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Property tax appeal process begins

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Now is the time for property owners in the city and township of Plymouth to compile evidence if they intend to challenge their assessments this year.

Boards of review, local panels empowered by state law to adjust property values for tax purposes, will convene next Tuesday and Wednesday in the city and March 3, 9, 10 and 19 in the township.

Residential property owners have received or soon will receive notice

that assessments will increase 6 percent in the city and at least 3 1/4 percent in the township.

City residents who anticipate appealing might want to act quickly because their assessment notices hadn't been mailed as of Monday morning.

Assessments this year were based on a 24-month sales study from April of 1984 through March of 1986.

Tax rates are applied to assessments to determine property tax due.

BY STATE law, properties must

be assessed at half of fair market value.

Protests can be lodged on only two grounds — that the assessment, in fact, is wrong or financial hardship.

Those who bought a house locally within the last year would have the best proof of a wrong assessment — a copy of the purchase agreement or deed.

The proof will be more difficult for longtime property owners, but not impossible.

"An appraisal... real-estate analysis — these are the kinds of support that would be meaningful to

the board of review," said John McLenaghan, the chief appraiser for Wayne County Appraisal, a private firm.

"Just a general 'My taxes are high' is not the kind of claim the board of review can handle," he said.

Another strategy to consider is comparing the valuation of one house to similar houses within a particular subdivision. Assessment records are open to public inspection at township hall, 42305 Ann Arbor Road, and city hall, 201 S. Main.

GENERAL maintenance projects

such as replacing a roof, remodeling a kitchen, painting or landscaping shouldn't result in an assessment increase.

Improvements — adding a family room, a porch or deck — should result in an assessment increase above and beyond an increase attributed to sales within a neighborhood.

Finishing a basement seems to be a gray area, at least in the city and township.

Kenneth Way, city assessor, increases assessments for finished basements because he believes they increase the value of houses.

McLenaghan, whose firm handles assessments for the township, generally doesn't increase the valuation of homes with finished basements because, in his judgment, they don't significantly add to their value.

Documentation in the form of federal and state tax returns also is necessary for applicants who claim financial hardship.

PROPERTY owners shouldn't hesitate to appeal if they believe they have cases, Way said. Hearings

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AIDS

Schools tackle disease plan

The school district's first try at approving a policy on dealing with acquired immune deficiency syndrome has gone back to the drawing board.

Monday night the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education did vote 7-0 to approve the first reading of a policy change on communicable diseases.

But so many suggested changes were made that what returns to the board for second reading, and possible final adoption, will be quite different.

The school district's policy on dealing with students or employees with AIDS is included in a general policy dealing with all communicable diseases. The initial draft was prepared by Pat O'Donnell, director of special programs and student services, and Richard Egli, administrative assistant for community relations.

THE PROPOSED changes were suggested by Dr. E.J. McClendon, board president who is a professor of public health at the University of Michigan.

Because of his occupation, McClendon has served as a paid consultant to three districts in Michigan and one out of state on adopting an AIDS policy.

Many of the changes he recommended were based on recent research findings that McClendon felt made portions of the drafted policy obsolete.

Among the key points made by McClendon were:

• The chances were 50/50 or higher that the school district would never learn the name of any student infected with AIDS.

• The decision on whether a student infected with AIDS would remain in school, for all practical purposes would be made by a physician not school administrators.

• There is no danger of contracting AIDS through casual contact — only through sexual penetration or exchange of blood.

• The school administration cannot demand any information from parents or physicians about a student's medical condition as that information is protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

ONE POINT made by McClendon is that references to AIDS cases must be qualified with the word "suspected" as no one in the school district is qualified to diagnose the disease.

In addition, he added, the district likely won't know if a student is infected unless parents volunteer that information. A physician cannot release that information, McClendon said, because it is part of the confidential relationship between doctor and patient.

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Court orders retrial

By Doug Funke
staff writer

A man convicted of murdering a Plymouth woman five years ago has been granted a new trial following a Michigan Supreme Court decision on the inadmissibility of evidence from blood enzyme analysis.

Daryl W. Holbrook, then 31, was convicted of killing Janet Reynolds, 27, in December 1981.

Analysis of dried blood from Holbrook's shoes was presented as evi-

dence during both his preliminary exam and trial.

The supreme court ruled last summer in a different case that electrophoresis on dried blood "has not been sufficiently qualified as being sufficiently reliable," said Judge James Garber of 35th District Court.

The high court split 3-2 on the decision, Garber said.

A state appeals court ordered a new trial for Holbrook based on that supreme court ruling.

GARBER will preside over a

March 6 hearing in 35th District Court to determine whether probable cause exists outside of the electrophoresis that Holbrook committed the murder.

If Garber decides in the affirmative, Holbrook will be retried in Wayne County Circuit Court. If not, he will be freed from prison.

"It's kind of an involved situation, obviously," said Garber, who added that he expects to make a decision

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No fault charged in police accident

By Doug Funke
staff writer

The preliminary word from the state trooper investigating an automobile accident last week in which a Plymouth Township police officer broke his leg is that the officer "had no fault in it."

Officer Shawn Corbett was involved in a head-on collision at about 3:50 p.m. Feb. 16 while responding to a holdup alarm at a bank on Ann Arbor Road. The alarm turned out to be false.

"It looks like Officer Corbett was not in any fault at this time," said Trooper Wayne Etue.

"There was someone who pulled out in front of him, he took evasive action, he was hit by another vehicle, and went into oncoming traffic and was hit head-on," Etue said.

Corbett, 25, was released from St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti, Monday less than a week after a metal rod was placed in his right leg. He also was treated for neck cuts.

ETUE INTENDS to consult again with a state police accident reconstruction expert before preparing a final report. He said he didn't know when that might be.

Corbett said he was driving at or near the speed limit with his flashers on when a motorist pulled out of a driveway into his path. Corbett had earlier turned off his siren and released his seat belt.

"He was responding to an emergency situation taught to practically every police officer out there," Etue said. "The only goof he made was take his seat belt off."

The driver of the vehicle who pulled out of the driveway had indicated that he didn't see Corbett's overhead lights until the last minute, Etue said.

Corbett said he expects to begin more intensive physical therapy in about three weeks.

"I'll regain full use of my leg, but it's going to be a long and hard recovery. As soon as I can get going on therapy, I'm going to use as much time as I can getting back into shape."

Corbett said he doesn't expect to return to full duty for six months, but hopes for limited duty as soon as possible.

"I've thought about the accident over 100 times since last Monday and I don't know what I could have done to avoid the collision," he said



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Bob Schinker began his magical career when he was 10. His parents bought him a magic kit and "That was all it took."

Magician finds no illusion in mixing skill, business

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Magician Bob Schinker carefully selected a tie to match his glittery red cummerbund.

Meticulously groomed in a black tuxedo, the well-traveled Schinker, 25, primed for the photographer.

Not long ago, Schinker performed magic for fellow students at Plymouth-Canton schools and juggled apples on an occasional whim at his part-time job as a produce clerk at the Farmer Jack store on Main Street in Plymouth. He became a regular at the annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

SCHINKER'S interest in magic began in a typical way.

Fifteen years ago, shortly after his family moved to Plymouth from Allen Park, Schinker received a magic kit as a gift from his parents.

"That was all it took. When I

mastered those tricks, I started looking for books in the library to learn more."

At first, Donald and Carmen Schinker of Plymouth accepted their middle child's preoccupation with magic as playful diversion but had mixed feelings when it later became his chosen profession.

"They kept hoping that I would go into business and get a real job," Schinker said.

Today, Schinker embraces several aspects of entertainment. He has come a long way from his first half-hour magic show performed at a neighborhood youngster's birthday party. He charged four bucks.

"There are plenty of people making a comfortable living in the industry," he said. "You have to have that natural talent for being in front of a crowd and you have to rehearse."

Before presenting any new trick, Schinker practices it for about a

people

month, he said.

THIS YEAR, Schinker will spend 20 weeks out of town performing school assembly shows across the Midwest and along the East Coast.

Much of his work in magic has been in nightclubs.

On weekends, he presents "Holiday Hulabaloo," a children's game show for registered guests at the Holiday in Farmington Hills. The show features a lot of games from the old Bozo the Clown TV show.

In one game, kids stuff as many balloons as possible into baggy, loose pants in 30 seconds. Little do

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PERSONAL FINANCE

SPECIAL SECTION

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Alcohol seminar set

Educators from 13 elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will participate in a workshop to learn about teaching school children about alcohol and its effects.

The workshop, "Starting Early," is sponsored by AAA Michigan.

About 35 educators from Allen, Bird, Eriksson, Farland, Fiegel, Field, Gallimore, Hulsing, Isbister, Miller, Smith and Tanger schools will join the March 3 workshop at Tanger.

More than 6,000 students will receive "Starting Early" instruction in the district.

"The teachers, who will receive materials and instructions in the 'Starting Early' program, will be responsible for training kindergarten through sixth grade teachers within their respective schools," said Robert V. Cullen, AAA Michigan safety and traffic manager.

THE PROGRAM, developed by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and field-tested in eight states, was introduced in Grand Rapids in November 1983.

AAA Michigan conducts the workshops through a \$40,000 grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the Michigan Secretary of State's office.

"Many studies have shown convincing evidence that elementary school is a formative period for future attitudes and decisions concerning alcohol," said Cullen.

"In many cases, drinking patterns are formed by the seventh and eighth grades and ingrained to an extent that little can be done about them later on."

One national survey indicated that more than half of the nation's seventh graders drank at least once during the previous year. AAA Michigan has been conducting an awareness program, called "AL-CO-HOL," for junior high students since 1978.

THE NATIONAL Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimates there are nearly 3.3 million problem drinkers among junior and senior high students.

"Most children are introduced to alcoholic beverages in the home at an early age," said Cullen. "If not, they soon will be exposed to drinking through the media."

"The goal of 'Starting Early' is to help prepare pupils to make choices in alcohol-related situations so they will choose the direction of safety and well-being for themselves and others. To accomplish this goal, young people need to have a sound foundation upon which to base their decisions."

There are five lessons for each teacher's guide with about 30 minutes per lesson for kindergarten through third grade increasing to 45 minutes per lesson for grades four to six.

The program's premise is that children will be better prepared for alcohol-related decisions if they have:

- Knowledge of the influence of alcohol on the body and mind and of the potentially serious consequences of alcohol abuse.
- Encouragement to explore their attitudes about possible future consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Practice in planning and acting out ahead of time the ways to cope with or avoid alcohol-related situations dangerous for themselves and others.

Armed robber steals \$900

An armed robber stole \$900 cash Monday from the Dairy Mart on Warren Road.

A 44-year-old Canton man was behind the cash register when a man

entered the store and began browsing through the magazines, a Canton Police report said. He went up to the cash register and opened his coat revealing a double barrel shotgun.

The man said "Don't make me use this. Get out the money." The suspect went behind the counter and forced the man to empty the cash register and a nearby safe.

The suspect forced the man into the back room and told him to lie down, police said. The robber took his wallet and forced the man further back in the building where he was ordered to lie face down.

A man, who works at the store and lives across the street, saw children playing with fireworks near the outside dumpster. He looked for the man attending the store and found him in the back lying on the floor.

Police do not have a suspect and ask anyone with information to call 397-3000, said Dave Boljesic, police information officer.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Dedicated duffer

Chris Dimitriou got an early start on tuning up his swing last week by playing a few holes of golf at the course on the grounds of St. John Seminary with friend Kevin Ca-

vaughn. The golf course is now managed by John Jawor who also operates Hilltop for Plymouth Township.

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Creek work almost done

THE ENCLOSURE of Tonquish Creek behind the Dick Scott Dodge dealership in the city of Plymouth is imminent.

Heavy construction equipment has been brought to the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Road to lay and cover large storm drainage pipes. Piping 8 feet in diameter has been placed in the creek bed for a distance of about 650 feet east of Main.

The project should be substantially completed by March 10.

"The only time it may tie up traffic is when trucks back in to drop off

pipe," said Ken West, city engineer.

Scott, who is picking up the tab, owns property on both sides of the creek. Enclosure will give him more land to store vehicles.

Tonquish Creek is an open drainage system as it enters the city limits at Sheldon Road and then goes underground as it winds through the downtown business district.

Scott operates a vehicle rental business at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Road, Dick Scott Dodge to the east, and Dick Scott Buick on Ann Arbor Road closer to Mill.



One would expect to find water in a drainage ditch but, in this case, the flow slowed down construction over the weekend on enclosing the Tonquish Creek. A worker is shown here Saturday pumping water.

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DEADLINES

Announcements for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer, 489 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

SCIENCE FAIR

Friday, Feb. 27 — Steppingstone Center will hold its annual Science Fair beginning 7:30 p.m. at the school at 15525 Sheldon (turn west at the first road north of 5 Mile. The school is in the former Deiter Recreation Building about one-half mile west of Sheldon). Each student has chosen a different subject for their project so the fair has unlimited variety.

YMCA CLASSES

Monday, March 3 — The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering classes for all ages beginning the week of March 3. Among the offerings are preschool fitness, preschool ballet, preschool Kreatives, preschool tumbling, parent/tot exercise, after school basketball for youth, youth photography, youth arts and crafts, how to baby-sit workshop, youth ballet, youth tumbling, youth beginning Spanish, driver's education, aerobic fitness, karate, Y's Way to a Healthy Back, massage techniques, adult golf lessons, swimming lessons for children, parent/child Guide programs, Leaders Club, Y Travellers. For information or to register, call the YMCA, 453-2904.

SAFE BOATING CLASSES

Wednesday, March 5 — A boating safety class will be conducted starting March 5 by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Canton Flotilla 11-11. For information, contact Nancy Floyd, 459-9448. The flotilla conducts its meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2510 in Plymouth Salem High School, Joy west of Canton Center Road.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 10 — Plymouth Community Family YMCA will offer driver's education training 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room B103 at West Middle School. Students ages 15-18 will have both classroom and behind-the-wheel training. Graduates will receive a driver's education certificate upon completion of the state-approved classes. For information or to register, call 453-2904.

MASSAGE TECHNIQUES

Tuesday, March 10 — Plymouth Community Family YMCA will offer an introduction to massage techniques class 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Isbister Elementary School. Learn to massage away aches and pains, increase range movement, relax tense muscles, reduce stress, and prepare muscles for athletic events. To register, call 453-2904.

CEP PARENT COFFEE

Thursday, March 12 — A CEP Parent Coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Plymouth Canton High School. Hosts will be Canton principal Tom Tattan and Salem principal Gerald Ostoin. Sharing information will be area coordinator David Oppe. Parents of high school students at the CEP are encouraged to attend.

ICE CAPADES

Saturday, March 14 — Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a special field trip to the 1987 Ice Capades at Joe Louis Arena to see "The Best of Times" with Olympic medalists Kitty and Peter Carruthers and Teddy Ruxpin. The bus will leave Canton Administration Building at 10:15 a.m. and return about 2:45 p.m. The trip is for grandparents and their grandchildren, ages 17 and younger. There is a limit of two grandchildren per grandparent. The charge of \$8.50 includes the ticket and transportation. Register in person or by mail to Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Mich. 48188.

TRAIN SHOW

Sunday, March 15 — Plymouth's original will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer at Theodore. The fee is \$2 per person. There will be more than 100 tables of new, used and antique trains. Besides the show in the Cultural Center, where buying, selling and trading will occur, people will be able to climb aboard a real Chessie System Locomotive and Caboose located trackside at the C&O main line near the former roundhouse in Old Village. This is the seventh bi-annual show — the next one being Oct. 11, 1987.

BLOODMOBILE VISIT

Wednesday, March 18 — The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail just east of Riverside in Plymouth, from 3-9 p.m. For an appointment call Sharon Barnes at 453-1525 or

Dean Hamlin at 420-2950 or 459-7660.

FAMILY & THE GIFTED CHILD

Thursday, March 19 — Dr. Robert Fink will speak on "Personality Development of the Gifted Child as Affected by Family Relationships" beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Steppingstone Center for Potentially Gifted Children at 15525 Sheldon Road north of 5 Mile. Fink's appearance is for the fourth in a series of meetings/lectures sponsored by the Parent Support Group of Steppingstone. Dr. Fink is a clinical psychologist specializing in child, adolescent and family counseling. He also works on legal issues, custody cases, etc., and currently is working at Oakland University on a program of special services for gifted children and their parents. Admission is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

DOG OBEDIENCE

Monday, March 23 — Plymouth Community Family YMCA will offer dog obedience classes from 7-8 p.m. or 8-9 p.m. March 23 through May 18 (omit April 20) on Mondays in the Oddfellows Hall in Plymouth. Dogs are taught to sit, stay, down, stay and come when called, and heeling. To register, call 453-2904.

TO SEE 'EVITA'

Wednesday, March 25 — Canton residents age 55 and older will be going to the Birmingham Theatre to see "Evita." The bus will leave Canton Recreation Center at 12:15 p.m. and return at about 5:30 p.m. The charge of \$11 per person includes ticket and transportation. Register early by calling 397-1000, Ext. 278.

YMCA AUCTION

Saturday, March 28 — Plymouth Community Family YMCA is sponsoring the third annual auction to begin at 7 p.m. in the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth. Wine and cheese will be included in the \$8 ticket charge. For tickets or more information, call 453-2904. Tickets also will be available at the door the night of the auction.

SENIOR TAX COUNSELORS

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville branch of the American Association of Retired Persons will help prepare tax returns for senior citizens — low income and shut-ins. Tax preparation will be now through April 15 at sites in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. For information call 474-1645 or 397-1000, Ext. 278.

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Schools eye AIDS plan

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The physician does have to report a case of AIDS to the public health department but health officials, by law, cannot and will not release the name of the infected student or employee to the district, said McClendon.

The district likely may not learn one of its students had AIDS until that information appears on a death certificate. "Because the sad fact is that all cases end in death. There is no recovery."

The draft policy provided for a review committee to make recommendations about specific communicable disease cases or on epidemic control. The policy provided the committee could make recommendations on "instruction" which McClendon objected to.

School administrators are hired to make recommendations on instruction, he said, and they will be in a good position to do so once joint recommendations are released by the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Public Health Department.

McClendon pointed out that the following paragraph needed major revision because the district had no right to require medical information from doctors or parents:

"The superintendent shall obtain the name of the physician treating the affected person and shall request that the physician be a part of the C.D.R.P. (Communicable Disease Review Panel). The parent/guardian or affected person shall provide the school district with a release of information so that the C.D.R.P. may review the needed information."

The above information can be requested, he said, but not demanded.

While the policy provides for exclusion of an infected student from school, McClendon suggested that current research data and legal decisions probably will not allow a student with AIDS to be excluded.

Instead of providing a mere written statement of exclusion, McClendon said the district should be prepared to provide a written justification of reasons why the student should be excluded.

"All current legal decisions say you don't have the right to know if a person has a disease unless you are at risk, and if there has not been an exchange of blood you are not at risk."

School trustee Marilyn Schwinn said that so far there is only one school district in Wayne County with a formal policy on AIDS.

The policy is needed, said McClendon, because in three to five years the disease could reach adolescents in large numbers.

Brother charged in death

Ian Mettetal was arraigned Tuesday on one charge of negligent homicide in connection with the death of his brother on their grandfather's airport runway in Canton.

Judge James Garber in 35th District Court accepted an innocent plea for Mettetal and set a \$15,000 personal bond. A preliminary examination to determine if there is enough evidence to hold a trial is scheduled March 9.

Keith Mettetal, 19, of Texas, was killed Dec. 7 when he was struck by a 1986 Honda Civic.

At about 11 p.m., Keith was stand-

ing on the runway at Mettetal Airport on Joy and Lilley roads clocking Ian's speed as he drove by, according to police. After the accident, Ian contacted his grandparents who called for an emergency rescue unit.

Keith died in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, about one hour after the accident. A Wayne County medical examiner said Keith died of multiple injuries and ruled his death accidental.

Ian registered a 0.10 and 0.11 blood alcohol level in tests given by police at the scene. In Michigan, someone with a 0.10 blood alcohol

level is considered legally drunk.

At the time of the accident, Keith, a student at Victoria College in Texas, was in Michigan visiting his grandparents, Jeanne and Robert Mettetal, of Plymouth Township, co-owner of Mettetal Airport. Ian lives with his grandparents.

Negligent homicide is a felony that carries a maximum two-year prison sentence. The warrant was approved last week by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. The prosecutor's office could have approved warrants for manslaughter, drunk driving, or reckless driving.

Court orders new trial

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the day of the hearing. Garber said he's already read a transcript of Holbrook's preliminary exam of five years ago.

"I don't know whether he (the prosecutor) has other evidence. If he does, he will be allowed to present it."

Robert Agacinski, assistant Wayne County prosecutor who originally prosecuted Holbrook, will do so again.

"I don't see any problem reconstructing the case," he said.

Holbrook and Reynolds were observed leaving Plaza Lanes on Ann Arbor Road together the night of Dec. 3, 1981. Her body was discovered the next day by Plymouth Police in a field in Canton about a half-mile from the bowling alley.

Reynolds worked as a security guard at the Burroughs Plymouth Plant. Holbrook, a Wyandotte resident, was a plumber at the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

Holbrook is serving his sentence at Kinross Correction Facility in the Upper Peninsula.

Reynolds' estate won a \$150,000 settlement from Plaza Lanes after alleging in a civil lawsuit that Holbrook was served alcoholic beverages causing him to become intoxicated and cause her physical harm, said Barry Waldman, a lawyer for the estate.

Appeal process to start

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generally are informal and not adversarial.

"The board is very willing to listen to people, to listen to claims and they try to be as fair as they can," he said.

"Usually, the attitude of the board of review is the assessor is there to provide information," McLenaghan said.

Way advised would-be city appellants to make appointments through

the treasurer's office. Hearings, each lasting 10-15 minutes, will be scheduled from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday and 3-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Appointments aren't needed to appear before the township's board of review, which will convene from 2-5 p.m. next Tuesday, 2-8 p.m. March 9, and 10 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m. March 10 and 19 in township hall.

Appellants will be notified by mail of board of review decisions. People unhappy with those rulings may appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

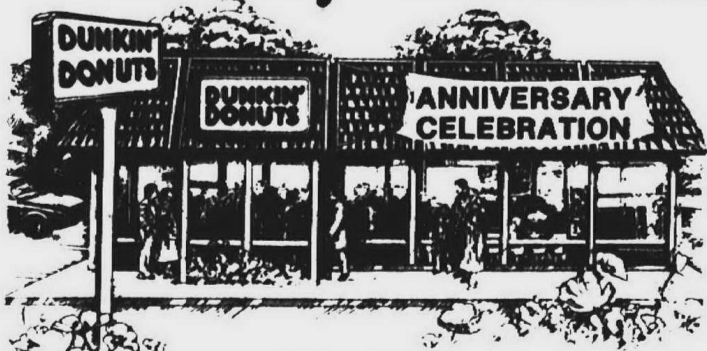
Magician finds success

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they know that Schinker will use a needle stuck into the pants to determine, by bursting, the number of balloons. It's all harmless, he said.

"At first the kids are a little nervous," Schinker said with a mischievous gleam in his eye. "Larry Thompson, who used to play the red-turbaned Mr. Houdini on the old Bozo the Clown show, helped me to develop the show."

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County officials to hold meeting in Frankenmuth

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

It's billed as an informal get-together designed to foster cooperation between the Wayne County Commission and the county executive's office.

But it isn't clear whether this weekend's legislative/executive retreat — while open to the public — violates the spirit, if not the letter, of the state Open Meetings Act.

That's because the meeting is being held in Frankenmuth, not Wayne County.

While information sessions are generally permitted under the act — as are conferences outside governmental agencies' normal areas of jurisdiction — meetings must be accessible to the public.

And it isn't clear whether Frankenmuth, as much as two hours away from certain parts of the county, qualifies as accessible.

Nonetheless, county officials defended the decision to hold the meeting in the Saginaw County community.

"It's not so far that people couldn't go," said Carol Steffani, a spokeswoman in the county executive's office.

OFFICIALS SAID they sought an "intensive" three-day session free from outside distractions.

"If it's close to home, there's the temptation to go home and we didn't want any distractions," county commission chairman Arthur Carter said. "We wanted intensive sessions."

