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Byrne to see audit before deciding on job

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The man picked to be Plymouth's new city manager has delayed his first executive decision.

"He's still unsure as to whether or not he wants to take the job," Mayor Dennis Bila told city commissioners at the Monday commission meeting.

And the commission is giving him two more weeks to decide.

Randy Byrne, 36, city manager of Grand Blanc since 1981, was selected Feb. 12 from a field of four finalists for the job. That field included William Graham, city finance director and acting city manager.

But Byrne expressed concern over the city's financial woes last week, while negotiating a contract with Plymouth officials.

"He's got every confidence that he can help us," Bila said Monday. But the mayor added, "He's not sure that he wants to."

"Randy Byrne would like to see the financial report before he makes a decision," Bila said. "We will give him that leeway."

Commissioners agreed to hire an outside auditing firm to review the city's finances. Bila said this review — which he said Byrne wants to see before making up his mind — should be completed in about two weeks.

"To delay that decision (hiring a manager) a couple more weeks wouldn't matter at this point," Bila said.

Commissioner Mary Childs disagreed.

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Firm to probe city's deficit

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The Plymouth City Commission has hired an outside auditor to try and solve the city's budget deficit.

Mayor Dennis Bila cited a "need to address our financial problems immediately" in hiring an outside auditor, as the man chosen to be the next city manager, Randy Byrne, has yet to decide whether or not to take the job.

City officials face a deficit of roughly \$250,000, sparked by a steep rise in trash dumping rates and increased health insurance costs.

In addition to hiring the outside auditing firm, Plante and Moran, Bila said, "We should have an immediate spending freeze on all items unless they're immediately necessary to provide a city service."

THE COMMISSION then delayed purchases scheduled for Monday, which included buying three new police cars at \$13,298 each.

Plante and Moran has "a great reputation for doing financial recovery programs," Bila said in recommending that the firm be hired. City officials estimated that hiring the firm will cost \$5,000 to \$10,000.

To begin working on the city's deficit before the arrival of the auditors, acting City Manager William Graham said, "We have at this point implemented a number of adjustments."

He is reviewing a list of budget cuts submitted by each city department head. "We are trying to do away with things we consider non-essential," he said.

GRAHAM SAID that the current millage, through which the city raises money to pay for trash dumping,

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Randy Byrne



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

A day at the opera

Fourth graders from the Plymouth-Canton schools were among 2,300 area students who enjoyed special performances of the opera "La Boheme" at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

In this scene, Alcindoro (right) is hopelessly in love with the flirtatious Musetta (left). For the story and more photos, please turn to Page 3A.

Plymouth man hopes late ticket hits the jackpot

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A Plymouth man who discovered too late that he held a lottery ticket worth \$1.5 million will be eternally grateful to State Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth, if the special appropriations bill he introduced last week is approved.

The longtime Plymouth resident, who has requested anonymity, bought a winning Super Lotto ticket Nov. 16, 1988. He tried to redeem the ticket, worth \$1,510,551, Nov. 20, 1989 — three days past the deadline.

"He buys tickets regularly at a local party store," said Law. "Apparently, a few tickets that he had got stuck or caught in the back of some papers in a drawer. He never noticed them until he was cleaning it out."

"The Lottery runs a lot of ads when they come due," added Law. "He happened to look at it, called the Lottery, and here we go — \$1.5 million and the odds are 7 million to one. He ran down the next day and was three days late."

Law said the self-employed winner, who keeps books for small businesses, "is a nice guy who's not wealthy. He showed me his income tax return, and he doesn't make a lot of money."

"He's very much the kind of guy you'd like to see win this thing — not

'He's very much the kind of guy you'd like to see win this thing — not a flaky kid who's going to run off to Tahiti.'

— Rep. Gerry Law

a flaky kid who's going to run off to Tahiti. We have that happen, which is fine, everyone can do what they want, but this guy is a faithful player of the Lottery.

"He has some medical expenses in his family — it happens to involve one of his children, so it would help out there."

STATE LAW prohibits the Lottery from honoring tickets past the deadline. Law's bill, currently in the general government sub-committee, would grant a one-time waiver and pay the man \$859,000 from the general fund. "We'd buy an annuity that would pay the \$1.5 million over 20 years," said Law.

Law, who has 18 co-sponsors including the head of the House Appropriations Committee, needs support from two-thirds of the House and

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Plan to improve parks would help city qualify for state aid

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

A need for soccer fields and improvements to the Plymouth Cultural Center and neighborhood parks highlight a list of proposed city parks and recreation needs.

That list, called an action program by the recreation master plan committee that developed it, was presented Monday to the city commission.

"We'll have to come back (to the commission) for money on specific projects," said Chuck Skene, parks and recreation director.

One reason for writing the plan is

to file it with the Department of Natural Resources to be eligible for state and federal money, he said.

Also, "It provides the city administration guidelines for future planning."

THE PLAN divides the city into four neighborhoods, and addresses local park needs in each area.

In neighborhood "A," in northwest Plymouth, parks planners recommend that an unfenced part of Colonial Kiwanis Park be enclosed with a four-foot chain-link fence "with a walk-through entrance to assure the continued safety of participants."

A multiple modern playground appa-

ratus should still be considered," according to the report.

In neighborhood "B," in northeast Plymouth, planners suggest that a service club take on improvements to the Holbrook and Caster playground.

In neighborhood "C" in southwest Plymouth, plans call for removing a Rotary Park backstop and installing a "multipurpose playground structure," adding a merry-go-round to Garden Club Park, and adding a shelter at Optimist Club Park.

In neighborhood "D" in southeast Plymouth, planners recommend fencing the east boundary of Lions Park and updating existing equipment, and replacing a jungle gym at Byron-Dewey Park with more modern playground equipment.

"SINCE OUR city is almost 100 percent developed, it is the recommendation of the committee to continue investigating use of industrial or county property within our community for the possible development of additional soccer fields," Skene said.

This spring, city officials plan to build three soccer fields on Ford Motor Co. property in Plymouth Township. To pay \$10,000 to make these fields, each participant in the soccer program will pay an extra \$2 per

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Movable mollusk

Boocater, a purple snail belonging to Rebecca Pratt, refused to race in the Great Snail Race. But the event was a record better as several other snails competed. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page 6A.

Legislator tries to help 'little guy' hit jackpot

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Senate — not just a simple majority — because the bill involves special appropriations.

Law hopes to set up a hearing for next week. He's been unable to get one scheduled because the subcommittee chairman has been out of the state.

LYNNE GALIA, director of public relations for the Lottery, said this marks "the first time ever that a valid ticket for an unclaimed jackpot has come in after the deadline date, which is one year. The law states a ticket cannot be paid on after the expiration date of one year."

The Lottery isn't taking a position on Law's bill. "But the Lottery will uphold whatever decision is made by the Legislature," Galia said. "If they decide this ticket should be paid on, we will definitely pay it."

IT'S TOUGH TO SAY what the man's chances will be, Law said. "We will work as hard as we can. I

don't want to say he hasn't got a chance or it's a cinch, because we're going into the budget season.

"It can get a little tricky," said Law. "But all of the legislators with whom I've talked to with the exception of one have been very supportive."

If the bill is defeated, "the state is really going to look cheap," added Law.

"Since it's such a rare occasion, why not help out the little guy? Government is so large we hardly every deal with the individual any more. This may not ever happen again. Hopefully we can do something."

The winner, who chose the numbers 1-2-3-23-26-44, bought his ticket at Schulz Cap-N-Cork party store on Five Mile Road in Northville Township.

Unclaimed jackpots are added to the state's school aid fund. Only six other jackpots have gone unclaimed since the Lotto game started in 1984, said Galia.

Trash, insurance costs hurting city

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doesn't raise enough money to handle the Arbor Hills Landfill increase announced last fall.

"We should look at changing the method by which we take care of solid waste disposal," Graham said at the Monday commission meeting.

He said a user fee, added to residents' water bills, "allows you to keep up with the solid waste operators," when they increase rates.

"We have reason to believe refuse costs are going to rise again in the spring," Graham added.

Citing an increase in health insurance costs for city employees, Graham said, "We are currently looking at another supplier of the same service."

BY SWITCHING to another insurer, the city could save \$100,000 with "no reduction in service," he said.

Commissioner Mary Childs was the lone commissioner voting against hiring an auditing firm.

"You're talking about a deficit and you're hiring Plante and Moran at \$150 an hour, and it is not going to

take an hour," she said.

But commissioner Ron Lottelle said a "fresh approach" was needed. Commissioner Jerry Verve said that while two emergencies sparked the deficit — increased trash dumping

and health insurance rates — "Our financial situation was not in good order to handle this emergency."

Commissioner John Vos said, "Plante and Moran has a nationwide

reputation. I think it's sorely needed."

The commission is scheduled to review the budget in a public study session at 2 p.m. Friday at city hall.

City gives first choice for manager 2 more weeks to decide about job

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"I guess I'm really very, very, very disappointed," she said.

"The big thing you were all touting was his financial expertise. Now I find that really, Randy wants us to do all the work."

Bila said he was also frustrated over the delay in hiring a city manager.

The day after his selection, Byrne said "I was elated" to be picked for the job. Byrne could not be reached for comment in Grand Blanc on Tuesday.

Some commissioners cited Byrne's enthusiasm for coming to Plymouth in choosing him to succeed former

city manager Henry Graper, who resigned in May, 1989.

While discussing a contract with Bila and Commissioner Ralph (Jack) Kenyon last week, he was presented with copies of the city's recent audit report and budget.

"I know he has concerns," Bila said.

Bila said the city manager selection committee — Bila, Kenyon, Commissioner James Jabara and former commissioner Robert Jones — visited Byrne in Grand Blanc on Saturday.

"He's very concerned about our financial condition," the mayor said.

Nancy Davis, editor of the Grand Blanc News, said that when she talked to Byrne last week, "He said that he's real attached to Grand Blanc and it would be hard to leave."

Teen's handgun turns out to be toy

What was reported to be a handgun in a teen's clothing turned out to be a plastic toy gun, after police investigated Friday.

A caller told Plymouth Township police at 2 p.m. that she saw two teens walking near Haggerty Road, and one had a handgun.

An officer responded to the call, saw the two at Haggerty and Massey Drive, and ordered them not to move, the police report said.

The officer discovered the gun was a toy.

PHONE THREATS: Although she's changed her phone number twice, a 39-year-old Plymouth Township woman is still getting calls from an ex-boyfriend who claims "if he can't have her, no one can," the woman told township police.

Plan for upgrading city parks

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season over the next four years, Skene said.

If land can be found for more soccer fields, "it is the committee's recommendation that the city first investigate state funding for the project before passing the entire cost on to the participants," Skene said.

THE COMMITTEE is also seeking other improvements (see box page 1A) that would be paid for by the municipal building authority.

Others serving on the recreation plan committee, besides Skene, are Robert Jones, planning commissioner; Mary Childs, city commissioner; soccer coach Craig Evans; Tracy Gottschalk, Northville assistant parks and recreation director; softball and basketball enthusiast James McLennan; and Tom Willette, Plymouth's assistant parks and recreation director.

All committee members live in Plymouth.

● Twice a week is better

crime watch

The woman said the man also has followed her to her job. Police suggested that she contact Michigan Bell about a phone trace.

BOAT MOTOR STOLEN: A Canton woman, 58, went to a storage facility on Eckles Road on Saturday, and found wires leading from her boat motor to the boat had been cut and the motor stolen, she told police.

Police are investigating the theft of the Mariner engine, valued at \$1,000.

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Four struggling artists living in Paris at the turn of the century are told by their landlord (right) that their rent is three months late.

Students tune in to opera

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

The New York City Opera National Company's presentation of "La Boheme" drew rave reviews Monday from more than 600 Plymouth-Canton fourth-graders. The students were among more than 2,300 young people from four counties invited to two special performances.

With sponsorship from Plymouth Community Arts Council and parent-teacher organizations, the youngsters attended the abbreviated opera at the University of Michigan's Power Center for the Performing Arts. The performance was presented by the University Musical Society's Young People's Program, designed to cultivate awareness and interest in the performing arts.

IT MARKED THE first time the opera company has ventured outside New York schools to stage the edu-

cational program, which combines actual scenes with explanations regarding the performers, storyline, music, sets, lighting, costuming and audience etiquette.

La Boheme, by Giacomo Puccini, tells the story of the lives and loves of four impoverished artists living in Paris in the early 19th century. Regular performances were presented Feb. 17 and 18 at the Power Center as part of the company's 49-city tour.

The Italian opera, which premiered in February, 1896, was a hit with the young set.

"I thought it was wonderful how they sing," said Kristi Cooper of Hulsing Elementary.

"Some of the people were very pretty," said her classmate Christina Bradford.

Hulsing fourth-grader Nicole Young "liked the characters and how they acted."

Tracy Buescher "thought it was funny in some of the parts."

Holly Peleshok said, "I think it was really good. I like the way they changed the scenery."

For the company members, of course, the daytime shows meant giving up some free time. But they didn't seem to mind.

"This is the audience of tomorrow," said conductor Mark Gibson, a New Jersey-born graduate of the University of Michigan's music school. "We should share this with them. It's a great experience."

IT WAS GIBSON'S idea to send to teachers months ahead of time the music to the piece sung at the end of the second act so that students could join in. It worked. More than 1,000 voices were raised in song including those of a handful of students chosen to don costumes and join the actors on stage.

"The involvement of young people

on stage was an exceptional thing to do," said Jo Hulce. Hulce, founder of the Plymouth Community Arts Council and a member of the Musical Society's advisory board, recruited volunteers to help out on the field trip.

"It was a very nice combination of an educational program and an introduction to opera."

Actor Gregory Powell who plays Schaunard, one of the main characters in the opera, enjoyed doing the special show.

"There's definitely a different energy level. We felt the license to try a few things out. I think we're going to talk about leaving some of them in."

Nancy Kelly, the opera company's director of education, said the "cast enjoyed having the kids up on stage. They also enjoy seeing the reaction of children. They're an extremely honest audience with no preconceived notions."



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Students and teachers from Hulsing Elementary were among the 600-plus Plymouth-Canton representatives at "La Boheme," an opera performed by the New York City Opera National Company at the University of Michigan Power Center in Ann Arbor Monday.

Schools: Give crossing guard tab to communities

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

The Plymouth-Canton school board wants local units of government to pick up the tab for school crossing guards. Right now, under the terms of a 1981 consent judgment, the school district pays half the cost. Crossing guard salaries and benefits cost the school \$52,929 last year.

The board voted unanimously last week to direct school district attorneys to modify the consent judgment and transfer responsibility for school crossing guards to the municipalities.

As it stands, "in the event an accident were to occur to a student which was preventable by the crossing guard, the school district could be accountable for such negligence without the benefit of governmental immunity," said Ray Hoedel, the schools' associate superintendent for business.

Superintendent John Hoben told board members the district's liability stems from staffing crossing guards who don't have police power.

"We're trying to get our attorneys to get something agreed to by the court to relieve us of legal liability," said board president Dean Swartzwelter.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Supervisor Maurice Brees said school officials "are obfuscating this whole thing."

"The main issue is dollars. This would mean \$50,000 more in their pocket, and they want to unload the liability."

"There may be a liability issue, but then there is a liability issue in every action."

"There's nothing wrong with transferring responsibility to what individual communities — that's what the statute in fact does," said Breen, who is an attorney.

But if the schools are contending that crossing guards don't have arrest power, "that's kind of goofy. If

that's their reason, they really are reaching. They wouldn't have arrest power under our jurisdiction or theirs."

"If that's their purpose, they shouldn't be wasting taxpayers' money, period."

Under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, failure to obey a crossing guard is a misdemeanor. The law also says that "school crossing guards shall be the responsibility of the local law enforcement agency having immediate jurisdiction of the crossing."

School district attorney Dennis Pollard recommended to board members that a motion be filed amending the consent judgment requiring the district to provide crossing guards to "bring it into conformance with the current state of the law."

One needn't be a police officer to seek court action against a driver who commits the misdemeanor, said Breen.

"It's quite clear that what they're saying is that taking down the license number of the vehicle which did not stop is sufficient to get the driver into court to prove he wasn't driving. So there is no need for someone with immediate power of arrest."

"The system has been working just fine. I still think the thrust of the lawsuit is dollars," said Breen.

PAUL SINCOCK, assistant to the Plymouth city manager, said he's aware there's a controversy over who will pay and who has jurisdiction over the crossing guards.

"But ultimately, it is the same person who pays — the taxpayer," said Sincock. "It's just a matter of which pot it comes out of." The issue will be referred to the city officials and the risk management team for review, he said.

While the Plymouth Township board ultimately will decide a course of action, Breen says it makes no sense for local governments to take over the operation of the school crossing guard program.

"Does it make any sense in a district that covers at least three different communities? Who is going to dictate hours of employment and all that? It doesn't make much sense."

CANTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Tom Yack said local units of government wouldn't willingly change the consent agreement because, "in effect, it would mean that their taxpayers would be paying more for school crossing guard service."

"You really could look at it as coming out of same person's pocket. If we relent and take over total responsibility, that means the dollars the taxpayers have given us to provide local services would be diminished by whatever it would cost to pay the full shot for the crossing guards," said Yack, a member of the Plymouth-Canton school board for 11 years, and president for four years.

"We really have not researched the issues they have raised relative to liability," he said. "It's their attorney who's advised them that they've become liable or more liable because they're operating the school crossing guard program."

"I don't know if that's a position they can sustain or not. I'm sure at some point there will be a hearing before a judge."

CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY director John Santomauro says determining whether to go along with the schools' request isn't for him to decide.

"Whether we as Canton choose to go along with that is really a political decision, and not one that the public safety director makes. But we are not going to have Canton police officers acting as crossing guards."

Yack said that sometime after the consent agreement was signed, "there started to be discussion that it should all be shifted over because that's the way it's done most places."

"I think they don't want to take on more liability than they have to."

Area bowlers to aid Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, with offices at 20755 Greenfield Suite 801 in Southfield, will have its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake March 4-11 at bowling centers throughout the tri-county area.

The bowl-a-thon raises money to support the group's activities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Last year more than 1,000 peo-

ple bowled in the event which raised more than \$93,000.

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The man picked to be Plymouth city manager wants two more weeks to decide whether to take the job. Should the commission wait?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Post Office downtown.



'He should have the two weeks.'
— Margaret Churchill
Former Plymouth resident



'Give him the two weeks, why not?'
— Heather Hacker
Plymouth



'I think they should give him two weeks.'
— Tiffany Loftis
Plymouth



'I think he should give an answer immediately if he wants the job — Give it to someone else.'
— Bill Baxter
Salem Township



'I think they should offer it to somebody else.'
— Gloria Loudy
Northville



'He should have known if he wanted the job or not — Give it to someone else.'
— Bonnie West
Plymouth



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Clean up

Last week's snow and ice storm is only a memory to most of us, but not to crews who are still hammering away at the ice. Here a plow from Rollin Landscaping pushes ice around at a Plymouth shopping center.

carrier of the month Plymouth

Wendy Allan, 13, has been named Carrier of the Month for February by the Plymouth Observer.

Wendy, an 8th grade student at Central Middle School, is the daughter of Paul and Donna Allan.

Her favorite subjects in school are English, French and math. Her hobbies are water skiing, tubing, jobbing and swimming.

She plans on attending college.

She said she likes her route because she can meet people and earn extra money. In doing that route, she said she has learned how to deal with the public.

She said other young people could benefit from a route because you learn how to work for goals and achieve them.

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Wendy Allan

Tips still sought for stolen rare bird

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

The bird hasn't been returned to its nest and Pat Stocker is worried. In fact, the owner of Seaport Pet Shop, is offering a \$500 reward with the hope that someone will return the rare African Gray Parrot that was stolen during a break-in at the store early last Friday.

The 8-week-old bird requires hand feeding from a syringe and could have a difficult time surviving on its own, according to Stocker.

"By now it's been three or four days and I don't know how much longer the bird can live without food," Stocker said Tuesday.

'By now it's been three or four days and I don't know how much longer the bird can live without food.'

—Pat Stocker

Newspaper and television accounts about the bird-napping failed to generate any calls or tips at the store, Stocker said Tuesday. Police reported several telephone calls but no solid leads in the case.

Stocker said the reward money is being put up by the store's fish distributor, Sunlight Tropicals. It will

be given for the safe return of the bird or information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever stole it, Stocker said.

STOCKER REPEATED Tuesday that if the thief returned the bird alive "there would be no questions asked" and no charges pressed.

The parrot, valued at \$1,200, was

the only thing stolen in the break-in at the store, 2020 N. Wayne Road, police said.

Police were called to the store at 2:23 a.m. Friday by a passerby who reported the front door open.

Officers reported a 28-inch baseball bat, apparently used to break the glass in the front door, was lying on the floor with an open birdcage nearby.

An unidentified man who came into the store Thursday and admired the bird for several minutes is a suspect, police said.

obituaries

GARNET L. HENDERLONG Services for Garnet L. Henderlong, 85, of Livonia were Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Harry J. Will Trust 100 Funeral Home in Livonia. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Henderlong was born July 9, 1904, in Sardis, Ohio. She died Saturday, Feb. 17, in Livonia.

Mrs. Henderlong is survived by six sons, Raymond of Montrose, N.Y.,

Calvin of Spring Hill, Fla., Manuel of Detroit, Harold of Farmington Hills, Donald of Livonia and Vernon of Brighton; three daughters, Norma McLellan of Farmington, Betty L. Simmons of Livonia and Shirley Hack of Canton; four sisters, Virginia Wagenheim of Wheeling, W. Va., Roberta Hoskins of Canton, Ohio, Evelyn Kakreuth of Wheeling, W. Va., and Nerle Winkler of Sardis, Ohio.

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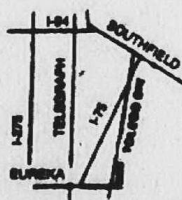
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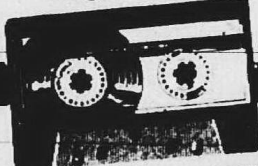
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Gibson students (from left) John Rivard, Beth Gonzales and Steven Kreis prepare items for the school's fund-raising auction on March 3. John is packing an Italian basket filled with the flavors of old Italy while Beth and Steven put the finishing

touches on "Gibson's Garden," which includes a starter garden and gardening accessories. The redwood picnic table on which the students are working will also be on the auction block.

JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Students to seed 'Gibson garden'

Students at Gibson School for the Gifted are looking forward to this year's fund-raising auction because they've had a hand in making some of the gifts on the auction block.

Each class has chosen a project to donate to the annual auction set for Saturday, March 3, at the University of Michigan-Deansboro.

