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"We should look at the possibility of going to other sites if the city doesn't want us here," Trustee E.J. McClelland told fellow board members at last week's workshop.

"We should look in Plymouth Township and Canton Township where we own land, and look at the possibility of building," he said. "I think we ought to keep that option before us."

The district wants to add 7,500 square feet of space on the west side of the building south of Ann Arbor Trail — 2,500 feet in a basement and on each of two floors — and 75 parking spaces.

To make room for parking, the district wants to raise two houses it owns south of Robert Blake Road on Ann Arbor Trail.

To pay for the project, school officials would use \$925,000 approved by voters in a 1986 bond issue.

Plymouth planning commissioners and residents have raised objections concerning parking, building height, landscaping and screening.

The addition would include a board meeting room double the size of the existing one; offices for the superintendent and associate superintendent; four secretarial areas, space for election files, an elevator and lobby.

A new facade and hip roof would give the building a federal colonial appearance.

Superintendent John Hoben said residents' opposition to the plan "are mostly people from up the street on Ann Arbor Trail. Their concerns vary from parking being a hazard to the 'historic' homes we're tearing down."

"If we accept what they're saying, it would squeeze us in and prevent us from using our parking in that area up there (on Ann Arbor Trail)," said Hoben.

"I feel there's support in talking to business people for our original program," he added.

The schools have requested that the planning commission table the proposal until its December meeting.

City attorney Ron Lowe has approved the plan. City planning consultants recommended approval, if certain revisions were made. Among their suggestions were lowering the building height, proposed at 31 feet, and adding screening along the south and west property lines.

The schools have since received a go-ahead from the zoning board of appeals to increase the building height from the existing 25 feet to 31 feet.

Architect Erick Carne said the city is

vetoing plans to remove five walnut trees in the northwest corner of the school's lot.

"The planner suggested they be left intact and the paving go in a different direction," said Carne.

"What I presented to the planning commission is that these walnut trees have been a source of irritation for people who work at the board office," he said. "Their cars have been dented by walnuts dropping 30 feet. We'd like to replace them with other trees, perhaps selected by the planner."

Carne told board members committed to changing the planning commission's thinking.

"We need some people who are very positive about the plan to change the minds of the planning commission," he said. "Each member spoke against this plan. It was as though they had their minds made up before the agitators said anything."

Hoben suggested a way to alleviate con-

cerns about the historical value of the homes on Ann Arbor Trail. The houses were bought from Ralph Lorenz by the district for \$225,000.

"The house across the street was moved; we could say that if someone wants to pay the cost of moving them, go ahead," Hoben said.

Hoben favors waiting until December to go back to the planning commission.

"We need to get a feel from the business community as to how they feel about having that kind of edifice in the community," Hoben said. "Waiting til December would give us time to take the temperature of the community out there."

Carne said most city residents would like to see the administration keep its present location.

"The city as a whole would like to see us stay; we're an asset to our residential and commercial neighbors."



Lyvon Harrison, Toni Kneiding and Jason Day log some time at the Canton High School library.

Super students find time for other pursuits

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STEFFANNI, LIKE the other students who do well, sets aside time for homework or other studying.

"It usually varies, but usually at least an hour (each day)," she said.

Jennifer McGrath of Canton, another all-A Plymouth Canton High senior, works 5-10 p.m. each school day but still studies "probably about two hours a day," she said.

McGrath usually studies right after school, she said. If not after school, "then I just do it at night," she said.

Michael usually studies about a half-hour to 45 minutes each night, he said.

"It varies — It can go an hour or sometimes as little as 15 minutes but you always have to study hard," said Christian Hebel, nearly an all-A student at Central Middle School in

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WHILE THEY get good grades, top students still have occasional difficulties in a class. The only class that gave Christian trouble last marking period — he got a B-plus — was algebra.

"Sometimes algebra is hard, but if I study and do my homework it tends to work out."

"I have to work really hard with my English classes . . . I like to read, but not when I'm forced to read in a certain time," Steffanni said.

For McGrath, "The only class I have trouble with is physics."

Both Michael and Jodi like science least, they said.

"It just gets so boring," Coyle said.

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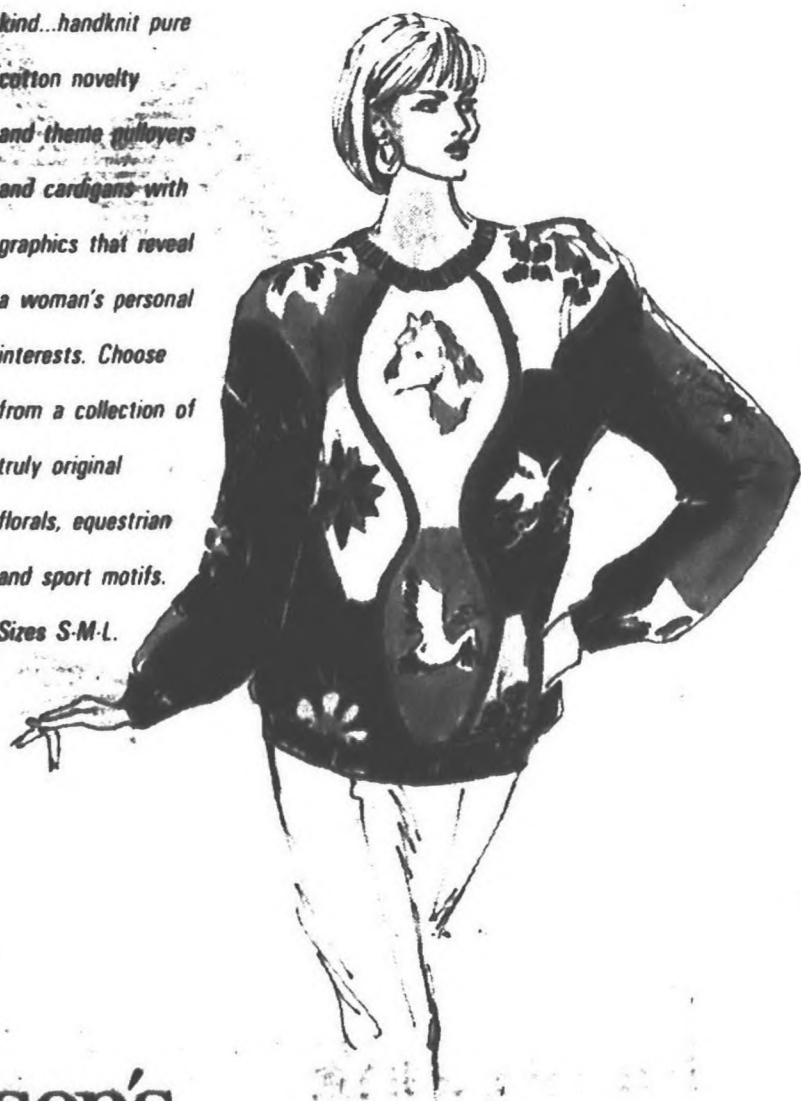
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The school district includes corners of Northville Township, Salem Township and Superior Township, where voters also defeated A and B.

No votes on A in Northville Township tallied 2,758. There were 578 yes votes.

B went down 3,026-240. In Superior Township, A was defeated 873-385. B lost, 945-295.

Salem Township voters said no to A, 705-180, and to B, 719-142.

RAY HOEDEL, associate superintendent for business for Plymouth-Canton schools, wasn't all that surprised. Superintendent John Hoben wasn't available for comment.

"I thought perhaps Proposal A might have a chance, because of the big push through the TV."

Regardless of the outcome, "the key to educational reform in making our schools the opportunity for the future is continuing commitment, and maybe in most cases, recommitment from Michigan citizens, parents, educators, businesses, legislators and elective and public officials to make education number one," Hoeidel said.

"I am sure the governor and legislators

all have some ideas already. They're going back to the drawing board more or less. It's just a never-ending task striving for educational excellence for all children."

SCHOOL BOARD member Roland Thomas didn't expect the number of no votes.

A and B were defeated "by almost 8 to 1, and in many cases by 8 to 1 and 9 to 1 (locally). That's incredible," said Thomas, who credited voters for being "very informed."

"As I've said before, you don't put the funding of schools in a Constitutional amendment. That's pure, bad legislation. Neither proposal recognizes the need for

equity in funding. You can't get perfect equity, but you need to be reasonable and practical and close that per-pupil spending gap between school districts."

A lack of trust is part of the problem, said Thomas, who added: "The Legislature has a similar problem that we've had in the school district. People don't trust politicians."

"Quite frankly, I think they (legislators) need to get off their duffs and do their job. They're playing politics with the education of children in this state. That is morally, ethically, and purely from an integrity point of view, wrong. If they can't do their job, maybe we ought to find someone who can."

BOARD PRESIDENT: Dean Swartzweller was surprised at how well B did statewide. "When A had all the money behind it — a \$5 million ad campaign supported by the Michigan Education Association, the governor and a lot of powerful corporate organizations."

"There was no way either could pass," he added. "It was absolutely a set up, so frankly the results are exactly what I anticipated. In a political set up like that, it's destined to lose no matter what one does when everyone can vote no."

"It's a tragedy for the children of Michigan in total, and specifically for the poorer districts that only have \$2,500 to \$3,000 per student to spend each year."

Proposals get strong opposition

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Proposal B would have increased the sales tax to 6 cents and reduced property taxes, raising \$325 million for education the first year. B would have set a permanent school operating tax rate not subject to voter renewal.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education recommended approval of neither A nor B, contending neither would do much for the district.

Voters in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township emphatically agreed.

"I feel I'm going to vote no for both. I don't feel strong enough that they'll follow through with what they're purported to do," said Barbara Dougherty of Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH'S ROSALIN Guastella "voted them both down. We just don't need any more tax increases at this point. We passed the millage in Plymouth, and I think that's a fair amount of support. I think things the way they are OK."

Mary Johnston of Plymouth voted no on both "because there's no guarantee the money would actually go to schools."

James Johnston said literature published by Plymouth-Canton Com-



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Robert Jones looks at the election results at the Plymouth City Hall and discovers he lost his bid to be re-elected.

munity Schools said that the proposals "may end up costing us money. It also seems like some of the money would go to teacher retirement. If it's going to schools and the kids, that'd be one thing, but there are no guarantees."

At Isbister School in Plymouth Township, where voters had to wait to park, sentiment was similar.

Wilfred and Ann Shimmmin were saying no to both A and B.

"I don't trust them," said Ann Shimmmin. "I feel the schools need more money, but this isn't the way to go. I have always voted yes on millages before. This is the first time I've voted no, and I feel bad about it."

"I am voting no on both because this will be a tax, and they'll never do anything with the money. We're already one of the highest-taxed states in the country," Wilfred Shimmmin said.

TONY MALTESE drove to Isbister to pick up his child, not to vote. Nor did he plan to cast a ballot. "I'm indifferent, only because of the millage we just passed, and the fact that they (A and B) wouldn't have an effect on us because we're out of formula."

Theresa Bulmon of Plymouth Township has approved school tax requests in the past. Not this time.

"I feel they get too carried away. And the bit about the lottery — I

thought that was supposed to fund schools."

Joe Wilhelm was reading up on the proposals while waiting to vote at Isbister. But he pretty much had his mind made up.

"I'll probably vote no on both. B doesn't involve voter approval, and that seems fundamental to me. I'm not sure that's the right angle."

Sue Allen of Canton, voting at St. John Neumann Church, said, "I think they're trying to get around the Headlee Amendment in the long run. They're raising our taxes all the time and going after sales receipts. I'm just against both proposals."

Canton's Bud and Mary George also cast negative votes.

'Outsider' top vote getter

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to know that Jerry Vorva is a serious person. I am looking very much forward to making Plymouth a better place to live in," he said.

Vorva greeted commissioners Barbara, Ron Loiselle, commissioner-elect Vos and Mayor Dennis Billa before his supporters gathered at the Plymouth Oddfellows Hall and urged supporters to applaud each civic leader.

All signs point to campaign change

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campaign," Kenyon said.

SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS lamented the defeat of Robert Jones, who they said did a fine job on the commission, but posted no campaign signs and failed to win enough votes for re-election.

In contrast, the two top vote-getters, Vorva and Vos, waged the most aggressive campaigns of recent years in Plymouth.

Besides placing signs throughout the city — they even challenged the city in court over some sign placements — both went door to door to talk with voters.

Vos also used a computer read-out of registered voters who cast ballots in recent elections to compile a mailing list for campaign literature.

He also kept track of where absentee ballots were sent, and

Besides placing signs throughout the city — Jerry Vorva and John Vos III even challenged the city in court over some sign placements — both went door to door to talk with voters.

mailed those voters campaign brochures.

Also in Tuesday's election, Plymouth voters joined a trend that has been spreading around the country, for more voters to cast absentee ballots.

Vos recognized this trend. "We worked the absentee voters very hard," he said.

Capitol idea

Government classes gain popularity

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Last year, from a balcony seat in the United States Capitol, Plymouth-Salem High School sophomore Shelley Rodgers cast envious eyes upon young people working as pages on the House floor.

This year, she's among them.

With fellow students from Salem and Canton High Schools, Rodgers visited Washington, D.C., last March with a program called Close Up. Upon her return, she applied for a page position and was one of 66 students selected from across the country to work as a congressional page this semester. Rodgers, who attends school in the mornings and works the rest of the day — and often into the night — hopes to work as a Senate page next semester.

Close Up is a non-profit, non-partisan national foundation that emphasizes hands-on learning about government. Since 1970, Close Up has brought more than 160,000 students and educators to Washington, D.C., with the goal of enhancing their understanding of the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.

This year, more than 300 Salem and Canton sophomores, juniors and seniors are enrolled in Close Up government classes.

Every year for the past four years, Close Up enrollment at Centennial Educational Park has doubled in size. This year, a third teacher was added to handle the load.

Close Up teachers Mike McCauley, Bill Gretzinger and John Gravin hope to take all of their students to Washington the week of March 18. To pay for the trip (cost is \$800 per student), staffers and students are selling candy and juice at school, hosting bowl-a-thons and car washes and seeking donations from corporations and service clubs.

The program receives no money from the school district.

In a recent presentation before the school board, Close Up teachers played a videotape showing Close Up students quizzing government officials and attending workshops in Washington; and closer to home, trips to landfills and soup kitchens.

They hope to show the video "on the red-eye meeting circuit" to area clubs, organizations and businesses in hopes of receiving tax-deductible donations.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE first time, Close Up students are volunteering for community service jobs at the Salvation Army, day care and health centers, with the Democratic and Republican parties, local government and soup kitchens. In return, "we help subsidize their trip," said McCauley. "We wanted to have kids do more than sell Kudo bars. That way, they learn more."

"The community supports us; now kids are putting some of that support back," said Gretzinger. "There are no free handouts."

Unlike most districts throughout

the United States who send only the smartest or most affluent students to Washington with Close Up, McCauley, Gretzinger and Gravin believe every student who wants it should have the opportunity to go.

"We think everyone should be able to go," said McCauley. "The Constitution doesn't read only smart people can participate."

It's been tough financially for several students in past years, Gretzinger said.

"Some students have their trips paid for, but most students are struggling with it, working minimum wage jobs and fund-raising," said Gretzinger.

"We had one student last year who had to borrow clothes to go on the trip."

Thus far, area businesses supporting Close Up include Don Massey Cadillac, Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, Super Bowl in Canton; K mart, First of America and Omnicom. Service clubs including the Civitans, Kiwanis and Colonial Kiwanis also have come through.

"It's nice to see corporations and various sorts of organizations helping out," said McCauley. "It gets the kids involved in learning about politics and government."

"We really want to see parents' companies supporting this. Having a corporation sponsor a family member going on an educational trip is the best thing that could happen for the kids, their parents and their companies."

DSO sets area concert

For the 11th year the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will go on tour in the suburbs in six area communities. Included in the 1989 Metro Tour, sponsored by Hudson's, is an appearance in Livonia on Monday.

The DSO, directed by assistant conductor Dr. Leslie B. Dunner, will perform beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Livonia Churchill High on Newburgh north of Joy.

The concert will feature a program of light classics and pops fa-

vorites including Verdi's Overture to "La forza del destino," Suite from "El amor brujo" by Falla, "Finlandia" by Sibelius, Gershwin's "Cuban Overture," Ellington's "Sophisticated Ladies," and selections from "Gigi," "E.T.," and "The Empire Strikes Back."

Tickets for the Livonia performance are \$5 each and may be obtained by calling Livonia City Hall at 421-3000, Ext. 351, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from the Churchill

Business Office at 523-9208 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

As DSO assistant conductor, Dunner has conducted the orchestra on many occasions and also serves as music director of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

He has won many honors for his conducting and is a composer as well. His "Motherless Child Song" and "A short Rhapsody for Clarinet" were recorded last year and soon will be released on the Innova label.

CEP band to play at Silverdome

The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Marching Band will perform Sunday at the Silverdome when the Lions meet the Green Bay Packers at 1 p.m.

The band's appearance comes following the band's fifth place in the Marching Bands of America Midwest

Regional competition held Saturday, Nov. 4, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The event drew 25 bands.

The final performance for the band will be at the Marching Bands of America Grand National Championship Competition in Indianapolis, Ind., on Saturday, Nov. 18.

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Over-aggressive vegetarian charged with assault

He was eating leaves off of a potted plant in a Plymouth Township office, then pulled a clerk's hair causing her to scream, police said, after charging the man with assault.

The incident occurred at 4:40 p.m. Monday, police said. The man, 45, of Westland, walked into an office on Ann Arbor Road and asked the clerk, a 24-year-old Redford woman, to check his account.

Next, the police report said, the man began eating leaves off of the plant, then walked over and grabbed the clerk's hair. After she screamed, he left the office, the report continued.

Police ticketed the man for assault.

NO TV: Plymouth Township police are investigating a township youth's complaint that she was told she'd won a television set after en-

tering a contest at a Westland mall — but found the contest was a hoax.

The 17-year-old Plymouth Township youth told police that after learning the contest was a hoax, she'd received several calls from the 35-year-old Westland man who was supposed to have run the contest. Canton police are also investigating the incident, the Plymouth Township police report said.

DEER KILLED: Two deer were killed Saturday after they were injured in separate incidents in Plymouth Township.

At 9:45 a.m., a Pinckney woman, 47, struck and injured a deer as she drove her car east on North Territorial approaching Ridge. The woman was not hurt.

The deer languished in a ditch, where a Plymouth Township police

officer shot and killed it, then gave it to the woman after issuing a deer-kill permit.

At 4:50 p.m., police were called to the Spartan warehouse on Haggerty Road, where a dog was injured while caught in a fence ringing the warehouse.

Because the animal was injured, police shot and killed it.

LARCENY AT CENTRAL: A man who went to Central Middle School Monday night to play basketball lost more than the ballgame. Taken from his jacket, which he left on a bench, was his leather wallet, which contained \$20 and six credit cards. Plymouth police gave him a victim's rights card.

ROBBERY ATTEMPT: An employee from the Total gas station at

1066 N. Mill told police that a blond male, aged 28-30, tried to rob him shortly after midnight Sunday.

Dressed in a green T-shirt, the man was unshaven, 6 feet tall and with a medium build.

He approached the cash register with his shirt raised to cover his face and said, "Give me all your money."

Not seeing a weapon, the employee, a 55-year-old Plymouth man, said, "No, you're crazy."

The suspect then moved around the counter, raised his fist and said again, "Give me all your money." The employee again refused.

A vehicle then pulled into the station. At that point, the suspect pulled his shirt down and fled.

STRANGE: Plymouth police spotted a suspicious man in a parked car on the upper deck of the Mayflower

Hotel parking deck about 11:45 p.m. Friday.

The man was lying across the front seat, with his eyes closed and abnortizens band radio mike in his hand.

Police tapped on the window and signaled for him to roll down the window.

When the 19-year-old Plymouth man opened the car door, police noticed the handle of a weapon sticking out from under the front seat.

The man was ordered out of the car at gunpoint and searched.

A large machete was retrieved from underneath the seat.

Asked why it was there, the man said he'd just bought the weapon and forgot to put it in his house. Asked where the bag was, the man said he threw it away.

The machete was confiscated.

crime watch

MAIL STOLEN: A 35-year-old Plymouth man told police he still hasn't received a \$145 check that was to be mailed to him by a man at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. Mailed with the check sometime between Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 were the man's driver's license and social security card, he said.

The man said he also is awaiting a \$20 check mailed by his sister, who lives in Redford.

He is danger of being evicted from his apartment due to a lack of money, the man told police. He said he would keep in touch with police.

Vet remembers bad weather, 'phony armistice'

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"THAT'S WHERE we had our first big action," Saxton said. "My job there was I was in charge of a team stringing (telephone) wire, a great big spool of wire."

"You have to be sure messages get through — to the outposts, brigade headquarters and division headquarters," he said.

Saxton also delivered messages on horseback.

"It was miserable. The weather was bad, you didn't get in till 2 o'clock at night, wet right through in the rain. I thought I'd get pneumonia again, but I didn't get it."

Once, his team "got waylaid (ambushed) on a road," Saxton said.

HE EVENTUALLY was transferred to a town north of Paris.

"The Germans made a rush and pushed down to Paris, they rushed the Americans there to stop it. It started about Sept. 26, we pushed across the trenches and pushed the Germans back."

History buffs and World War I veterans recall the "phony armistice" of Nov. 7. A few days later, Saxton said that at first he didn't believe what the French were telling him, that a real armistice was announced for Nov. 11.

"(Upon returning to America), I worked for Ford Motor Co. for nine

years, and started up this business in Northville, in 1928."

He opened the Plymouth store on Ann Arbor Trail in 1937.

SAXTON KEPT in touch with the Wisconsin veterans with whom he

served, but never attended reunions, he said.

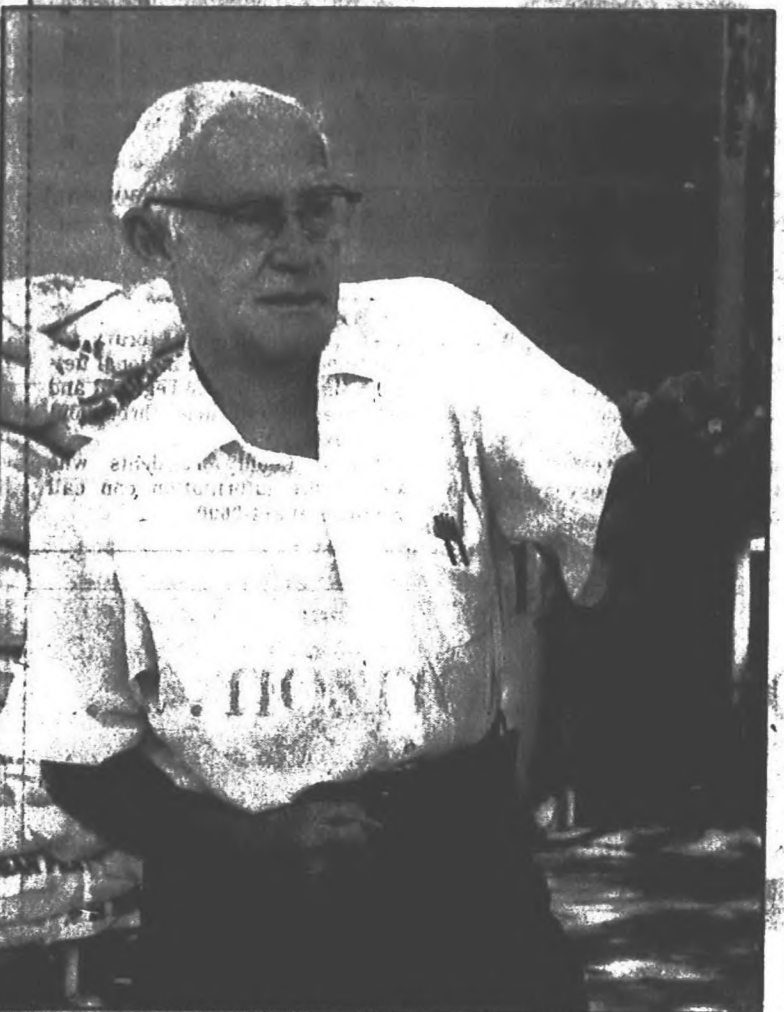
"I was too busy making a living," he said. "They had a reunion every year until five years ago in Milwaukee."

Saxton, who co-owns the garden


supply store with his son, Bill, leaves for Florida every October.

"I'll probably be back in April," he said.

He's been back to Europe since the war, "but never to France," he said. "I couldn't afford it."




Dean Saxton in a 1976 photo.



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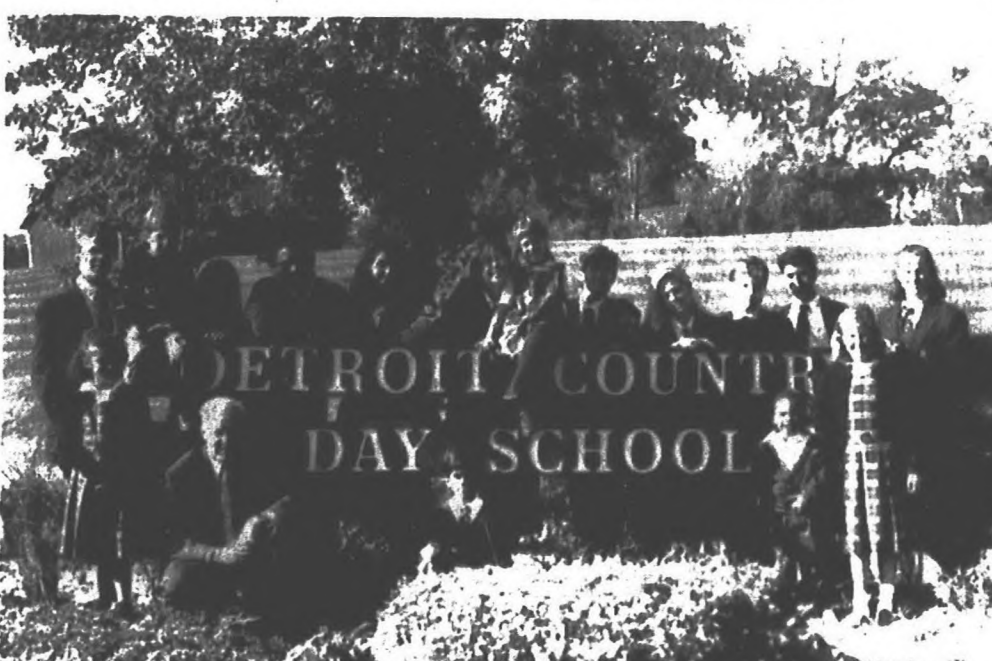


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County library serves the ears, not the eyes

By Mary Rodrigue
staff writer

The Wayne County Library for the Blind is misunderstood. A couple of years ago, the library was beset with requests from the news media for its reaction to proposed cuts.

The cuts never materialized, but librarians are still chuckling over the reaction of the news media.

"A Detroit News reporter called and said 'We're sending a photographer to the library. Have some blind people sitting around reading Braille,'" recalled regional librarian Pat Klemans.

THAT IS typical of the misconception people have of the Wayne County Library for the Blind — if they even know about it.

"It looks more like a warehouse than a library because of the mailing aspect," Klemans said.

"If we could afford \$400 suits, we wouldn't wear them to work. It looks like a major warehouse operation, but a book is a book."

Most of the 120,000 books available are on record and tape cassette. They are available to patrons who receive updated catalogs periodically by mail.

PATRONS CAN choose from 54

magazines, too — everything from Consumer Reports to the National Review. The playback machines, talking books and magazines can all be sent through the mail; the user doesn't need to travel to the library or pay postage.

"Most scholarly works are in Braille. But (Braille) is very cumbersome. A mid-sized mystery novel would take up five or six large volumes of Braille."

"Braille is alive and well. But some people who come upon blindness later in life are not Braille literate. Also, the fingertips must be totally sensitive for Braille. If circulation in the hands is poor, they would not be able to read Braille."

WAYNE COUNTY has a long history of serving the blind and physically handicapped. Books for the blind have been available for loan in the county since 1932. The present library was established during the 1950s, Klemans said.

Housed in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation building on Van Born at Venoy in the city of Wayne, the library serves 2,500 residents of Wayne County. About two thirds of those patrons are blind or visually impaired. The remainder are physically handicapped and unable to read conventional printed materials.

KLEMAN'S ANXIOUSLY awaits computer equipment that can break down usage by community. This breakdown will tell librarians the number of patrons in each community. That tally will be available soon. Then Klemans will share the figures with groups such as the Lions Club, which helps raise money for blind and visually impaired people.

"We have patrons using the service temporarily as they recover from stroke or an auto accident or any disability that makes conventional reading impossible."

To qualify for the free service, a person needs a certified letter from a doctor, health professional or educator testifying to his disability.

THE LIBRARY loans patrons equipment for playing the records or tapes and provides free maintenance. Special materials, such as typewriter manuals or pamphlets, can be read onto tape cassette by volunteer readers. The library also has a collection of large-print books, which can be sent by mail.

There are small collections of books on cassette and record, called Talking Book Centers, at 21 local Wayne County libraries. The library can provide telephone numbers of agencies and other re-



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Scott Baxter, a student assistant, helps regional librarian Pat Klemans return taped books to the shelves of the Wayne County Library for the Blind. Anyone who is a resident of Wayne

County and is unable to read conventional print for a physical reason is eligible for service.

sources for the blind community.

Money to pay for materials, books and playback machines is provided by the Library of Congress, which also makes it possible for the free postage.

STAFF SALARIES, building and

other costs come from Wayne County and the state.

"We are very proud of our service," said Klemans, who has worked at the library for two years. She has worked for the Wayne County library system 15 years.

The Wayne County Library for the Blind is part of a national network that includes 56 regional and 96 subregional libraries throughout the country.

Wayne County residents who want more information can call Klemans at 274-2600.

Schools failed to sway voters

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Local school district endorsements apparently made no difference — and might have been the kiss of death — for Proposals A and B in Tuesday's voting.

Area voters overwhelmingly rejected both sale tax increases, even though each would have provided more money for schools and even though many school districts encouraged them to approve each. (For state and county vote totals, see related story.)

Redford voters overwhelmingly turned thumbs down on both proposals. They defeated Proposal A, 9,497-1,997 — or more than 4-1. They also defeated Proposal B, 10,298-996 — or more than 9-1.

Redford Union Schools encouraged yes votes on each as did Clarenceville, which also serves a portion of the township. South Redford took no official position.

Redford Union Superintendent Kenneth Erickson was among those surprised by the outcome.

"THOUGH WE supported both, we thought B would be especially beneficial for a community like ours, with heavy residential development and little industrial and commercial."

Westland voters rejected Proposal A, 11,346-4,001 — or slightly less

than 3-1. The margin for property tax-cutting Proposal B was even higher, even though Wayne-Westland has the highest school property tax rate of any local district. Voters rejected Proposal B, 12,792-2,066 — or more than 6-1.

Wayne-Westland Schools encouraged a yes vote on both, though Livonia Schools, which also serves a portion of the city urged voters to reject B and took no position on A.

In Livonia, voters rejected Proposal A, 18,990-4,282 — or 4-1. They rejected Proposal B, 21,240-1,753 — or 9-1. The city is served by the Livonia and Clarenceville districts.

A DIVIDED Plymouth-Canton school board took no position on either proposal, though district voters were more clear.

Canton voters rejected Proposal A, 6,144-1,534 — or 4-1. They rejected Proposal B, 9-1.

In Plymouth, voters rejected Proposal A, 1,989-607 — or 3-1. They rejected Proposal B, 2,236-290 — or 9-1.

Plymouth Township voters rejected Proposal A, 4,724-1,057 — or 4-1. They rejected Proposal B, 5,119-571 — or 9-1.

Proposal A would have increased the state sales tax to 4.5 cents. Proposal B would have increased the sales tax to 6 cents and cut local property taxes for schools.

League of Women Voters, Proposal B received little financial support compared with its rival. Pre-election polls showed the proposal trailing by a heavy margin.

Proposal A backers mounted \$3 million advertising campaigns but a series of last-minute opposing ads may have sealed its fate.

Anti-Proposal A television ads featuring former Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson aired free of charge on WDIV-TV, Channel 4 and WXYZ-TV, Channel 7, Detroit.

Maverick state Sen. Gil DiNello, D-East Detroit, spent \$1,000 of his own money on radio ads denouncing both proposals.

Farmington Hills insurance executive and former GOP gubernatorial nominee Richard Headlee said a lawsuit would have been filed to keep Proposal A from taking effect had it passed.

Proposal A supporters said the tax increase would have provided an estimated \$400 million for schools statewide. Proposal B was seen as providing some \$300 million more for schools.

Their rejection means the state sales tax will remain at its current 4 cent level.

Vote totals are unofficial, awaiting confirmation by the state elections division.

Voters send clear message on taxes

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Read their lips: No new taxes.

Michigan voters resoundingly said no Tuesday to a pair of sales tax increases, even though each would have provided more money for schools.

By a 3-1 margin, voters rejected Proposal A, a half-cent sales tax increase backed by Gov. James Blanchard and the Michigan Education Association.

Statewide vote totals show Proposal A failed 1,337,473 to 515,789 despite a heavy advertising campaign, including a televised appeal from Blanchard.

Proposal A's heavy margin of defeat was considered a surprise. Pre-election polls showed voters nearly evenly divided on the issue.

Voters also rejected Proposal B, a 2 cent sales tax increase that would also have cut local property taxes for schools, by a similar margin.

STATEWIDE results show Proposal B losing 1,390,420 to 437,387.

Though Detroit was seen as the key to either issue was to pass, Wayne County voters overwhelmingly rejected both. They rejected Proposal A, 289,291 to 176,341 — or roughly 3-2. They also rejected Proposal B, 348,548 to 88,948 — or 4-1.

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Tuesday, Nov. 14 — A slide presentation for parents, filled with ideas for implementing Montessori philosophy at home, will be 7-8 p.m. at Plymouth Montessori School, 43291 N. Territorial (in the First United Methodist Church, one block west of Sheldon). The community is welcome. Call 281-3200 for information.

MAYA CULTURE

Wednesday, Nov. 15 — The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth and Novi South Kiwanis will present Clint Don's personally filmed and narrated travelogue at Plymouth Salem High School on Joy. Viewers will discover where the Maya culture came from and how it disappeared after 2,000 years. Single performance tickets are \$3.50; season tickets for all six travelogues are \$14. For tickets, call 455-9100.

MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, Nov. 21 — The Canton Library, located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, hosts an informal discussion each month of a popular book. The book for November is "The Good Mother" by Sue Miller.

Can drive is Saturday

The Plymouth Jaycees will be conducting a can drive on Saturday, Nov. 11, to assist the needy in the Plymouth/Canton area. All donated food items collected will be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution during the upcoming holiday season.

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Health and Fitness

AEROBICS

Nov. 6-Dec. 22 — The Plymouth YMCA will offer a low intensity aerobic fitness class for all ages on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-10 a.m. at the Masters of Dance Arts Studio. Price for 2 days is \$32, members; \$32, non-members. Price for three days is \$30, members; \$40, non-members. Sign up for baby-sitting services during registration. Call 453-2904.

P.M. Aerobic Fitness is also offered by the YMCA at Allen School's gym Monday and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. It is a low intensity aerobic fitness class for all ages. Wear loose fitting clothes and bring a mat. Nov. 6-Dec. 22. Prices same.

Elderly and Aerobics — Beginning the week of Nov. 20, for 8 weeks, a class, "Merry Fitness Time," is being sponsored by the Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Sitting is available. Call 458-9485 for more information or to register.

LADIES SLIM & VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 6-Dec. 18 — The Plymouth YMCA offers exercise for 30 minutes, followed by 40 minutes of volleyball on Mondays, 7-8 p.m. at Allen School Gym. Members, \$18; non-members, \$24. Call 453-2904.

EARLY BIRD FITNESS

Nov. 6-Dec. 22 — The Plymouth YMCA offers a class in energizing your body with a 30 minute workout set to music on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8-8:30 a.m. at Masters of Dance Arts Studio. Members, \$21; non-members, \$31. Call 453-2904.

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Nov. 6-Dec. 19 — The Plymouth YMCA is beginning a new walking group for people of all ages. Group will walk rain or shine; dress for the weather. Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are offered on Mondays and Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Price is \$5, members; \$10, non-members. Call 453-2904.

PULMONARY REHABILITATION

Begin Monday, Nov. 6 — A structured education and exercise program is being offered at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Arbor Health Building, 900 W. Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey in Plymouth. This class is sponsored by Cardiopulmonary Services at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. For information about this program, call 572-5367.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Nov. 9 — Its regular monthly meeting (second Thursday of each month) begins at 7 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, at Five Mile. Meetings are open to people with Parkinson's disease, their family members and people interested in learning about this chronic, incur-

Car raffle next week

Tickets are on sale for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce car raffle.

The winner will have a choice of an automobile from one of the chamber member auto dealers.

The drawing will take place on Monday, Nov. 13, at noon at the Radisson of Plymouth.

For more information or to buy a raffle ticket, call the chamber office at 453-1540.

able illness. For more information, call 458-0216 or 421-4208.

HATHA YOGA


Mondays, Nov. 20-Dec. 18 — The Plymouth YMCA is combining physical conditioning with mental relaxation through controlled breathing while in a variety of Yoga postures in a Hatha Yoga class on Mondays, 8-9:45 p.m. Two classes are offered. The price of the seven-week class is \$55, members; \$65, non-member; the four-week class prices are \$30, members; \$40, non-members. Call 453-2904. (Note: No class Dec. 11.)

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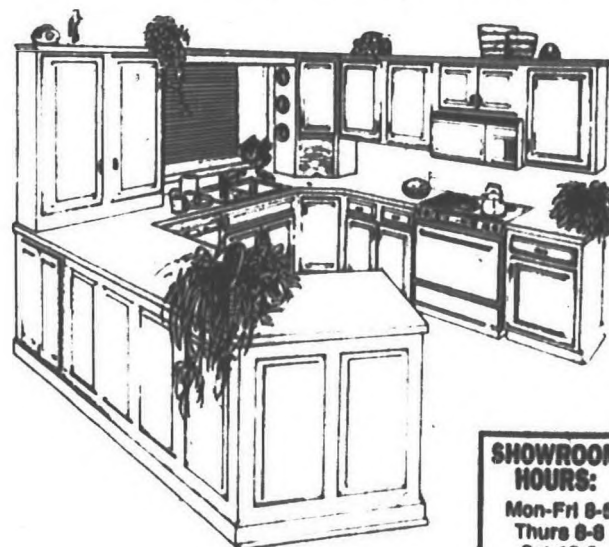
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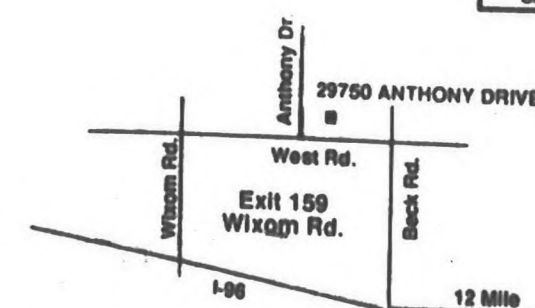
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- Complete descriptions of the courses are available in the Media Services Department. For more information, call 591-8119. Madonna College is located at 1-96 and Levan Road.

Changes due? Budget could be revised without veto

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Wayne County Commission chairman Arthur Blackwell II said changes may be made to the newly approved county budget — but not because of pressure from county Executive Edward McNamara.

McNamara has threatened to veto the \$1.3 billion budget approved last week by commissioners. The county executive said he was upset by changes commissioners made to his original budget proposal, especially in cutting off \$37.8 million in funding for the new county jail.

Blackwell, however, minimized the changes.

"Really, except for four items, it is his budget," Blackwell said.

But the newly elected commission chairman said commissioners

approved the budget as quickly as they did to provide time for adjustments before the budget goes into effect Dec. 1.

"WE GAVE ourselves 30 days to make changes and I know some commissioners feel they want more information," he said. "So we may review our action, but not because of the executive."

Commissioner Kevin Kelley, D-Redford Township, was among three commissioners who voted against the budget, requesting more explanation of budget projections.

The dispute with McNamara centers, in part, on cuts to his proposed jail construction budget. Commissioners eliminated more than three quarters of the amount McNamara had specified, saying they needed more details on pro-

posed jail bonds.

Blackwell said the executive should have made it clearer that bonds would be necessary during last year's jail millage campaign.