Local commissioners agreed with Carter.

"If the purpose was to make some decision, then I would have a prob-

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lem," commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, whose district includes Canton, said. "But the purpose is to share each others' goals."

Added commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster: "There won't be any skullduggery."

"I haven't really given it a lot of thought," said commissioner Richard Manning, D-Redford. "If it was held in Detroit, people would probably be running in and out of the meetings."

Commissioner Susan Heintz, R-Northville, whose district includes Livonia and Plymouth, said she wouldn't attend if the sessions violate the Open Meetings Act.

"But it hasn't been shown to me that they do," she said.

Members of the county executive's staff will make presentations, as will county commission subcommittee chairmen, Carter said.

"The commission will be presenting its legislative platform for the coming year," Carter said. "This is not a decision-making meeting where issues will be discussed, this is a session designed for us to get to know each other."

MEETINGS WILL be held at the Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge beginning 3:45 p.m. Friday.

Friday's session is highlighted by a panel discussion moderated by Bill Black of WJR radio. Representatives of SEMCOG, the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, AFSCME Council 25 and the Detroit Free Press are scheduled to participate.

Goals and priorities will be discussed Saturday, with representatives of the county executive's finance, health and community services, corporation counsel and public services offices and the county commission's ways and means, health and community services, public safety and judiciary and public services committees expected to make presentations.

Carter and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara will present summary statements during Sunday's wrap-up session.

The Frankenmuth facility was less expensive to rent than similar facilities in Wayne County, Steffani said.

"We did look at cost," she said.

Costs will be split between the executive's office and county commission, Steffani said. The executive's office is paying for its people through unused transition budget dollars, she said, while commissioners are paying through their conference fund allotments.

Commissioners said sessions were needed because of heavy turnover among their ranks. Six of the 15 commissioners have taken office since 1984.

"It's critical that we establish a better relationship than we did with (former county executive William) Lucas," Beard said. "Not that we didn't try then."

Beard, whose district includes Garden City and Westland, recalled a one-day session with some Lucas staffers in 1982 at Wayne State University.

Stokes to discuss Iran affair

"Manipulating the Media: Whose Right to Know?" is the Freedom of Information program planned Monday, March 9, by the Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications, Inc.

In light of near-daily revelations about suppression of information and rehashing of details in the Iran-Contra affair, the process of disclosure (or disinformation) by the government comes into question: How does a politician, or other official, decide what to reveal? Why color the information? When does timing af-

fect the impact? Is it better to be silent?

Whose right is it to know the truth? The official, the media, the public? Perhaps, no one?

Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, will discuss the problem of balancing what he knows and what he feels free to disclose from his position as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and a member of the Select Committee investigating the Iran arms deal.

Jennifer Moore of WDIV-TV will moderate the program. A question-

answer session will follow.

Cost is \$9 for students, \$11 for members and \$13 for non-members. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served from 6-7 p.m. The program begins at 7:15 p.m. in the Ford World Headquarters auditorium on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 4. Write or call WICI-Detroit, Barbara Ahlberg, 35918 Rewa, Mt. Clemens 48043; 791-1277. Checks should be made payable to WICI-Detroit.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26

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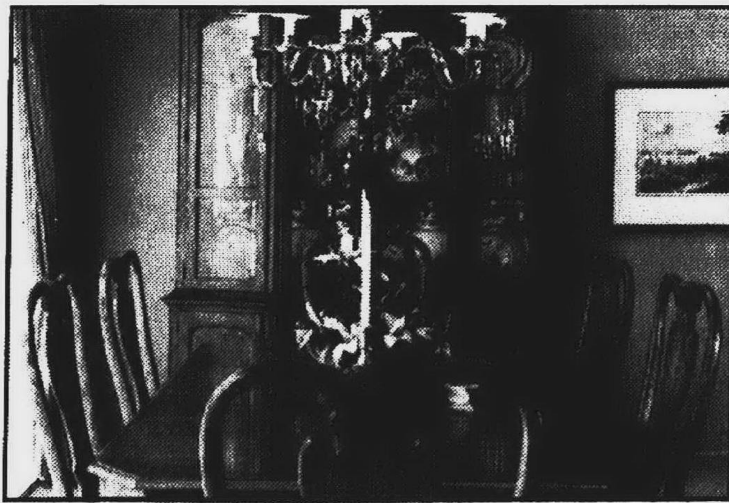
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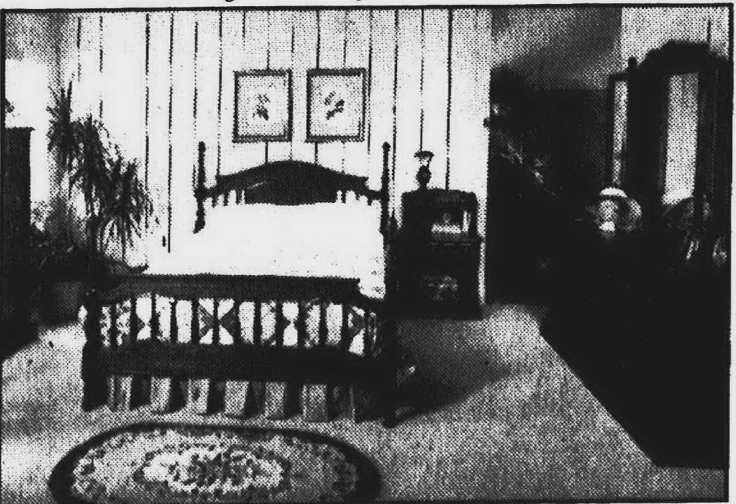
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Student of month

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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Canton Flotilla 11-11 meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Room 2510 of Plymouth Salem High School on Joy just west of Canton Center Road. Anyone interested in the organization may attend monthly meetings.

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 743
Boy Scouts of America Troop 743 meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in the gym of Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth. Anyone interested in scouting should contact Russ Crum at 981-3671.

NEW HORIZONS
New Horizons, a sharing exchange for mothers, will meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Faith Moravian Community Church, 46001 Warren west of Canton Center Road. For information, call Mary at 455-8221.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Canton Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the Canton Historical Society Museum on Canton Center Road at Proctor.

KREATIVES
Kreatives, a preschool class to foster and develop creativity, is offered for six weeks sessions in First United Methodist Church on N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. Times are 10 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents may choose any combination of times and days. For ages 3-5, Kreatives develops creativity through art, crafts, music,

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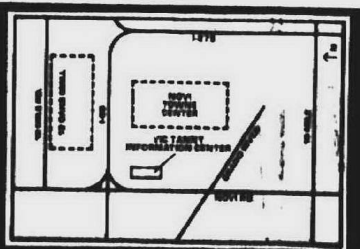


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Will Robertsonites stay active in GOP?

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Everyone knows the Kemp and Robertson people ganged up at the Republican State Convention last weekend to embarrass "mainstream" supporters of George Bush for president.

But the real question is: Will the newcomers supporting TV evangelist Pat Robertson stay on as active GOPers once they realize their man hasn't a shot at the 1988 presidential nomination?

"THE KEMP people used the Robertson people to elect themselves," said state Senate Majority Leader John Engler, a Bush supporter.

And he had a point: In the 2nd and 17th Congressional Districts, supporters of U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., did indeed win chairmanships with the backing of Robertson delegates.

"But that's not relevant to Feb. 5 (1988) in Grand Rapids," said Engler. "That's when we elect the national convention delegates."

"We took a bath. I give them credit," said Rhys Lewis, a longtime loyalist from Redford Township. He was sporting both a duPont for president pin and a "mainstream" sticker.

"Some (Robertsonites) will drop out as soon as they see their candidate can't do it," Lewis predicted.

THE CONSERVATIVE coalition, which captured an estimated two-thirds of the Republican State Com-

mittee seats at the Lansing convention, felt differently.

"I've been trying to help out some of the newer (Robertson) delegates, show 'em the ropes," said Elaine Donnelly, a Kemp loyalist from Livonia. She will seek the chairmanship of the party issues committee when the new GOP State Committee meets next month.

"The Bush forces had the party regulars and got complacent," said Paul Weiday, a political pro from Farmington Hills and Kemp supporter who won election to the state committee. "My heart's not bleedin' for the Bush folks."

Steve Mitchell, one-time legislative candidate from Livonia and now a political pollster and consultant in Lansing, think the new Robertson group will stay active. "They have a social agenda they have a lot of power," said Mitchell.

And he summed up the convention when he said that Vice President Bush, who carried Michigan in the 1988 presidential primary, thought he had 50 percent support this year, "but he had only 40 percent."

"THIS IS NOT my calling. I did not want this," said Anthony Story, a Robertsonite who topped Canton teacher Teri Bennett as chairman

in the 15th Congressional District.

"But there are some in this caucus who wanted more conservative leadership, and the mantle fell on me," said Story, pastor of the Full Gospel Church in Westland. Once a Kemp supporter and still a Kemp admirer, Story thinks Robertson is "the most electable."

One prominent Bush supporter who kept peace with the conservative coalition was U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, whose 2nd District sprawls from Livonia to Hillsdale.

"We don't have any problems. I gave a speech to the caucus and got the best reception of my life," said Pursell, whose district caucus had a 70-48 majority for Kemp-Robertson over Bush.

And Robertson loyalist Missy Caulk of Ann Arbor acknowledged that there is no effort to dump Pursell in the 1988 primary. "I support Carl Pursell. I don't know of any challenge to him."

"We made a coalition with Mike Legg (district chairman and a Kemp delegate). We have the same ideas and conservative agenda in mind," said Caulk, an activist for 1 1/2 years.

ABOUT 90 percent of the potential 1,900 delegates turned out for

the Friday night district caucuses, many of which were post-midnight bloodbaths, and Saturday's five-hour convention, at which state chairman E. Spencer Abraham unanimously won a third two-year term.

And nearly all stayed until the end, when the sixth vice-chairman was elected. Usually, only 20 percent of the delegates hang around that late in the day.

Apparently the reason was that "mainstreamers" feared the Robertson delegates would try a second time to amend convention rules to take up a divisive resolution opposing state-sponsored condom commercials on TV. As soon as the last agenda item was completed, Bush-backer Joe Knollenberg, of Bloomfield Township, was at a floor microphone to move adjournment.

An effort to conduct a straw poll of presidential preferences also was beaten down by party regulars.

Peter Secchia, the flamboyant GOP national committeeman from Grand Rapids, sought to smooth over the ruffled feathers of the Friday caucuses by complimenting the newcomers. Quoting former President Gerald Ford, Secchia urged them to


"disagree without being disagreeable."

A typical guess placed Bush's support at 40-45 percent, with the majority being the Kemp-Robertson coalition.

"No candidate has 50 percent," said Harry Greenleaf, a former 2nd District chairman from Livonia and a Bush mainstay. "It was a 'stop Bush' thing."

For a list of area GOP leaders elected at the convention last weekend in Lansing, see Page 9A

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● EUROPEAN TOUR

Cultural Heritage Alliance will sponsor a 10-day tour of four European countries for students age 15-18 during the Easter vacation from April 16-25. Countries to be visited include England, Switzerland, France and Italy, for a charge of \$979 plus a \$45 deposit for registration. The trip provides an opportunity for students to use their language

and knowledge of art history. The price covers all travel, hotels, two meals a day and tips. For information, call Kris Darby of Plymouth at 453-2281.

● CAPE MAY COUNTY

A Cape May County, N.J., tour is being planned for mid-May 1987 by the Y Travelers. The charge of \$459 per person includes seven days, six nights, roundtrip bus transportation, two nights accommodations at the Harley Hotel in Pittsburgh, four nights accommodations at Cape Motor Inn in Cape May, N.J., daily breakfast and two dinners. For information, call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.

● DISCOVER ALASKA

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with TM Travel Associates, is sponsoring an Alaskan cruise June 9-19, 1987.

To introduce interested people to the tour, TM Travel and the city is holding a slide presentation at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. A discount of \$150 per passenger is being offered to those who make their reservations before Feb. 13.

The tour costs start at \$2,229 and range up to \$2,538, the difference depending on cabin location aboard the

ship. All prices are based on double occupancy.

The trip includes roundtrip air transportation, hotel accommodations in Vancouver, an "Inside Passage" cruise aboard the Sun Princess, Alaska Salmon Bake in Fairbanks, all meals and entertainment aboard the cruise ship. Further information may be obtained by calling the recreation department, 455-6620.

● TRIP TO CHINA

Madonna College's "International Experience - China" will involve a trip to China departing Detroit Metropolitan Airport July 20 and returning Aug. 3. The charge of \$2,995 per person includes air fare, hotels, tours, and two meals daily.

The tour arrives in Hong Kong for shopping and a city tour, riding the cable railway to the top of Victoria Peak, the Tiger Balm gardens, Repulse Bay, and Aberdeen. The first stop at the Republic of China is Shanghai. On the mainland the tour includes the Children's Palace, Nanjing Road Shopping Center, Jade Buddha Temple, the Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Terra Cotta Warriors, Huaqing Hot springs, the 6,000-year-old village of Vanpo, Tian'anmen Square, Gate of Heavenly Peace, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China. The trip will then leave China for a three-day stop at Honolulu, Hawaii, which will include visits to Pearl Harbor, Battleship Row, and the USS Arizona Memorial.

Rockettes place 1st

The Plymouth Salem Rockettes captured a first-place trophy Saturday in regional competition.

The pompon squad continued its winning ways Feb. 21 at Davison High School with a first-place trophy and near-perfect score at the Mid-America Regional Pom Pon competition.

As the top qualifier, the Rockettes will compete at the state fi-

nals at Schoolcraft College in Livonia Saturday, March 7, when pompon squads from throughout Michigan will compete.

Ann Buie is sponsor of the Rockettes while Kelly Halifacre and Linda Timberman are co-captains.

The Rockettes also will perform during halftime of this Friday's Detroit Piston game at the Silverdome in Pontiac.

1,500 lose power

About 1,500 customers in the Plymouth-Canton area lost electrical power for 60 hours Monday morning.

According to Detroit Edison spokesman Dag Vecchioni, the outage was repaired at 10:15 a.m. Power was restored at 12:30 p.m. A gravel truck dumping its load

at 9277 McClumpha Road, apparently pulled forward without lowering its bed and consequently took the circuit out, said Vecchioni.

The area affected was bounded by Wayne Road on the east, McClumpha Road on the west, Warren Road on the south, and Ann Arbor Road on the north, he said.

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New area GOP leaders picked

Besides electing state party officers, delegates to the Republican State Convention also elected congressional district officers.

Statewide, Kemp backers went for district chairs. Robertson supporters won an estimated two-thirds of the seats on the Republican State Committee, governing body of the party between elections. The RSC has four delegates from each of the 18 congressional districts.

Supporters of presidential candidates George Bush, Jack Kemp and Pat Robertson are indicated by (B), (K) and (R) respectively.

"We were going to give the Bush people three more seats," said Missy Caulk (R) of Ann Arbor, "but they wouldn't work any deals, so we put our own people in."

115TH DISTRICT

Anthony Story (R), a pastor from Wayne, won his first political office, unseating chair Terri Bennett of Canton, 44-31, in one of the biggest conservative blowouts of the convention.

Joanne Blausey (R) of Westland became vice chair, Marge Roy (R) of Westland, secretary, and George Erdei (K-R) of Westland, treasurer.

State committee members are: David Thompson (R) of the Ypsilanti area, Gerald Wall (K) of Taylor, Pamela Erdei (K-R) of Westland and Sue Chmiellewski (K) of Taylor.

"We had a lot of new people," said Story, pastor of the full Gospel Church in Westland. "But just because they're new doesn't mean they're not good workers."

117TH DISTRICT

"We had a coalition of supporters of Kemp and Robertson who tended

to support each other," said Andy Anuzis (K), the new chair. He defeated Sheila Molnar (B) by 56-33.

Anuzis, a frequent campaign manager himself, was the Republican candidate for state representative last year in the 34th House District. He is an account executive of Amstaff, a staff leasing firm.

Other district officers are: Mari-

lyn McMaster (K) of Southfield, vice chair; Tony Viscogliosi (leaning K) of Dearborn Heights, secretary; and Pat Feeney (K) of Royal Oak, treasurer.

State committee members are Lowell Rupenthal (K) of Ferndale, Tony Suidut (R) of Redford, Wilma Anderson (R) of Detroit and Lori Packer (R) of Southfield.

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Senate passes new appliance standards bill

Here's how Michigan's U.S. senators were recorded on contested roll call votes during the week of light activity that ended Feb. 20. The House was in session but conducted virtually no major business and held no record votes.

SENATE

APPLIANCE STANDARDS — By a vote of 89 for and 6 against, the Senate passed and sent to the House a bill (S 83) setting federal energy efficiency standards for large household appliances.

By 1993, major appliances such as air conditioners and stoves must be brought up to new U.S. performance levels. The federal standards are

tougher than, and will pre-empt, a patchwork of existing state requirements.

President Reagan supported the measure, even though he pocket-vetted basically the same bill last year on grounds it infringed on states' rights and the free market.

Supporter Alan Cranston, D-Calif., said the federal standards "will produce electricity savings of 22,000 megawatts — the equivalent of the peak output of 22 larger power plants — between now and the year 2000."

Opponent Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said the measure smacked of Soviet-style economic policy. "The bottom line is that the lower-priced models of home appliances are going to be

knocked off the market," Gramm said.

Senators voting yes wanted the federal government to regulate the energy efficiency of certain household appliances.

Voting yes: Carl Levin, Donald Riegle, both Democrats.

ARMS CONTROL — The Senate adopted, 93 for and 2 against, a resolution it hopes will nudge U.S. and Soviet negotiators at Geneva closer to an ironclad arms control agreement.

The measure (S Res 94) carried no legislative weight and did not require House concurrence. Its aim was to shape public and official opinion in Western Europe, the Soviet Union and the United States.

In part, it warned the Soviets to cease violating the ABM treaty and to stop using arms control to drive a wedge between America and its European allies.

Senators voting yes supported the resolution. Levin and Riegle both voted yes.

Supporter Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., said the resolution contains much-needed advice for negotiators on both sides if they are to succeed in "reducing the threat of a nuclear holocaust."

Opponent William Proxmire, D-Wis., objected to the resolution's premise that President Reagan is

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committed to a new agreement, because "this administration is to arms control what (District of Columbia)

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• Sunday, March 15 - Newburgh Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Larry Johnson, 522-1977 or 575-5663 for an appointment.

• Tuesday, March 17 - Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Call Bob Isbister, 425-7321 or 478-1000 for an appointment.

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• Wednesday, March 18 - Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, 2-9 p.m. Call Dean Hamlin, 420-2950 or 459-7660 or Sharon Barnes, 453-1525 for an appointment.

• Thursday, March 19 - Schoolcraft College, Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call Kay Raby, 349-6247 or 591-6400, Ext. 388 for an appointment.

• Wednesday, March 25 - Group Health Plan of Michigan, 20321 Farmington Road, Livonia, 1:30-7:30 p.m. Call Ruby Dumas, 477-1070, Ext. 210 or 211 for an appointment.

• Thursday, March 26 - U.S. Post Office, 11800 Merriman, Livonia, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 425-8050 for an appointment.

State's environmental efforts get high marks

(AP) - Michigan's efforts to protect and preserve its air, water and soil rank among the best in the nation, according to an advocacy group working to promote better environmental protection programs.

The Fund for Renewable Energy and the Environment released a report Friday ranking Michigan fifth among the states, surpassed only by Wisconsin, California, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The study analyzed legislation and programs each state has in place to encourage wise use of its natural resources, but didn't measure how good or bad the environmental conditions were in the states.

It focused on efforts related to air pollution reduction, soil conservation, groundwater protection, hazardous waste management, solid waste and recycling, and renewable energy and conservation, with Michigan scoring 43 out of a possible 60 points.

Top-ranked Wisconsin scored 49, and Mississippi scored last with 14.

"Not surprisingly, some states with the worst problems have the

best programs," the fund's report said. "Also, states with high per capita income are generally able to direct more funds to environmental protection."

The group warned that while great progress has been made in environmental protection over the past 15 years, "on many environmental issues, progress of the last decade has stalled. On other issues it has begun rolling backward."

Michigan's hazardous waste management program scored 9 out of a possible 10 points. The group noted the state has its own "Superfund" clean-up program, strict regulations on small generators of hazardous wastes, community "right to know" requirements and a program to collect household hazardous wastes, and offers financial and legal incentives to reduce hazardous wastes.

The state's programs related to air pollution reduction, groundwater protection, and solid waste management all were rated at eight out of

10 points.

While some parts of Michigan exceed recommended standards for carbon monoxide, ozone and particulates, the state does have control programs for toxic air pollutants and acid rain, has a government-approved plan for managing solid waste, offers a comprehensive solid waste recycling program, and has groundwater quality standards in place, the group said.

The state was rated seven out of 10 on soil conservation efforts, with the advocacy group noting that the state hasn't established soil loss limits, but that it does have erosion and sediment control laws.

The state was rated just three out of 10 in programs to promote renewable energy and conservation. The advocacy group said Michigan has made little progress in implementing policies to encourage least-cost energy programs, but does offer residential tax credits for solar and renewable energy systems.

Friends of Rouge honored

Friends of the Rouge, a Livonia-based organization which conducted last year's Rouge River cleanup, was recently named a finalist in the national Take Pride in America awards program.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel said Friends of the Rouge and other finalists, "Represent the most outstanding volunteer efforts to protect and improve our public lands and resources."

Friends of the Rouge, which is planning a second cleanup this year, was named one of 127 finalists from 39 states. More than 520 nominations were submitted.

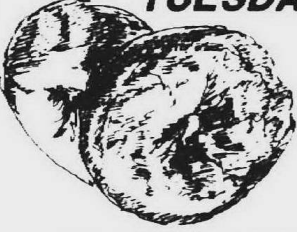
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County drug task force is expanded

Wayne County's Drug Enforcement Task Force is being expanded at drug dealers' expense, Sheriff Robert Ficano recently announced.

The task force, a joint effort between the sheriff's department and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, will increase from seven to 14 deputies and add two dogs to sniff out drugs.

The task force will also expand drug education efforts, add a hot line and distribute tip cards bearing the hot line number, Ficano said.

Increases are to be paid for through money and property seized from drug dealers, as permitted under a 1982 state law. The DEA waived its rights to the money and property.

Last year the task force accounted for \$860,848 in 80 seizures, roughly 38 percent of Wayne County's \$2.29 million in drug-related confiscations. Included were 15 vehicles and two houses.

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Equity needed for tax values

THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON Board of Education recently received an information report from the superintendent regarding uniform tax assessment.

Dr. John M. Hoben, superintendent, was referring to a draft position statement by the Middle Cities Association on school finances. Middle Cities is a group of school districts of similar size from like metropolitan areas which lobbies on educational issues.

The finance position statement contained a succinct declaration:

"Middle Cities believes that if reasonable guidelines are set for the assessment of large commercial and industrial properties, the need for costly appeals would be reduced. Middle Cities supports legislation which would improve and apply uniform property tax assessment practices. MCA supports legislation which specifically:

- Shifts assessment responsibilities to state-appointed, certified assessors.
- Establishes an equitable, uniform statewide assessment procedure which allows for open exchange of information.
- Establishes a method of determining true cash value of properties."

Consider the final point — determining cash value.

THE MICHIGAN Constitution requires that property be assessed at 50 percent of true cash value.

The Michigan Legislature, in implementing legislation, devised a formula which roughly defined cash value as a three-year average of market value to determine residential assessments. No such clear-cut formulas exist, though, for commercial and industrial properties.

As a result confusion exists statewide on assessments of industrial property. The result is that local assessments are made, local governmental units rely on those figures when building operating budgets, appeals are lost by assessors, and governmental units must pay back large sums to the plaintiffs.

That scenario occurred recently in Delta Township. General Motors won an appeal against Delta Township from the Michigan Tax Tribunal which requires, among other things, that the Waverly School District pay back GM some \$1.1 million. That decision is being appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals because repayment would require Waverly to seek a millage increase.

(For the record, Ford Motor Company for years has appealed local property assessments — including Ford Sheldon Plant locally. General Motors, whose finances have tightened in recent years, has now adopt-

ed a similar strategy in quest of the incremental dollar.)