Classroom donations range from "Gibson's Garden: The Gift that Keeps on Giving," a middle school class starter garden grown by students and including a variety of gardening accessories, to "A Chocolate Lover's Fantasy," contributed by the youngest class in the school and featuring an assortment of homemade chocolate treats.

Other student donations include the Cub Scout package, a bird feeder made by Gibson's Cub Scout Troop 300, Den 1, a set of tie-dyed napkins and napkin rings made by Gibson's Junior Girl Scouts (the package includes Girl Scout calendars and cookies) and travel tote filled with

children's activities donated by Room 13.

This year's auction, "Reach for the Sky," will be held 7-11 p.m. in the UM-D Recreation and Organization Center. A silent auction will precede and follow the live auction which begins at 8 p.m.

Other items to be auctioned include hot air balloon rides, backstage passes to the Downtown Bandstand, a week's stay at an ocean front condominium, a weekend in Frankemuth, antique jewelry, a racing helmet autographed by Jackie Stewart, and many gift certificates for dining, theater and sporting events.

Advance tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Proceeds from the auction will be used to benefit Gibson's program for the 1990-1991 school year.

For reservations or other auction information, call Carol Green at 868-8688.

Candidate, ballot deadlines move up

Filing deadlines for political candidates are three weeks earlier this year, the secretary of state's office announced.

Michigan changed its laws because the U.S. government said troops overseas and on submarines had too little time to obtain and return their absentee ballots.

Aug. 7 is the primary election for partisan offices such as governor, U.S. senator and representative, state legislators and township offices, as well as for non-partisan district, circuit and probate judges. It is also election time for precinct delegates to county political party conventions.

Here are major new dates:

April 9, by 5 p.m. — Incumbent judges (other than Supreme Court justices) to file affidavits of candidacy.

May 8, by 4 p.m. — Candidates for county convention delegate ("pre-

cinct delegate") to file petitions with county clerk.

May 11, by 4 p.m. — Withdrawal deadline for candidates for precinct delegate.

May 15 — Deadline to place local questions on the primary ballot to be filed with county or local clerks.

May 15, by 4 p.m. — Candidates for partisan and non-partisan offices to file nominating petitions (or fees) for the primary election.

May 18, by 4 p.m. — Withdrawal deadline for the primary.

By June 23 — County committees of major political parties to call county conventions.

July 9 — Last date to register for primary election.

July 27 — Pre-primary campaign statements to be filed.

Aug. 4, by 2 p.m. — Deadline to apply for an absent voter ballot by mail.

Aug. 7 — Primary election.

GOP's property tax relief bid fails

By Tim Richard
staff writer

House Republicans failed Tuesday to tie homeowner property tax relief to the renewal of Detroit's tax on utility bills. But the GOP came up with a party line vote to use as an election year issue.

"We should negotiate it (property tax relief) at the same time as the utility," Rep. Susan Grimes Munsell, R-Howell, told the House Taxation Committee.

But on an 8-8 party line vote, the panel rejected Munsell's amendment to tie-bar renewal of the Detroit utility tax to her bill to increase state rebates to homeowners with high property taxes.

"I'm a co-sponsor of it (Munsell's bill)," said Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, "and I have difficulty with that linkage."

One witness in the all-day hearing gave the issue an undertone of gubernatorial politics.

IF MUNSELL'S tie-bar had received the necessary 10 votes, the Detroit tax couldn't become law until her property tax relief bill was passed.

Kosteva and Rep. Maxine Bertram, D-Southfield, voted with their party and Detroit members, who said the issues weren't related and shouldn't be tied.

Late Tuesday, the panel reported out the utility tax to the full House.

A similar bill is in the Senate Finance Committee.

THE MUNSELL bill would have cost the state \$349 million in general fund revenue to make up for reduced property taxes. It would:

- Increase the state rebate to homeowners who pay high property taxes — in excess of 3.5 percent of income. The bill would hike the rebate to 75 percent of the excess from the current 60 percent.

- Increase the portion of rent assumed to be property tax from 17 to 20 percent.

- Increase the maximum rebate from \$1,200 to \$2,600 per year, and index the maximum to the consumer price index in metropolitan Detroit.

"Inevitable," nodded Rep. Nelson Saunders, D-Detroit, in sympathetic agreement, "but I don't like seeing it tie-barred to this bill."

"As a minority," said Rep. William Bryant, R-Grosse Pointe, "we've been unsuccessful in getting another look at the property tax credit."

THE DETROIT issue reached crisis proportions when Wayne Circuit

Judge Marvin Stempien ruled two weeks ago that the city had illegally collected the tax since mid-1988 because the state enabling law expired.

Ironically, Stempien had been a Democratic state representative from Livonia and a member of the House leadership circle when the original enabling law was passed in 1970 and was the Democrats' 1988 nominee for the state Supreme Court.

Unless the bill is re-enacted and survives a constitutional test, Detroit will have to pay back some \$100 million in over-collections of taxes on natural gas, telephone and electricity bills.

To an average household over the 19-month contested period, the pay-backs would amount to \$155 — \$43 for electricity, \$33 for telephone and \$79 for gas.

Detroit budget director Walter Stecher said the law is worth \$52 million a year and is earmarked for use in the \$326 million police department budget.

The city already faces an \$81 million deficit which would swell to \$181 million if the Court of Appeals upholds Stempien and orders a pay-back.

"We're paying for it ourselves," said the sponsor, Rep. Morris Hood, D-Detroit. "We're not asking suburbanites for help."

Detroit Democrats blamed the federal government under Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush for eliminating revenue sharing.

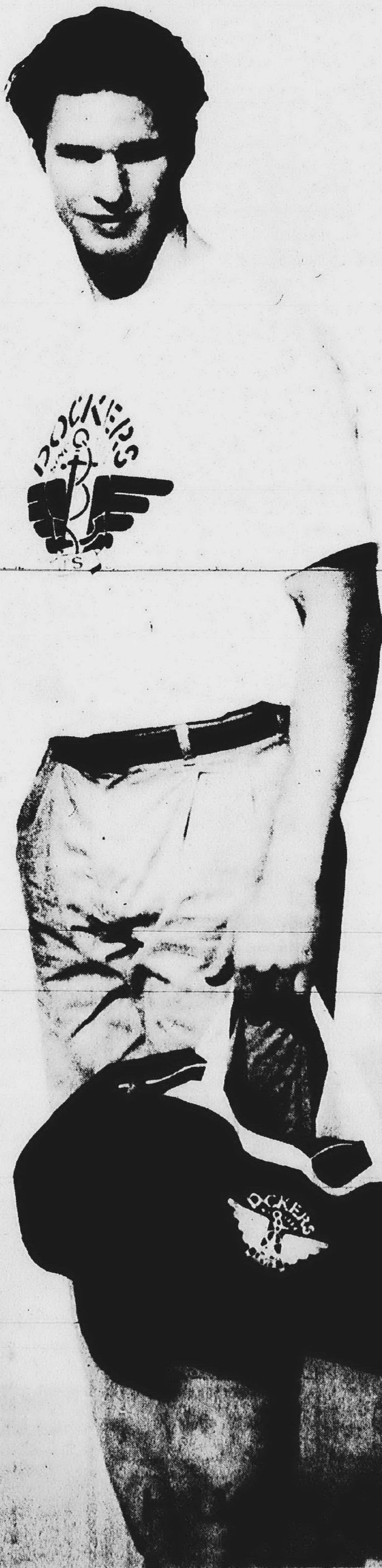
THE GUBERNATORIAL politics came in when Hillsdale College economics Prof. Gary Wolfram attacked Detroit's tax burden so "extremely high" that it's depressing property values and causing people to leave.

A free market conservative, Wolfram for years was a state Senate fiscal analyst and close associate of GOP gubernatorial candidate John Engler.

Wolfram also attacked the bill as "a new act" that would have to be approved by Detroit voters under the 1978 Headlee tax limitation amendment. "Someone's going to challenge it for lack of voter approval," he said.

Detroit's lawyer, however, said the bill was written to express continuity of tax authority. Carl Von Ende asked for no amendments so that a "clean bill" could be presented to Stempien. The judge has stayed his repayment order to Feb. 27 to give the city time to appeal and seek new legislation.

Republican Bryant failed to win approval of an amendment to require an election.



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Alex Warden coaches his entrant in the Great Snail Race.

Snail race proves more than shell game as records set

LOOK OUT WORLD! Vern and Pretator, snails owned by West Middle School students Eric Yarger and George Allison, respectively, have unofficially broken the Guinness world racing record, says science teacher Sally DeRoo. Results and a video are on their way to the Guinness Book of Records.

Tuesday's Great Snail Race, certified by Tim Pierce of the mollusk division of University Museums in

Ann Arbor, took place on a wooden 33-centimeter track constructed by West custodians Ted Cowger and Jeff Becker.

Vern's record time was two minutes and 13 seconds. The existing world record, set in 1988 by a garden snail named Tracker in Norfolk, England, is two minutes, 31 seconds. Tracker won a silver tankard stuffed with lettuce leaves for his efforts.

Pretator's pace of two minutes, 27 seconds, also smashed the world

record, according to Pierce, the official timer.

Yarger's and Allison's snails outperformed more than 20 other snails.

"Some snails refused to do anything. Seventeen snails raced. But there were 22 contestants," said DeRoo, who teaches life science.

The race was the culmination of an extended project, DeRoo said.

"The students have been raising these snails for a couple years," said DeRoo. "Kids have growth records. They've kept the weight of snails and measured their belly feet."

The snails also have been on strict training diets, added DeRoo.

"Some of the snails like cucumbers. Some prefer parsley, and others lettuce. They all have to have eggshells or bone meal to keep their shells firm."

"The snails have a very good sense of smell, so they have different tastes of things they like."

DeRoo's ninth-grade class studies the habitats and life patterns of animals. But the snail project has been so popular "it's sort of caught on with all the kids," said DeRoo.



photos by GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Eric Yarger's champion snail Vern set an unofficial Guinness world record. Tim Pierce of the University of Michigan (right) acted as official timer.

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by

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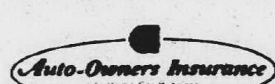
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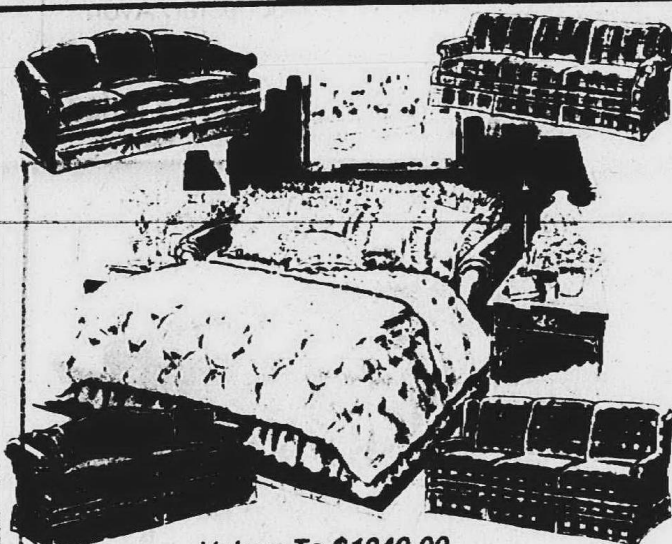
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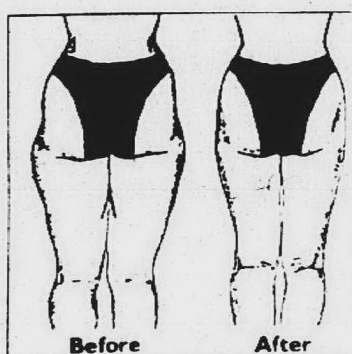
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Good timing

Change in routine results in rescue

By Bill Cooper
staff writer

For some reason that James Chapman can't explain, he altered his normal lunch routine Monday afternoon and ended up in the right place at the right time to lead a 79-year-old Redford Township woman from her smoke-filled house just minutes before it burst into flames.

"It was ironic," said Chapman, a 45-year-old Westland resident who owns Talley TV and Radio Service on Joy just east of Telegraph in Redford.

"Normally, I go for lunch at about 11:30 a.m. I usually walk across the street to a drug store for a can of soup that I prepare in my shop."

"Today (Monday), I decided to wait until noon for my part-time guy to come to work, but I have no idea why I waited," said Chapman, who has worked at the repair shop for 27 years and has owned it for 24 years.

"I was crossing Joy on my way to the drug store and I saw smoke pouring out of Mrs. (Helen) Furtak's

chimney and roof. I've been in business there so long that I know many of the people who live around me."

CHAPMAN SAID he went to Furtak's house, in the 8800 block of Dale behind his shop, where he found her standing near the front door in her single-story brick house.

"The thing you have to know about her is that she only has vision for about eight feet and she has difficulty walking. When I got to her door, I said, 'Mrs. Furtak, this is Jim from the TV shop, we have to go.' She knew something was burning, but she couldn't see and she was confused."

"She asked me to see what was burning," Chapman said. "But I told her we had to go and I took her by the arm and led her out of the house. We just got out of the house and it (the fire) took off."

"If I wouldn't have waited to go for lunch, I would have never seen the smoke coming from her house because I can't see her home from inside my shop."

Chapman said he took Furtak to a neighbor's house, from where Redford firefighters were called.

FURTAK, WHO was home alone at the time the fire started in the basement of her home, was not injured, Redford Fire Inspector Robert Nadon said.

She lives with her husband, Aloysius, 69, who was not home at the time the fire started, Nadon said.

"We think the fire started from an electrical problem in the basement but the cause is still under investigation," Nadon said. "The fire spread rapidly from the basement to the main floor of the house and gutted both levels."

Damage is estimated at about \$75,000 but the home is insured, Nadon said.

The Furtaks are living with their son-in-law in Southfield, Chapman said.

"He came by the shop to thank me for helping Mrs. Furtak," Chapman said.

military news

NAVY LT. PAUL L. MCKINSTRY, son of Nancy R. Simpson of Canton, participated in the decommissioning of the guided missile destroyer USS Henry S. Wilson, homeported in San Diego. A 1981 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1985 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he joined the Navy in May 1985.

ARMY PRIVATE GARY R. PAUL has arrived for duty in West Germany. He is a military police specialist with the 529th Military Police Company. He is the son of Diane A. Paul and grandson of Homer C. Hildreth of Westland. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

AIRMAN JULIE A. POSIGIAN has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Posigian is the daughter of Wendy C. Kennedy of Inkster and David V. E. Posigian of Plymouth. She is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

JEFFREY PRYSLAK of Canton, son of Stephen and Diane Pryslak, has been nominated by U.S. Rep. William D. Ford for the entering Class of 1990 at the U.S. Air Force and Military Academy.

PVT. FELIX A. ROBERTSON has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He is the son of Ora L. and Felix Robertson of Canton and is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School.

ARMY RESERVE PVT. KAREN L. SWALLEY, daughter of Janet J. Swalley of Lillian, Ala. and John C. Swalley of Canton, has graduated from the cargo specialist course at the U.S. Army Transportation School in Fort Eustis, Va. She is a 1989 graduate of Foley High School, Alabama.

ARMY PVT. STEPHANIE M. TELLIER has arrived for duty in West Germany. She is a petroleum supply specialist with the 3rd Infantry Division. Tellier is the daughter

of Robert E. and Dawn M. Tellier of Canton, and wife of John Tellier. The private is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

PVT. ROBERT A. AUSTIN has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. Austin is the son of Cassandra L. Speir and stepson of Robert J. Speir of Plymouth. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

NAVY SEAMAN RECRUIT JOSEPH M. MILLER, son of Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller of Canton has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He joined the Navy in September 1989.

MARINE PVT. JAMES W. LEWIS, son of Shirley A. and stepson of Robert F. Truesdell of Canton has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. A 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1989.



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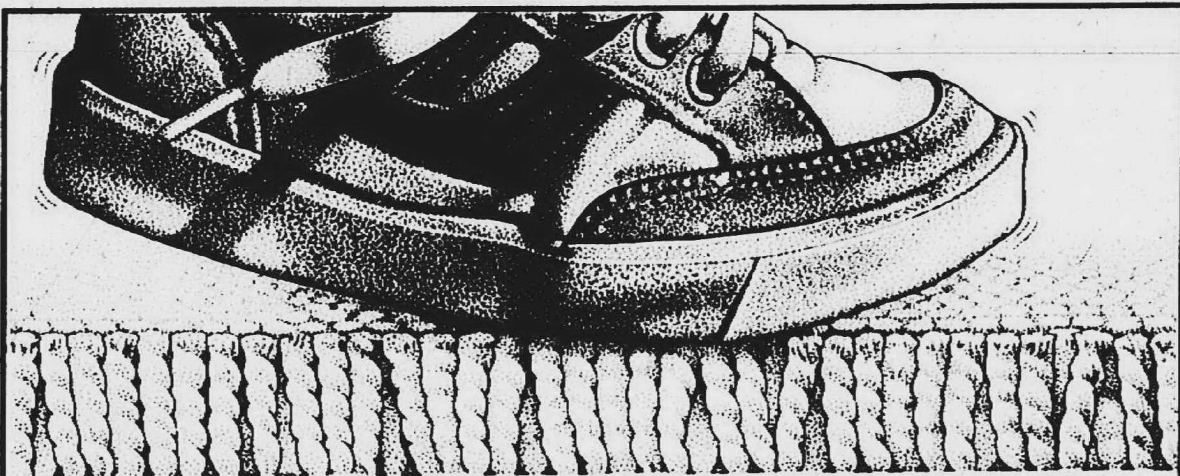
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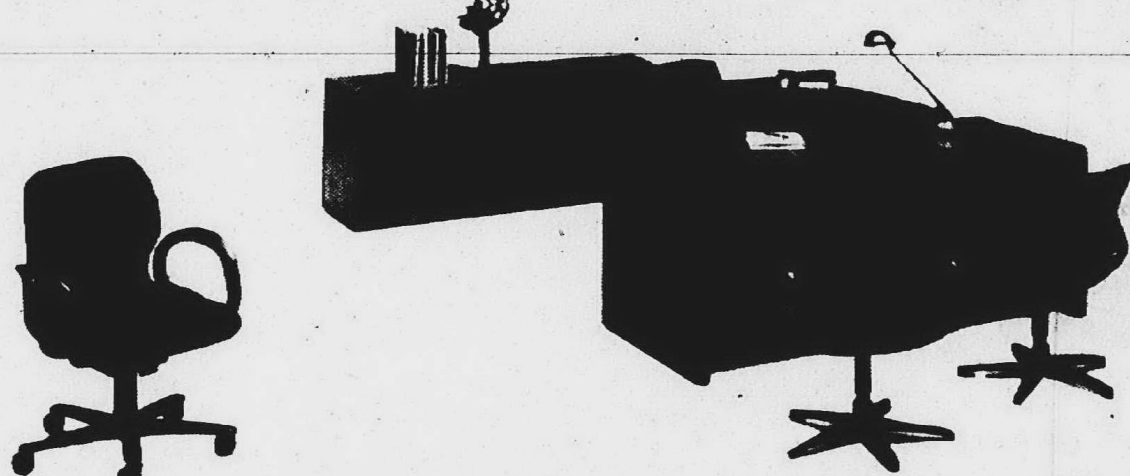
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Group, 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 22 at 110 E. Warren in Detroit. Call Annamary Morgan at 833-0710, Ext. 235.

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Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Plymouth-Canton LaLoche League is offering a series of four monthly meetings at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. The meeting discussions will include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Books on childbirth, childcare and breastfeeding will be available. Call 455-1374 or 455-6528.

Literacy workshop
Saturday, Feb. 24 — The Western Wayne County Literacy Council is having a tutor training workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Canton Library. Call 427-6444 for further information.

Women's therapy group
Women's adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families therapy group is now forming at Growth Works in Plymouth. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Scott Levely at 455-1902.

Sports

Men's Racquetball
Starts Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a 10-week spring

league Wednesdays at Rose Shores of Canton, 7:30-9 p.m. Price is \$64 per person. Register in person or by mail: Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 41180.

Softball
Saturday, Feb. 24 — The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department will have softball informational meetings (men's, women's, coed) for 1990 slow-pitch softball leagues at Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Men's leagues meet at 10 a.m.; women's leagues, 10:30 a.m.; coed, 11 a.m. Call 397-5110.

Feb. 27-March 30 — Canton Parks and Recreation Softball Team registration dates and fees are as follows: Men: Returning teams, Feb. 27-March 9; New teams, March 12-23; \$200 all leagues. Women: All teams, March 1-30; \$200. Coed: Returning teams, March 1-14; New teams, March 15-30; \$240. Fees must be paid in full at the Recreation office at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Senior Classes

Canton Recreation Center
Free leisure classes are sponsored by Wayne County Community College: painting, ceramics and woodcarving, 12:30 p.m. Mondays; crafts, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays; genealogy,

meets 1 p.m. first Wednesday of each month; machine quilting, 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 397-5446.

Seniors

Trips
Tuesday, March 13 — Canton Seniors are going to see the Royal Hanneford Circus at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Price of \$4 includes transportation. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center. Call 397-5446.

Monday, March 19 — Canton Seniors will be traveling to see the Ink-spots at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenth. Price of \$29.50 includes transportation, chicken dinner, the show and tour of the city. Seniors will leave the Recreation Center at 8:45 a.m. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center.

Friday, May 11 — Canton Seniors will travel to Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg, Pa., for a five-day, four-night trip. Price is \$415. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center.

Thursday, March 1 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation offers a Mystery Tour for \$28.50. Call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

Wednesday, March 28 — Plymouth Parks and Recreation offers a

trip to the Westgate Dinner Theater to see "Singing in the Rain." Price is \$34 for City of Plymouth residents, \$35, non-residents. Call 455-6620.

Adult Trips

Ski weekend
Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a ski weekend at Shanty Creek Ski Area. Price is \$169, plus an additional \$18 per day for rental of equipment, if needed. Families are welcome. Call 455-6620.

"Y" Travelers

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — An outing is planned to Westgate Dinner Theater in Toledo, Ohio. Trip includes round trip transportation, brunch and a matinee performance of "Do

Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Departure from Plymouth Cultural Center is at 10 a.m. return, 6 p.m. Price is \$50. Call 453-2904 for information.

Sunny Florida

Saturday, March 10 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer a seven-day/six-night trip to Florida, featuring Lido Beach in Sarasota and Orlando. Tour price is \$699. Call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

George Burns

Saturday, March 17 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a one-day trip to the George Burns Show at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, dinner at Stouffer's Battle Creek, city tour and shopping time at the new McAmly Festival Market Place. Price is \$58. Call 455-6620.

