they are still in the single digits and are expected by economists at the National Association of Home Builders to remain below 10 percent throughout this year.

To most consumers, rates in the 9 to 10 percent range may seem high compared to 1993 when the average rate for 30-year fixed-rate loans was 7.3 percent. Nevertheless, today's rates are still low by historic standards. From 1979 through 1990, average annual rates never dropped below 10 percent. And in 1981 and 1982 the average annual rate topped 16 percent.

Furthermore, adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) are available with first-year rates that are about 2 percent lower than fixed-rate mortgages, and a growing number of buyers are choosing this option. At the beginning of 1994, about 25 percent of all new mortgages had adjustable rates. By the end of the year, about 60 percent of new loans had adjustable rates.

You may also find that builders in your area have arranged special below-market-rate financing through a specific lender. Sometimes builders "buy down" interest rates for two or three years or for the term of the mortgage to help their buyers qualify for mortgages.

If your heart is set on a new house, but you still think you just can't afford the house of your dreams, you might also want to consider cutting back on the upgrades and luxury options in your new house. Scaling back slightly to standard appliances, carpeting and fixtures can trim thousands of dollars off the cost of the house and lower your mortgage payments in the bargain. Later, when you are comfortable in your house — and your household income has increased — you might want to upgrade or add certain items. Or, if interest rates drop, you can refinance and use the money that you save each month to add or upgrade appliances, carpeting and other features.

In short, it's a great time to buy a new house. Mortgage rates are still reasonable — and affordable — for most prospective buyers. Builders have enough inventory to ensure that buyers have a wide range of choices. And there are a number of things that you can do, such as using an adjustable rate mortgage, to keep costs in check.

Software aids mortgage seekers

By JAMES H. RUBIN
 AP NEWSFEATURES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homebuyers who have trouble getting mortgages are receiving help from the Federal Reserve in the form of a computer diskette designed to be a road map for loan applicants.

The Fed unveiled its new "Partners" software program Thursday and will distribute it free of charge to lenders, community groups, government agencies and consumers.

The purpose is to provide low- and moderate-income families a quick, comprehensive understanding of what they can do to qualify for a mortgage.

The program attempts to break down the barriers between the loan officer and the potential applicant by offering new and innovative ways to look at home purchase financing," said Federal Reserve board member Lawrence Lindsey.

Officials demonstrated the software for reporters on a large movie screen in the ornate board room where Fed policy-makers meet to discuss the nation's economy and decide the course of interest rates.

The diskette offers 10 options for anyone denied a loan. A lender can quickly rejigger various numbers to tell applicants what they can do to qualify.

Lindsey said the software will be a big help to harried lenders who have little time to explore such options with marginal home-buyers. Some of the steps are simple and obvious, he said, such as buying a slightly cheaper home.

But many loan applicants now are dismissed without being told such precise numbers.

For example, Lindsey said, some applicants might be able to qualify for a mortgage by using some of their savings to pay off credit card debt. Surprisingly, he said, home-buyers are not told that option because it involves doing the math and lenders are too pressed for time.

The software also could prove a bonus for local government officials planning to rehabilitate dilapidated housing, Lindsey said. They can quickly determine how big a property tax abatement to offer a prospective buyer who might need just that help to qualify for a mortgage.

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Nothing as comprehensive as Partners is available commercially, the Fed said. The diskette can be installed in an IBM-compatible computer and operates in a Microsoft Windows environment.

Consumers who want a diskette can call the community affairs office at one of the Federal Reserve's 12 regional banks.

The phone numbers are Atlanta, 404-589-7226; Boston, 617-973-3095; Chicago, 312-322-5910; Cleveland, 216-579-2891; Dallas, 214-922-5266; Kansas City, 816-881-2476; Minneapolis, 612-340-6913; New York City, 212-720-5921; Philadelphia, 215-574-6482; Richmond, Va., 804-697-8448; St. Louis, 314-444-8644; San Francisco, 415-974-3314.

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New community in Waterford offers affordable homes in picturesque wooded, lakefront setting

Adler Building & Development Co. may be best known for its affordable single-family home communities in the South Lyon/Brighton/Hartland/Whitmore Lake areas. Many such homes have indeed been built by Adler over the past 25 years, including Eagle Heights in South Lyon and Eagle Run in Hamburg and more.