ACCORDING TO the Michigan Tax Information Council, Delta Supervisor Joe Drolett (charged with assessment responsibilities) set true cash value for the GM warehouse at \$28.5 million in 1983, \$29 million for 1984, and \$30 million for 1985.

Ironically, Joe determined cash value (in part) from GM's own figures — a 1978 Tax Abatement Certificate. When requesting tax relief, General Motors apparently estimated high. The amount of tax relief is based on "market value" so there is an incentive for GM to estimate high on value when requesting tax relief.

GM apparently thought Joe was unfair in using GM estimates of value to determine assessments. In June 1985 GM filed an appeal claiming its warehouse was worth only \$16.2 million in 1983, \$16.7 million in 1984, and \$16.9 million in 1985.

To make a year's story short, GM lined up its corporate legal staff and armed them with three expert witnesses and beat down Joe's best estimate. In building its case, GM experts did assessments based on three methods: the cost approach; the market approach; and the income approach. One expert witness alone invested between 800 to 1,000 hours using the income approach. GM's ultimate victory and Joe's loss was entirely predictable.

When GM filed an appeal against Joe, it also appealed tax assessments made by 26 other municipalities. Interested in the outcome statewide? In 1985 the 27 municipalities statewide assessed GM properties for a total of \$1.1 billion. After the appeals were exhausted, the GM assessments were reduced to \$475 million — a 67 percent reduction.

A major victory for GM; a major loss, so to speak, for the average Joe.

DETERMINING value of residential property involves rather straight-forward formulas based on market value.

Given the mistakes made by 27 municipalities in 1985, there must be a better way to assess industrial property so that what is determined locally can be relied on by school districts and other taxing units.

There also is something wrong when a plaintiff can build three arguments using three different methods of determining value. The law for commercial and industrial assessments does, indeed, need to be changed.

As we look at reforming financing of public education, let's also look at the base and make sure equity exists at the very beginning of the process.



Out of town County officials set a bad example

WAYNE COUNTY officials had a good idea — holding joint sessions between county commissioners and executive branch staffers, building cooperation as both branches begin tackling problems facing the financially strapped county.

Then they had a bad idea — holding the three-day conference in Frankenmuth, instead of Wayne County.

Even though sessions will be open to the public, it's hard to believe the distance won't discourage interested Wayne County residents from attending.

That's too bad because public support is necessary if officials are to successfully implement any of the potentially painful budget-cutting solutions being bandied about.

Even if the Frankenmuth site was cheaper, it's hard to justify spending county money outside county limits. Given the amount of free publicity such a conference could generate, it's diffi-

cult to believe there wasn't a conference center in any of Wayne County's 43 communities that couldn't have put together a comparable package.

WHILE COUNTY officials say they won't hold future sessions in Honolulu — or the UP for that matter — their action still sets an uncomfortable precedent.

This isn't to say the meetings aren't necessary. Wayne County is millions of dollars in debt, no matter whose estimate one believes. Putting the county on firm financial ground is officials' top priority. Having a commission and executive that work together is a decided advantage — so long as they do it within the public eye.

Newspaper people generally rant and rave about alleged Open Meetings Act violations. But it's important to remember the act isn't there just to make it easier for reporters to write stories.

It's there to protect the public. It's there because its drafters — themselves government officials — believed it's best to air public business in public.

There's a reason. No matter how unpleasant the situation, the more the public knows, the better off it is — and the more support it tends to give its elected officials. It's important to note that the Reagan Administration seems to be suffering more from revelations concerning an Iranian arms sale cover-up than from the revelation of the arms sale itself.

More to the point, county officials said they wanted to get away from "distractions" — ringing telephones, pressing at-home duties or anything else that would take their minds off discussions.

It would be a shame if interested county residents also fell into that category.

Explorers: a rare breed

THE SCENE WAS intimidating. About 250 anxious communication hopefuls sat or stood in the conference room of a suburban hotel waiting for words of wisdom to come from a panel of what was billed as "the experts."

We were to address the topic, "Climbing the Communications Ladder."

"What a strange topic," I had told myself weeks earlier. A feeling of discomfort came over me every time I contemplated the subject.

Climbing ladders of any type has always been my least favorite occupation. Vertigo, you know. Remember James Stewart in the bell tower?

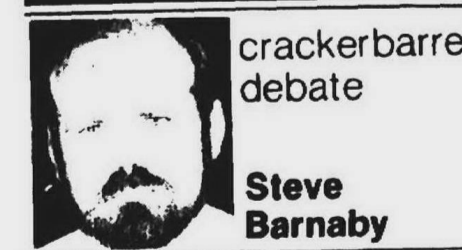
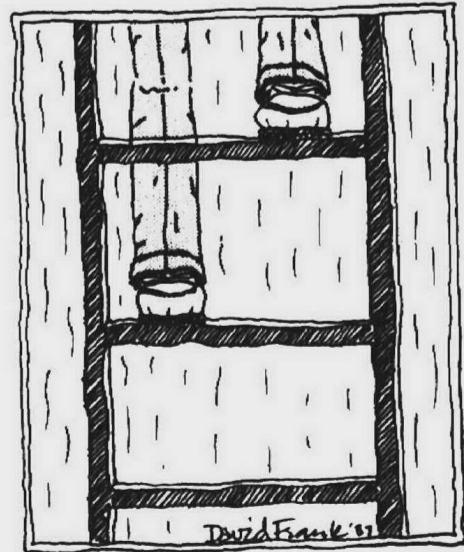
He didn't fall, of course. James never did, in the movies, anyway.

As I sat at the head of that room surveying all the hopes and dreams of the future, I wondered how many of those young careerists would one day find themselves dizzily hanging from a precipice.

FOR THE first time in my life, I was speechless. An unusual occasion, as those who know me will testify. Gazing through my notes, I found the remarks prepared the night before insignificant, the choreographed stories and jokes trivial.

All these people were really serious, really intent on getting on what they perceived was the ladder to success.

Fortunately I was the third of four speakers. I had time to get my thoughts together.



crackerbarrel debate
Steve Barnaby

HOW SAD. They really shouldn't go away thinking that was the route to success.

And then I thought about how American business has failed many times in competition with foreign markets because we were more interested in knocking each other's brains out than in producing quality products and competing with them.

To compete, you see, we don't need clone-like business people. We don't want mountain climbers.

We need explorers who are rewarded for innovative ideas, who are passionate about their work and who want to produce the best possible product. We must create an environment where the goal is to work together to create a better society.

I was brought out of my reverie as the moderator made the introduction. I stood for a moment, looking over the sea of faces.

"You don't get ahead by sucking up to your boss."

The audience gasped. I smiled to myself. Thank you, Lord. I was going to get across the message.

from our readers

Is witchcraft a smokescreen?

To the editor:
Ever since I served on the school committee that considered the complaint about Gundella the Witch, I have been trying to figure out what the witch hunt being conducted by Diane Daskalakis and others is all about.

Thus, when the first newsletter arrived from her group, Citizens for Better Education, I read it carefully. I even found myself wondering why some of the films she listed were being shown. Then I came to the last item on the list, the text book "Earth Science." What could the textbook "Earth Science" have to do with witchcraft? In Daskalakis's objections to this book I found the answer to my questions.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Plymouth-Canton community, the Creationists have arrived! The "sin" committed by the text book "Earth Science," according to Daskalakis, is that it doesn't mention "creation science."

All this tom-foolery about teaching witchcraft in the schools (who believes that witches really exist anyway?) has been a smokescreen to cover the real objective of her group — an attempt to force our schools to teach "creation science."

THERE HAS been no issue in recent times that more clearly demonstrates

the need to keep church and state separate. "Creation science" is pure nonsense. It has no relationship to fact, reason or understanding and no place in a sound educational program.

Separation of church and state means that the government does not tell religious groups what to think or say or do (as long as they act legally). It also means that religious groups and cults have no right to insist that their particular brand of mystical thinking be forced on public school students in the name of education.

Now that we know Daskalakis's real objective, I hope my fellow citizens and the school board will join me in vigorous resistance to this assault on quality education for our children.

Douglas McClennen,
Plymouth

One never knows where evil lurks

To the editor:
There is no question in my mind that Diane Daskalakis would have been a leader in Salem, Mass., during 1692.

She's just that kind of person. Go get 'em Diane, and be sure to check under your bed. One never knows where evil lurks.

Jim Kronberg,
Canton

Voice choice: whether to trust your weatherman

IT WAS ONLY a few degrees above zero one evening early last week when Al Ackerman came on the tube and confirmed what thousands of viewers already knew, "Baby, it's cold outside." I decided right then, by golly it's time to do something about it, and in the morning I called a man who really understands the fickleness of weather, John McMurray. He immediately arranged a sunny afternoon in the 40s.

HEAVEN FORBID that I would demean Mr. Ackerman for not offering solace from winter's bite, Al having his hands full running the affairs of the Pistons, Red Wings, Tigers, Lions, et al. But his comment did steer my train of thought as he has often done in the 30 years since we first met in the spring of 1957.

Also, this bids fair to be one of Al's busiest periods, what with playoffs looming for our basketball and hockey entries, puzzling baseball issues to be surmounted and somehow an answer to



through bifocals
Fred DeLano

be found to curing the Lions' constipated offense.

McMurray, on the other hand, is not beset with such diverse worries. Weather is his only business. I'm stretching a point, it's true, when I say he actually "arranged" a sunny afternoon, but if weathercasters can be blamed for fouling things up — as they sometimes are — it's only fair to pay them an occasional kind word when it seems that God's in his heaven and all's right with the world.

IF HIS NAME and voice are familiar to you, it's because you, too, are a frequent WJR radio listener. He helps

wake me up every morning, but as with many of the personalities in the imaginative realm of radio, I don't know whether he's tall or short, fat or slim.

He does come over the air waves in a mild-mannered fashion and can be relied upon to tell one whether to wear boots and muffler or to polish off the golf club. Spring, he says, will be coolish and "wetter than normal." He must be right, for The Old Farmer's Almanac says the same thing.

You may find it odd, but you don't call WJR in the Fisher Building to chat with McMurray. What you do is call the firm of which he is president, Commercial Weather Services, which is headquartered in Flint. I suppose that takes a word of explanation.

First of all, McMurray, 45, is a native of New York City and in 1964 was graduated from New York State Maritime College in the Bronx with a degree in meteorology. He escaped from the Big Apple through service in the Air Force, five years of which were in the weebe-

gone state of Oklahoma.

UPON DISCHARGE, he sought employment in the real world and fate directed him to Michigan where Channel 12 in Flint had an opening for a weather expert. Complete with wife and three children, he made that their home.

One thing led to another, as they sometimes do, and when commercial opportunities seemed to outweigh the television stipend, McMurray set up shop on his own.

He and his associates now provide weather information daily to eight northern Michigan and Ontario radio stations besides WJR, thus remaining non-competitive with his bread and butter account, besides serving a number of private business firms.

When you hear him on the air, more than likely talking with Col. Joseph Priestly McCarthy — who is several years older than McMurray, it sounds like they're across the table from each other, doesn't it? Instead, they're maybe

70 or 80 miles apart, communicating on what the trade calls a "voice dedicated broadcast line."

This is not unique to WJR. It is simply modern technology. For instance, Earl Fenkell actually is in Chicago when you hear him on WWJ.

INFORMATION from global satellites, as well as the National Weather Service, is a godsend to them all. But Sonny Elliot still has a file of the best jokes and is the only weathercaster who can locate Engadine . . . or is it Engaringa-ding-adine?

McMurray does have one confession. He has tried deliberately to lose the New York accent in which he was raised. He admits those five years in Oklahoma helped, even though he didn't adapt to cowpoke talk. Listen late next week and you may hear him tell J.P. the moon is in its first phase; never will he say first "qwahtah."

We're happy to have you in Michigan, Jawn.

from our readers

Speaks out on tax assessments

To the editor:

A couple of weeks ago there was an article on page one of your paper regarding increased taxes for Plymouth Township, and there were a few localities listed where increases would be 5 percent more than the general increase; one of these was Bradbury Condominiums, a community of 360 units.

We agree the selling prices of our units have risen over the past few years, but this has been the result primarily of our own community efforts and with unpaid volunteers on working committees and our board of directors.

We do employ a management company and an on-site manager along with

four or five hourly employees who do lawn watering, snow shoveling, and some general maintenance. No one has been given a substantial raise like those listed for Plymouth Township officials as noted on page 4 of this same issue of your newspaper.

I understand outside appraisers were employed, but shouldn't they be given a little direction? One of the township trustees is one of our residents and he should certainly be able to offer some input. Plymouth Township does not maintain our streets nor plow our snow. We have no school-age children, but we pay the same amount of taxes to help educate others. We do receive emergency services from the fire and police departments.

We appeared before the Board of Review a few years ago and we were told at that time our taxes were increased because our property was attractive

and so well maintained. Should we let it become a slum so our taxes would be lowered? Will our taxes continue to rise to provide funds for questionnaires and increased salaries for elected officials?

I am sure none of us is against paying our fair share, but that is what we would like, fairness.

Carolyn Black,
President

Gives opinion on DDA move

To the editor:

In your editorial of Feb. 12, concerning the expansion of the Downtown Development Authority, you state: "General Fund monies are not being used to pay for the deck" and you refer to the already existing parking structure.

If you will examine the 1985-86 City of Plymouth Budget, you will see that you have been misinformed on this. Item No. 965.394 shows that \$58,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the DDA account so that it could make its \$100,300 payment to retire the yearly portion of the debt on the parking structure.

As I have said before, homeowners are indeed paying for the parking deck which we never needed, and if the expansion of the DDA entails another parking deck, we don't want to pay for another one. You have been told that no deck is "now planned" but common sense tells us that some provision will have to be made for office occupants and their visitors and while no plans exist, at this moment, I assure you that plans will appear very soon.

Also you state that: "the school administration has not opposed expansion

of the downtown district." This may be true. However, it is another reason for homeowners to be alarmed. The schools will be deprived of the taxes from the expanded area and homeowners will have to make up the shortage in school funds and this will increase our taxes.

The laws which enable DDAs to be set up were meant to help cities with serious downtown problems such as Detroit, Benton Harbor, and others. Plymouth never has had these problems and perhaps we should not continue to exploit these laws that were never meant for our situation.

You would attribute the opposition to the DDA expansion to "fear of change" and comfort with the status quo. I assure you that there are many more reasons than these to explain why homeowners are opposed to the expansion of the DDA.

Tony Anason,
Plymouth

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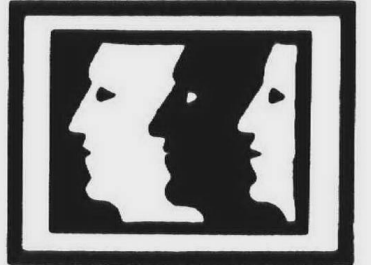
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Putting your best foot forward

By Julie Brown
staff writer

CHEWING GUM during a job interview isn't the way to make a good impression.

On the same note, wearing shorts and a T-shirt while out job hunting isn't the way to put your best foot forward.

Neatness counts a lot when it's time to look for a job. Dressing conservatively will help job applicants make a good impression.

"They have a very few seconds to make an impression," said Elizabeth Barker, job placement coordinator for Plymouth Canton Community Education.

Neatness also counts when it's time to fill out job applications.

Barker advises job seekers to keep a list of all jobs they've worked, both paid and volunteer. That list should include the names of supervisors, dates of employment and any special training required.

Having that information readily available will help job seekers fill out applications thoroughly and accurately. It also helps job applicants know exactly what skills they can bring to a job.

IT'S NOT too early for local high school and college students to begin their summer job search, according to Barker.

"It sure doesn't hurt to start now." Some seasonal businesses, such as those providing lawn care, hire extra people for the summer months.

"A walk to the Yellow Pages would give you an idea."

Fast food jobs aren't difficult to find these days, according to Barker.

"They're desperately in need of help." The sign posted at fast food restaurants are an indication that jobs are available. Many of these jobs are paying more than the minimum wage of \$3.75 per hour.

"They do have the competition," Barker said. "It's a real disturbed market for employment right now."

In addition to signs and advertisements, word of mouth is a good source of job leads.

"Tell everybody you know that you're looking."

It's important to check with those you plan to use as employment references, Barker said. Those people should know ahead of time of your plans to list them as references—and should be willing to have their names used. They can also be a good source of job leads.

THOSE WHO do the hiring of local students agree that a neat appearance and a positive attitude count.

"We interview quite a few people here," said Scott Lorenz, general manager of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. "It just starts out with their own presence."

Students who refrain from chewing gum or leaning on the desk dur-

ing interviews are off to a good start.

Those are the ones that stand out from the rest, Lorenz said.

Students working in the hotel and restaurant field need to be able to deal effectively with the public, according to Lorenz. Politeness is an essential trait.

Students generally have minimal work experience, he said.

"So you really can't look through their resume because they don't have one." Recommendations from teachers or other people in the community are helpful for job applicants.

Lorenz said the hotel operation hires a number of people from the same families. They've found that the younger siblings of capable employees also are generally good workers.

Hotel and restaurant employees need to be willing to work during the hours when they're needed.

"If they can't work holidays, I don't even want them to come in," Lorenz said. "That's one of the first questions we ask them." The hotel operation does a good business on holidays and needs employees who are willing to work those days.

LORENZ HAS found that wage levels have increased for certain positions. Dishwashing jobs, for example, have a \$4 per hour starting pay.

"It hadn't been that way up until just recently."

Diana Mahacek has also found that it's necessary to pay employees more than minimum wage these days.

"I don't know who can hire anybody for minimum wage anymore," said Mahacek, who is store manager for t. Edwards at the Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. The store sells contemporary women's clothing.

Retail businesses need employees who can work evenings and weekends, according to Mahacek, a former Canton resident now living in Farmington Hills. Some workers, however, aren't willing to work those hours.

"If they call in sick and they lose \$20 or \$30, no big deal. It's really difficult to get them to come in."

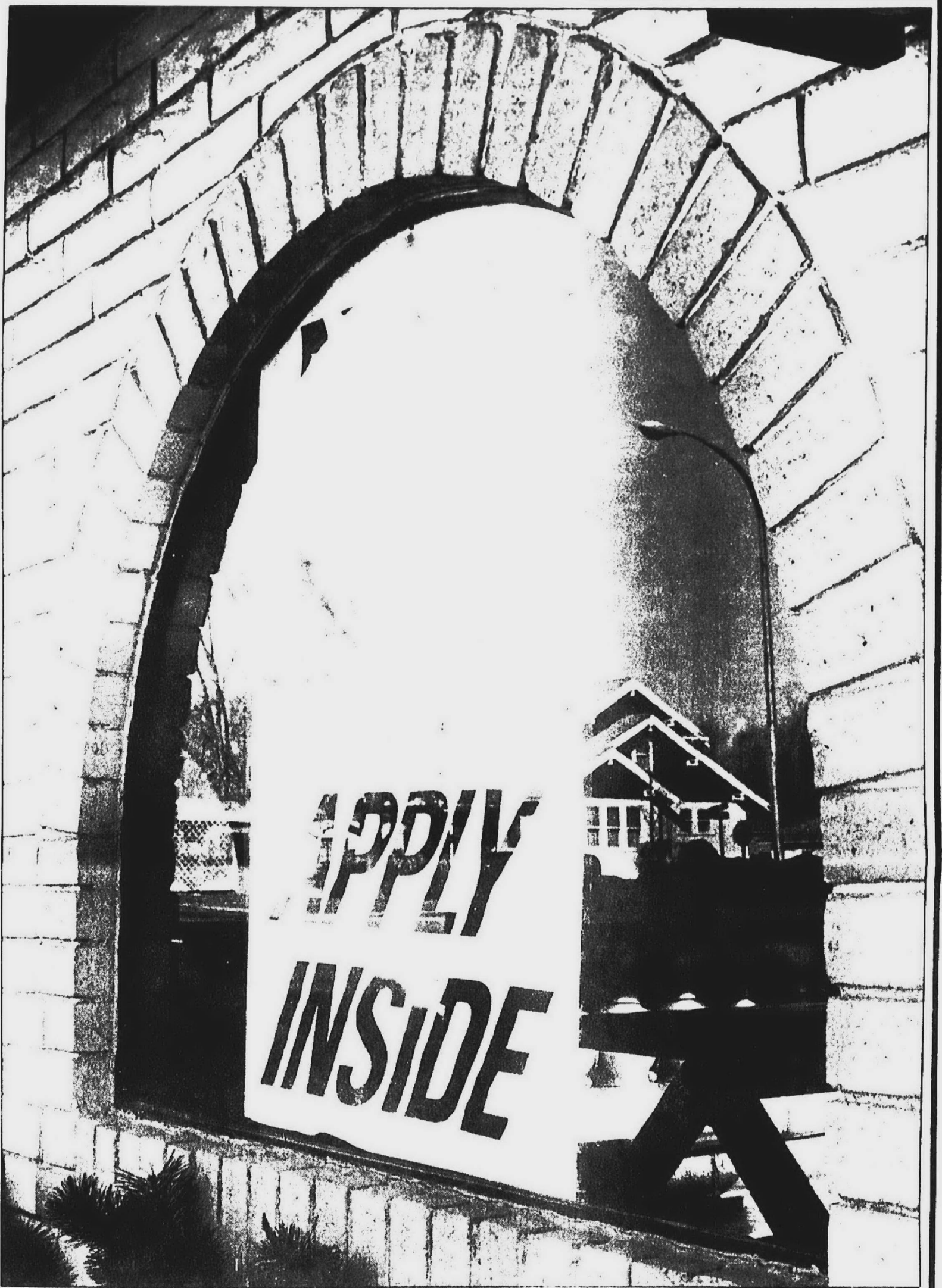
Mahacek agrees with Lorenz that a neat appearance is important for job applicants. Strolling into the store in shorts and a tube top isn't the way to do things.

That first appearance means an awful lot.

A JOB applicant's neat appearance may even be noted on the application form, according to Mahacek, who is a member of the Canton Business and Professional Women.

"It doesn't have to be a suit." The clothing worn by job seekers doesn't have to be expensive, she said. It's fine if the attire is neat and suitable for the job.

Mahacek is more impressed with applicants who fill out job applications on their own. Some job seekers sit outside the store with five or



BILL BRASLER, staff photographer

Fast food restaurants are looking for workers these days.

six friends to fill out the forms.

"I have a feeling they couldn't handle a one-to-one thing."

Mahacek has found that she gets better employees by asking around rather than relying exclusively on walk-ins.

"I don't know why, but if the way it works with us."

Student workers—and employees in general—need to be able to work with the public.

"The public can become very difficult," Mahacek said. "Stores will

do anything for the customer today or try to. Consequently, some people take advantage."

Dealing with the occasional difficult customer can be a challenge, but employees need to be able to keep their cool.

"You are going to get a little abuse from people."

SOME OF the people Mahacek supervises are from school group programs. She's responsible for as-

sessing their performance and finds that those workers tend to be responsible.

Mahacek has also found that employees are willing to work more hours during the busy holiday season.

"They want as many hours as they can get from."

The Mayflower Hotel's Lorenz said, some extra employees are needed during the spring and summer.

"Our big month is May, because

of the weddings.

Having a job with a structured schedule and a supervisor to report to is good experience for students, Lorenz has found. Most of the employees he works with are good ones.

"It's a nice area from which to select employees." At the Sunday brunches, Lorenz gets compliments on the high-quality service.

"I hear that every week. I think we have a very good labor pool from which to draw."



Olivia Maynard is director of the state's Office of Services for the Aging.

Aging

Prosperity eludes many in later years

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

OLIVIA MAYNARD talked in facts and figures last week at Madonna College when discussing the elderly's impact on Michigan's economy.

And for some senior citizens, the numbers in terms of income don't add up to much. An alarming rate of seniors are in poverty or near poverty, according to the director of Michigan's Office of Services for the Ag-

ing. "Today, the myth is that everybody who's an older American is healthy, vigorous, owns a condo in Florida and plays golf every day," said Maynard, discussing impact seniors will have on the state's economy.

Yet poverty is still widespread with people in the 65 and older group, which is more than any other adult age group. It's true even though a majority of Americans don't believe it's true.