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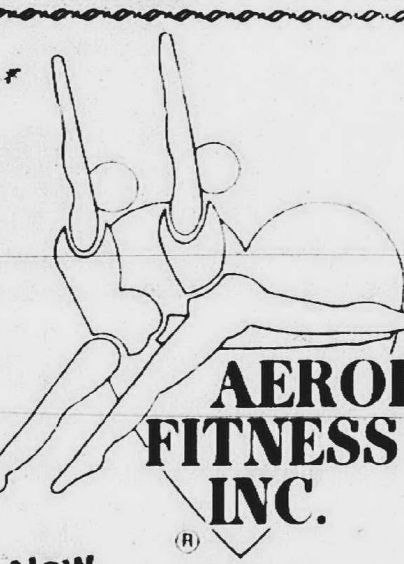
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Commissioners' campaign funds vary widely

By Wayne Post
staff writer

Some Wayne County Commissioners may have to hit the fund-raising circuit more heavily than others as the 1990 campaign approaches.

A survey of campaign holdings among western Wayne commissioners showed vast differences among campaign and office holder accounts for the four area commissioners.

The campaign committee for Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, was the most active in 1989, raising more than \$31,000 and spending nearly \$28,000. But it's veteran commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, who enters the campaign with the largest war chest. Mack's committee lists \$19,700 in assets, compared with \$12,979 for Heintz. Mack's district includes Canton, Heintz represents Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Kay Beard, D-Inkster, listed \$4,962 in campaign assets as the year began. Newly elected commissioner Kevin Kelley, who took office

earlier this month was exempt from the Jan. 31 campaign committee filing deadline.

Committees must list their assets and expenditures each year. None of the area's commissioners have formally announced re-election bids at this point. Neither Beard, Mack, nor Heintz faced opponents in the 1988 commission election.

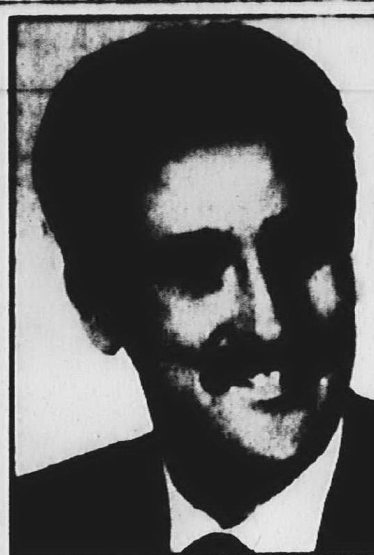
Commissioners' campaign fund holdings pale in comparison to that of county Executive Edward McNamara.

McNamara's campaign war chest approached \$400,000 at the start of 1990. In addition, the executive reported \$63,511 in his office holder expense report. Like the commissioners, McNamara faces re-election this year.

In other filings:
• Both longtime commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster and newcomer Kevin Kelley, D-Redford, carry nearly the same balance in their office holder accounts. Beard, whose district includes Garden City and Westland, listed \$195 in her office



Kay Beard



Milton Mack



Susan Heintz

Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, enters the campaign with the largest war chest. Mack's committee lists \$19,700 in assets, compared with \$12,979 for Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township. Kay Beard, D-Inkster, (far left) listed \$4,962 in campaign assets as the year began.

holder expense fund Kelley listed \$189 in his.

In contrast, Heintz listed office holding assets of \$2,503 and Mack listed assets of \$1,269.

Office holder expenses are used at the elected officials' discretion, generally to attend conferences or fund-raisers for other officials. All four area commissioners shifted money between their campaign and office holder accounts in 1989. Shifting money between accounts is legal. Commissioners can keep any money in their office holder account when leaving office.

Commissioners are paid \$29,470 a year and also receive an office stipend at the discretion of the com-

mission chairman.

Regarding the commissioner's reports:

Selected contributors to Heintz campaign fund included: City PAC of City Management Corp., Detroit, \$675; Wayne County Sheriff's Local 3317 PAC, \$550; Michigan Residential Care Association PAC, \$450; Browning Ferris Industries PAC, \$250; Northwest Airlines PAC, \$225; Waste Disposal Inc. PAC, \$200; McNamara's Band, \$200.

Individual contributors listed by Heintz included developer Robert DeMattia, \$200; Peter Secchia, U.S. Ambassador to Italy and former state GOP chairman, \$50; pizza magnate Michael Ilitch, \$50; Dearborn Mayor

Michael Guido, \$50; Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley, \$50.

Heintz listed a March fund-raiser at the Whitney Restaurant, Detroit, grossing \$18,720, and a November fund-raiser at Laurel Manor, Livonia, grossing \$11,815.

Selected contributors to Mack's campaign fund included McNamara's Band, \$400; Robert Ryan (vice president of a Romulus recycling company), \$400; Browning Ferris Industries PAC, \$200; Wayne County Government Bar Association, \$200; Michigan Bell PAC, \$200; Wayne County Sheriff's Department Local 502 PAC, \$100 and Northwest Airlines PAC, \$100. Mack listed a

fund-raiser at Dunleavy Pub, Detroit, grossing \$14,960.

Contributors to Beard's campaign included: Wayne County Sheriff's Department Local 502, \$500; UAW Region 1-E, \$180; Carpenter's Southeastern District Council, \$180; AFSCME Local 3317, \$180. Individual contributors, at \$30 each, included U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield; Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, deputy county executive Michael Duggan, state Sen. William Faust and George Hart, state Reps. Justine Barnes and William Keith, former county commissioner Richard Manning and former Westland Mayor Charles Griffin.

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Send the information to the Observer Newspapers, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170.

community calendar

YOUTH

Preschool

Library Storytime
Tuesday, March 13 — Pre-school Storytime is being offered for four consecutive Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at Plymouth District Library for children 3½-5 years old. Parents are requested to remain in the library. Enrollment is limited. Registration is Tuesday, March 6, at 10 a.m. in person and 10:30 a.m. by phone. Call 453-0750.

Thursday, March 15 — Parent/Toddler Program is offered at 10 a.m. for four consecutive Thursdays. Children must be between the ages of 2-3½ years. Other arrangements must be made for siblings as parents must participate. Enrollment is limited. Registration begins Thursday, March 8 at 10 a.m. in person and 10:30 a.m. by phone. Call 453-0750.

Education
Friendly Rainbow Day Care has preschool openings for ages 2½-5. Michigan certified teachers. Call Barb Washenko at 420-0495.

New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, in Plymouth Township has limited openings in its parent-toddler class, Me and My Shadow on Friday mornings. Classes are for 2-3 year olds. Call the school at 420-3331.

Special Education

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools offers a program for children with special needs from birth to the age of 6. 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 451-6866.

School age

Enrichment Classes
New Morning School offers Saturday Discovery Days enrichment classes for children 3-11 years of age. Call 420-3331.

ET CETERA:

Family activities

Beef stew dinner
Saturday, Feb. 24 — The public may attend a dinner, 5-9 p.m. at Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street in Plymouth. Price for adults is \$5; children, \$2.50. For details, call Council Lounge at 453-9833.

Canton senior band
Thursday, March 1 — The Community Band will perform at 10 a.m. at the Woods of Westland Senior Apartment Community at 39201 Joy Road in Westland. Brunch will follow. The public is invited. Call 454-9838.

Open swim/gym
The Canton High School pool is available for use 2-3 p.m. Sundays. Seventy-five cents, students; \$1, adults. Family swim is 3-4 p.m. Maximum price, \$2.

Canton High School gym welcomes students and adults (residents only) to use the gym for their enjoyment. Price is 75 cents, students; \$1, adults.

adults. Open gym hours are 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:15 p.m. Sundays.

Ski lift discounts

Canton Parks and Recreation Services offers discounts at Boyne Mountain/Boyne Highlands, Sugar Loaf, Shanty Creek/Schuss Mountain and several Northern Michigan ski resorts. Call 397-5110 for discount prices.

Hobbies

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

Education

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 more information.

GED Preparation — Plymouth-Canton Schools offers classes to people over 18 who want to prepare for the GED exam. Classes are days and evenings. GED is recognized nationally as the equivalent of a high school diploma. Call Mrs. Frey at 451-6555 to register.

Free job training
Eligible western Wayne County residents who are unemployed or underemployed, and who wish to obtain job skills and full-time employment, can register now for free job training.

The training is offered at the Employment and Training Center, William D. Ford Vocational/Technical

Center of Wayne-Westland Schools
The center is at 36455 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 computers, the responsibility card and a list of software are available at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

Health care

Speaker Available
Health Care and Retirement Corporation has a representative available to speak to area groups and organizations regarding long term care, Medicare and vacation stay. Call Patty Jamison at 453-0510.

Adult stuttering
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 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Janice Pagno at 459-7030.

Families Anonymous

Thursday evenings — A self-help program for those concerned about drug abuse and behavioral problems of a relative or friend will begin at 8 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, in Canton. For more information, call 453-2811.

Seniors

Day care
Plymouth Family Service is tak-

ing referrals for supervised care and a day of planned activities for people 60 and older living in Wayne County. For more information, call 451-1455, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Food distribution

The Canton Recreation Center at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon is an official food distribution site for Focus HOPE, which provides monthly food to Canton senior citizens.

Eligible Canton residents can pick up quantities of juice, meat, dry beans, peanut butter, egg mix, cheese and other items. To determine if you are eligible, call 397-1000, Ext. 278.

Volunteers

Hospice speakers

Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations regarding the hospice concept of care. If you would like a speaker for your organization, call the hospice office at 522-4244.

Mentally ill

Volunteers are needed from the service area to work with and serve on the volunteer board of directors of the Suburban West Community Center, the community mental health agency serving the western Wayne County cities of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth and Redford.

If you have a concern for the quality of care available in your community and would be willing to share your professional, business, legal or other talents, call Suburban West Community Center, Redford Township, or call 937-9500 or 981-2665 and ask for Debbie Taylor.

CANTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 11:00 a.m., March 15, 1990 for the following:
PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY PARK DEVELOPMENT

Specifications are available in the Financial Services Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LOREN BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NUMBERS 008-99-0019-004 AND 009-99-0001-005 FROM C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (CONSENT JUDGEMENT). PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF MORTON-TAYLOR ROAD BETWEEN JOY AND WARREN ROADS.

The hearing will be held during the Township Board meeting of February 27, 1990, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. This notice is provided pursuant to the requirements of 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.

LOREN N. BENNETT, Clerk

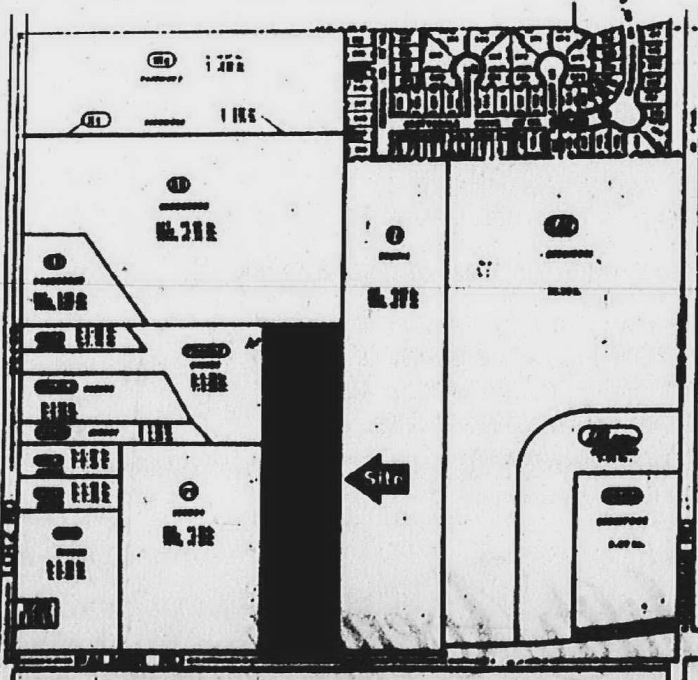
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, March 19, 1990, 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 PARCEL NO. 008-99-0013-000 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PALMER ROAD BETWEEN LOTZ AND HANNAN ROADS.



Planning Commission
JOHN BURDEIAK, Chairman

Publish February 22 and March 15, 1990

ORDINANCE NO. 121 THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROPERTY STANDINGS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.0 GENERAL PROVISION

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote an increased quality of life through the improved maintenance of private property and the exterior of buildings.

SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS

Words or terms contained in this ordinance shall have the meanings as defined in this ordinance. Any words or terms not defined in this ordinance shall have the meanings normally ascribed to them, or as they are defined in the ordinances that are referenced, or as they are defined in other Canton Township ordinances.

2.1 **JUNK VEHICLE** - Shall mean any motor vehicle that is damaged or deteriorated so that it is incapable of safe operation as specified in the Michigan Vehicle Code, and/or is in such a condition that it cannot be used for the purposes for which it was manufactured.

2.2 **UNLICENSED VEHICLE** - Shall mean any motor vehicle that is not currently registered with the Secretary of State and/or does not display a current year registration plate in accordance with the Michigan Vehicle Code.

2.3 **JUNK AND DEBRIS** - Shall mean any machinery, appliances, products or merchandise with parts missing or other scrap materials that are damaged, deteriorated or in such a condition that they cannot be used for the purpose for which they were manufactured.

2.4 **WASTE MATERIALS** - Shall mean any trash, rubbish, refuse, ashes, dirt, stones, bricks, paper, trees, shrubs or cuttings therefrom, wood remnants, bottles, cans, garbage, waste products or any other excess or abandoned materials.

2.5 **GRAFFITI** - Shall mean any crude or obscene name, identification, image, description, or illustration visible to the public.

2.6 **BUILDING** - Shall mean any structure either temporary or permanent having a roof or other covering and used or built for the shelter or enclosure of persons, animals or property of any kind.

2.7 **FRONT YARD** - An open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest point of the building line. There shall be maintained a front yard on each street side of a corner lot.

SECTION 3.0 STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE

3.1 JUNK OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES

The storage, accumulation, parking, or keeping of junk or inoperable vehicles is prohibited in all areas, except within a completely enclosed building or those areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township or whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance.

3.2 UNLICENSED VEHICLES

The storage, accumulation, parking, or keeping of unlicensed vehicles and parts therefrom is prohibited in all areas, except within a completely enclosed building or those areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township or whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance.

3.3 WASTE MATERIALS

The storage, accumulation, keeping, littering or dumping of waste materials, except domestic refuse maintained in accordance with Canton Township's Rubbish Collection Ordinance is prohibited, furthermore, it shall be unlawful to place any refrigerator(s) out for rubbish collection without first removing the door(s).

3.4 JUNK AND DEBRIS

The storage, accumulation, keeping, littering or dumping of junk and debris, except in areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township is prohibited.

3.5 DETERIORATED STRUCTURES

The existence of any structure or part of a structure which, because of fire, wind, flood, or by any other natural disaster or physical deterioration, is in such a condition that its structural strength or stability is appreciably less than it was before such a catastrophe or deterioration and is less than the minimum requirements of the Building Code of the Charter Township of Canton for a new building or similar structure, purpose or condition.

3.6 PARKING LOCATIONS

The off street parking of any motor vehicle upon grass, or any other surfaces other than those specified in article 4.00 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is prohibited.

3.7 BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

The storage, accumulation, or keeping of any building materials or construction equipment is prohibited, unless there is in effect a valid building permit issued by the Department of Building and Inspection Services for construction upon said premises, and said materials and equipment are used in connection with such construction, or whose use is in compliance with the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

3.8 SHRUB AND TREE MAINTENANCE

All trees and shrubs must be kept trimmed so as not to encroach upon any public sidewalk or pathway. Clear headroom must be maintained of at least 7'0" in height.

3.9 GRASS HEIGHT

Grass in all landscaped grass areas shall not be permitted to grow higher than six (6) inches in height.

3.10 EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

- Exterior surfaces of all structures shall be protected from water, penetration and against deterioration with a paint covering or other approved material, and shall be maintained free of peeling, broken, loose, rotten, crumbling, missing, or inadequate finished materials.
- Exterior roof materials of all structures shall be weathertight and securely fastened to the roof. All roofs shall be capable of supporting the load which normally would be placed on it.
- Exterior surfaces of all structures shall be kept free from graffiti.
- All gutters and downspouts shall be securely fastened to the structure and be maintained free of peeling, broken, rotten, crumbling, missing, or inadequate finished materials.

3.11 FIREWOOD STORAGE

All storage, accumulation, or keeping of firewood is prohibited, except for residential areas when used for fireplace or woodstoves or those areas whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance. Firewood shall be neatly stacked and shall neither exceed five feet in height nor be located in the front yard.

SECTION 4.0 ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

In the event a violation of this ordinance is noted, the Ordinance Inspector will notify the owner of record and the occupant of said property of said violation. Such notice shall specify the violation, and the time within which corrective action must be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. In the event the property is not in compliance with this ordinance at the end of the period specified in the notice if violation, an appearance ticket may be issued.

SECTION 5.0 PENALTIES

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be fined not more than five-hundred (\$500.00) dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both, upon the discretion of the court. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 6.0 CONSTRUCTION NON APPLICABILITY, APPEALS

This ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto; avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provisions shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent in such appealed instance.

SECTION 7.0 REPEAL

All ordinances or parts therefrom in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect. This ordinance will repeal the Nuisance Ordinance No. 44 and the Anti-Blight Ordinance No. 51.

SECTION 8.0 SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or section of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining provisions or sections.

SECTION 9.0 SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or effect any offense or act not committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 10.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon the 2nd Publication.

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State rep defends rights, not Farrakhan message

By Pat Murphy
staff writer

Louis Farrakhan, controversial minister of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam, had every right to speak at Michigan State University, according to State Rep. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Even if his speech was laced with anti-Semitism, said Honigman, one of nearly 100 protesters who picketed Farrakhan Sunday when he appeared at the MSU auditorium.

In that speech, Farrakhan called MSU a "modern plantation" where student minds are enslaved and he castigated Jewish movie-makers in Hollywood for stereotyping blacks.

"Farrakhan is a good speaker," said Honigman, who attended the speech after giving a talk of his own on campus at a Unity Rally against prejudice, bigotry and discrimination.

Unfortunately, he said Honigman with fiction and bias, said Honigman.

Farrakhan, for example, called on blacks to stay away from drugs, get a good education and develop self-discipline.

"But he also blamed Jews for stereotyping blacks," said Honigman.

HONIGMAN, WHO is Jewish, said his role in attending Farrakhan's talk was to call attention to his anti-Semitism.

A university is a place for the free exchange of ideas, and Farrakhan had every right to be there, said Honigman.

"But we also have a right to challenge what he said. We have a right to compete in the market place of ideas. I believe it was Brandeis (jurist Louis D.) who said, replace a bad idea with a good idea."

In his talk at the Unity Rally, Honigman said he was protesting Farrakhan because he had a duty to "speak out to repudiate racism and anti-Semitism."

"Mr. Farrakhan's message of ethnic pride, black self-sufficiency and economic self-help is admirable," Honigman said. "But his virulent and bitter message of race hatred against Jews evokes only moral horror."

Honigman said some of Farrakhan's previous statements are even more strongly anti-Semitic.

"I'm a liberal when it comes to free speech," said Honigman, a lawyer. "And I carefully researched his previous remarks to make sure they were not taken out of context."

SOME OF the views and ideas previously expressed by Farrakhan make his other remarks — namely calling Judaism a "gutter religion" and Adolf Hitler "wickedly great" — seem mild, said Honigman, who cited these examples:

• In an interview with the Chicago Sun-Times, Farrakhan endorsed

as true, a statement made by an associate, Steve Cohely, that Jewish doctors inject the AIDS virus into black children.

• In a speech at Madison Square Garden, Farrakhan said, "The germ of murder is already sewed into the hearts of Jews in this country."

• In May 1984, Farrakhan was quoted in the New York magazine as saying unless Jews celebrating Passover believe in Jesus, "then maybe the death angel will stop at your door and kill the first born of your house."

• In May 1988, the New York Post reported that Farrakhan referred to the "narrow-minded common Jew" and quoted him as saying, "The Jews can not defeat me. I will grind them and crush them into little bits."

• In a September 1987, issue of "Final Call," a publication of the Nation of Islam, Farrakhan wrote, "The government of the United States, especially those Jews in positions of power, are frightened over the growing acceptance by the masses of black people of the message of Louis Farrakhan... they have even prepared for our wholesale incarceration in concentration camps."

Honigman said his actions Sunday were designed to expose Farrakhan's philosophy, not censure his free speech.

Bloodmobile coming to Schoolcraft

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to Schoolcraft College, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Red Cross volunteers will be taking

donations in the west end of the Waterman Campus Center, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Area hospitals need about 1,000 pints of blood per day to meet their

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Universities seek law to protect trade secrets

AP — Michigan's public universities could protect some research information from being divulged to the public through the Freedom of Information Act, under a bill passed last week by the House.

The House voted 104-3 and sent the bill to the Senate for review.

Universities still would be required to release all university-generated discoveries. But proprietary information of private corporations which sponsor certain research projects could be kept confidential.

The FOIA currently exempts from disclosure trade secrets, and commercial and financial information only if that data is used in developing governmental policy.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, was requested by Michigan's major research universities.

University officials say a change in law is needed because having to comply with public disclosure law prevents Michigan's public schools from landing lucrative corporate contracts. They say the possibility of the data being released has a chilling effect on some businesses that otherwise would grant contracts.

Opponents of such restrictions maintain that the activities of tax-

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funded universities should be open to the public and that research was intended to be shared and used in teaching.

"The corporation wants to get the benefit of university-based research, which is basically research paid for by the taxpayer, but doesn't want to share with the public whatever it deems belongs proprietarily to itself," said Leonard Minsky, executive director of the Washington-based National Coalition for Universities in the Public Interest.

"Our problem with that is that frankly, the universities are giving up tax-supported information. And once the research project is created and the information is pooled we think that the result should be public. There should be no special privilege

for the corporations to protect what they consider to be proprietary information in this situation."

Minsky said he thinks it's nearly impossible to distinguish between information belonging to the public and the corporation after the research has been completed.

"That's like trying to extricate the ingredients of a stew after it's been thoroughly cooked," he said.

"Once you say, 'let's pool our information, but I'll always be able to take my marbles home,' you start arguing over which marbles are mine, you argue that the other marbles have been tainted by mine, until finally all the marbles are mine."

The bill also would allow the schools to seek a copyright or patent before sharing data with the public.

JA launches fund-raising drive

Junior Achievement of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan is holding its annual fund-raising drive from now through Friday, April 27.