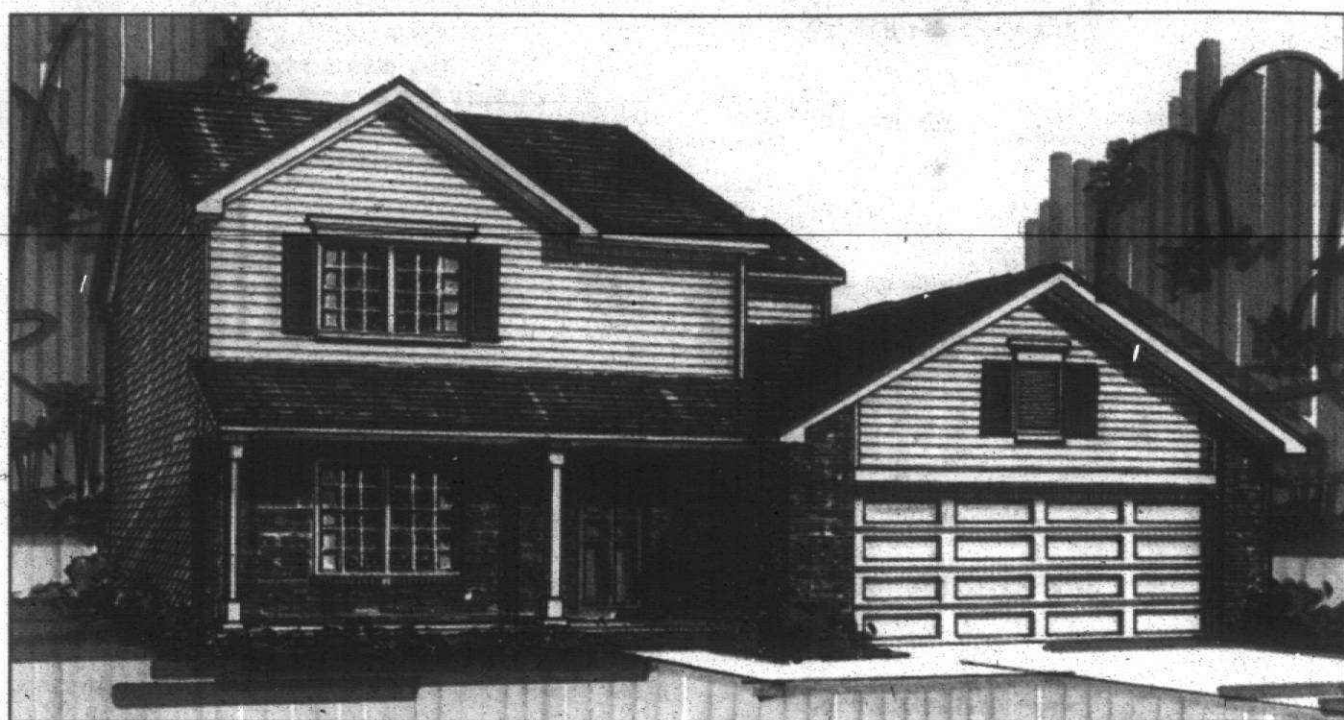
The newest community by Adler, however, is in a new area for this Brighton-based builder. Eagle Landings on the Lake is a subdivision of 170 single-family homes in Waterford. "This community is unique because of its proximity to Pleasant Lake, an all-sports lake to which homeowners will have access via a private park," says Tom Adler, president of Adler Building & Development Co.

Homes begin at \$129,900 with the Lakeview model which includes 1410 square feet in a three bedroom two-story plan. A full basement and two-car garage are

included. A three-car garage is available as an option as well.

Three models will be started soon. In addition to the Lakeview, the Harbour, another two-story plan will be on display which includes 1825 square in a three bedroom two-story plan with a fourth bedroom as an option. This home includes a main floor laundry room, an island kitchen, two-story foyer, great room with a cathedral ceiling and large breakfast nook/sitting room near the kitchen.