"What if we have 30-year bonds and a 10-year millage (to pay for them)," Blackwell said. "What happens if the millage isn't renewed? We aren't going to shut the jail."

Blackwell said many commissioners favored a greater jail tax, 1.5-mills, during debate over last year's proposal.

Another dispute centers on across-the-board increases for county fees. McNamara calls the increases a tax increase in disguise. Commissioners said increases are necessary to provide computer equipment for the county clerk's office.

An additional \$1.3 million added to the county's \$272.8 million bud-

et for day-to-day operations is another sore point for the executive.

McNamara has said commissioners were spending money the county didn't have in increasing the operating budget; commissioners said the money was available because McNamara's original revenue projections were too conservative.

The \$1.3 million in "new" money would go for drug enforcement activities and personnel.

McNamara would have to gain the support of at least three commissioners to make his veto stick. Commissioners approved the budget 12-3. Ten votes would be necessary to override the veto.

Though the executive has a line-item veto, something even the president lacks, McNamara has said he would veto the entire budget.

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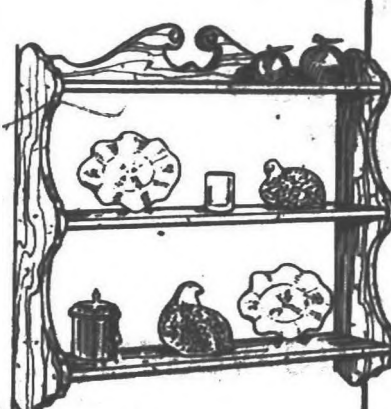
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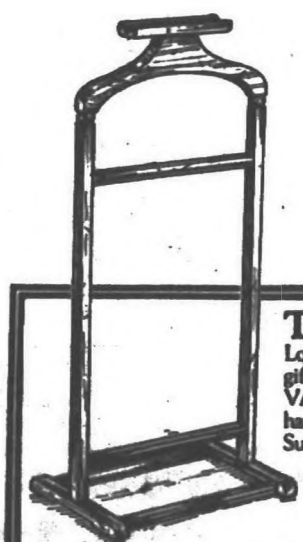


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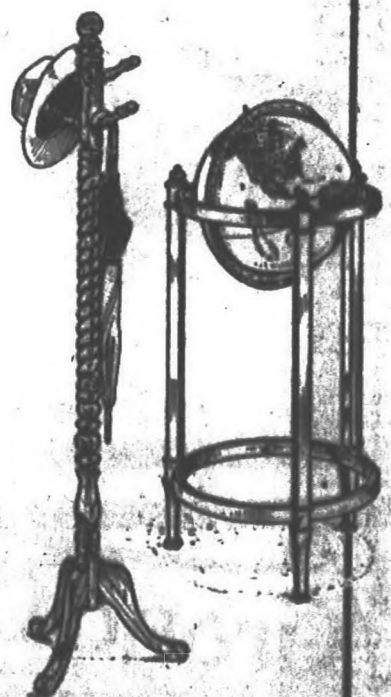
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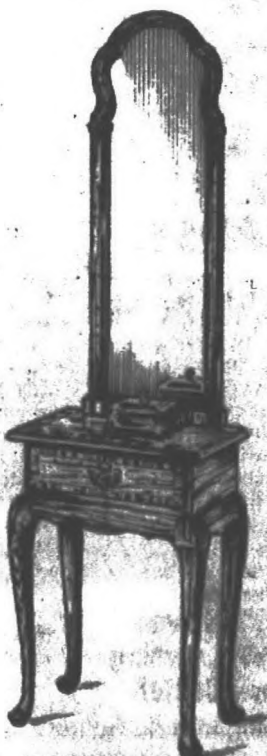
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Family of MIA wants U.S. to keep promise

By Todd Schneider
Staff writer

Anna Teran is still waiting for the U.S. government to make good on its promise — nearly 30 years after her son, Refugio "Tom" Teran, disappeared from a battlefield in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam.

"President (Richard) Nixon promised us," Teran of Westland said Monday. "No matter if my son is dead or alive, we'd find out what happened to him."

And so she waits, thinking about her son's fate for at least a few minutes every single day. Time may have dulled the pain, but it hasn't stunted her curiosity.

That's the way it is for many relatives of the 2,334 Americans, 74 from Michigan, still listed as Missing in Action in Vietnam.

On Saturday, Veteran's Day, family members and friends will once again turn their thoughts and prayers to the war that ended 15 years ago for everyone else but still rages on for them.

"The hope (that her son is alive) is always there, until they can show us some evidence that he's not," Teran said.

A MOMENT LATER, Tom's father, Refugio, countered his wife's optimistic outlook. "Sometimes I almost wish he was killed in the battle, so at least we'd know for sure," said Refugio Teran, 71.

On May 6, 1970, Sgt. Tom Teran, of the Army's 101st Airborne Division, was less than 12 hours away from a weekend pass when the Viet Cong overran Henderson Hill where he was stationed, his mother said. To date, Tom and another soldier are the only two people who haven't been accounted for.

"It was a few days before his (31st) birthday," Anna Teran said.

"Tom and three or four of his buddies were going to go celebrate."

Teran, a 1967 Wayne Memorial High School graduate, was an easy-going, popular kid with lots of friends, his mother said. "He thought maybe he'd go to college, but he wasn't sure what he wanted to study and he didn't want to jump into anything," she said.

The summer following his graduation Tom took a job at Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly plant "to save some money and give him some time to decide what to do so," his mother said. He considered enlisting in the Navy, but before he got the chance he was drafted by the Army.

TERAN UNDERWENT basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and was transferred to an Army base in his father's home state of Louisiana, before signing up for officers training at Ft. Benning, Ga. He was promoted first to corporal, then sergeant.

He was shipped overseas two weeks before Christmas in 1969.

"He used to write every day so I'd have something in the mailbox all the time and two letters on Monday," Anna Teran said.

The letters always had a folksy tone, even after Teran arrived in Vietnam, his mother said. "He told me how beautiful the countryside was, how nice his Army buddies were."

"I think he was trying to convince me that he wasn't really in any danger," she said.

The family learned about Tom's then new MIA status a few days after his disappearance, on Mother's Day 1970.

Anna Teran refused to open her front door for the Army officer who had pulled up in front of the house.

"He looked too old to be one of my son's friends... I just knew some-

thing terrible had happened," she said.

So the officer walked around back and delivered the message to Refugio, who was working in the yard.

Teran, 64, and still an emotional woman, said she was a basket case for the first few months after her son's disappearance. "I cried, I passed out several times, I couldn't do anything," she said.

FINALLY, HER husband convinced her that her three other children still at home needed a strong mother, she said.

The Terans have joined activist organizations lobbying on behalf of MIAs and Prisoners of War, including the Washington-based National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia and the Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan.

Being able to talk to other families in the same situation helps some, said Refugio Teran.

The Westland Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America and in particular Robert Hysko, now a Westland police officer, have also helped the family in its search for information about their son, Anna Teran said.

THE CHAPTER helped in the effort to erect a plaque commemorating Teran, Westland's only Vietnam MIA. The plaque sits adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at city hall, dedicated in 1988.

People are constantly placing fresh flowers next to the monument, or stopping to say a prayer, Anna Teran said.

"I think people, especially people who have children, understand the added joy that (parenthood) brings and what's been missing from our life," she said.



Refugio and Anna Teran talk about their son's (in photograph) plight as a Vietnam MIA.

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Geake: Budget cuts are wrong

By Wayne Peal
Staff Writer

An area lawmaker is among those charging Gov. James Blanchard with overstepping his bounds in ordering \$48 million in cuts to the state welfare budget.

State Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, whose district includes Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth Township, Plymouth and Canton Township, said the governor had no authority to issue cuts to the social service budget in the manner he did.

At issue is a little-used provision of a 1974 state law.

State budget director Shelby Solomon recently announced portions of the \$2.2 billion social services budget won't be fully funded. In doing so, Solomon said he was complying with the law's requirement of 15 days' notice to legislators.

GEAKE, HOWEVER, said the law was incorrectly interpreted and that the cuts needed to be preceded by an executive order — subject to ap-



'The issue is whether the executive branch has the ability to make changes without issuing an executive order.'

— Sen. R. Robert Geake
R-Northville

proval by the Senate Appropriations Committee which Geake heads.

"The issue is whether the executive branch has the ability to make changes without issuing an executive order," Geake said. If that were the case, he added, legislators would

have little or no say over the budget.

Solomon has said he doesn't expect to use the budget-cutting law again this year but would do so if necessary.

The dispute is now before state at-

torney general Frank Kelley. A spokeswoman for the attorney general's office said an opinion was expected sometime this week.

Proposed cuts include:

- \$11.8 million from Medicaid programs, including drug programs.

- \$1.6 million taken from the Office of Children and Youth Services, including spending for programs assisting juvenile delinquents and preserving troubled families.

- \$32.5 million in administrative reductions, including delaying hiring for replacements for departed staff members.

"These cuts would affect reimbursement for hospitals and pharmacists," Geake said.

Though adopted 15 years ago, the budget-cutting provision cited by Solomon had never been used before.

Regardless of the attorney general's ruling, state Rep. Joseph Young Sr., D-Detroit, has introduced legislation that would repeal the budget-cutting provision.

Unemployment rises in state

Though Michigan's labor force reached an all-time high last month, unemployment is also on the rise. The increase is carrying over to each local community in western Wayne County.

Michigan's labor force grew to a record 4.74 million in October, up from the previous high of 4.68 million in January. The labor force increase, however, was attributed to nearly 400,000 unemployed job hunters seeking work.

Employment was 4.36 million, according to Michigan Employment Security Commission statistics.

Michigan's jobless rate for October, 8.2 percent, was a slight increase over September's figure and the highest posted by any of the nation's 11 largest states. Illinois at 6.8 percent and Texas at 6.4 percent were the states with the next highest unemployment rate.

Unemployment is also on the rise locally.

There were more than 10,000 unemployed western Wayne County residents in September, the last month for which MESC statistics are available for individual communities. Unemployment rose in

each local community, compared with figures posted one year ago. By community, September unemployment was as follows:

- Canton — 1,200, or 4.8 percent. The figure was 4 percent in September 1988.
- Garden City — 1,325, or 7.5 percent. The figure was 5.9 percent in September 1988.
- Livonia — 2,535, or 4.8 percent. The figure was 3.8 percent in September 1988.
- Plymouth — 200, or 3.6 percent. The figure was 2.9 percent in September 1988.
- Plymouth Township — 500, or 4 percent. The figure was 3.3 percent in September 1988.
- Redford — 1,675, or 5.4 percent. The figure was 4.5 percent in September 1988.
- Westland — 3,175, or 7.4 percent. The figure was 6.1 percent in September 1988.

Nationally, unemployment held steady at 5.3 percent in October as 233,000 new jobs were added.

Bill would set disposal standards for oil

Pouring used motor oil down the drain would be a crime under a bill before the state Senate.

Designed to promote recycling, the bill would make unauthorized disposal a misdemeanor punishable by a 90-day jail term and \$1,000 fine.

The same penalties would apply to those caught dumping oil into any

body of water or pouring it on the ground.

Burning used motor oil would also be banned in most instances. Exemptions would be given for burners used to protect fruit trees from frost and other specialized operations.

Sponsored by Sen. Vernon Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, the bill was ap-

proved last week by the chamber's Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee. It now proceeds to the full Senate.

While environmentalists praised the bill, they noted Michigan lacks a statewide oil recycling program. They also wished the proposed law would take effect before July 1,

1991, the date specified the Ehlers' bill.

The bill would require the Department of Natural Resources to develop a plan to provide for statewide collection facilities and conduct a publicity campaign to alert the public both of the law and of collection site locations.

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LIBRARY STORYTIME

Beginning Monday, Nov. 6 — For children ages 3-5, the Plymouth District Library will host two storytimes at 10 and 11 a.m. for four consecutive Mondays. Arrangements must be made for siblings, as parents must participate in this storytime. Limited in-person registration will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29. Phone registrations will be taken at 10:30 a.m. for any remaining openings. Call 453-0750.

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 8 — For children ages 3-5, the Plymouth District Library will host two storytime groups at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for four consecutive Wednesdays. Parents must remain in the library. Limited in-person registration will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. Phone registrations will be taken at 10:30 a.m. for any remaining openings. Call 453-0750.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE

Saturdays, Nov. 4-18 — The YMCA is offering a "Budding Beaus and Babes" class for 4- and 5-year-olds, designed to teach youngsters basic social etiquette. The class will be at the YMCA office from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Another session of this class will be offered Dec. 2-16. The price is \$10 for members; \$15, non-members. Call 453-2904 for information.

TUMBLING

Beginning Oct. 31 — The Plymouth YMCA is sponsoring a 6-week parent-for-tumbling class for ages 2-3½. Classes meet Tuesdays, Oct. 31-Dec. 12, 9:30-10 a.m.; or Saturdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 16, 9-9:30 a.m. at Master of

Dance. Price is \$15, members; \$20, non-members. Call 453-2904 for information.

INDOOR SOCCER

Nov. 10-Dec. 22 — The Plymouth YMCA invites 3-5 year old boys and girls to learn basic soccer concepts at Inlander School Gym on Fridays: 4:30-5:30 p.m. (ages 3-4) and 5:30-6:30 p.m. (ages 4-5½). Price is \$20, members; \$25, non-members. Call 453-2904 for information.

COOKING

Nov. 11-Dec. 23 — Three and four year olds can learn simple, convenient recipes using ingredients that are healthful and easy to find. Meet at the Plymouth YMCA office on Saturdays, 11:30-12:30 p.m. Price for members, \$20; non-members, \$30. For information call the YMCA at 453-2904.

INDIAN POW WOW

Saturday, Nov. 11 or 18 — A special morning of dance and art is being offered at the YMCA office. Children will learn a simple Indian dance and make their own Tom Tom. Bring a one-pound coffee can. A class for 3 year olds will be Nov. 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 4-6 year olds, Nov. 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 453-2904.

EDUCATION

Sat., Nov. 4 — Registration for the winter session (Jan. 29 to June 8, 1990) of Canton's Pre-School Program.

gram, Canton Crickets, will begin 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Canton Township Administration, first floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. The program is designed for Canton residents, ages 3 and 4. Children must be 3 years old before Jan. 1, 1990. Birth certificates are required. Class is limited to 14 students. Classes will be Monday through Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. The price is \$45. Call 397-5110 for further information.

Friendly Rainbow Day Care has preschool openings for ages 2½-5. Michigan certified teachers. Contact Markita Gottschalk at 420-0495.

Plymouth YMCA "Creatives" includes three preschool classes: "Terrific Twos," "Three Time," and "Four Plus One." Class runs for seven weeks, Nov. 6-Dec. 22. Enrollment is limited to 16 children. Call the YMCA at 453-2904 for more information.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools offer a program for children with special needs from birth to the age of six. If you have a child who may have mental, physical or emotional difficulties or who may have a vision, speech or hearing problem and may need special educational services, please call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Tanger Elementary School at 451-6560.

School Age

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Nov. 11-Dec. 23 — The Plymouth YMCA is offering a class for youth ages 6-8 at the YMCA Office on Saturdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. for ages 5 and 6; 2:30-3:30 p.m. for ages 7 and 8. Price is \$15, members; \$20, non-members, and includes art supplies. Class size is limited to 10. Call 453-2904.

BABYSITTING WORKSHOP

Nov. 9-Dec. 21 — A Red Cross certified instructor will teach girls and boys ages 11 and up how to baby-sit. Class participants will receive a Red Cross certificate upon completion of course. Class is 5-6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth YMCA office. Price is \$20, members; \$25, non-members. Call 453-2904.

BASKETBALL

Nov. 7-Dec. 19 — The Plymouth YMCA is offering a class for youth ages 6-9 on Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Smith Elementary School. Price is \$20, members; \$25, non-members. Call 453-2904.

BUMPER BOWLING

Nov. 13-Dec. 9 — The Plymouth YMCA is sponsoring a four-week bumper bowling class for children ages 4-8 that will meet 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesdays or 9-10 a.m. Saturdays at Superbowl. Price is \$15, members; \$20, non-members. Class size is limited. Call 453-2904.

CHECKERS/CHESS CHAMPIONS

Nov. 9-Dec. 21 — Meet at the 'Y' for a night of challenging games from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays. Ages 13 and up. Price is \$15, members; \$20, non-members. Call 453-2904.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION


Nov. 7-23 — The Plymouth YMCA is offering a class for ages 15-18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

p.m. at West Middle School, Room B-101. Upon completion of the course, you will receive your Certificate of Completion and will then be eligible to obtain your driver's license. Price for members is \$110; non-members, \$120. Call 453-2904 to register.

HOCKEY

Nov. 7-Dec. 18 — The Plymouth YMCA will offer a Street Hockey class for children 6-9 and 10-13 years of age at the Starkweather Central Parking Lot on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. Price for members, \$20; non-members, \$25. Call 453-2904 for more information.

Nov. 7-Dec. 18 — The Plymouth YMCA also offers a Floor Hockey class on Tuesdays at Smith School Gym for children 6-9 years old from 5-6 p.m.



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Wanted: anti-racketeering law to combat 'Outlaws'

By Tim Richard
staff writer

A state police investigator told lawmakers that a motorcycle gang called Outlaws is one reason Michigan needs an anti-racketeering law.

"The Detroit chapter has 15 members, 14 of which are convicted felons," said Chris Hogan of the state police regional investigating unit in Livonia.

"They solicit funds for legal defense against RICO (the federal anti-racketeering law). They're less concerned with criminal prosecutions (of individuals) than RICO."

"If you take away the assets, you're going to seriously hurt the organization," said Hogan, as he urged the Senate Judiciary Committee to approve the anti-racketeering bill sponsored by Chairman Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford.

HOGAN ILLUSTRATED his talk with copies of Outlaws' literature in

which they claim to have dropped out of society.

Hogan said two recent raids in southeastern Michigan have yielded stolen vehicles, motorcycles with stolen parts, a street-sweeper, shotguns, marijuana and weapons. Fugitives move from clubhouse to clubhouse, he said.

His chart tied Outlaws to murder, arson, prostitution, white slavery, kidnapping, gun-running, truck hijacking, bank robbery, extortion, blackmail, narcotics manufacture and importation — and other crimes.

Hogan said federal procedures are too cumbersome, and federal prosecutors too few in number, to make the federal RICO law an effective tool. He endorsed Nichols' Senate Bill 124, as has Gov. James Blanchard.

William Wagner, chief counsel to the five-member judiciary committee, said the bill is being rewritten

for discussion at Thursday's meeting.

"The policy is to focus on individuals and groups who make crime a profession, a continuous pattern of crimes related to each other," he said.

The state, working through prosecutors, would use RICO in a forfeiture proceeding to seize the assets of a CCE (continuing criminal enterprise). An example, he said, might be an auto dealer who uses his shop to operate a stolen car ring.

TEAMSTERS spokesman Mark Gaffney opposed the bill. That union is being administered by the federal government under RICO.

"We agreed to a settlement," Gaffney explained. "We couldn't afford the defense costs. We were forced to settle."

Gaffney said the law allowed the government to go too far into the past for "old stuff" in proving pat-

terns of crime.

"Some of our good, conscientious officials have had problems in the past — slugging someone on the picket line," he said. He said federal officials were motivated by "politics and anti-union sentiment."

HOWARD SIMON, state executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, called the penalties in SB 124 "draconian." The punishments are more severe than the criminal punishment.

Simon cited a Virginia bookstore that sold \$105 in illegal products and had \$1 million in assets seized under RICO.

The ACLU spokesman said the bill's purpose is "absolutely laudable," but it can be misused to tie together small offenses to prove a pattern of racketeering.

Replied Nichols: "With all due respect, you're way off base. You've taken it totally out of context."

Humane society to hold pre-holiday dog wash

The holidays are fast approaching and the Michigan Humane Society would like to help your pooch look his best, as well as ask Santa for that special something he'd like to find in his stocking.

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essary and can be secured by calling 721-7300.

A special attraction will be a pet photo session with Santa. Polaroid pictures of your pet and Santa will be \$5 with all proceeds going to the

homeless animals at MHS.

A bake sale and craft sale featuring pre-related items as well as MHS T-shirts, sweatshirts and Christmas cards will also be held at the dog wash. For more information, call 721-7300.

SC registration continues

Mail-in registration for Schoolcraft College classes will run through Saturday, Nov. 18.

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obituaries

WILHELMINA O. WILLIAMS

Services for Mrs. Wilhelmina O. Williams, 82, of Plymouth, who died Sunday, Nov. 5, in Plymouth, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Jan. 23, 1907, in Plymouth and was a lifelong resident of the city. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1924 and worked for the Plymouth superintendent of schools and the gas company. Later, she was a homemaker and was active in the women's organizations of the First Presbyterian Church and other civic groups.

Among the survivors are a daughter, Allyn E. Highfield, Springfield, Va.; a son, Karl E. Williams, of Plymouth; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be given to the Salvation Army of Plymouth or the Hospice of Western Wayne County.

Rev. Kenneth Minton was to officiate at the funeral.

HETTIE G. DOOLIN

Services were held for Hettie G. Doolin, 84, of Novi on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton Township.

Mrs. Doolin died Saturday, Nov. 4, in Farmington Hills. She was born June 20, 1905, in Allen County, Ky. She came to the Plymouth/Canton community in the early 1940s from Kentucky and lived here until 1982 when she moved to Novi. She was a homemaker, a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Novi, and was a former church pianist.

Mrs. Doolin is survived by her sons, Leon Doolin of Novi and Don Doolin of Union Lake; five grandchildren and sister, Nellie Mitchell of Scottsville, Ky.

Rev. Wandell Ferguson officiated at the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Plymouth Salvation Army.

JOYCE E. KRZEMINSKI

Services for Joyce E. Krzeminski, 44, of Canton, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mrs. Krzeminski was born Aug. 15, 1945 in Webb City, Mo., and died Monday, Nov. 6 at Harper Hospital, Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Krzeminski is survived by her husband, Richard S. Krzeminski; two sons, Michael Krzeminski and Richard Krzeminski Jr., both of Canton; three daughters, Christine Hannah of Detroit, Stacy and Nicole Krzeminski, both of Canton; two grandchildren; a brother, Carl Souders of Granby, Mo.; three sisters, Sharon Stoeppelmann of Upland, Calif., Janice Maddux of Reno, Nev., and Karen Thacker of Selmer, Tenn.; and parents, Walter and Eleanor Souders, of Anderson, Mo.

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Yarnell will officiate the funeral. Memorial contributions may be sent to a charity of choice.

WALTER A. MIELBECK

Services for Walter A. Mielbeck, 94, of South Lyon, who died Thursday, Nov. 2, in South Lyon, were held on Monday, Nov. 6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Mielbeck is survived by two sons, Donald Mielbeck of Danville, Calif., and Robert Mielbeck of Janesville, Calif.; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Mielbeck was born Nov. 16, 1894 in Livonia. He lived his entire life in the Plymouth/Canton area and was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Pastor Carl Pagel officiated the funeral service. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Branches out

Trees removed from post office site

By LeAnne Rogers
staff writer

Site preparation, including tree removal, for the new Garden City post office got under way Sunday.

Quadrants, Inc., a Livonia contractor, has 365 days to complete construction of the new 18,500 square foot building, according to Bob Hill, U.S. Postal Service central region general manager for real estate.

"I know of no other problems remaining," he said, after a request for a preliminary injunction by the Save the Parks Committee was denied last week in federal district court.

A spokesman for U.S. district Judge Patrick Duggan said that a hearing has not yet been scheduled to hear motions seeking to dismiss the litigation which names the postal service and Garden City as defendants.

The lawsuit sought to stop construction of the post office on 3.4 acres at Cherry Hill and Merriman on former City Park property.

The Save the Parks Committee has submitted petitions to force a ballot question asking voters to amend city ordinances to require a referendum on future city park or recreational land sales.

UNDER THE city charter, the council has 60 days from the October 30 petition certification date to adopt the measure or place it on a ballot.

The wording of the question has been referred for review to city attorney Ronald Mack.

George Weitzel, legislative aide to state Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, said a state attorney general opinion on the question was also being sought.

"I haven't received the letter yet but (City Manager) Jon Austin has advised us of the request," he said. "I believe they want to determine

if there would be any conflicts with existing state law."

Attorney general opinions can be requested only by members of the legislature or state department heads, according to Weitzel.

Since the city council has to act on the question within 60 days, Weitzel said he planned to ask for a letter opinion rather than an attorney general's opinion, which could take a year.

"I hope that we can have a letter opinion back within a few weeks," he said. "We will probably hand carry it over and then I'll keep following up to get their decision as soon as possible."

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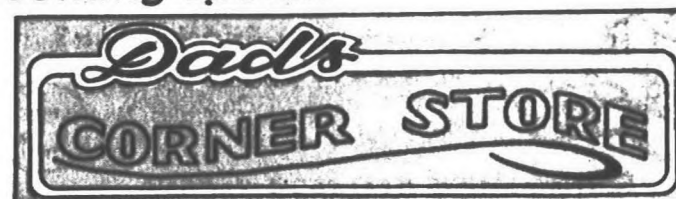
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Court turns down Diamond appeal

By Tim Richard
staff writer

The Michigan Supreme Court won't hear the appeal of two men in prison for the A.J. Obie/Diamond mortgage scam.

"We are not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this court," the justices said in a one-sentence order.

The Supreme Court also denied the prisoners' motion for reversal of their convictions.

Their order upholds the decision of the state Court of Appeals, which affirmed Oakland Circuit Judge Nor-

man Lippitt's handling of the case on nearly all points.

BARTON GREENBERG is serving six years and eight months in state prison for larceny under false pretenses in a so-called "Pond" scheme that cost 1,600 investors \$47 million.

His associate, Gary L. Mitchell, is serving 16 months in the same case. Each pleaded no contest — the legal equivalent of guilty — to one count.

Their appeal challenged the Uniform Securities Act as "unconstitutionally vague."

The appeals court turned down

their arguments but modified the sentences Lippitt gave them. It ruled:

• Lippitt lacked authority to enjoin the state Corrections Department from releasing Greenberg to a halfway house until he had made restitution to the extent possible. "A sentencing judge is not empowered to make the full payment of restitution a prerequisite to obtaining parole or early release," although restitution can be ordered.

• Lippitt lacked authority to set three years as Mitchell's maximum sentence. The maximum will be the 10 years set by state law.

Lippitt sentenced the pair a year ago and left the bench early in 1989 to return to private practice.

THE SCAM operated in southeastern Michigan and the Grand Rapids area.

Diamond Mortgage would solicit borrowers, process their papers but not give them the money, saying the loan had been denied.

A.J. Obie solicited investors, giving them the worthless promissory notes.

Many of the investors were retirees who packed the courtroom as Lippitt handed down the sentences.

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Japanese Karate — Classes are offered for all levels at Canton Parks and Recreation Center, corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Price is \$35 per person for 10 weeks of classes. Registration is on a continuous basis, prior to the evening class.

Family events

BOOK FAIR
Thursday, Nov. 9 — Bird Elementary School, 220 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth will offer a Book Fair 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECKS
Thursday, Nov. 9 — Canton resident David Trotter, executive director of Undersea Research Associates, presents a multi-media account of searching the Great Lakes. Both children and adults will enjoy this program at 7:30 p.m. at the Canton Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Register by phone (597-1130) or in person after 5:30 p.m.

BASEBALL CARD SHOW
Saturday, Nov. 11 — A card and memorabilia show will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at: Out of Left of Good Counsel School, 1160 Pennington in Plymouth, with special guests Jim Northrup and Jason Thompson, former Detroit Tiger stars. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel School. Call Jim at 981-8339 or Ted at 453-3033 for more information.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Saturday, Nov. 11 — Plymouth Knights of Columbus will serve their annual dinner 5-8 p.m. at the Council Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth (southwest corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Lilley). The price for dinner is \$4, adults; \$2, children. All proceeds will go to local charities.

HOLIDAY NATURE PRESERVE

Sundays, Nov. 12 and 26 — A Winter Signs Tour begins at 1 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Koppernick Road entrance. At 1 p.m. Nov. 26, a Nature Walk will begin at the Koppernick Road entrance. Call 453-3833 for information.

FALL CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 12 — The Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble will present a concert at 3 p.m. in the Waterman Center of the Schoolcraft College Campus, on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile. No admission charge.

CRAFTS

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 1-3 — Plymouth Parks and Recreation's annual Arts and Crafts Show will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Each show will feature more than 75 different crafters. Admission and parking are free. Call the department at 453-6620 for information.

SUNFLOWER CRAFT SHOW

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2 — A variety of crafts will be on display at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough in Canton, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Call Donna at 459-0752 for information.

USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

Saturday, Dec. 2 — Canton Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to sell used sports or recreational equipment. Sellers can bring their equipment 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, to Coventry Commons Shopping Center, 43335 Joy Road (corner of Joy and Morton Taylor Roads), to be priced and tagged for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. You set the prices, you get the money. Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent. Volunteers do the selling, so you need not be present. Call Bob Dates at the parks office at 397-5110 for further information.

FREE CLASSES

IBM Training — Plymouth-Canton Community Education offers free training to qualified applicants. Learn Word Perfect 5.0, Lotus 1-2-3 and other business skills on IBM computers. Call Mrs. Frey at 451-6555 for further information.

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Adult Day Care ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Wednesday of month — the Plymouth Adult Day Care at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, has opened its support group to the community for anyone in talking

over stress or problems they are experiencing in coping with caring for an older family member. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Call 451-1455 for more information or if you plan on attending.

Education

FREE JOB TRAINING

Eligible western Wayne County residents who are unemployed or underemployed and who wish to obtain job skills and full-time employment

may register now for free job training this fall. The training is offered at the Employment and Training Center, William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center of Wayne-Westland Schools. The center is at 38455 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. For an appointment, call 595-2314.

FOUR APPLE II

Computers are available for public use in the Dunning-Hough Library, 233 S. Main, Plymouth. Rules and instructions for using the com-

puters, the responsibility card and a list of software are available at the library. For more information, call 453-0756.

Health Care

ADULT STUTTERING THERAPY

Wednesday evenings — An Adult Stuttering Therapy Group is being formed by the Department of Speech Pathology at the Oakwood Canton Health Center, 7300 Canton Center Road, in Canton. Participants will

learn techniques to control dysfluency, and discuss social and emotional problems often related to stuttering. The group will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Janice Pagno at 459-7030.

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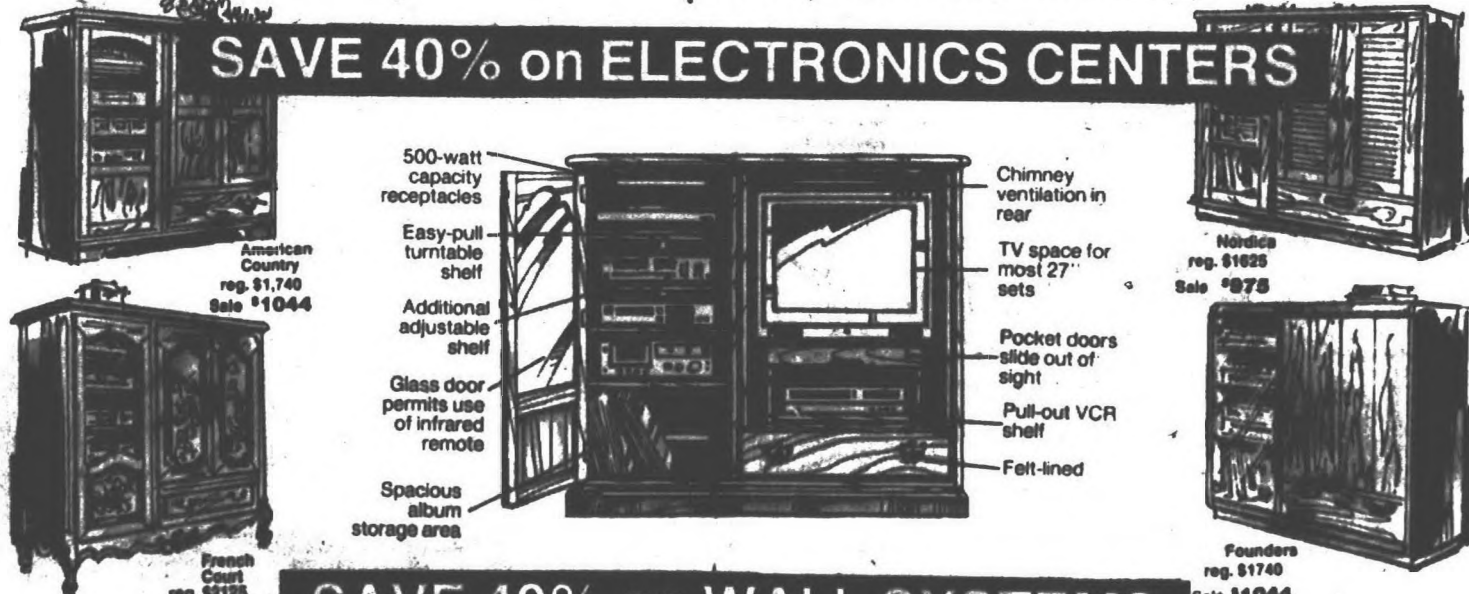
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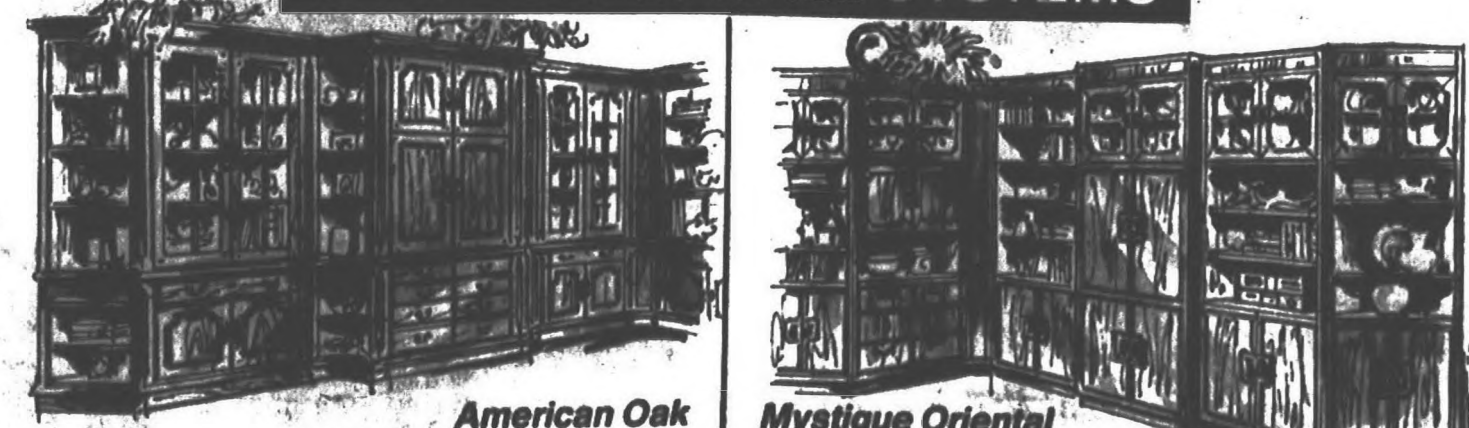
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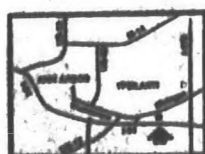


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The three-hour teleconference, originating from Ohio State University, features a panel of nationally recognized experts.

A recent American College Health Association study involving nearly 17,000 college students indicated approximately two students per 1,000

tested positive for the HIV virus associated with AIDS.

Advance teleconference registration is \$30, though there is a \$5 discount for those registering in groups. Student registration is \$15. On-site registration is \$35 for non-students, \$20 for students.

Additional information is available by calling EMU Corporate Services, 487-2359 or writing: AIDS Teleconference, EMU Corporate Services, 3075 Washtenaw Ave., Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

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Sierra Club will sue to overturn ash laws

AP — Two Michigan laws relating rules for handling incinerator ash will be challenged in court, an environmental group said.

Anne Wolwode, director of the Mackinac chapter of the Sierra Club, said a suit seeking to overturn the state laws will be filed in U.S. District Court in either Lansing or Grand Rapids within the next week.

"Our goal is not to put incinerators out of business. Our goal is to protect the environment of Michigan," she said.

The suit would potentially affect operations at the Central Wayne Sanitation Authority incinerator in Dearborn Heights, as well as others throughout the state. The local in-

cinerator serves Westland, Garden City and other suburban communities.

ASH FROM incinerators has been found to be hazardous waste but incinerator operators have maintained that disposing of ash in the same manner as hazardous waste would be too costly, Wolwode said.

Pressure from incinerator operators led lawmakers to approve two measures earlier this year that relax the standards for transporting and storing the ash.

But Wolwode said those laws violate the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act which prohibits any state from enacting standards less stringent than those

in the federal law. The state laws have 21 provisions that are weaker than the federal law, she said.

"We depend in this country on ensuring that a common bottom line exists in the regulation of pollution, and that bottom line is set by federal law. The state of Michigan has wantonly defied the federal government's bottom line on hazardous waste regulation," she said.

Other states have adopted regulations that are weaker than the federal law, but none except Michigan has passed a law that included weaker provisions, Wolwode said.

THE SUIT is expected to name Gov. James Blanchard, who signed the measures, Attorney General

Frank Kelley and Natural Resources director David Baker as defendants.

Frederick Dilley, a Grand Rapids attorney representing the Sierra Club, said a decision has yet to be made on whether to seek a court order blocking the laws while the suit is in progress.

Kelley spokesman Chris DeWitt and Sue Henry, spokeswoman for the Department of Natural Resources, said they cannot comment on pending litigation.

In addition to the local incinerator, others currently operating in Michigan include those in Detroit, Grosse Pointe-Clinton, Jackson County and Kent County incinerators.

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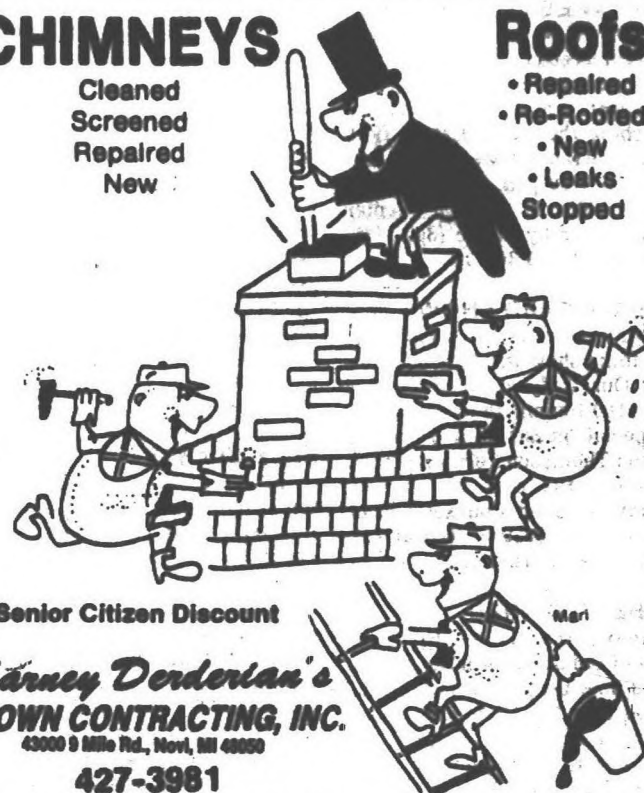
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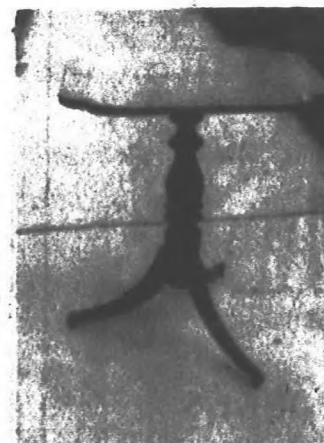


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State House panel debates advanced degrees in divorce

By Tim Richard
staff writer

A panel of state legislators is cool to a bill to give one spouse a vested right to the other's advanced college degree.

Senate Bill 255, sponsored by Gilbert DiNello, D-East Detroit, is designed to aid (say) a divorcing wife who had worked while her husband studied for a dental degree.

"The chair," said Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, "is inclined to look at anything that increases earnings from day one of the marriage." Nichols thought DiNello's bill too narrow.