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Sierra Club, a member of the Conference of Western Wayne Committees on Solid Waste. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wayne State University with a co-major in environmental studies. The BPW meets in the IMC at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman


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| John Conyers, D-1 | 90 | 92 | 75 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 70 |
| Carl Pursell, R-2 | 30 | 42 | 75 | 33 | 57 | 100 | 70 |
| Howard Wolpe, D-3 | 100 | 92 | 100 | 0 | 4 | 40 | 90 |
| Fred Upton, R-4 | 20 | 24 | 75 | 22 | 75 | 100 | 30 |
| Paul Henry, R-5 | 30 | 35 | 0 | 100 | 68 | 90 | 90 |
| Bob Carr, D-6 | 85 | 83 | 100 | 0 | 25 | 50 | 60 |
| Dale Kildee, D-7 | 95 | 95 | 0 | 100 | 11 | 20 | 80 |
| Bob Traxler, D-8 | 80 | 87 | 25 | 78 | 12 | 33 | 60 |
| Guy Vander Jagt, R-9 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 100 | 91 | 90 | 10 |
| Bill Schuette, R-10 | 15 | 23 | 0 | 100 | 83 | 100 | 40 |
| Robert Davis, R-11 | 40 | 65 | 25 | 78 | 54 | 60 | 30 |
| David Bonior, D-12 | 95 | 94 | 25 | 67 | 4 | 30 | 90 |
| George Crockett, D-13 | 90 | 94 | 100 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 100 |
| Dennis Hertel, D-14 | 90 | 95 | 13 | 78 | 12 | 30 | 90 |
| William Ford, D-15 | 95 | 97 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 80 |
| John Dingell, D-16 | 75 | 93 | 88 | 11 | 8 | 20 | 50 |
| Sander Levin, D-17 | 95 | 95 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 90 |
| William Broomfield, R-18 | 20 | 19 | 13 | 89 | 88 | 100 | 20 |
| Donald Riegle, D | 85 | 94 | 100 | 0 | 12 | 38 | 70 |
| Carl Levin, D | 80 | 94 | 100 | 0 | 14 | 25 | 40 |

Source: Thomas' Roll Call Report

Interest groups size up Congressional delegation

Leading special interests have sized up the 1989 session of Congress and passed judgment on how individual members voted on selected issues during the legislative year.

They are playing "the ratings game," the annual exercise of assigning each lawmaker a percentage based on the number of "right" or "wrong" votes cast on issues dear to the interest group. The report cards are widely distributed in an effort to generate grass roots support for lawmakers who back the group's policy goals and trouble for those who don't.

Incumbents' endorsements, campaign treasuries and Election Day vote totals all can be affected by their interest group ratings.

"If you had to go to the voting booth with only one piece of information, it should be our rating of members of Congress," said executive director Dan Casey of the American Conservative Union. His competitors make the same claim.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce sends its scorecard to its 180,000 members. "Our endorsements are based in part on our vote ratings," said Chamber official Jeff Marcoe. "and many corporate political action committees use our ratings in determining their (financial) support of candidates."

THE AFL-CIO and ACLU are among lobbyist groups that sometimes try to influence votes before they occur, by alerting lawmakers

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that an upcoming donnybrook on the House of Senate floor will be tallied as a ratings issue.

Lawmakers welcome ratings they can parlay into political gain, but often quibble with those that bring them criticism. Americans for Democratic Action national director Amy Isaacs occasionally hears grouching from allies who want a high but not perfect liberal voting score. "I say 'vote wrong' if you don't want 100 per cent," she said.

Citizens Against PACs observes but does not play the ratings game. Co-chairman Philip M. Stern said it's wrong to assume incumbents must "vote right" to get campaign money from a likeminded interest group.

"The ratings help to point out the rottenness of our campaign finance system," influence is the name of the game," he said. "The example I cite is (New York Democrat) Charles Rangel" of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "He had a 100 percent ADA rating and 11 percent Chamber rating, and yet AT&T gave him \$3,000, the investment banking industry gave him \$14,000, the insurance industry gave him \$31,000."

LAWMAKERS OFTEN complain that ratings oversimplify their vot-

ing record by spotlighting a small number of roll calls. They also say verdicts on their fitness for re-election should also take into account how they discharge other congressional responsibilities.

Citing Illinois Democrat Gus Savage, whose misconduct during overseas junkets last year drew unfavorable news coverage and a scolding from the House ethics committee, the ADA's Isaacs said a lawmaker can receive a high rating from her group but not its support.

The accompanying chart presents a cross-section of 1989 ratings released through mid-February. The interest groups are:

1. Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal voice since 1947.
2. AFL-CIO, speaks for labor on Capitol Hill.
3. The "pro-choice" National Abortion Rights Action League.
4. The anti-abortion National Right to Life Committee.
5. American Conservative Union, a respected conservative advocate.
6. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaks for large and small businesses.
7. League of Conservative Voters, represents environmentalists.

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Byrne's reluctance puzzling

THE COURTING OF Randy Byrne by the Plymouth City Commission isn't exactly a model of how to start a good relationship.

Byrne, city manager of Grand Blanc, was formally offered the Plymouth job last week and commission members expected him to sign a contract with the city on Monday.

But Byrne is acting like a reluctant groom, and wants a couple of weeks to think about it. During that time he wants an outside firm to look at the city's budget deficit before he takes the plunge. The city has agreed.

We find Byrne's reluctance puzzling, especially since he billed himself as a financial expert when interviewed by the city commission. It would also seem that Byrne would have had time to look at the city's deficit which is being caused by

the increasing cost of disposing of trash in dumps and insurance costs.

Both of those problems are the bread and butter issues of city government and we'd expect that a newly hired city manager would have ideas on their handling.

Commission member Mary Childs summed it up this way: "I guess I'm really very, very very disappointed. The big thing you were all touting was his financial expertise. Now I find that really Randy wants us to do all the work."

We'd like to see the matchmaking between Byrne and the city work. We'd like to look forward to Byrne's arrival.

But it's just hard to get excited about somebody who isn't that excited about you.

We just wonder what the honeymoon is going to be like.

Silly protest

Don't stop donkey basketball

ANIMAL RIGHTS advocates have forgotten the difference between people and animals and are causing all sorts of problems these days.

It's becoming increasingly hard to wear a fur coat, and now they're taking aim at donkey basketball.

Students from Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools are planning to protest a donkey basketball game being sponsored by I CARE to raise money. I CARE is a group of school boosters.

Students say that donkeys aren't meant to be ridden in a basketball game and the Michigan Humane Society wants the event canceled because they say it exploits animals in the name of entertainment.

If that's true shouldn't we stop going to horse races and circuses. Both are events that feature

animals as entertainment. You could also argue that people shouldn't be engaged in bird watching. Isn't that an invasion of the birds' privacy?

It is, if we're dealing with people. But we're not, we're dealing with animals. God put them on earth to be used by people. Pigs are turned into hams and bacon, and cattle become New York strip steaks. Mules have been used for plowing fields and horses for riding and betting.

Anyway, we wonder who's really being exploited by donkey basketball. In that endeavor people play the game while riding on a donkey. It doesn't do a whole lot for a person's dignity.

We think there are more serious animal rights issues for the humane society and the students to worry about.

By objecting to donkey basketball, they're just making asses out of themselves.

Tax-limit drive

Plan is complicated, confusing

VOTERS SHOULD be wary of signing petitions to put the so-called "Patterson-Anderson" tax limitation amendment on the ballot.

It is a hairy and enormously complicated proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution. The outline alone runs two pages of single-spaced type, and it's a sketchy outline at best.

Underneath the glossy far are rules covering property taxes, sales taxes, state budget, bond issues, election scheduling and even court judgments.

Politically, therefore, it's in big trouble from the start because voters distrust enormously complicated proposals. They tend to vote "no" on what they don't understand.

Voters are wise that way.

THE BASIC flaw with Patterson-Anderson is that it would glue legislative policies onto the state constitution.

That's not what a constitution is for. A constitution should provide a framework for government, protect people's rights and establish rules of procedure.

Take one example. The proposal would wave a magic wand and make the state Legislature allocate \$675 million more into aid to K-12 public schools. Just punch the "yes" on your ballot and the money must appear. It would say so in the constitution.

Well, the budget process doesn't work that way. Our Legislature is composed of 148 brawling, sweating humans representing districts with auto plants, soybean farms, mosquito hatcheries, furniture factories, foundries, academies, prisons, hospitals, slum housing, race tracks, scientific laboratories, marinas, courtrooms and grinding poverty. Every interest firmly believes it deserves a piece of the pie.

Yes, it would be nice to decree from our ivory office tower overlooking a suburban freeway that our pet interest — schools — must be served its defined slice first.

But in reality, it is a legislative job to be done every year or two. Both the Democratic governor and his Republican challenger are saying more school money can be wrung out of the existing budget.

Whether we like the results or not — and often we middle and upper class suburbanites don't — the fact of life is that appropriating money is policy work, best done in a political arena.

TAKE ANOTHER example: "Limit the number of property tax ballot occasions to two per calendar year. Provide for additional ballots in case of an emergency, requiring petitions of the

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electors" — so says the Patterson-Anderson synopsis.

It's not the function of a constitution to write detailed regulations for school district elections, "emergencies" (whatever that means) or petition drives.

When voters don't like things, they say "no," recall the school board, replace trustees at the next regular election, or get the superintendent fired. Or all of the above.

What has been one of the chief faults of the 1978 Headlee tax limitation amendment? Its complexity gives politicians incentive to stay up at night and concoct ways to frustrate its well meaning intent. "Headlee" is good policy but demonstrably poor as constitutional law.

ONE SPONSOR of this amendment is L. Brooks Patterson, former 16-year prosecutor of Oakland County, a skilled presenter now in the private practice of law in Troy. He made one unsuccessful run for a legislative office, the U.S. Senate.

The other is Patrick Anderson, vice president of economics of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills. His credentials include giving advice to William Lucas, who never was a legislator, and to Richard Chrysler, who never was a legislator or any other kind of officeholder.

We do not demean two intelligent and sincere men in pointing out that neither has served in a legislative area. Yet despite their inexperience, they propose to do legislative work with a petition campaign and constitutional amendment.

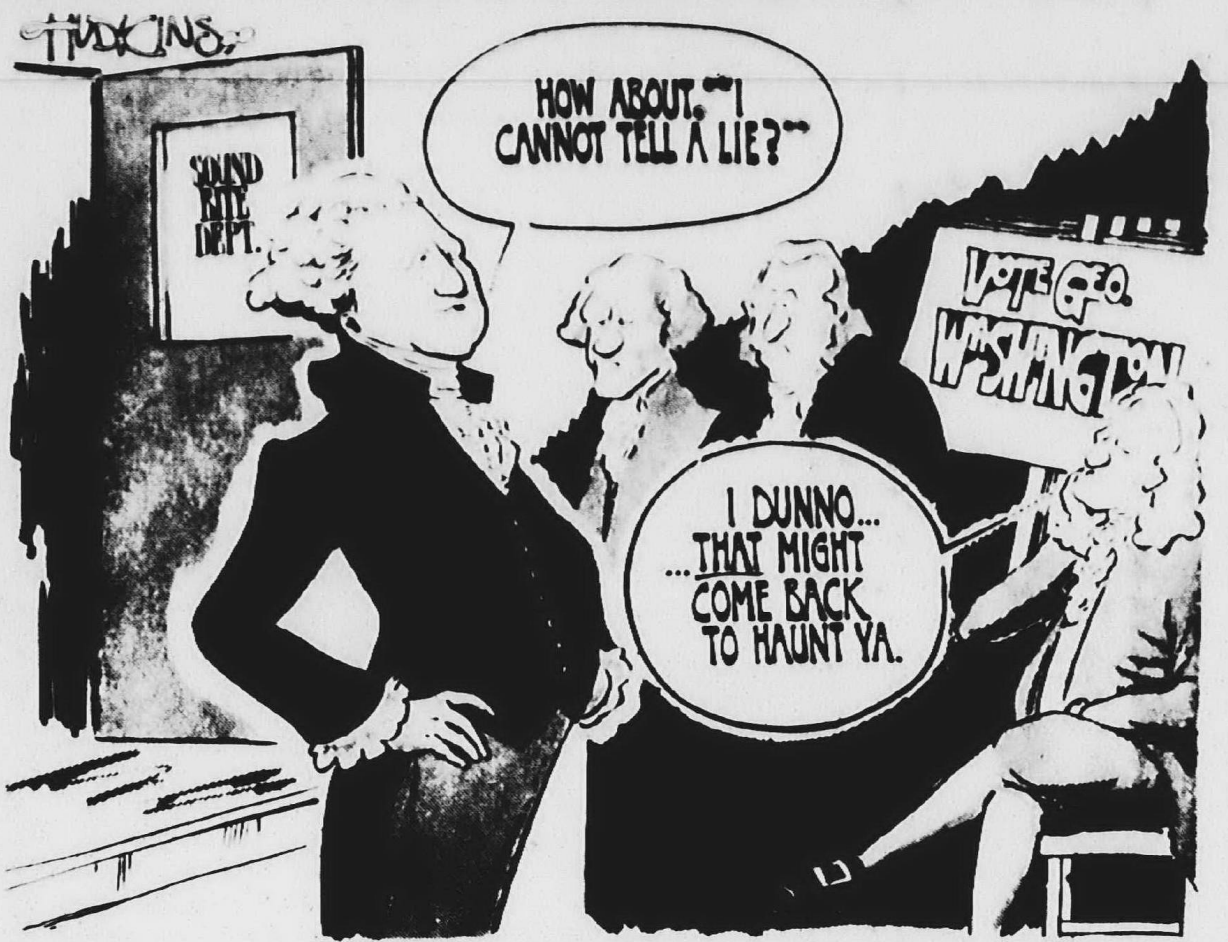
Saying each district should receive no less than \$4,190 per pupil at 28 mills — that doesn't belong in a constitution.

Writing depreciation rules on personal property — that doesn't belong in a constitution.

Writing rules on how not to pay for court judgments — that doesn't belong in a constitution.

No useful purpose would be served by placing this hairy wad of formulas and fishhooks on the ballot.

Patterson and Anderson would do us a greater service in selling their inventive and frequently laudable proposals to those with the gumption to run for the Legislature.



Racism's curse seen in struggling suburb

WE ALL HAVE a lesson to learn from what is happening in Southfield, a community not much different than your own.

Twenty years ago not a whole lot of thought was given to it. If you said Southfield, the images that came to mind were Northland Shopping Center, the big antenna on the grounds of WXYZ and sprawling subdivisions with big yards.

All that, of course, is still part of Southfield.

And in a lot of ways Southfield is a lot like your suburban community — good school district, convenient shopping malls, nice homes, peaceful parks, a couple of skating rinks, movie theaters and several nice restaurants to boot.

Sounds like a pretty nice place to live. And, indeed it is.

But then, the sickness which plagues metropolitan Detroit, racism, spread its virus to Southfield.

Folks in Southfield never really thought much about race being a factor in Southfield. After all, that's why a lot of them had purchased homes there — to get away. Again, that's not much different than in your suburban community.

During the 1970s and 1980s a smattering of affluency came to black America and those black

Americans in metropolitan Detroit started to look for a dream home in the suburbs.

MANY BLACKS chose Southfield. And that scared the hell out of many white residents who mistakenly believe that running away from blacks is the way to solve their problem.

Adding to the problems were the vultures who saw economic gain in this panic.

An invisible line was drawn along 10 Mile. Suddenly it became tough for a white person to find a home south of that line. It became even tougher for blacks to find a home north of it.

Racism is a lot like AIDS. It hangs around for a long time without showing any symptom and then suddenly it reveals itself. Scientists are unsure of what activates the AIDS virus. The onset of active racism is a little easier to trace.

It usually occurs in a suburb when "too many" blacks move in. The specific number has yet to be identified. We know that if you have just a handful of blacks in a community that everybody feels pretty good about that — especially if they are doctors and lawyers.

But if the numbers get too large, the for sale signs and moving vans



Steve Barnaby

spread like wild fire.

A few Southfield officials blame the media, this newspaper in particular, for the city's image problem.

That's pretty tough to figure since this newspaper supports racial equality, continually lauds officials in their attempts to make Southfield a truly integrated community and consistently points out that before it can solve any of its economic problems, metropolitan Detroit must deal with racism first.

But it's not surprising. Some of these same officials have objected because they believe we run too many black faces in the Southfield Eccentric.

Think about that one for a second.

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from our readers

Japan, not Russia our adversary

To the editor:

For nearly two decades the Japanese have had free access to our shores but they have never opened their ports to our goods. Almost two-thirds of last year's \$55 billion dollar trade gap with Japan was in the automotive market.

While the Japanese sold nearly 3 million imports to Americans last year, they in turn only bought 15,000 American-made cars and trucks from us and 5,000 of these were Hondas built in Ohio. Dealer restrictions and high tariffs make it nearly impossible to sell American makes, and to top it off they rarely consider buying American parts for the very cars and trucks they build here.

This fact is in itself as unfair as one nation can be toward another. The very future of this nation, and the future of our children depend on our decisions at this critical point in time. Unless we as true Americans realize that Japan will never play fair with us, then we must take strong measures to see that some type of law or laws are imposed on them to even the score.

In my opinion, the Japanese are a more real adversary than Russia or any other nation because their actions for nearly 20 years have never shown any regard for our well-being. Do not be deceived, time is short,

and if we don't unite against this threat to the future of true American automobile companies and more disturbing the persons working for these companies will be in real peril.

The ripple effect of the crippling of our automobile companies will cause a depression in this country like the world has never experienced before. Let's be honest, if we don't buy the goods our own people produce, what good is it to call ourselves Americans?

Rodell C. Smith
Chrysler Design (Retired)
Royal Oak

Dissent not allowed in Canton

To the editor:

At town hall on Feb. 13 I asked Supervisor Tom Yack to read aloud the proposed property standards ordinance as advertised in the agenda. Mr. Yack refused, stating lack of time as the reason for his refusal. This ordinance is 4 1/2 pages and requires all of seven minutes to read. Seven minutes is too much time? I pay \$3,400 property tax and am refused seven minutes' time to be informed about a new law.

At the next non-reading of this ordinance it will become law, thus the Homeowners Advisory Council will have dictated to all of the people in Canton how we must live.

You may think of yourself as owning your home, but, in Canton, your government will soon be seen as the true dictator of how your home must look and how you will live there according to their whim.

If you dissent in Canton, Mr. Yack has already accused you, in print, of being a problem, and I quote: Canton Observer, Oct. 12, 1989, "Are a lot of people going to say, 'I have every right in the world to keep my house looking blighted?' We don't happen to think it's (home blight) a large problem in the township."

This proposed law represents an invasion of privacy not unlike that which occurred in Germany in the 1930s.

This kind of central government benevolence is finally being rejected all over the world except in Canton.

Fred Beinke,
Canton

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Opinions and ideas are best when shared with others.

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Safety is reason for snow day closing

Q Last week there was no school Thursday or Friday in our district because of the weather. As a parent, I can understand school being closed. Yet a couple schools in the area were open. What is the criteria for closing and what are the procedures followed in a school closing? Who decides? Is it the board of education, the superintendent or the maintenance crews? And why, although most district were closed, were one or two open?

A The one or two districts that opened are very fortunate one of their school buses didn't end up in a ditch with kids hurt and law suits on their superintendents' desks.

The major reason for closing is the safety of the children. To me the child safety factor supersedes any of the real or imaginary pressures district leaders face. Pressures such as, "We don't want to be the only one of a few districts to close, what will the citizens think." Or, "Some parents are going to be upset because both work and they haven't made previ-



Doc Doyle

ous arrangements for their children." Or, "We're going to lose a day of student instruction time."

Frankly, as a school district plans for snow days, so should parents. And, I don't believe one snow day closing is going to change the course of Western Civilization for our students.

Nevertheless, deciding to close down is a major decision not to be taken lightly. What is the criteria and procedure for deciding to close?

Someone, usually from the grounds and maintenance department, gets up anywhere from 1 to 3 a.m. and drives around the district. Factors taken into account in out-lying districts are the number of country roads leading into school. How many of these roads are crowned (high in the middle and low by the ditches). Also, what is the extent of ice on the roads. The grounds person takes notes and calls his/her central office supervisor, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to relay the information.

The phone lines between district administrators then begin to smoke. Most superintendents or their designee call neighboring district superintendents to gather information regarding road conditions. At the minimum, the superintendent or other person in charge of snow days listens to the TV and radio to get a sense of what other districts are doing.

Candidly, most calls are not to discuss the weather but to find out if superintendent A or B is going to close. A few district leaders say the closing of other neighboring school districts doesn't influence them but I don't believe it. Besides, it makes sense to share information and make a rational decision in consultation with one's peers.

The final step is to call local radio and TV stations using a special district code number. The number is critical because a few of our enterprising students have been known to call the stations and declare school off for the day.

The one or two schools that did stay open last week have no country roads and little if any busing of students. However, many other districts with no country roads and minimal busing did close. Therefore the two districts that stayed open made a decision independent of the general consensus throughout the tri-county area.

I'm glad no children were injured in those two districts. Dr. James Doyle is the former assistant superintendent in the Troy School District. Questions for this column should be sent to Doc Doyle c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

This state race will focus on abortion issue

IF YOU DON'T think abortion will be the issue in the upcoming state Legislative races, think again. I know I am.

Let's see, it was back on July 13 that I wrote in my column "Abortion, the issue of the '90's won't be the focal point of the 1990 race shaping up in one of Michigan's most affluent, powerful senatorial districts

That's because "both Sen. Richard Fessler and state Rep. David Honigman are anti-abortion."

Oops. That was before a third Republican, the state representative from Honigman's adjoining district, Judith Miller, lifted her finger to see how the financial winds were blowing — or, to put it bluntly, whether pro-choice voters in the prestigious 17th Senate district would put their money where their sentiments are



Judith Doner Berne

— and finance her primary campaign. Here, in GOP-land, winning the primary is winning the election.

APPARENTLY, the answer was yes. Because Tuesday she announced her candidacy for the seat which represents West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, Walled Lake, Commerce Township and points northwest. That means she must move out of Birmingham, which is in Doug Cruce's

Senate district.

The announcement followed a press conference held by pro-choice groups. There, representatives took turns taking pokes at Honigman for what one termed "his recent flip-flop on this issue."

Honigman strongly denies that flip-flop. He acknowledges that he changed his mind on the public funding of abortion following the 1986 election when he put out a position paper on the issue.

But he says he has always been against criminalizing abortion. "There are extremists on both sides, and I kind of have the view of the average person and that's mixed."

Whether voters will buy that remains to be seen. Will pro-life people vote for a candidate who says he prefers birth control and adoption, but if you can pay for it you shouldn't go to jail for aborting within the first five months?

Will pro-choice people vote for a candidate who voted against Medicaid-funded abortions and in favor of

parental consent?

LOST IN ALL this could be the three candidates' service, their attendance records, accessibility and responsiveness to their constituents, their effectiveness within the legislative process and their voting records on the rest of the issues.