MAYNARD SAID there were 3.4 million people 65 and older in poverty nationwide in 1985, single yearly income less than \$3,136, which was 126,000 more than 1984.

Only amongst children is poverty more widespread, Maynard said.

Also, there are some 8 million seniors who are close to poverty, receiving an average yearly income less than \$10,312.

The estimation of 12.4 percent of older Americans who are in poverty could be low. The formula used by

the Economy Board Plan to determine the poverty line is different for seniors than younger people.

The formula is based on seniors eating less than a single person, according to Maynard. Yet, it doesn't take into account higher health care costs a senior pays.

For seniors, the poverty line is a yearly income less than \$3,136 for a single person and \$6,203 for a couple. Single young people are considered impoverished at \$5,592 and young couples at \$7,737.

Based on the latter, 14 to 15 percent of seniors would be considered in poverty, Maynard said. And a majority of those 12.4 percent are trapped in what is called long term poverty, which means escaping it is unlikely.

Poverty is high especially among sub groups. For women older than 85, it's 20 percent and 54 percent for elderly black women.

"The safety net you hear about

Poverty's the reality for many

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doesn't help a lot of these elderly poor," Maynard said. "Only 32 percent receive SSI payments, supplemental income, and only 36 percent of non-institutionalized elderly poor households have Medicaid protection."

LENGTHY STAYS in nursing homes or long-term health care facilities can drain a senior's resources. And the recent federal proposal for catastrophic insurance, Maynard feels, doesn't deal with long-term stays in nursing homes.

Catastrophic or not, health care does cost seniors a bundle.

A person older than 65 spends a yearly average of \$3,140 on personal health care services compared to an average of \$828 a person under 65, according to Maynard.

What this means, Maynard said, is a need for long-term health care services and more respite care centers in state.

Aside from the medical aspects, the Governor's Task Force on Employment Opportunities for Older Citizens made its own recommendations to keep seniors more active in the job field.

The task force also called for more public education to help dispel the myths of aging, along with jobs and job training for seniors.

Early retirement is a concern, mainly because it deprives the state of seniors' creativity and experience in the job force, Maynard said.

"Even with the elimination of mandatory retirement, early retirement still flourishes in the state," she said. "Today, unlike 20 years ago, if you retire at 50 or 60, you could have another 40 or 50 years to live."

Some of the options to keep seniors active in the job force include phase retirement, part-time jobs and contract work for seniors. Job training for seniors has been allotted in Gov. Blanchard's budget, Maynard said.

Power Day plans made

Issues affecting senior citizens will be the focus of an upcoming Regional Senior Power Day.

The day is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Madonna college, at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.

The event is sponsored by the Senior Alliance and its Senior Center Director's Council.

The agenda will include:

- Guest speaker Louise Church from the Area Agency on Aging, who will speak on positive aging.

- A chance to meet local legislators, including state Reps. Lyn Bankes, John Bennett and Justine Barnes and state Sens. Robert Geake and William Faust.

- Workshops: Knowing Your Legal Rights, Stretching Your Health Care Dollar, Coping With Stress, Alzheimer's Disease, Compatibility After Retirement, and Fun After Fifty.

- Exhibitors' display of information on the needs and interest of the elderly.

- Live entertainment.

Registration fee for the day's events is \$4, which includes lunch.

For more information, call your local senior center or Georgia Bradford at the Senior Alliance at 722-2830. The registration deadline is this Friday.

League plans fashion show

A champagne brunch and fashion show are being planned by the Plymouth Symphony League just in time for those who wish to spruce up their spring wardrobes.

The Plymouth Hilton Inn, on Northville Road, will be the location for the Thursday, March 12, event. The doors will open at 11 a.m. for the champagne brunch.

The fashion show will be by Pendleton Woolen Mills and Plymouth's Nawrot Pendleton Shop. Pat McKevitt, a Pendleton representative, will be the commentator for the fashion show.

Models will wear shoes provided by Armbruster Bootery. A number of prizes will be donated by Pendleton Woolen Mills and Nawrot Pendleton Shop, including coats, blazers and sweaters.

Ticket price is \$12. Tickets are on sale at the Nawrot Pendleton Shop (in Forest Place) or from any Preclude member of the Plymouth Symphony League.

clubs in action

● PLAY GROUP

The Morning Play Group of the Canton Newcomers will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 27. Those attending will enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while the children play. For reservations or additional information, call Mitch, 451-1089.

● OLDIES NIGHT

Westside Singles II will hold a dance for singles from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, just east of Merriman in Livonia. This will be an "Oldies Night." The dance is for those age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Price is \$4. For additional information, call the hotline, 562-3170.

● QUILTERS

The Main Street Quilters are sponsoring a bus trip to the American Quilters Society quilt show on April 24 in Paducah, Ky. A deposit of \$40 is due on or before Feb. 28 to hold a seat. Round trip ticket price is \$75. For reservations or additional information, call 459-3630 from 10 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m. 459-0578 after 5:30 p.m.

● \$100 OFFERED

It's time to start going through your photographs, to take new ones or to get out your palette. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering \$100 for the winning 5-by-7 inch color photo or watercolor of a familiar Plymouth winter scene. The winning picture will remain the property of the PCAC and will be used for a Christmas card project. Entries may be delivered or mailed to the PCAC office at 332 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170. The office is open 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Deadline for entries is March 1. For additional information, call 455-5260.

● ART FAIR

Craft Gallery will hold its annual spring art fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, between Merriman and Venoy. The event will feature a number of displays of country art, early American designs, fine art and seasonal craft decora-

tions. Parking will be available. Lunches and dinners will be served. Admission price is \$1.50, with gift certificates as door prizes. Strollers should not be brought to the spring art fair. For additional information, call 336-3947 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

● 60-PLUS

Area senior citizens may attend the monthly potluck luncheon at noon Monday, March 2, at fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Those attending should bring a food dish to pass and their own table service. Dan Peterson, a certified public accountant, will discuss tax law changes.

● THREE CITIES

The Three Cities Art Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the meeting room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 E. Ann Arbor Road at Lilley, Plymouth. Alice Nichols, president of the Founders Society and a member of the Farmington Art Club, will critique members'

paintings. There will be a limit of two each. The theme for the painting competition is "Listen! The Wind!" Plans will be completed for the spring judged show, all those who plan to enter should be at the meeting. Guests may attend. For additional information, call Dorothy Koliba, club president, 455-5152.

● CAESAREAN

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a Caesarean orientation at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The program will feature a Caesarean birth film. The program is for couples anticipating a Caesarean birth as well as Lamaze-prepared couples. There is a \$1 per person charge at the door. Registration is not necessary. For additional information, call 459-7477.

● NO GUILT

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will begin a free four-part series on "Life Without

Guilt?" at 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 3. The program will be held in the Upper Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. "Guilt: Can We Live Without It?" will be the topic presented by Walter G. Brown of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. Registration is not necessary. For additional information, call 591-6400 Ext. 430.

● EQUAL RIGHTS

Fathers for Equal Rights will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the Alfred Noble branch of the Livonia Public Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, one block east of Farmington Road in Livonia. For additional information, call 354-3080.

● HELLO, CANTON

The Canton Newcomers will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. After the meeting, a program on candy making will be presented. For additional information, call Julia, 459-8039.

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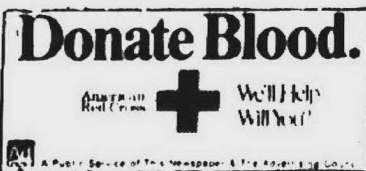
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Special honors

By Julie Brown
staff writer

WORKING WITH people is one of the things Maria Holmes enjoys about her job.

"I enjoy getting out in the community and meeting all the different people that are there," she said.

That kind of contact with the public is essential, according to Holmes, who is community affairs and program director for Omnicom of Michigan.

"It makes for a better understanding of why people think the way they do."

Holmes, 27, is this year's "Young Career Woman" for the Plymouth Business and Professional Women. She's looking forward to representing the Plymouth BPW at the District 9 "Young Career Woman" competition in April.

"I'm pleased and I feel honored to represent them."

Following the district level competition, state finalists will compete. A national "Young Career Woman" will then be chosen from among the state contestants.

THE BUSINESS and Professional Women's "Young Career Woman" program provides a good opportunity to learn from others, according to Holmes.

"It gives you an opportunity to meet other women who are excelling and who are young." Meeting other women and sharing common experiences is an enriching experience for the program's participants.

Participating in the competition — and being asked questions about current issues — is also helpful in keeping up on things, she said.

Holmes began her job as Omnicom's community affairs and pro-



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Omnicom's Maria Holmes is this year's "Young Career Woman" for the Plymouth BPW.

gram director last summer. Prior to that, she had been programming executive producer for Omnicom.

The Plymouth BPW honoree began working full time at Omnicom in January of 1983, having done an internship there earlier.

The work she does for the cable television provider is enjoyable for Holmes.

"I enjoy the creativity and the flexibility as well."

Through her work, she's able to help people and organizations get

their messages out to the public.

Holmes is a 1982 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she received a bachelor's degree in telecommunications and marketing. She lives in Ypsilanti with her husband, Solomon, and their daughter, Karissa, who is 3.

HOLMES RETURNED to her job three months after her daughter was born.

"It has worked out for me because

this is all my daughter has ever known."

Holmes has brought her daughter into the Omnicom offices on Ronda Drive in Canton. Seeing the offices and meeting the people Holmes works with has helped Karissa adjust.

"She can identify with what I'm talking about," Karissa also has an understanding of the day-to-day demands of her mother's job.

"She understands when I have to work, I have to work."

PCAC offers arts awards

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues to encourage students to develop their artistic talents. All students in the Plymouth-Canton schools (kindergarten through 12th grade) may enter the 1987 Isbister Award competition.

The competition is part of an ongoing program started in 1972 with funds donated to the arts organization by the Plymouth Rotary Club. The awards are named in honor of the late Russell Isbister, who was the longtime superintendent of the local schools.

A representative from the Plymouth Community Arts Council will pick up the entries from each school on March 18 or March 19.

Art works will be judged the following week; entries will be returned.

Winners will be recognized and their works will be professionally framed. The Isbister collection will then be displayed in the schools and the works returned to the artists.

Students who are interested should contact their art teachers for additional information.

engagements

Alver-Pedlow

George and Patsy Alver of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Sue, to David Michael Pedlow of Plymouth, son of Edward and Lois Pedlow of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed at the First of America Bank-Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed at Engineering Services Inc.

A mid-July wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



Lenehan-Burger

Jeanne Marie Lenehan of Plymouth and James Anthony Burger of Livonia plan a June wedding at St. Michael Church in Livonia.

She is the daughter of Leland Lenehan of Livonia and Mrs. Joan Plummer of Plymouth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burger of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé attends Schoolcraft College and is employed at Dagwood's Deli in Farmington. He will be transferring to a four-year school in the fall.



Fisher-Matthews

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fisher of Lincoln, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Beth, to John J. Matthews, son of Vincent C. Matthews of Saginaw, formerly of Plymouth, and the late Mrs. Betty Rye Matthews.

The bride-elect received a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in telecommunica-

tions from Michigan State University. She is an associate publisher at Wiesner Publishing in Littleton, Colo.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, received a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University. He is vice president of People's Bonding and Insurance Agency Inc. in Littleton, Colo.

A late May wedding is planned in Denver, Colo.

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Uranium-238 decays to Radium-226, which becomes Radon-222, etc. The production of radon remains constant in the earth's surface.

AS AN INERT gas, radon permeates through soil and moves along cracks in the earth or through underground aquifers until it eventually reaches the surface.

Significant amounts can enter a home and accumulate, producing a

possible health hazard. Radon enters the house through imperfections in the basement foundation, such as cracks in the basement walls or floor, service openings including sewer water sump pump, hollow-concrete block walls or wall-floor joints.

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consumer mailbag

Terry Gibb

Nationwide research indicates that the earth's geological formation plays a part in an area's radon levels. Some areas in Pennsylvania and New Jersey report that 65 percent of homes tested have high levels of radon.

CURRENTLY, THERE are two approaches to reducing indoor radon levels:

1) Prevent radon entry into the home by sealing all foundation cracks, floor-wall joints and service openings, sealing the tops of hollow-block concrete walls and providing heat exchange or increased external ventilation.

2) Remove radon and its daughters already in the home. Methods are currently being studied.

Nationally, much research is being conducted on radon and its health effects. In Michigan, a study is being considered to identify if there are land areas that might cause radon levels to be a health hazard for Michigan residents.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, 1025 Shelby, Detroit 48226.

gerontology

A. Jolayne Farrell

Grandma's tales ought to be taped

Dear Jo:

Dear Mrs. T:

To V.M., who wrote to you about finding his grandmother's stories so exciting and wanted to keep them for years to come, I have a few suggestions.

He should take a tape recorder with him when he visits, so that when she speaks of her fascinating times, he can record them "live." Later, and with his grandmother's permission, he can write down her accounts (and perhaps obtain pictures and letters from her) and make a book of his own on her life.

I know many people who have used this method when their relatives were hesitant about recording their memoirs. I agree with you when you said that these memories should not go unrecorded.

The recommended dietary allowance for vitamin C is 60 milligrams daily. It is easily obtained from foods you eat every day. Examples of some of their vitamin C content are:

- Green pepper, 1 large (95 mg)
- Strawberries, 1 cup raw (88 mg)
- Brussel sprouts, 5 cooked (85 mg)
- Grapefruit, 1 cup sections (76 mg)
- Broccoli, ½ cup (75 mg)
- Cauliflower, 1 cup (69 mg)
- Cantaloupe, (69 mg)
- Oranges, 1 medium (66 mg)
- Potatoes, 2 medium, baked (62 mg)
- Orange juice, 4 ounces (60 mg)
- Tomatoes, 2 whole (60 mg)
- Tomato juice, 12 ounces (60 mg)

You are wise to increase the vitamin C in your diet during the winter months as a preventative measure for the common cold. Taking it the natural way is more pleasant, and it won't upset your stomach.

Others who should increase their daily dietary intake of vitamin C are persons who smoke a pack of cigarettes a day, those who take large doses of aspirin daily and anyone recovering from surgery or an injury.

Edith R. Victoria,

Dear Jo:

Every winter I take extra vitamin C as I feel it helps me ward off the common cold. For some reason, I find that it upsets my stomach this year.

Could you list some common foods that are high in vitamin C so I can take it the natural way.

Mrs. T.T., Detroit,

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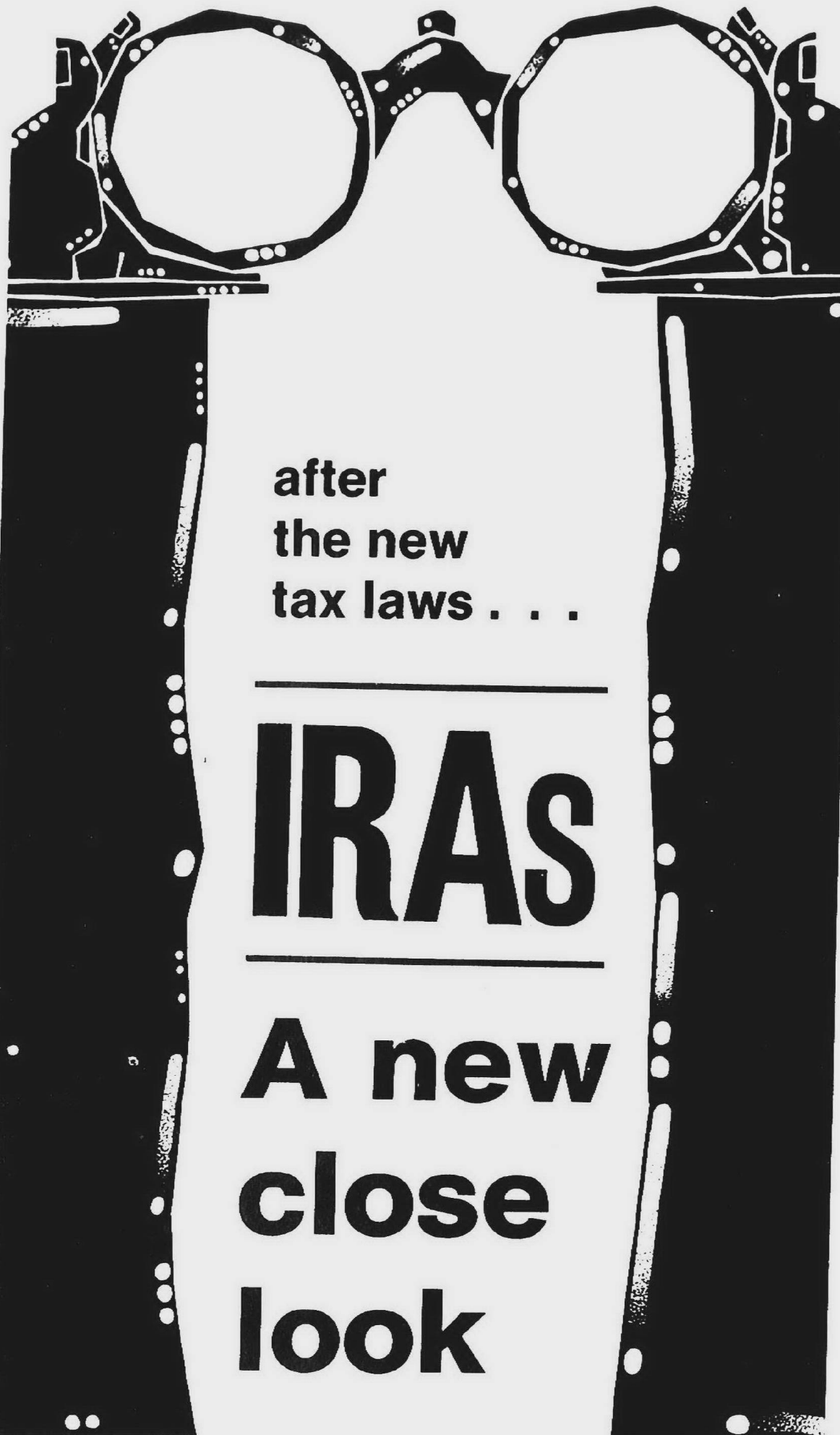
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IRAs

A new close look

By Carolyn Carman
special writer

Investors are expected to take a closer look at their individual retirement account investments because of the 1986 Tax Reform Law.

Some financial advisers believe IRAs will remain the cornerstone of retirement investing despite the loss of the interest deduction for certain investors. But other methods of saving for the golden years are likely to be considered.

"If you are in the category that cannot get the IRA interest deduction, it is still a good investment because of the tax-deferred compounding interest," said Mark Kierzkowski, a stockbroker at Prudential-Bache's Birmingham office. "It's one of the things that really made the IRAs work."

For the 1986 tax year, all investors are eligible for an IRA deduction. Beginning in 1987, the new tax laws will allow full IRA deductions for those not covered by an employer-sponsored pension plan, married couples with combined incomes under \$40,000 and single individuals with incomes of less than \$25,000.

Partial deductions will be allowed for married couples with combined incomes between \$40,000 and \$50,000 and single persons with incomes between \$25,000 and \$35,000.

KIERZKOWSKI suggests annuities as an alternative to IRAs.

"Those individuals still looking for the tax-deferred compounding effect may wish to consider an annuity," he said. "It allows you to put in any amount, gives tax-deferred compounding and has the same penalty for early withdrawal. The only difference is annuities never let you shelter the income."

Dick Dickshott, a certified public accountant in Livonia, says the decision of what to do with an IRA is essentially a retirement decision.

"People need to establish their retirement goals," he said. "An IRA is a method to use to put money away for retirement so people have to decide which vehicle or combination of

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— CPA Gary Figurski

vehicles will accomplish those goals."

Dickshott agrees IRAs are still beneficial because of the tax-deferred income and that annuities are a good alternative because you are not limited by the amount placed in one, and the income is tax-deferred. But he expects to see more employers offering 401K plans which reduce your gross compensation by the amount you put into the plan.

"You can contribute up to the limits of the (401K) plan or \$7,000 a year into what is essentially a substitute IRA," he said. "The 401K plans are going to become very popular."

REAL ESTATE investing is another recommendation of Dickshott.

"Real estate is still a tax shelter because of depreciation," he said. "Many think inflation will return and, assuming there will be appreciation because of inflation, it will be a valuable investment and is not taxed until sold."

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Whether to invest in an IRA, annuity, real estate or a combination of all three depends on an individual's personal situation, Dickshott says.

"You design your investments so that you have some liquidity and varying degrees of risk investment," he said.

Susan Hardin of Fidelity Investments in Dearborn says IRAs are a valuable investment.

"The reason we say an IRA is still beneficial is you are still accruing money on a tax-deferred basis. It is a kind of forced savings," she said. "We are not sure about Social Security in the future so this is a good way to save for retirement."

About 40 to 50 percent of IRA investors will still be able to take full or partial deductions under the new tax laws, she said.

Gary Figurski, a Livonia CPA whose company represents many Ford Motor Co. employees, says he is recommending they put up the maximum amount allowed into stock plans or thrift plans where they work.

"We are not recommending contributing to an IRA for those people in 1987 if they are not deductible," he said. "We are recommending that people who do not have a pension plan at work maintain their IRAs."

Figurski said he also recommends no-load mutual funds, which have no sales commission.

Dick Powell, branch manager of E.F. Hutton's Troy office, says individuals should compare IRAs to municipal bonds.

"When you look at the benefit of the non-deductible IRA, one of the alternatives would be to buy municipal bonds, either directly or through mutual funds or unit trusts," Powell said.

Non-deductible IRAs will make the most sense when the after-tax return is higher than that of municipal bonds, he explained.

In a reversal of the strategy many people have pursued of placing conservative, lower-yielding investments in their IRAs, Powell says the IRA may now become a place to put more aggressive investments.

Tax reform changes investment strategy

Neither accountants nor financial planners are fearing for their jobs now that the first year of tax reform has begun. If anything, trying to explain changing investment strategy should keep them busy for some time to come.

Here's a capsule summary of key effects tax reform will have on investors, according to analysts from E.F. Hutton & Co.

• **MUNICIPAL BONDS** For most investors, municipal bonds, which have not lost their tax-exempt status, now constitute one of the best tax shelters. But lower marginal tax rates, especially after the transitional 1987 tax year, will reduce slightly the benefit of tax-free income for some investors. Tax-free bonds are still expected to attract many middle income taxpayers who still find themselves in high tax brackets. During 1987, the highest bracket will be 38½ percent, dropping to 33 percent for 1988.

The major changes in treatment of municipal bonds affect issuers more than investors. Congress has distinguished between general (public) purpose bonds and private purpose bonds. Public purpose bonds will be those used to finance projects such as roads, public buildings, sewer projects and so forth. Private purpose bonds are those used to finance housing projects, industrial development or other private sector projects.

Income from public purpose bonds will remain tax-exempt. Private purpose bonds issued before Aug. 7, 1986, also will retain full exemption. Income from private purpose bonds issued after that date will be treated as a preference item for calculating the alternative minimum tax. So for taxpayers in a high enough income bracket to fall under the alternative minimum tax provisions, income from these private purpose bonds could lose tax-exempt status.

• **ANNUITIES AND UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE** These were among the few tax-favored investments to emerge from tax reform unscathed. Both allow tax-deferred compounding of income.

Many investment advisers are describing annuities as an alternative to IRAs, which lost some appeal for many investors under the new law (see related story). Annuities are similar to IRAs in some ways but also have significant differences. Annuities can be purchased with a single payment or through a series of monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. They provide tax-deferred buildup of cash value. Unlike an IRA, there is no limit to the amount that may be invested in an annuity.

Annuities generally should be viewed as vehicles for long-term retirement investment; early withdrawal is

often subject to a surrender charge.

Universal life combines life insurance coverage and tax-deferred buildup of investment income. It has an added advantage of allowing access to funds through a low-interest borrowing privilege, usually at rates from ½ to 2 percent. Like an annuity, universal life can be purchased as a single premium or multiple premium policy.

• **STOCKS AND BONDS** Investors will be taking two factors into account as they re-evaluate stock and bond portfolios. First, elimination of special treatment for long-term capital gains will decrease the emphasis on such gains. Second, changes in corporate tax treatment will influence bottom line performance; some companies will benefit while others will be hurt.