SEN. JOHN Kelly, D-Grosse

Pointe Farms, thought the bill unnecessary because courts already can take into account the value of one spouse's advanced degree.

"There was a woman who got a law degree with help from her family and government loans. They filed for divorce," Kelly said. "The husband asked \$250,000 of her earnings," falsely claiming he supported her while she attended law school.

Kelly said, "She had to go back through 11 years of receipts to disprove his claim."

"This (DiNello's) bill puts into the statute what's already in case law. It's cumbersome. It adds to the burden of the woman."

The bill was endorsed, however, by the Michigan Women's Commis-

sion. But only DiNello testified during a short hearing of the Judiciary Committee.

NICHOLS HAMMERED at the idea of taking account of all degrees and even real estate licenses a spouse had acquired during the marriage.

Replied DiNello: "I wanted to zero in on advanced degrees, professional degrees, for their potential earnings."

DiNello said his own commercial real estate license shouldn't be placed in the same category because it had taken 40 hours to earn.

The discussion ended without a vote by the five-member committee.

Foundation funds youth program

Troubled western Wayne County youths are among the beneficiaries of a \$75,000 grant recently awarded to the Michigan Training and Resource Center.

The grant, provided through the Hudson-Webber Foundation, provides work opportunities and counseling for youths referred through

Wayne County Juvenile Court.

The Alternative Intervention Method (AIM) offers intensive family counseling. Working closely with local Youth Assistance Programs, it also provides youths with jobs and classes in life skills, parenting and behavior.

The Hudson-Webber Foundation

helped establish Youth Assistance programs in Livonia in 1982. Since then, the program has been expanded to 21 other Wayne County Communities.

AIM and the Michigan Training and Resource Center are also financed by the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Schoolcraft pair win culinary honors

Schoolcraft College chef Mary Brady and culinary arts student Shawn Loving were award winners in a recent American Culinary Federation-sponsored competition in Kansas City.

Brady, a Schoolcraft graduate and instructor, received a silver medal

in the professional category.

Loving, a Detroit resident attending Schoolcraft on a scholarship sponsored by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, received a gold medal in the student category.

Chefs and students from through-

out the nation participated in the event, a preparation for next year's U.S. Culinary Olympic Team tryouts.

Luncheon meals prepared by Schoolcraft culinary students are available weekdays at the college's American Harvest Restaurant. Call 462-4488 to make a reservation.

Free health screening set for seniors

Seniors can receive free health tests at the discover Good Health screening Friday, Nov. 17 in the Northville Seniors Center, 21200 Taft Road.

Screenings are sponsored by United Care of Wayne.

Screenings are available for anyone 60 or older who lives in suburban Wayne County.

Tests will be given for blood pressure, hearing, respiratory ailments and certain types of cancer. The program also offers counseling and referral services and suggestions for a

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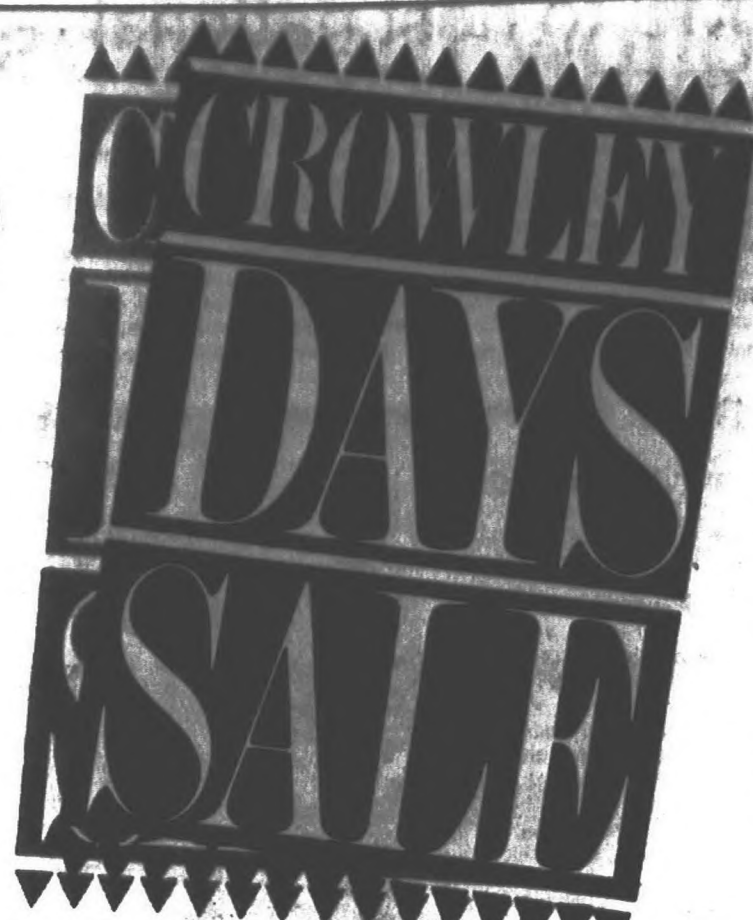
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both awake and asleep, and the noise does not have to be loud to produce these changes. Noise can also reduce a child's ability to learn. Communication is easily interrupted and a young student's ability to read and pronounce words correctly can be hampered by continuous exposure to high noise levels. To reduce noise levels:

- Use appliances one at a time.
- Keep motors and mufflers in good repair.
- Use lined drapes and insulation to reduce outdoor noise.
- When replacing worn-out appliances, select quieter models.
- Keep telephone bells, stereos and TVs at the lowest level at which they can be heard. Headphones

should only be used at very low volume. Upholstered furniture and padded carpet help absorb loud noises. Carpeting is particularly effective in upstairs rooms and hallways. Make sure large appliances don't rest against a wall. The wall acts as a sounding board and amplifies the noise.

- Roll up car windows when traveling.
 - Wear ear protectors when working with noisy tools or machinery.
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State bar plans seminar on divorce

The State Bar of Michigan is sponsoring its second divorce seminar for 1989-90 Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Sheraton Southfield (formerly the Michigan Inn) 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive.

The seminar will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The seminar includes an in-depth discussion of allegations of child sexual abuse in divorce, case evaluation, how to represent the accused as well as the parent making the allegation, the judge's role, termination of parental rights and guardianship versus custody.

State Rep. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, will discuss proposed changes in divorce law pending in the state legislature.

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Film dispute Real issues getting obscured

HERE WE ARE AGAIN. There's another battle of the self-righteous going on in the Plymouth-Canton school district over the showing of "Excalibur," an R-rated movie at Plymouth-Canton High School.

The losers in the battle are the sane, sensible parents, students and teachers who want to go about the task of preparing children for the world.

They're the losers because the real questions aren't being asked. Those questions are: Why are the kids watching movies anyway? Why aren't they reading? Somebody should be asking the district those questions.

However, we're afraid those issues will get lost in the shuffle as the Citizens for Better Education confronts the district over the use of certain films in the classroom.

The group, which sees devil worship and pornography in every school hallway, has announced plans to picket when certain films are shown at the district's two high schools.

WE CAN SEE THE BATTLE shaping up. The protests will be met by the school district with claims that the films don't violate the district's policy and that teachers have the academic freedom to use certain materials in the classroom.

Both sides are right, which probably makes them feel so self-righteous. Students in high school probably shouldn't be shown two people having sexual intercourse in a movie at school. On the other hand, teachers should be able to use materials in schools without being descended on by a mob of angry parents.

Apart from obscuring the real issue, the use of films in class, what bothers us most about the situation is that both sides will use the showing of "Excalibur" to further their own causes.

That's fine when there's a real issue. From what, Citizens for Better Education leaders say, they will be protesting if "Macbeth" is shown at the schools.

That would be a real issue, but "Excalibur"

The losers in the battle are the sane, sensible parents, students and teachers who want to go about the task of preparing children for the world.

isn't "Macbeth." "Excalibur" is a forgettable movie that was probably made by film makers to cash in on the popularity of dungeons and dragons games. It's a Saturday morning cartoon compared to Shakespeare's works.

SCHOOLS ARE UNDER pressure to teach children how to read and we find it hard to justify the showing of "Excalibur" in a literature class. We acknowledge that some movies can help students understand literature. However, we wonder if the showing of too many isn't just lazy teaching under the guise of academic freedom.

Let's face it, we all can remember when movies were shown in class, it meant party time, the pressure was off and you could easily fall asleep without the teacher noticing.

That's the question we think Citizens for Better Education should be addressing, instead of worrying about some stupid sex scene. Kids have probably seen worse on cable television.

But then again the group is just playing politics. And that seemingly will continue this year, if the district continues to allow teachers to show movies and the group continues to protest their showing.

We just hope a sensible group or person steps forward to clarify the real concern of parents, which is: Is the school district teaching kids how to read and write?

There's time enough at night and on the weekends for cartoons like "Excalibur." Trying to justify showing that movie in school is like trying to justify the showing of the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

They could be fun, but they aren't "Macbeth."

'No knock' Search law would go too far

"No-knock" is no good. A bill that would allow police officers with search warrants to enter homes without announcing their presence and intent — "no knock" — has already passed the state Senate by a wide margin and is in Perry Bullard's House Judiciary Committee.

The committee should deeply ponder the ramifications of compromising a citizen's constitutional right to privacy, and then it should take note of the design flaws in the bill. Careful scrutiny will support the contention that no-knock should not be reported out of committee.

No-knock came about as a tool to use primarily against drug dealers. It's designed to give police holding search warrants the authority — which, in practice, they already have — to enter homes without knocking, identifying themselves, stating they have a search warrant or waiting for some kind of response from the person inside the home.

The purpose of this proposed law, Senate Bill 23, is twofold: let police recover evidence that might be destroyed if they announce themselves, and make sure police don't get killed once they do identify themselves.

Barging into a home, unannounced, is no guarantee of living through a drug raid. Quite the contrary — barging into anyone's home, without warning, is an invitation for the resident to protect him- or herself. Whether one is pro or con, remember: there is a constitutional right to bear arms, and millions take advantage of it.

Public Act 189 of 1986 and subsequent case decisions already have given officers with warrants the right to immediately enter a home, at their discretion. That fact alone should make

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consideration of this new no-knock bill a moot point.

There are many other reasons. The bill says at the time a search warrant is requested, an officer also must ask a magistrate specifically for a no-knock clause on the warrant and cite reasons why it seems to be necessary. It could be argued that every circumstance warrants no-knock authority, and judicial generosity in empowering law enforcement officials with this opportunity could be abused.

Further, the magistrate will not be along on the raid, so the decision to implement the no-knock clause, if granted, falls to individuals who already have that authority — the officers on the scene. Remote-control justice will not work.

These are all technicalities, and trivial when seen in the same light as our right to privacy. Don't confuse the issues, though — the life of an officer is anything but trivial. But we won't save any more lives by giving them powers they already have.

The concern that evidence will be destroyed — part two of the argument for this bill — is simply not a good enough reason to usurp our constitutional right of privacy. Miranda laws, advising a suspect of his or her rights, already have been weakened by the Supreme Court.

Further dilution, this time on the privacy front, means one conceivably could be sitting in a living room, have the police break down a door and, depending on the circumstances, maybe or maybe not advise that person of his rights. Our Constitution was intended to be amended — not bent out of shape.

It's important to look ahead, past the current drug war crisis, at the way these laws could be applied once the purpose for which they were created has ceased to exist. Many laws get put on the books; comparatively few are removed.

No one today should question an officer's right to kick in a drug dealer's door or return fire if threatened or fired upon. The solution is not to warp the Constitution. It's to get Lansing and Washington to provide more dollars for more resources to fight the drug war.

Let's worry about that, instead of trying to revise and subvert the laws by which the vast majority of individuals in this state and country live.



Establishment stung by electorate at polls

THE ESTABLISHMENT took it on the chin this week.

Incumbents and their proposals crumbled under the wrath and/or discontent of the electorate which spoke out loud and clear.

The big punch, of course, went to the two statewide proposals A and B which were touted by various establishment groups. State leaders have been struggling with one another for years on how to deal with the school financing discontent.

The Legislature has been particularly impotent in coming up with any kind of solution. So with all the courage of a cornered varmint, they threw the hot potato to the electorate in a "you-figure-it-out" move.

But voters refused to take the bait and threw it right back. Suburban Detroit voters led the way in rejecting both proposals.

Oakland County residents were particularly adamant. Proposal A, a half cent initiative went down 3-1. Proposal B was knocked out in a 7-1 decision in the state's fastest-growing area.

Maybe now that the people have spoken, state leaders will get serious about dealing with a troubled and inequitable educational system. And maybe they'll learn to listen a little closer to the voters who simply want

them to do their jobs.

LOCAL leaders also found out that voters may not be as content as they originally thought. Just ask Westland's incumbent Charles Griffin who is licking his wounds and packing his bags this week.

Seems the voters resented the city-funded buyout of his pension plan from Griffin's former employer, the Michigan Education Association. Nothing illegal, mind you, but Westland residents, many of whom are union members themselves, took exception.

Incumbent William Ziemba also was sent to pasture by the Westland electorate.

On the Oakland County side of the ledger, the one-two punch was delivered to proposals which would have given the library system some breathing room. The \$14.5 million bond issue for a new library facility went down as well as the 1.5 mill levy to support library services.

Incumbency for Farmington Hills council members Phil Arnold and Paul Sowerby proved of little help. Both lost. Three new council members now join the ranks of the gang up on the hill at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

Hope they're used to long nights without Monday Night Football to alleviate the pain.



Steve Barnaby

FARMINGTON made history by putting yet another woman on the five-member legislative body. Joanne McShane replaced incumbent Arnold Campbell. She joins Shirley Richardson, the first-ever woman council member, who also won re-election.

Seems Detroit isn't the only city divided by the downtown versus neighborhood issue. Newcomer David Katulic rode to victory in Rochester on a crest of discontent from voters who feel the establishment pays too little attention to neighborhood needs.

Appropriately, Katulic celebrated the victory at home with his supporters, while the incumbents gathered in downtown Rochester at Cooper's Arm restaurant to commiserate with losing incumbent Kenneth Bilodeau.

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from our readers

MSU off base on alcohol

To the editor:

You deserve credit for making me aware — and I am screaming about the alcohol policy at Michigan State University.

I have sent the following letter to MSU president John A. DiBiaggio: The Nov. 2nd editorial by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is indicative of my philosophy of the alcohol policy at Michigan State University.

It seems that on this issue the student body may have the upper hand of policy making of University practices rather than the administration. It is beyond my reasonable sense how the University of Michigan and Michigan State University have two unique policies toward the same problem.

Is it reasonable to ask that more stringent means of control be implemented to address the alcohol problems at Michigan State University?

Dan Ukrainec, Troy

Thanks for 'locking up' your friends

To the editor:

I had the pleasure of serving as

General Chairman for the March of Dimes "Jail and Bail" project that took place at four locations in the tri-county area this past week.

On behalf of the March of Dimes, I want to thank all of the volunteers and citizens who "locked up" friends, neighbors and bosses for a good cause. The four sites in the tri-county area collected more than \$140,000 in pledges, which only proves that some of the finest and most generous people in the United States live right here in the tri-county area.

Congratulations to all of you who participated in the March of Dimes project this year. Your money will help in the fight against birth defects.

L. Brooks Patterson, Troy

Both sides are wrong on abortion

To the editor:

With all the heat blazing in this country over the abortion issue, it reminds me of watching a football game. What an analogy, you say. Many of our politicians are like avid sports fans switching to what they feel is the winning team. A true fan goes all the way (no pun intended) win or lose.

Thousands of citizens are way out of control. They are on the sidelines wishing a lineman would crush the quarterback for a heavy loss in yardage. A spectator should simply cheer for their own side in this issue, and

not try to manipulate the play.

Pro-lifers feel the only ones who become pregnant are simply promiscuous teenagers. Any pro-lifer who has stood outside an abortion clinic can tell you nearly 65 percent of all who enter are over 21 years of age. Study your own statistics.

Pro-choice must realize not all who enter an abortion clinic are not in their early stages of pregnancy. Many are in maternity clothes. Why the long delay? This is simply horrid.

Women should be allowed one abortion for whatever reason. It is the repeat offenders that bother me. If you need a second one, it is obvious you did not learn from your first mistake. At this time, it should be made mandatory you have your tubes burnt and tied. No more children you say? What a blessing in disguise.

But wait! What about all the couples waiting for adoption? How about all pro-lifers helping out in this dilemma? You only want to help, right? Here is your chance. If all else fails, drop back and punt.

Janie Anderson, Westland

Opinions are to be shared

Opinions and ideas are best when shared with others.

That's why the Plymouth Observer encourages its readers to share their views with others by making use of the From Our Readers column.

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"Damn-fool dog," you grumble.

Why did he take off like that?

Of course, no one answers.

You remember the day you picked him out at the breeders. You wanted his brother, but your wife . . . no, she had to have this one — the runt of the litter.

"He's cute," she said. "He's got a nice personality."

IT DIDN'T really matter. They were all discount dogs. "Pet quality," the ad had read. That, the breeder explained when we met her in person, meant that for one reason or another they weren't "show quality."

We didn't care about that. We

wanted a Scottie for a pet, not a show dog. The kids . . . he was 13 at the time, she was 3 . . . just wanted a dog.

So we took him home. The runt. The one that almost croaked right after he was born and had to be hand-fed by the breeder. She even took him to work with her and nursed him through his infancy.

That, I think, was his problem. He never knew he was a dog.

We had a terrible time agreeing on a name until mother and son came up with "Wicket." I suggested modifying it to "Sticky Wicket" — he'd been a problem since birth.

And that's who he became. This son of "Braeburn's Main Event" and "Lady Towzie Macbeth." He didn't care about his heritage. He thought he was human.

He had another identity crisis about a year ago when we went to an orchard to pick apples and came home with a kitten — the last of a litter that had been abandoned in a ditch near the orchard.

The cat, who was dubbed "Wookie," thought Wicket was his mother and tried to nurse him and Wicket . . . well, he wasn't sure who, or what, he was anymore.

They were both black and furry



Jack Gladden

and they became great buddies and when another abandoned kitten joined the ranks this summer, the three of them — the purebred Scottie and the two mongrel cats — formed a family of their own.

THERE WERE a few crises along the way. Wookie would dart out the door when he got the chance and start chomping on whatever greenery was in sight, but the family — father, mother, son and daughter — would manage to trap him in a corner somewhere and drag him back inside.

Wicket, damn-fool dog, would sometimes dart out an open gate and cavort around the neighborhood when he was a pup, but he always got caught.

As he grew older he became less inclined to take off when the gate was open and the family figured he

had settled in to his comfortable, if not push, surroundings.

Then, a couple of weeks ago, on a Sunday morning, the Scottie was let out, the gate was left open and no one noticed until . . . no more Wicket.

Two or three hours of frantic searches on foot, on bikes and in cars produced nothing. Then a phone call to the Canton police got results. A woman from Garden City had seen him, trying to play with the cars along Ford Road, and had rescued him.

A visit to her house and the damn-fool dog was back with his family.

Presumably they, and he, had learned a lesson.

But two weeks later, late in the afternoon, with too many people having to be too many places at the same time, another open gate and . . . this time, he didn't come back.

So there you are. Writing two short words on a piece of poster board and realizing that yes, that was a tear that smeared the ink on the words "Lost Dog."

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School progress reports are vital



Doc Doyle

I just received my son's report card and find he received three C's two D's and an E this marking period. He is in the 10th grade and has not been a good student. He has had grade problems before. What really bothers me is that I have to wait until the end of the marking period to receive the report card to find out he has two D's and an E. It seems we should have a notice letting us know about his poor grades before going to the mailbox and finding a very discouraging envelope with his grades in it.

Many, if not all, districts send progress reports home to parents halfway through the marking period to alert parents to their child's grades.

There is another dimension to this issue. Since you and your husband know that your son has not achieved acceptable grades in the past, communications must be a two-way street. You can get a "reading" on your son's progress simply by calling the school and asking his teachers. If they are in class, ask for your call to be returned. Your son also has a counselor that you can contact for assistance. It really is a bit late to react to this unfortunate situation at the end of an eight-week marking period.

Nevertheless, this issue is always one of who is responsible for monitoring a student's academic or behavioral progress. Is it the parent's responsibility or is it the teacher's responsibility to be the surrogate parent? Should not the parents have a relationship with their son or daughter that is of such a nature that the parents know how their child is performing? Or is it the school district's responsibility to continually keep the parents advised of their child's progress or lack of progress.

In my opinion, it is the responsibility of both parties. Indeed, when I was a young teacher, many moons ago, I developed my own progress report and that report would go out as soon as there was any indication that the student was not performing — sometimes as early as the second or third week. My letters to the parents were sent in an unmarked plain en-

velope because marked envelopes are often opened by the student and make it to the trash can before the parents see it.

On the other hand, when improvement in a student's grades or attitude occurred, a letter was also sent home informing the parents of their child's academic or behavioral improvement. Through this dual process, parents receive both positive as well as negative feedback from the school district. Candidly, the positive letter oftentimes did more good than the letter stating the student was not performing. Positive feedback of this nature is something educators need to take a long look at.

Keep in mind that some teacher contracts stipulate whether or not a progress report is a required condition of employment or a voluntary task. Some teachers are not ready to make a grade judgment after two or three weeks and believe a progress report is only timely when grades have formed a pattern. The worst possible scenario (and I've seen this) is when no progress report goes out and the student's report card is handed to parents for the first time at the parent/teacher conference.

Imagine a parent sitting down, not knowing how their child's achieved and then receive a report card with — say — two E's. What a disastrous circumstance for the parents' first meeting of the year with teachers.

Therefore, in my opinion, teachers should notify parents not only of failing grades or poor attitudes prior to report card time but also should notify parents of any positive improvement in grades or attitude. And — parents have a responsibility to develop open communication so they know what level of effort and performance is going on in the classroom during week one, week two and throughout the entire school year.

Act now to stop liquor sales to minors

LAST WEEK, our new Lakes Area edition ran the story that a Union Lake party store had its liquor license suspended for two years for selling alcohol to minors.

In the next issue, we reported that a now-closed Walled Lake convenience store will pay \$2,400 to that school district's drug-education program for selling beer after hours to "visibly intoxicated persons". Those three people — including one minor — were injured when their car struck a roadside tree.

Ironically, both stores were Hop Ins. Owned by Farr View Ltd. of Ann Arbor. That's all we were able to get from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission spokeswoman, who said the commission doesn't give out the names of the company directors.

WHY NOT? Farr View Ltd., which has no telephone listing, but does have a Flint agent, has its president, J. Larry Trull, from Roanoke, Va. All its listed corporate officers are from

Roanoke and Mississauga, Ontario. But locally, it is managed by Hop In of Ann Arbor, whose executive vice president is Philip Tomczyk. That information should come as part and parcel of the sentences. But it doesn't.

Why aren't corporation owners immediately held publicly responsible? And why should the press, as the vehicle for the public's right to know, have to jump hurdles to get that kind of information out?

If we really want to make headway in the 21-year-old drinking age, we have to do some things differently.

One is to refuse to let those ultimately responsible for violations hide behind corporate names.

Another is to push our state legislators to stiffen and establish minimum penalties for liquor establishments who sell to minors.

Another is for police departments to conduct regular undercover raids to deter the selling of liquor to minors.

SUBURBAN POLICE should take the lead from the sheriff's department and departments in Farmington Hills and Farmington, which periodically use underage decoys to attempt to purchase liquor.

Eleven of the 33 package liquor and beer and wine dealers in Farmington Hills were cited in a June sweep for selling to minors. It was the fifth sweep since October 1986.

And in early October, more than half of the businesses holding liquor licenses in Farmington were ticketed for selling to minors. That was down from 75 percent several years back.

Through campaigns coupled with enforcement, we've made great strides in reducing drinking and driving. Still, alcohol is responsible for the most deaths among young people, and can, for some, lead to addiction.

There's no reason in the world why all our police departments can't hold periodic undercover raids of liquor stores and bars in their com-



Judith Doner Berne

munities. And we as citizens, our city councils and township boards can push the Legislature, as Farmington Hills has done, for more stringent penalties for violations.

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Jean Tabor is director of the Canton Public Library.

Celebrate Party time at Canton's library

By Julie Brown
staff writer

It's been a good year for Jean Tabor and her colleagues at the Canton Public Library.

"It has been busy and exciting," said Tabor, library director. "The response to the library has just been overwhelming. It's just really been well-received."

The new library at 1200 S. Canton Center opened nearly a year ago. Before that, the library was housed in crowded quarters on the third floor

of the Canton Township Administration Building.

The new building, just south of the administration building, has 31,000 square feet of space. That compares to about 12,000 square feet at the old facility.

Staffers aren't the only ones who've benefited from the new building. Patrons also are making use of the new facility.

"The Canton community has been very supportive," Tabor said. "They are definitely a community of readers. Our success is directly attributa-

ble to our community."

LIBRARY OFFICIALS plan a Tuesday, Nov. 14, anniversary celebration at the library. The celebration will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the library, with refreshments served all day. Admission is free.

The day will include library tours, entertainment and surprises. An appearance by Da the Clown is planned for 6-9 p.m. A chamber orchestra from Centennial Educational Park will perform at 7 p.m. under the direction of Michael Endres.

Canton businesses have donated many prizes and coupons, Tabor said. Those will be given to patrons throughout the day.

Library officials are celebrating for many reasons. Circulation at the library is up an average of 23 percent compared with a year ago, she said. In September, 35,673 items were checked out. Most were books, although the library also has videotapes, CDs, toys, puppets and other items.

About one-third of the library's collection is out at any given time. But circulation is not the only indica-

tor of the library's success, Tabor said.

Sundays, for example, are busy days there. Sunday patrons often come for serious study, Tabor said. But circulation figures don't necessarily show Sunday as busy days because patrons often don't check out many materials then.

EACH MONTH, librarians handle about 7,000 reference questions. Schools and community groups often come to the library for tours, said Tabor, who has been library director for four years and on the staff since 1982.

"We have lots of people here. We have more people using the library for different reasons." Those range from intensive research to casual reading.

Six computers are available at the library for public use, along with electric typewriters and other equipment.

"They were here more than they used to be in previous years."

The library has an active Friends group with more than 100 members. The group has held two fund-raising book sales. Members of Friends serve as hosts at library programs, and have instituted a homebound book program.

"It's very important to have a strong Friends group," Tabor said. A

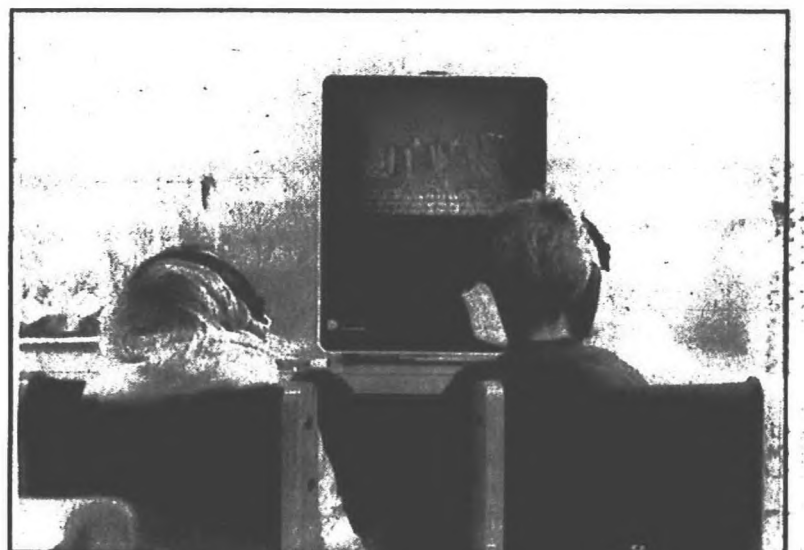
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At the Canton Public Library, Maureen Hemmerling reads a book to her 18-month-old son, Jacob. An all-day celebration will

be held at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton, Tuesday, Nov. 14. The new library building opened one year ago.

Staff photos
by Guy Warren



Cindy Miller, 3, and Christopher Miller, 5, enjoy their time at the Canton Public Library. They came to the library recently with their mom, Kathy Miller of Canton.

Painting's been a pleasant pastime

By Julie Brown
staff writer

WHILE BACK, Mary Cotter decided to sign up for some free art classes at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"I just found I could do things and it was fun," said Cotter, a Plymouth Township resident. "I'm lucky that people like my pictures. People have been most generous with their thoughts."

She's still painting and takes lessons from a friend. Cotter particularly enjoys working with watercolor. She paints an occasional still life and has done some figure painting.

"I really like outside subjects, I suppose scenes more than anything."

COTTER'S INTEREST in art extends beyond painting, which she does part time. She's also a volunteer at the art rental gallery run by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Therese Gail, gallery chairwoman, persuaded Cotter to volunteer her time.

"When my last child went to school, I had a bit more spare time."

The gallery, housed upstairs at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth, is open for business each Wednesday, offering a variety of art work for rental. Some of Cotter's paintings are included in the gallery collection.

She used to work with the council's Art Lady program, taking art samples to area schools and talking with students about art. Cotter found she preferred being a gallery volunteer.

SHE AND her husband, Patrick, an engineer, have lived in Plymouth Township for approximately 20 years. They have six children, including one daughter at home.

The Cotters traveled a distance to get to Plymouth. Patrick Cotter, who has also done some painting, is originally from Ireland. Mary Cotter is from England.

After completing school in England, Mary Cotter went to work at age 17 in a lawyer's office in London. She worked for a number of years as a clerk in the probate and trust section at that solicitor's office.

Cotter, who grew up in Essex, met her husband at church there. They got married in England, and had four children at the time they moved to the United States.

"We didn't actually come to Plymouth," she said. "We came to South Dakota and we lived there for 18 months before we came to Plymouth."

COTTER FOUND the move took some getting used to, and she was homesick in the beginning. She was accustomed to walking with her children to her sister's house, and missed that.

"I'd always lived around my family."

Cotter's husband thought there would be more progress for the family if they came to the United States. He had been to the United States on business before the family moved.

"So we decided to give it a try," Mary said.

The Cotters arrived in the winter.

"The temperature was 23 below zero with a horrible wind chill factor."

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Mary Cotter of Plymouth Township works on a painting of a springtime outdoor scene. Cotter continued painting after taking art classes at the Plymouth Cultural Center. "I just found I could do things and it was fun."

GUY WARREN/staff photographer



Jacob Hemmerling's patience wears thin as his mother, Maureen Hemmerling, looks for a book at the Canton Public Library.

Time to celebrate at Canton's library

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staff member serves as Friends/volunteer coordinator, and the library averages about 220 volunteer hours per month.

"We really come to rely on these people for invaluable projects that they do," volunteers repair books, assist with entering material into the computer and prepare crafts materials for storytime sessions. They put on book jackets and assist with other projects.

THE LIBRARY has received several grants this year, Tabor said. Those will make it possible for staffers to work more closely with senior citizens and with the Community Literacy Council.

The meeting room at the library has been popular with the community. Many library programs are held there. Use of the room is free for

non-profit groups in Canton, although it must be reserved in advance.

Shelves at the new library aren't as full, "which is nice because now we have room to grow," Tabor said.

Librarians try to have the collection reflect what the community wants and needs, she said. They try to put together an up-to-date collection.

The library serves, among other things, as a door to learning for children, students and adults. Children's initial experiences with learning and books are important, so librarians try to make those experiences positive.

The summer reading programs for children this year included some 1,100 preschool and school-age students, Tabor said. Also, "We are a research library for high school through junior-college, I would say." Librarians don't try to specialize in a

lot of technical materials, although many are available through inter-library loan.

Librarians also are building the business collection. Their goal is to provide the best possible service for patrons. Staffers want to be at least as good as the building is, Tabor said.

Further expansion of the library is possible. The library was built with expansion up to 45,000 square feet in mind. Additional parking may also be needed, she said.

Also in the future, library officials hope to go to an on-line catalog. The computer catalog would eventually take the place of the card catalog, possibly within a few years, Tabor said. They also hope to upgrade computer response time by early 1990.

For more information about the anniversary celebration, call 397-0999.

Plymouth's become her second home

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She remembers it being cold outside and too hot inside. The family wasn't accustomed to central heating.

She found people weren't out and about as much in the United States, due to the weather.

"I was very used to being out every day for walks with the children."

Getting used to driving in the United States took some time, as did getting used to the different measurements used in cooking.

The Cotters went back to the United Kingdom for the first time in 1972. They have been back three or four times in the last 10 years. Mary finds when she visits England now, she doesn't think of it as her only home.

"This is home too, so I have two homes."

THE COTTERS ENJOY living in Plymouth, and have made many good friends during their time in the United States.

"I don't know what I would have done without all the good neighbors I've had through the years," she said. "We've been so, so lucky."

In her free time, Cotter enjoys sewing, embroidery and reading. She likes to sing and is in the choir at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Cotter has also been involved in a number of the amateur "Follies" productions presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The couple's oldest daughter lives in California and works as a comput-

"I really like outside subjects, I suppose scenes more than anything."

—Mary Cotter painter

er/electrical engineer. Another daughter lives in New York and plans to work in the public health field.

One daughter lives in Ann Arbor and works as a computer engineer. A son, also an engineer, lives in Dearborn. Another son is a second-year student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The couple's 14-year-old daughter is a ninth grader at West Middle School.

"Her main love is ballet, which she does quite a bit of at the moment," Cotter said.

THE FAMILY most likely will stay where they are, rather than move back to the United Kingdom. Cotter had some thoughts about what the United States would be like before she came here.

She'd seen films about life in the United States, and those films generally didn't portray life realistically. "People are much the same all over the world."

People have different customs, but they have many other things in common.

"Generally speaking, I think Americans are very generous, warm people."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Mary Cotter has lived with her family in Plymouth Township for approximately 20 years. She's originally from England.

Symphony plans Friday concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. The performance will be the second concert in the PSO's 1989-90 season.

The concert will feature violin soloist Tapani Yrjola, who returns from Finland to perform the Violin Concerto in D minor by Sibelius.

Yrjola was concert master of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for

the past two years. He now holds the post of chairman of the violin department at Joensuu Conservatory in Finland.

Yrjola earned a doctorate and a master of arts degree in violin performance from the University of Michigan in 1989 and 1982, respectively. His many awards include the Finlandia Foundation Award, Hoover Foundation Award and Finnish Cultural Award.

He has performed extensively in Scandinavian countries in solo recitals and symphony appearances.

Also on the program are the Symphony No. 4 by Brahms and the Ray Bias Overture by Mendelssohn.

Concert tickets are priced at \$5 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$2 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Tickets will be available at the box office the evening of the performance and in advance at several locations.

Tickets are available at the PSO office. Those who plan to attend may call 451-2112 to charge tickets by Visa or MasterCard. Tickets are also available at: Beltner Jewelry, 304 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Evelyn Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main, Northville; and Hammett Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia.



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BY MYSELF SINGLES

By Myself Singles is a Plymouth-based group for singles ages 21 and older. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Dunning-Lough Library, 229 S. Main, Plymouth. Other activities are planned each month according to members' interests. For more information and to receive the newsletter, call 689-7765.

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post No. 391, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at 173 N. Main, Plymouth. This will be a regular business meeting. Veterans who are interested in Legion membership or who need general or claims assistance should call Commander Vic Riblett, 455-4565, or Jim Maas, 677-2197.

COLLEGE PLANS

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will present a "Thinking About College?" Day 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The event will be in Room LA-200 of the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. The program is for women who are thinking about attending college this winter. For reservations or more information, call the Women's Resource Center, 462-4443.

THEATRE GUILD

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present a female version of "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon. Remaining performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11 and 17-18, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Performances will be in The Water Tower Theater, on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville Township. (Those attending should look for the water tower.) Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. For reservation information, call 429-2161.

BETHANY NORTHWEST

Bethany Northwest Singles will meet at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows Social Hall, 28045 Power, at Shiawassee in Farmington. The speaker, Kay Britton, will discuss packing successfully for a trip. Bethany Northwest Sin-

gles is a Catholic singles group open to those of all denominations. The group provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to Christians who are separated, widowed or divorced. For more information, call 471-2708 or 553-0128.

WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will hold a dance/party 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Father Victor J. Renaud Council No. 3292, Knights of Columbus, will host a spaghetti dinner at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at 150 Fair, Plymouth. The public may attend. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children age 12 and younger.

LEGION YOUTH NIGHT

The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post No. 391, will honor area students Saturday, Nov. 11, at its annual "Youth Night Dinner." The event will start with a cash bar at 6 p.m. and will be at the Myron Beal Post of The American Legion, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia. The public may attend. Price is \$11 per person. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. The \$11 will be payable at the door. For reservations or more

information, call Jim Maas, 677-2197, or Vic Riblett, 455-4565.

VETERANS DAY

Members of The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post No. 391, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mayflower-Lt., Gamble Post No. 6695, will remember all veterans at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. The annual Veterans Day observance will be at the Plymouth Rock, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. The public may attend. For more information, call Legion Commander Vic Riblett, 455-4565, or VFW Commander Art Sidman, 981-1231.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-County Singles will hold a dance/party the evening of Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Radisson Hotel of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth Township. The dance/party is for singles over age 21. For more information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles/Westside will hold a dance/party 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

CONSERVATORY TOUR

Docents at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens will offer a conservatory tour at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. The gardens are at 1880 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. The theme of the one-hour tour will be "Traveling Plants." Many plants have been moved from their origins, because of exploration and trade. A maximum of 30 people may participate. Reservations are recommended, although people may sign up the day of the tour on a space-available basis. For reservations, call 998-7061. Conservatory admission price is \$1 per person, free for children under age 6 and Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens members.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place will meet 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Northville Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. Andy Morgan from Single Point Ministries will be the guest speaker. Donation is \$2. Refreshments and child care are provided. For more information, call 349-0911 or the hot line, 349-6474.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Entertainment will be provided by Central

Middle School music students and by the Sixth Gate Cloggers of Novi. Light refreshments will be served. Donation is \$2. Reservations should be made by Friday, Nov. 10. For reservations, call Geneva Guenther, 453-1234 Ext. 238.

ACADEMICALLY TALENTED

The Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented will hold its second general meeting of the school year at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the Allen Elementary School gym, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth. The speaker will be Mary Freeman, Talented and Gifted (TAG) coordinator at the Wayne County Intermediate School District. The focus of her talk will be on TAG education and opportunities beyond the local school district. Content of future meetings will also be discussed.

RIGHT TO LIFE

The Wayne County, West Chapter of Right to Life-Lifespan of Metro Detroit will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the Calvin Room of Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. The program on "Parental Consent for Minors to Have an Abortion" will feature state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville. Geake will discuss pending state legislation. The church is on the southeast corner of Farmington and Six Mile roads in

Livonia. The public may attend. Refreshments will be served. Those attending should park in the lot on the Farmington Road side of the church.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Single Place will sponsor a grief support workshop 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 13, 20, 27, and Dec. 4, at Northville Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main. The series will be led by Magdalene S. Petrick, a counselor and hospice/grief therapist. Donation is \$22. The workshop is designed for those who have lost loved ones. For reservations, call 349-0911.

OPEN HOUSE

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will present a "HERS" open house 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the center, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The open house is in conjunction with Displaced Homemaker Week, Nov. 12-18, as declared by a joint resolution of the Michigan Legislature. Those attending will learn about the program for displaced homemakers. The Women's Resource Center offers career information, support groups, workshops, a speaker's bureau and assistance with financial aid for education. For more information, call 462-4443.

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Early deadline for club news

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, early deadlines will apply for Clubs in Action material.

The deadline for the Thursday, Nov. 23, issue will be noon Friday, Nov. 17. Clubs in Action material may be submitted by mail or hand delivered to the Observer Newspapers office, 744 Wing (at Deer), Plymouth 48170.

No Clubs in Action items will be taken over the telephone. All items should include the name and daytime phone number of a contact person who can verify information.

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● FUN FOR SINGLES

A Single Place dinner is planned for those who hate to cook and/or eat alone. The dinner will be held 6:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Riffle's, on Northville Road in Northville Township. For more information, call 349-0911. The group also meets for brunch at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday at the Elias Brothers Big Boy, on the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty, Novi. Participants should ask for the Single Place group at the Big Boy.

● DIVORCE GROUP

The Women's Divorce Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the conference room of the Lower Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. The group is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College. It provides a forum for women to share experiences, thoughts and information on dealing with divorce. No reservations are required. For more information, call the Women's Resource Center, 462-4443.