In their passion over the abortion issue, voters also may overlook the way Fessler conducted himself during his divorce, his refusal to take a Breathalyzer test to determine the amount of alcohol in his system and his conviction for impaired driving and resisting arrest.

If this 17th Senate seat scenario is any indication, wherever you live you might time your summer vacation appropriately — so as not to miss this hot election.

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Now hear this: Improve capitol

JERRY LAW was genuinely embarrassed. He was concerned I might burn him in print for his admitted mistake.

Actually, I'm sympathetic to Law and his fellow 100 members of the Michigan House of Representatives for the deplorable conditions they work under.

I could use some sympathy myself. I try to cover their deliberations and roll calls.

Law, R-Plymouth, thought he was voting on another Republican amendment to the Democrats' minimum wage bill and voted yes. Instead, he broke party lines and voted in favor of the bill on final passage.

"It's so darn noisy in there," Law said. "And I was on the phone with a constituent who was mad about roads."

THE HOUSE is packed into a low-ceilinged room, with protruding pipes, in the Roosevelt Building a block north of the State Capitol. The House's chamber is undergoing restoration.

Now when there's noise on the Senate floor, Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths bawls out the errant honorables like a schoolma'am chastising brats. She admonishes them to pay attention to the interesting speaker. Griffiths runs a tight ship. Working there, I appreciate it because I'm trying to get accurate quotes.

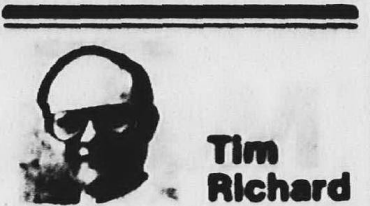
Not so in the House, whose discipline is weaker and whose temporary quarters have a low ceiling that traps every conversational babble.

Most representatives rarely talk on the floor. They vote, chat, do a bit of reading and sometimes take phone calls at their desks, which is how Law made his mistake.

I have the floor phone numbers of several members but avoid calling them during session because it can distract them during voting. We news people hate extraneous phone calls ourselves when writing a major story on deadline.

"We gotta get out of that place," said Law, who is looking forward to the renovation. Amen from the press gallery.

LAW MAKES a hobby of state capitol buildings. "I've visited 20, mainly in the West. It wasn't long before I realized what a terrible



Tim Richard

mess ours was," he said.

He takes along a video camera during family vacations. He doesn't identify himself as a Michigan legislator, just ambles along with the tourists.

"Most are run by historical societies. You can learn a lot of history in a state capitol."

"Here (in Michigan) you can't even find a bathroom."

"Most are made of marble. They look only 10 years old even if they're 100. The Utah capitol in Salt Lake City is so clean you could eat off the floor."

Michigan's Capitol is of gray limestone, as leaden in color as a November sky over Lake Superior. As for eating off the floor, yo-e-e-ch!

CONNECTICUT has restored its capitol building and saw tourism rise from 10,000 a year to 25,000 the first month, Law said.

Michigan is in the process of restoring the Capitol building itself, but there's a great deal of debate about whether to add an office building.

"Legislators and committees are scattered around. People can't find them," said Law. "Some legislators want it that way."

He would have all members' offices the same size. A legislative district always would be assigned the same office, regardless of who holds the office. Home folks could find the member that way.

THE SENATE chamber has been attractively restored, but I for one am less than thrilled about it as a place to work.

From the visitors gallery, the Victorian chandeliers may block your view of the voting board.

A senator voting yes has his or her name displayed in green; voting no, in red. But the all-capital letters are hard to read.

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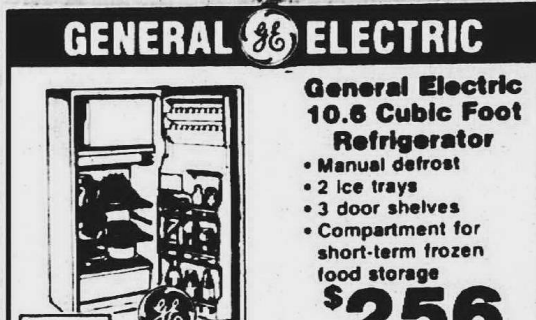
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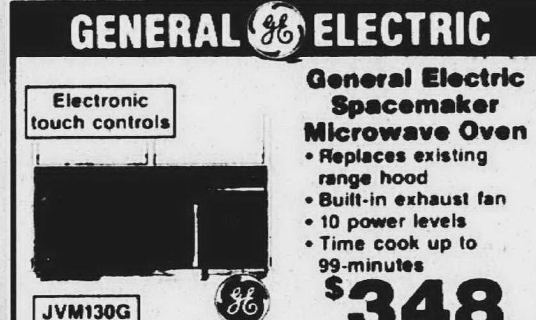
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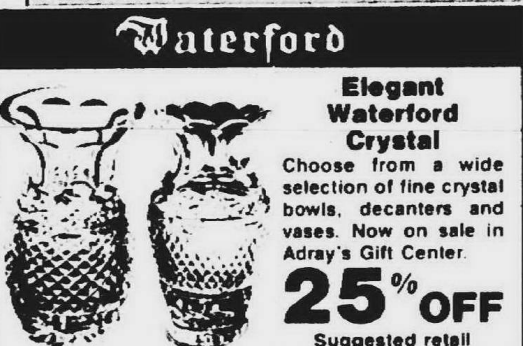
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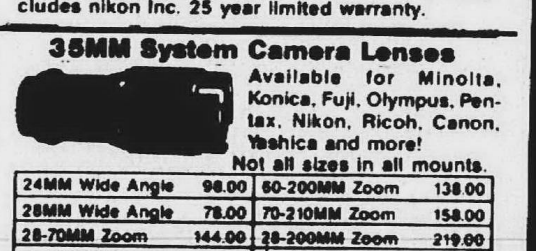
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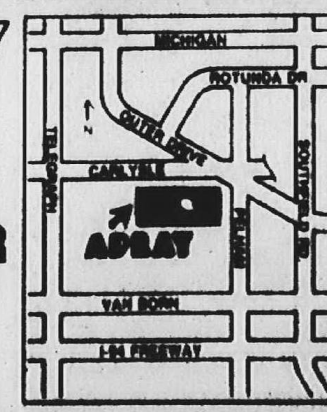
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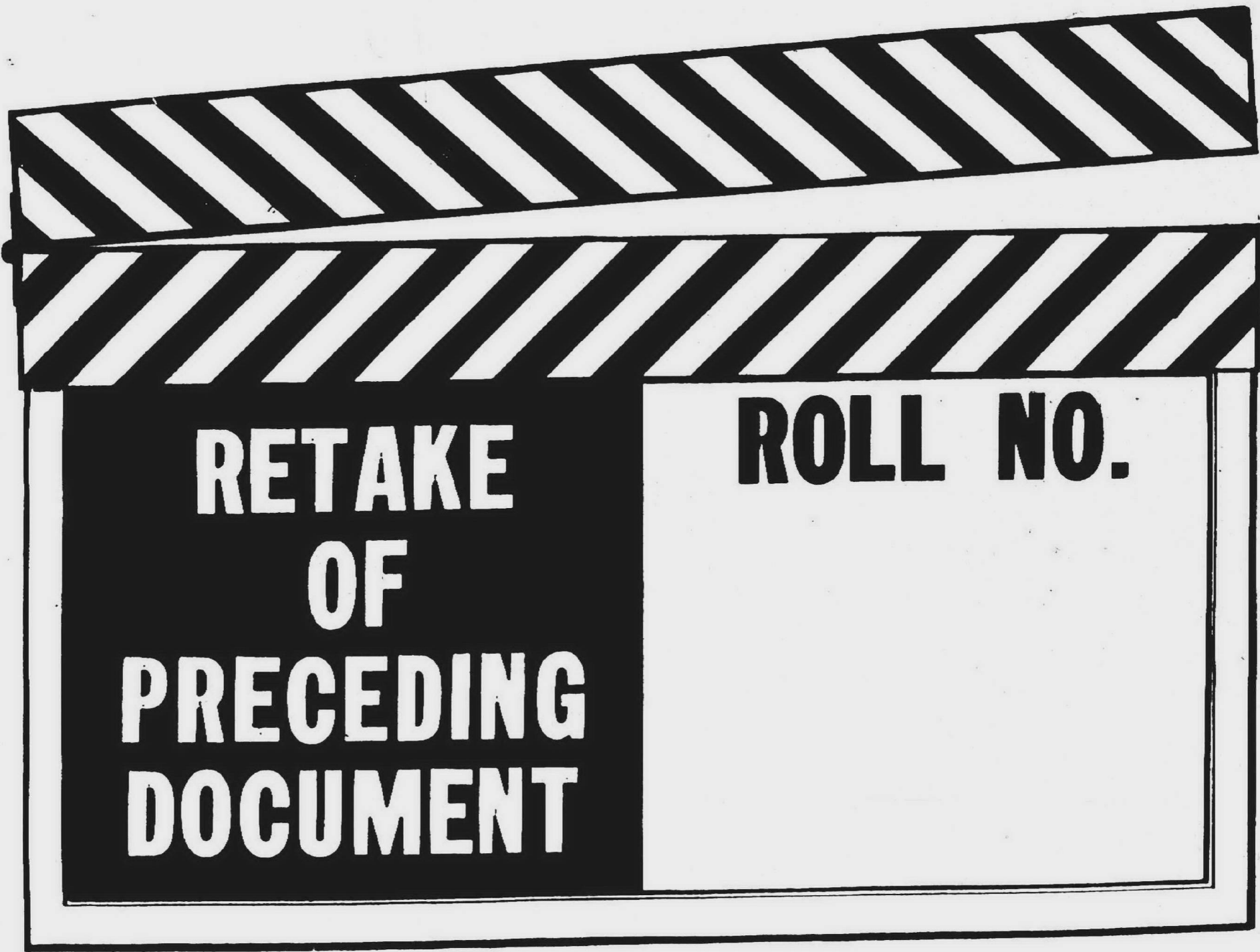
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Byrne to see audit before deciding on job

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The man picked to be Plymouth's new city manager has delayed his first executive decision.

"He's still unsure as to whether or not he wants to take the job," Mayor Dennis Bila told city commissioners at the Monday commission meeting.

And the commission is giving him two more weeks to decide.

Randy Byrne, 36, city manager of Grand Blanc since 1981, was selected Feb. 12 from a field of four finalists for the job. That field included William Graham, city finance director and acting city manager.

But Byrne expressed concern over the city's financial woes last week, while negotiating a contract with Plymouth officials.

"He's got every confidence that he can help us," Bila said Monday. But the mayor added, "He's not sure that he wants to."

"Randy Byrne would like to see the financial report before he makes a decision," Bila said. "We will give him that leeway."

Commissioners agreed to hire an outside auditing firm to review the city's finances. Bila said this review — which he said Byrne wants to see before making up his mind — should be completed in about two weeks.

"To delay that decision (hiring a manager) a couple more weeks wouldn't matter at this point," Bila said.

Commissioner Mary Childs disagreed.

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Firm to probe city's deficit

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The Plymouth City Commission has hired an outside auditor to try and solve the city's budget deficit.

Mayor Dennis Bila cited a "need to address our financial problems immediately" in hiring an outside auditor, as the man chosen to be the next city manager, Randy Byrne, has yet to decide whether or not to take the job.

City officials face a deficit of roughly \$250,000, sparked by a steep rise in trash dumping rates and increased health insurance costs.

In addition to hiring the outside auditing firm, Plante and Moran, Bila said, "We should have an immediate spending freeze on all items unless they're immediately necessary to provide a city service."

THE COMMISSION then delayed purchases scheduled for Monday, which included buying three new police cars at \$13,298 each.

Plante and Moran has "a great reputation for doing financial recovery programs," Bila said in recommending that the firm be hired. City officials estimated that hiring the firm will cost \$5,000 to \$10,000.

To begin working on the city's deficit before the arrival of the auditors, acting City Manager William Graham said, "We have at this point implemented a number of adjustments."

He is reviewing a list of budget cuts submitted by each city department head. "We are trying to do away with things we consider non-essential," he said.

GRAHAM SAID that the current millage, through which the city raises money to pay for trash dumping,

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Randy Byrne

Plymouth man hopes late ticket hits the jackpot

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A Plymouth man who discovered too late that he held a lottery ticket worth \$1.5 million will be eternally grateful to State Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth, if the special appropriations bill he introduced last week is approved.

The longtime Plymouth resident, who has requested anonymity, bought a winning Super Lotto ticket Nov. 16, 1988. He tried to redeem the ticket, worth \$1,510,551, Nov. 20, 1989 — three days past the deadline.

"He buys tickets regularly at a local party store," said Law. "Apparently, a few tickets that he had got stuck or caught in the back of some papers in a drawer. He never noticed them until he was cleaning it out."

"The Lottery runs a lot of ads when they come due," added Law. "He happened to look at it, called the Lottery, and here we go — \$1.5 million and the odds are 7 million to one. He ran down the next day and was three days late."

Law said the self-employed winner, who keeps books for small businesses, "is a nice guy who's not wealthy. He showed me his income tax return, and he doesn't make a lot of money."

"He's very much the kind of guy you'd like to see win this thing — not

"He's very much the kind of guy you'd like to see win this thing — not a flaky kid who's going to run off to Tahiti."

— Rep. Gerry Law

a flaky kid who's going to run off to Tahiti. We have that happen, which is fine, everyone can do what they want, but this guy is a faithful player of the Lottery.

"He has some medical expenses in his family — it happens to involve one of his children, so it would help out there."

STATE LAW prohibits the Lottery from honoring tickets past the deadline. Law's bill, currently in the general government sub-committee, would grant a one-time waiver and pay the man \$859,000 from the general fund. "We'd buy an annuity that would pay the \$1.5 million over 20 years," said Law.

Law, who has 18 co-sponsors including the head of the House Appropriations Committee, needs support from two-thirds of the House and

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

A day at the opera

Fourth graders from the Plymouth-Canton schools were among 2,300 area students who enjoyed special performances of the opera "La Boheme" at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

In this scene, Alcindoro (right) is hopelessly in love with the flirtatious Musetta (left). For the story and more photos, please turn to Page 3A.

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Plan to improve parks would help city qualify for state aid

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

A need for soccer fields and improvements to the Plymouth Cultural Center and neighborhood parks highlight a list of proposed city parks and recreation needs.

That list, called an action program by the recreation master plan committee that developed it, was presented Monday to the city commission.

"We'll have to come back (to the commission) for money on specific projects," said Chuck Skene, parks and recreation director.

One reason for writing the plan is

to file it with the Department of Natural Resources to be eligible for state and federal money, he said.

Also, "It provides the city administration guidelines for future planning."

THE PLAN divides the city into four neighborhoods, and addresses local park needs in each area.

In neighborhood "A," in northwest Plymouth, parks planners recommend that an unfenced part of Colonial Kiwanis Park be enclosed with a four-foot chain-link fence "with a walk-through entrance to assure the continued safety of participants."

A multiple modern playground appa-

ratus should still be considered," according to the report.

In neighborhood "B," in northeast Plymouth, planners suggest that a service club take on improvements to the Holbrook and Caster playground.

In neighborhood "C" in southwest Plymouth, plans call for removing a Rotary Park backstop and installing a "multipurpose playground structure," adding a merry-go-round to Garden Club Park, and adding a shelter at Optimist Club Park.

In neighborhood "D" in southeast Plymouth, planners recommend fencing the east boundary of Lions Park and updating existing equipment, and replacing a jungle gym at Byron-Dewey Park with more modern playground equipment.

"SINCE OUR city is almost 100 percent developed, it is the recommendation of the committee to continue investigating use of industrial or county property within our community for the possible development of additional soccer fields," Skene said.

This spring, city officials plan to build three soccer fields on Ford Motor Co. property in Plymouth Township. To pay \$16,000 to make these fields, each participant in the soccer program will pay an extra \$2 per

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Other proposed improvements

The commission is also considering a plan to build a new soccer field on the site of the old city hall.



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Movable mollusk

Scooter, a purple snail belonging to Rebecca Pratt, refused to race in the Great Snail Race. But the event was a record setter as several other snails competed. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page 6A.

Legislator tries to help 'little guy' hit jackpot

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Senate — not just a simple majority — because the bill involves special appropriations.

Law hopes to set up a hearing for next week. He's been unable to get one scheduled because the subcommittee chairman has been out of the state.

LYNNE GALIA, director of public relations for the Lottery, said this marks "the first time ever that a valid ticket for an unclaimed jackpot has come in after the deadline date, which is one year. The law states a ticket cannot be paid on after the expiration date of one year."

The Lottery isn't taking a position on Law's bill. "But the Lottery will uphold whatever decision is made by the Legislature," Galia said. "If they decide this ticket should be paid on, we will definitely pay it."

IT'S TOUGH TO SAY what the man's chances will be, Law said. "We will work as hard as we can. I

don't want to say he hasn't got a chance or it's a cinch, because we're going into the budget season. "It can get a little tricky," said Law. "But all of the legislators with whom I've talked to with the exception of one have been very supportive."

If the bill is defeated, "the state is really going to look cheap," added Law.

"Since it's such a rare occasion, why not help out the little guy? Government is so large we hardly every deal with the individual any more. This may not ever happen again. Hopefully we can do something."

The winner, who chose the numbers 1-2-5-22-26-44, bought his ticket at Schulz Cap-N-Cork party store on Five Mile Road in Northville Township.

Unclaimed jackpots are added to the state's school aid fund. Only six other jackpots have gone unclaimed since the Lotto game started in 1984, said Galia.

Trash, insurance costs hurting city

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doesn't raise enough money to handle the Arbor Hills Landfill increase announced last fall.

"We should look at changing the method by which we take care of solid waste disposal," Graham said at the Monday commission meeting.

He said a user fee, added to residents' water bills, "allows you to keep up with the solid waste operators," when they increase rates.

"We have reason to believe refuse costs are going to rise again in the spring," Graham added.

Citing an increase in health insurance costs for city employees, Graham said, "We are currently looking at another supplier of the same service."

BY SWITCHING to another insurer, the city could save \$100,000 with "no reduction in service," he said.

Commissioner Mary Childs was the lone commissioner voting against hiring an auditing firm.

"You're talking about a deficit and you're hiring Plante and Moran at \$150 an hour, and it is not going to

take an hour," she said.

But commissioner Ron Loiselette said a "fresh approach" was needed. Commissioner Jerry Vorva said that while two emergencies sparked the deficit — increased trash dumping

and health insurance rates — "Our financial situation was not in good order to handle this emergency."

Commissioner John Vos said, "Plante and Moran has a nationwide

reputation. I think it's sorely needed."

The commission is scheduled to review the budget in a public study session at 2 p.m. Friday at city hall.

City gives first choice for manager 2 more weeks to decide about job

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"I guess I'm really very, very, very disappointed," she said.

"The big thing you were all touting was his financial expertise. Now I find that really, Randy wants us to do all the work."

Bila said he was also frustrated over the delay in hiring a city manager.

The day after his selection, Byrne said "I was elated" to be picked for the job. Byrne could not be reached for comment in Grand Blanc on Tuesday.

Some commissioners cited Byrne's enthusiasm for coming to Plymouth in choosing him to succeed former

city manager Henry Graper, who resigned in May, 1989.

While discussing a contract with Bila and Commissioner Ralph (Jack) Kenyon last week, he was presented with copies of the city's recent audit report and budget.

"I know he has concerns," Bila said.

Bila said the city manager selection committee — Bila, Kenyon, Commissioner James Jabara and former commissioner Robert Jones — visited Byrne in Grand Blanc on Saturday.

"He's very concerned about our financial condition," the mayor said.

Nancy Davis, editor of the Grand Blanc News, said that when she talked to Byrne last week, "He said that he's real attached to Grand Blanc and it would be hard to leave."

Teen's handgun turns out to be toy

What was reported to be a handgun in a teen's clothing turned out to be a plastic toy gun, after police investigated Friday.

A caller told Plymouth Township police at 3 p.m. that she saw two teens walking near Haggerty Road, and one had a handgun.

An officer responded to the call, saw the two at Haggerty and Massey Drive, and ordered them not to move, the police report said.

The officer discovered the gun was a toy.

PHONE THREATS: Although she's changed her phone number twice, a 39-year-old Plymouth Township woman is still getting calls from an ex-boyfriend who claims "if he can't have her, no one can," the woman told township police.

crime watch

The woman said the man also has followed her to her job. Police suggested that she contact Michigan Bell about a phone trace.

BOAT MOTOR STOLEN: A Canton woman, 58, went to a storage facility on Eckles Road on Saturday, and found wires leading from her boat motor to the boat had been cut and the motor stolen, she told police.

Police are investigating the theft of the Mariner engine, valued at \$1,000.

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Plan for upgrading city parks

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season over the next four years, Skene said.

If land can be found for more soccer fields, "it is the committee's recommendation that the city first investigate state funding for the project before passing the entire cost on to the participants," Skene said.

THE COMMITTEE is also seeking other improvements (see box page 1A) that would be paid for by the municipal building authority.

Others serving on the recreation plan committee, besides Skene, are Robert Jones, planning commissioner; Mary Childs, city commissioner; soccer coach Craig Evans; Tracy Gottschalk, Northville assistant parks and recreation director; softball and basketball enthusiast James McLennan; and Tom Willette, Plymouth's assistant parks and recreation director.

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Four struggling artists living in Paris at the turn of the century are told by their landlord (right) that their rent is three months late.

Students tune in to opera

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

The New York City Opera National Company's presentation of "La Bohème" drew rave reviews Monday from more than 600 Plymouth-Canton fourth-graders. The students were among more than 2,300 young people from four counties invited to two special performances.

With sponsorship from Plymouth Community Arts Council and parent-teacher organizations, the youngsters attended the abbreviated opera at the University of Michigan's Power Center for the Performing Arts. The performance was presented by the University Musical Society's Young People's Program, designed to cultivate awareness and interest in the performing arts.

IT MARKED THE first time the opera company has ventured outside New York schools to stage the edu-

cational program, which combines actual scenes with explanations regarding the performers, storyline, music, sets, lighting, costuming and audience etiquette.

La Bohème, by Giacomo Puccini, tells the story of the lives and loves of four impoverished artists living in Paris in the early 19th century. Regular performances were presented Feb. 17 and 18 at the Power Center as part of the company's 49-city tour.

The Italian opera, which premiered in February, 1896, was a hit with the young set.

"I thought it was wonderful how they sing," said Kristi Cooper of Hulsing Elementary.

"Some of the people were very pretty," said her classmate Christina Bradford.

Hulsing fourth-grader Nicole Young "liked the characters and how they acted."