Under the special treatment granted to long-term capital gains for many years, the maximum tax on gains realized from assets held for more than six months was 20 percent for those in the 50 percent tax bracket. Under the new law, long-term capital gains are treated the same as any other earnings, subject to a maximum tax of 28 percent (or 33 percent of those subject to the 5 percent surcharge).

Under the old law, growth stocks were ideal for investors seeking the preferential treatment given to capital gains. Earnings were plowed back into growth rather than paid out as dividends. The new law will probably encourage investors to favor stocks paying out a high proportion of earnings as dividends. In the absence of preferential treatment for long-term gains, cash in the pocket may be preferred by many.

• **MUTUAL FUNDS** The new tax law is expected to make tax-free funds more attractive. These are funds based on public purpose municipal bonds, which remain free of federal tax. In addition, some funds are composed solely of bond issues from a particular state and these become free of state taxes for investors living there.

• **EDUCATION AND INCOME SHIFTING** Clifford trusts and Uniform Gift-to-Minors accounts are two income shifting strategies that parents have used mainly to shelter income for the education of their children. Previously, income in both types of accounts was taxed at the child's rate, generally lower than that of the parents.

Under the new law, these asset-shifting strategies have been all but wiped out. Clifford trusts, with the exception of those set up before March 1, 1986, have been eliminated. For children under 14, investment earnings above \$1,000 on UGMA accounts will be taxed at the parents' rate, all but ending any tax benefits.

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Don't pick a business just because it's 'hot'

Everyone knows someone like "Bright Idea Billy." Billy is the friend or family member who is always getting into (and out of) a variety of "bright idea" business ventures that always seem to leave him with bad feelings and empty pockets.

Billy doesn't have time to consider all that is required to effectively operate a small business and prefers relying on other people to do this work for him. In Billy's mind, success in small business is a lot like playing the lottery — put your money down and hope you've picked a winner.

Being a winner in small business means much more than taking a chance and hoping success will follow.

Remember the videotape rental boom of five years ago? At that time, many individuals started videotape rental stores thinking that the nature of the business alone would guarantee success.

AS SUCH, entrepreneurs with little, if any, understanding of what was involved in running a small business were becoming operators almost overnight.



focus: small business

Mary DiPaolo

According to Tony Sciarrotta, sales manager at Video Trend, a Livonia-based wholesale tape distributorship, videotape rental stores in the metropolitan area were opening at an average rate of 10-15 per week in the early 1980s.

It wasn't long before there was a videotape rental facility on every corner. In order to survive, these independent dealers had to come up with innovative ways to remain competitive while maintaining market share.

Examples include offering free pizza or popcorn with each rental, providing free delivery and pickup of rented tapes and equipment, expanding product lines to include hard-to-find classics, children's movies and cult films, and eliminating annual membership fees.

Currently, Video Trend services 10 new dealers per month including non-traditional outlets such as party, drug and grocery stores.

BEFORE YOU take the plunge, do yourself (and the market) a favor. Don't jump into something just because you've read or heard that it's a

"hot" opportunity. No business remains profitable for long if others can better satisfy customers on a regular basis.

Next week, we'll discuss where to find help as part of the small business planning process.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Farmington Hills-based small business consulting firm. She is the producer and host of the cable television series, "Focus: The Small Business Environment."

business people

Angelo J. Jordan of Livonia has been named national marine sales manager with the Ford Power Products operations of the Ford Motor Co. Jordan had been Ford Power Products operations' original equipment manufacturers sales manager. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from the Detroit Institute of Technology and a master of business administration degree from the University of Detroit.

Robert Garrison has been promoted to director of leasing with the Center Companies. He will be responsible for leasing at Westland, Northland, Eastland, Southland and the Renaissance Center.

Jane Brown of Canton Township received free use of a pink Buick Regal from Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. for selling more than \$100,000 in six months. Brown joined Mary Kay Cosmetics in January 1981 and became a sales director in November 1982. She is a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

John M. Fink placed first among 45 staff managers with American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. in Garden City. Fink also qualified for membership in the company's President's Council sales club.

Robert D. Judnich finished first among 301 agents in this region for American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. in Garden City. Judnich also qualified for membership in the company's President's Council sales club.

David Houle of Canton Township has been appointed to the newly created position as executive director of finance at the University of Detroit. Houle had been budget director at the U of D. He is a U of D graduate, with both a bachelor of science degree and a master of business administration degree.

Mary Henderson of Westland was promoted to loan officer in the western metropolitan regional banking division of the National Bank of Detroit. Henderson serves as a commercial loan officer at NBD Ann Arbor Bank, an affiliate. She has bachelor's degree in business from Hiram College and a master of business administration degree in finance from Miami University.

Larry Parker of Westland has been promoted to service manager at TeleCheck Michigan Inc. Parker will be responsible for a staff of eight customer service representatives. In addition, he will handle subscriber relations and administrative matters. Parker had been a customer service representative in charge

of point-of-sale terminals for TeleCheck Michigan. Before joining the company, he was assistant manager for the Taylor store with the K mart Corp.

Dr. Gregory J. Young of Livonia attended a seminar in advanced straight wire conducted by the American Orthodontic Society. Young offers orthodontic treatment as well as general dentistry in his practice at 28275 Five Mile in Livonia.

Robert E. Butler was elected president and chief executive officer of First of America Bank-Gogebic in Ironwood. Most recently, he had been vice president and loan division manager at First of America Bank-Plymouth. He joined the Plymouth Bank in 1974 as assistant vice president.

Dr. Julienne N. Hoff was appointed dean, division of nursing and health at Madonna College in Livonia. Prior to coming to Madonna, Hoff was dean, division of nursing at Mercy College. Hoff received her doctor's degree in academic administration of higher education from the University of Michigan and her masters degree in nursing education from Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York.

Harry Tennyson, chairman, Tennyson Chevrolet Inc. in Livonia, is among 20 automobile dealers nationwide and throughout Canada to be recognized for their contribution to education. Tennyson has worked with the scholarship departments of the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, the University of Detroit and Michigan State University.

Jeff Nawrocki of Westland has been appointed special sales and marketing representative at the Monarch Press in Canton Township. Before joining Monarch Press, Nawrocki was shipping supervisor at Leaseaway of Detroit Inc. in Westland.

Angie Hindman of Plymouth, Cecile Rey of Plymouth and Margaret Kelly were honored for their hard work and devotion to job excellence for the first quarter with Adistra Corp. in Plymouth.

Ival Lang was named account executive of the month for December with Adistra Corp. in Plymouth.

Michael D. Weaver was promoted to vice president for loans with First of America Bank-Plymouth. Weaver joined the bank in 1981 and has been responsible for the commercial loan department. His new responsibilities also include the consumer loan de-



Jordan



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partment and the mortgage load department.

Margaret E. Slezak was appointed commercial loan officer with First of America Bank-Plymouth. Slezak, formerly a commercial lender with a local credit union, has been active in the local community and is a former president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

James P. Kutubek of Plymouth was appointed director of financial planning with Perry Drug Stores Inc. Kutubek had been in corporate financial planning with American Motors Corp. His background also includes several financial analysis management positions with Ford Motor Co.

Tom Blackburn of Canton Township and Conrad Gniewek of Livonia have been promoted with Gaylord Printing Co. in Detroit. Blackburn has been appointed production control manager. Gniewek will become afternoon operations manager.

David Young of Draw-Tite Inc. in Canton Township was elected vice president of the Trailer Hitch Manufacturers Association.

Gregory F. Gallus was named president and general manager of Foodland Distributors in Livonia. Foodland Distributors is the joint wholesaling venture of the Kroger Co. and Wetterau Inc. Gallus was Denver division president for Associated Grocers of Colorado Inc.

Raymond G. DeShano of Canton Township joined DeMattia & Associates of Plymouth as a draftsman. DeShano will be working with the architectural staff developing custom designs. He has several years of experience as a draftsman and holds an associate degree in architecture from Schoolcraft College.

Paul J. McIntyre of Canton Township joined the Ann Arbor office of E.F. Hutton & Co. Inc. as a vice president and accountant executive. A native of Livonia, McIntyre has more than 10 years experience in the securities industry. He had been an associate vice president at Prudential Bache in Ann Arbor.

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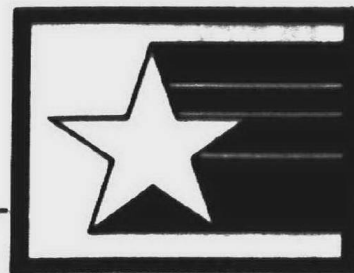
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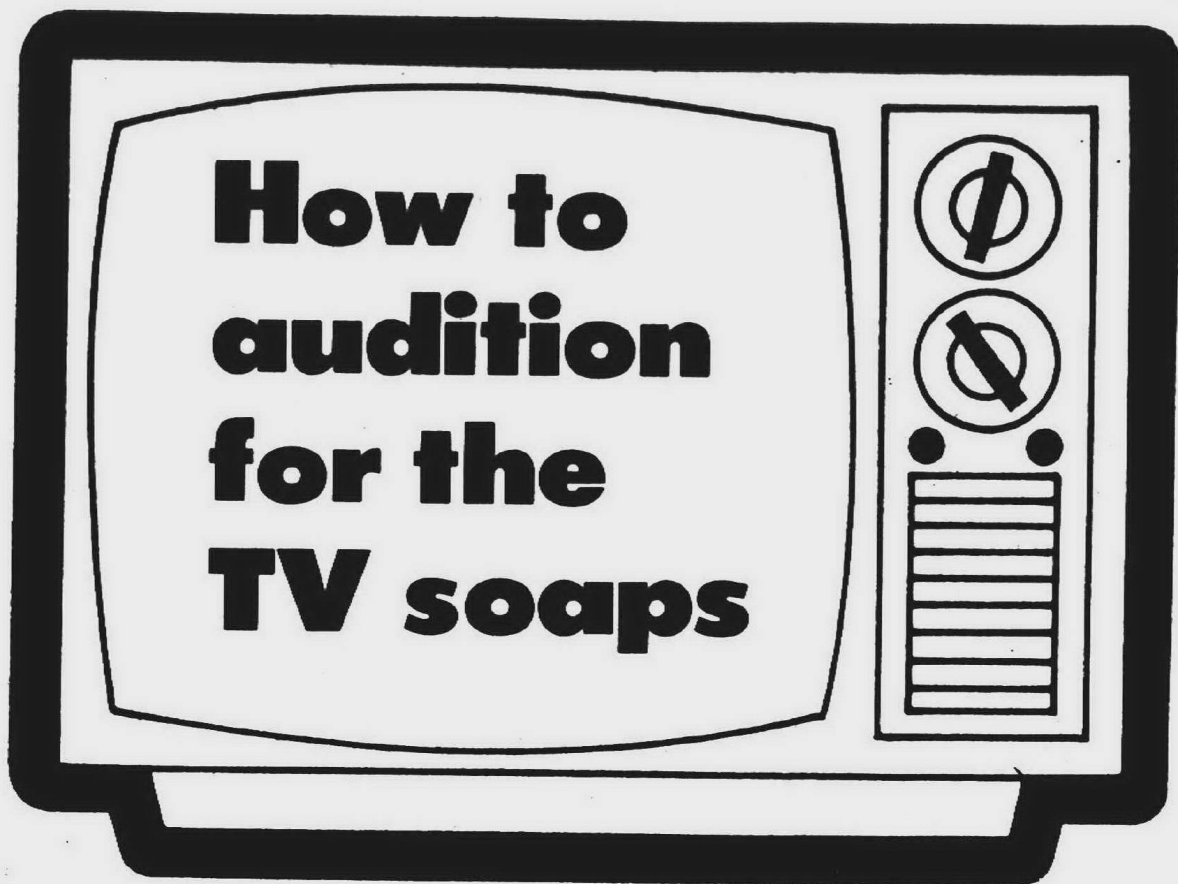
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By Arlene Funke
special writer

MOST ASPIRING actors would jump at the chance to land a meaty role on a TV soap opera.

But how does an actor or actress make the leap from primarily local theater productions to a New York or Hollywood television studio?

Almost 100 people recently came to the John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center in Plymouth to hear Bobby Hoffman, a West Coast casting consultant for ABC-TV soap operas. The topic was "How to audition."

"I love the soaps. They're such good training for young people," said Hoffman, who is based in Los Angeles. "We're always looking for leading men, leading women (who are) fresh, can act and are good looking." The John Casablancas center, which also has an office in Troy, had invited Hoffman to present several workshops, at a cost of \$60 per student for a four-hour session. Participants ranged from people like Hollida Drall of West Bloomfield, who has not chosen a career, to Marina Seeman of Ann Arbor, who has been acting for 20 years.

HOFFMAN IS a former actor, di-

alogue coach and casting director for the popular situation comedies "Happy Days" and "Laverne and Shirley." Currently he casts talent in the ABC-TV daytime dramas, "General Hospital," "One Life of Live," "Ryan's Hope," "All My Children" and "Loving."

"It's a long process (to fill parts)," said the gray-haired and friendly Hoffman, who was dressed casually in gray pants with a matching vest, bright red neckerchief, red shoes and a jaunty cap.

As a casting consultant, Hoffman must find actors and actresses to fill specified roles on soap operas, so named because they are sponsored by large soap companies. These steamy dramas feature characters such as street-wise guys trying to go straight; conniving, long-lost, illegitimate children; handsome heart-breakers; or mysterious, dark-haired women with accents.

There are many more hopefuls than roles to fill, and selection is an intensive filtering process. First, the

actor must have the "right" look and be the right age. During the audition, casting consultants conduct "cold" readings, in which the actors and actresses must read from a script without preparation. Finally, the list is narrowed to a few prospects, who will make a tape for presentation to network officials, who make the final choice.

"There is body language. There is speech," Hoffman added. "I have seen actors trip over a piece of lint."

"Women on soaps, some of them are 34 years old, playing mothers of women in their 20s (who are) playing 16," Hoffman said. "That's acting."

IN HIS QUEST for new talent, Hoffman travels around once a month to such cities as Seattle, San Francisco or San Antonio, where he visits theater groups.

Landing a spot on a soap opera can mean good pay, long hours with many pages of dialogue to learn and instant recognition from fans.

"There is no social life, but (actors) love it because it's repertory theater," Hoffman said. "There are 10 leads on every soap. A lead role is the lead one day and is there in spirit the next."

According to Hoffman, a newcomer to a soap opera would earn around \$600 a day, and be guaranteed 1½ days of work per week. Superstars — such as Susan Lucci (Erica from "All My Children") — can earn salaries in the six-figure range.

After giving that overview, Hoffman assigned each student a script and a partner. After a few moments of preparation, they gave their cold reading. Hoffman then critiqued their vocal variety and timing.

Many of the participants had taken modeling and acting classes from John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center, a franchised school set up by John Casablancas, president of

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ABC-TV soap operas



the international Elite modeling agency.

SOME WERE NOVICES, while others have appeared in theatrical productions and in films. Graduates of the Casablancas acting program were given private auditions with Hoffman.

Hollida Drall, 19, of West Bloomfield said the seminar had enabled her to meet people with a variety of acting experiences.

Drall had taken a modeling course because she was considering a career teaching fashion merchandising. She also had developed an interest in acting after spending a summer studying at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre, which is in Birmingham.

"I'm at a point where I have to make a decision," said Drall, a 1985 graduate of Southfield Christian High School and current student at Eastern Michigan University.

"Acting is very competitive," she said. "If I would go into that direction, I would need a lot of training."

Jennifer Vangoff, 12, of Westland, a seventh-grade student at Marshall Junior High School in Westland, said the seminar helped her to be more comfortable in front of an audience. She hopes to model clothes for department stores.

Marina Seeman, a word-processing operator who lives in Ann Arbor, has been acting in theater productions since high school. She has studied modeling and acting, to constantly freshen her techniques.

"My avocation is acting," said Seeman, who is in her mid-30s. "I'm trying to get into film."

SEEMAN HAS a featured role in a horror film called "The Carrier," which was filmed in Manchester in 1985. She's also working on some other film projects.

"With theater, you work every night for weeks," she said. "In film, unless you have a big part, it's done in sections."

Seeman noted that she's married, and isn't likely to seek roles that would pull her away from her family. However, she might concentrate on acting full time if her husband is relocated to, say, New York.

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table talk

Best places

The Mayflower, family-operated bed 'n' breakfast hotel in Plymouth, has been listed in the guide "Best Places to Stay in America's Cities." R. Scott Lorenz, general manager, said he believes the Mayflower is the oldest family-operated hotel, under a single, continuous family operation, in Michigan. The Mayflower celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. It is named among 250 of the nation's best places to stay in 40 cities in America, in the guidebook subtitled "Unique Hotels, City Inns, and Bed & Breakfasts."

Executive chef

David A. Wilson, former executive sous chef at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside and Towers, has been appointed executive chef for the Novi Hilton. His 12 years of culinary experience includes work at Radisson Hotels in Minnesota, at the Trust House Forte in Oklahoma, the Americana Hotel in Texas and the Riviera Hotel in Nevada. Wilson is an American Culinary Federation Certified Chef and a three-time gold, silver and bronze winner in hot food preparation.

Meal giveaways

Bonnie and Norman LePage, operators of several restaurants in the northern suburbs, are offering to give away more than \$9 million worth of meals through March. Mailings have gone to selected homes within neighborhoods surrounding their restaurants, which include Norman's Eton Street Station in Birmingham, Norm's Restaurant in Southfield, and Nifty Norman's in Walled Lake. Each mailing includes complimentary dining certificates, good for one free meal when another is purchased. The LePages also run two restaurants in Indianapolis.

Fund-raiser

A Mardi Gras flavor will pervade the third annual Cuisine Extraordinaire, a benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the Roostertail in Detroit. Gourmet specialties including hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, entrees and desserts will be prepared by members of the Chef de Cuisine Association. The evening features music and dancing to the Mark Phillips Band. Tickets at \$50, \$75 and \$100 may be ordered by calling Diane Cuper at the Volunteer Department of the hospital, phone 745-5325.

Contest open

Michigan's Most Hospitable Person Contest, a statewide competition honoring food service workers, is seeking nominations. To nominate your favorite restaurant employee, fill out an entry form and mail it to AAA's Michigan Living Magazine. The contest is co-sponsored by the magazine and the Michigan Restaurant Association. Entry forms are available at MRA member restaurants and in the February issue of Michigan Living Magazine. Entries must be postmarked by March 15.

Wins trophy

Master chef Milos Cihelka, co-owner of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, has been awarded a fifth-place trophy in the Hokkaido Island event of the World Ice Carving Competition held recently in Sapporo, Japan. Cihelka's winning entry was a 7½-foot statue of a cowboy atop a bucking bronco. The only American entered in the event, Cihelka won the trip by finishing first in the Plymouth Ice Carving Spectacular in January.

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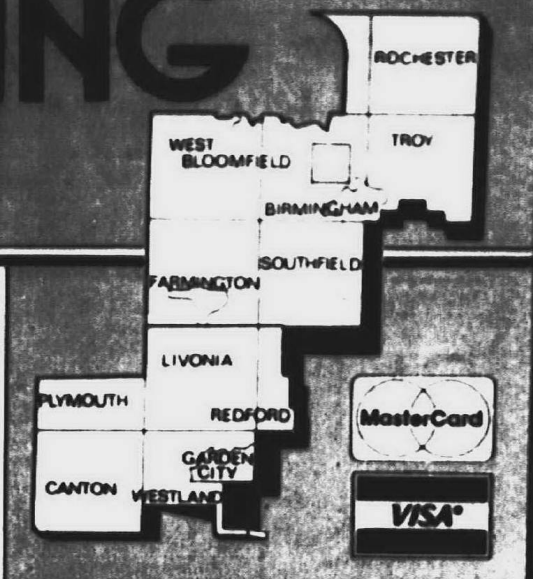
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Showtime Canton, Salem set for title clash

By Bill Parker
staff writer

The Rocks are on a roll. After winning eight games in a row, including last Friday's thrilling 61-59 triumph over Westland John Glenn, the Plymouth Salem cagers picked up their biggest win of the season Monday morning.

Both Glenn and Salem finished with 15-1 records in the Western Lakes Activities Association and were dead even in all other tie-breakers. The draw was broken Monday morning when Salem won a coin toss which determined the WLAA Western Division championship.

The Rocks now host Plymouth Canton, the Lakes Division champion, tonight for the undisputed WLAA crown.

"It will be a tough game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Anytime Salem and Canton meet it's always a tough game. You can throw out all the records and everything, this will be a heads-up ballgame."

THE TWO teams met earlier this season and Salem nipped the Chiefs 64-63 in overtime.

Canton coach Tom Niemi, whose team stands at 12-7, 11-5 in the WLAA, feels tonight's clash will take on a similar tone.

"We played them tough the first time and took them to overtime," said Niemi. "I believe Salem is ranked No. 7 in the state, so of

course we will be the underdog going into the game.

"I think that with the rivalry between the two schools it will be a good game for the fans to watch. It's a natural rivalry and there is a lot at stake. This is what you work for all season, to get an opportunity like this."

The Chiefs, a much smaller team than Salem, will try to take advantage of their superior speed and get the Rocks into a running game. To do this they will rely heavily on 6-foot junior Roger Trice and 5-foot-10 senior Tyrone Reeves. "The big man on Canton's roster is 6-foot-4 junior Jeff Anuiewicz.

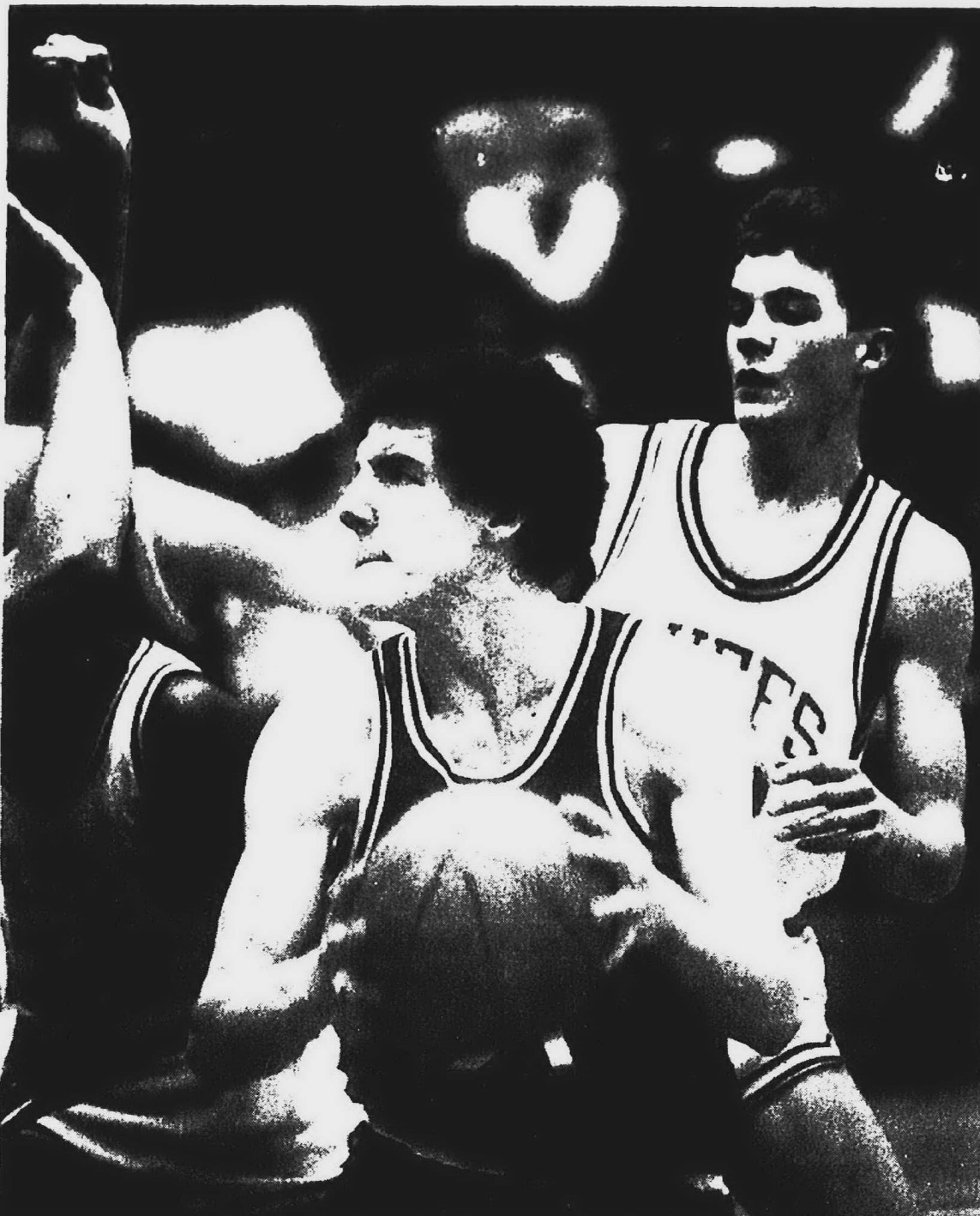
CANTON ALSO relies heavily on substitution and tries to wear its opponents down by continually bringing fresh players into the game.