● INTEREST GROUPS

The Plymouth Newcomers Club has a number of interest groups for new residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Families will help hang garlands, wreaths and bows in Kellogg Park, at Plymouth City Hall and in Pointe Park Saturday, Nov. 18. For more information, call 454-0152. The Gadabouts visit different locations the third Wednesday of each month. They will go to the Outlet Mall in Monroe Wednesday, Nov. 15. Members will meet in the public parking lot (formerly the SEMTA lot) by the Ford Sheldon Road plant in Plymouth Township at 9:15 a.m. For reservations or more information, call 459-9877. The club also has two daytime bridge groups for women. One meets the second Tuesday of the month and the other on the third Thursday. The women's evening bridge group meets the third Tuesday of the month and the couples bridge group the second Friday. For more information, call 459-7012.

● GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Plaza. The speakers will be Bill Wreford and Arlene Gary. They will discuss "The Search for Information," the use of family history centers, libraries, research centers and publications to trace a family tree. For more information, call Gil Francis, vice president, 464-1314.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS

The Canton Newcomers Club/Playgroup will meet 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 16. Mothers will be able to drink coffee and relax while the children play. For more information, call 453-8116. The Canton Newcomers will also hold a tea at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. Guests will meet club officers and learn about activities sponsored by the club for women, children, couples and families. For more information, call 453-5186.

● CLUB COFFEE

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a membership coffee for prospective members at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. Those who have lived in Plymouth or Plymouth Township for less than two years may attend. The club provides members with opportunities to meet other newcomers and to participate in many groups and activities. For

more information, call 459-5593.

● CLUB AUCTION

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club's annual auction will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. For more information, call 427-0859.

● WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. The meeting will feature a benefit card party and luncheon, with proceeds to be used to support civic organizations. There will be door prizes and table prizes. For reservations, call 455-4088. Ticket price is \$7.

● ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Harris-Kehrer Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3323, will have its annual arts and crafts bazaar 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. The event will be at 1055 S. Wayne Road, across from Town and Country Bowling in Westland. Tables are available, priced at \$15. For rental information, call 326-3323 before 5 p.m. and 722-8053 after 5 p.m. Proceeds from table rentals and the snack bar will be used for cancer assistance and research efforts. There will also be a bake sale featuring homemade goodies.

● SINGLES' TRIP

Single Place is planning a trip for single parents and kids to the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum and the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History. The trip is planned for Saturday, Nov. 18. Participants should meet at 10 a.m. at the Northville Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main. For more information, call 348-9501.

● PLYMOUTH BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club will meet Monday, Nov. 20, at the Mayflower Hotel, 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. Social time will be at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program. The speaker will be Krystal Gray from Nutri-tek Inc. She will explain her "Eating Right" program. Guests may attend. Deadline to make reservations is Wednesday, Nov. 15. For reservations, call Shirley Nair, 349-2969.

● SINGLE PLACE

Single Place will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, for a sloppy joe dinner and a panel discussion, "Passages," led by Dayton Gnaou. The group meets at Northville Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. A \$4 donation is requested for dinner and the program, and a \$2 donation is requested for the program only. The program will start at 7 p.m. Child care is provided. For more information, call 349-0911. The group has also planned a Thanksgiving dinner for singles and their children. Participants should bring a dish to serve six or more and their own beverage. Coffee and turkey will be provided. Dinner will be served 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. For reservations and directions, call 348-8585.

● MOMS AND TOTS

The Moms and Tots of the Canton Newcomers Club will meet 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Canton Fire Station. Following a tour of the station, members will enjoy lunch at the McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call 453-8720.

● OPEN HOUSE

An open house for parents will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Gibson School for the Gifted, 12925 Fenton, Redford. Gibson is a

non-profit school for students ages 4-13. The school offers a variety of classes, and financial aid is available. For more information, call 537-8688.

● CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is a community service organization for men and women. It meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month for a business meeting at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Italian Cucina, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call 981-2411 or 981-7259.

● MUSEUM FUN

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. It is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The current exhibit, "Undercover History," features undergarments dating back to the 1800s. The collection will be on exhibit through Thanksgiving. Admission price is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 12-17, 25 cents for children ages 5-11. For more information, call 455-8940.

● NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Meetings are open to those grieving as a result of a death or divorce. Admission is free of charge. For more information, call 453-7630.

● PACT-REACT

The PACT-REACT Team Inc. is recruiting members to volunteer for a Plymouth-area citizen's mobile patrol. Volunteers also operate the emergency radio system. Meetings

are at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 453-5015 or the central base, 459-0020.

● TINNITUS SUPPORT

A Tinnitus Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Botsford General Hospital's Education and Administration Building, on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. The group is for those who experience ringing in the ears or other head noises. For more information, call Bill Haskin, 595-4927.

● AMATEUR RADIO

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society (SRARS) meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings of the non-profit amateur radio club are in the coun-

cil chambers, on the second floor of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main. Those who are interested in amateur radio, or in communications in general, may attend.

● ART GALLERY

An extensive selection of original art work is available for rent at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's art rental gallery. The gallery operates from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday upstairs at the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Rental price is \$5 per picture

per month. For more information, call the gallery, 459-0110, on Wednesdays, or 459-0096 at other times. Proceeds support such PCAO programs as grants and scholarships, and are also used to buy new paintings for the gallery.

● BRIDGE FUN

A singles-bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Lessons are available. For more information, call 349-9104 (evenings).

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Churches enter the computer age

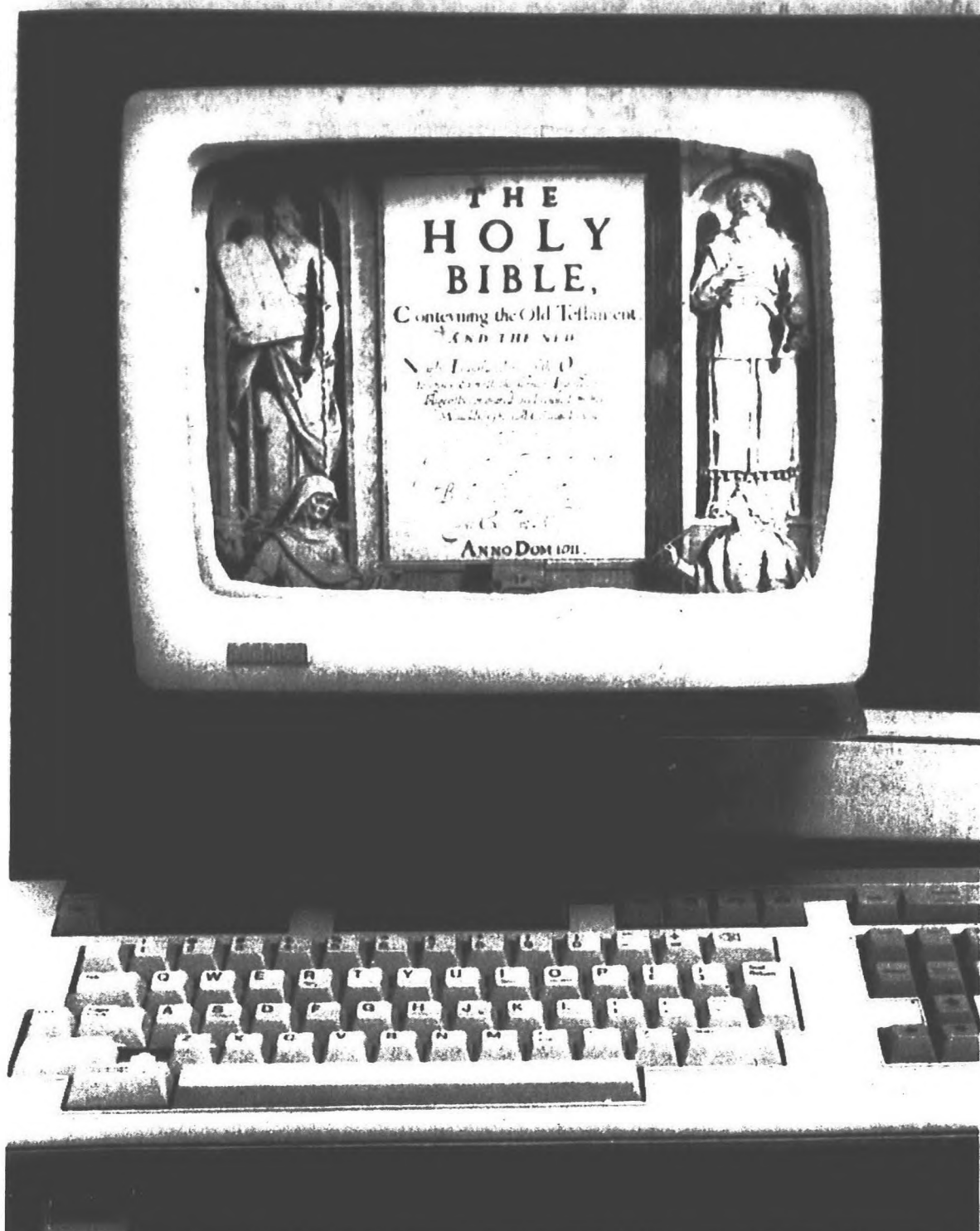


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Computers are used by many churches and other religious organizations these days.

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Software can't save souls, but technological advances have nevertheless had an impact on churches. Computers are increasingly common these days, particularly at larger churches with greater resources.

"The computer is used basically to enhance and to supplement all of the ministries of the church," said Barry McKenna, director of administration at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. That church has nearly 5,000 members, and many others who aren't members participate in activities at Ward.

Computers have been a tremendous help to the pastors and staff, said McKenna, who has worked at the church since 1980.

"Obviously, the use and the implementation of it is a growing, ongoing process."

Computers are used for bookkeeping, keeping track of membership information and scheduling use of facilities and church vehicles.

WORD PROCESSING — for reports, correspondence, mailing labels and other items — is part of the work at Ward. A central data base provides some information for all departments, while some specialized functions are used by individual departments only.

It's difficult for McKenna to imagine what life would be like at Ward without computers.

"Anything is possible, but no, we would not even consider not having it."

Entering the computer age has been an ongoing process at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

"We're not into it totally yet, but we're moving in that direction," said the Rev. David Church, the pastor.

That process hasn't been effortless, and deciding how to put the computer to good use has been a challenge.

"And we've learned some of those things by hard knocks," Church said.

His denomination has designed a computer program that works well for most United Methodist congregations.

Giving records are stored on computer at Newburg United Methodist Church. The computer prints out contributions for members quarterly.

THE COMPUTER is used to store membership information, including

such basics as names, phone numbers, addresses, and areas of interest.

"It's so much more efficient to do that with a computer," Church said. If church staffers need the names of people who'd like to serve as ushers, all they have to do is push a button.

Newburg United Methodist Church has about 1,100 members. It's been about three years since the church began to use the United Methodist computer program.

Attendance at Newburg is still kept by use of a card file system. Church officials hope to use the computer for that soon, Church said.

The church's treasurer uses his home computer to keep track of financial records. The staff secretary at Newburg uses a word processor for correspondence and for parts of the church newsletter. Church writes his sermons on a typewriter.

"That's more a matter of personal choice," he said. "I'm still sort of new to the computer myself."

He could start to write sermons on a word processor at some point, as many of his colleagues do.

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township is also in the computer age.

"We're sold on it," said Tammy Brand, parish administrator. "I don't think in this point of the ministry at St. John's they could function without it."

THE CHURCH includes 378 families.

"A lot of membership information is on the computer," Brand said. She's in the process of adding such things as baptism and confirmation dates, wedding dates and birth dates. It's been more challenging to get that information from church members than it has been to enter it into the computer.

"We have all of our bookkeeping on the computer too," she said. "That's been fabulous. It just gives you a lot of good reference information. It's so much more efficient, just a better way to keep things."

Computers have been used for several years at St. John's, and two are in the office. The rector and associate rector each have a computer at home.

Brand has worked at St. John's for a little more than 10 years. She remembers the day when that first donated computer arrived.

"I was very resistant to it. I didn't know how to use it, first of all."

Brand took a couple of classes and gradually learned to work on the computer. It's used for correspondence, bulletins, the church newsletter and other items.

"My job relies totally on the computer today. It's just such an integral part of everything."

Staffers at St. John's never bought a church computer package, Brand said.

"Everything we looked at was so expensive."

Instead, they received help from a couple of parishioners in designing their own program.

COMPUTERS DO an increasing amount of work for the Archdiocese of Detroit, according to Jay Berman, archdiocese spokesman.

"They're present in every office." The archdiocese's central services are linked together by computer, allowing use of electronic mail.

"We started about five years ago," Berman said.

Before that, the archdiocese used some individual computers in the areas of finance and administration.

Computers make communication between parishes and between various administrative levels of the church easier. The church hopes at some point to deliver all mail to parishes electronically, he said.

Some 135 parishes out of 300 in the Archdiocese of Detroit use computers at some level. The archdiocese takes in six counties in southeastern Michigan, including Wayne and Oakland counties.

One concern of the Catholic church is privacy as it relates to computer use, Berman said. Access to information stored in computer files must be limited.

"So we have built-in safeguards all along."

Computers can't do everything, but can help churches operate more effectively, Berman said. A priest who used to write a homily on a yellow legal pad can now write more quickly on a word processor.

"Now he's got a half hour he can devote to people."

The church starts with the assumption that technology is morally neutral, Berman said.

"It just depends on what kind of use you're going to put it to. Presumably, it's a good use."

Our past should be remembered

Eighteen years ago this week, the first Moral Perspectives column was printed in this newspaper. Is it the number of years the column has appeared that makes this week a special moment of recall for us who write it? Would it be less important if the years were fewer in number, or more important if they were greater?

Ten years ago this week, the United States Embassy in Iran was attacked and 55 citizens of the United States were held hostage by Iran for 444 days. The passage of time does not diminish the anguish nor relieve the anger.

This week marks the dedication of the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Ala. — a black granite table carved with the names and stories of the martyrs and key events from 1954, when the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed school segregation, to 1968, when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.



moral perspectives
Rev. Lloyd Buss

WHAT IS the feature that triggers remembrance of events and experiences past? Why do we remember some things and forget others?

Very few people will have remembered this week as the 18th anniversary of this column, and even this reference to it will not increase that number significantly.

The Iranian attack on the U.S. Embassy in Iran and the taking of hostages has been a continuing issue in international affairs. It is used by both sides in differing ways, but remembering the event is important for both nations.

The Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Ala., almost never

was. Forty people made the ultimate sacrifice for equality between 1954 and 1968, and it was the officials of Montgomery's Southern Poverty Law Center who conceived and paid for the memorial. The governor of Alabama was invited to the dedication ceremony, but he was unable to attend because he was going to church.

When a student of Pablo Casals, the Spanish cellist, suffered a lapse of memory in playing a piece she knew well, Pablo Casals said "Fine — everything should be new every time you play it."

Newspaper columns on moral per-

spectives, international relationships and the pursuit of equality for all people in our land are never finished products or events. Even before the first item has been addressed, the next one stands in need of the same attention.

YOU WON'T offend us if you didn't remember the 18th anniversary of this column, but forgetting or ignoring the features of international relationships that unfolded, the attack on our embassy in Iran and the 40 people who died in the struggle for civil rights in our country is to set in motion the very features that created the events we are to remember today.

Forgetting or ignoring our past is to imply that it never happened. There are some things that we would never want to forget or pretend never happened.

The Rev. Lloyd Buss is pastor of the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills.

church bulletin

The church bulletin is published every Thursday in the Observer. Information must be received in the Livonia office by noon the Monday prior to publication.

● AUTHOR TO SPEAK

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, Livonia, will host Dr. Paul Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University and author of several historical novels and documentaries, at a prayer breakfast 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

Some of Maier's books include "Pontius Pilate," a fresh view of the politics behind Jesus' crucifixion; a trilogy of books "First Christmas," a documentary on the Nativity, "First Easter," which uncovers new evidence on Jesus' empty tomb, and "First Christians," about the Pentecost and the spread of Christianity. "The Flames of Rome," a documentary novel on how Christianity reached Rome, was released in 1981 by Doubleday.

His topic at the prayer breakfast will be "Josephus — A First Century Historian." Price for the breakfast is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. There is no charge for preschool children. Child care is available for infants and a special program is planned with crafts and Christian videos for children age 3 through fourth grade. The event is open to the public. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 12. For information, call 522-6830.

● ORDINATION

A special service of installation is planned at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, for the Rev. Dana Rønnestad at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 38020 Five Mile, Livonia. Rønnestad comes to Holy Trinity from Immanuel Lutheran Church in West Ida, Mich., where she had been the pastor since 1984. Her seminary education took place at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and the Lutheran House of Studies in Washington, D.C. She also has a master of music degree from Southern Illinois University. Rønnestad will join the Rev. Robert Selts and the Rev. James Spilos on Holy Trinity's pastoral staff. The service Sunday is open to the community. A special reception will take place following the service.

● NEW START

New Start is for those who have been widowed. The group offers monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month and an ongoing support group designed for those who are going through the grief process. A special meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. Barbara George, business

administrator for Single Point Ministries, will be the guest speaker. The support group meets every two weeks, 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday in the Calvin Room of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call 422-1854.

● CLEAN BLANKETS

St. Mary Catholic Church, 34908 Sims, off Michigan Avenue, Wayne, is collecting clean blankets and accepting cash donations to help the homeless during the winter. Comforters, quilts and sleeping bags also are being collected. Parish center hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. on Fridays. For information, call 729-8165.

● HURRICANE HELP

Sixth graders at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford recently sponsored a canned food drive to help victims of Hurricane Hugo. Last year, the group sponsored a clothing drive to help those affected by the hurricane.

● MARINERS' SERVICE

The 14th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald will be observed 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking is available in the Ford Auditorium garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward. For information, call 252-2206.

● ALCOHOLICS' SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics for Christ, Alcoholics for Christ Family Group and Adult Children of Alcoholics meet weekly at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Groups meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Fellowship Hall and 1 p.m. Fridays in Room A-5. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, at the corner of Six Mile. For information, call 524-6325.

Alcoholics for Christ is a Christian fellowship and support group for alcoholics, their families and concerned people. The group also meets at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarenes, 21250 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Westland Fall Gospel Church, 34023 Palmer, Westland, at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Church of God in Christ, 2854 Harrison, Livonia, at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Fairhaven Assembly of God, 409 Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, and at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at Fairlane Alliance Church, 954 Mason, north of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. For information, call 252-2206 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.

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Author finishes late student's fantasy novel

By Helen Lyngaht
Staff Writer

Robert Kornwise wrote a fantasy novel, but it was beyond his wildest dreams to co-author a book with his favorite writer, Piers Anthony.

Kornwise, a popular Andover High School student and active West Bloomfield youth, started writing "Through the Ice" at age 16. He emulated Anthony, the popular fantasy fiction writer.

When Kornwise, 16, died tragically in a Brighton car accident in December 1987, he left eight chapters of unfinished manuscript.

Anthony finished it, and "Through the Ice" is scheduled for release this month.

"It's an astonishing set of circumstances," said the book's publisher, Chuck Miller.

"It became a project of love for everyone," said Sandy Kornwise, the youth's father.

"Through the Ice" is a memorial

for one who died young," Anthony wrote in the book's afterword. "The final irony is that I wish it had never happened. I wish he had lived instead."

THE ELDER KORNWISE has never met Anthony, nor have Robert Kornwise's friends, who first contacted the author soon after the Andover High School youth's funeral. They have exchanged a lot of letters.

Seven of Robert Kornwise's friends at Andover — Andrew Linovitz, Daniel Bree, Marc Rosenblatt, David Kriven, Josh Turetsky, David Siebert and Kevin Bigman — are credited in the book.

"Back in his room, Rob had — I don't know — 80 or 40 books by Piers Anthony on his shelf," Linovitz said.

They sent a letter asking the 55-year-old, English-born author to read the manuscript.

THREE OR four months later,

Anthony responded in a letter that he had read the manuscript and that, though it was unfinished and unpolished, it was good, Linovitz said.

Anthony agreed to finish the book despite some legal, financial and emotional questions, he said in the book's afterword. He knew the pain of losing a child, he said.

Anthony polished up the manuscript and added five chapters to Kornwise's seven, including an ending, he said.

"I'm rather glad I did it. I don't want to get into lots of collaborations with teenagers, not at all, but this was a special case, and he did have talent," Anthony said in an interview.

THE BOOK tells the story of four people and their involvement in a war between an evil sorcerer and a

greeny empire. It is 224 pages, cloth-bound and selling for \$25.

Anthony also found a publisher, Underwood-Miller, a small science and fantasy fiction house, to produce and market the book.

Miller called the book "a very good young adult fantasy novel." Underwood-Miller is "slightly going out on a limb" with the project because Anthony's following is in paperback, while "Through the Ice," a collectable hardcover, is of higher quality and expense, Miller said.

The book is available through special order or at larger area bookstores, including Bookpeople in West Bloomfield. Neither the family nor a memorial fund set up in Robert's name will make money on the book, Sandy Kornwise said.

HIS SON was serious about the

novel, and talented, Kornwise said. He would write on a family computer. He showed sections to his father, and had contacted publishers about printing the book.

"He had the facilities to tell a story," his father said.

But he, his wife, Maureen, and their 21-year-old daughter, Jill, still feel deeply the boy's death. The book doesn't change that, Kornwise said.

"We don't look at this as any sort of final chapter because Robbie's

memory is with us every day. This just the fruition of something Robbie started."

Eighteen-year-old David Kosmas of Grosse Pointe Park was convicted of negligent homicide and sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years probation in connection with Robert Kornwise's death.

The book can be ordered through the publisher, Underwood-Miller, 708 Westover Drive, Lancaster, Pa. 17601.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHELDON SCHOOL RE-ROOFING

The Charter Township of Canton is requesting bids for re-roofing the historic Sheldon School, located at 44649 Michigan Avenue. The proposal should include cost estimates for removing the existing shingles and replacing them with cedar shingles. The bid specifications are available through the Building and Engineering Department, Township Administration Building, (315) 397-1000. This project utilizes Community Development Grant Funds and is subject to Federal regulations, including Davis-Bacon requirements. All bid quotations shall be submitted in a sealed package to the Department of the Clerk, Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 1989. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LOREN BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOVEMBER 16, 1989

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Canton will be held on Thursday, November 16, 1989, at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the following agenda and any related matters:

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

Roll Call: Daley, Demopoulos, Nasiatka, Preblich, Prince

Acceptance of agenda

1. Richard C. Covault, resident of 44927 Salts Rd. appealing Section 5.07B of the Zoning Ordinance regarding rear yard depth requirements in connection with deck construction on his property. (BLDG.)
2. Jeffrey P. Carter, resident of 44053 Salts Rd. appealing Section 5.07B of the Zoning Ordinance regarding rear yard depth requirements in connection with deck construction on his property. (BLDG.)
3. Michael & Mary Christie, residents of 45725 Bartlett Dr., appealing the schedule of regulations of the Canton Zoning Ordinance regarding minimum side yard setback requirements in connection with proposed addition to residence. (BLDG.)
4. Approval of Minutes of September 21 and October 19, 1989.

LOREN N. BENNETT,
Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

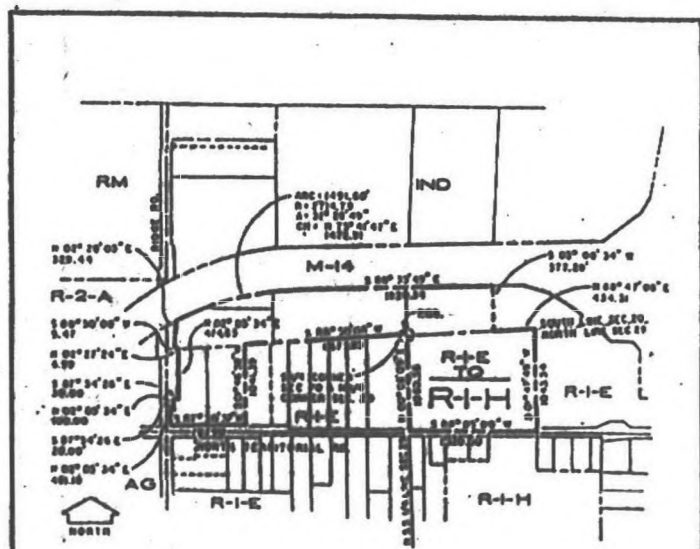
TO REZONE FROM: R-1-E, Single Family Residential District
TO: R-1-H, Single Family Residential District

DATE OF HEARING: November 15, 1989

TIME OF HEARING: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District, 96.3 acres, more or less to R-1-H, Single Family Residential District. Application No. 1035.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A part of the South 1/2 of Section 20 and the North 1/2 of Section 20, T. 1 S., R. 6 E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as containing the South 1/2 corner of Section 20 also being the North 1/4 corner of Section 20; thence S. 0° 00' 00" E., 1,070.00 feet along the South line of said Section 20 and the North line of said Section 20; thence S. 0° 00' 00" E., 1,070.00 feet; thence S. 0° 00' 00" E., 207.00 feet to a point on the East line of said Section 20; thence the following angles: (1) course along said line: 1) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 420.00 feet; and 2) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 20.00 feet; and 3) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 20.00 feet; and 4) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 20.00 feet; and 5) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 20.00 feet; and 6) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 20.00 feet to a point on the South line of Section 20 and the North line of Section 20; and 7) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 1,070.00 feet along said Section 20 line; and 8) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 207.00 feet to a point on the South line of Section 20; thence the following two (2) courses along said line: 1) Along a curve to the right, 1,070.00 feet, said curve having a radius of 1,070.00 feet; and 2) S. 0° 00' 00" E., 1,070.00 feet; thence S. 0° 00' 00" E., 207.00 feet to a point on the South line of Section 20 and the North line of Section 20; thence S. 0° 00' 00" E., 1,070.00 feet along said line; thence S. 0° 00' 00" E., 1,070.00 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 96.30 acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 93

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 54

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____

EFFECTIVE DATE _____

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Planning Department, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Planning, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone No. 453-5167.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the premises to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 55.

GREGORY WILLIAMS, Secretary
Planning Commission

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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

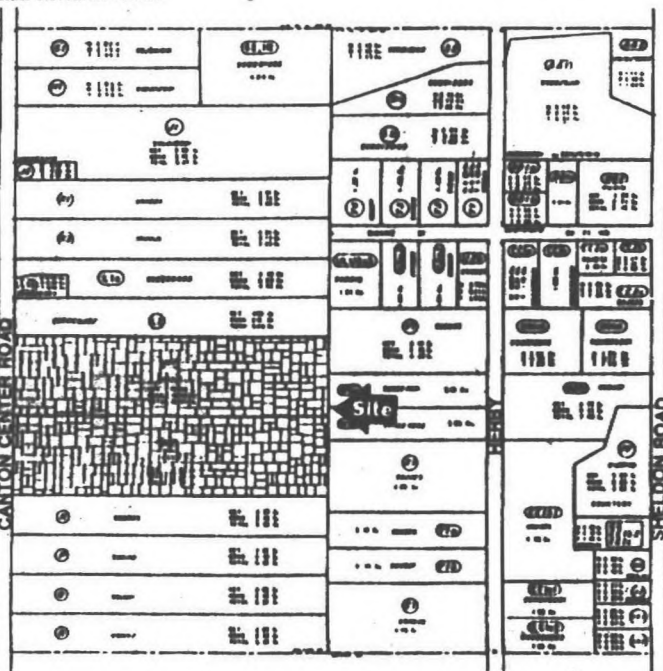
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 1989, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO REZONE PARCELS 107 99 0007 000 AND 107 99 0008 000 FROM R-1 TO R-3, BOTH SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF CANTON CENTER ROAD BETWEEN PALMER AND GEDDES ROAD.

Planning Commission
John Burdziak, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

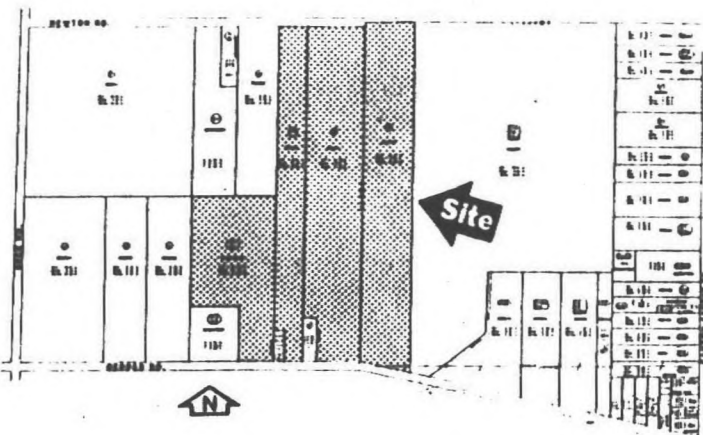
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November 20, 1989, at 7:00 P.M. at 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided for in Section 5.14 E. of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

Consider request for special land use for River Meadow Cluster Site Condominium Development located on the North side of Geddes Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads.

Written comments will be received until 7:00 P.M. at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. A Public Hearing on the special land use may be requested by any property owner or the occupant of any structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for special use.

JOHN BURDZIAK,
Planning Commission Chairman

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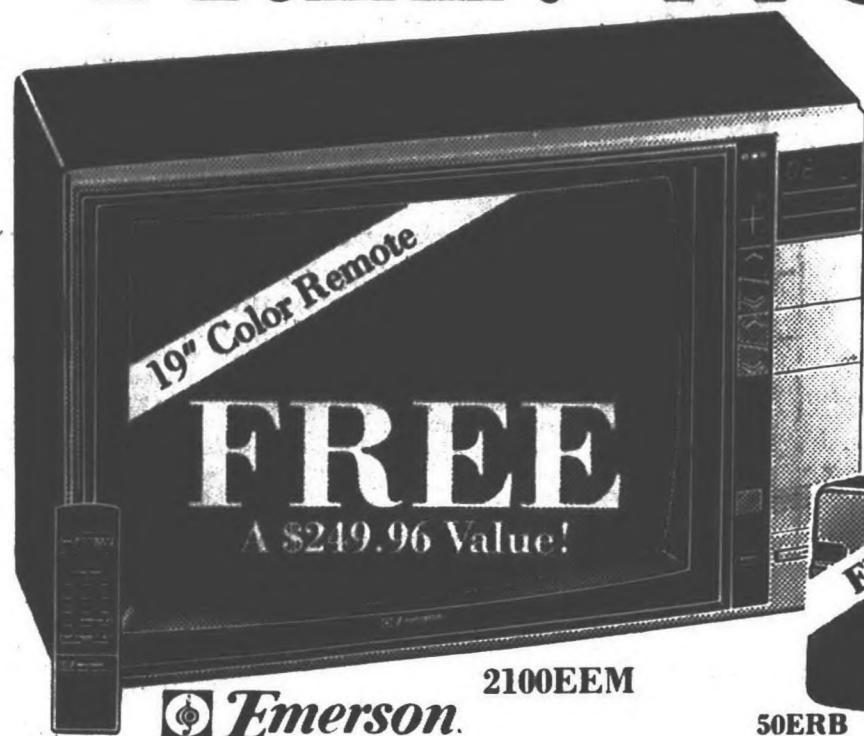


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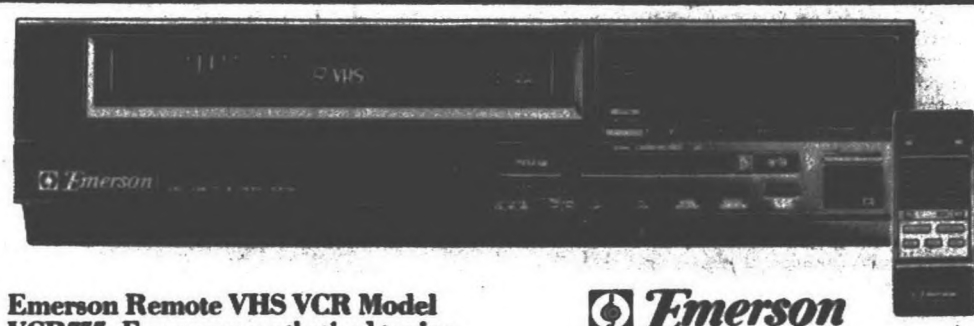
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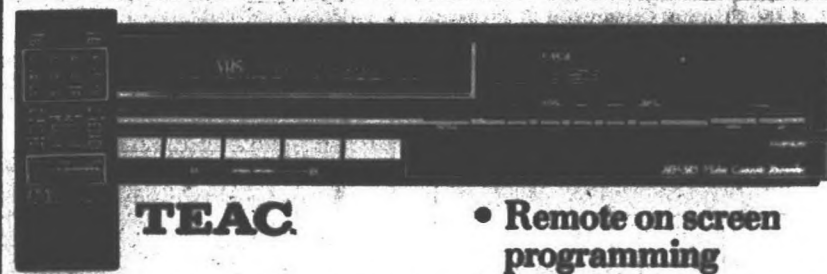
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ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church's annual holiday bazaar will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The church is at 1343 Penniman, Plymouth. The bazaar will feature needlecrafts, toys, home decor items, a children's store, Christmas boutique and other items. There will be a bake and candy shop, and lunch and light supper will be available.

EDISON

Detroit Edison, Wayne-Monroe Social Club, will have an arts and crafts bazaar 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Detroit Edison Headquarters, 8001 Haggerty, Belleville. Admission is free.

WORKERS COUNCIL

Retired Workers Council will have an arts and crafts sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11, at UAW Region, 9650 S. Telegraph, Taylor. Admission is free.

PRaise CHAPEL

Praise Chapel Church of God Ladies Ministry will hold its annual bazaar 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11, at 585 N. Mill, Plymouth. There will be a white elephant room, country store, rummage boutique, kids' room and refreshment lounge.

HOLIDAY MARKET

A "Holiday Market" will be presented by the Women's Association of the Millford Presbyterian Church 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the church, corner of Main and Liberty in downtown Millford. The market will include handwoven baskets, knitted and crocheted items, a kitchen booth, a gift boutique, Christmas trims, jams, jellies, baked goods and a white elephant sale. Raffle tickets will be available for handcrafted items. Lunch will be served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE

Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt between Seven and Eight Mile, will have a holiday showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. More than 150 tables will be featured.

BUSINESS WOMEN

The MAIA Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will have a holiday showcase of arts and crafts 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the University of Michigan Coliseum, corner of Hill Street and Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 with children under 12 admitted free.

ROSEDALE GARDENS

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church of Livonia, 9901 Hubbard, at West Chicago, will have its first annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. There will be door prizes, snack bar and a cookie walk. For information, call 422-0494.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

Ss. Simon and Jude Church, Palmer Road, Westland, will have its boutique 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. A pancake breakfast will be 9:30-11 a.m. For information, call 728-4333 or 421-9084.

STOTTLEMYER

Stottlemeyer Christmas Boutique will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the school on Ford Road, two blocks east of Wayne Road. For information, call 595-2630.

ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael's Women's Guild will have an arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in the parish activities building, Hubbard and Plymouth roads, Livonia. The work of 40 artisans, raffle and bake sale will be featured.

LINDBERGH PTA

The 17th annual Lindbergh PTA-sponsored Christmas boutique will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the school, 500 N. Waverly, one block north of Cherry Hill, Dearborn.

ST. PAUL UNITED

St. Paul Church of Christ, Cherry Hill and John Daly, Dearborn Heights, will have its annual Christmas craft show Saturday, Nov. 11. Tables are available for rent. For information, call 278-7270 or 562-2805.

GRACE LUTHERAN

Tables are available for rent for a craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 11, at Grace Lutheran Church, Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford Township. For more information, call Holly at 538-5618 or Kathy at 537-8603.

HURON VALLEY

Huron Valley Lutheran High School, 33740 Cowan Road, Westland, will have its fall arts and crafts sale Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-12. Times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For information, call 525-0160.

FAITH COMMUNITY

Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile,

near Novi Road, will have an arts and crafts fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. There will be a variety of merchandise on display. Hot dogs and beverages will also be on sale. For information, call 474-8715.

BOSTFORD HOSPITAL

Botsford General Hospital holiday craft fair will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, call 471-9000.

GRANNY PATCH

A "Granny Patch Bazaar" will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 16-18, at Middlebelt Nursing Care Center, 14900 Middlebelt, Livonia. Proceeds will benefit residents through the activities department.

CHERRY HILL

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church's "Christmas in the Country" bazaar will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. The church is at 321 Ridge, just south of Cherry Hill in Canton. Craft tables, baked goods and lunch will be featured.

ST. ANTHONY GUILD

St. Anthony Ladies Guild have its Christmas arts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at St. Anthony Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville. For information, call 697-8822.

ST. CLEMENT ORTHODOX

St. Clement Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford, between Southfield and Evergreen, Dearborn, will have its Christmas arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. For information, call 271-3110.

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Wayne Whistlestop Arts and Crafts show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, near Annapolis. For information, call 721-7400.

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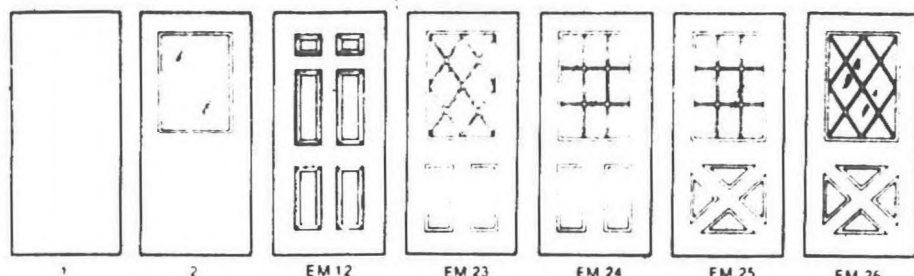
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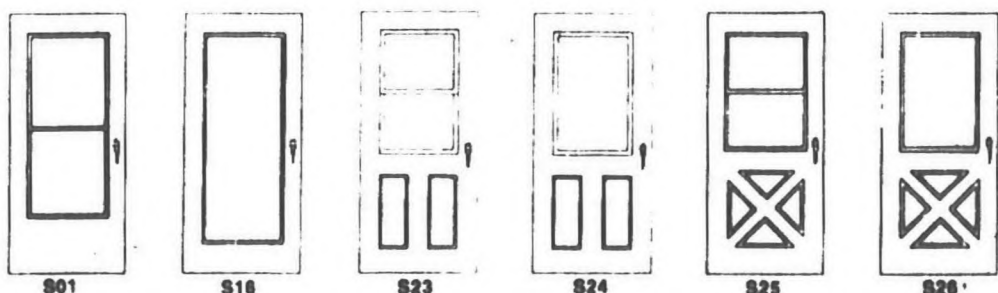


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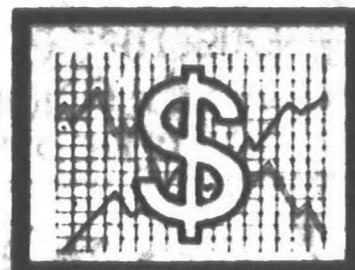
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John McBrearty, senior vice president of finance for Entertainment Publications, prepares for the company's primary selling season following the issuing of its coupon book.

European partnership

For discount entertainment coupon books

By R.J. King
special writer

Despite the many trade barriers, currency and languages, Entertainment Publications in Troy expanded in Europe five years ago. But the world's leading publisher of leisure discount programs soon ran into problems unrelated to government restrictions and individual cultures.

The Europeans, as the company soon found out, were not as savvy as Americans when it came to savings. Planning to mimic its success in the United States, Entertainment Publications wanted to introduce its discount books in 8-10 cities per year.

But since 1985, just four cities — London, Copenhagen, Glasgow and Stockholm — have booklets circulating, and only on a limited basis.

In a tale of how two can often fare better than one, Entertainment Publications recently signed a joint venture agreement with Rikskuponger AB of Stockholm, the world's second-largest distributor of luncheon vouchers.

RIKSKUPONGER BECAME an equal partner in Entertainment's European subsidiaries — a move the

companies hope will solve distribution and cultural differences while putting savings booklets in as many European hands as possible.

"We were really in the pioneering stage of introducing discount programs across Europe, and we never were able to reach our expectations," said Hughes Potiker, president and CEO of Entertainment Publications. Potiker started the company in 1982 from an 8-by-15-foot room in Detroit that doubled as the fledgling entrepreneur's law office.

"So the more we looked at it, the more it made sense to expand and develop leisure discount programs in Europe with a strong European partner. Rikskuponger already had an extensive background with coupons, so it really became a natural."