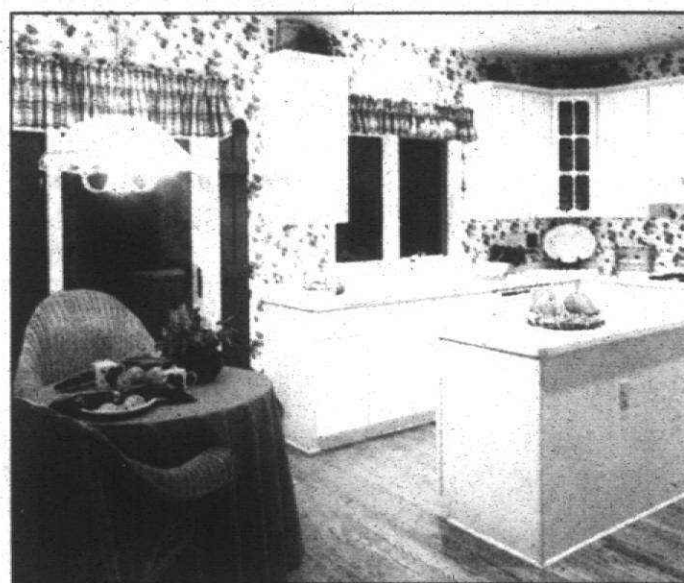
There will also be a model of the Seabreeze, which is a 1 1/2 story plan with almost 2000 square feet. It features a main floor master suite with walk-in closet and private bath, a main floor laundry room, great room with cathedral ceiling and an island kitchen which includes a bay window in the nook area. Two additional bedrooms are upstairs, along with a loft area which could be an additional bedroom, or could be used as a play area, home office, exercise room or den.



Lakeview Model:

This two-story home, the Lakeview, features a traditional plan with a large country kitchen, three bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths and is priced from \$129,900. (above)

Many kitchens offered at Eagle Landings on the Lake include islands, built-in pantries, and breakfast nooks. (right)



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Located on Hospital Road, just south of Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford, Eagle Landings on the Lake is well-located for those who commute to either the Southfield/Detroit area or to the Auburn Hills area.

As today's home buyers become more and more sophisticated about the range of features and options that are available to customize their new home, Adler is adapting to meet their changing needs. As one step in this process, Adler introduced the "Adler New Home Design Studio." This

innovative concept allows homebuyers to choose the materials and colors to be featured in their home in a relaxed environment assisted by a design professional. An array of features and options are displayed to allow the homebuyer to customize their home to meet their exact needs.

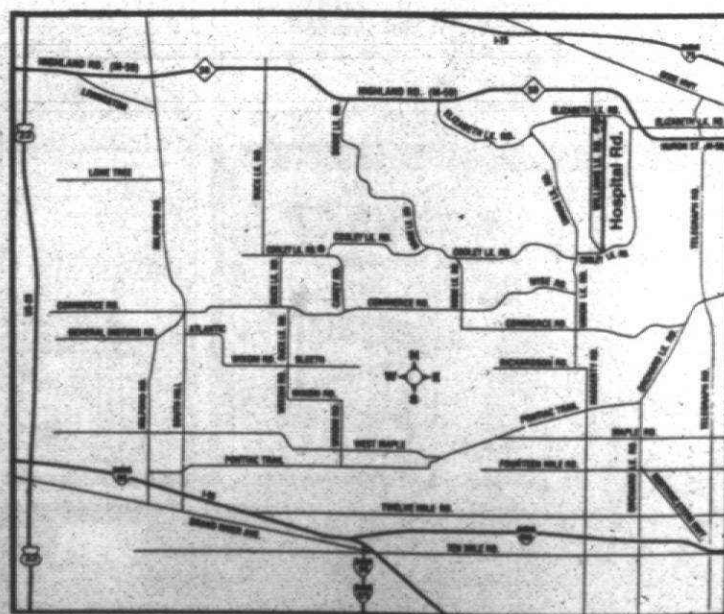
The Adler New Home Design Studio combines with the company's computer-assisted design capabilities to allow for flexibility in both the home's floorplan and exterior design. While Adler has long been known for its willingness to customize its homes, the new studio offers an even greater range of options while also making the planning and designing of a home a more

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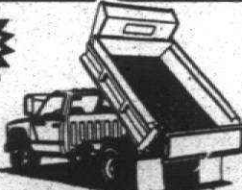


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