Tracy Buescher "thought it was funny in some of the parts."

Holly Peleshok said, "I think it was really good. I like the way they changed the scenery."

For the company members, of course, the daytime shows meant giving up some free time. But they didn't seem to mind.

"This is the audience of tomorrow," said conductor Mark Gibson, a New Jersey-born graduate of the University of Michigan's music school. "We should share this with them. It's a great experience."

IT WAS GIBSON'S idea to send to teachers months ahead of time the music to the piece sung at the end of the second act so that students could join in. It worked. More than 1,000 voices were raised in song including those of a handful of students chosen to don costumes and join the actors on stage.

"The involvement of young people

on stage was an exceptional thing to do," said Jo Hulce. Hulce, founder of the Plymouth Community Arts Council and a member of the Musical Society's advisory board, recruited volunteers to help out on the field trip.

"It was a very nice combination of an educational program and an introduction to opera."

Actor Gregory Powell who plays Schaunard, one of the main characters in the opera, enjoyed doing the special show.

"There's definitely a different energy level. We felt the license to try a few things out. I think we're going to talk about leaving some of them in."

Nancy Kelly, the opera company's director of education, said the "cast enjoyed having the kids up on stage. They also enjoy seeing the reaction of children. They're an extremely honest audience with no preconceived notions."



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Students and teachers from Hulsing Elementary were among the 600-plus Plymouth-Canton representatives at "La Bohème," an opera performed by the New York City Opera National Company at the University of Michigan Power Center in Ann Arbor Monday.

Schools: Give crossing guard tab to communities

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

The Plymouth-Canton school board wants local units of government to pick up the tab for school crossing guards. Right now, under the terms of a 1981 consent judgment, the school district pays half the cost. Crossing guard salaries and benefits cost the schools \$52,929 last year.

The board voted unanimously last week to direct school district attorneys to modify the consent judgment and transfer responsibility for school crossing guards to the municipalities.

As it stands, "in the event an accident were to occur to a student which was preventable by the crossing guard, the school district could be accountable for such negligence without the benefit of governmental immunity," said Ray Hoedel, the schools' associate superintendent for business.

Superintendent John Hoben told board members the district's liability stems from staffing crossing guards who don't have police power.

"We're trying to get our attorneys to get something agreed to by the court to relieve us of legal liability," said board president Dean Swartzwelder.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Supervisor Maurice Breen said school officials "are obfuscating this whole thing."

"The main issue is dollars. This would mean \$50,000 more in their pocket, and they want to unload the liability."

"There may be a liability issue, but then there is a liability issue in every action."

"There's nothing wrong with transferring responsibility to individual communities — that's what the statute in fact does," said Breen, who is an attorney.

But if the schools are contending that crossing guards don't have arrest power, "that's kind of goofy. If

that's their reason, they really are reaching. They wouldn't have arrest power under our jurisdiction or theirs."

"If that's their purpose, they shouldn't be wasting taxpayers' money, period."

Under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, failure to obey a crossing guard is a misdemeanor. The law also says that "school crossing guards shall be the responsibility of the local law enforcement agency having immediate jurisdiction of the crossing."

School district attorney Dennis Pollard recommended to board members that a motion be filed amending the consent judgment requiring the district to provide crossing guards to "bring it into conformance with the current state of the law."

One needn't be a police officer to seek court action against a driver who commits the misdemeanor, said Breen.

"It's quite clear that what they're saying is that taking down the license number of the vehicle which did not stop is sufficient to get the driver into court to prove he wasn't driving. So there is no need for someone with immediate power of arrest."

"The system has been working just fine. I still think the thrust of the lawsuit is dollars," said Breen.

PAUL SINCOCK, assistant to the Plymouth city manager, said he's aware there's a controversy over who will pay and who has jurisdiction over the crossing guards.

"But ultimately, it is the same person who pays — the taxpayer," said Sincock. "It's just a matter of which pot it comes out of." The issue will be referred to the city officials and the risk management team for review, he said.

While the Plymouth Township board ultimately will decide a course of action, Breen says it makes no sense for local governments to take over the operation of the school crossing guard program.

"Does it make any sense in a district that covers at least three different communities? Who is going to dictate hours of employment and all that? It doesn't make much sense."

CANTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Tom Yack said local units of government wouldn't willingly change the consent agreement because, "in effect, it would mean that their taxpayers would be paying more for school crossing guard service."

"You really could look at it as coming out of same person's pocket. If we relent and take over total responsibility, that means the dollars the taxpayers have given us to provide local services would be diminished by whatever it would cost to pay the full shot for the crossing guards," said Yack, a member of the Plymouth-Canton school board for 11 years, and president for four years.

"We really have not researched the issues they have raised relative to liability," he said. "It's their attorney who's advised them that they've become liable or more liable because they're operating the school crossing guard program."

"I don't know if that's a position they can sustain or not. I'm sure at some point there will be a hearing before a judge."

CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY director John Santomauro says determining whether to go along with the schools' request isn't for him to decide.

"Whether we as Canton choose to go along with that is really a political decision, and not one that the public safety director makes. But we are not going to have Canton police officers acting as crossing guards."

Yack said that sometime after the consent agreement was signed, "there started to be discussion that it should all be shifted over because that's the way it's done most places."

"I think they don't want to take on more liability than they have to."

Area bowlers to aid Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, with offices at 20755 Greenfield Suite 801 in Southfield, will have its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake March 4-11 at bowling centers throughout the tri-county area.

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The man picked to be Plymouth city manager wants two more weeks to decide whether to take the job. Should the commission wait?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Post Office downtown.



'He should have the two weeks.'
— Margaret Churchill
Former Plymouth resident



'Give him the two weeks, why not?'
— Heather Hecker
Plymouth



'I think they should give him two weeks.'
— Tiffany Loftis
Plymouth



'I think he should give an answer immediately if he wants the job — Give it to someone else.'
— Bill Baxter
Salem Township



'I think they should offer it to somebody else.'
— Gloria Loudy
Northville



'He should have known if he wanted the job or not — Give it to someone else.'
— Bonnie West
Plymouth



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Clean up

Last week's snow and ice storm is only a memory to most of us, but not to crews who are still hammering away at the ice. Here a plow from Rollin Landscaping pushes ice around at a Plymouth shopping center.

carrier of the month Plymouth

Wendy Allan, 13, has been named Carrier of the Month for February by the Plymouth Observer.

Wendy, an 8th grade student at Central Middle School, is the daughter of Paul and Donna Allan.

Her favorite subjects in school are English, French and math. Her hobbies are water skiing, tubing, jobbing and swimming.

She plans on attending college.

She said she likes her route because she can meet people and earn extra money. In doing that route, she said she has learned how to deal with the public.

She said other young people could benefit from a route because you learn how to work for goals and achieve them.

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Wendy Allan

Tips still sought for stolen rare bird

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

The bird hasn't been returned to its nest and Pat Stocker is worried.

In fact, the owner of Seaport Pet Shop, is offering a \$500 reward with the hope that someone will return the rare African Gray Parrot that was stolen during a break-in at the store early last Friday.

The 8-week-old bird requires hand feeding from a syringe and could have a difficult time surviving on its own, according to Stocker.

"By now it's been three or four days and I don't know how much longer the bird can live without food," Stocker said Tuesday.

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—Pat Stocker

Newspaper and television accounts about the bird-napping failed to generate any calls or tips at the store, Stocker said Tuesday. Police reported several telephone calls but no solid leads in the case.

Stocker said the reward money is being put up by the store's fish distributor, Sunlight Tropicals. It will

be given for the safe return of the bird or information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever stole it, Stocker said.

STOCKER REPEATED Tuesday that if the thief returned the bird alive "there would be no questions asked" and no charges pressed.

The parrot, valued at \$1,200, was

the only thing stolen in the break-in at the store, 2020 N. Wayne Road, police said.

Police were called to the store at 2:23 a.m. Friday by a passerby who reported the front door open.

Officers reported a 28-inch baseball bat, apparently used to break the glass in the front door, was lying on the floor with an open birdcage nearby.

An unidentified man who came into the store Thursday and admired the bird for several minutes is a suspect, police said.

obituaries

GARNET I. HENDERLONG Services for Garnet I. Henderlong, 85, of Livonia were Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Harry J. Will Trust 100 Funeral Home in Livonia. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Henderlong was born July 9, 1904, in Sardin, Ohio. She died Saturday, Feb. 17, in Livonia.

Mrs. Henderlong is survived by six sons, Raymond of Montrose, N.Y.,

Calvin of Spring Hill, Fla., Manuel of Detroit, Harold of Farmington Hills, Donald of Livonia and Vernon of Brighton; three daughters, Norma McLellan of Farmington, Betty L. Simmons of Livonia and Shirley Hack of Canton; four sisters, Virginia Wagenheim of Wheeling, W. Va., Roberta Hoskins of Canton, Ohio, Evelyn Karkreuth of Wheeling, W. Va., and Merle Winkler of Sardin, Ohio.

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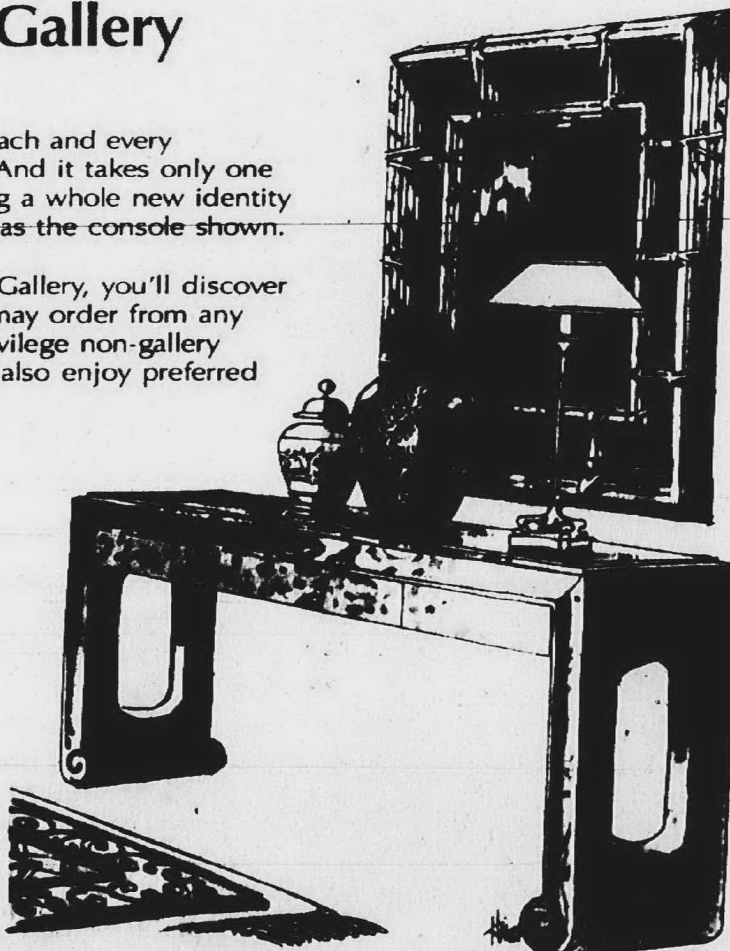
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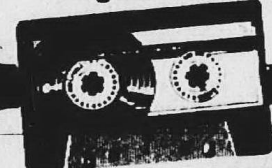
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Gibson students (from left) John Rivard, Beth Gonzales and Steven Kreis prepare items for the school's fund-raising auction on March 3. John is packing an Italian basket filled with the flavors of old Italy while Beth and Steven put the finishing

touches on "Gibson's Garden," which includes a starter garden and gardening accessories. The redwood picnic table on which the students are working will also be on the auction block.

Students to seed 'Gibson garden'

Students at Gibson School for the Gifted are looking forward to this year's fund-raising auction because they've had a hand in making some of the gifts on the auction block.

Each class has chosen a project to donate to the annual auction set for Saturday, March 3, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Classroom donations range from "Gibson's Garden: The Gift that Keeps on Giving," a middle school class starter garden grown by students and including a variety of gardening accessories, to "A Chocolate Lover's Fantasy," contributed by the youngest class in the school and featuring an assortment of homemade chocolate treats.

Other student donations include the Cub Scout package, a bird feeder made by Gibson's Cub Scout Troop 300, Den 1, a set of tie-dyed napkins and napkin rings made by Gibson's Junior Girl Scouts (the package includes Girl Scout calendars and cookies) and travel tote filled with

children's activities donated by Room 13.

This year's auction, "Reach for the Sky," will be held 7-11 p.m. in the UM-D Recreation and Organization Center. A silent auction will precede and follow the live auction which begins at 8 p.m.

Other items to be auctioned include hot air balloon rides, backstage passes to the Downtown Hop-down, a week's stay at an ocean front condominium, a weekend in Frankenmuth, antique jewelry, a racing helmet autographed by Jackie Stewart, and many gift certificates for dining, theater and sporting events.

Advance tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Proceeds from the auction will be used to benefit Gibson's program for the 1990-1991 school year.

For reservations or other auction information, call Carol Green at 885-8688.

Candidate, ballot deadlines move up

Filing deadlines for political candidates are three weeks earlier this year, the secretary of state's office announced.

Michigan changed its laws because the U.S. government said troops overseas and on submarines had too little time to obtain and return their absentee ballots.

Aug. 7 is the primary election for partisan offices such as governor, U.S. senator and representative, state legislators and township offices, as well as for non-partisan district, circuit and probate judges. It is also election time for precinct delegates to county political party conventions.

Here are major new dates:
April 9, by 5 p.m. — Incumbent judges (other than Supreme Court justices) to file affidavits of candidacy.

May 8, by 4 p.m. — Candidates for county convention delegate ("pre-

cinct delegate") to file petitions with county clerk.

May 11, by 4 p.m. — Withdrawal deadline for candidates for precinct delegate.

May 15 — Deadline to place local questions on the primary ballot to be filed with county or local clerks.

May 15, by 4 p.m. — Candidates for partisan and non-partisan offices to file nominating petitions (or fees) for the primary election.

May 18, by 4 p.m. — Withdrawal deadline for the primary.

By June 23 — County committees of major political parties to call county conventions.

July 9 — Last date to register for primary election.

July 27 — Pre-primary campaign statements to be filed.

Aug. 4, by 2 p.m. — Deadline to apply for an absent voter ballot by mail.

Aug. 7 — Primary election.

GOP's property tax relief bid fails

By Tim Richard
staff writer

House Republicans failed Tuesday to tie the homeowner property tax relief to the renewal of Detroit's tax on utility bills. But the GOP came up with a party line vote to use as an election year issue.

"We should negotiate it (property tax relief) at the same time as the utility," Rep. Susan Grimes Munsell, R-Howell, told the House Taxation Committee.

But on an 8-8 party line vote, the panel rejected Munsell's amendment to tie the renewal of the Detroit utility tax to her bill to increase state rebates to homeowners with high property taxes.

"I'm a co-sponsor of it (Munsell's bill)," said Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, "and I have difficulty with that linkage."

One witness in the all-day hearing gave the issue an undertone of gubernatorial politics.

IF MUNSELL'S tie-bar had received the necessary 10 votes, the Detroit tax couldn't become law until her property tax relief bill was passed.

Kosteva and Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, voted with their party and Detroit members, who said the issues weren't related and shouldn't be tied.

Late Tuesday, the panel reported out the utility tax to the full House.

A similar bill is in the Senate Finance Committee.

THE MUNSELL bill would have cost the state \$349 million in general fund revenue to make up for reduced property taxes. It would:

- Increase the state rebate to homeowners who pay high property taxes — in excess of 3.5 percent of income. The bill would hike the rebate to 75 percent of the excess from the current 60 percent.

- Increase the portion of rent assumed to be property tax from 17 to 20 percent.

- Increase the maximum rebate from \$1,200 to \$2,600 per year, and index the maximum to the consumer price index in metropolitan Detroit.

"Inevitable," nodded Rep. Nelson Saunders, D-Detroit, in sympathetic agreement, "but I don't like seeing it tie-barred to this bill."

"As a minority," said Rep. William Bryant, R-Grosse Pointe, "we've been unsuccessful in getting another look at the property tax credit."

THE DETROIT issue reached crisis proportions when Wayne Circuit

Judge Marvin Stempien ruled two weeks ago that the city had illegally collected the tax since mid-1988 because the state enabling law expired.

Ironically, Stempien had been a Democratic state representative from Livonia and a member of the House leadership circle when the original enabling law was passed in 1970 and was the Democrats' 1988 nominee for the state Supreme Court.

Unless the bill is re-enacted and survives a constitutional test, Detroit will have to pay back some \$100 million in over-collections of taxes on natural gas, telephone and electricity bills.

To an average household over the 19-month contested period, the pay-backs would amount to \$155 — \$43 for electricity, \$33 for telephone and \$79 for gas.

Detroit budget director Walter Stecher said the law is worth \$52 million a year and is earmarked for use in the \$326 million police department budget.

The city already faces an \$81 million deficit which would swell to \$181 million if the Court of Appeals upholds Stempien and orders a pay-back.

"We're paying for it ourselves," said the sponsor, Rep. Morris Hood, D-Detroit. "We're not asking suburbanites for help."

Detroit Democrats blamed the federal government under Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush for eliminating revenue sharing.

THE GUBERNATORIAL politics came in when Hillsdale College economics Prof. Gary Wolfram attacked Detroit's tax burden so "extremely high" that it's depressing property values and causing people to leave.

A free market conservative, Wolfram for years was a state Senate fiscal analyst and close associate of GOP gubernatorial candidate John Engler.

Wolfram also attacked the bill as "a new act" that would have to be approved by Detroit voters under the 1978 Headlee tax limitation amendment. "Someone's going to challenge it for lack of voter approval," he said.

Detroit's lawyer, however, said the bill was written to express continuity of tax authority. Carl Von Ende asked for no amendments so that a "clean bill" could be presented to Stempien. The judge has stayed his repayment order to Feb. 27 to give the city time to appeal and seek new legislation.

Republican Bryant failed to win approval of an amendment to require an election.



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Alex Warden coaches his entrant in the Great Snail Race.



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Snail race proves more than shell game as records set

LOOK OUT WORLD! Vern and Pretator, snails owned by West Middle School students Eric Yarger and George Allison, respectively, have unofficially broken the Guinness world racing record, says science teacher Sally DeRoo. Results and a video are on their way to the Guinness Book of Records.

Tuesday's Great Snail Race, certified by Tim Pierce of the mollusk division of University Museums in

Ann Arbor, took place on a wooden 33-centimeter track constructed by West custodians Ted Cowger and Jeff Becker.

Vern's record time was two minutes and 13 seconds. The existing world record, set in 1988 by a garden snail named Tracker in Norfolk, England, is two minutes, 31 seconds. Tracker won a silver tankard stuffed with lettuce leaves for his efforts.

Pretator's pace of two minutes, 27 seconds, also smashed the world

record, according to Pierce, the official timer.

Yarger's and Allison's snails outperformed more than 20 other snails.

"Some snails refused to do anything. Seventeen snails raced. But there were 22 contestants," said DeRoo, who teaches life science.

The race was the culmination of an extended project, DeRoo said.

"The students have been raising these snails for a couple years," said DeRoo. "Kids have growth records. They've kept the weight of snails and measured their belly feet."

The snails also have been on strict training diets, added DeRoo.

"Some of the snails like cucumbers. Some prefer parsley, and others lettuce. They all have to have eggshells or bone meal to keep their shells firm."

"The snails have a very good sense of smell, so they have different tastes of things they like."

DeRoo's ninth-grade class studies the habitats and life patterns of animals. But the snail project has been so popular "it's sort of caught on with all the kids," said DeRoo.

Eric Yarger's champion snail Vern set an unofficial Guinness world record. Tim Pierce of the University of Michigan (right) acted as official timer.

Facts of Law

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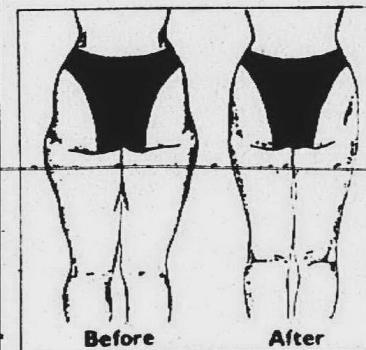
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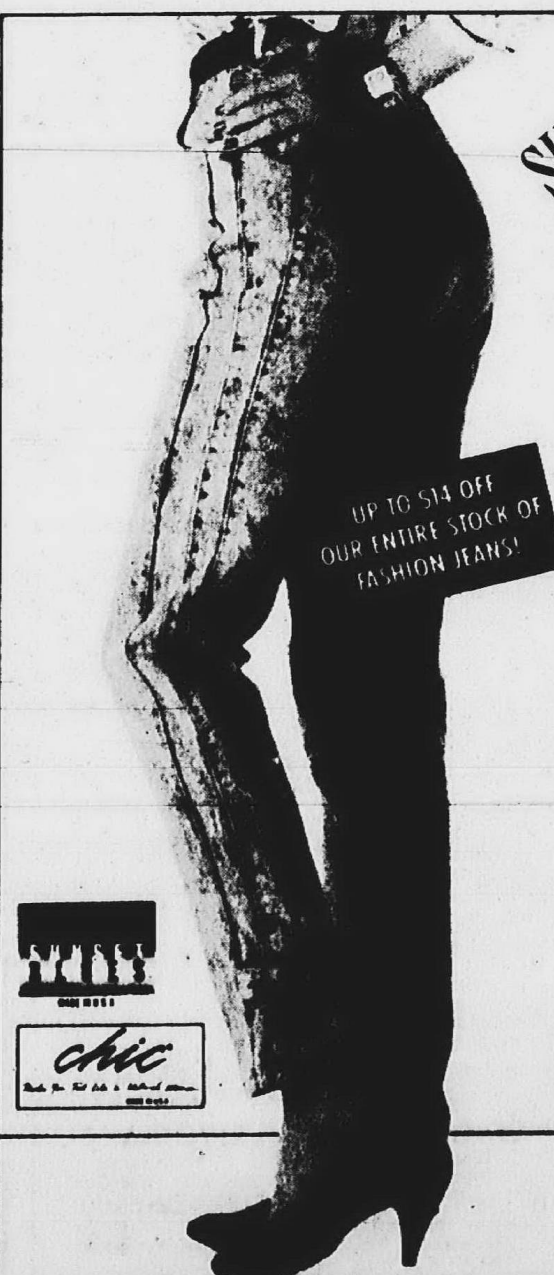
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Good timing

Change in routine results in rescue

By Bill Cooper
staff writer

For some reason that James Chapman can't explain, he altered his normal lunch routine Monday afternoon and ended up in the right place at the right time to lead a 79-year-old Redford Township woman from her smoke-filled house just minutes before it burst into flames.