AN AFFILIATE OF the Wallenberg Group, which owns Saab and accounts for more than 40 percent of Sweden's national income, Rikskuponger developed as a result of the employer's desire to eliminate cafeteria service to employees, which is a typical benefit in Sweden.

The Swedish company distributed luncheon vouchers that workers could use to buy meals at local restaurants, Potiker said.

"With Rikskuponger's background in coupons, we thought it was a good idea to establish a strong link in Europe before the trade barriers come down in '92. We believe that when the Common Market finally comes together, it will allow for much more movement between countries

and create more opportunities for us."

POTIKER EXPECTS to open branches in other European cities, but he wouldn't say where or when. The joint venture could provide the American publisher with a solution to its distribution problems, not only in households, but corporations, too, officials of the company said.

In addition to producing discount coupon books for families, the company has sold millions of custom coupon books for corporate clients to use in marketing and sales promotions. The companies include American Express, Procter & Gamble, Sears Roebuck and Troy-based Kelly Services.

In fiscal 1989, which ended in June, Entertainment Publications sold more than 2.5 million books in 87 market areas. Revenues were up 20 percent from the previous year, at \$74.4 million. But despite the success, Europe still looms as an uncharted market.

"ANOTHER PROBLEM we ran into was that Europe does not have the non-profit and charity network that the United States has," said John McBrearty, senior vice president of finance. Seventy percent of the books sold by the company last year were through community and service organizations as the American Red Cross, Easter Seals and Girl Scouts of America. Of the 50,000 non-profit organizations in-

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Take risks, exec says

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Without entrepreneurs, the U.S. economy cannot prosper.

Former General Motors chairman and chief executive officer Thomas A. Murphy told Madonna College business students Monday that they, the entrepreneurs of the future, are faced with the arduous task of keeping the American economy strong.

"Entrepreneurship is what made this country great," he said, adding that risk-taking, the foundation of entrepreneurship, is essential for growth. Murphy was the first speaker in the Madonna College Michael F. McManus distinguished business lecture series at the Livonia campus.

But a willingness to take risks is not a guarantee of success, he said. Hard work and knowing how long to follow an idea or drop it are also critical. "Don't get so hard-headed that you refuse to acknowledge an idea is not going to work."

"Anytime you try something, you gain from it. The reward may not be success," he added, but no effort is without some benefit — even if it is only experience and knowledge.

Murphy said that while the spirit of entrepreneurship is alive in this country, other countries have taken great steps in establishing similar — and perhaps even greater — entrepreneur-based economies.

Japan and other southeast Asian countries have fostered a growing entrepreneurial society, he said, and the seeds have now been planted in Poland and East Germany. "We should applaud these examples of entrepreneurship, but we should also redouble our own efforts."

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Get out the plastic

Charge those movie ducats

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

For months you've been wanting to ask that man or woman at the office for a date and tonight — the day before payday — he or she mentions an interest in the new Woody Allen movie. Unfortunately, you're broke.

Don't sweat it, put it on plastic.

Credit card purchases and advanced ticket sales are coming to a theater near you, according to James Merck, American Multi Cinema (AMC) director of marketing and public relations. Other theaters are looking at placing automatic teller machines in their lobbies to help solve their customers' cash flow problems.

AMC LAUREL Park 10 in Livonia is the first general run cinema in southeast Michigan to use a computerized automatic ticket sales (CATS) system that allows purchase of tickets with credit cards. Movie fans can also buy tickets up to three days in advance at the box office or over the phone.

CATS will also be available at the Wonderland 6 theater in Livonia when it opens Friday. AMC will evaluate the system and is considering installing it in other theaters, Merck said.

AMC, the largest theater operator in southeast Michigan, has 19 theaters in the area.

The AMC Maple 3 Theatres — which generally show limited distribution and art films — began using the CATS system in September, and Merck called it successful. In other areas of the country where the system is in use, approximately 12 percent of movie tickets are bought with credit cards, he said.

PHONE PURCHASES are picked up the night of the show at a designated window, Merck said. Customers can also put a \$10 charge on their credit card to use at the concessions stand, he said.

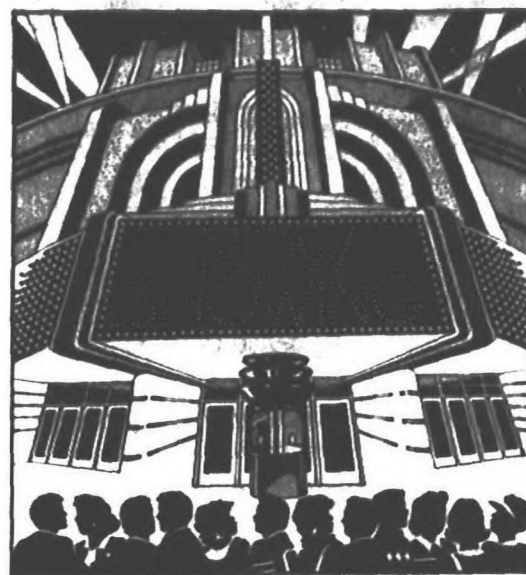
"You get a little slip of paper when you get your tickets and use it like funny money."

Over-the-phone credit card purchases are assessed a 50-cent surcharge per ticket, but tickets bought in house with credit cards are sold at face value, he said.

CREDIT CARD purchases are just as fast as money purchases, Merck said. A window teller takes a card, runs it through a scanner and hands over the tickets and a receipt. Credit card purchases do not require signatures so the line should move as fast as cash lines, he said.

"What people really like is when you have a blockbuster movie like 'Batman,' you can call ahead and get tickets without standing in line. It's also of benefit to us because we know what we need for crowd control."

Merck is not certain how many credit card purchases are made in advance — it varies from movie



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— James Merck
AMC

to movie — but the number seems to be growing, he said.

"There are a lot of advanced sales and we're certain we will sell more."

The system will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

BUT ROBERT KLEINHANS found using credit cards more trouble than it was worth. He is the local general manager for Star Theatres, which has three theaters in metropolitan Detroit — Star Rochester Hills, Star Taylor and the Winchester Mall Cinema.

Tickets can still be bought in advance, but the cinema requires they be bought with cash.

"We used to (sell tickets with credit cards over the phone), but then people wouldn't show," Kleinhans said.

NO-SHOWS — ESPECIALLY for blockbuster movies — are aggravating to both theater management and the movie customer who can't get in to see a show. No-shows can also cancel credit card purchases, so the theater loses both the pre-purchased ticket sale and money that could have been made if the vacant seat had been filled.

And credit purchases cost theaters more to process, Kleinhans said. With the cost of film rental and operating overhead, Star Theatres decided to stay away from credit cards because of extra costs, he said.

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Thomas A. Murphy
advocates entrepreneurship

Coupon partner

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involved in selling books, more than \$15 million was raised last year to benefit causes.

And even though the book, "Discounted Books," is sold in conjunction with promotional materials available from European organizations, it was slow to accept the notion of selling discount books to raise money, Potlacher said.

There's just not a great deal of fund-raising done in Europe, as it is here in the United States.

EUROPE WAS perhaps 10 years behind America in acceptance of promotional and discounting. Potlacher said. "Even credit cards are just now catching on. Where we've probably had success, and we're doing it now in the Scandinavian countries, is developing relationships with small clubs and encourage them to give us a try."

The company is targeting demographic segments to expand its U.S. line of publications and enhance cross-selling opportunities. One such

target is Baby Business, a book of discount offers for merchandise and services to new and expectant parents.

THE COMPANY also is testing Red & Blue Book Plus, a directory of country inns, small hotels and lodgings for vacationers. Another book, published jointly with Troy-based K mart, offers up to 50 percent off on services and accessories at K mart's auto centers in addition to savings on dining travel and vacations.

The company is looking at a computer version of its discount savings book, Potlacher said.

Entertainment Publications might expand into the Pacific Rim country, the most promising of which is Japan.

There's a lot of exciting directions on the drawing board for us, and we're taking them one at a time. But our most pressing goal at the moment is to develop the European market.

"That's where the challenge is."

business people



Griffin



Crumley



Kim



Schenden



Steward



Laurila

Jill Griffin of Redford Township has been promoted to technician training supervisor for Arbor Drugs Inc. Griffin will train pharmacy technicians to use the Arbotech System and the billing of third-party carriers. She had been a pharmacy technician at the Joy and Deech Daily store in Dearborn Heights. Griffin joined Arbor Drugs in 1982 as a cashier at the Redford store.

Robert L. Crumley of Plymouth was named vice president, North American sales and engineering of Siemens Automotive. Crumley will be responsible for overseeing the sales of all Siemens Automotive products to customers in North America and engineering support for the application of these products to specific customer car or system programs. He had been director of business development in the United States for Siemens-Bendix Automotive electronics. Crumley joined the company from ITT/Teves America, where he served as director of engineering with the responsibility for management of its anti-lock brake business.

Dr. Soon K. Kim was appointed medical director of the Evergreen division of Michigan Health Care Corp., which has outpatient mental health clinics in Westland, Canton Township and Dearborn. Dr. Kim will be responsible for the clinical oversight of both the psychiatric services and managed care contracts of the Evergreen division.

John J. Schenden, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Schenden of Livonia, was appointed national dealer relations manager with Chrysler Motors Corp. Schenden is responsible for dealer relations with the corporation's more than 5,200 Chrysler-Plymouth, Dodge-Dodge Truck and Jeep-Eagle dealers. Schenden joined Chrysler in 1963, beginning in sales promotion with Dodge.

Vern Steward was named to the newly created position of executive vice president and chief operating officer with A&W Restaurants Inc., headquartered in Livonia. The position was created to handle day-to-day needs of all present franchise and company restaurants. A veteran

in fast-food restaurant development and expansion, Steward joins A&W Restaurant after five years with Sonic Drive-In Restaurants, a 1,000-unit chain headquartered in Oklahoma City, Okla., where he was executive vice president, chief operating officer and a member of the board of directors.

Sheila Laurila of Livonia was named project designer for Gorman's Business Interiors in Southfield. She had been a project designer for Carson Business Interiors Inc., where she worked on the General Motors and Robert Bosch Corp. accounts. She also was employed at the Lincoln Office Supply Co.

Andrea L. Brown joined Wade-Trim/Impact, the community planning division of Wade-Trim Group Inc. of Plymouth. Brown has more than five years of public sector planning experience. Before joining Wade-Trim, she had been city planner of Ypsilanti and the administrator of the city's community development block grant program.

Brian G. McVeigh, a native of Livonia, was promoted to controller at First of America Bank-Arbor. McVeigh will be responsible for the bank's financial reporting, funds and investment management and profit planning. McVeigh joined the bank in 1986 as a profit planning coordinator. He was promoted to accounting officer in January 1989.

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Take risks — exec

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MURPHY said unless a new spirit of entrepreneurship takes hold in this country, "the parade will pass us by."

"It's time we face the reality of the situation. We should be asking ourselves why we're shrinking from risk." Although hardly a crisis now, fear of taking risks is already apparent.

Murphy explained that despite an increasing dependence on foreign oil, this country refuses to pursue other energy sources. "Japan, which is the only country to have had a nuclear bomb dropped on it, is the world leader in use of nuclear energy."

Murphy said that he is not suggesting the United States should abandon the use of oil and begin building nuclear power plants, but that this country has become complacent using oil and has stopped seeking alternatives.

"To me, this is symptomatic of our shrinking from risk. There is no freedom, no comfort, no security without risk," he said. "Without risk, this country's future won't be as bright as our past."

MADONNA COLLEGE business student Cathy Broadbent said that many of Murphy's comments are

valid. Entrepreneurial spirit — a willingness to take risks — applies to everyone, she said.

From the businessman who takes risks and drives the economy to government officials who must work along with business, entrepreneurship is important. Even for an employee it is necessary to realize the importance of risk taking and the need for entrepreneurship.

"He also made some good points about working hard and being the very best that you can be," she said.

Student Ivan Love noted that entrepreneurship is critical for the success of this country. Since 92 percent of all businesses fail, it is important that other businesses start, he said.

Love noted that manufacturing industries are probably more prone to failure than service industries, but risk-taking is still an essential part of any business venture.

Business student Gerry Abejuro said Murphy's emphasis on the individual in entrepreneurship "kind of threw me," but he said the facts back up Murphy's assertions.

He noted that in addition to the initial risk of starting a business, entrepreneurs should be mindful of other potential problems. Poor management and poor financing are two other principal reasons for business failures.

marketplace

Blockbuster Video has opened a store at 37300 Five Mile in Livonia. The store offers more than 10,000 video tapes. The telephone number is 462-5970.

Leewards Craft Bazaar opened at 35745 Warren Road in Westland. The store is a national retailer of crafts and art supplies. The telephone number is 729-6020.

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PROCRUSTINATION

Monday, Nov. 13 — Procrastination presentation by Observer & Eccentric columnist Dorothy Lehmkuhl is topic of meeting of Michigan Professional Women's Network at 6 p.m.

at the Laurel Park Office Plaza, 37700 W. Six Mile (near I-275) in Livonia. Non-member fee: \$23. Information: Diane Wilbur, 647-4480.

ESTATE PLANNING

Tuesday, Nov. 14 — "Issues in Aging: Estate Planning — Who Gets What When You Go?" begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Free, but advance registration required. Information: browsing desk, 421-7338 Ext. 633.

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Engineer in his basement beats out car companies

Detroit always has been the kind of place where you find a lot of guys doing weird things in their spare time: building boats, making guitars, redecorating their basements, that sort of thing.

Right about now, in fact, a friend of mine ought to be dropping anchor in Tahiti, which is where he went after building a 55-foot ketch in his driveway in Mount Clemens.

So I wasn't surprised to read how Dave Piontek, an engineer at Ford, built a sports car in his Canton garage and then showed it to Caaaba Caaba, who writes for Car and Driver Magazine. Caaba was impressed to the point of comparing it to the new ZR-1 Corvette recently turned out by GM's Chevrolet Division, a tremendous accolade if you trust the opinion of a guy who can't even spell his own name right. (Piontek, himself,

says he's sometimes confused with a misspelled division of General Motors, but I digress.)

Judging by the pictures, Piontek's car, indeed, is a pretty piece of work. The styling is both aggressive and harmonious, and the 1.3-liter motorcycle engine achieves astounding feats of acceleration, performance comparable to the V-8 powered ZR-1. The combination ranks it with some of the better sports cars being produced today.

PIONTEK HAS been contemplating offering duplicates of his two-seater for about \$50,000 — not exactly a bargain in rebate land, but about eight thousand bucks less than Chevrolet wants for its ZR-1. That's when I got to thinking.

Ford has been playing around with a mid-engine two-seater project for



auto talk
Dan McCosh

about five years now, off and on, and at last report had scrapped the project. It was originally the responsibility of Special Vehicles Operations, then farmed out to a French engineering company, which built a couple of prototypes that Ford executives decided they couldn't sell.

Likewise, a Ford production two-seater has been in gestation for about four years, while competitors, including Chrysler, have been muddling around with sports car con-

cepts for about the same period of time. Only Mazda took the idea to completion, built the Miata and delivered it to the consumer — a project that took roughly three years.

While all this was going on, this guy Piontek, who works for Ford designing cars, is building this tremendous car in his spare time in his garage in about 3½ years — which is substantially less time than Honda,

quickest engineering outfit in the East, takes to develop a car.

All by himself, with a little help from his friends, notably Greg Miller, who also works for Ford, plus a dozen or so craftsmen who did the specialized construction, machining, etc. he produced a top car.

Anyway, these guys end up with a car to drive around, while their employer, after five years or so, still has nothing much to show for its millions, special divisions, prototyping and joint-venturing.

And get this, these mavericks say they can build duplicates of their car, one at a time, for less money than GM wants for a Corvette after tooling it up and building it on an assembly line.

OF COURSE, they wouldn't get rich. I figure they would be paying themselves about \$18 an hour for their time — about what skilled trades people get at the auto companies anyway. Still, it's startling that two guys can even consider designing, building, and even going into small-time production at a cost competitive with a major corporation

and all its capital investment and economies of scale.

What happened? I bounced the question off a couple of people in the auto business and got several answers.

"It's corporate overhead," said one supplier type. "GM charges it self about \$30 in overhead for every \$15 of manufacturing costs."

"It's meeting regulations. A car like that doesn't have to be tested, certified, etc.," says a development engineer. "That's where the time goes."

Piontek himself says, "I didn't have to take a lot of time getting people to make decisions. I just did it." A cop came by his house to check the car for safety specs, he added.

In any case, I started to think that it might be a better idea to study the methods of the Pionteks of the world rather than the Japanese when it comes to making something like an automobile.

The individual turned loose still has the capacity to do startling things. The corporate world simply has to figure out how to tap just a little of that to do very well indeed.

Reaching financial goals gets tougher

The millennium is almost here.

As we embark upon the decade of the 1990s, incredible events unfold, inviting reflection, warning, hope, fear, and both optimistic and ominous predictions.

Observed and analyzed ceaselessly, the current events provide compelling reasons to believe that the new decade will be different from the one before.

Americans are evolving into a different people: older, more diverse, insecure due to foreign domination, and worried about living too long with inadequate financial support.

We are also realizing that, in the 1990s, most baby boomers will approach their 40s.

For the first time in history, three-quarters of all Americans will be of prime working age — 24 to 55. And as the median age rises to 36 for the first time, reassessments and new creations will become the order of the day.

Of all the different types of revolutions we are likely to experience in



finances and you
Sid Mittra

the 1990s, perhaps none is of greater interest to Americans than the financial and economic revolution.

Even more important, economic prospects for the 1990s remain highly controversial at best, and totally confusing at worst.

At one extreme is the view that America is fast becoming a third-rate world power and is doomed to permanently become a mediocre nation.

We owe the world \$600 billion — and the amount keeps rising. The rate of growth of productivity is down to 1 percent, which ensures a stagnant gross national product.

Superimpose on this bleak situa-

tion a massive budgetary problem, inadequate domestic savings, a decaying infrastructure, a failing educational system, a turbulent financial market, and a strained economic system, and we have a picture of doom and gloom.

AT THE other extreme are the optimists who reject the doomsayer's analysis.

According to this group, by the year 2000, America's debt of \$1 trillion will be less than 1 percent of her gross national product of \$120 trillion. The budget deficit, accounted for 5.2 percent of the gross national product in 1988.

A global perestroika and technological advancement will boost America's exports, thereby wiping out massive deficits in her balance of trade.

The baby-boom generation, highly educated, sensitive to the global economic challenges, and with two decades of work experience, will reach peak productivity, which will help push the nation's productivity growth to the 3-percent level.

This massive confusion about where America is headed is the backdrop against which all Americanizing and reaching financial goals is an enormous task.

With so much uncertainty, the majority of Americans believe they need help and guidance in achieving their financial goals.

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To save money, study how you're working

By Mary DiPaolo

All businesses need to continually focus on ways to improve work methods because the results ultimately lead to lower operating costs and higher profits.

A study of work methods or a program to improve them often creates a nervous working environment until employees understand what is going on.

People often resent being questioned about how and why they do specific tasks. Employees often fear that a study of work methods will result in criticism. More important, most workers resist changes they don't understand.

Therefore, it is essential to explain why work methods are being studied, how the process will be implemented, and then solicit suggestions from those responsible for doing the job. The best ideas for improvement almost always come from those who are involved directly in the job or activity on a day-to-day basis.

Before initiating any program for improving work methods, it is important that obvious bottlenecks in the operation are identified. These would be the areas of the business that create continuing problems.

Next, specific operational activi-

ties or jobs must be isolated to identify where a lot of time is being spent. Often, time-consuming tasks are the result of improper planning.

Last, the organization must pinpoint where apparent inefficiency exists and where problems constantly surface within a particular job or activity.

Once this has been done, management can then go about the process of improving work methods through a basic four-step program.

First, select the operational activity or job to be improved and establish the exact objectives to be achieved. At this point, it is essential and will produce worthwhile results.

When an objective for improvement has been defined, analyze the

area for improvement. Is the job being accomplished in the right place? Is the right person doing the job? Is the job being done at the right time? It is a mistake to make changes before understanding what it is currently taking place. It is at this point where suggestions from staff and employees involved in the activity or task are most helpful.

After a thorough analysis has been made, management can then redesign the job to meet the required standards of performance. Here it is important to know exactly what you expect and what your employees expect from you.

The last phase of the program involves its implementation. Seldom is

any plan for change or improvement perfect the first time around. Management must be aware of everything that is taking place and be ready to make adjustments as necessary.

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Laughs are her labor of love

By Denise Rosenblum
Staff Writer

For Rosie O'Donnell, it's as much fun making the grocery checker laugh as it is making the audience laugh. "Comedy comes from love, and I love making people's funny bones," she said. "It's a labor of love."

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., O'Donnell moved to New York City in 1984. "I sound like a New Yorker," she says. "I love the city. I love the energy. I love the people. I love the food. I love the culture. I love the life. I love the love."

O'Donnell, while on one-of-a-kind in show business, recalls that "When I started 10 years ago, there were hardly any female comedians and that was an important asset."

The dark-haired, hazel-eyed comedienne has headlined major comedy clubs all over the United States and Canada.

"I've been in every single state and I don't like being on the road at all," she said.

O'Donnell, despite her widespread experience nationally in just 27 years old.

"I give audiences my perception of things," she said.

"I focus on families, relationships, and embarrassing situations, and entertain general audiences," she said. "I portray a very relatable character."

Just 22 years old, she was a finalist on Ed McMahon's "Star Search," appearing six times. Her career really started on "Star Search," she concedes, although she didn't get the \$100,000 prize.

"I found the program to be a wonderful opportunity for people with no real camera or performance experi-

ence," said O'Donnell. She came in second. First was John Cassir, who hasn't made it in show business to date.

One of five children in an Irish-Catholic family, she attended parochial school and was the foil of students and teachers as a source for anecdotes for her act.

As a student in a Long Island high school, she was encouraged to do stand-up comedy. Later, she was a drama major at Boston University and attended the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute.

She also worked with the New York Laughter Company, an improvisational group.

COMEDY COMES easy to O'Donnell, who once caught the eye of Brandon Tartikoff, NBC president while performing at a Los Angeles comedy club.

A week after the encounter, the comedienne was asked to read for a part at NBC and was hired for

"Gimme A Break." She played Maggie O'Brien an Irish "Rhode" character for 13 episodes.

"It was an invaluable experience," she said.

O'Donnell still enjoys comedy. She has produced a number of scripts for television and would like to do children's shows and produce Hollywood movies.

"I'd really like to do a musical comedy," she added.

Living in Manhattan for now, she has tried Los Angeles. She admits she doesn't really enjoy either the Big Apple or L.A.

"What I do like is Colorado," she said. "Three years ago, I went to a ski event for Cystic Fibrosis and I fell in love. My dream is to live in Colorado."

"It's easier now for women in comedy than it was 10 years ago, thanks to women like Phyllis Diller and Joan Rivers. But don't get me wrong, fame didn't make me happy."



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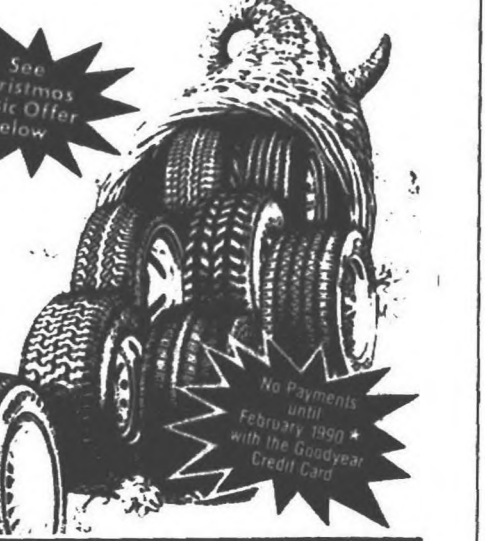
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Supreme Court finds 'harmless error' in trial

By Tim Richard
Staff Writer

Edward D. Hall will stay in prison for the armed robbery of a Southfield store following the Michigan Supreme Court's 4-3 decision upholding his conviction.

Tuesday's decision was a victory for Graham Crabtree of the Oakland County prosecutor's staff, who argued the case before the high court a year ago.

"I didn't think there was any error at all," said Crabtree, noting that some justices felt there had been "harmless" error at Hall's trial.

HALL, OF Detroit, is serving twin sentences of 20 to 40 years for armed robbery and for being a ha-

Video Bin owner Thomas Grosman identified Edward Hall as the man who was carrying a sawed-off shotgun in the November 1984 robbery.

bitual fourth offender. He is serving a lesser sentence for use of a sawed-off shotgun in another case.

A jury in Judge John N. O'Brien's Oakland Circuit Court found Hall guilty of robbing the Video Bin at 20860 W. Eight Mile, Southfield.

Owner Thomas Grosman and daughters Tami and Tawni all identified Hall as the man carrying

a sawed-off shotgun in the November 1984 robbery. They also identified his 1972 auto.

The following June, Hall was arrested in Oak Park on another charge. In his possession were the shotgun, the same car and a Video Bin business card.

HALL'S ATTORNEY, Charles T. Burke, argued that O'Brien

shouldn't have admitted the shotgun and some testimony because it was "extrinsic" evidence to the Video Bin robbery.

The Court of Appeals agreed with Hall, reversing the conviction in an unpublished 2-1 decision.

Crabtree, of Royal Oak, appealed for the prosecutor's office.

JUSTICE PATRICIA Boyle, writing for the majority, said extrinsic evidence "generally is inadmissible in a criminal prosecution" because it gives the defendant a bad character.

But the rule isn't universal, said Boyle, and the shotgun evidence met four tests for admissibility.

"Evidence of a defendant's possession of a weapon of the kind

used in the offense with which he is charged is routinely determined by courts to be direct, relevant evidence of his commission of that offense," said Boyle.

"In this case, the prosecution presented several witnesses whose testimony served to link the shotgun to the defendant and thus to establish his identity as the armed robber at the Video Bin," she wrote.

Agreeing with her were Chief Justice Dorothy Constock Riley, Robert Griffin and (in large part) James Brickley.

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The foundation is a 30-year old organization of volunteers who provide supplemental patient services for Fairlawn Center in Pontiac. It has no paid staff and no office space expense. All proceeds go directly to helping mentally ill children. This card was designed by a student at Fairlawn Center. The cards are \$8 for a package of 25. Mail orders should be sent to: FMIC, 6478 Red Oak Lane, Troy 48068. Orders by phone should be directed to the following numbers: 879-2457, 540-6829, or 644-7714.

St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center

Card sales help support work with the children, young mothers and families served by the Center. There are four different styles available; this style sells for \$10

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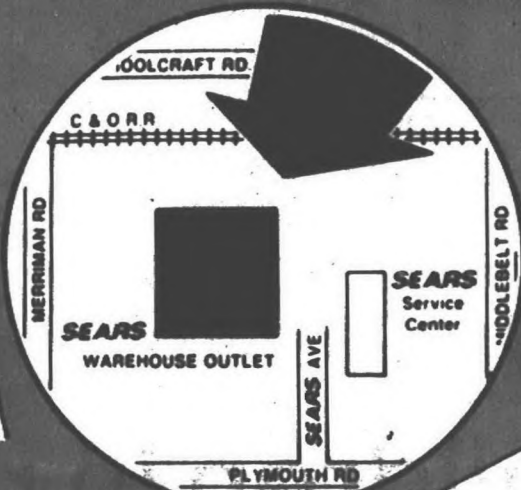


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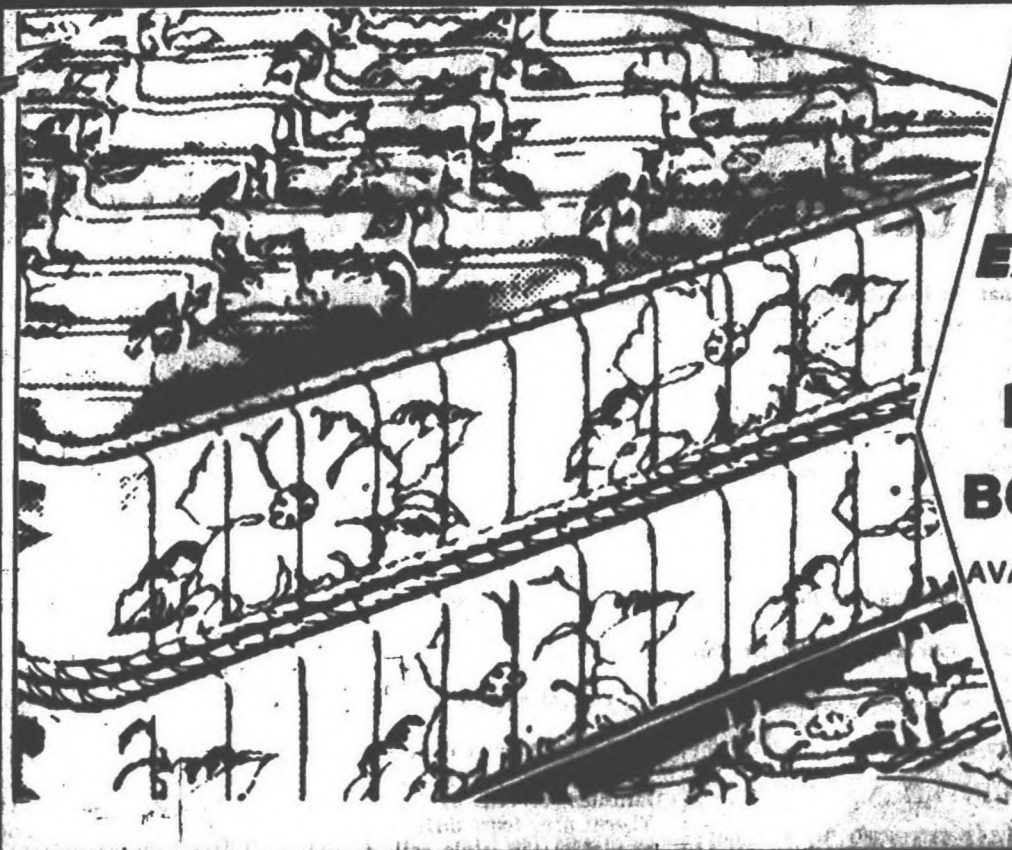


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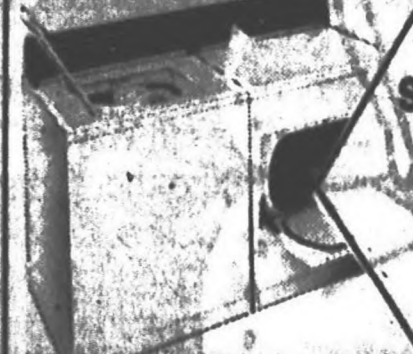
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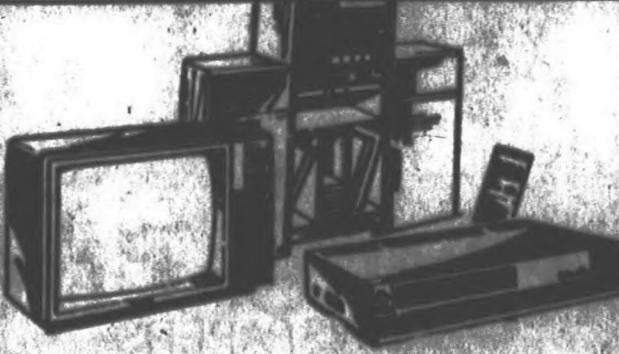


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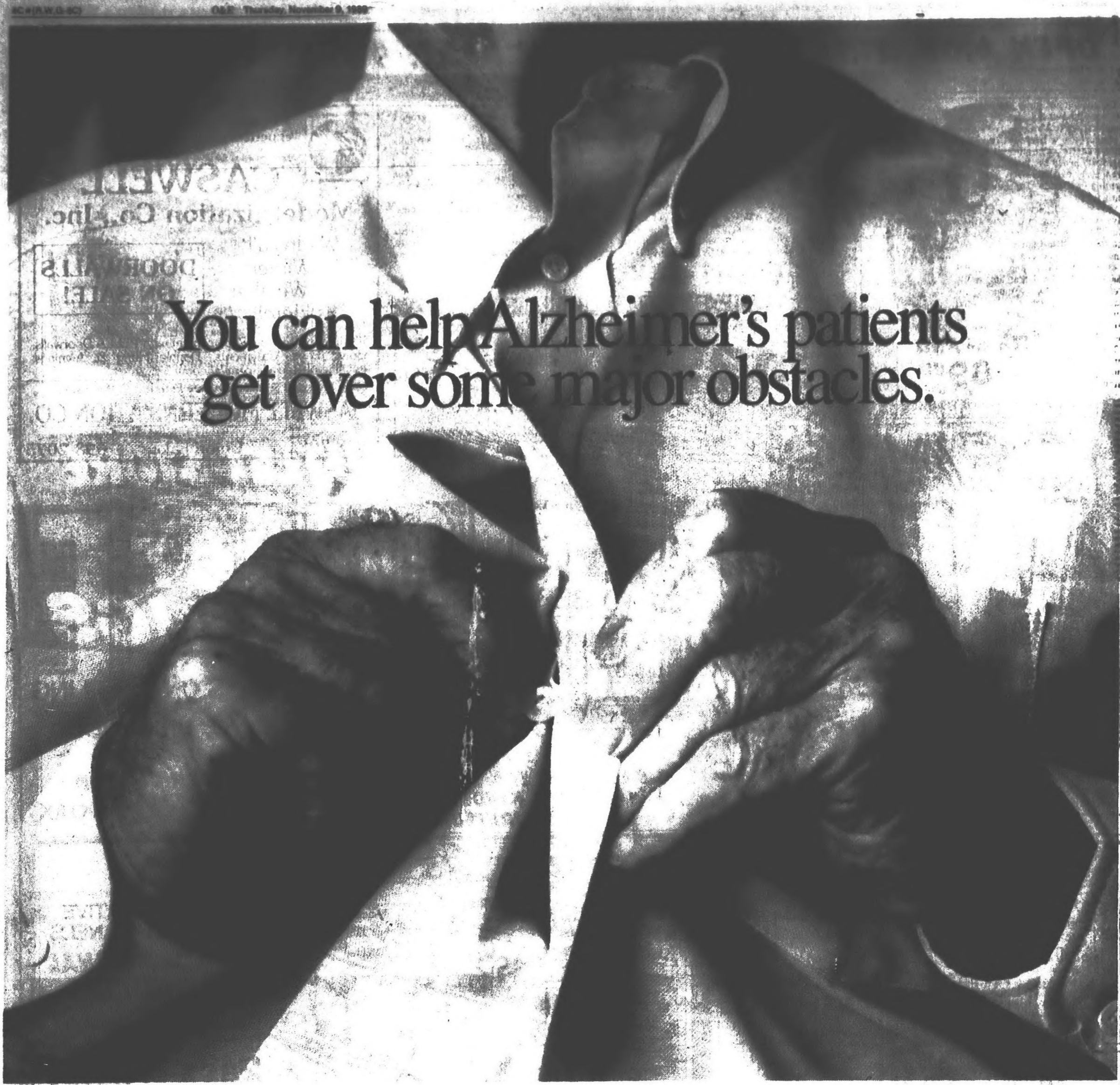
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'Nightcats' plan 2 weekend performances

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

The masters of jump blues were a bit shook up. But not because of anything that was taking place on stage.

Music took a back seat recently when Little Charlie and The Nightcats heard the news of the San Francisco earthquake while performing in Florida. The Bay area is home for the band.

"We were all nervous because we have family living in the Bay area," said Charles Baty, lead guitarist known as "Little Charlie." But, fortunately, everyone was all right.

Any shake, rattle and roll Little Charlie and The Nightcats would prefer to limit to the dance floor, thank you. They certainly wouldn't mind any boogieing to their recently released album on Alligator Records, "The Big Break."

The LP embodies the full-swing dance sound honed in traditional blues rytalms the Nightcats have patterned on stage. And, of course,

there are the usual humorous lyrics.

"The Big Break" is an aptly-titled album for the Nightcats who are on the verge of bursting out. At least the signs point in that direction.

What takes place on stage tells the story. And this group garnered a reputation as a hot live act, keeping a yeoman's tour schedule of 250 dates a year.

"We haven't had a vacation in two years," Baty said. "We're grinding it out. We have to. This is our big chance."

Band members drummer Debbie Strange, bassist Jay Peterson along with Baty and Estrin are steeped in blues music — more than 20 years experience. Estrin has played the harmonica with Muddy Waters, Son House, Sam Lay, Eddie Taylor, Detroit Junior, Johnny Littlejohn and Johnny Young.

Like Estrin, Baty was a student of the blues that were played nightly in the San Francisco-Oakland area. He was hooked after listening to a Little Walter record when he was 11.

"I got that record almost accident," he said. "My mother went down to get me a present. She asked a guy at the record store what was a good record."

Baty started out as a harmonica player and vocalist, only switching to guitar in the '70s. Today, he's considered one of the better guitar players on the blues circuit.

Little Charlie and The Nightcats were a well-known commodity in Bay Area clubs. But it wasn't until Alligator Records' president Bruce Iglauer caught a listen to the group's demo tape and signed the Nightcats when all that changed.

"ALL THE Way Crazy" was the

band's debut album and brought Little Charlie and The Nightcats national and international attention. "Disturbing the Peace" was the group's follow-up LP in 1988.

This time out the group not only sought a live feel on the album, but wanted to stay true to its traditional blues sound. "Dump the Chump" and "Lottery" certainly pay respect to the urban style of blues.

"We wanted to get into the Chicago blues sound," he said.

Little Charlie and the Nightcats will perform on Friday, Nov. 10, at Rick's Cafe in Ann Arbor and Saturday, Nov. 11, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, Dearborn.

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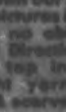
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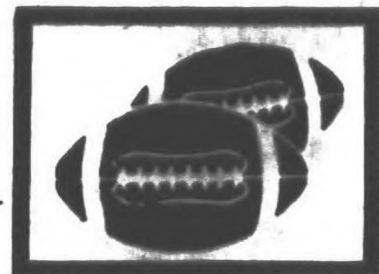
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Rocks roll into 'A' final

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

No matter how confident, Plymouth Salem's state championship hopes were imperiled somewhat by the absence of star Jeff Gold in the semifinal soccer game Wednesday.

As it turned out, it was a very small risk.

The Rocks thoroughly dominated Portage Northern, and Gold's replacement in the starting lineup, junior Andy Cosenza, led Salem to its 4-0 victory at Okemos High School.

"We knew we had to play tougher without him, because he's our leading scorer," said Cosenza, who scored two goals and assisted on another. "I was really glad to score and get the game started our way."

Gold, who has 30 goals and 19 assists to lead the team, watched in street clothes after being red-carded in Salem's regional championship victory over Redford Catholic Central.

But the senior midfielder will be in uniform again Saturday for the chance to realize his greatest soccer ambition when the Rocks play Troy Athens for the Class A title at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. Game time for Salem's first appearance in the state final is 3 p.m.

"I WAS kind of scared because I had no control" over what happened on the field Wednesday, Gold said, "but I wasn't worried with (his teammates) out there."

"The team played incredibly well in the first half. I'm so impressed with this team right now."

"It's so exciting because the dream for all of us — and me since I was a freshman — was to go to state and now we're there," Gold added.

A victory Saturday will make either Salem coach Ken Johnson or Athens coach Tim Storch the first to win state titles in boys and girls soccer. Athens defeated the Rocks 2-1 earlier this season.

Johnson coached the Salem girls to the 1987 championship. Storch the Athens girls to the '89 title.

Not only was Cosenza a capable replacement for Gold against Portage, but he did what Gold usually does, which is score early and get Salem a quick lead.

Salem defender Ryan Fitzpatrick brought the ball the length of the field and dumped it inside, where Cosenza, with the game less than five minutes old, scored from in front.

ON A PLAY indicative of the way the game transpired, Cosenza won control of the ball in the attacking area and was having trouble maintaining possession with several de-



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Andy Cosenza (white jersey) scored two goals and had one assist to lead the Rocks in their 4-0 semifinal win over Portage Northern. Salem

can win its first state championship in boys soccer Saturday.

Christensen were leaders in that regard.

"I was surprised we dominated without Jeff," Matt Gold said, "but it was a big field and we're a good passing team. The wider field helped us. We made short passes to get around them instead of dribbling around them."

Northern coach Dieter Valk agreed with that assessment, saying Salem's passing and quickness were the difference. The Huskies, who were beaten by Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals last year, finish at 19-3-2.