"We've tried to keep our players fresh all year and by doing that our bench has developed very well. They can play," said Niemi. "We are going to have to board with them and that's going to be a problem. We have to play an up-tempo game and make them play the full 94 feet of the court. With their size we can't let them play a half-court game."

Led by 6-foot-7 senior Rick Taylor and 6-foot-5 seniors Mike Hale and Jeff Justice, the Rocks will try to keep Canton outside and force them to shoot from the perimeter.

"We've got to keep them from

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Salem's Mike Hale (with ball) and Canton's Brian Paupore will be two key players in tonight's WLAA showdown.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

hockey

Engineers split a pair

It wasn't exactly "Moon over Miami," but Hennessey Engineers hockey coach A.J. Baker was satisfied with his team's performance over the weekend.

The North American Junior League team scored a 6-5 win Friday and then battled to a 4-4 draw Saturday in a two-game series against the Miami University JV squad at Oxford, Ohio.

"Both games the kids worked hard and they got something for it," said Baker, whose team is 20-14-9 overall.

The Engineers blew a 4-1 lead in the series opener, but Jay Jewett scored the game-winner with only two minutes to play, his second of the night, to give Hennessey the win.

Just coming off injuries, Bryan Krygier and Leif Gustafson each contributed a goal and two assists in the Engineers' triumph.

IN A PENALTY-FILLED game on Saturday, Hennessey rallied from a 4-1 deficit, capped by Tom Madden's goal with only five minutes remaining, to earn the tie.

Hennessey returns to North American Junior Hockey League action, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday against second place Compuware at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Engineers, 16-12-8 in league play, then travel Saturday to Oak Park to play Compuware in a 7:15 game. On Sunday, the third place Engineers meet the first place Falcons, beginning at 2 p.m. at Fraser.

Rocks 2nd in district

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Redford Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez claims he's not a greedy man.

But when the Class A regional tournament gets under way at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at CC, the host coach would like to see all 11 of his district qualifiers make it on through to the state finals, Saturday, March 14, at Lansing Eastern High School.

The Shamrocks, the odds-on favorite to win this year's Class A title, recorded seven first-place finishes, a pair of seconds and a pair of fourths en route to 23 1/2 points and the Plymouth Salem district title last weekend. (See results on statistics page.)

"The most we've ever sent to the state meet was eight, but I'd like to see all of them make it and I'm not being greedy," said the CC coach. "I'd feel more comfortable if they

wrestling

all go, but it's going to be hectic (at the regional). We won't run into a lot of teams with depth, but there will be a lot of teams with good individuals. That's what we ran into at the districts."

WINNING INDIVIDUAL titles for CC were Toby Heaton (heavyweight), Jay Helm (112 pounds), Matt Helm (126), Mitch Quint (145), Chris Lemanski (155), Lee Krueger (167) and Bob Yeager (198).

Heaton, a 6-foot-6, 240-pound junior, ran his record to 51-5 by sweeping through the heavyweight class, although he had a few anxious moments.

He narrowly escaped David Fink of Ann Arbor Huron in his semifinal,

avoiding a pin in the final minute to score a 9-8 win. In the final, Heaton handed Oak Park standout Gary Brown his first loss of the year, a 2-0 decision in overtime.

"Toby had two tough matches back-to-back, but that says something about our competition," Rodriguez said. "We've had to do this most of the year."

"He (Toby) is low key, but he had a lot of confidence. He's also an intelligent wrestler."

Although CC's Matt Helm and Salem's Dennis Dameron split during the regular season, it was all Helm this time, scoring a 5-2 win.

"That had to be a high for us and a high for Matt," Rodriguez said.

THE CC SOPHOMORE ran his record to 39-4, while his freshman brother Jay, who scored a convincing 15-4 victory over Salem's Sean

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Farmington's Todd Jacobs found himself in a difficult position in his match with Salem's Dennis Dameron during Saturday's state district tournament. Dameron won the match,

eventually finishing second in the district to Catholic Central's Matt Helm. Jacobs recovered to qualify for the regional tournament.

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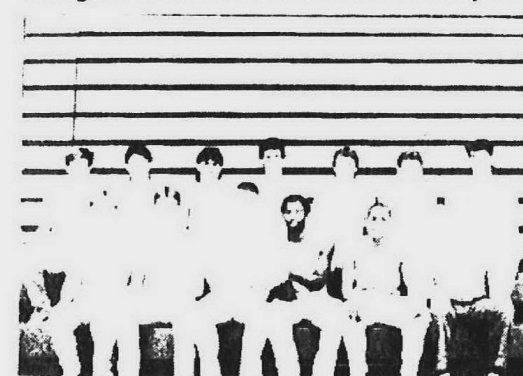
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During the 1st weekend in March of 1983, Plymouth Salem beat Livonia Stevenson 67-70 to capture the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) title at Salem. The triumph made the Rocks the first-ever WLAA basketball champions. Both Stevenson and Salem came into the contest with 17-2 overall records and 14-1 league marks. The only WLAA losses on their records came in games against each other. "What it came down to was our eight against their five," said Rock coach Fred Thomann. "It seems everyone we went to on the bench contributed." John Cohen scored 16 points, all in the last two quarters, Dave Houle had 15, Marvco Zurek scored 11, and Glenn Medalle and Matt Broderick netted 10 apiece.

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Spartans rule WLAA volleyball tourney



Carrie Pyhila slams one for Canton. The Chiefs found little success at the WLAA volleyball tournament, winning just one of seven games.

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

The Livonia Stevenson volleyball team is about as popular in Walled Lake as a migraine headache.

In fact, a headache is exactly what the Spartans gave both Walled Lake teams (to say nothing of the rest of the 12-team field) Saturday at the Western Lakes Activities Association Volleyball Tournament at Walled Lake Central.

Stevenson, after outlasting a feisty Walled Lake Central team in the semifinals (8-15, 15-4, 15-12), dusted Walled Lake Western in the championship match 15-7, 10-15, 15-6.

LET'S CONSIDER what these nasty Spartans have done to the Walled Lakers this season.

Central, after Saturday, has a 29-7 record. Five of the losses were administered by Stevenson. The Vikings have competed in three tournaments this season and the Spartans have eliminated them from each.

"It has really hurt our state recognition," Central coach Mike Lindstrom said. "We can't get ranked with seven losses. I tell them that five of the losses were to the No. 4 team in the state, but . . ."

Western, after Saturday, has an impressive 31-4 record. Stevenson (38-4) has beaten the Warriors twice.

"I did not want to play Walled Lake Western," said Stevenson coach Lee Cagle, whose Spartans have won eight league titles in his nine-year coaching reign. Western, ironically, took the title away from Stevenson last year.

"They really scare me," he added. "They hit well, and they dig better

than anybody. You cannot afford to take a breather against them."

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP match afforded few breathers for either side.

Stevenson, behind the power of senior Kristine Bailey, rolled convincingly past Western in game one. Bailey scored seven of the 15 points with spikes and well-placed off-speed hits.

Western used its premier attacker to get even in game two. Senior Dawn Andrews accounted for the team's last seven points at the net.

Bailey and Andrews will be teammates next year at Michigan State University.

Western jumped ahead 4-1 in the decisive third game. But, with Bailey serving seven straight points, Stevenson ran off 12 unanswered points and eventually buried the Warriors.

"The same things have haunted us all year, bad passing and service reception," said Western coach Fritz Tallion. "We won game two because we passed the ball well, and we were able to get the ball to our big hitter. But you can't take anything away from Stevenson. They play great defensively and Bailey is just outstanding. We wanted to get her in the back row, but when she got there she killed us with her serve."

BAILEY'S BRILLIANCE is the most visible characteristic of the Spartans. But she would be the first to point out the undeniable value of the five other Stevenson players.

Sue Zatorski was superb at the net throughout the day. Her left-handed spike gives blockers fits.

Rocky Cibor, a first-year setter, spread the ball around nicely. Then, whenever the opposition dozed off, she'd tap one over the net for a point. She scored two big points on dink shots against Western.

Both Lindstrom and Tallion spoke of Stevenson's uncanny ability to dig up spikes and get quickly into its offensive attack. The reason is the hustle of back row standouts Amy Anderson, Laura Brown and Jenny Sladewski. Brown also played well in the front row, particularly against Western.

"We have two very dominant players in Bailey and Zatorski. They put an awful lot of pressure on a team," Cagle said. "And we have a lot of kids with exceptional athletic ability. And, for the most part, there's no resentment among the players. They play as a team."

TWO OTHER teams made nice runs in the tournament. Livonia Churchill went 8-0 in pool play before losing to Western in the semis.

"We played about as well as we could play," said Churchill coach Mike Hughes. "We have some good kids who play very hard. But we don't have the kind of athletes that Walled Lake Western has. They certainly deserved to win. They were the better team."

Westland John Glenn missed getting to the semifinals by one game. The Rockets had the misfortune of having to play both Walled Lake teams in pool play.

The two Walled Lake teams, by the way, happily noted that they would not be meeting Stevenson in the state district tournament. But they could meet again in the regional.

volleyball

WESTERN LAKES VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Saturday at Walled Lake Central

Championship match: Livonia Stevenson def. Walled Lake Western, 15-7, 10-15, 15-6.
Semifinal matches: Stevenson def. Walled Lake Central, 8-15, 15-4, 15-12; Western def. Livonia Churchill, 15-7, 15-7.

Pool I (1st, 3rd, and 5th place teams from

the Lakes Division; 2nd, 4th and 6th place teams from the Western Division): Stevenson, 8-0; Churchill, 8-0; North Farmington, 3-5; Livonia Franklin, 2-6; Plymouth Salem, 2-6; Plymouth Canton, 1-7.

Pool II (1st, 3rd and 5th place teams from the Western; 2nd, 4th, 6th place teams from the Lakes): Western, 7-1; Central, 7-1; Westland John Glenn, 6-2; Farmington Harrison, 2-6; Northville, 2-6; Farmington, 0-8.

Lady Ocelots romp in a playoff tune-up

Schoolcraft College's womens basketball team tuned up for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) state tournament by trouncing Siena Heights junior varsity 74-61 Saturday at Siena Heights.

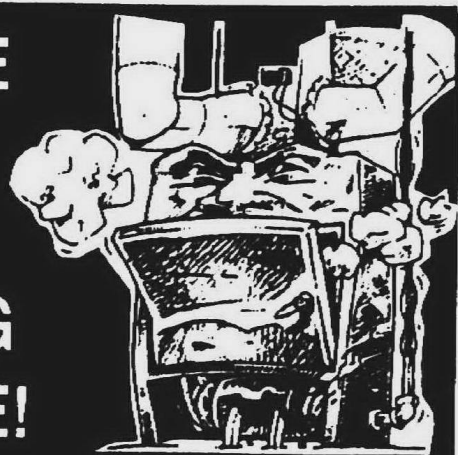
Tracy Ladouceur did most of the damage for the Lady Ocelots, pouring in 28 points and hitting all nine of her second-half floor shots to help SC pull away from a 32-29 halftime lead. Sue Lubbe added 17 points and Lori Abbas had 13. Lisa Kline had eight rebounds and six assists.

SC, 19-7 overall and Eastern Con-

ference co-champions, begins its quest for a state title by playing Highland Park at 6 p.m. Thursday at Glen Oaks CC. If the Lady Ocelots win, they will meet the Muskegon-Delta winner at 8 p.m. Friday.

The state championship game is at 8 p.m. Saturday at Glen Oaks. It will be preceded by a state all-star game at 6 p.m., which will feature Ladouceur, Lubbe and Abbas if SC isn't playing in the state final. Ladouceur was named all-state, Lubbe was an all-Eastern Conference selection, and Abbas earned honorable mention all-conference.

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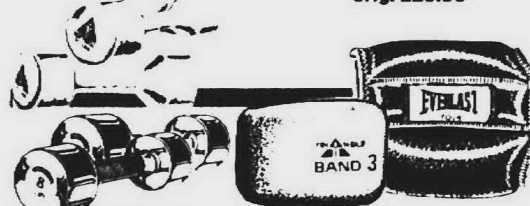
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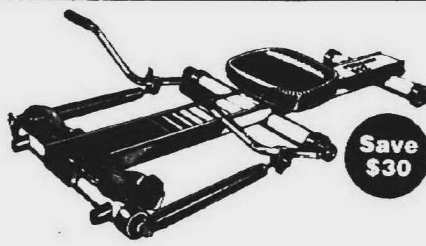
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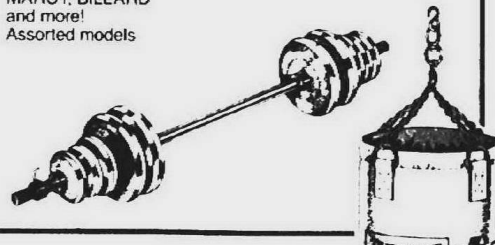
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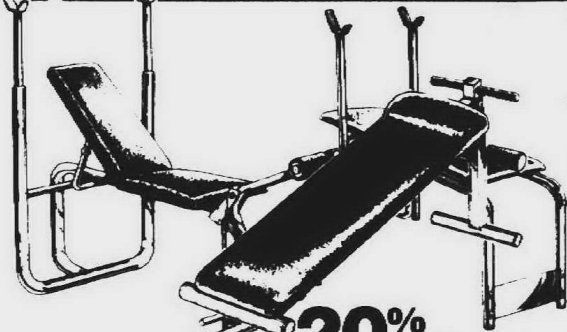
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Deciding sports destinies without any competition

A GUY WHO SHOULD know better told me something Tuesday, saying it as if he were surprised but not really shocked. "You know, before I always thought sports were decided on the field of play," he said.

The speaker was Richard Thompson, Wayne State's sports information director. What he said might have been true in the earliest days of athletic competition.

Not now. These days, athletic destinies are determined by officials without the benefit of competition. Developments of the past week prove it.

EXAMPLE NO. 1: Plymouth Salem vs. Westland John Glenn, two excellent basketball teams whose fates were determined by the flip of a coin.

The scenario: Salem lost to John Glenn in the team's first meeting at Salem. Friday, the two teams — by far the best in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) — met again. This time Salem won on a buzzer shot by Jeff Justice.

It was the Rockets' first loss this season (Salem has two), and it tied them with Salem for first in the WLAA's Lakes Division. The tiebreaker formula consisted of WLAA wins, division wins and head-to-head competition. Since neither had an advantage, the only thing left to do was toss a coin.

At stake was a berth in the WLAA championship game against Western Division-winner Plymouth Canton.

Salem won the toss. So 17-1 Glenn must settle for second place.

Hardly seems fair, does it? In previous years the league decided its champion by playing a three-game tournament, which seems fairer than the present method. WLAA officials agree, and they will return to a tournament format next year.

Of course, that doesn't help John Glenn much, does it?

EXAMPLE NO. 2: Oakland University vs. Wayne State. These two basketball teams have been battling, together with Ferris State, for berths in the NCAA Division II tournament and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title.



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Ferris is in the driver's seat for both. The Bulldogs are first in the GLIAC, a game ahead of WSU. The Pioneers are third at 9-5. But there are 32 spots in the NCAA II tournament, enough for all three. Or so officials from WSU and OU believe.

Now, it's possible just Ferris will be chosen. If one other team is picked, who will it be, the Tartars or OU? They have the same overall record (18-8) and have split in head-to-head competition.

So it comes down to another undetermined tiebreaker. WSU has the better GLIAC record, but as OU coach Greg Kampe noted, "The NCAA (selection committee) doesn't give a hoot about our league."

Of more concern to Kampe is WSU's tradition. The Tartars were in the tournament last year; their reputation is better than OU's, which has never enjoyed such success.

BUT KAMPE is confident that, if his team wins its final two games, they will get a berth — if not in their North Central Region, then somewhere else.

"We've got to win our last two games first before we start worrying about the politics of it," said Kampe. "But 20 wins usually assures it."

OU needs to beat Michigan Tech tonight and Lake Superior State Saturday to reach that magic number. Still, one never knows what enters into such decisions. For instance, there's the star factor. OU's second-leading scorer, Johnny Johnson, quit the team two weeks ago. That may affect the selection committee's decision, if they think OU isn't up to par.

Something else may cloud the picture further. WSU has asked the league to make a ruling that may change the outcome of Saturday's OU-WSU game, which OU won 61-60. The protest involves what WSU officials term an incorrect rules

application on John Henderson's game-winning shot.

WSU's Maurice Macon blocked the shot, but an official ruled Macon slapped the backboard, a violation that earns a technical foul. The rule states the Pioneers should have had a free throw and the ball out of bounds with four seconds left. Instead, the official treated it like goaltending.

If GLIAC officials rule in favor of WSU, the final four seconds might be replayed. The league's decision is bound to have an impact on the NCAA II tournament committee's selection. If the league is slow making its ruling, the committee may decide to eliminate both from consideration.

Who can tell what will happen? But it seems certain a decision will go beyond the black-and-white facts that usually govern such matters.

EXAMPLE NO. 3: St. Mary's College and the NAIA District 23 tournament. The Eagles are out; they will not qualify. And the way they are playing currently, that's a shame.

There's some pre-season politicking that may have cost St. Mary's a berth. The Eagles are hot, with four wins in their last five games — all against district opponents. With two district games remaining — one at home against Saginaw Valley State, which is ahead of the Eagles in the NAIA power ratings — it seemed St. Mary's might still have a shot at the playoffs.

Problem is, the verdict was in before all the evidence was presented. Cutoff date for tournament consideration was last Sunday — before the Eagles finished their schedule. Whatever St. Mary's does in its last two games won't matter. Despite the off-court shenanigans, the Eagles can blame no one but themselves for their miseries. They lost 12 of 14 games in one stretch, including seven in a row.

The same can't be said for John Glenn, which won't get the chance to defend its WLAA title because it lost the flip of a coin. Or for OU, in the midst of its finest season ever.

The point is, it's painful to lose games on buzzer shots. But to lose after the buzzer sounds hurts even more.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer
Carson Butler was held to just eight points by Delta CC Wednesday, far below his 21-point average, but OCC still won easily.

2d-half run lifts OCC past Delta

Coaches always carry on about how they hate playing a team a third time. Lynn Reed, though, turned that dislike to Oakland Community College's advantage.

The Raiders blitzed Delta CC with a 22-5 run over an eight-minute second-half stretch to roll to a 100-86 victory in a Michigan Community College Athletic Association second-round men's basketball playoff Wednesday at OCC.

With the win, the Raiders (22-7) advance to the MCCA Eastern Conference final (8 p.m. Friday at Schoolcraft College) against the Highland Park-Alpena victor. Friday's winner will play the Western Conference champ for the state title at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at SC.

As usual, the scoring Wednesday was high but it was the Raider defense that dictated the tempo. Delta's inside tandem of Lloyd Sergeant and Dan McLellan combined for 33 points in the Pioneers' thrashing of Schoolcraft Monday. Against OCC, they managed eight.

"We played them twice, and both times we went man-to-man and had to do some scrambling," said Reed. "This time we went to a match-up zone. It's the first time we've used it all year."

It worked. The Pioneers had to go outside, and for a while did so successfully. Steve Bard scored 17 first-half points (he finished with 28), and his running mate at guard, Mike Ody, added nine. Their shooting helped Delta rally from nine points down to tie it, 42-42, at the half.

But that kind of shooting couldn't last. The game remained tight until OCC started its streak with 13:45 left on a Sam Smith basket that gave the Raiders a 60-59 lead. Eight minutes and nine Smith points later, OCC was securely in front, 82-64.

Derrick Williams paced OCC with 26 points. Smith had 22, Gary Holt scored 20, Jimmy Sherrell got 15 and Reggie Anderson totaled 10.

Eagles soar

The surge has come too late for St. Mary's College's basketball team.

The Eagles defeated Aquinas College 99-82 Saturday at St. Mary's behind Jon Bow's 29 points. It was their third-straight win and fourth in five games, all against NAIA District 23 opponents.

Such a streak might have made a difference, had it come earlier in the season. But the four qualifiers for the district tournament have already been decided, and Aquinas, which beat St. Mary's earlier, is one of them. The others are Siena Heights, Northwood Institute and Grand Rapids Baptist.

The Eagles, who improved their record to 15-17, led 51-46 at the half. Aquinas (14-16) rallied to tie it early in the second half, but St. Mary's scored 13 straight points to ice the victory.

The Eagle lead reached 29 points (93-64) late in the game. Joining Bow in double figures in scoring were Bradley Turner (15 points), Safaa Qasawa (12) and Mo Steward (10). Bow also had nine rebounds, and point guard Lance Davis collected 11 assists and five steals.

Aquinas got 25 points and 14 rebounds from Cory Branch. Darryl Martin had 23 points, all in the first half.

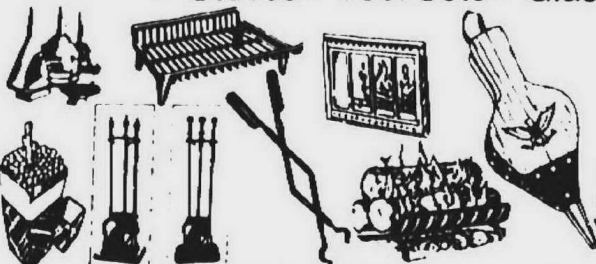
St. Mary's closes its season at Spring Arbor (7:30 p.m. tonight) and at home against Saginaw Valley State (2 p.m. Saturday).

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Raiders romp, get bye

Oakland Community College earned a first-round bye in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) mens basketball state tournament by routing St. Clair CC 112-85 Saturday at OCC.

The win boosted OCC to 12-4 in the Eastern Conference and tied the Raiders for second with Delta CC, which lost at Macomb CC. OCC earned the first-round bye on a tie-breaker.

The Raiders (20-7 overall) wasted no time in disposing of St. Clair, which finished in the conference

OCC sports

basement. They constructed a 59-40 lead by halftime and were never in trouble.

Seven players reached double-figures in scoring: Reggie Anderson (22 points), Derrick Williams (18), Gary Holt (14), Sam Smith and Carson Butler (13 each), Greg Davis (12) and Tom Muhleck (10).

Salem takes 2nd

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May in the 112-pound final, is 42-13.

As expected, Quint won the 138-pound crown, raising his record to 51-4. He scored three points before posting a 6-2 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Jason Palmisano.

Another impressive CC grappler was Yeager, who scored three straight pins at 198 before defeating Nov's Brett Keir in the final, 4-2. Yeager is 44-4.

Krueger, a steadily improving sophomore, won his class by defeating CC Invitational champ Brian Clemens of Livonia Churchill, 7-1, raising his mark to 33-11.

Lemanski, meanwhile, took the 155 title with a 12-7 win over Jerome Farmer of Pioneer. Lemanski is now 36-12.

Other CC qualifiers included Jim Raglow (98) and Chris Rodriguez (145), each finished second; and Luke Martindale (119) and Ted Rieple (185), both taking fourths.

SALEM, WHICH JUST edged Novi by two points in the battle for second place in the team standings, will be sending six to the CC regional including Dameron, May, Richard Johnson (heavyweight), Jeff Delbecke (98) and Steve Burlison (145) and Chuck Graczyk (198).

"I said before that we'd get about five through," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "I didn't know how tough it would be. There were a lot of cases of nerves, especially for some of the younger kids who were here for the first time."