"It was ironic," said Chapman, a 45-year-old Westland resident who owns Talley TV and Radio Service on Joy just east of Telegraph in Redford.

"Normally, I go for lunch at about 11:30 a.m. I usually walk across the street to a drug store for a can of soup that I prepare in my shop."

"Today (Monday), I decided to wait until noon for my part-time guy to come to work, but I have no idea why I waited," said Chapman, who has worked at the repair shop for 27 years and has owned it for 24 years.

"I was crossing Joy on my way to the drug store and I saw smoke pouring out of Mrs. (Helen) Furtak's

chimney and roof. I've been in business there so long that I know many of the people who live around me."

CHAPMAN SAID he went to Furtak's house, in the 8800 block of Dale behind his shop, where he found her standing near the front door in her single-story brick house.

"The thing you have to know about her is that she only has vision for about eight feet and she has difficulty walking. When I got to her door, I said, 'Mrs. Furtak, this is Jim from the TV shop, we have to go.' She knew something was burning, but she couldn't see and she was confused."

"She asked me to see what was burning," Chapman said. "But I told her we had to go and I took her by the arm and led her out of the house. We just got out of the house and it (the fire) took off."

"If I wouldn't have waited to go for lunch, I would have never seen the smoke coming from her house because I can't see her home from inside my shop."

Chapman said he took Furtak to a neighbor's house, from where Redford firefighters were called.

FURTAK, WHO was home alone at the time the fire started in the basement of her home, was not injured, Redford Fire Inspector Robert Nadon said.

She lives with her husband, Aloysius, 69, who was not home at the time the fire started, Nadon said.

"We think the fire started from an electrical problem in the basement but the cause is still under investigation," Nadon said. "The fire spread rapidly from the basement to the main floor of the house and gutted both levels."

Damage is estimated at about \$75,000 but the home is insured, Nadon said.

The Furtaks are living with their son-in-law in Southfield, Chapman said.

"He came by the shop to thank me for helping Mrs. Furtak," Chapman said.

military news

NAVY LT. PAUL L. MCKINSTRY, son of Nancy R. Simpson of Canton, participated in the decommissioning of the guided missile destroyer USS Henry S. Wilson, homeported in San Diego. A 1981 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1985 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he joined the Navy in May 1985.

ARMY PRIVATE GARY R. PAUL has arrived for duty in West Germany. He is a military police specialist with the 529th Military Police Company. He is the son of Diane A. Paul and grandson of Homer C. Hildreth of Westland. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

AIRMAN JULIE A. POSIGIAN has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Posigian is the daughter of Wendy C. Kennedy of Inkster and David V. E. Posigian of Plymouth. She is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

JEFFREY PRYSIAK of Canton, son of Stephen and Diane Pryslak, has been nominated by U.S. Rep. William D. Ford for the entering Class of 1990 at the U.S. Air Force and Military Academy.

PVT. FELIX A. ROBERTSON has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He is the son of Ora L. and Felix Robertson of Canton and is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School.

ARMY RESERVE PVT. KAREN L. SWALLEY, daughter of Janet J. Swalley of Lillian, Ala. and John C. Swalley of Canton, has graduated from the cargo specialist course at the U.S. Army Transportation School in Fort Eustis, Va. She is a 1989 graduate of Foley High School, Alabama.

ARMY PVT. STEPHANIE M. TELLIER has arrived for duty in West Germany. She is a petroleum supply specialist with the 3rd Infantry Division. Tellier is the daughter

of Robert E. and Dawn M. Tellier of Canton, and wife of John Tellier. The private is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

PVT. ROBERT A. AUSTIN has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. Austin is the son of Cassandra L. Speir and stepson of Robert J. Speir of Plymouth. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

NAVY SEAMAN RECRUIT JOSEPH M. MILLER, son of Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller of Canton has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He joined the Navy in September 1989.

MARINE PVT. JAMES W. LEWIS, son of Shirley A. and stepson of Robert F. Truesdell of Canton has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. A 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1989.



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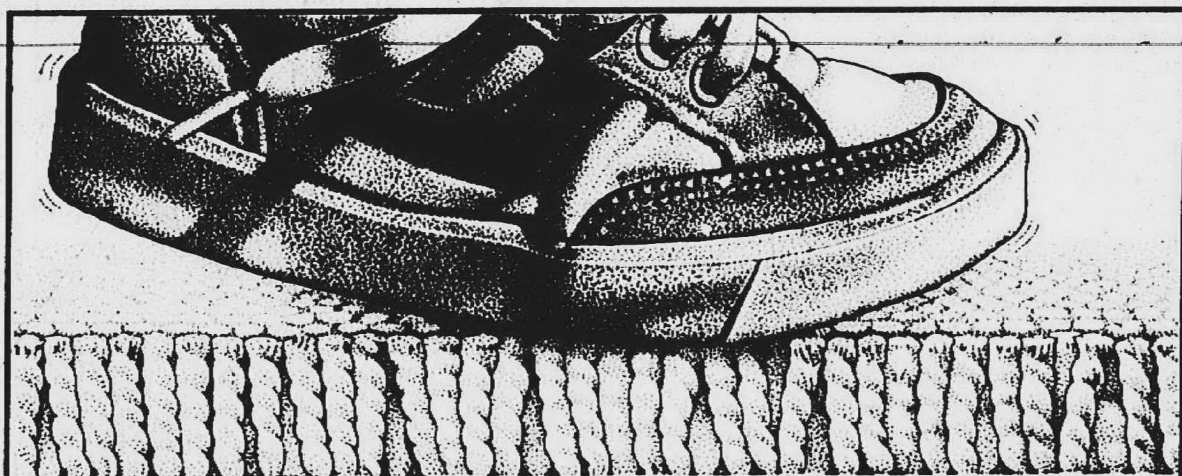
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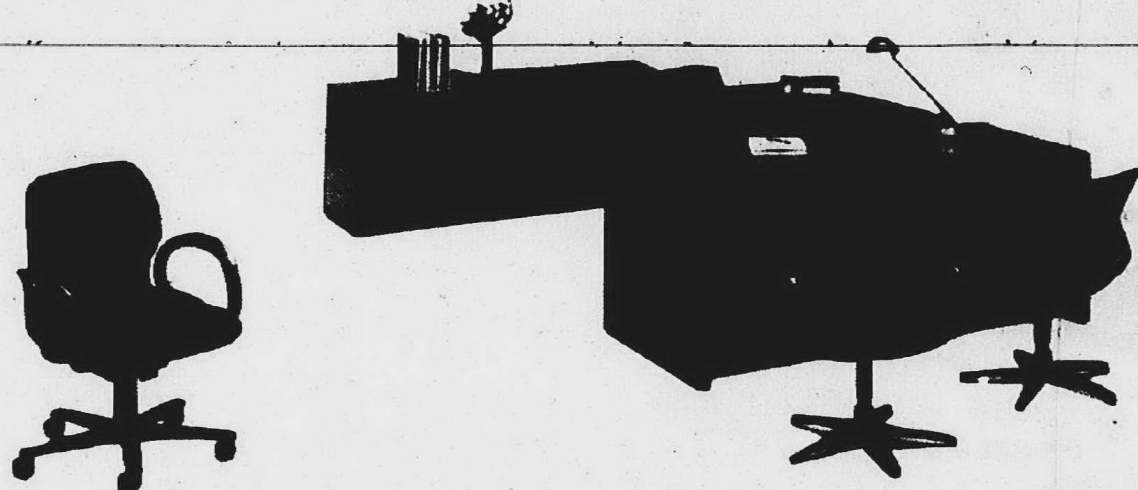
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Plymouth YMCA classes

Begin Monday, Feb. 26 — Classes offered are: Ladies Over 30 Soccer, Allen School Gym, Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Aerobic Fitness, various locations and times; Tae Kwon Do Karate, Smith School Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.; Hatha Yoga, Hobbs Elementary School, Mondays, 8:15-10 p.m.; "Y" Sidewalk Strollers, Mondays, 8:45-7:45 p.m.; Adult Pils Polo, Allen School Gym, Mondays, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Call 453-2944 for information.

Breast cancer

Thursday, Feb. 22 — Michigan Cancer Foundation will have a meeting for the Breast Cancer Support

Group, 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 22 at 110 E. Warren in Detroit. Call Annamary Morgan at 833-0710, Ext. 225.

LaLeche League

Today, Feb. 27 — Plymouth-Canton LaLeche League is offering a series of four monthly meetings at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. The meeting discussions will include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Books on child-birth, childcare and breastfeeding will be available. Call 455-1374 or 455-4828.

Literacy workshop

Saturday, Feb. 24 — The Western Wayne County Literacy Council is having a tutor training workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Canton Library. Call 427-6444 for further information.

Women's therapy group

Women's adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families therapy group is now forming at Growth Works in Plymouth. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Scott Levey at 455-4902.

● Sports

Men's Racquetball

Starts Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a 10-week spring

league Wednesdays at Rose Shores of Canton, 7:30-9 p.m. Price is \$64 per person. Register in person or by mail: Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48106

Softball

Saturday, Feb. 24 — The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department will have softball informational meetings (men's, women's, coed) for 1990 slow-pitch softball leagues at Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Men's leagues meet at 10 a.m., women's leagues, 10:30 a.m.; coed, 11 a.m. Call 397-5110.

Feb. 27-March 30 — Canton Parks and Recreation Softball Team registration dates and fees are as follows: Men: Returning teams, Feb. 27-March 9; New teams, March 12-23; \$200 all leagues. Women: All teams, March 1-30; \$290. Coed: Returning teams, March 1-14; New teams, March 15-30; \$240. Fees must be paid in full at the Recreation office at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-5110 for more information.

● Senior Classes

Canton Recreation Center

Free leisure classes are sponsored by Wayne County Community College: painting, ceramics and wood-carving, 12:30 p.m. Mondays; crafts, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays; genealogy,

meets 1 p.m. first Wednesday of each month; machine quilting, 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 397-5446

● Seniors

Trips

Tuesday, March 13 — Canton Seniors are going to see the Royal Hanneford Circus at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Price of \$4 includes transportation. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center. Call 397-5446

Monday, March 19 — Canton Seniors will be traveling to see the Ink-spots at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. Price of \$29.50 includes transportation, chicken dinner, the show and tour of the city. Seniors will leave the Recreation Center at 8:45 a.m. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center.

Friday, May 11 — Canton Seniors will travel to Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg, Pa., for a five-day, four-night trip. Price is \$415. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center.

Thursday, March 1 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation offers a Mystery Tour for \$28.50. Call the Recreation Department at 455-6620

Wednesday, March 28 — Plymouth Parks and Recreation offers a

trip to the Westgate Dinner Theater to see "Singing in the Rain." Price is \$34 for City of Plymouth residents, \$35, non-residents. Call 455-6620

● Adult Trips

Ski weekend

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a ski weekend at Shanty Creek Ski Area. Price is \$160, plus an additional \$18 per day for rental of equipment, if needed. Families are welcome. Call 455-6620.

"Y" Travelers

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — An outing is planned to Westgate Dinner Theater in Toledo, Ohio. Trip includes round trip transportation, brunch and a matinee performance of "Do

Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Departure from Plymouth Cultural Center is at 10 a.m.; return, 6 p.m. Price is \$50. Call 453-2904 for information

Sunny Florida

Saturday, March 10 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer a seven-day/six-night trip to Florida, featuring Lido Beach in Sarasota and Orlando. Tour price is \$699. Call the Recreation Department at 455-6620

George Burns

Saturday, March 17 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a one-day trip to the George Burns Show at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, dinner at Stouffer's Battle Creek, city tour and shopping time at the new McManly Festival Market Place. Price is \$58. Call 455-6620

You may request agendas

Under provisions of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, you're entitled to receive notices of government meetings. A public body must mail notices to people who, on an annual basis, request such notification. Under the act, payment of a reasonable

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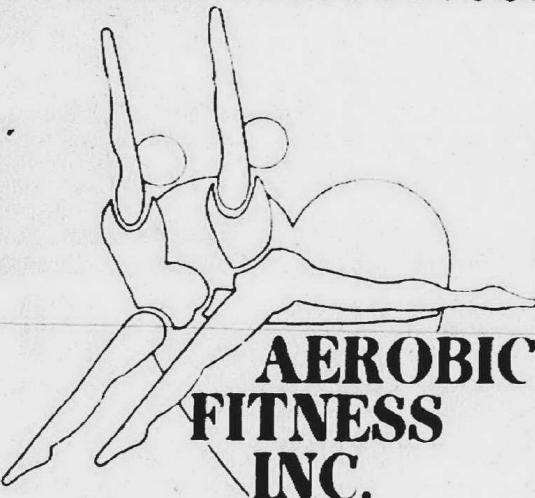
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Commissioners' campaign funds vary widely

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

Some Wayne County Commissioners may have to hit the fund-raising circuit more heavily than others as the 1990 campaign approaches.

A survey of campaign holdings among western Wayne commissioners showed vast differences among campaign and office holder accounts for the four area commissioners.

The campaign committee for Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, was the most active in 1989 — raising more than \$31,000 and spending nearly \$28,000. But it's veteran commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, who enters the campaign with the largest war chest. Mack's committee lists \$19,700 in assets, compared with \$12,979 for Heintz. Mack's district includes Canton. Heintz represents Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Kay Beard, D-Inkster, listed \$4,962 in campaign assets as the year began. Newly elected commissioner Kevin Kelley, who took office

earlier this month was exempt from the Jan. 31 campaign committee filing deadline.

Committees must list their assets and expenditures each year. None of the area's commissioners have formally announced re-election bids at this point. Neither Beard, Mack, nor Heintz faced opponents in the 1988 commission election.

Commissioners' campaign fund holdings pale in comparison to that of county Executive Edward McNamara.

McNamara's campaign war chest approached \$400,000 at the start of 1990. In addition, the executive reported \$63,511 in his office holder expense report. Like the commissioners, McNamara faces re-election this year.

In other filings:
• Both longtime commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster and newcomer Kevin Kelley, D-Redford, carry nearly the same balance in their office holder accounts. Beard, whose district includes Garden City and Westland, listed \$195 in her office



Kay Beard



Milton Mack



Susan Heintz

Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, enters the campaign with the largest war chest. Mack's committee lists \$19,700 in assets, compared with \$12,979 for Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township. Kay Beard, D-Inkster, (far left) listed \$4,962 in campaign assets as the year began.

holder expense fund Kelley listed \$189 in his.

• In contrast, Heintz listed office holding assets of \$2,503 and Mack listed assets of \$1,269.

Office holder expenses are used at the elected officials' discretion, generally to attend conferences or fund-raisers for other officials. All four area commissioners shifted money between their campaign and office holder accounts in 1989. Shifting money between accounts is legal. Commissioners can keep any money in their office holder account when leaving office.

Commissioners are paid \$29,470 a year and also receive an office stipend at the discretion of the com-

mission chairman.

Regarding the commissioner's reports:

Selected contributors to Heintz campaign fund included: City PAC of City Management Corp., Detroit, \$875; Wayne County Sheriff's Local 3317 PAC, \$550; Michigan Residential Care Association PAC, \$450; Browning Ferris Industries PAC, \$250; Northwest Airlines PAC, \$225; Waste Disposal Inc. PAC, \$200; McNamara's Band, \$200.

Individual contributors listed by Heintz included developer Robert DeMattia, \$200; Peter Secchia, U.S. Ambassador to Italy and former state GOP chairman, \$50; pizza magnate Michael Ilitch, \$50; Dearborn Mayor

Michael Guido, \$50; Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley, \$50.

Heintz listed a March fund-raiser at the Whitney Restaurant, Detroit, grossing \$18,720, and a November fund-raiser at Laurel Manor, Livonia, grossing \$11,815.

Selected contributors to Mack's campaign fund included McNamara's Band, \$400; Robert Ryan (vice president of a Romulus recycling company), \$400; Browning Ferris Industries PAC, \$200; Wayne County Government Bar Association, \$200; Michigan Bell PAC, \$200; Wayne County Sheriff's Department Local 502 PAC, \$100 and Northwest Airlines PAC, \$100. Mack listed a

fund-raiser at Dunleavy Pub, Detroit, grossing \$14,960.

Contributors to Beard's campaign included: Wayne County Sheriff's Department Local 502, \$500; UAW Region 1-E, \$180; Carpenter's Southeastern District Council, \$180; AFSCME Local 3317, \$180. Individual contributors, at \$30 each, included U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield; Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, deputy county executive Michael Duggan, state Sens. William Faust and George Hart, state Reps. Justine Barnes and William Keith, former county commissioner Richard Manning and former Westland Mayor Stanley Griffin.

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Please provide the Observer with the name and telephone number of a person with whom we can verify the information.

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Send the information to The Observer Newspapers, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170.

community calendar

YOUTH

• Preschool

Library Storytime
Tuesday, March 13 — Pre-school Storytime is being offered for four consecutive Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at Plymouth District Library for children 3½-5 years old. Parents are requested to remain in the library. Enrollment is limited. Registration is Tuesday, March 6, at 10 a.m. in person and 10:30 a.m. by phone. Call 453-0750.

Thursday, March 15 — Parent/Toddler Program is offered at 10 a.m. for four consecutive Thursdays. Children must be between the ages of 2-3½ years. Other arrangements must be made for siblings as parents must participate. Enrollment is limited. Registration begins Thursday, March 8 at 10 a.m. in person and 10:30 a.m. by phone. Call 453-0750.

Education
Friendly Rainbow Day Care has preschool openings for ages 2½-5. Michigan certified teachers. Call Barb Wasbenko at 420-0495.

New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, in Plymouth Township has limited openings in its parent-toddler class, Me and My Shadow on Friday mornings. Classes are for 2-3 year olds. Call the school at 420-3331.

Special Education

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools offers a program for children with special needs from birth to the age of 6. 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 461-6666.

• School age

Enrichment Classes
New Morning School offers Saturday Discovery Days enrichment classes for children 2-11 years of age. Call 420-3331.

ET CETERA:

• Family activities

Beef stew dinner
Saturday, Feb. 24 — The public may attend a dinner, 5-9 p.m. at Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street in Plymouth. Price for adults is \$5; children, \$2.50. For details, call Council Lounge at 453-9833.

Canton senior band
Thursday, March 1 — The Community Band will perform at 10 a.m. at the Woods of Westland Senior Apartment Community at 39201 Joy Road in Westland. Brunch will follow. The public is invited. Call 454-9838.

Open swim/gym
The Canton High School pool is available for use 2-3 p.m. Sundays. Seventy-five cents, students; \$1, adults. Family swim is 3-4 p.m. Maximum price, \$2.

Canton High School gym welcomes students and adults (residents only) to use the gym for their enjoyment. Price is 75 cents, students; \$1, adults.

adults. Open gym hours are 1-2:30 p.m. and 2:45-4:15 p.m. Sundays.

• Hobbies

Ski lift discounts
Canton Parks and Recreation Services offers discounts at Boyne Mountain/Boyne Highlands, Sugar Loaf, Shanty Creek/Schuss Mountain and several Northern Michigan ski resorts. Call 397-5110 for discount prices.

• Education

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

• Education

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 more information.

GED Preparation — Plymouth-Canton Schools offers classes to people over 18 who want to prepare for the GED exam. Classes are days and evenings. GED is recognized nationally as the equivalent of a high school diploma. Call Mrs. Frey at 451-6555 to register.

Free job training
Eligible western Wayne County residents who are unemployed or underemployed, and who wish to obtain job skills and full-time employment, can register now for free job training. The training is offered at the Employment and Training Center, William D. Ford Vocational/Technical

Center of Wayne-Westland Schools. The center is at 36455 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. For an appointment, call 596-2314.

• Health care

Four Apple II
Computers are available for public use in the Dunning-Hough Library, 333 S. Main, Plymouth. Rules and instructions for using the computers, the responsibility card and a list of software are available at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

• Health care

Spencer Available
Health Care and Retirement Corporation has a representative available to speak to area groups and organizations regarding long term care, medicare and vacation stay. Call Patty Jamison at 455-0510.

Adult stuttering
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 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Janice Pagno at 459-7030.

• Seniors

Families Anonymous
Thursday evenings — A self-help program for those concerned about drug abuse and behavioral problems of a relative or friend will begin at 8 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, in Canton. For more information, call 453-2811.

• Seniors

Day care
Plymouth Family Service is tak-

ing referrals for supervised care and a day of planned activities for people 60 and older living in Wayne County. For more information, call 451-1455, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

• Food distribution

The Canton Recreation Center at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon is an official food distribution site for Focus HOPE, which provides monthly food to Canton senior citizens.

Eligible Canton residents can pick up quantities of juice, meat, dry beans, peanut butter, egg mix, cheese and other items. To determine if you are eligible, call 397-1000, Ext. 278.

• Volunteers

Hospice speakers
Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations regarding the hospice concept of care. If you would like a speaker for your organization, call the hospice office at 522-4244.

• Mentally ill

Volunteers are needed from the service area to work with and serve on the volunteer board of directors of the Suburban West Community Center, the community mental health agency serving the western Wayne County cities of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth and Redford.

If you have a concern for the quality of care available in your community and would be willing to share your professional, business, legal or other talents, call Suburban West Community Center, Redford Township, or call 937-9500 or 981-2665 and ask for Debbie Taylor.

CANTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 11:00 a.m., March 15, 1990 for the following:

PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY PARK DEVELOPMENT

Specifications are available in the Financial Services Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LOREN BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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The hearing will be held during the Township Board meeting of February 27, 1990, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. This notice is provided pursuant to the requirements of 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.

LOREN N. BENNETT, Clerk

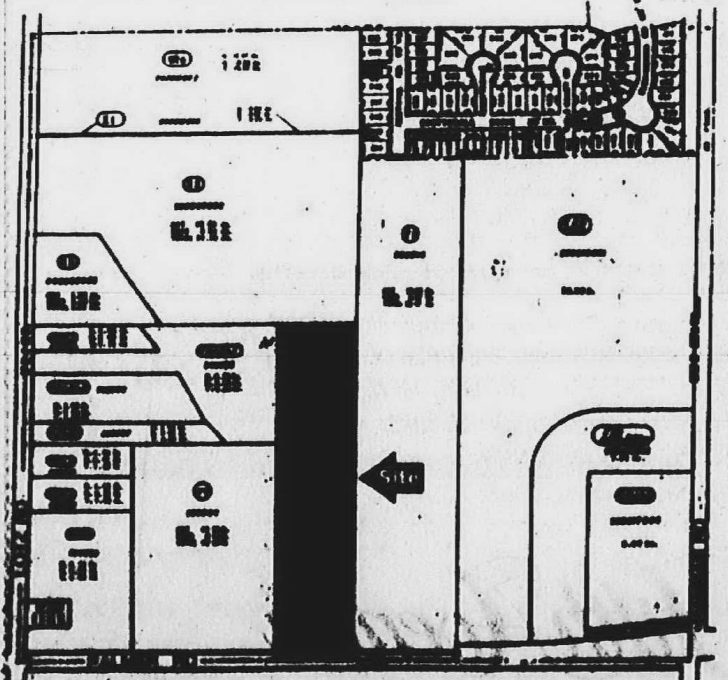
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, March 19, 1990, 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 PARCEL NO. 008-99-0019-000 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PALMER ROAD BETWEEN LOTZ AND HANNAN ROADS.