"They played a beautiful game," Valk said. "They played like they should — quick and aggressive. They played the field, and that way they pulled the game apart."

"I THINK they have an excellent team, and you never mind losing to an excellent team," he added.

The Rocks led 3-0 at halftime on Joe Nunez' goal. Cosenza sent the ball across from the right side, and the Huskies left Nunez uncovered on the left, allowing him time to wind up for a hard delivery.

Christensen scored the only goal of the second half, which the Rocks dominated even more. Northern seldom crossed midfield and never had a serious scoring chance in the final 40 minutes.



BRIAN TOOVALIAN/staff photographer

Salem's Yolanda Jackson tries to take the ball from Dawn Warner in WLAA tournament action. Franklin's Patty Shea and Salem's Wendy Bailey follow the play.

Rocks rampage into WLAA final

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

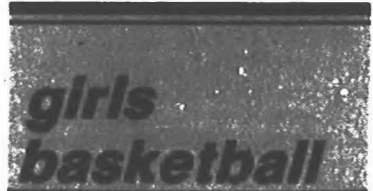
Plymouth Salem had reason to be motivated for its semifinal game with Livonia Franklin in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball tournament Tuesday.

The Rocks were beaten by 35 points when they played Franklin during the regular season, but revenge wasn't what they had in mind.

"We wanted to get to the championship real bad, and that was the motivating factor for us," said Salem junior Sarah Ruete, who scored a career-high 22 points to lead the Rocks (12-7).

Until last year, that was an annual tradition at Salem. After a one-year absence, the Rocks return to the WLAA championship game for their fourth appearance in five years.

Their opponent for the 8 p.m. final at Salem will be defending champion Plymouth Canton, which advanced with a 61-34 victory over North Farmington in the other semifinal Tuesday. The Chiefs



were runners-up to Salem from 1985-87.

The 58-23 loss Franklin (16-3) inflicted in early October was a low point for the Rocks, but Salem, which owns a six-game winning streak, is following in the footsteps of previous teams and making a go of it late in the year.

"WE WERE struggling at that point in the season," Ruete said. "We were winning some and losing some, and now we're starting to make our run."

"(Coach Fred Thomann) is the kind of coach who gets you ready for that. We take care of business during the year and give it our all in the tournament."

A big difference Tuesday as op-

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Salem nips Canton at state; CC reigns

By Brad Emons
staff writer

When it comes to boys cross country, the decade belongs to Redford Catholic Central High.

The Shamrocks captured their third state championship of the '80s, winning the Class A title with 124 points in a meet held Saturday at Flint's IMA-Brookwood Golf Course.

Ann Arbor Pioneer was second with 145 and Milford third with 147.

Plymouth Salem, which defeated rival Plymouth Canton for the first time this season, took sixth in the 27-team field with 230. Canton was seventh with 243 and defending state champion Monroe finished eighth with 253.

It was only a week earlier when Canton surprised CC in the regional.

"We could have quit after the regional, but our spirits were up and we had a good week of practice," said CC coach Tony Magni. "In a way it helped us a little because going into the regional we were a little overconfident. All five guys didn't run well. But Saturday we felt going in that if we all ran well, we could take it."

CC'S TOP MAN all season, senior Mike Sheridan, stayed close to the leaders before finishing third with a time of 15:48.77 over the 5,000-meter course.

Bill Cowan of Birmingham Brother Rice took the crown in 15:33.4. Bill Stricklen of Sterling Heights Ford finished second in 15:43.15.

"Mike would have loved to have won it, he's lost only once all year," Magni said. "After Cowan took off at the two-mile mark, Mike could have burned himself out trying to keep up, but he wanted to make sure he made a good finish."

"He said this (the state title) is better than winning the individual."

The Shamrocks needed more than just Sheridan, however, to earn the title.

Jay Schemanske was 16th in 16:11.06; Chris Antczak, 19th, 16:19.37; Dave Galvin, 23rd, 16:24.58; and junior Jon Borke, 63rd, 16:53.6.

Galvin came on strong during the final three weeks of the season, bouncing back when he was stabbed in



an attack over the summer.

Schemanske, meanwhile, ran his best race of the season, while Antczak stayed right behind him.

Borke, in his first year of varsity cross country after coming over from the school band, put on a spurt in the last 200 meters, passing 15 to 20 runners, according to Magni.

"I THOUGHT 140 (points) would win it," Magni said. "I knew we'd be in the hunt. As long as we stayed healthy, I knew we'd be there. We won it in '83 and '84, but this is more satisfying than the first two because it was kind of unexpected."

Salem, meanwhile, recorded its best state meet finish ever. (The Rocks were 15th in 1987.)

Leading the way for Salem was junior John Thomas, who finished 28th in 16:29.25. Rounding out the Rocks' contingent was senior Brian Uryga, another first-year runner, who took 30th, 16:30.43; senior Brendan Masterson, 40th, 16:39.4; senior Dave Hamway, 62nd, 16:52.97; and Samir Bhavsar, 16:58.74.

"We save our best for last," said coach Geoff Baker. "They (Canton) beat us in every race, but we felt we could beat them. We just didn't prove it on those days that we ran them."

Masterson, Salem's top runner all season, was still feeling the effects from a virus that he been suffering from over the past few weeks.

"After the regional, we felt Brendan would be back to his normal self," Baker said. "He still felt weak, but if he hadn't finished strong for us, we wouldn't have beaten Canton."

"We felt we could have a 25-point swing there, and we would be right in there with Canton and CC. We felt we could beat both after the regional. CC must have been a little off at the regional because they came back and ran a tremendous race Saturday."

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Lady Ocelots seek a happier ending

By G. A. Hines
staff writer

Don't expect Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to match last year's start. Coach Jack Grenan would like to, of course. But what he'd rather do is improve the finish.

Grenan has guided the Lady Ocelots to a 22-10 Eastern Conference record in three seasons; twice they've shared the conference crown, including last season with an 11-5 mark.

But it bothered Grenan that his team started out winning its first 10 games, then stumbled, playing 5-6 ball over the final eight to finish 25-4.

"I thought we might have gotten a little bit tired at the end of last year," said Grenan. Three players were lost to assorted ailments, a key factor in the Lady Ocelots' season-ending slump.

So Grenan cut back on the number of pre-Eastern Conference games, hoping to keep his players fresh — particularly the nine freshmen, who aren't used to playing a 30-game schedule.

DEVELOPING THOSE freshmen will be the No. 1 task for the fourth-year coach. Aiding him in that job will be five returnees, including three starters from last season's squad.

One "big" reason SC can be expected to vie for the conference crown again is 6-foot-2 center Barb Krug, from Plymouth Salem. Krug averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds per game in her freshman season at SC, but it wasn't until the final five games that she came into her own. According to Grenan, she averaged 20 points and 15 boards a game in that stretch.

"She's worked really hard in the off-season," Grenan said of Krug. "The biggest thing about Barb now is she's mean."

Krug's new-found aggressiveness is one reason Grenan anticipates a strong post game from his '89-90 Lady Ocelots, who open their season Tuesday at Cuyahoga Metro CC in Cleveland.

Another is 5-10 power forward Lisa DePlanche, a sophomore from Allen Park Cabrini who averaged 13 points and eight rebounds a game last season. The third returning starter is Tracy Osborne, a 5-7 guard from L'Anse Cruse North who hit 40 percent of her three-point opportunities as a freshman, averaging nine points.

OSBORNE ALSO excels defensively. So does sophomore Ann Hardy, a 5-8 guard-forward from Inkster who filled the sixth-person role last season until a rare problem was discovered — Hardy had three kidneys. She's been cleared to return and is currently battling Osborne for the starting point guard position.

Last season, the point was an SC strength with Denise Wendt and Denise Bazner. Both are gone, which leaves a big hole in the lineup.

"I've got six preseason games to figure it out," said Grenan. "I've got to find two or three, not just one. Point guard is a tough position."

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tion, No. 1 because I expect them to be the coach on the floor, and No. 2 because I expect them to take charge."

So far, none of his incoming freshmen has exhibited those traits. Developing those areas ranks high on Grenan's list of priorities for the "preseason," or preconference season.

One player Grenan is looking forward to having back is Denise Kokowicz, who played for SC in 1987-88. A 5-10 forward from Garden City, Kokowicz averaged 11 points and seven rebounds a game that season, but sat out last year with academic problems.

"SHE BRINGS back maturity," said Grenan of Kokowicz. "She has an excellent outside shot. I'm looking for double-figures from her in both (scoring and rebounding)."

At least four of his five sophomores will start. The fifth position is wide open, depending on whether Hardy returns to her sixth-person role and which freshman steps forward.

Alishi Winters is a 6-1 center from Dearborn Heights Crestwood who should be more than adequate as a back-up to Krug; Carlatta Dancy is a 5-8 guard from Wayne Memorial with excellent quickness; Laurel Haepner is a 5-8 forward from New Boston Huron who possesses solid fundamentals; and Teresa Farkas is a 5-9 point guard from Melvindale who's been hampered by a bad knee.

Several others will contribute for SC. Mo Merritt is a 5-9 forward who played center at Dearborn St. Alphonsus and must make the adjustment to a new position; Michelle Neff is a 5-6 guard who last played for Livonia Stevenson several years ago; and Kristen Kindred is a 5-10 forward from Dearborn Fairlane Christian.

TWO OTHERS, Bev DeJohn and 6-1 Tricia Lucas, will join the team after their current seasons end. DeJohn is playing for the SC soccer team, and Lucas is on the volleyball squad.

With much still in doubt — Grenan admits he's wrestling with "a dilemma, either to go inside or to use everybody and run up and down the court," — don't expect an 18-0 start. "This team is about a month behind last year's in practice (and development)," he said.

So Grenan won't be counting victories as measures of success. He knows there'll be mistakes, particularly as he tries to get the freshmen the playing time they need.

"What I'm pushing for is for us to peak at the right time, in February," he said.

Which would leave the Lady Ocelots atop the Eastern Conference, just where they were at the end of last season. And if that happens, no one will remember — or care — how they started the season.

Canton cruises into final

By Brad Emmons
staff writer

Plymouth Canton will be making another appearance in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball final.

The Chiefs, thanks to a convincing 61-34 victory Tuesday at North Farmington, will play for the coveted title for the fifth straight year.

The defending WLAA champions, who increased their overall record to 16-3, will meet rival Plymouth Salem (12-7) in Saturday's WLAA championship. (Game time is 8 p.m.) Salem advanced in the other semifinal with a 53-48 win over Livonia Franklin.

Leading by only three at the half, 20-17, Canton broke open a close first-half battle by outscoring the Raiders 25-4 in the third quarter.

Stacey Thompson, a senior forward, scored 11 of her game-high 27 points during the surge.

"Stacey is the kind of player who can score inside, from the perimeter and she's a good passer to boot," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "She's the kind of player who gets better each time out."

"But it was a solid team effort all the way around. I'm really pleased for them."

NORTH TOOK CANTON to overtime earlier this season before losing.

But in the rematch, Canton controlled the tempo by playing tough man-to-man defense.

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The Chiefs, converting off North misses, scored the first 15 points of the third quarter before North guard Eve Claar broke the drought when she converted a free throw with 2:21 remaining in the period.

"The third quarter was just outstanding for us," Blohm said. "We got a lot of transition baskets because they were jamming the ball up, and we were getting the ball out."

"Holding them to 17 points at halftime was right where we wanted to be. I thought we played solid first-half defense."

North, which slipped to 15-4 overall, had only three players score: Claar (26), Vikki Seamons (5) and Kim Gurecki (2).

"Those two (Claar and Gurecki) are dangerous because they can penetrate a defense," said the Canton coach. "We just tried to play help defense. We tried to keep the ball in front of us as much as possible and not overplay the passing lanes."

North coach Greg Capling credited Canton's man-to-man scheme as the key to the outcome.

"THEY (CANTON) played good defense," he

said. "They forced us to take some bad shots and forced us into bad mental errors."

"It kind of had a snowballing effect after they scored the first six points of the third quarter. It took us out mentally. Our only production offensively came from one person."

Canton center Susan Ferko scored eight of her 12 points in the second half. Point-guard Jenny Russell, who triggered the offense, added eight points on the night. Forward Julie Toma also contributed eight off the bench.

"We were taking great shots (in the first half), but we weren't knocking them in," Blohm said. "It was just a matter of us able to start finishing the shots off."

North was geared to stop the Chiefs' two leading scorers, Ferko and Thompson. The Raiders packed in their zone defense, clogging up the middle.

"We were encouraging Russell to put the ball up because she prefers to distribute the ball," Capling said. "But we didn't do a good job of watching Thompson on the baseline. She had a good ballgame."

The loss puts North in Saturday's consolation final against Franklin.

"We haven't had a bad game like this all season, and it just had to happen tonight," Capling said. "But I told my girls don't let this destroy a championship season. We're still (Lakes) Division champs. Nobody can take that away from us."

Salem sinks Franklin in semis

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posed to the first Salem-Franklin meeting was better execution on offense, according to Ruete and Thomann.

"We played the same style of basketball," Thomann said. "We just did a better job of executing, and we made some big shots early that gave us some confidence."

The real key, however, was the Rocks continuing to believe they could win despite being down by eight points, 28-20, at halftime, Thomann said.

The game turned in the third quarter when Salem rallied from a 10-point deficit to lead 37-35 at the end. That made for a close fourth period with the Rocks never losing their edge in momentum.

"This was one we wanted real bad," Franklin coach Dan Freeman said, "but we went cold in the third quarter. Dawn (Warner, who scored a game-high 26 points) had some bounce around the rim and out, and we had some defensive lapses."

"FRED'S TEAM, come tournament time — and I don't care what they're like at the beginning of the season — is always going to be ready."

Freeman and the Patriots had more serious matters on their minds Tuesday. Freeman, who will enter

'We wanted to get to the championship real bad, and that was the motivating factor for us . . . We were winning some and losing some (when Salem lost earlier to Franklin), and now we're starting to make our run.'

— Sarah Ruete

better pressure on their perimeter players," Thomann said. "Even though we didn't get much off our pressure, it didn't allow them to come down and get into a rhythm."

Ruete hit a triple to break a 39-39 tie early in the fourth quarter, and the Rocks held the lead for the duration.

Warner's baseline layup with 1:27 to play made it 45-43. On the try for a three-point play, she missed the free throw, but there was no Franklin rebound.

SALEM'S KELLY Austin, who scored 11 points, made three free throws, and Ruete and Giuliani, who added nine points, hit two each to give the Rocks a 52-45 lead with 15 seconds left. Shannon Eberly also had nine points for the Patriots.

Thomann admitted to being a little surprised at his team, given the youth and inexperience with which it began the year, having the chance to play for the league title.

"I thought we would get better as the season went on," he said, "but to get to the championship game with the really tough teams in our league I knew would be a tough task."

"It's just a really neat feeling to watch young players grow and step out to make some shots under pressure. Lord knows you have to have defense, but you have to be able to make some shots, too."

Calumet tips Eagles

St. Mary's College lagged after one half and failed to make it up in the second Tuesday, losing at Purdue-Calumet 89-80 in mens basketball.

The loss evened the Eagles record at 1-1. They defeated Fanshawe College (of London, Ont.) 102-90 at Dombrowski Fieldhouse Oct. 28 in their season opener.

In the loss to Calumet, St. Mary's trailed 40-27 at the half. Three players reached double figures in scoring for the Eagles: Arnold Wilson and Denny Butcher with 12 points each and James Lakes with 11. Mike Uhles topped Calumet with 25.

In the win over Fanshawe, St. Mary's got 17 points from Lakes and 16 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots from Joachim Jerichow. Garth Howard added 15 points and Terry Koerner and Rayvion Croon had 11 apiece.

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Region tournament a stern test for SC

By C.J. Fleck
Staff writer

The final result could not have pleased Tom Teeters more — and anyone familiar with this perfectionist who coaches Schoolcraft College's volleyball team knows that's saying a lot.

The Lady Ocelots had just played one of their best matches of the season, beating the University of Windsor 15-12, 11-15, 15-3, 15-11 Tuesday at SC. The match meant nothing; it was a non-conference tune-up for the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 12 Tournament, which starts today at SC.

But this tune-up could not have come at a more opportune time. SC lost last Saturday to NCAA Division II power Oakland University (ranked 17th nationally) 20-18, 4-15, 15-9, 15-4. Teeters felt his team needed a spark if it were to make it to the NJCAA Tournament to defend the title it won last year.

The Lady Ocelots may have gotten it against Windsor. Indeed, Teeters thought this year's team may be in better position than last year's.

"ACTUALLY, WE'RE going in (to the regional) on a better note," he said, as his team improved to 33-9. "Last year, we lost to Windsor in four games (before the regional). This year we beat them in four, and Windsor has basically the same team."

It may seem like Teeters is confident of SC's chances this weekend, but don't believe it. "Lansing is the No. 1 team in the region," he said, even though SC is the tournament's top seed. "They've beaten us, in the finals of our tournament. I feel we've got to take it from them."

And, although either SC or Lansing are considered odds-on favorites to capture the regional crown, Teeters said this tournament could be the most competitive in years.

"There're more teams going for (the title)," he said. "There are three dominant teams: Lansing, Southwestern CC and ourselves. Then there are three other contenders (Mott, Macomb and Lake Michigan), darkhorses who could win it."

ELEVEN TEAMS will start the double-elimination tourney at 10 a.m. today. Play will continue at SC through Saturday, with the start of the championship round slated for 4 p.m. If two matches are required, the second will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The winner advances to the NJCAA finals in Miami. As the top seed, SC gets a first-round bye. The Lady Ocelots won't play until 10 a.m. Friday; their opponent will be the winner of the Mott-Kalamazoo Valley match, which will be played at 6 p.m. today.

Other first-round matches today are Vincennes (Ind.) vs. Kellogg CC at 6 p.m. and Muskegon vs. Lake Michigan at 7:30 p.m.

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In the second round, Lansing, which also got a first-round bye, meets the Muskegon-Lake Michigan winner; Macomb goes against the Vincennes-Kellogg victor; and Lakeland (Ohio) plays Southwestern. All second-round matches in the winner's bracket start at 10 a.m. Friday.

"The key for us," said Teeters, "will be playing consistently as a team and getting a lot out of our serves. We have to serve tough with very few errors."

SC, WHICH lost at home to Lansing 15-4, 15-10, will have to perform even better than it did against Windsor to beat the region's other top team. "Lansing's very tall, a great blocking team," said Teeters. "We'll have to play as well as we did tonight with fewer errors to beat them."

There are several players who could fill important roles for the Lady Ocelots. Alisha Love is one of them. The sophomore co-captain showed how dominating she could be when she rallied SC against Windsor, serving eight straight points — five of which were aces.

"She's going to have to have a really good tournament," said Teeters. "When the game's on the line, I want her back there serving."

Others who could be important factors for SC are sophomore co-captain JoAnn Kolnitys ("She has to have strong blocking games. She has to be a dominant force up there for us"); setter Jenny Sproul ("She's been consistent all year. She's shown me a lot for someone who never played setter in high school"); and Kirsten Stelzer ("She has to stay aggressive. We've been getting good hitting out of her since mid-season").

Teeters does think his team can repeat. "I don't know if we have the consistency we had last year," he said. "But our serving is tougher, and we're not as short. Also we have a much stronger bench than last year."

So the components are there. If they mesh, the Lady Ocelots will be taking aim at a second-straight NJCAA championship.

SC NOTES: In Tuesday's win over Windsor, the Lady Ocelots got nine kills from both Elena Oparka and Stelzer and seven kills and 12 block assists from Kolnitys. Hollie Brachel led the defense with 12 digs.

Love's serving turned the match in SC's favor. The two teams split the first two games, and Windsor led 3-0 in the third until Love stepped to the line. Her eight-straight points put SC in command the rest of the way; she finished with six service aces.

In the loss at OU Saturday, Stelzer had 18 kills and Oparka had 17. Kolnitys finished with four solo blocks and 11 block assists, and added 12 digs. Love finished with 12 digs, and Brachel had 10.

Canton places 12th at state

By Dan O'Meara
Staff writer

girls cross country

North Farmington's Lisa Rives won the Class A individual race and Farmington finished fifth in the team race Saturday to highlight Observant's showing in the girls state cross-country championships.

Walled Lake Western, Lutheran Westland and Redford Bishop Borgess runners also turned in fine performances.

The Western duo of Jennifer Ray and Wendy Pross captured second and ninth, respectively, in the Class A individual event, and junior Jennifer Gerlach, runner-up in the Class D team race, led Lutheran Westland to a second-place finish.

Rives had the second-best time among all Class A runners. Her time of 18:45.31 was second only to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Bridget Mann, a freshman who won the team race in 18:12.17.

Senior Jennifer Kiel paced the Farmington girls in the team race, taking third place at 19:03.75 and finishing behind Tera Furst, a teammate of Mann who ran 18:55.99.

"LISA RAN to her potential today," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "I told her at the beginning of the year she could run under 19 minutes."

"This is one meet she had been gunning for all year. I had been talking to her all week about her high school career coming to an end, and this was an excellent way to finish it."

Rives, running on a windy day at

Flint Brookwood/TMA Golf Course, stayed behind a pack of runners for the first mile and drafted off them. She made a move at that point and opened up a comfortable lead, according to Pinnell.

"I told her to get a 10- to 12-yard lead, so nobody was drafting off her and to make sure they were working as hard as she was," he said.

"She knew she had to stay focused on the race and open up a lead, because the last 200 yards were uphill and into the wind."

"She had a 20- to 30-yard lead, so it would have been hard for anybody to run her down," Pinnell added.

Farmington had its best finish in the state meet, having been sixth in 1986 and 12th in 1987. West Bloomfield won the girls race and defending champ Pioneer was second.

KIEL TURNED in a school-record time, and all of the Falcons had personal bests. Scoring for Farmington were sophomore Allison Davis (39th), 20:17; junior Cheryl Casaroli (54th), 20:29; junior Jennifer Derwinski (57th), 20:30; and senior Margaret Martin (64th), 20:37.

"Everybody was up for the race," Farmington coach John Barrett said. "They wanted to beat that 1986 record. We went up Friday night, and I think everybody

was psychologically up for it."

Barrett added Kiel had hoped to break 19 minutes, too, but was "satisfied with her performance since it was her best time. Everyone ran well. They were elated. The whole team was on Cloud Nine."

Western's Ray, only a freshman, came very close to breaking 19 minutes, finishing second to Rives in 19:00.86.

The Warriors didn't have enough runners to have a team this year, but they had one of the best combinations around, as evidenced by sophomore Pross' ninth-place time of 19:39.82.

Lutheran Westland was runner-up to Fowler in the Class D team race, finishing 10 points behind the (Eagles), 42-52.

Gerlach completed the race at Frankenmuth High School in 20:53. Mary Latinga of Battle Creek St. Philip was first in 19:32. Others placing among the top 15 from the Westland school were Ellen Anderson, fifth, 21:07; Renee Ruth, 11th, 22:43; Lisa Afer, 12th, 22:48.

BORGESS FRESHMAN Erica Shepard, the Catholic League champion, was 14th in the Class B individual race at Tyrone Hills Golf Course in Fenton, running 20:02. Tecumseh's Nicole Randolph won the race in 18:56.

Plymouth Canton, runner-up to

Farmington in the Western Lakes Activities Association, was 12th in the Class A team race after finishing ninth last year.

"A lot had to do with the weather, but our team ran a lot faster than it did last year," Canton coach George Przygodski said.

"It's a credit to our team that we came back to the state meet with five new kids (of the seven who ran Saturday) and were able to finish let alone be in the top half."

The Chiefs were led by sophomore Amy Smith, who was 17th in 19:49.62. Sophomore Kim Gudeth was 51st (20:28.10), senior Adrienne Garrow 93rd (20:57.57), senior Missy Jasnowski 153rd (21:09.91) and senior Kim Rice 109th (21:16.56).

"Kim Gudeth started the year as a basketball player and kept getting better all year long," Przygodski said. "Kim Rice was one of the kids who plugged along the last two years, and as a senior she blossomed and had a great year for us."

REDFORD UNION sophomore Tracey James and Farmington Hills Mercy senior Brigitte Dery also fared well in the Class A individual race. James was 36th (20:32.36) and Dery 41st (20:40.14).

Other area runners who placed among the 89 in the individual event were Livonia Stevenson senior Tracy Clark (52nd, 20:54.37) and junior Carrie Creehan (57th, 20:59.74), Plymouth Salem senior Jennifer Harris (53rd, 20:54.00) and RU junior Michelle Daraban (54th, 20:58.14) and sophomore Jennifer Sturdevant (66th, 21:25.50).

basketball standings

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSN. STANDINGS (Through Saturday, Nov. 4)

GIRLS A LEAGUE	
1 Celtics	1-0
1 Lakers	1-0
3 Kings	0-1
3 Pistons	0-1

Results: Lakers 32, Kings 14; Celtics 25, Pistons 20.

BOYS A LEAGUE AMERICAN DIVISION	
1 Rockets	3-0
2 Kings	2-1
2 Lakers	2-1
4 Nets	1-2
4 Suns	1-2
6 Celtics	0-3

NATIONAL DIVISION	
1 Jazz	3-0
2 Bucks	2-1
2 Spurs	2-1
4 Pistons	1-2
4 76ers	1-2
6 Knicks	0-3

Results: Spurs 62, Knicks 48; Jazz 68, 76ers 49; Lakers 88, Suns 79; Rockets 58, Kings 48; Bucks 60, Pistons 47; Nets 69, Celtics 58.

Rocks edge Chiefs in Class A

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CANTON'S Brian Beach turned in a sparkling performance, leading the Chiefs with a 10th-place finish (16:04.71).

He was followed by teammates Mike Ream, 40th (16:39.72); Matt Boland, 51st (16:44.86); Matt Hall, 59th (16:50.97); Jason Napolitano, 82nd (17:04.87).

"We ran our best times of the year, but not competitive times," said Canton coach Jim Hayes. "We got a little excited. We were in fast company."

"But I can't complain about being seventh in the state. If somebody would have told me we won at Schoolcraft (Invitational), RU (Redford Union Invitational), the regional and the league (Western Lakes Activities Association), I'd say that's a heck of a season."

"They did a good job. I'm proud of all of them."

In the state Class A individual race, several area runners earned high marks including Farmington High junior Ben Goba, who was fourth in 15:58.05. (Brian Hyde of East Kentwood won the race in 15:41.51.)

Other top area finishers included junior Jeff Grosso of Walled Lake Western, ninth, 16:17.35; sophomore Bill Crosby of Western, 19th, 16:36.1; senior Mark Kwiatkowski of Walled Lake Central, 20th, 16:36.6; Scott Freeborn of Livonia Stevenson, 23rd, 16:41.96; junior Eric Curnow of Livonia Franklin, 43rd, 17:02.11; junior Rodney Westlake of Stevenson, 48th,

17:06.33; senior Eric Oswandel of Stevenson, 68th, 17:33.01; and Scott Westover of Livonia Churchill, 94th, 19:03.54.

IN THE CLASS D state meet Saturday at Frankenmuth, Lutheran High Westland finished sixth with 194 points.

Fowler won the championship with 47 followed by Pentwater (80) and Pottersville (109).

Steve Watkins of Lutheran Westland was seventh overall in 17:42. Rounding out the Warriors' contingent was Kirk Stueber, 38th, 18:33; Steve Quinkert, 40th, 18:34; Doug Johnson, 45th, 18:40; and Todd Gibson, 64th, 19:23.

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Rockets' defense is ready for Rice

By Brad Evans
staff writer

Even in their only defeat of the season, a 23-15 setback to state power Farmington Harrison, the Westland John Glenn football team made a lasting impression.

Harrison had paid the price for victory. Several of the Hawks admitted afterwards that they had been hit like they've never been hit before.

"The basic idea with our defense is bend, but don't break," said third-year defensive coordinator Mike Henry. "But when things shorten up and they're inside the 20, it's time not to break."

Last week, in the first round of the state Class A playoffs, the Rockets put the hurt on Dearborn Fordson, coming away with a 20-7 victory.

"One of the things we try and establish is the reputation of being a good hitting team," said Henry.

This week Glenn faces another challenge, the top-ranked and unbeaten Warriors from Birmingham Brother Rice. (Game time is 1:30 p.m. at Glenn.)

According to Henry, Rice presents another stiff challenge for his defense.

QUARTERBACK BOB UTTER often uses play-action before rolling out of the pocket. And if he's not handing the ball off to fullback Steve Morrison (453 yards) or tailback Sean Johnson (415), he's hitting a slew of receivers led by tight end Pete Mitchell.

Last week, Glenn held Fordson to 51 yards passing, but gave up 121 yards rushing.

"Basically our front-seven must stop the run first and then control the pass," Henry said. "We've worked hard this week at stopping the run first, but we want to control Utter. Too. He's a good quarterback. He has good feet and good quickness and can throw on the run."

Morrison's running also concerns Henry.

"He's just outstanding," said the Glenn coach, who spent 13 years as

an assistant at Wayne Memorial before coming to Glenn. "He's got good speed and size. We're going to have to stop him."

Glenn's defensive attack is led by inside linebacker Mark Johnston, a 6-foot-2, 230-pound senior, and defensive end Craig Kuban (6-1, 162).

"Mark's the quarterback, he'll make adjustments based on the formations that are thrown at us," Henry said. "He has a lot of responsibility."

"And Craig's one of our captains, another one of our leaders out there."

SAM WEDDINGTON, a 5-8, 170-pound senior, is small by nose guard standards, but has been effective because of his quickness.

The tackles are junior Alex Kaye (6-2, 206) and senior John Hodor (6-2, 175), both whom have provided steady interior play this season.

Kuban and Ken Oliver, a 6-1, 178-pound senior, are the defensive ends. Johnston and senior Todd Horseman (5-11, 219) will be at inside linebacker.

Horseman, also a center, has been moved into the defensive starting lineup this week. He is only one of two Glenn players who will go both ways. (The other is Johnston, an offensive tackle.)

Some of Glenn's best defensive play this season has come from the secondary, led by senior free safety Tom Luxton (5-10, 162), whose hit in the end zone last week against Fordson prevented a touchdown.

He is joined in the secondary by senior Tommy Lawrence (5-11, 162), senior Brian Stephenson (6-0, 168) and senior Chris Madish (6-1, 186).

"It (the secondary) is a good group," said Henry, a defensive back himself in high school. "They react well to the ball."

Glenn, which has given up only 8.1 points per game, will be the underdog again this week.

But if the defense continues its elastic approach, another upset could be in the making.

Hawks 'Houdini' a problem

By Don O'Meara
staff writer

Halloween was last month, but the Allen Park football team continues to be haunted by elusive beings with supposedly magical powers.

Its defense chased the Phantom in the first round of the Class B playoffs last week, and the Jaguars will try to solve the mysteries of Houdini this week.

Houdini will be wearing No. 6 and will be listed in your program as Mill Coleman, quarterback of the undefeated Farmington Hills Harrison team. The Hawks, 10-0 and favored to repeat as state champs, will face Allen Park for the second time in three years in post-season play at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Allen Park.

The Jaguars (9-1) couldn't stop Milan running back Jesse Walker last Friday but managed to win a 33-26 shootout and advance to the regional final.

ALLEN PARK coach Ed Bellas labeled Walker the Phantom after he rushed for 211 yards and scored three touchdowns Friday. He also called Walker, who gained more than 2,100 yards this year, the best high school running back he's ever seen.

And now the Jaguars will be challenged by Coleman, who has led Harrison to 23 straight victories and passed for more than 6,000 yards in his career.

"He's the best quarterback I've ever seen," said Bellas, who remembers too well what Coleman, then a sophomore, did two years ago when the Hawks pounded host Allen Park 29-6 in the first round.

"He made us look silly," he said. "Mill Coleman made Allen Park look silly!"

"We had him trapped I don't know how many times in the backfield. I don't know how he got out of there. But, like a Houdini, he'd run 25 yards for a touchdown."

So the Jaguars face a great running back and a great quarterback in successive games. That's scary stuff. And the show Coleman puts on could be more frightening than Walker's disappearing act.

"And he's a runner, too — a real Houdini," said Bellas, who thinks Harrison coach John Herrington makes broken plays a part of his regular offense. "On a broken play, he'll score. If you have him trapped, he'll break away and he's gone."

ALLEN PARK was able to keep a handle on Walker for a half, long enough to take an 18-6 lead. But the Phantom was — well, untouchable — in the second half, and the Jaguars ended up winning with offensive fireworks of their own.

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Allen Park also has a big-play threat in quarterback Gordon Miller (6-1, 195), who rushed for 78 yards and two TDs and was 9-of-16 passing for 173 yards and one TD in the Milan game.

Miller, who will be matched against the most prolific passer in Michigan high school history Saturday, has rushed for 577 yards and 12 scores, and he has passed for 747 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"I've been looking forward to it since my sophomore year," Miller said. "(Coleman) has always had a lot of press, and whoever plays against him feels he has to play up to his level."

"If I play like I did in the last game, I should be able to hang with him statwise. I'm excited about it. I can't wait to get on the field."

Coleman has thrown for 1,605 yards and 16 touchdowns this fall, and he has added 566 yards and four TDs on the ground. But the difference Saturday could be the Harrison defense, which shut the door on Riverview in the team's 23-7, first-round win last week.

"That's what saved us against Riverview," Herrington said. "We had a little trouble getting the ball in the end zone."

"IF THE DEFENSE plays well, I look for a lower-scoring game. I don't think it will be a 33-26 game like they had last week."

The Hawks average 39 1/2 points a game to seven for the opponent, but the game is not apt to be a shootout between offense-dominated teams like the Milan-Allen Park contest.

"Harrison has a scoring offense and a tough defense," said Bellas, who sounds like someone intent on setting a trap. "My defense is weaker. It has been all year. I don't have the linebackers, the physical kids."

Roverback John Williams (6-2, 215) and halfback Keith Watkins are the leading tacklers with 81 and 80, indicating the Jaguars are not too strong up front, according to Bellas.

He added the Allen Park defense has been bent and twisted but never broken with the exception of a 21-20 loss to Taylor Truman.

Linebackers Blazo Sarcevic (88) and Steve Hill (82) are Harrison's defensive leaders, and the Hawks are not without their concerns in defending the Jaguars.

"Are you kidding?" Herrington said Monday night. "(The coaches) were at it until 11 o'clock last night, and I just got home tonight."

HERRINGTON, noting his staff has charted 54 offensive formations used by Allen Park, is impressed by the way Miller, a mobile player, can scramble and run the bootleg pass — the same things Coleman likes to do.

"Our job as coaches is to get players in the right positions," Herrington said. "If we do that, then it's up to them."

He also thinks the Jaguars are better than the team Harrison thumped in 1987, because their offense is more diversified.

"I don't think they have a John Jaskowski with the speed he had, but they have a running, passing quarterback and a big tailback."

Boy, do they! If Miller doesn't keep the ball or throw it, he can give it to tailback Jim Cooper (6-4, 244), fullback Rob Witherspoon or halfbacks Keith Watkins and Darren Kiernan.

"In '87, we were more one dimensional," Bellas said. "When they shut (Jaskowski) down, it was over."

"I understand they've improved the last couple weeks and are peaking at the right time," Herrington said.

MUCH OF THE attention will be focused on Coleman, however. He runs the ball more, is stronger, calls more audibles and uses a wider variety of receivers than he did as a sophomore, Herrington said. Bellas hopes Coleman doesn't repeat his '87 performance when he passed for 114 yards and rushed for one TD.

"I would like for him not to do that," Bellas said. "The only thing we might do differently is have more control with my kids when they go after him. They'd run by him or he'd juke them and break out. We'll try to use more leverage on him."

Bellas is aware of Harrison tailback Matt Conley, who has rushed for 766 yards and 14 touchdowns, and Gary Devine, who has added 387 yards and six TDs on the ground.

"We're going to approach the game with the same philosophy, and that is we have to control Coleman," Bellas said.

"But we don't want to put all of our eggs in one basket. They do more (offensively) at Harrison than they do at Milan."

And, for that reason, keeping a lid on the Houdini impersonator could be a tougher assignment than shadowing the Phantom.

Glenn attack worries Warriors

By Marty Budner
staff writer

For the first time this season, Birmingham Brother Rice's top-ranked football team will be facing a squad with a similarly balanced and effective offensive attack. And that has Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa concerned.

Three-time state champion Brother Rice (10-0) faces Westland John Glenn (9-1) in a Class A state regional championship game scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the John Glenn field. The fired-up Rockets should be in high spirits for their first after last week's scintillating 20-7 first-round victory over Dearborn Fordson.

John Glenn was fueled in that game by senior quarterback Eric Stover who passed for 206 yards (15 of 24) and two touchdowns. The Rockets had trouble moving the ball on the ground against the Fordson defense, but Stover's adroit aerial assault rolled the Tractors in surprising style.

"They (John Glenn) probably have the best passing attack we've faced all year," said Al Fracassa, in his 21st season as Brother Rice coach.

"They can throw the ball. They have a quarterback who is quite talented, and they have some good receivers. They have a much more balanced offense than Fordson. They

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like to keep you off balance with a lot of motion and an unbalanced line.

"This game will be a tough one for us," he said. "The higher you get in the state tournament the tougher it gets."

THE RICE DEFENSE will be responsible for shutting down that potent John Glenn offense which has averaged nearly 30 points per game. John Glenn has scored 30 or more points five times this year, including a high of 55 against Livonia Stevenson. John Glenn's only loss was to top-ranked Farmington Harrison, 23-15.

But the Warrior defenders have been up to the challenge all season.

Rice allowed just 54 points in nine regular season games for a 6.0 average. And at least half of those points were scored on the Warrior reserves. Rice logged three consecutive shutouts to begin the season and has allowed double-digit scoring in just three games this year, including last week's 28-14 victory over Detroit Mackenzie.

The intense Rice defense is led by all-state candidate Gannon Dudlar, a 6-foot-4, 235-pound nose tackle/line-

backer who is expected to be one of the state's top blue-chip recruits. The Warriors suffered a tough blow when they learned earlier this week talented defensive tackle Mac McCabe will be out for the season after separating a shoulder against Mackenzie.

Junior defensive ends Kevin Kalczyński and Chris Delp, along with linebackers Steve Morrison and Jason Randall will have to pick up the slack. The defensive backfield which promises to be severely tested against Glenn includes Dean Polce, Ted Baumer, Chuck Taylor and Tony Paesano. Polce and Taylor both had interceptions against the Stags.

"WE PLAYED WELL against Mackenzie which had some pretty good running backs," said Fracassa. "But we knew Mackenzie would run the ball, and if we were going to beat them, we'd have to stop the run."

"But John Glenn has a more balanced attack like us, and we'll have to prepare differently for them," he said.

While the Rice offense averages a few points less than John Glenn, they are just as explosive behind the ex-

pert leadership of senior signal-caller Bob Utter. Rice scored on three of its first four possessions against Mackenzie, and put the game away the first time it touched the ball in the second half to go up 28-0.

Rice can beat you both ways.

All four of Rice's touchdowns last week, for instance, were scored on runs by Sean Johnson and Morrison. While Johnson and Morrison do most of the running, they are not the only Rice rushing threats. At one point against Mackenzie, five different players carried the ball for Rice on consecutive plays.