Churchill, sixth in the team standings, boasted one individual winner, junior Dave Zenas, who raised his record to 30-7 with a 5-2 triumph over Huron's Roger Williams in the 185 final.

PLYMOUTH CANTON regional qualifiers include Tom Flores (98), Dan Dewyer (155) and Jim Crews (198).

Chiefs 7th at Freeland meet

"Decent scores for us" was how coach John Cunningham summed up Plymouth Canton's gymnastic performance Saturday at the 19-team Freeland Invitational.

"Anytime you score over 32 you're doing pretty well," Cunningham added, referring to Brenda Perry's all-around mark of 32.25. "And the (judges') scoring was low."

So Canton, Cunningham felt, did well to get 126.7 points. But that total wasn't enough in competition like this. The Chiefs finished seventh,

with host-team Freeland, the state's top-ranked team, scoring 138.45 to take the title.

Traverse City finished second with 131.5 points, followed by Jackson County Western (130.1) and Dearborn (129.4).

Perry was Canton's best overall performer; her 32.25 all-around score was good for 16th overall. Maureen McLean finished 18th with a 31.80 total.

Top finishers for the Chiefs were Perry, 10th in the floor exercise

(8.65); Mary Jo Charron, 12th in the balance beam (8.15); McLean, 15th in the beam (8.0); and Apryl Mosakowski, 16th in the floor exercise (8.35).

Canton is now idle until the league meet March 5 at North Farmington.

PLYMOUTH SALEM'S Jackie Huff set a school record with a 9.0 in the uneven parallel bars, one of her three firsts in a 132.8-77.5 thrashing of Walled Lake Western Monday at Salem. The win boosted the Rocks to 9-3.

Huff's other wins came in the vault (8.8) and floor exercise (9.0). She was also third in the beam (8.1).

Becky Talbot had a first and three seconds for the Rocks. She was first in the beam (8.5) and second in the vault (8.5), bars (8.6) and floor (8.8). Amy Pastori placed second in the beam (8.2) and was third on the bars (7.9) and floor (8.2). Pastori and teammate Debbie Popp tied for third in the vault (7.9).

Salem hosts Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m. Monday.

Harrison slips past Panthers

Farmington Harrison held off stubborn Redford Union in a non-league basketball game on Tuesday, 66-65.

The win increases Harrison's overall record to 10-9, while host Redford Union, which has dropped nine straight, fell to 3-12.

Twelve of 13 Harrison players scored, but the Hawks needed a free throw by Mike Koroly in the final 10 seconds to clinch the victory.

Koroly finished with 11 points, while Chad Burgess led the Hawks with 13. Brad Ridgeway, the Hawks' 6-foot-9 center, was limited to seven points, but he did block seven shots.

"We did a good job on him (Ridgeway) — we practiced to stop him," said RU coach Tip Smathers, whose team has lost six games by three points or less. "The difference was the second quarter (a 20-15 Harrison spurt) when their subs outplayed ours."

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RU's Craig Watson led all scorers with 20 points. Dave Marshall added 14 points and Steve Sterlitz grabbed 10 rebounds.

SEAHOLM 44, N. FARMINGTON 42: Dave Van Meter's layup at the buzzer Tuesday gave Birmingham Seaholm (11-6) the victory over the visiting Raiders (7-12).

Van Meter and teammate Steve Sheckel each finished with 14 points.

STEVENSON 73, EDEL FORD 63: On Tuesday, the Spartans slipped back over the 500 mark with a non-league triumph at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Livonia Stevenson is 10-9 overall, while the Thunderbirds dropped to 4-14. Eric Johnson led a balanced Steven-

son attack with 19 points. He played a strong inside game along with 6-6 senior center Jeff Gibbons, who poured in 17. Other Spartan contributors included Pete Mazoni (10), Rich Gregor (nine) and Lars Richters (eight).

John Tobin tallied 15 in a losing cause. Jason Sullivan and Joe Messier added 12 and 11, respectively.

CLARENCEVILLE 66, TEMPLE 60: Livonia Clarenceville made 26 of 34 free throws Tuesday, including 11 of 13 from Devin DeRoock, as the Trojans rallied in the final quarter to beat non-league foe Inkster Temple Christian.

Thanks to accurate free-throw shooting, Clarenceville outscored Temple 24-15 in the decisive fourth period.

DeRoock, who finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds, hit eight of nine foul shots in the final quarter. Teammate Rick Larson, who added 17 points, also hit three of four free throws down the stretch.

Gregg Buell chipped in with 12 points and Joe Jentzer hit four in a row from the charity stripe down the stretch. Three Temple players scored in double figures: Scott McKee (18), Kevin

Livengood (18) and Don Wing (10). Clarenceville is 9-9 overall, while Temple fell to 8-10.

KETTERING 70, GARDEN CITY 50: On Tuesday, forward Todd Drass, who led all scorers with 23 points, keyed a 26-13 third-quarter surge as visiting Waterford Kettering ran away with a non-league win at Garden City.

"We stayed with them for about a half (28-28), but their overall height wore us down," said GC coach Bob Dropp, whose team slipped to 6-11 overall. "Kettering really hit the boards hard in the third quarter."

Center Bryan Smith added 12 points for the Captains, now 8-11 overall. Senior forward Scott Harvey pumped in 16 for the Cougars.

NOVI 72, FRANKLIN 58: The Wildcats roared out to a 41-23 halftime lead and never looked back Tuesday, defeating host Livonia Franklin in a non-league encounter.

Senior center Matt Kamish led the winners with 20 points. Teammates Joel Miskovich and Brian Schram ad-

WLAA title bash

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"We've won eight in a row and we just penetrating our middle," said Brodie. "That and our ability to handle their defensive quickness will be the key to the game. Reeves and Trice are extremely quick and right now they're rotating a lot of people in and out. They always have a lot of fresh people on the floor. We can't let down

our big advantage. Our two goals at the beginning of the year were to go 18-2 and to win the league championship. Now we've got the opportunity to accomplish both goals in one game."

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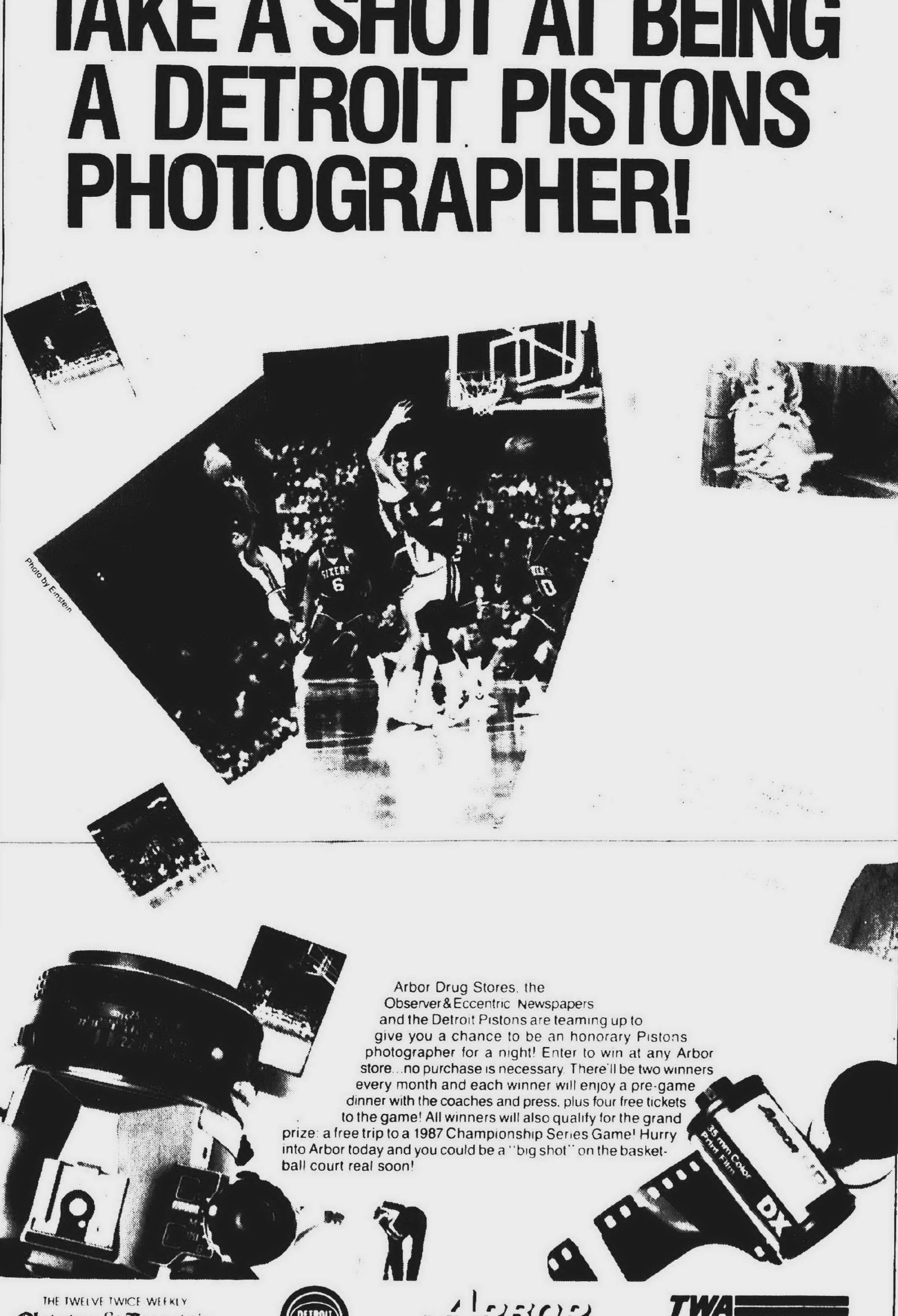
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"Come on now, Wilbur. No one is trying to take all your money, OK. Just relax for a minute," I said, trying to calm this paranoid fanatic.

"Funds are set up for good reasons. They're not trying to swindle you out of your money. Funds are set up to support specific causes which otherwise would have little or no financial support."

"BUT WHY ME," he snivelled.

"Why do they always want money from me? My 1986 Michigan income tax return even asked for a couple donations from me. Why me?" he asked, as he began pounding his head into the brick building beside him.

"Now settle down," I said. "No one is trying to single you out, Wilbur. Here, wipe your eyes and calm down."

"Money donated to the two funds on line 32 of your individual income tax return is put to excellent use," I explained. "The CTF, or Children's Trust Fund uses its donations to help prevent child abuse, and that's a very good cause. Don't you agree?"

"Yeah . . . sniff . . . sniff . . . I

guess," whimpered Wilbur. "But what about that other one. That . . . sniff . . . non-game wildlife fund. Why should I contribute to that when I don't even hunt or fish?"

"That's exactly why you should," I said. "You see game animals, those which are hunted, are benefitted by many projects which are funded by hunting license fees. The non-game wildlife fund supports all projects beneficial to the non-game animals, animals which are not hunted, and also many species of plants."

"BUT WHAT exactly do they do with the money" asked Wilbur, as his eyes began to dry. "And a dollar here or five dollars there really can't help that much. Can it?"

"It sure can," I reassured him. "In 1985 the fund financed nearly 40 projects throughout the state. The three-year revenue from the fund is nearly \$1.3 million. Last year alone individual donations from Wayne County totaled \$84,000 while Oakland County's totaled \$74,000. (The puzzling fact is that people in Oakland County, one of the richest counties in the nation, donated less than those in Wayne County. I can't explain why, but that's the way it is.)"

"Anyway, the main goals of the non-game wildlife program are aimed at preserving the populations of desirable non-game wildlife species and their habitat, and at increasing people's enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of wildlife and plant resources. Two of the biggest projects supported by the fund are the development of the Breeding Bird Atlas and the Natural Features Inventory. By pinpointing species and natural features most critically in need of protection and management these two projects should help shape non-game wildlife work for years to come."

"THE FUND also supports projects which attempt to restore species that were once native to Michigan. Some of the species the Department of Natural Resources is attempting to bring back through financial support of the non-game

wildlife fund are the peregrine falcon, the trumpeter swan, the pine marten, the greater prairie chicken, the wolverine and the whooping crane. They also have projects aimed at improving the numbers of existing species such as the bald eagle, the osprey, the common loon and the piping plover."

"Whoa. I never thought donations would be used for things like that," said Wilbur. "I always thought they just used that money to give someone a raise or to buy more of those funky green conservation uniforms."

"That's not all," I continued. "In addition to these projects the non-game wildlife program is presently hosting a series of workshops, which are free to the public, on the construction and placement of bluebird nest boxes. There has been a 90 percent decline in the number of bluebirds in Michigan over the past 50 years, due mostly to the loss of natural nesting sites such as the cavities of old trees and wooden fence posts. The DNR hopes to educate people on how to help increase the bluebird population. One of those workshops will be held at the Rochester Hills Public Library, 210 W. University Drive, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15."

"Well it sounds like they are using the money for a good cause," mumbled Wilbur. "But I've already sent in my tax form so how can I donate to the fund now. I've raised \$16.32 today and I might as well donate it to the non-game wildlife fund and try to boost Oakland County's total in 1987. We really do look bad compared to Wayne County, ya know."

"It's easy," I said. "Mail your donation to the Non-game Wildlife Fund, P.O. Box 30180, Lansing, MI. 48909."

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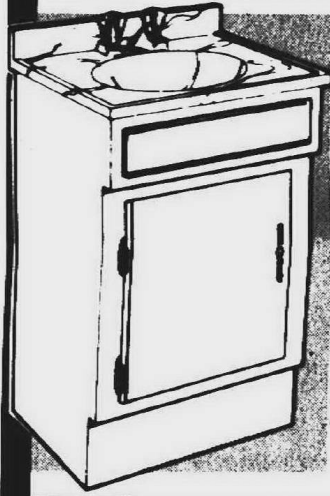
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ADAMS

The class of 1977 is planning a 10-year reunion for Saturday, July 4. For more information, call 651-5508.

ATHENS

The Troy Athens class of 1977 will have a 10-year class reunion Saturday, March 28. Help is needed in locating former classmates. For more information, call Joyce at 652-0268.

BARN THEATER

The Barn Theater Performing Arts Group of Oakland University will have a 20-year inclusive reunion Friday, July 31. For more information, call Class Reunions at 469-1410.

BENEDICTINE

The class of 1967 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 19. For more information, call Bob Lulek, 522-6619, or Marianne (Hodge) Fox, 698-9549.

BERKLEY

The class of June 1946 is looking for class members for a reunion tentatively set for June. For more information, call 282-8717, 548-3847 or 546-3332.

The classes of January and June 1961 and January 1962 will have a reunion Friday, March 28. For more information, call Class Reunions at 469-1410.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES

The class of 1967 will have a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call Julie (Farb) Love at 855-9843.

BISHOP BORGESS

The class of 1977 will have a 10-year reunion Friday, Sept. 25. For more information, call Pat (Erpled-ing) Horgan at 522-0359.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The class of 1967 is planning a 20-

year reunion. For more information, call Lynne (Roberge) Roland at 540-7510, John Coe at 979-4400 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Barb (Stewart) Hertzler at 644-4138 after 5 p.m.

CASS TECH

The classes of 1941-45 will have a reunion in Southern California Thursday through Sunday, June 25-28. For more information, contact Bernard Elbinger, 18800 Sears Lane, Fort Bragg, Calif. 95437. Or call (707) 964-3548.

The class of 1967 is planning a 20-year reunion. For more information, call Barry Blauer at 546-3563.

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The Clarenceville School District is looking for former district students and employees to add to the sesquicentennial invitation list. A four-day celebration is planned for June. For more information, call 473-8905.

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The class of 1977 will have a 10-year reunion Saturday, July 11. For more information, call Joan Kutykowski at 565-8322.

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In addition, the Rouge Valley System will continue to transport current purchase capacity flows from Northville Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, and City of Garden City. The Public Hearing will present a description of the recommended Project, its evolution, and a projected cost per household for each community. The purpose of this Hearing is not only to inform but to seek and gather input from the people who will be affected. Implementation of this Project requires major decisions and the comments and viewpoints of the public are requested.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 1987
PLACE: City of Livonia
City Hall Auditorium
33000 Civic Center Drive
(Five Mile at Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan)
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Detailed information on the Project can be reviewed at the following libraries:

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Mysterious happenings intrigue him

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

Mark McPherson probes the great mysteries of the world with an enthusiasm, energy and zest that's as infectious as laughter. He lives the dream everyday, caught, as if by magic, in the excitement and heroics that color the most dramatic pages of history and literature, ancient and modern.

His is a multi-level commitment, resting securely on a foundation of reading and study, coupled with a desire to pursue the unknown and build a higher level of awareness in the process.

He has dived in the dark waters of Loch Ness in pursuit of the monster and, in the clear blue of the Caribbean off the coast of Florida, near Bimini, for the lost continent of Atlantis, combed the fortress-site of King Arthur's Camelot for the ruined ramparts, led ghost hunts to houses and castles, researched the mysteries that surround Christopher Marlowe and William Shakespeare and followed the trail of many unexplained phenomena such as Sasquatch, the Shroud of Turin and UFOs.

McPherson will be the guest at a Cranbrook Writers' Guild fund-raiser at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield. The program, "An Evening of Mystery and Myth," is subtitled, "Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About the Unknown." Tickets, \$15 or \$25 for patrons, may be reserved by calling 646-4963. They will also be available at the door.

"I WANT to provide a cohesive look at a number of great mysteries . . . and the theme that runs through all of them," he said.

And yes, he said, he will talk about Shirley Maclaine and added, "I think I'll kind of Donahue the audience, and have them speak of their experiences . . . I have a lot of slide material — UFOs, ghosts, Shroud of Turin, Sasquatch, Yetti — there is so much information, it's interesting to see how it all relates."

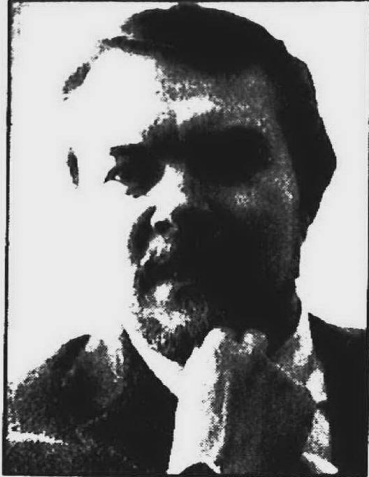
In his conversation, a non-stop mixture of philosophy, history, mythology, literary references, psychic phenomenon and sociological inquiry, from ancient Egypt to present-day California, he includes bits and pieces of personal experience.

"People ask me if I believe in ghosts. No, I tell them. I've seen too many of 'em."

He recalls using borrowed equipment when he dove at Loch Ness. "I almost killed myself, the regulator failed. It's like diving into a can of black paint."

Surprisingly, this closely paralleled an experience the hero of a book he had written earlier had at the same site. His diving equipment also failed.

At both Loch Ness and in the Caribbean, he was looking for sunken stone sites. He said he isn't sure what



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Mark McPherson will show slides and talk about myths and mysteries in his program for the Cranbrook Writers' Guild at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

he found on the ocean floor near Bimini was beach rock erosion or temple structures.

"I'VE GOTTEN a lot of enjoyment out of rushing headlong into some of these legends," he said, adding that the hands-on experiences have changed his thinking and given him confidence in himself.

"What I'd like very much to do next is to explore the uncharted pyramids in Peru (not far from the lost city of Machu Picchu). To forestall problems with unfriendly natives skilled with blow-guns, poisonous snakes and difficult terrain, McPherson said it would be best to go in by military helicopter. He's hoping someone will agree to bankroll the project.

As he speaks of extraterrestrials throughout history, he said, "Their message is always the same, 'Learn to get it together . . . A lot of people see this as a prophetic time. Doors are opening. Other doors are closing.'"

McPherson is working on a novel based on his research of Shakespeare, Marlowe and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes. He suggests a lot of the mystery in the novel may be based on fact.

McPherson, founder and director of Daedalus, a professional agency for the investigation of matters of unusual, paranormal and historical/archeological interest, said he has been on several interesting cases in recent months. He has eight different programs ready for both large and small audiences.

He compared the way people control their lives to producing a movie, "Everybody's producing their own movie. Some star in it, direct and produce it, others take only a supporting role."

McPherson's movie, has a natural star — a medium-tall, bearded, slightly graying, well-spoken scholar — who has a good, fast-moving script and does all his own stunts.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Festival Dancers in their terrific costumes for a segment of "Dance & Song, 60 Terrific Years" from left are Susie Rosenzweig, Rose

Lieberman, Harriet Berg, director and founder, Margo Cohen, Patty Ceresnie and seated, Pat Baum.



'We're still mothers with young children. Right now one of our members is pregnant with her first child, one has three children and one is a grandmother. We still appeal to young married women.'

— Harriet Berg

Dance — a way of life

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

Harriet Berg's enduring, energetic, enlightened Festival Dancers will present "Dance & Song 60 Terrific Years" at the Jewish Community Center at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8. The program is part of the monthlong celebration of the arts at the Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield.

Berg started the dance group in the late '60s at the Jewish Community Center of Oak Park and through its almost two decades of existence, it has attracted women in the 20-40 age bracket, wives and mothers with a dance background who want to keep in touch with an art they love.

While size has varied from 6 to 12, the consistency has been in the challenges and skill level, polished and maintained through the weekly Thursday classes, a busy schedule of performances (they have more than four in March) and, for most, additional, private study.

For many years Margo Cohen and her sister, Bunny Nickamin shared their love of dance through Berg and the Festival Dancers. Nickamin moved to Colorado and joined a university dance group there, but Cohen continues in the company because dance is as much a part of her life as eating and sleeping.

"I started when I was five. My parents were in dance and music." Her father, Sammy Woolf, well-known metropolitan area orchestra leader, started her performing when she was a youngster.

"When he went to entertain at the Jewish Home for the Aged, I would go with him and I usually ended up singing or dancing when I was 8-10 years old."

WHEN SHE went back with the Festival Dancers to perform at the Jewish Home for the Aged, her parents were in the audience and she said it was as if the circle had been completed.

Berg, whose approach to dance is influenced by Martha Graham (as are practically all modern dance companies) said, "Margo is usually ahead of her time in her ability to open up to new ideas. You have to be able to accept the eclectic aspect of dance. Margo wasn't the norm, she

wasn't the usual, the general. Young dancers today realize they have to know all kinds of dance, but that wasn't always true."

What intrigues these two teacher/student friends is that the very elements which make dance exciting carry over into other art disciplines.

About 10 years ago Cohen and her husband, Maurice, began to collect 20th century art and Berg said, "She has this intellectual curiosity and courage in dance which shows up in her art collection. She was absolutely able to carry over what she did here into her art collection."

Cohen said, "I dragged him (her husband) to all the dance concerts and he began to learn and to this day, he loves it. I used to say my mother was my biggest fan, now Maurice says he's my biggest fan."

Berg's smile was broad and warm when Cohen described the enormous influence dance has had on her life.

As she returned to talking about the Festival Dancers, Berg said, "We are still mothers with young children. Right now one of our members is pregnant with her first child, one has three children and one is a grandmother. We still appeal to young married women. . . . I think the reason we're successful is because we choose dances to show off our skills. . . . We have had a variety of good teachers over the years. Cathy Stern Lichtman, our teacher now, choreographed a special piece for company for the (March 8) show, "Remember" by Irving Berlin.

She mentioned some of the other guest teachers the Festival Dancers have had — Denise Szykula, Becky Malm, Jennifer Noyer and Barbara Rinaldo, "We had all of these wonderful people come to work for us . . . we've just been very lucky."

Also on the March 8 program will be a group of improvisational dancers from the Paradigm Dance Theater, the Tuesday Troopers from the Jewish Community Center of Oak Park and a group of 5- and 6-year-olds who will be doing the Jewish Wedding Dance. For information on this or other programs, call 661-1000, Ext. 342. The Jewish Community Center is at 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Margo Cohen has carried both the disciplines and the joys of dance and the performing arts over into her approach to collecting the visual arts.

Local sculptor achieves success in New York

Editor's note: This is part of a series of interviews which Manon Meilgaard did when she visited former metropolitan Detroit area artists who are now living and working in New York City.

By Manon Meilgaard
special writer

While it would be an exaggeration to say that Tom Bills' rise to fame has been meteoric, his is certainly a success story.

The modest, softly-spoken sculptor who moved to New York from Detroit in 1975, has appeared in major exhibitions, is the recipient of several important awards and has steadily been acquiring a wide reputation.

His ground floor work-place/studio and upstairs living quarters is a former potato-chip factory located in Brooklyn. No cozily-wombed studio this. Like that of other sculptors who work with heavy metals, blowtorches and machines, his working area is more like a welding shop than a studio, heated by a wood-stove in winter.

The sculptures, which weigh just under

a ton, are knee-high rather than gargantuan, and indoor rather than outdoor works, (although one could well envision them in a small garden setting).

Basically, Bills joins thick steel plates together, each cut with an identical incision, giving the appearance of a single plate with one cut-out section. Molten lead is then poured into the incisions, which not only seals the plates together but makes a pattern resembling a vase or a necklace. Alternatively, the block can be composed of concrete, bonded and patterned with steel.

"The most important thing," said Bills, "is that each structure consists of two materials which rely upon each other. One cannot exist without the other."

Bills' sculptures have often been said to resemble tombstones, reliquary boxes or tablets, but there is something about them that reminds one of masonry found in Celtic or Viking excavations.

In materials alone, each one costs about \$1,000 to make said Bills, who, incidentally abhors the label of minimalist. "Some of my work might stem from minimalism, but the connection is a false one."

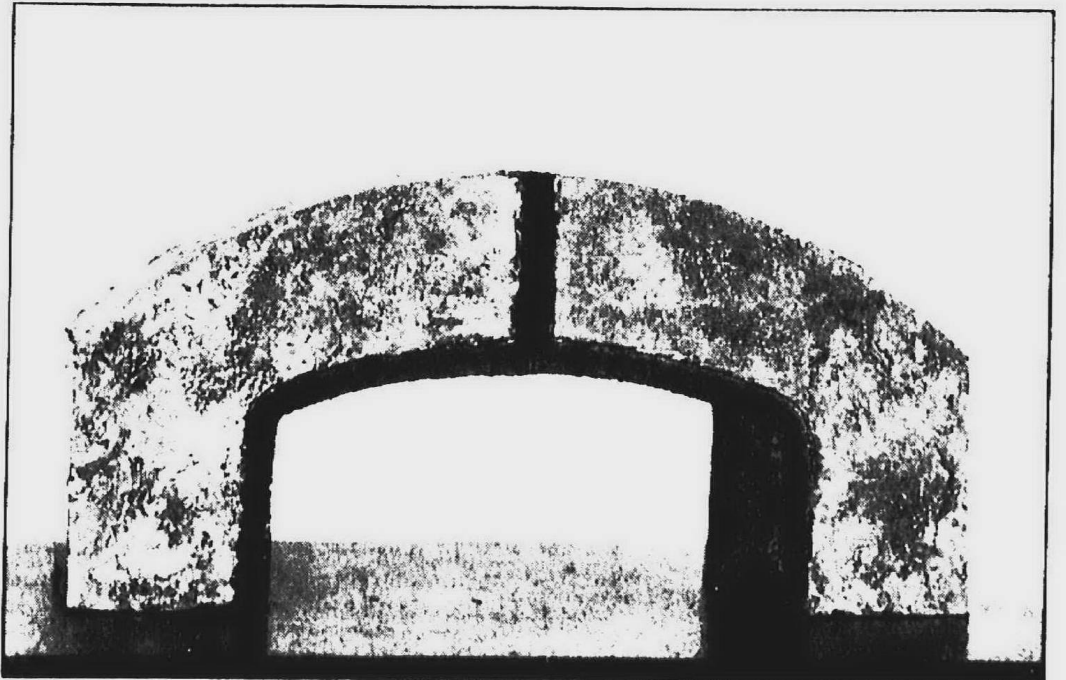
At age 19, Bills served for one year in Vietnam as a scout, and following this harrowing period of his life, entered Oakland University as an English major.

After taking some art courses, he found that this area was where his interests lay. He subsequently became a student assistant to the curator of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Kuehn Usui.

"Despite the simple structure and toughness of cement or steel, his work always conveys a lyrical and classical quality," said Usui.

After receiving a B.A. from Oakland, Bills worked on a Whitney Museum Independent Study Program in New York and was awarded an M.F.A. from Yale University. He made "ends meet" by working as a carpenter in New York, and made models for Richard Serra with whom he exhibited at a major exhibition "Sculpture, the Tradition in Steel" through the Nassau County Museum of Modern Art, together with other sculptors such as Louise Nevelson, Michael Hall, David Smith, Donald Judd and Joel Shapiro.

Bills does not contemplate returning to Detroit on a permanent basis.



"Widebody," 1985, by Tom Bills is lead and steel. It is 8 1/4 by 16 1/2 by 7 inches.

briefly speaking

● LINCOLN TRIBUTE

Dr. Weldon Petz of Lincoln Memorial University dispels myths and replaces them with facts when he leads a pilgrimage through the life of Abraham Lincoln in a one-time-only Cranbrook P.M. presentation at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, at 500 Lone Pine Road.

Tracing Lincoln's life from his background as a country boy in Kentucky up to his assassination in Ford's Theater, Petz will reveal the human side of the legend through little-known stories, music, slide illustrations and original materials never seen before.

Cost of the lecture is \$10. For more information, call Cranbrook P.M. at 645-3635.

● FACULTY EXHIBIT

The Sarkis Galleries of the College of Art and Design, affiliate of the Center for Creative Studies, will present the industrial design faculty exhibit from Friday, May 6 through Monday, April 6. The galleries are located in Yamasaki Arts and Crafts Building at 245 East Kirby in the University Cultural Center.

The multi-media exhibit will feature paintings, drawing, illustrations and renderings by eight participating artists, including ID department chairman William House, and Bill Frcka, Homer LaGassey, Dan Lew, Tom Molyneux, Camilo Pardo, John Steiner and Keith Vreeland.

A reception for the artists will be held in the galleries from 4-6 p.m. Friday, March 6. For more information, call 872-3118.

● DONATIONS NEEDED

Search your walls, attics and imagination for an appropriate work of art or an antique for the University of Michigan Museum of Art's second Art and Antique Auction and Sale Friday-Saturday, April 24-25.

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Proceeds will become part of the museum's acquisition fund. Sponsored by the Friends of the Museum, the sale and auction will be held from noon to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Michigan Union. Free admission and open to the public both days.

● CALL FOR SLIDES

The Exhibit Gallery of the Ann Arbor Art Association is currently accepting applications for its 1987-88 exhibition schedule. Individual artists or groups interested in exhibiting should submit 10-20 slides representative of current work, an updated resume, and a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of slides. Slides should be enclosed in a clear plastic sleeve and labeled with the name, date of execution, size, medium, and a dot in the lower left corner. Additional supporting materials and/or a statement of intent may be included. Deadline for receiving applications is March 31. Send application materials to Kim Bauer, gallery director at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104.

● LIFE DRAWING COMPETITION

Life model Erma Starks will pose for a series of life-drawing classes offered by Norgraphic studios of Northwest Blueprint and Supply Co. Students/professionals who participate can then enter a competition sponsored by Norgraphic. Fee for each three-hour period is \$5. Sessions will begin this month. For more information call Jeanne Poulet, 353-5525.

Starks, regarded by many as Detroit's famous life model, will be honored at a reception at Norgraphic's studios on Northwestern Highway 6-7-30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

● BASKETRY SEMINARS

Char TerBeest will conduct a workshop on willow basketry Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8, at Tint and Splint Basketry, 30100 Ford in Sheridan Square. TerBeest is author of Wisconsin Willow-Adventures of a Basketmaker. A basketmaker for 10 years, she exhibits nationally in numerous shows, fairs, galleries and exhibitions. Her work has been pictured in such national publications as Better Homes and Gardens, Country Home and Fiberarts.

On Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5, Tint & Splint will host a two-day hands-on workshop, "Experimentation with Basketry Forms and Techniques." The course will be taught by nationally known professional basketmaker Byrant Holsenbeck of Durham, N.C. The workshop is geared for beginning to advanced level basketmakers.

For more information on either event, call 522-7760.

● CALL FOR ARTISTS

Michigan's professional performing artists, solos, duos and groups, professional visual artists, museums and galleries with exhibitions to travel, and filmmakers with films to rent or loan may submit an application for a listing in the "Directory of Michigan Touring Arts Attractions."

The directory is a booking guide for groups and individuals presenting performing arts entertainment and educational programs, exhibitions and films in their communities. There is no charge to artists for this listing.

The application deadline is April 1. Applications are available by writing: The Touring Arts Agency, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews, Midland 48640-2695.

● SATURDAYS AT FOUR

Marygrove College's 10th season of the chamber music series "Saturdays at Four," featuring members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and other well-known local professional musicians and vocalists, is in the Madame Cadillac Building at 4 p.m. Saturdays.

The concert dates for the remainder of the 1987 season are: March 7, Two-Way Piano Recital; April 4, Renaissance Woodwind Quintet; and May 2, Marygrove College Chamber Singers and the Marygrove Trio.

Tickets are \$6 with a \$3 admission for students and senior citizens. Season tickets are \$25. The ticket price includes an hors d'oeuvres reception immediately after each performance, allowing guests to mingle and meet the musical artist.

For more information, call Sue Vanderbeck, 862-8000, Ext. 316.

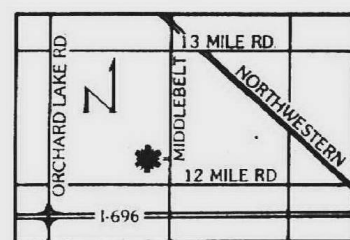
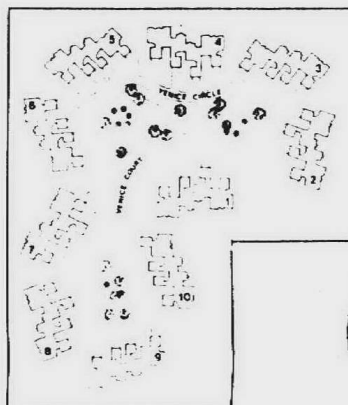
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The gardens, which will be located between Boone and Welch Halls on the EMU campus will consist of a landscaped seating area with the King sculpture as the focal point.

The EMU Art Department, in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Gardens Steering Committee, is looking for sculpture entries which reflect King's ideas of peace, community activism, education and non-violent change.

TEACHERS ARE ESPECIALLY invited to encourage their students to submit drawings as part of the celebration of Black History Month.

All entries will receive recognition.

The deadline for submission is Friday, March 20, and the judging of the entries will be by the Gardens Steering Committee and the Art On Campus Committee.

All entries should be sent to the Martin Luther King Jr. Gardens, 203 Goodison Hall, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

For more information, contact Dr. Les Bates, associate dean of students, at 487-3116.



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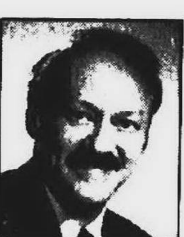
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Tax experts discuss impact of new law

By Carolyn Carman
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'Basically, individuals are much better off than under the old law. They will pay \$100 billion less in individual income taxes and that much more will be paid in corporate taxes.'

— James Wheeler,
UM professor
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— Mark Solomon
Walsh College professor
and tax attorney

THE TAX REFORM Act of 1986 will bring about changes for almost everyone who files a tax return. Tax rates, personal exemptions, IRAs and deductibility of consumer interest have all been affected by the act.

The new law offers both advantages and disadvantages for various taxpayers and several area tax experts offered their opinions about them along with some advice for maximizing your tax situation.

"It's hard to say who will benefit and who will lose," said Robert Kleiman, Oakland University professor of finance. "You have to look at each individual case."

Kleiman says a major benefit is there will be only two tax brackets, but almost all deductions will be limited. Under the new law, the top rate will be 28 percent while the old rates

ranged from 11 to 50 percent.

"Individuals will be able to keep more of their income," he said. "They have taken away investment incentives, but on earnings from primary income, the tax rate is lower."

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS and standard deductions have also been increased, added Kleiman.

Personal exemptions will increase from \$1,080 each in 1986 to \$1,900 each in 1987, \$1,950 each for 1988 and \$2,000 each for 1989. The \$2,000 personal exemption will be adjusted for inflation beginning 1990.

James Wheeler, University of Michigan professor of accounting, says filing tax reform for the average wage earner will be less complex, but for those individuals with complex financial situations, filing will become more complicated.

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lion less in individual income taxes and that much more will be paid in corporate taxes."

Mark Solomon, professor and chairman of the tax department at Walsh College and a practicing tax attorney, said, "Different classes of persons will have different benefits and detriments under the new law."

Solomon says the middle income individual will bear the brunt of the changes in the tax law and there has been a shift in the economic burden of taxes to them.

"THE MIDDLE-INCOME group — especially singles and young couples — has lost its IRA deductions for the most part," Solomon said. "A few can still do it, but most can't. They are also losing the sales tax deductions and interest deductions on consumer credit other than home mortgages."

Kleiman agrees the loss of the IRA

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Odd dilemma for homeowners

HOMEOWNERS ARE facing an odd dilemma, one produced by good fortune.

Their good fortune is the fall in rates on home mortgages.

Their dilemma is whether to hold on to even lower variable rate mortgages in the hope the rates might fall even lower — or to act now, nail down a fixed-rate mortgage and thus secure the future against any upturn in rates.

Homeowners are not unique in having a dilemma. Stockholders, for instance, have a problem of their own in deciding whether to take their profits now, or take the chance they can ride the rampaging bull without getting dumped.

BUT STOCK MARKET people are investors, or even speculators or traders, while homebuyers generally are not. They are common folks with the primary goal of keeping a roof over their heads and only secondarily of making a bundle.

Making the dilemma especially painful are factors such as these:

- Mortgage rates, having dropped to their lowest levels since 1978, could fall some more. Many housing people think they will, but not by very much, and probably not beyond this spring.
- There is a big difference in

monthly payment costs between fixed-rate mortgages at about 9 percent and variable rate loans, which might be a full point lower. To transfer would mean immediately higher monthly payments.

- To transfer from a variable to a fixed-rate loan also would mean one-time, up-front processing charges and points. Two points on a \$50,000 mortgage costs \$1,000, although it often can be included in the total amount financed.

THE QUESTION TO be answered by many families distills to this: Is it better to accept a relatively small amount of financial pain now in order to be safe from the possibility of a great deal of financial pain in years to come?

Those "years to come" put a dimension on the dilemma that many people find difficult to deal with. A difference of just \$100 a month can mean \$24,000 over the life of a 20-year loan. That is almost a year's pay for the typical family.

But the difference can be much greater if the loan is larger than \$50,000 or the spread expands between future variable rates and existing fixed

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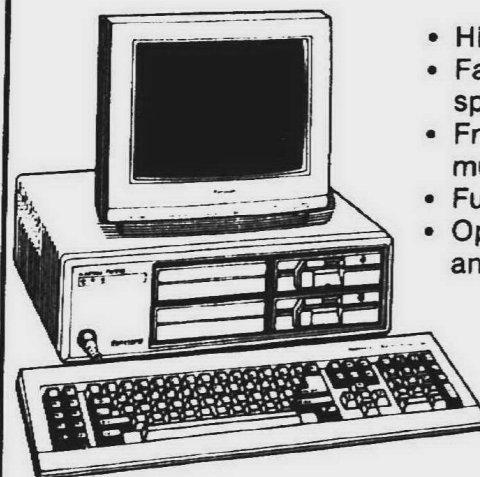
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deduction is detrimental to singles and young couples.

"The current bill eliminated deductions for contributions to IRAs for singles with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of more than \$35,000 and couples with an AGI of more than \$50,000," Kleiman said. "The IRA has been a tax shelter for the masses and the bill effectively phases out IRA deductions for upper-middle and high-income brackets."

Employer-sponsored 401(k) plans are also subject to new limitations beginning in 1987. Under the new rules, the maximum amount of salary a taxpayer can defer is \$7,000 a year opposed to \$30,000 a year under the old law.

"The combination of limits on IRAs and 401(k) plans in some cases makes it difficult to save for retirement," Kleiman said.

Wheeler and Solomon add that to the extent individuals are still eligible, they should contribute to IRAs.

"They are still tax-favored," said Wheeler. "They are still a good investment."

SOLOMON SAYS THERE is not much in the new law of benefit to the middle class other than they were allowed to keep mortgage deductions on two homes, something they already had.

Solomon advises singles, young couples and growing families to take advantage of the interest deduction by buying a house or condominium rather than renting.

"They will get the deduction and also the appreciation in value on the residence," Solomon said. "Buying a house is still a good deal."

Interest on home equity loans will also continue to be deductible provided the outstanding principal balance on such a loan does not exceed the cost of the home plus the cost of any improvements made to the home.

Kleiman said the new non-deductibility of consumer interest such as interest on automobile loans, Visa and MasterCard is a detriment for individuals.

"In general, you see a penalization of various deductions with the exception of home mortgage interest," Kleiman said.

SOLOMON SAYS EMPLOYEE business expenses and miscellaneous deductions have also been reduced. In 1987 taxpayers will be able to deduct those expenses above 2 percent of AGI for expenses such as tax preparation, financial planning and employee business expenses.

"These expenses are deductible starting in 1987 only when they are combined with other miscellaneous expenses that exceed two percent of the taxpayers' AGI," he said.

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professor finance

Solomon says another disadvantage for the middle-income taxpayer is the discontinuance of the two-earner deduction for married couples along with the discontinuance of income averaging.

As to the very wealthy, Solomon says those with an income in excess of about \$200,000 will benefit by the effective top tax rate being lowered from 50 percent in 1986 to 38.5 percent in 1987 and 28 percent in 1988, even though there may be a 5 percent surtax on some of their high-bracket income.

"But for some of those people, there is significant loss in the fact that the capital gains deductions has been repealed," Solomon said. "They will also suffer heavily because most tax shelters have been tightened to the point of non-existence."

KLEIMAN SAYS UNDER the new law, capital gains will be taxed at the same rate as ordinary income. Wheeler says he feels it is beneficial that the new law treats capital gains the same as it treats wages and salaries.

"Anytime a tax law treats all forms of income the same, it removes tax-induced decisions and that's beneficial," Wheeler said.

The dividend exclusion is also repealed under the new law, explained Kleiman.

"In the past, individuals were able to deduct the first \$100 and couples the first \$200 of dividend income, but under the new law, the exclusion is repealed and that is a detriment."

Wheeler says the law removes virtually all incentives for entering tax shelters and now people will enter investments based on real economic considerations as opposed to related tax consequences (write-offs).

For the lower income bracket, Solomon says many will not have to file tax returns because under the new tax rate structure, they are not liable for taxes.

'THE CHANGE IN the personal exemptions structure and standard deductions will take many of these people off the tax rolls," he said. "In addition, many people who have low incomes because they have been laid off will suffer under the new because unemployment compensation has been made fully taxable starting in 1987."

Kleiman advises taxpayers to maximize their income from primary jobs rather than passive income from investments.



Mortgage transfer poses a dilemma

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rates. And the betting is that it will.

One critical factor should be remembered — it never will be forgotten by some folks — and it is that variable rates can vary upward. While most have caps, they can rise by several points in a few years.

So, is it wiser to pay \$1,000 or more in one-time charges, plus \$100 a month extra, to nail down a rate you know you can afford? Or is it better to take the chance that rates will fall, or not rise very much, over months to come?

Some factors that might influence your decision:

- Are you now close to the limit of your ability to pay?
- Do you have a cash reserve?
- Is your job secure? Remember,

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rising rates could accompany big layoffs.

• Do you intend to sell your house in the next few years, or keep it for the rest of your life?

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Credit cards — endangered species?

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But they will be able to write off only 65 percent of that interest in 1987; 40 percent in 1988; 20 percent in 1989 and 10 percent in 1990. In 1991, the deduction disappears altogether.

COINCIDENTALLY OR not, this change in the rules arises at a time when credit cards were already coming in for increased scrutiny as a source of problems, as well as plenty, in our consumer society.

For one thing, financial counselors describe them as a primary factor in the affairs of many people who get into trouble with their debts. For another, credit cards have been widely criticized as a means of borrowing be-

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Nobody's predicting that the flash of credit cards will suddenly be extinguished in the nation's restaurants, hotels and shopping malls. The cards provide consumers who use them judiciously with a great measure of convenience and flexibility. But experts on the subject say the situation does merit a reappraisal of what cards you keep in your wallet and how you use them.

There are, by common consent, three distinct groups of credit-card holders. The first, and surely the smallest, never actually charges a purchase, but simply uses a card as a sort of passport that facilitates transactions like hotel reservations and the acceptance by merchants of personal checks.

The second uses the card to buy things, but rarely or never runs up interest charges. As a matter of policy, these people pay off bills in full each month.

THE THIRD GROUP uses the revolving credit line that comes with the card as a way of financing purchases.

There is a basic point to the exercise of distinguishing among these categories. The kind of card you want to look for depends on which group you fall into. Obviously, if you

never buy anything with your credit card, you don't care much what interest rate the issuer charges, or even what "grace period" it permits before it begins charging interest. Ideally, you want a card with the lowest possible, or no, annual fee.

If you use a card to buy but not to borrow, the grace period is likely to be the most important consideration, with some thought given to the annual fee as well. For credit-card borrowers, by contrast, the interest rate carries a lot of weight. A low rate may more than justify choosing a card that has a relatively high annual fee. Beyond that, the experts say, people who borrow with their credit cards might consider a jump into one of the other categories of cardholders.

At any level of interest rates, the after-tax cost of credit-card borrowing is going up.

Seek help on changes retirement can bring

(AP) — "Next to death and divorce, retirement can be one of the most traumatic transitional periods in a person's life," says Maynard Engel, a financial planning specialist.

Engel points out that changes usually involve relocation, the making of new friends and establishing of new interests — aggravated by the financial ramifications of these transitions. "The combination can be devastating," he says.

"These problems often take years to reconcile, if they are indeed ever really solved." In making a choice about the distribution of their pension funds, retirees may be facing the most important financial decision of their lives, according to Engel, senior vice president at E.F. Hutton & Co Inc.

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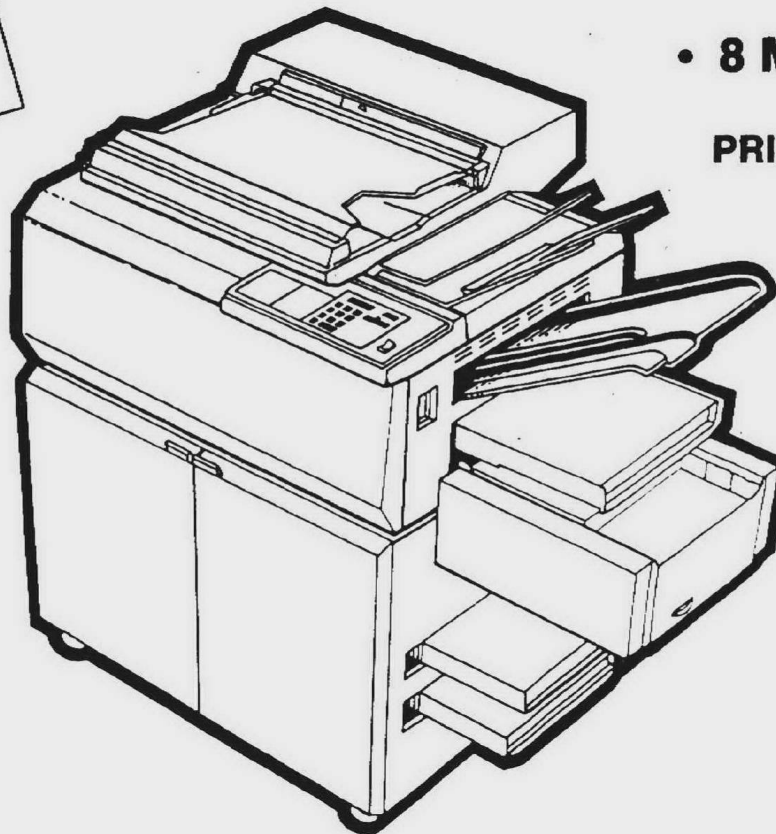
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