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swimming rankings

OBSERVER GIRLS SWIM/DIVING RANKINGS

Following is the first listing of the girls best swimming times and diving scores in Observerland. The list is compiled weekly by Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Wellman. Coaches can call him with their times and scores at 451-6600, ext. 313, between 2:30 and 3 p.m. weekdays.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Farmington Hills Mercy	1:55.27
North Farmington	1:55.89
Plymouth Salem	1:57.90
Livonia Stevenson	1:59.19
Farmington	1:59.56

200 FREESTYLE (state cut: 2:01.59)

Kerry Doran (N Farmington)	1:57.54
Karrie Kranz (N Farmington)	1:59.27
Christie Duthie (N Farmington)	1:59.77
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill)	2:00.46
Becky Wiquist (Mercy)	2:01.03
Nicole Drake (Canton)	2:01.62
Janie Anderson (Stevenson)	2:03.14
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	2:03.49
Michelle McCaffrey (Mercy)	2:04.63
Polly Tenuta (Mercy)	2:05.94

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cut: 2:19.99)

Kerry Doran (N Farmington)	2:11.92
Karrie Kranz (N Farmington)	2:15.35
Elizabeth Sorokac (Churchill)	2:17.90
Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	2:18.90
Becky Wiquist (Mercy)	2:19.87
Anna Palmer (N Farmington)	2:20.31
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	2:21.86
Pam Pritchard (Canton)	2:22.29
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill)	2:22.50
Cheri Vincent (Salem)	2:22.58

50 FREESTYLE (state cut: 25.99)

Ellen Lessig (Churchill)	25.02
Christie Duthie (N Farmington)	25.54

Becky Wiquist (Mercy)	25.89
Karen Meyer (Mercy)	25.93
Kate Hohl (Farmington)	26.07
Kerry Doran (N Farmington)	26.09
Pam Pritchard (Canton)	26.19
Michelle Berry (Churchill)	26.50
Cheri Vincent (Salem)	26.52
Erika Smith (Mercy)	26.57

DIVING (state cut: 5 firsts or top 5 in league)

Tonya Slicker (Farmington)	252.45
Elaina Trager (Harrison)	240.80
Jennifer Ezzo (Salem)	217.80
Becky Hossington (Canton)	204.75
Amy Kodrak (Canton)	198.05
Kristin Szutarski (N Farmington)	182.85
Natasha Kuberski (N Farmington)	175.05
Sarah Turner (Churchill)	174.28
Michelle Starrs (N Farmington)	173.75
Debbie Harrison (Stevenson)	173.20

100 BUTTERFLY (state cut: 1:02.99)

Kerry Doran (N Farmington)	59.90
Luz DeMatia (Mercy)	1:00.86
Christie Duthie (N Farmington)	1:00.92
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	1:02.91
Katie Knipper (Mercy)	1:02.99
Karrie Kranz (N Farmington)	1:03.62
Jennifer Beardslee (Franklin)	1:04.00
Becky Wiquist (Mercy)	1:04.53
Holly Palmer (Stevenson)	1:05.10
Katie Westhoff (Mercy)	1:05.28
Michelle Berry (Churchill)	1:05.50

100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 56.29)

Katie Hohl (Farmington)	54.90
Ellen Lessig (Churchill)	55.21
Kerry Doran (N Farmington)	55.38
Karrie Kranz (N Farmington)	55.63
Christie Duthie (N Farmington)	55.63
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill)	55.80
Becky Wiquist (Mercy)	56.15
Pam Pritchard (Canton)	56.33
Karen Meyer (Mercy)	56.50
Luz DeMatia (Mercy)	56.61

500 FREESTYLE (state cut: 5:23.99)

Katie Hamann (Churchill)	5:18.00
Nicole Drake (Canton)	5:18.50
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill)	5:19.28
Christie Duthie (N Farmington)	5:19.58
Karrie Kranz (N Farmington)	5:19.62
Becky Wiquist (Mercy)	5:23.65
Janie Anderson (Stevenson)	5:24.44
Polly Tenuta (Mercy)	5:26.20
Luz DeMatia (Mercy)	5:36.45
Michelle McCaffrey (Mercy)	5:37.18

100 BACKSTROKE (state cut: 1:04.99)

Cheri Vincent (Salem)	1:03.27
Katie Westhoff (Mercy)	1:04.14
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill)	1:04.38
Cassie Cummins (Canton)	1:05.69
Julianne Markey (N Farmington)	1:05.91
Christie Duthie (N Farmington)	1:06.91
Kristen Stackpole (Salem)	1:07.43
Kerry Doran (N Farmington)	1:07.67
Stacey Krause (Harrison)	1:07.74
Jenny McCombs (Mercy)	1:08.00

100 BREASTSTROKE (state cut: 1:11.89)

Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	1:08.65
Katie Knipper (Mercy)	1:08.96
Anna Palmer (N Farmington)	1:09.02
Kerry Doran (N Farmington)	1:11.68
Kristen Stackpole (Salem)	1:13.06
Joan Huellmantel (Mercy)	1:13.11
Elizabeth Sorokac (Churchill)	1:13.20
Carrie Worthen (N Farmington)	1:13.21
Jenny Zober (Churchill)	1:14.41
Amy Austin (Salem)	1:14.95

400 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 3:53.49)

North Farmington	3:43.06
Livonia Churchill	3:47.10
Farmington Hills Mercy	3:47.69
Farmington	3:50.87
Livonia Stevenson	3:51.80
Plymouth Canton	3:52.70
Plymouth Salem	3:53.02

football standings

CATHOLIC LEAGUE Central Division

W	L	T	W	L	T
Brother Rice	5	0	10	0	0
Redford CC	3	2	7	2	0
Harper Wds. ND	3	2	5	4	0
Warren DeLaSalle	2	3	5	4	0
Bish. Gallagher	2	3	4	5	0
Bishop Borgess	0	5	1	8	0

C-Section

W	L	T	W	L	T
St. Agatha	5	0	7	2	0
St. Clement	4	1	5	4	0
Our Lady of Lakes	3	2	7	2	0
A.A. Gabriel Richard	2	3	3	6	0
Red St. Mary	1	4	2	7	0
St. Alphonsus	0	5	1	8	0

METRO

W	L	T	W	L	T
Avondale	7	0	9	0	0
Lutheran West	5	2	7	2	0
Clarenceville	5	2	7	2	0
Lutheran North	5	2	5	4	0
Cambrook	3	4	4	5	0
Lutheran East	2	5	3	5	0
Harper Woods	1	6	1	8	0

Hamtramck

0	7	0	9
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NORTHWEST SUBURBAN

W	L	T	W	L	T
Edsel Ford	4	0	8	1	0
Dearborn	3	1	5	4	0
Woodhaven	2	2	4	5	0
Garden City	1	3	1	8	0
L-Redford Union	0	4	1	8	0

TRI-RIVER

W	L	T	W	L	T
Allen Park	6	1	9	1	0
Taylor Kennedy	6	1	6	3	0
Melvindale	5	2	5	4	0
Taylor Truman	4	3	4	5	0
Redford Thurston	2	5	3	6	0
D.H. Crestwood	2	5	2	7	0
Taylor Center	2	5	2	7	0
D.H. Annapolis	1	6	1	8	0

WESTERN LAKES Lakes Division

W	L	T	W	L	T
John Glenn	5	0	9	1	0
Salem	4	1	8	1	0
North Farmington	3	2	6	3	0

F-Stevenson

2	3	3	6
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W L Central

0	5	1	8
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Western Division

W	L	T	W	L	T
Harrison	5	0	10	0	0
Canton	4	1	7	2	0
Churchill	2	3	4	5	0
Northville	2	3	3	6	0
Franklin	1	4	4	5	0
W L Western	1	4	3	6	0

WOLVERINE A

W	L	T	W	L	T
Fordson	7	0	9	1	0
Wayne	5	2	6	3	0
Monroe	5	2	5	4	0
Belleville	3	4	4	5	0
Wyandotte	3	4	4	5	0
Lincoln Park	2	5	4	5	0
Trenton	2	5	2	7	0
Southgate	1	6	2	7	0

OTHERS

W	L	T
F-Lutheran Westland	4	5
F-won by forfeit		
L-lost by forfeit		

rankings

These unscientific rankings are compiled each week by the Observer sports staff. Rankings reflect events through Oct. 31.

FOOTBALL

- 1 Farmington Harrison
- 2 Westland John Glenn
- 3 Plymouth Salem
- 4 Redford Catholic Central
- 5 Plymouth Canton

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- 1 Plymouth Canton
- 2 Plymouth Salem
- 3 Livonia Franklin
- 4 Farmington Hills Mercy
- 5 North Farmington

BOYS SOCCER

- 1 Plymouth Salem
- 2 Livonia Stevenson
- 3 Livonia Churchill
- 4 Redford Catholic Central
- 5 Farmington

BOYS GOLF

- 1 Redford Catholic Central
- 2 Plymouth Canton
- 3 Farmington
- 4 Walled Lake Western
- 5 Livonia Churchill

GIRLS TENNIS

- 1 Farmington Hills Mercy
- 2 Plymouth Canton
- 3 Livonia Stevenson
- 4 Farmington Hills Harrison
- 5 Plymouth Salem

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

- 1 Redford Catholic Central
- 2 Plymouth Salem
- 3 Plymouth Canton
- 4 Walled Lake Western
- 5 Livonia Stevenson

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

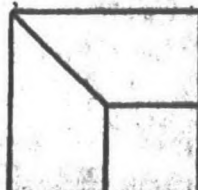
- 1 Farmington
- 2 Plymouth Canton
- 3 Redford Union
- 4 Livonia Stevenson
- 5 Livonia Franklin

GIRLS SWIMMING

- 1 Farmington Hills Mercy
- 2 North Farmington
- 3 Plymouth Canton
- 4 Plymouth Salem
- 5 Livonia Churchill

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CLASS A at WAYNE MEMORIAL

Monday, Nov. 13: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15: Garden City vs. Livonia Churchill, 6 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Dearborn Edsel Ford regional vs. Southfield district champion.)

at NORTHVILLE

Monday, Nov. 13: (A) Northville vs. (B) Livonia Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15: Plymouth Salem vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; Plymouth Canton vs. A-B winner, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Trenton regional vs. Romulus district champion.)

at NOVI

Monday, Nov. 13: (A) Novi vs. (B) Walled Lake Western, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15: North Farmington vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, 6 p.m.; Walled Lake

girls basketball

CLASS B at BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY DAY

Monday, Nov. 13: (A) Royal Oak Silver vs. (B) Detroit Country Day, 6:30 p.m.; (C) Detroit DePue vs. (D) Southfield Christian, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15: Detroit Redford St. Mary's vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m.; Redford St. Agatha vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional vs. Hamtramck St. Florian district champion.)

CLASS D at OAKLAND CHRISTIAN

Monday, Nov. 13: (A) Oakland Catholic vs. (B) Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14: (C) Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart vs. (D) Detroit Lutheran West, 6 p.m.; (E) Bloomfield Hills Roeper vs. (F) Redford Temple Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15: Plymouth Christian vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 17: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Oakland Catholic regional vs. Warren-Bethesda district champion.)

the week ahead

Liv. Franklin vs. N. Farmington, 6 p.m. (Championship game)
Ply. Canton vs. Ply. Salem, 8 p.m.
(Class B Region IV Championship)
Farm. Harrison at Allen Park, 1:30 p.m.
(State finals at Bloom. Hills Andover)
Class C-D championship, 11 a.m.
Class B championship, 1 p.m.
Class A championship, 3 p.m.

basketball standings

CATHOLIC LEAGUE Central Division

W	L	T	W	L	T
Birm. Marian	7	1	13	7	0
Ladywood	4	4	11	7	0
Farm. Mercy	4	4	11	8	0
H W Regina	4	4	9	8	0
Bishop Borgess	1	7	7	12	0

A-West

W	L	T	W	L	T
Benedictine	10	0	16	2	0
De Porres	8	2	12	4	0
Bish. Gallagher	5	5	5	12	0
Holy Redeemer	4	6	9	8	0
St. Alphonsus	2	8	4	13	0
St. Agatha	1	9	2	15	0

METRO

	W	L	W	L
Lutheran East	14	0	19	
Lutheran North	11	1	13	6
Lutheran West	10	4	14	6
Kingswood	6	7	6	11
Harper Woods	5	9	7	12
Avondale	5	9	6	13
Hamtramck	3	10	4	13

upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming calendar is one week ahead of publication. Items must be received by Thursday to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Editor Simmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 38251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

THEATRE GUILD

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "The Fifth of July," a prize-winning drama by Lanford Wilson, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2, 8-9, at guild playhouse in Redford. Tickets are \$8. Call 538-5678 for reservations and information on senior citizen and student discounts.

STUDENTS PERFORM

The students of Creative and Performing Arts of Livonia Public Schools will present "Listen to the Lightning," a collage of mime skits and special lighting and sound effects, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11, in the Black Box (room C-32) at the school in Livonia. Tickets are \$3 and may be bought at the door or by reservation by calling Churchill High School at 523-8841.

AT LUCILLE'S

Lucille's in Canton is sponsoring a Jamboree for the benefit of Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Entertainment, country dancing, a celebrity disc jockey as master of ceremonies, games, various bands and an auction will be featured. Radio station WWWW will participate. Children may attend 2-9 p.m. For more information call 397-1988.

IRISH CONCERTINA

The Gaelic League/Irish-American Club, in cooperation with the Traditional Irish Music Organization, presents concertina player Noel Hill from Ireland at 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11, at the Gaelic League, on the edge of historic Corktown in Detroit. Hill will be joined by another Clareman, Noel Shine,



Songwriter Jan Marra performs in concert with Lee Murdock at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Folktown in the Southfield Civic Center. For ticket information call 645-6666.

who is known in traditional circles for his guitar accompaniment and his vast repertoire of Irish, Scottish and English folk songs. Admission is \$5 at the door. For further information, phone 537-3489.

BALLAD GROUP

Ireland's No. 1 ballad group, Wolfe Tones, will be presented in concert at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Gaelic League Irish American Club in Detroit. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more information call 963-8895.

COMEDY CLASSIC

Woody Allen's zany comedy, "Don't Drink the Water," produced by the North Rosedale Park Players, will be presented Nov. 10-12 and 17-

18, at the North Rosedale Park Community House in Detroit. Directed by Art Rizzo and produced by Park residents Sally Goodman and Mike Sawyer, the production features dinner theater at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10; wine and cheese at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11; brunch at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, and regular performances at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18. For ticket information and reservations call 255-3264.

U-M DRAMA

The University of Michigan's University Players, an ensemble made up of students in the Department of Theatre and Drama, will present "Long Time Since Yesterday," P.J. Gibson's drama about five successful black women who have been reunited

after the sudden death of a friend. "Long Time Since Yesterday" plays from Thursday, Nov. 9, to Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Trueblood Theatre in Ann Arbor. Performances are at 8 p.m. except for Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Nov. 12 and 19. Tickets are \$7 general admission. Seating is available at \$5 with student I.D. (limit two tickets per I.D.). For more information, call 764-0450.

MYSTERY NIGHT

Business and Professional Branch of National Council of Jewish Women - Greater Detroit Section has set the scene for a gala murder mystery party. "The Case of the Tyrannical Tycoon" on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn. The evening includes cocktails, gourmet dinner, reading of the tycoon's will, full-bodied wines from the mansion's "private stock," and a sleuthing certificate. Cost is \$75 per person. For reservations or further information, call the NCJW office at 258-6000.

THEATER/ORGAN

Motor City Theatre Organ Society presents Tony O'Brien at the console of its three-manual, 16-rank Barton Theatre Organ at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. A Livonia resident, O'Brien is a 1980 graduate of Churchill High School. He will combine music ranging from classical to big band and Broadway to pop-rock hits of today, in a show with lighting and special effects. Tickets at \$6 are available at the Redford Theatre box office. For group ticket information, call 624-3479.

PETER ALLEN

JARC (formerly the Jewish Association for Retarded Citizens) will celebrate its 20th birthday at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Headlining the entertainment portion of the evening will be Radio City performer and Academy-



Noel Hill, master of the Irish concertina, plays Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit. For more information call 537-3489.

Award-winning songwriter Peter Allen. Following the performance, an afterglow will be held in the Grand Lobby of the theater. Proceeds from the event will aid JARC support homes and services for adults with developmental disabilities. Tickets begin at \$50 and may be purchased at the door the evening of the performance or by calling 352-5272.

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Theater is alive and well in suburbia

Musical numbers hilarious in 'Oil City'

Performances of "Oil City" continue through Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Birmingham Theatre. For ticket information call the box office at 644-3533.

"Oil City" at the Birmingham Theatre is a highly entertaining, very funny bit of musical fluff adroitly performed by a quartet of immensely talented actors-musicians.

Ostensibly the four-piece symphony of fictitious Oil City, Ohio, is performing for its 20-year high school reunion, and the audience becomes their classmates in the crepe-paper-festooned high school gym.

Actually the plot is non-existent, though the cast manages to deftly create characterizations from the brief dialogue between the musical numbers.

Mike Craver and Mark Hardwick are two of the show's four creators and appeared in the original off-Broadway production as well. Craver's character, also named Mike, is a former flower child of the '60s, who both looks and sounds like the more dim-witted of the Smothers Brothers. His slow, soft-spoken delivery is an amusing contrast to the strident tones of the female cast members.

EACH MEMBER of the musical quartet specializes in one instrument but changes off to an impressive array of others. Craver's specialty is the synthesizer, which he comically suggests will make the other symphony members obsolete.

Mark Hardwick's nerdy character, lives with his mother and looks very much at home with his accordion, though he actually spends more time at the piano keyboard. Hardwick has a wonderfully expressive face that speaks volumes.

Christine Elliott's Mary specializes in the violin. She is as intensely uptight as her tightly curled hair, and the exaggerated exactness and volume of her voice suggests a cross between an elementary teacher and



Mike Craver (left), Christine Elliott, Mark Hardwick and Mary Ehlinger play four former music students who come back to perform at their high school reunion in "Oil City."



Barbara Michals

a marine sergeant.

Mary Ehlinger's Debbie, a wife, mother and community pillar, takes out all her frustrations through vigorous assaults on her drums. Ehlinger's stage patter allows for many nuances of character, and she makes the most of it.

The show's music is as diverse as the characters. It includes classical, rock, big band, gospel and ragtime. Some of it is familiar, and some of the numbers are very clever original spoofs. For a Michigan audience, surely the funniest is "Ohio Afternoon," reminiscent of "Moonlight in

Vermont" but with all the romance missing. Audience participation is encouraged for the "Hokey Pokey."

Director Larry Forde, another veteran of the original production, keeps the pace snappy. There's really no common thread holding the musical numbers together, but most of the time the audience is laughing too hard to notice.

Barbara Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 15 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

Tribute to humanity is 'Boys Next Door'

Performances of "The Boys Next Door" continue through Sunday, Nov. 26, at Meadow Brook Theatre. For ticket information call the box office at 377-3300.

By Cathie Breidenbach
special writer

Is it nice, civilized and humane to laugh at four fellows with mental inadequacies?

In "The Boys Next Door" you bet it is — because Arnold, Lucien, Norman and Barry differ only in degree

from the rest of us.

Author Tom Griffin's play looks with a compassionate eye at the comic quirks of four mentally deficient adult men who share an apartment in a suburban complex. They are not a strange breed of weird beings but people just like us, struggling to make sense of it all.

The superb Meadow Brook cast polishes this little gem of a play until it glows, as a heartening tribute to our shared humanity.

John Ulmer came from the Asolo Center for the Performing Arts in

Sarasota, Fla., to direct this fine production, and he brought seven of the nine cast members with him. The five who play retarded people are so believable in their roles that when they step on stage for the final curtain call it's a shock to see the transformation. Acting that convinces so thoroughly and seemingly without intention takes an extra measure of skill.

LEROY MITCHELL, JR., who plays severely retarded Lucien, radiates the ingenious sweetness of a 3-

year-old. He tries over and over to remember the alphabet song, always to fail, but his persistence in the losing battle lends courage to his pathetic efforts. And when he plays with water in the kitchen sink, we marvel at his absolute joy in the discovery of soap bubbles.

Eric Tavares plays Arnold as the motor-mouth complainer, a petty, funny man whose "deck doesn't have any face cards." Tavares, who has played many Meadow Brook roles



Bob Weibel

Guys upstage gals in 'Odd Couple'

Performances of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "The Odd Couple" continue through Saturday, Nov. 18. For ticket information call 420-2161.

"The Odd Couple" featuring that improbable pair Oscar and Felix is perhaps the best of Neil Simon's early work.

It's so good, in fact, that Simon later switched genders around, modified some dialogue and — voila! — he had a female version with almost as much comedic snap, crackle and pop as the original.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild production doesn't explode with hilarity, although its female characters manage their share of laughs. What's really funny (literally and figuratively) is how two men in minor roles upstage the whole cast.

Gregory Lee and Jeff Hammonds have great fun as two Spanish men-about-town who don't understand American women, the language or customs. Like "two wild and crazy guys" from "Saturday Night Live," they take command of the stage with the energy, vivid characterizations and fast pacing required in comedy.

By comparison, the women seem to be coasting. Granted, the two men are more bizarre. But director Janice Anderson has cast an excellent variety of women.

A faster pace would really make them sparkle and bring to life the intrinsic humor of the plot.

WHICH, AS YOU may recall from the male version, centers around the incompatibility of two friends: Oscar, the slob, and Felix, a compulsive cleaning machine. In the female version, we have Olive, and Florence (newly separated from her husband, who moves in with Olive).

Clemie Cyburt is very believable as an unkempt Olive. She gives every impression of a woman who lives on the ragged edge and lets details take care of themselves. Al-

though a little old compared to her companions and with clothes a little too coordinated, her comedic reactions more than make up for these shortcomings.

Linda Bodnar gives us a consistently fastidious Florence. One might wish, however, that she moderate the complaining and whining qualities and accentuate list-picking and the rearranging of furniture and pictures. It would have been nice to see more of Florence's tastes reflected in the apartment after she moves in with Olive.

Bobbie Judd's character is particularly good among the friends who come over weekly to gossip and play Trivial Pursuit. Other players include Camilla Longley, Nancy Schuster and Amy Armstrong.

(PTG does a first-rate job of directing drivers and their cars to the guild's new playhouse, the Water Tower Theatre at the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. The location provides a really pleasant ambience for theater.)

A couple of minor problems are that a dinner for home lights is needed, as are curtains to acoustically dampen a slight echo.

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

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Tribute to humanity offered in comedy 'Boys Next Door'

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including Cyrus, shows his versatility as an actor in this role. He makes Arnold not just funny for his illusive logic and hypocritical hangups but lovable as well.

Eric Hanson plays Barry, the schizophrenic who uses golf as armor against a dangerous world. The only catastrophe in this otherwise gentle play comes at the hands of Barry's visiting father (Bradford Wallace), a supposedly normal man with a mean, selfish streak unequalled by anyone else in the play.

Fourth in this group of apartment mates is Norman (Perry B. Stewart), a roly-poly glutton with a passion for doughnuts. Norman meets Sheila (Mary Lee Richey) at a dance for mentally impaired people and the two carry on a coy, gee-whis courtship, sticky as honey.

Thanks to Mary Lee Richey's bubbly eagerness and Perry Stewart's boyish innocence, their scenes together cut through the sweetness in the play. The two characters' clumsiness falls away at the dance. Fat Norman and giggly Sheila are transformed into the people they should have been, and they waltz with unrivaled grace.

AUTHOR TOM GRIFFIN does out hangups to all the characters, both impaired and not. Jack, the god-hearted man who supervises



Mary Lee Richey and Perry B. Stewart star in "The Boys Next Door," in its Detroit-area premiere at Meadow Brook Theatre.

the "boys," lets the frustrations of his job burn him out, hurls a toaster across the floor when he loses his temper, and chafes whenever he sees his former wife looking good in her BMW.

Michael James Laird as Jack refuses to be a goody-goody social-worker type. Instead he makes Jack a regular guy with a talent for ironic humor. Paul Hopper and Kathryn Nash play multiple supporting roles to round out the exemplary cast in this little-known play that deserves wider exposure.

Cathie Breidenbach of West Bloomfield teaches college writing classes and works as a free lance writer.

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Helen Zucker

Suspense builds smoothly in Troy Players 'Mousetrap'

Performances of the Troy Players production of "The Mousetrap" continue through Saturday, Nov. 18. For ticket information call 879-1285.

The world's longest continuously running play has come to Troy.

Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" is the Troy Players' opening gambit of the season. Cleanly directed by Stephen Kiersey, the cast of eight who find themselves stranded in Monkswell Manor are a fair match for each other.

It's an even production, all of the actors doing their best to frighten each other — and the audience — and succeeding. The troupe builds to a nice pitch. The suspense mounts with each scene.

Laurie Smith as Mollie Ralston, the young wife who has decided to run Monkswell Manor as a guest house, is a cut above the rest of the cast. Smith has the most demanding role and she seems to be running on raw talent.

She's onstage during most of the play, and runs the gamut of emotions, from trust in the husband she wed a year ago after knowing him for three weeks, to thinking he is a murderer.

Robert Szatkowski is amusing as

the young, spirited, Christopher Wren. Wren likes to sleep in rooms with four-poster beds, winds up cooking the guest meals (Mollie's meals sound dreadful), and seems to be the right age to be the suspect.

Szatkowski manages to bring poignancy to his role as a hip dresser, a lonely boy hiding behind a great architect's name.

Angelo Valeri, dressed in an alarming black raincoat, white scarf and black hat (the clothes of the killer), turns in a fine performance as Giles Ralston. As Mollie's husband, he gets to tote heavy bags, chop wood, worry about his wife's attachment to Wren and run up and down the stairs a lot.

Valeri does all this with panache. He even manages to chew on his pipe and look guilty and irritated at the same time.

JILL SNOWDEN gives us a Mrs. Boyle who deserves what she gets. Mrs. Boyle wears a perpetual frown, believes a proper guest house should have a proper staff, but has done improper things during her tenure as a judge. It's hard to keep from applauding when Mrs. Boyle frowns

her last frown.

Joe Urkshus as Major Metcalf is mysteriously perplexed and forever-poking in the cellars while he chomps on his pipe. Urkshus does a fine job as the baffled Major.

Phylomena Somers, sans makeup, plays Miss Casewell. She skulks around in cords, boots, cardigan, a tie, the uniform of a London literary lesbian. Yet Miss Casewell lives in Majorca, doesn't write and has come to this deserted part of England on "personal business." Somers gives us a thoroughly shady Miss Casewell.

Guy Snyder as Mr. Paravicini, seems to have escaped from an Italian circus. His wild, unstoppable laughter, his ability to pick out the scary theme song "Three Blind Mice" with one finger, and the coincidence of his Rolls-Royce being stuck in a snow ditch coupled with the flimsy excuse that he's in this part of the country on a junket to a friend's house make Paravicini a prime suspect.

Helen Zucker has many years' experience reviewing for newspapers and magazines in Michigan, New York and Massachusetts.

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Cast does good job despite stage area

Performances of the musical "Carousel," presented by the First Theater Guild of Birmingham, continue through Saturday, Nov. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. For ticket information call 646-8033.

By Richard Marsh
special writer

First Theater Guild is undertaking a massive job with its current production, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel."

For its limited resources, the guild does a respectable job with the show, although much of the grandeur of Rodgers and Hammerstein's style is lost in the small Knox Auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church.

Downsizing big shows like "Carousel" always has inherent problems, such as trying to retain the grand feeling of the show. Musically, the guild provides an excellent show for the resources available. The small orchestra has a good sound to it and balances well with the singers, something many larger groups are unable to achieve.

Lead performers are good overall and have fine voices. Leading the cast is David Sikkelee as Billy Bigelow, Kelli Malisch as Julie Jordan, John Picha as Enoch Snow and Laura Loud as Carrie Pipperidge.

Betsy Evans as Nettie Fowler has the most pivotal role as far as the

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music goes, leading "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" and singing "You'll Never Walk Alone." While this role basically calls for a highly trained low-alto voice, Evans makes the most of her higher-pitched voice to properly sing the part.

THE BARE-BONES set and props hamper the show somewhat, as it is hard to get into the right mood. For example, using just a simple park bench as a setting for a tree-lined path along the shore does not transmit the appropriate feeling. Granted, facilities limit what can be done, but this is what happens when shows like "Carousel" are downsized.

Costumes are well done and add to the show. Some of the performers' makeup is overdone, however. When the makeup stands out from the back of the auditorium, there is way too much on.

"Carousel" does work well for the group in at least one other respect. It gives a large number of people, including lots of children, a chance to be on stage, the main reason for a small group attempting a show like this.

Comical, cock-eyed view of modern life

Performances of "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" continue through Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Ridgedale Players playhouse in Troy. For ticket information call 644-5328.

By Helen Zucker
special writer

The Ridgedale Players production of "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" is fast-paced and well acted. Under Kent Martini's direction, the cast manages to capture the madness of New York, and by extension, the madness that underlines much of life in America. Neil Simon wrote better than he knew; his black comedy about a couple who lose their jobs because of corporate cutbacks is timely in the late Eighties.

Larry Pellicioni, who looks like Walter Matthau, turns in a strong performance as Mel Edison, the 47-year-old ex-executive who waits four

days to tell his wife that he has lost his job. Mel is a totally bewildered, angry husband, and Pellicioni hits all the emotional keys this roller coaster role calls for.

After three burglars, dressed in black, dismantle the apartment (while the theme from "The Pink Panther" hums to their deft movements), Mel finds the courage to tell his wife he's unemployed. Devoted wife Edna has just told Mel that she "ran downstairs for five minutes" to get groceries for dinner and left the door unlocked because she lost the key.

BECAUSE SHE has also screwed up, Mel unleashes a tirade about Edna inviting all the junkies in the city to steal their stuff. This ricocheting movement, Mel and Edna taking turns being nuts, echoes through the play.

Mel stays nuts the longest, and Pellicioni takes us through the jour-

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ney of extended unemployment, psychosomatics, isolation and anger. Finally we experience the return of Mel's sense of humor, his happiness when Edna loses her job when the bank folds (it makes sense, the end of analysis ("the guy just sits there") and the return of the balance).

Edna, beautifully played by lively, intelligent Doris Harmon, rises to the occasion. She gets a job at a bank, even comes home to make lunch and keep Mel company while he reads want ads.

Edna is a good scout until the day she loses her job and comes home to no water. Having coped with late hours, garbage strikes, hospital strikes, bus strikes and Mel's relatives, not being able to take a bath is the turning point for Edna. It acts on her the way the burglary acts on Mel, and Mel, who is growing healthier, soothes Edna.

Jerry Brader, as Harry, the older brother, looks every inch the solid, lonely man who had no time to be a boy. Brader is touching when he turns up with a \$25,000 check to help

Mel buy a summer camp, and shake his head when Mel, having regained his playfulness, offers to let him and returns the check.

Seima Cohen, as Jennie, the sister from Lakewood, who can't stop crying while she waits to go shopping in New York, is funny. So is Jewell as sister Pearl, who keeps insisting Mel had a breakdown before. Big sister Pauline, played by Carol Davis, has a head for facts; Pauline testily sets her sisters right by telling them that Mel has never had a breakdown before, and asking Harry, "How much is this X amount we're supposed to chip in?"

SIMON UNDERSTANDS families! The relatives haven't seen Mel for nine years, but the same old emotions surface inside of five minutes. It's clear that Martini and cast understand Simon.

Jim Rink's painted skyline is terrific. The set could've been a little jazzier, but with actors this good, the set could be bare. Congratulations to everyone involved with this play.

table talk

Ocean Grille

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Wood promoted

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clarification

Roger Weisberg's name was incorrectly spelled as Weisburg in the feature story on the documentary filmmaker that ran in the Entertainment pages on Nov. 2.

In Bob Weibel's review of the Schoolcraft College Theatre production of two one-act plays, in the Nov.

2 issue, Tom Savage was incorrectly identified as being associated with the culinary arts department. Savage is food service director at the college in Livonia, and food services prepared the food for the dinner preceding the show, not the culinary arts department.

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Just before the warehouse on Second closed for the last time, Marguerite Hague was out in front talking to customers, setting prices and stirring up enthusiasm for the Campus Treasure Shop.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Treasure sources dry up

By Corinne Abett
staff writer

That whole unorganized community of scroungers who thrive in dust-filled air, dark lofts and dank cellars, are suffering withdrawal symptoms.

Marguerite Hague of Birmingham who runs two Wayne State University projects, the Campus Treasure Shop, on Cass and the Shop's warehouse on Second where the architectural pieces she salvaged were kept, spent her final official day at the warehouse Saturday.

To scroungers, the warehouse was the mine where they occasionally uncovered buried treasures among the hundreds of doors lined up along the walls, in the bins of broken molding, in corners filled with parts of fireplaces, bannisters and newer posts and in the boxes of hardware, casters, knobs, tiles and hunks of marble.

The scroungers experienced the thrill of discovering a choice piece of hand-carved molding, an oak door with beveled glass panes or a black walnut railing in a heap of rubble. Hague, who has devoted more than three decades to making

the area around the University beautiful, said, "It was my decision to close the warehouse."

WHEN ARCHITECTURAL artifact picking flourished, she and a crew of helpers could get permission to go into buildings about to be wrecked and salvage marketable pieces to sell at the warehouse.

But pickings have grown thinner, permission to salvage is harder to get and even the brave don't want to go into abandoned houses.

The other problem is financial. When she moved from her former warehouse to the tune of \$50,000 in 1980 to the one she just closed on Second, she made an agreement with the building owner, Roxie Yaloo of Southfield.

He would give her the space rent-free and she would fix it up and make the outside look attractive.

"He has really been a gentleman, but he has other plans for the building now. I agreed to help with repairing the building, but I can't continue," she said. So far, she's put \$7,700 of her own money into the project.

From the beginning, proceeds from the Campus Treasure Shop and the warehouse were earmarked for Wayne State beautification projects.

That has amounted to \$60,000. Plus, the presence of these two projects has been significant, "We've tried to be involved in every community thing — whenever anything special is going on we're there. We donate to people and organizations, we've carried clothing to many, many places. We're really a community agency. It isn't the money, it's the concept of a presence and a concept of a people-to-people thing."

HAGUE ISN'T SHEDDING tears over the demise of the warehouse. She's already turned her attention to improving the Campus Treasure Shop, 5704 Cass, Detroit. She'll probably open it a second day a week. Currently it's open 2:30 p.m. to midnight on Wednesdays.

But old habits are hard to break. She flashed a quick smile and said, "I still keep files on things people are looking for. I still have contacts. Already, I have a whole house we're getting. Where I'm gonna put it, I have no idea."

She is a careful record keeper. Her children gave her a word processor, which she also uses to record her memories. "I'm writing three books at one time," she said. She wants to share her experiences and write about the many people who were and are so important to her there.

Local novelist takes success in his stride

By Corinne Abett
staff writer

Tom Sullivan, 48, of Lathrup Village is currently enjoying what all writers dream of — success.

He has two hot novels in the bookstores: "The Phases of Harry Moon," which came out last year, and this year's "Born Burning," both published by E.P. Dutton.

He will be the leading figure in "An Evening with Novelist Tom Sullivan" at 8 p.m. Monday at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, sponsored by the Cranbrook Writers Guild. Fee for non-members is \$5.

Sullivan came on the national scene like a thunderbolt. But he had previously published what he calls a "paperback potboiler" and sold a lot of short stories.

WHILE "Harry Moon" was nominated for a Pulitzer, and phone calls from movie people are not that unusual anymore, Sullivan is modest and boyishly friendly. Right now he plans to continue teaching school, he said.

"I'm there by choice," he said of his teaching position, ninth grade English at Fordson High in Dearborn.

Sullivan has been a gambler, "Rube Goldberg" innovator, coach, city commissioner and born-again athlete. He and his wife, Pris, have two children, Colleen, 16, and Sean, 13.

THE WRITING gets squeezed in in the darnedest places. He's working on "Drummers on Glass," which has already been sold.

"I'm habituated to parked cars, bathrooms and restaurants. I love to write in restaurants."

Yes, he gets interrupted. No, he won't say on whose table he's currently writing.

"I change regularly," he said with a touch of wry humor in his voice. "I



Tom Sullivan

always write the first draft in long-hand — I want to see what I've crossed out."

He likes to have the history of the development of the work in front of him, "filled with all kinds of deletions and brackets," he said. But, "I can't edit it until it's in print."

"I WRITE about families," Sullivan said.

He classifies his stories as "mainstream," even though some unsettling elements can raise the hairs on the back of the neck.

In "Born Burning," it's the small son's fear of the historic teak chair, symbolizing the passing of the leadership from one family member to the next, and the strange fates that have befallen those who took on that role before him.

The novels of John Cheever had a major impact on Sullivan's writing career, he said. He didn't realize his own natural style was marketable until he encountered Cheever's.

Cranbrook Writers' Guild was organized in 1969 by Ivabell Harlan, Henry Booth and a small group of people interested in aiding and encouraging aspiring writers.

'Clay babies' give birth to new career

By Linda Lee Sparkman
special writer

A LOT of us dream of being able to make a living doing something we love to do. Debbie Garrity, a 36-year-old Garden City artist/homemaker, is living that dream.

Ever since she stumbled onto her creative talent of forming bits of dough into appealing little characters 12 years ago, she has progressed from the craft tables of local bazaars to being a supplier to more than 30 specialty shops throughout Michigan.

Formerly known only as Debbie's clay things, Garrity recently gave her pieces an official name. She calls them "Debbie's Clay Babies," in memory of her grandmother, who first used that description.

Considering the affection Garrity has for her little creations, the name is perfect. Gently holding a 2-inch teddy bear dressed in a ruffled tutu, Garrity says "I put a piece of my soul into each one of these."

The 1½-inch to 3-inch characters are completely handmade of a durable colored clay, which is baked to a ceramic-like finish. Popular figures include teddy bears, bunny rabbits, little girls and boys, Amish people and whimsical animal figures, dressed in a wide variety of colorful outfits. In addition to the assortment of original designs, Garrity also does custom orders.

CUSTOM ORDERS have included things like pregnant teddy bears, or a bunny in a nursing uniform. She also supplies a number of Michigan high schools with cheerleader teddy bears colored to the school's specifications.

This all started with a trip to Frank's Nursery, almost 15 years ago, where the then newlywed Garrity picked up a 25 cent pamphlet containing a recipe for modified bread dough and instructions on how to make little Pennsylvania Dutch teddy bears.

After getting together with a

friend and a batch of this dough, the pair set to work. Two hours later, Garrity's friend was finished. "Then, she took her fist and went like this," said Garrity, smashing her fist into the table. "By that time I had about 10 or 11 made — and that was it."

"I sat home on Thursday nights, while my husband went bowling, and I made teddy bears. I didn't know what I was going to do with all of them," she said with a laugh.

ABOUT THAT TIME, Garrity saw dough art for sale at a craft fair, and remembers her first thought — "Oh, my goodness! People actually buy these things." Needless to say, she soon had her own booth.

When Garrity learned the Cambridge Center (an adult education program in Garden City) was looking for crafters to teach in their evening program, she became the center's dough art instructor.

Because of the delicate nature of dough art, and the amount of time it took to make, Garrity was delighted to find another compound was available for her craft. When a fellow craftsman introduced Garrity to the clay she now uses, she became one of the product's best customers.

"The company told me their business has quadrupled in this area," Garrity said. "They say it's because of Quaint and Country in Garden City," a reference to a shop she once owned.

Through teaching Garrity had gained access to wholesale houses, which led to her desire to open her own shop. "I couldn't even sleep at night — I was a nut case," Garrity said about her craving for a shop. "The whole idea was to open up a little clay store," she said. "But that's not a real big market, so I decided to open up a store and sell my clay babies along with country ware, which is what I did," she said referring to the country gift shop, she opened in Garden City in September 1987.

THE NEXT BIG step happened one day while Garrity was working

at her shop. A sales representative came in to show Garrity miniatures made in Taiwan. But when she saw Garrity's clay babies, the sales rep offered to try and sell them to other store owners.

About two weeks later, the orders started coming in. "I didn't take it seriously at first," remembers Garrity.

"I thought, 'Oh, I'll wait to the last minute to do this.' But I've been trying to catch up ever since."

Garrity soon found herself having a hard time finding enough time to satisfy her clay customers and keep the shop going at the same time. "I'd be up till 2 or 3 a.m.," she said. "I even had to close the store periodically for two or three days, just so I could catch up on my clay orders."

So in September of this year, Garrity sold the shop and began working full time from her home, filling orders which average 400 characters each week.

"I LIKE THE freedom, and I like being home with my children," she said of her new arrangement. And she loves working with the clay. "I'm just like a little kid who likes to play with playdough," Garrity said. The only drawback for the artist now is the pressure of getting her orders out on time.

Garrity's husband lends not only his support, but also "his great, big hands," to help mix the clay into colors. The three Garrity children, ages 10, 9 and 7 also do their part, collecting cash from mom for each color they mix.

Garrity considers herself "really fortunate. There's a lot of people who haven't found what they're good at," she explained. "Or, they have to work at something they hate — I'm pretty spoiled really."

Garrity's current plan is to "fill my orders and keep my customer's happy." But one day she hopes to enjoy the status of an artist of collectibles, or possibly put the personalities of her clay babies (currently known only to her) into a children's book.



ART EMANUEL/staff photographer

Garden City resident Debbie Garrity sits among members of her "clay babies' family. Newest additions are a limited number of old-fashioned Santas.

THE ARTIST HAS lived in Garden City 13 years and is a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia. She attended Schoolcraft College for two years.

To fellow artists who would like to earn money from their craft, she says, "You can do it. First, take yourself seriously, and have other people take you seriously." She suggests they "do something that is unique and something there's a market for."

"Be professional about selling your craft," she added.

"Call up shops and make appointments, or use a professional sales rep."

Debbie's Clay Babies are available in several country and gift shops in the area and are priced at \$8 (or if they are antiqued) Accessories for the characters are priced from \$2.

Garrity also makes a limited number of Santa figures each year which are priced slightly higher. This year her "Old Fashioned Santa" sells for

\$16.50. Five hundred will be available.

Following are a few area shops that carry Debbie's clay babies. Special orders are available through the shops:

Quaint and Country, 30115 Ford Road, Garden City.

The Pickett Fence, 11 Forest Place, Plymouth.

The Country Goose, 16140 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Generations, 426 Main, Rochester.

Successful artist thrives on versatility

NOW THAT my boys are older, the morning work of getting them off to school is pretty much over.

Scott, the oldest, is in college. Kevin is in his senior year of high school. And Adam is in the fifth grade.

But just a few years ago, getting them all ready for school was quite an ordeal for my wife. She had to be a psychologist and a minister to get Adam to even think about going to school.

By 8:15 a.m., Sandy had been a cook, laundry maid, counselor, treasure hunter, cheerleader and sometimes chauffeur. So versatility is the key element for the successful wife and mother of this day and age.

VERSATILITY IS, likewise, a key element for the successful artist. Of course "success" is a very relative term.

So let me clarify that by assuming that you wish to earn money doing artwork. If that is what you want, ask yourself, "What do I do that people would be willing to pay for?"

If you cannot come up with a selection of commercial applications of your abilities, then you need to become more versatile.

Without versatility, you are like a store that sells only one item. Artwork is much like a retail store. You are the store front, your abilities are your services and your artwork is your stock in trade.

FOR EXAMPLE, last week I received a last-minute request for a master sculpture of a new toy to come on the market.

My original piece was sent immediately to Tokyo for tooling and I thought I was all done. Two days later, I received an even more frantic



artifacts
David Messing

call saying, "They were shooting the commercial in three days in California, and I need the full color package design tomorrow."

Of course, I didn't like the last-minute order, but the job was fun and rewarding. Then I painted some signs, started some sketches for an office plaza logo and entered a few pieces in an art show.

On my "board" for next week is a caricature, a rubber mold for a customer's sculpture, promotional cartoons for a hospital and an airbrush retouching of a photograph. My point, of course, is to show you how open the field of art can be... if you are versatile.

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Without versatility, you are like a store that sells only one item... your abilities are your services and your artwork is your stock in trade.

Wall graphics are always fun and usually pay well.

SO DON'T be discouraged if very few of these areas of art seem familiar. You can learn to do anything and even earn as you learn.

Don't hesitate to ask questions. Most artists are happy to share their knowledge. Remember, your worth is not what you are, but what you can become.

David Messing has been an art teacher in the area for many years. He is also the owner of the Art Store & More in Livonia.

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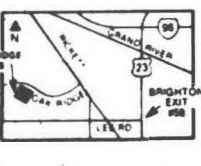
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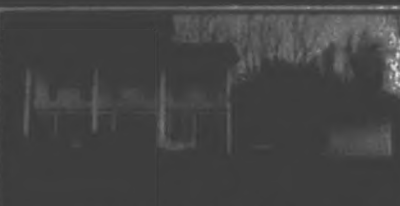
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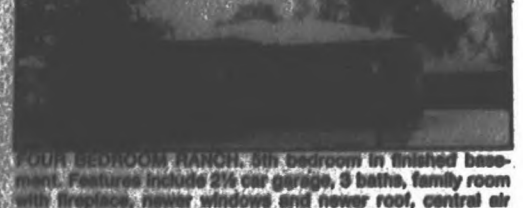
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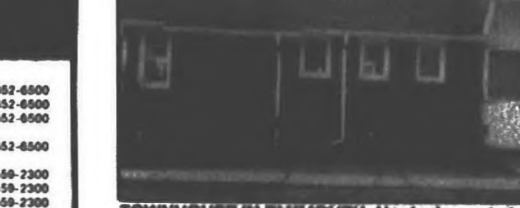
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Violinist to appear in Plymouth



Tapani Yrjola
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Violin soloist Tapani Yrjola will be featured in the 8 p.m. concert Friday night in Plymouth-Salem High School of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Familiar to devoted Plymouth Symphony audiences, Yrjola recently returned from Finland and will perform Violin Concerto in D Minor by Sibelius. Concertmaster for the symphony for the past two years, Yrjola now holds the post of chairman of the violin department, Joensuu Conservatory, Finland.

Yrjola earned both a doctorate and a master's in violin performance from the University of Michigan in 1980 and 1982, respectively.

His numerous awards include the Sebelius Scholar to the United States, the Finlandia Foundation

award, the Hoover Foundation and the Finnish Cultural Foundation Award. In addition, he was performed extensively in the Scandinavian countries in solo recitals and symphony appearances.

Tickets for the show are \$9 general admission, \$7 for seniors and \$3 for students K-12 and will be available at the box office. Plymouth-Salem High School is at 46181 Joy Road, Canton. For more information, call the PSO office, 461-2112.

Craft prompts career

By Linda Lee Sparkman
special writer

A LOT of us dream of being able to make a living doing something we love to do. Debbie Garrity, a 36-year-old Garden City artist/homemaker, is living that dream.

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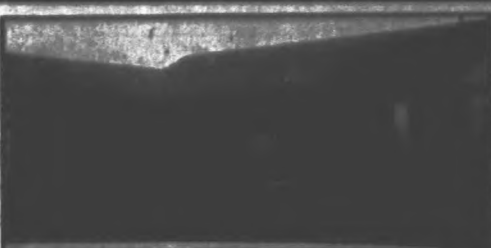
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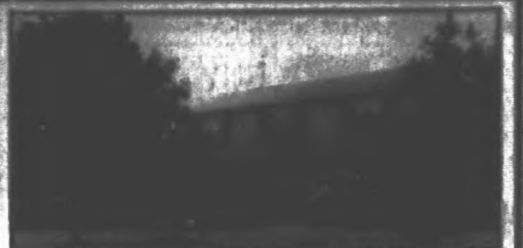
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The Michigan National Bank headquarters building in Farmington Hills is an example of traditional American architecture, calling to mind colonial Williamsburg.

Dale Northrop
Special writer

Architecture has been viewed as a form of advertising. Just as the style of house we live in confers socio-economic identification, so too does commercial architecture confer business success.

Today's office buildings are conscious of corporate identification, particularly when the corporation builds them. Such is the case with Michigan National Bank's headquarters in Farmington Hills, designed by Luckenbach/Ziegelman of Birmingham, and Standard Federal Bank in Troy by the WBDC Groups of Grand Rapids.

Although both newly opened headquarters were built to house banking operations, the contrast in architectural styles is unmistakable.

Michigan National's complex consists of four, 2 1/2-story buildings comprising 283,000 square feet at a cost of \$31 million. Set on 25 acres, it all has the ambience of American architectural vernacular: colonial Williamsburg and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. The architects, however, were confronted with making traditional architecture satisfy the needs of a contemporary banking operation.

Within one of the buildings is an atrium light well below which is the 9,000-square-foot trading floor, a necessary part of any banking operation. On the wall is a commodities screen that flashes the Dow-Jones news. The screen apprises the bank's brokers of the current market when they're not looking at their computers, contemplating the next transaction on the programmed domestic and international market screens.

The years 1972-82 saw a tremendous growth of Michigan National. The building of a headquarters served to unite the administrative activities that had been scattered in eight suburban locations.

STANDARD FEDERAL rises six stories above Big Beaver Road, each floor set back and suggesting the appearance of a streamline Egyptian step-pyramid clad in polished granite. The horizontal spans are cantilevered out over the ribbons of windows affording an outside view from within the largely unobstructed office areas. The 450,000-square-foot, \$80 million structure sits on five acres of the 27-acre site. Some of the additional acreage is given over to the open-air parking, a parking structure and retention ponds.

The interior consists of a six-story atrium space with projecting convex glass parapets reminiscent of New York's Guggenheim Museum. The space greatly facilitates an expansive feeling to employees at their work stations. The overall plan allows for a balance of artificial and natural light and an ease of intra- and inter-office communication.

The office arrangement is based on product distribution; first floor — banking, brokerage and consumer lending; second floor — mortgage lending. A centralized computer facility serves the headquarter's personnel and entire branch system.

Despite the differences in architecture, Michigan National's and Standard Federal's headquarter buildings can be viewed as state-of-the-art structures and prototypes for American business projecting into the 21st century.

Dale Northrop is an architectural historian and college professor who lives in Troy.

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These massive circular windows offer a view of the brick courtyard at Michigan National.

Landscaping a 'sound investment'

By Andy Lang
special writer

(AP) — Whenever you do it yourself on the inside of your house, it's usually because it is something that has to be done.

A large part of the work you do on the outside of the house is because you want to do it, mostly to improve the appearance of your property. Included among these projects are such things as patios, decks, pathways, walls, barbecue areas, gardens and the like.

The wonderful effects that can be achieved in the yard with bricks, mortar, concrete, paving blocks and other building materials are detailed in "Backyard Brickwork," edited by Mike Lawrence. The reader is cautioned to think carefully before getting started, as all of the things mentioned are permanent and will not yield easily to later changes.

Questions that must be asked include: Must there be plenty of playing space for children or grandchildren? Do you hope to add a swimming pool at a later stage? Are you an enthusiastic gardener or do you

prefer a garden that requires a minimum of upkeep? If you aren't going to work in your garden, can you afford a regular gardener?

THE BOOK POINTS out that the days of huge houses with spacious rooms on cheap and equally spacious plots have gone forever. Building costs, land price and the presence of modern lifestyles demand that you make good use of every square foot of your property. Every dollar spent on well-designed outdoor living space is a sound investment. You will get it back in hard cash when you go to sell your house.

There is some good advice for people who cannot handle the outside improvements by themselves but can afford to pay for them. The book tells about trying to find somebody who has had such work done and can make a recommendation, then adds:

"You must not, under any circumstances, simply ask the first builder you find to begin work of any sort on the basis of a verbal agreement, particularly if the quotation seems unusually low and you do not know

much about construction work. Also, under no circumstances should you pay in advance for work that is still to be done. If any problems do arise, you will lose either in terms of money or in a final result that may have to be demolished.

"Once you have a written quotation from two or more reputable builders, go see your local bank. Take your plan and your quotations with you and ask whether they are prepared to lend you the money. Once your loan has been approved, get the builder of your choice to sign a retention money clause (the amount held back until such time as the project is completed to your sat-

isfaction), the time in which the project is to be completed and at what stage of the work the first payment will be made.

"IN THIS WAY, you can minimize the risk that faces every homeowner wishing to have alterations done by unfamiliar builders, landscapers or designers. If you have any doubts about the idea of the whole thing, just ask any real estate agent how much an attractive outdoor living area adds to the price of a house."

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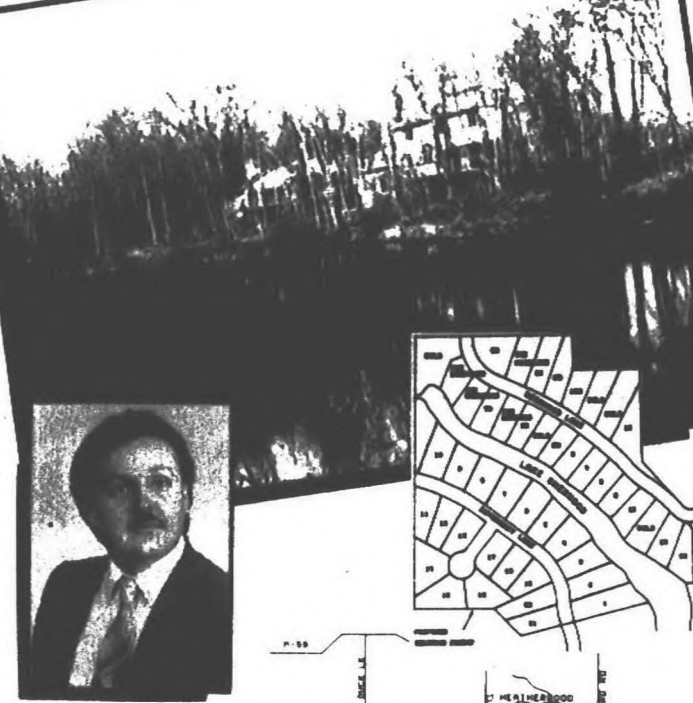
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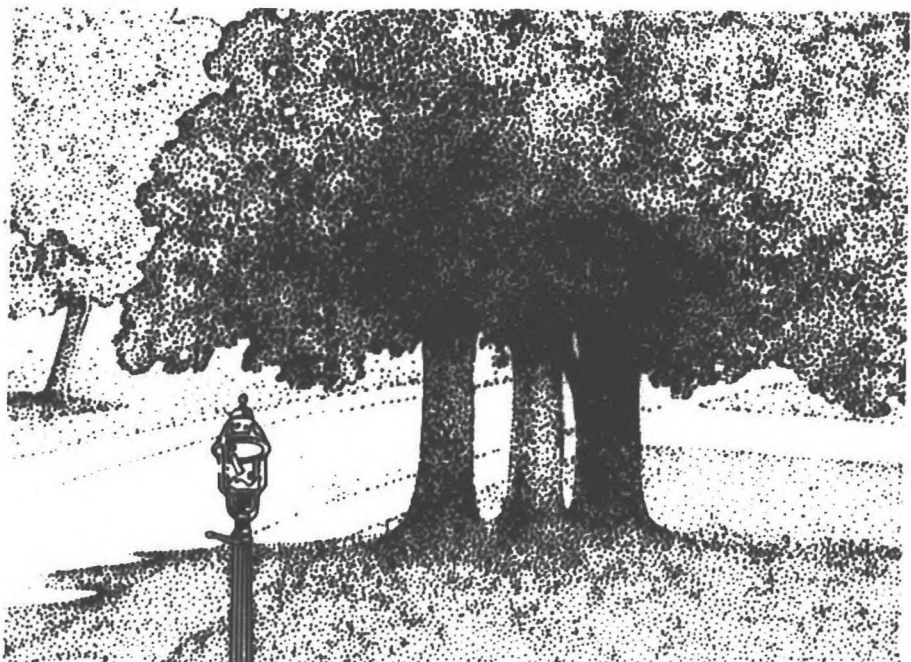
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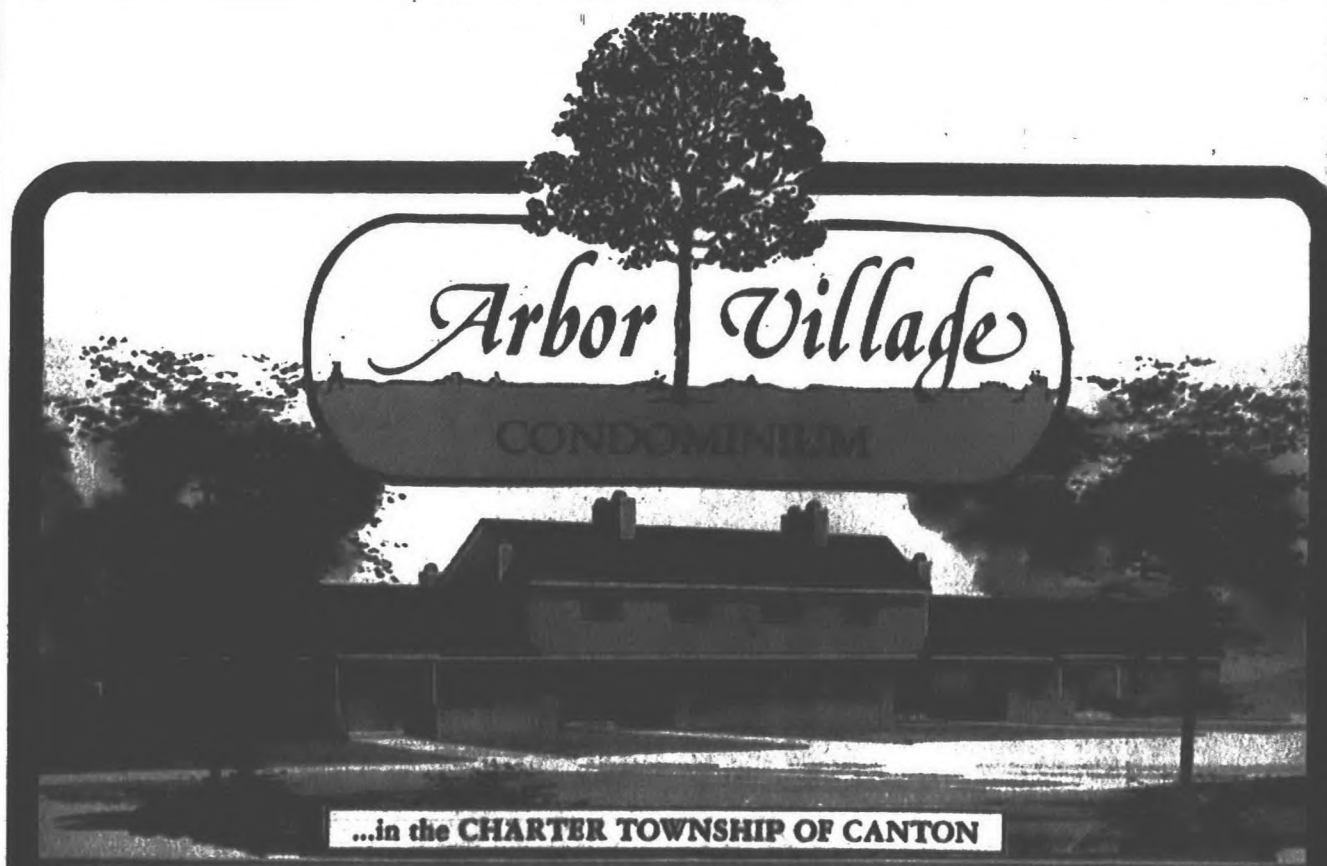
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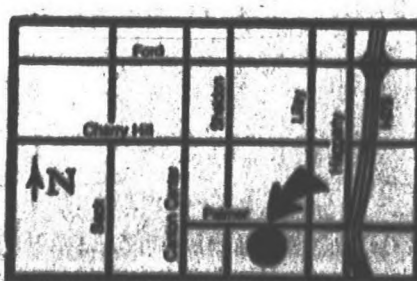


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Building a home 'like baking cake'

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

More than ever before, people of average means are acting as contractors to build their own homes, according to Michigan Home Builders School president Fred Arnold.

The prospect of contracting a home can be intimidating, Arnold said, but it is not as difficult as people might think.

"There's a recipe to building a home — like in baking a cake. You add all the ingredients in the right quantities and in the right order until it's done."

Contracting means acting as your own building manager and hiring subcontractors to do various tasks, Arnold said. "It doesn't mean picking up a hammer and going to work."

The Michigan School of Home Builders, based in Ann Arbor, offers intensive one-day seminars to individuals on how to act as a contractor. Seminars resume next spring.

Some of the topics covered at the seminars include buying a lot, affordability, pre-made plans versus hiring an architect, hiring and dealing with trades people and developing an efficient construction schedule.

The Michigan School of Home Builders, Arnold said, is an offshoot of Home Builders Finance Inc., a lender specializing in construction loans for "do-it-yourself" home builders. While working as a construction loan officer, Arnold said he saw many people who wanted to build, but who really had no idea how to start.

The most critical detail, he said, is an efficient construction schedule. Homes are built in phases, so an inefficient schedule results in workers waiting for one phase to be completed before starting on the next — that means additional cost to the final price of the home, Arnold said.

People interested in self contracting are typically seeking three things — saving money, ensuring a consistent quality of construction and building a home specifically suited for them, he said.

"Being your own contractor can save you as much as 25 percent on the cost of a home," Arnold said. "People are walking through homes and seeing what they get for \$175,000 and they're saying, 'Wait, I can do better.'"

Arnold said it is impossible to easily define the average self contractor. Ten years ago, he said, the typical self contractor was 28- to 40 years old and looking for a second home, but today they range from those in the low 20s to empty nesters, and include first-time home buyers and people looking for vacation homes.

In 1988, between 14,000 and 15,000 single-family homes were built in the Detroit metropolitan area, Arnold said. Of those, almost 20 percent were either self contracted or custom built.

"That's almost double the amount of 10 years ago," he said.

Arnold attributed the steady growth to the rising

costs associated with home building and also to familiarity with the concept. "It's not unusual to see someone building a home these days — it's like a song on the radio, the more you hear it the more comfortable you get with it."

Ingrid Baker feels comfortable enough with the idea and intends to self-contract a home on a parcel of property near Dryden in Lapeer County. She said she will hire subcontractors for basic foundation and rough carpentry work and then complete much of the interior herself.

An attendee of the most recent contracting seminar on Saturday at the Novi Sheraton Oaks, Baker said she has been thinking about building a home for more than a year, but now she is starting to get more serious.

Saving money is her prime motivation for self contracting, she said, but she also wants to ensure she gets an individual home.

Another seminar attendee, John Stolla, said he isn't certain yet if he will contract his own home, but he is definitely leaning in that direction.

Custom home builders and contractors have quoted him prices ranging from \$85 to \$95 per square foot — far more than he cares to spend. "They figure that if you have property on a lake you've got a lot of money — well, they're wrong," Stolla said he was fortunate enough to buy his lot before lakefront property values skyrocketed, but now building prices are driving up the cost of owning a home on a lake.

Brothers Matt, 24, and Rob Sprader, 19, are also considering self-contracting a home, but their motivation is to build a home and then sell it.

Matt Sprader said that under state law, he and his brother can build one a home a year without obtaining a contractor's license. In the past, the two have renovated other homes, he said, and now they've decided to take it one step further.

The brothers originally started out by looking for homes they could fix, Rob Sprader said, but it is becoming more difficult to find them. "There just aren't any handyman specials around anymore."

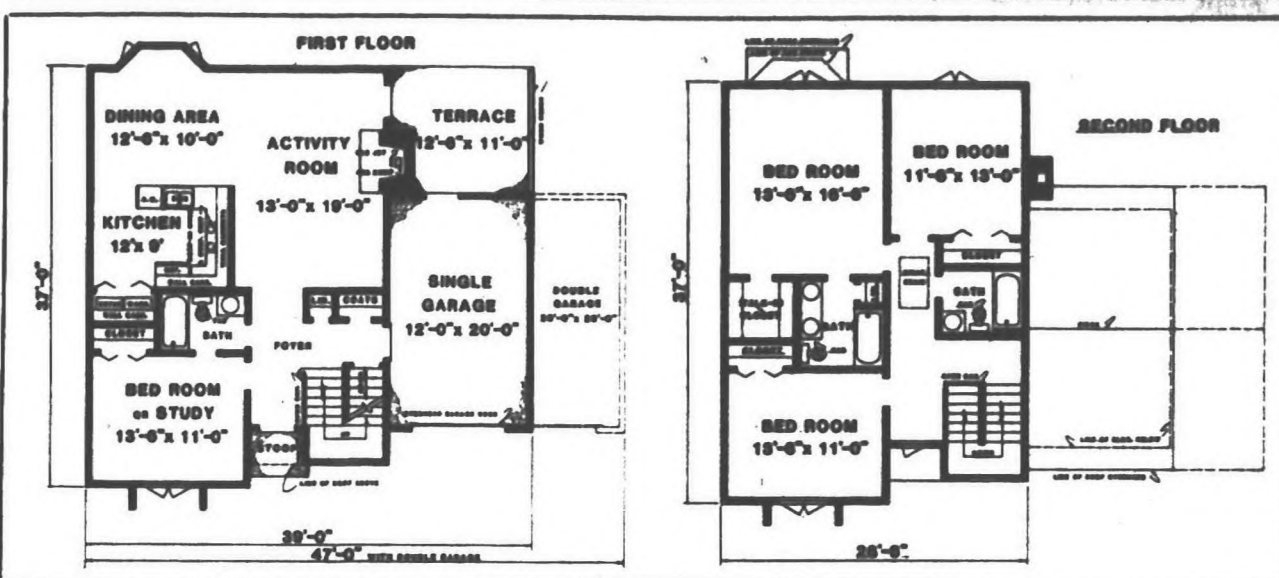
After buying some property in Walled Lake, the two began investigating several alternatives, including prefabricated homes, but none of the ones they were able to find seemed to suit.

Insurance agency owner Richard LaFlamme said he has been thinking of building a home for about a year and has recently bought a lot in Michigan's thumb area near Caseville.

LaFlamme said he isn't certain yet whether he will actually contract for the home's construction. "I'm still looking for information right now."

The benefits of acting as a contractor seem obvious, he said, but there is one substantial drawback — time. It may be difficult to manage the project and run his business from the Detroit area, he said.

LaFlamme said he has hired contractors to build two previous homes, and he prefers the distinctiveness of a custom built residence. Saving more money and getting a custom home at the same time, however, is better still.



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Upon entering the foyer of this two-story house, visitors will observe the open U-shaped stair to their right. Straight ahead to the rear of the first floor, is the great room that includes a fireplace and private terrace access.

The roomy dining room is adjacent to the great room and includes a bay window. The central kitchen has a U-shaped work area and is open to the dining area. The washer and dryer are placed behind bi-fold doors within the kitchen area.

The first-floor bedroom has a separate entrance to the central bath that also serves daytime use. This bedroom can double as a study.

The second floor houses three large bedrooms and two full baths. A hidden stair to the attic leads to an additional storage

depth master bedroom suite, complete with bath, one additional bedroom and a central bath.

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Four architects at Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, Southfield, have passed the architectural registration exam.

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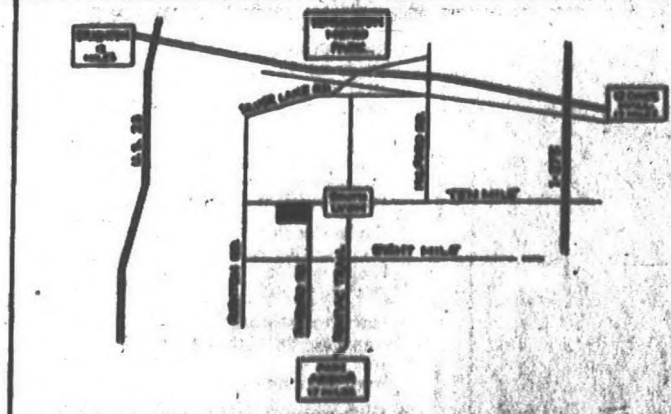
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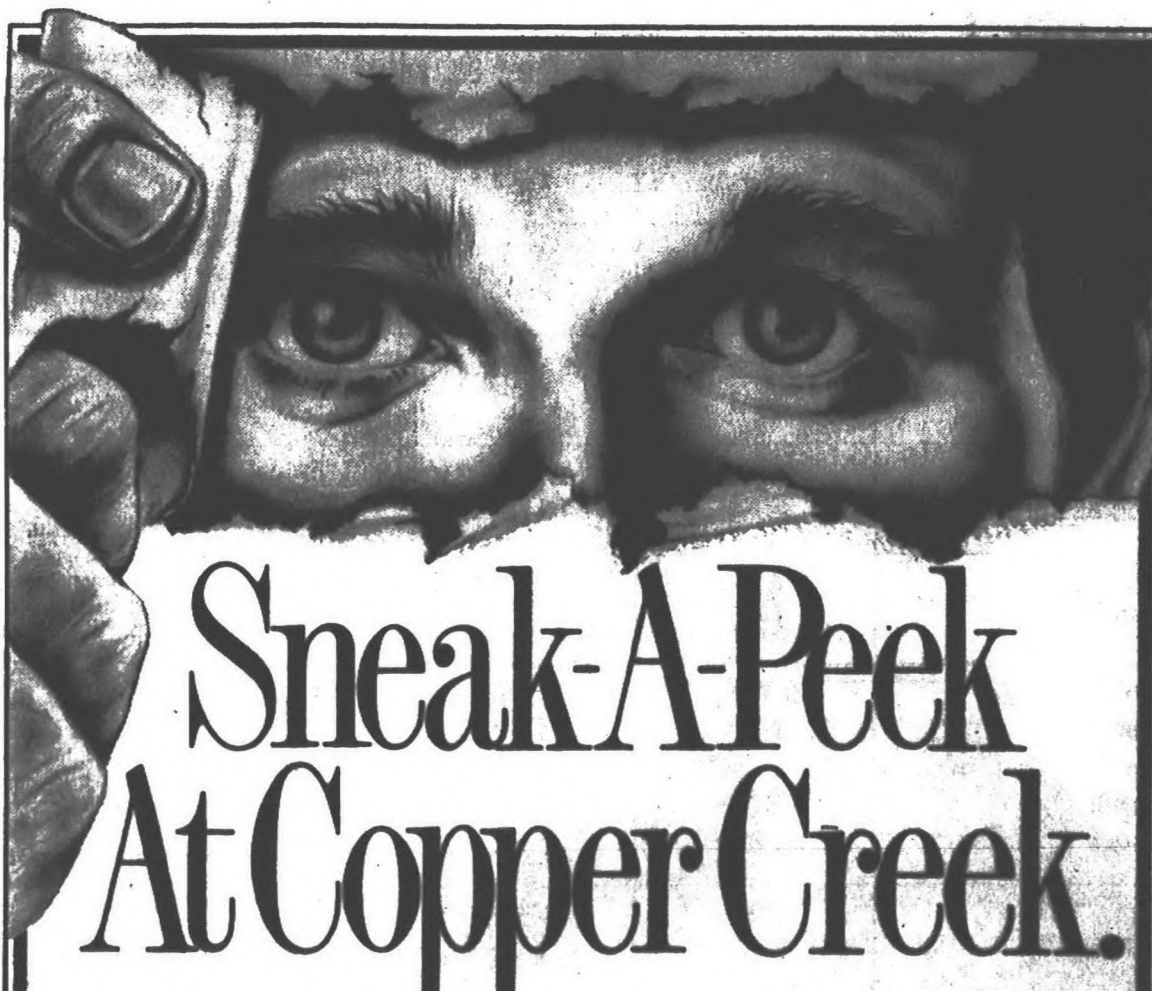
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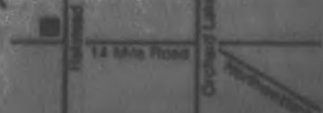
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Warding off woodpeckers

You've made the move to the "country" — at least to a subdivision where the trees have not all fallen to the bulldozer.

You like the dirt roads that keep the traffic down even as they keep the dust level up. And you congratulate yourself for building a home that blends in with the natural setting.

But one day as you walk around your house, you spot a row of dime-sized holes running horizontally along your wood siding, revealing you have bugs in the siding.

But the holes are not from the insects; they're from woodpeckers. Woodpeckers can do a great deal of damage to houses in the fall, according to Glenn Dudderar, extension wildlife specialist at Michigan State University.

When holes follow a discernible pattern, they mean the woodpeckers are pecking for insects they can hear inside or under the siding or trim.

Any of three kinds of woodpeckers may be involved. The downy woodpecker is a black and white, sparrow-sized bird.

The hairy woodpecker looks identical to the downy but is more the size of a robin. The flicker has a brown back, a spotted breast and a white rump and is slightly larger than a robin.

"The houses most often damaged are those that have plywood siding with grooves cut in it to make it look like rough-sawn planks," Dudderar says. "The grooves intersect the core gaps between the interior plies of the panels and provide entry for insects."

THE INSECTS go into the siding or under the corner trim over traditional clapboard siding. The pecking occurs when warm days following cold nights cause the insects to move around a little. Woodpeckers fly up to vertical surfaces and listen for insect movement. When they hear it, they peck through to where the insects are.

"As long as that vertical surface is a tree or a fence post, the pecking generally causes no problems," Dudderar says. "When it's the side of someone's house, the homeowner sees significant damage occurring and wants a quick solution."

Dudderar recommends spraying insecticide into the spaces where insects are hiding. But don't use a high-pressure sprayer.

"That kind of spraying is futile," he says. "You must spray directly in the openings to kill the insects. Then you need to seal all the openings in and around siding so that more insects don't move in."

If you don't want to use an insecticide, you can just seal the openings, but woodpeckers will continue to feed until the insects you sealed are dead.

Replacing the siding because it has insects is not only expensive, but it won't solve the problem if you replace it with siding that also provides hiding places for insects.

"Spraying the spaces and sealing the openings may be laborious, but it is effective," Dudderar says. "And it's a permanent solution to woodpeckers pecking on houses to find food."

WOODPECKERS PECKING out winter roosting cavities is another problem without a surefire solution.

Winter roosting cavities (or nesting cavities in spring) are considerably larger than the holes made in search of food. Depending on the woodpecker, they may range in size from the diameter of a 50-cent piece to that of a baseball. The bird may make several holes although it uses just one.

"The homeowner's first impulse is to plug the hole but that will just about guarantee the woodpecker will peck new ones," Dudderar says. "Seal the holes only after you've gotten rid of the woodpecker."

Sometimes starlings drive the woodpecker away from the cavity. The woodpecker then starts a new cavity.

Because woodpeckers are a valuable part of the environment, Dudderar urges homeowners to try frightening them away before trying anything else.

Hang strips of crumpled aluminum foil over the hole. Or hang an aluminum pie pan on a string so that it covers the hole. The flash of the foil or pan may repel the woodpecker.

ANOTHER TRICK is to put up a silhouette of an owl or a hawk. Bird repellent tape is also available. Contact your county extension office for information.

Or place masking tape around the hole and smear a thin coating of a sticky repellent on the tape. When the woodpecker is repelled, remove the tape and repair the hole. Be prepared to treat any new holes as soon as they are started.

You must change and vary your scare tactics every couple of days or the bird will get used to them. Be prepared to move your noisemakers to another section of the house if the woodpecker moves to another side.

If woodpeckers are after insects in the siding, frightening or killing the birds would give you only temporary relief — until another woodpecker came along and rediscovered the food source.

But if a woodpecker is making roosting cavities and frightening it doesn't work, the only course of action is to eliminate the problem bird or replace the siding with a non-wood type.

If you discover the only alternative is to kill the woodpecker, you must get a permit for your local conservation officer who will probably make sure you have tried a variety of scare tactics before issuing one.



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(AP) — The nation's attic — The Smithsonian Institution — and antique stores and museums around the world inspired many of the designs at the fall furniture market in High Point, N.C. At a difficult time for the furni-

ture industry, when business is spotty and several of the country's top department stores are on the sale block, manufacturers chose to emphasize traditional pieces that bear a well-known designer's name or recall another era.

The contemporary styles in wood are warm rather than stark, often embellished with inlays or a painted surface. In place of shiny chrome, softer bronze and pewter finishes characterize metal pieces. Rather than glass, natural and faux unpainted stone materials are used.

Sofas and chairs are clearly made for lounging. Both contemporary and traditional upholstered pieces are overstuffed and oversized with sausage-like arms, and they are slathered with deep cushions and extra throw pillows.

The American love affair with a romanticized representation of our past continues unabated. New American country pieces that borrow from the past but don't reproduce it were among the most popular at the market. Copies of styles from the last three centuries of English and American design are a close second. French themes and neoclassical styles such as Biedermeier are minor themes.

INDICATIVE OF the pragmatic nature of design today, two of the major new furniture groups combine several English periods (Century and Drexel). Another is "contemporary with many references to the past" in designer Charles Pfister's words (Baker). The Lexington group "combines French, English and Italian influences in every piece," according to designer Lynn Hollyn.

Henredon copied about 35 antiques from the plantations for its licensed Historic Natchez (Miss.) Foundation Collection. This group, like Lynn Hollyn's, includes a variety of coordinating fabrics and acces-

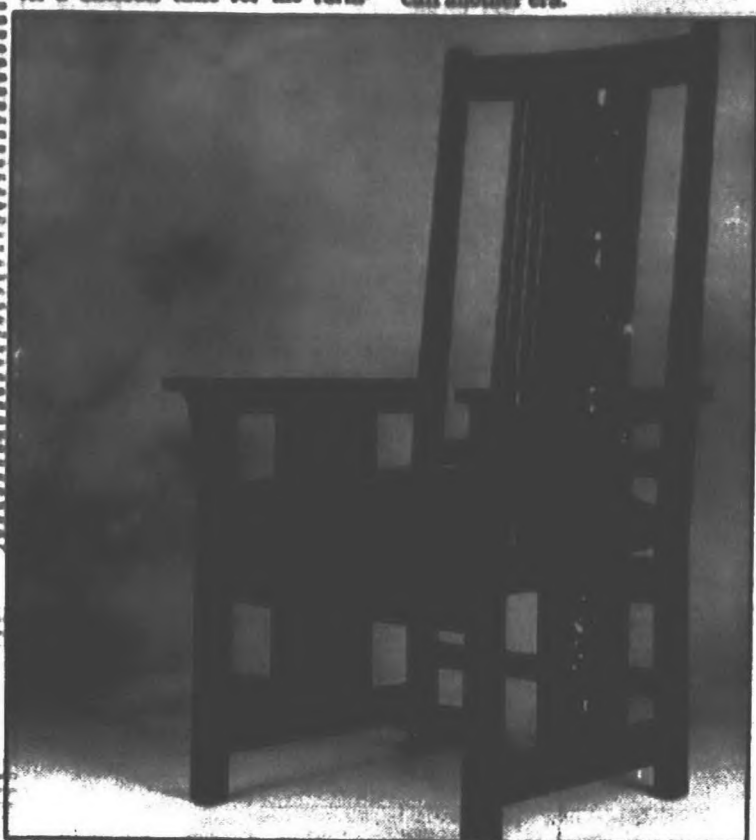
series.

The new furniture is designed to go with what most people already own. Manufacturers have finally learned that the majority of consumers buy furniture a piece at a time. So there's less stress on large "suites" meant to furnish an entire room. A new cedar chest by Lane is a good example of this trend. The chest, decorated with a silkscreen version of a mid-19th-century primitive painting, is part of the 200-piece America Collection licensed by the Museum of American Folk Art. But it is interesting enough to stand on its own.

Another example is the Turkish chair introduced by Century. The opulently upholstered overstuffed chair, a close copy of the original owned by the Smithsonian, looks as if it came from a banker's parlor. It's also an example of the trend toward reproducing 19th-century rather than 18th-century antiques.

Those hot up to buying even one new piece can update a room with accents in faux leopard skin. Mark Hampton selected leopard for an entire room display of his collection for Hickory Chair Co. to which several new pieces were added. But the fabric showed up as an accent in pillows or chair covers in virtually every stylish showroom from Drexel to Thayer Coggin. An oversize, fully upholstered ottoman was another common accent piece.

Upholstery fabrics moved in two main color directions: Jewel-like emerald, brilliant blue, red and eggplant, and clear bright florals in sunny yellow and blue or other flower-like colors used with white.



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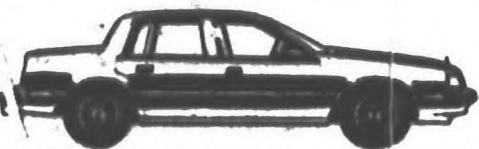
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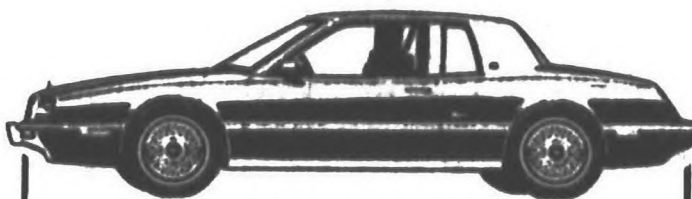
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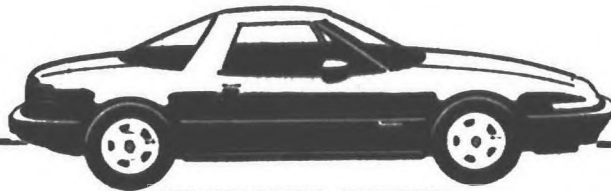
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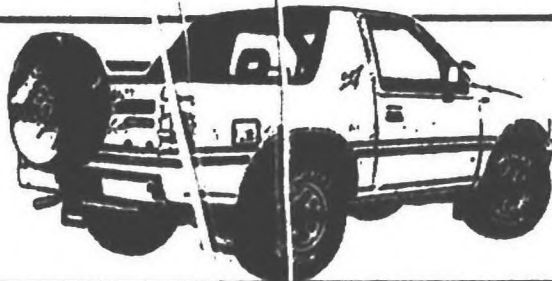


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