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CANTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., April 10, 1990 for the following:

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Specifications are available in the Financial Services Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LOREN BENNETT, Clerk

Publish February 22, 1990

ORDINANCE NO. 121 THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROPERTY STANDINGS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.0 GENERAL PROVISION
The purpose of this ordinance is to promote an increased quality of life through the improved maintenance of private property and the exterior of buildings.

SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS

Words or terms contained in this ordinance shall have the meanings as defined in this ordinance. Any words or terms not defined in this ordinance shall have the meanings normally ascribed to them, or as they are defined in the ordinances that are referenced, or as they are defined in other Canton Township ordinances.

2.1 JUNK VEHICLE - Shall mean any motor vehicle that is damaged or deteriorated so that it is incapable of safe operation as specified in the Michigan Vehicle Code, and/or is in such a condition that it cannot be used for the purposes for which it was manufactured.

2.2 UNLICENSED VEHICLE - Shall mean any motor vehicle that is not currently registered with the Secretary of State and/or does not display a current year registration plate in accordance with the Michigan Vehicle Code.

2.3 JUNK AND DEBRIS - Shall mean any machinery, appliances, products or merchandise with parts missing or other scrap materials that are damaged, deteriorated or in such a condition that they cannot be used for the purpose for which they were manufactured.

2.4 WASTE MATERIALS - Shall mean any trash, rubbish, refuse, ashes, dirt, stones, bricks, paper, trees, shrubs or cuttings therefrom, wood remnants, bottles, cans, garbage, waste products or any other excess or abandoned materials.

2.5 GRAFFITI - Shall mean any crude or obscene name, identification, image, description, or illustration visible to the public.

2.6 BUILDING - Shall mean any structure either temporary or permanent having a roof or other covering and used or built for the shelter or enclosure of persons, animals or property of any kind.

2.7 FRONT YARD - An open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest point of the building line. There shall be maintained a front yard on each street side of a corner lot.

SECTION 3.0 STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE

3.1 JUNK OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES
The storage, accumulation, parking, or keeping of junk or inoperable vehicles is prohibited in all areas, except within a completely enclosed building or those areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township or whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance.

3.2 UNLICENSED VEHICLES
The storage, accumulation, parking, or keeping of unlicensed vehicles and parts therefrom is prohibited in all areas, except within a completely enclosed building or those areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township or whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance.

3.3 WASTE MATERIALS
The storage, accumulation, keeping, littering or dumping of waste materials, except domestic refuse maintained in accordance with Canton Township's Rubbish Collection Ordinance is prohibited; furthermore, it shall be unlawful to place any refrigerator(s) out for rubbish collection without first removing the door(s).

3.4 JUNK AND DEBRIS
The storage, accumulation, keeping, littering or dumping of junk and debris, except in areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township is prohibited.

3.5 DETERIORATED STRUCTURES
The existence of any structure or part of a structure which, because of fire, wind, flood, or by any other natural disaster or physical deterioration, is in such a condition that its structural strength or stability is appreciably less than it was before such a catastrophe or deterioration and is less than the minimum requirements of the Building Code of the Charter Township of Canton for a new building or similar structure, purpose or condition.

3.6 PARKING LOCATIONS

The off street parking of any motor vehicle upon grass, or any other surfaces other than those specified in article 4.00 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is prohibited.

3.7 BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

The storage, accumulation, or keeping of any building materials or construction equipment is prohibited, unless there is in effect a valid building permit issued by the Department of Building and Inspection Services for construction upon said premises, and said materials and equipment are used in connection with such construction, or whose use is in compliance with the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

3.8 SHRUB AND TREE MAINTENANCE

All trees and shrubs must be kept trimmed so as not to encroach upon any public sidewalk or pathway. Clear headroom must be maintained of at least 7'0" in height.

3.9 GRASS HEIGHT

Grass in all landscaped grass areas shall not be permitted to grow higher than six (6) inches in height.

3.10 EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

a. Exterior surfaces of all structures shall be protected from water, penetration and against deterioration with a paint covering or other approved material, and shall be maintained free of peeling, broken, loose, rotten, crumbling, missing, or inadequate finished materials.
b. Exterior roof materials of all structures shall be weathertight and securely fastened to the roof. All roofs shall be capable of supporting the load which normally would be placed on it.
c. Exterior surfaces of all structures shall be kept free from graffiti.
d. All gutters and downspouts shall be securely fastened to the structure and be maintained free of peeling, broken, rotten, crumbling, missing, or inadequate finished materials.

3.11 FIREWOOD STORAGE

All storage, accumulation, or keeping of firewood is prohibited, except for residential areas when used for fireplace or woodstoves or those areas whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance. Firewood shall be neatly stacked and shall neither exceed five feet in height nor be located in the front yard.

SECTION 4.0 ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

In the event a violation of this ordinance is noted, the Ordinance Inspector will notify the owner of record and the occupant of said property of said violation. Such notice shall specify the violation, and the time within which corrective action must be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. In the event the property is not in compliance with this ordinance at the end of the period specified in the notice if violation, an appearance ticket may be issued.

SECTION 5.0 PENALTIES

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be fined not more than five-hundred (\$500.00) dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both, upon the discretion of the court. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 6.0 CONSTRUCTION NON APPLICABILITY, APPEALS

This ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto; avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provisions shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent in such appealed instance.

SECTION 7.0 REPEAL

All ordinances or parts therefrom in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect. This ordinance will repeal the Nuisance Ordinance No. 44 and the Anti-Blight Ordinance No. 61.

SECTION 8.0 SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or section of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining provisions or sections.

SECTION 9.0 SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or effect any offense or act not committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 10.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon the 2nd Publication.

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State rep defends rights, not Farrakhan message

By Pat Murphy
staff writer

Louis Farrakhan, controversial minister of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam, had every right to speak at Michigan State University, according to State Rep. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Even if his speech was laced with anti-Semitism, said Honigman, one of nearly 100 protesters who picketed Farrakhan Sunday when he appeared at the MSU auditorium.

In that speech, Farrakhan called MSU a "modern plantation" where student minds are enslaved and he castigated Jewish movie-makers in Hollywood for stereotyping blacks.

"Farrakhan is a good speaker," said Honigman, who attended the speech after giving a talk of his own on campus at a Unity Rally against prejudice, bigotry and discrimination.

Unfortunately, he mixed facts with fiction and bias, said Honigman.

Farrakhan, for example, called on blacks to stay away from drugs, get a good education and develop self-discipline.

"But he also blamed Jews for stereotyping blacks," said Honigman.

HONIGMAN, WHO is Jewish, said his role in attending Farrakhan's talk was to call attention to his anti-Semitism.

A university is a place for the free exchange of ideas, and Farrakhan had every right to be there, said Honigman.

"But we also have a right to challenge what he said. We have a right to compete in the market place of ideas. I believe it was Brandeis (Justice Louis D.) who said, replace a bad idea with a good idea."

In his talk at the Unity Rally, Honigman said he was protesting Farrakhan because he had a duty to "speak out to repudiate racism and anti-Semitism."

"Mr. Farrakhan's message of ethnic pride, black self-sufficiency and economic self-help is admirable," Honigman said. "But his virulent and bitter message of race hatred against Jews evokes only moral horror."

Honigman said some of Farrakhan's previous statements are even more strongly anti-Semitic.

"I'm a liberal when it comes to free speech," said Honigman, a lawyer. "And I carefully researched his previous remarks to make sure they were not taken out of context."

SOME OF the views and ideas previously expressed by Farrakhan make his other remarks — namely calling Judaism a "gutter religion" and Adolf Hitler "wickedly great" — seem mild, said Honigman, who cited these examples:

• In an interview with the Chicago Sun-Times, Farrakhan endorsed

as true, a statement made by an associate, Steve Cohen, that Jewish doctors inject the AIDS virus into black children.

• In a speech at Madison Square Garden, Farrakhan said, "The germ of murder is already sewed into the hearts of Jews in this country."

• In May 1984, Farrakhan was quoted in the New York magazine as saying unless Jews celebrating Passover believe in Jesus, "then maybe the death angel will stop at your door and kill the first born of your house."

• In May 1988, the New York Post reported that Farrakhan referred to the "narrow-minded common Jew" and quoted him as saying, "The Jews can not defeat me. I will grind them and crush them into little bits."

• In a September 1987, issue of "Final Call," a publication of the Nation of Islam, Farrakhan wrote, "The government of the United States, especially those Jews in positions of power, are frightened over the growing acceptance by the masses of black people of the message of Louis Farrakhan... they have even prepared for our wholesale incarceration in concentration camps."

Honigman said his actions Sunday were designed to expose Farrakhan's philosophy, not censure his free speech.

Bloodmobile coming to Schoolcraft

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to Schoolcraft College, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Red Cross volunteers will be tak-

ing donations in the west end of the Waterman Campus Center, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Area hospitals need about 1,000 pints of blood per day to meet their

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Universities seek law to protect trade secrets

AP—Michigan's public universities could protect some research information from being divulged to the public through the Freedom of Information Act, under a bill passed last week by the House.

The House voted 100-3 and sent the bill to the Senate for review.

Universities still would be required to release all university-generated discoveries. But proprietary information of private corporations which sponsor certain research projects could be kept confidential.

The FOIA currently exempts from disclosure trade secrets, and commercial and financial information only if that data is used in developing governmental policy.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, was requested by Michigan's major research universities.

University officials say a change in law is needed because having to comply with public disclosure law prevents Michigan's public schools from landing lucrative corporate contracts. They say the possibility of the data being released has a chilling effect on some businesses that otherwise would grant contracts.

Opponents of such restrictions maintain that the activities of tax-

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funded universities should be open to the public and that research was intended to be shared and used in teaching.

"The corporation wants to get the benefit of university-based research, which is basically research paid for by the taxpayer, but doesn't want to share with the public whatever it deems belongs proprietarily to itself," said Leonard Minsky, executive director of the Washington-based National Coalition for Universities in the Public Interest.

"Our problem with that is that frankly, the universities are giving up tax-supported information. And once the research project is created and the information is pooled we think that the result should be public. There should be no special privilege

for the corporations to protect what they consider to be proprietary information in this situation."

Minsky said he thinks it's nearly impossible to distinguish between information belonging to the public and the corporation after the research has been completed.

"That's like trying to extricate the ingredients of a stew after it's been thoroughly cooked," he said.

"Once you say, 'let's pool our information, but I'll always be able to take my marbles home,' you start arguing over which marbles are mine, you argue that the other marbles have been tainted by mine, until finally all the marbles are mine."

The bill also would allow the schools to seek a copyright or patent before sharing data with the public.

Environmentalist discusses recycling

Dennis Piper, an environmental science writer and television producer from Redford Township, will discuss the environment and offer tips on recycling at home, at the Garden City Business and Professional Women's meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

Piper, a longtime member of the

Sierra Club, is a member of the Conference of Western Wayne Committees on Solid Waste. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wayne State University with a co-major in environmental studies.

The BPW meets in the IBC at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman

between Warren and Ford roads.

Cost is \$7 per person from program and light supper. The public is invited to attend.

For reservations, call Joyce Pappe at 422-7000 during business hours or 522-7001 evenings before March 13.

JA launches fund-raising drive

Junior Achievement of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan is holding its annual fund-raising drive from now through Friday, April 27.

Heading up this year's campaign is Charles Katko, vice president and group executive, operating staffs group, General Motors Corp. As gen-

eral chairman, he will coordinate activities for a team of more than 600 volunteers.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| John Conyers, D-1 | 90 | 92 | 75 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 70 |
| Carl Pursell, R-2 | 30 | 42 | 75 | 33 | 57 | 100 | 70 |
| Howard Wolpe, D-3 | 100 | 92 | 100 | 0 | 4 | 40 | 90 |
| Fred Upton, R-4 | 20 | 24 | 75 | 22 | 75 | 100 | 30 |
| Paul Henry, R-5 | 30 | 35 | 0 | 100 | 68 | 90 | 90 |
| Bob Carr, D-6 | 85 | 83 | 100 | 0 | 25 | 50 | 60 |
| Dale Kildee, D-7 | 95 | 95 | 0 | 100 | 11 | 20 | 80 |
| Bob Traxler, D-8 | 80 | 87 | 25 | 78 | 12 | 33 | 60 |
| Guy Vander Jagt, R-9 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 100 | 91 | 90 | 10 |
| Bill Schuette, R-10 | 15 | 23 | 0 | 100 | 83 | 100 | 40 |
| Robert Davis, R-11 | 40 | 65 | 25 | 78 | 54 | 60 | 30 |
| David Bonior, D-12 | 95 | 94 | 25 | 67 | 4 | 30 | 90 |
| George Crockett, D-13 | 90 | 94 | 100 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 100 |
| Dennis Hertel, D-14 | 90 | 95 | 13 | 78 | 12 | 30 | 90 |
| William Ford, D-15 | 95 | 97 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 80 |
| John Dingell, D-16 | 75 | 93 | 88 | 11 | 8 | 20 | 50 |
| Sander Levin, D-17 | 95 | 95 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 90 |
| William Broomfield, R-18 | 20 | 19 | 13 | 89 | 88 | 100 | 20 |
| Donald Riegle, D | 85 | 94 | 100 | 0 | 12 | 38 | 70 |
| Carl Levin, D | 80 | 94 | 100 | 0 | 14 | 25 | 40 |

Source: Thomas' Roll Call Report

Interest groups size up Congressional delegation

Leading special interests have sized up the 1989 session of Congress and passed judgment on how individual members voted on selected issues during the legislative year.

They are playing "the ratings game," the annual exercise of assigning each lawmaker a percentage based on the number of "right" or "wrong" votes cast on issues dear to the interest group. The report cards are widely distributed in an effort to generate grass roots support for lawmakers who back the group's policy goals and trouble for those who don't.

Incumbents' endorsements, campaign treasuries and Election Day vote totals all can be affected by their interest group ratings.

"If you had to go to the voting booth with only one piece of information, it should be our rating of members of Congress," said executive director Dan Casey of the American Conservative Union. His competitors make the same claim.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce sends its scorecard to its 180,000 members. "Our endorsements are based in part on our vote ratings," said Chamber official Jeff Marcoe. "and many corporate political action committees use our ratings in determining their (financial) support of candidates."

THE AFL-CIO and ACLU are among lobbyist groups that sometimes try to influence votes before they occur, by alerting lawmakers

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that an upcoming donnybrook on the House of Senate floor will be tallied as a ratings issue.

Lawmakers welcome ratings they can parlay into political gain, but often quibble with those that bring them criticism. Americans for Democratic Action national director Amy Isaacs occasionally hears grouching from allies who want a high but not perfect liberal voting score. "I say 'vote wrong' if you don't want 100 per cent," she said.

Citizens Against PACs observes but does not play the ratings game. Co-chairman Philip M. Stern said it's wrong to assume incumbents must "vote right" to get campaign money from a likeminded interest group.

"The ratings help to point out the rottenness of our campaign finance system," influence is the name of the game," he said. "The example I cite is (New York Democrat) Charles Rangel" of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "He had a 100 percent ADA rating and 11 percent Chamber rating, and yet AT&T gave him \$3,000, the investment banking industry gave him \$14,000, the insurance industry gave him \$31,000."

LAWMAKERS OFTEN complain that ratings oversimplify their vot-

ing record by spotlighting a small number of roll calls. They also say verdicts on their fitness for re-election should also take into account how they discharge other congressional responsibilities.

Citing Illinois Democrat Gus Savage, whose misconduct during overseas junkets last year drew unfavorable news coverage and a scolding from the House ethics committee, the ADA's Isaacs said a lawmaker can receive a high rating from her group but not its support.

The accompanying chart presents a cross-section of 1989 ratings released through mid-February. The interest groups are:

1. Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal voice since 1947.
2. AFL-CIO, speaks for labor on Capitol Hill.
3. The "pro-choice" National Abortion Rights Action League.
4. The anti-abortion National Right to Life Committee.
5. American Conservative Union, a respected conservative advocate.
6. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaks for large and small businesses.
7. League of Conservative Voters, represents environmentalists.

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Byrne's reluctance puzzling

THE COURTING OF Randy Byrne by the Plymouth City Commission isn't exactly a model of how to start a good relationship.

Byrne, city manager of Grand Blanc, was formally offered the Plymouth job last week and commission members expected him to sign a contract with the city on Monday.

But Byrne is acting like a reluctant groom, and wants a couple of weeks to think about it. During that time he wants an outside firm to look at the city's budget deficit before he takes the plunge. The city has agreed.

We find Byrne's reluctance puzzling, especially since he billed himself as a financial expert when interviewed by the city commission. It would also seem that Byrne would have had time to look at the city's deficit which is being caused by

the increasing cost of disposing of trash in dumps and insurance costs.

Both of those problems are the bread and butter issues of city government and we'd expect that a newly hired city manager would have ideas on their handling.

Commission member Mary Childs summed it up this way: "I guess I'm really very, very very disappointed. The big thing you were all touting was his financial expertise. Now I find that really Randy wants us to do all the work."

We'd like to see the matchmaking between Byrne and the city work. We'd like to look forward to Byrne's arrival.

But it's just hard to get excited about somebody who isn't that excited about you.

We just wonder what the honeymoon is going to be like.

Silly protest

Don't stop donkey basketball

ANIMAL RIGHTS advocates have forgotten the difference between people and animals and are causing all sorts of problems these days.

It's becoming increasingly hard to wear a fur coat, and now they're taking aim at donkey basketball.

Students from Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools are planning to protest a donkey basketball game being sponsored by I CARE to raise money. I CARE is a group of school boosters.

Students say that donkeys aren't meant to be ridden in a basketball game and the Michigan Humane Society wants the event canceled because they say it exploits animals in the name of entertainment.

If that's true shouldn't we stop going to horse races and circuses. Both are events that feature

animals as entertainment. You could also argue that people shouldn't be engaged in bird watching. Isn't that an invasion of the birds' privacy?

It is, if we're dealing with people. But we're not, we're dealing with animals. God put them on earth to be used by people. Pigs are turned into hams and bacon, and cattle become New York strip steaks. Mules have been used for plowing fields and horses for riding and betting.

Anyway, we wonder who's really being exploited by donkey basketball. In that endeavor people play the game while riding on a donkey. It doesn't do a whole lot for a person's dignity.

We think there are more serious animal rights issues for the humane society and the students to worry about.

By objecting to donkey basketball, they're just making asses out of themselves.

Tax-limit drive

Plan is complicated, confusing

VOTERS SHOULD be wary of signing petitions to put the so-called "Patterson-Anderson" tax limitation amendment on the ballot.

It is a hairy and enormously complicated proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution. The outline alone runs two pages of single-spaced type, and it's a sketchy outline at best.

Underneath the glossy fur are rules covering property taxes, sales taxes, state budget, bond issues, election scheduling and even court judgments.

Politically, therefore, it's in big trouble from the start because voters distrust enormously complicated proposals. They tend to vote "no" on what they don't understand.

Voters are wise that way.

THE BASIC flaw with Patterson-Anderson is that it would glue legislative policies onto the state constitution.

That's not what a constitution is for. A constitution should provide a framework for government, protect people's rights and establish rules of procedure.

Take one example. The proposal would wave a magic wand and make the state Legislature allocate \$675 million more into aid to K-12 public schools. Just punch the "yes" on your ballot and the money must appear. It would say so in the constitution.

Well, the budget process doesn't work that way. Our Legislature is composed of 148 brawling, sweating humans representing districts with auto plants, soybean farms, mosquito hatcheries, furniture factories, foundries, academies, prisons, hospitals, slum housing, race tracks, scientific laboratories, marinas, courtrooms and grinding poverty. Every interest firmly believes it deserves a piece of the pie.

Yes, it would be nice to decree from our ivory office tower overlooking a suburban freeway that we have pet interest — schools — must be served as a defined slice first.

But in reality, it is a legislative job to be done year or two. Both the Democratic governor and his Republican challenger are saying that school money can be wrung out of the executive budget.

Whether we like the results or not — and often we middle and upper class suburbanites don't — the fact of life is that appropriating money is policy work, best done in a political arena.

TAKE ANOTHER example: "Limit the number of property tax ballot occasions to two per calendar year. Provide for additional ballots in case of an emergency, requiring petitions of the

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electors" — so says the Patterson-Anderson synopsis.

It's not the function of a constitution to write detailed regulations for school district elections, "emergencies" (whatever that means) or petition drives.

When voters don't like things, they say "no," recall the school board, replace trustees at the next regular election, or get the superintendent fired. Or all of the above.

What has been one of the chief faults of the 1978 Headlee tax limitation amendment? Its complexity gives politicians incentive to stay up at night and concoct ways to frustrate its well meaning intent. "Headlee" is good policy but demonstrably poor as constitutional law.

ONE SPONSOR of this amendment is L. Brooks Patterson, former 16-year prosecutor of Oakland County, a skilled presenter now in the private practice of law in Troy. He made one unsuccessful run for a legislative office, the U.S. Senate.

The other is Patrick Anderson, vice president of economics of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills. His credentials include giving advice to William Lucas, who never was a legislator, and to Richard Chrysler, who never was a legislator or any other kind of officeholder.

We do not demean two intelligent and sincere men in pointing out that neither has served in a legislative area. Yet despite their inexperience, they propose to do legislative work with a petition campaign and constitutional amendment.

Saying each district should receive no less than \$4,190 per pupil at 28 mills — that doesn't belong in a constitution.

Writing depreciation rules on personal property — that doesn't belong in a constitution.

Writing rules on how not to pay for court judgments — that doesn't belong in a constitution.

No useful purpose would be served by placing this hairy wad of formulas and fishhooks on the ballot.

Patterson and Anderson would do us a greater service in selling their inventive and frequently laudable proposals to those with the gumption to run for the Legislature.



Racism's curse seen in struggling suburb

WE ALL HAVE a lesson to learn from what is happening in Southfield, a community not much different than your own.

Twenty years ago not a whole lot of thought was given to it. If you said Southfield, the images that came to mind were Northland Shopping Center, the big antenna on the grounds of WXYZ and sprawling subdivisions with big yards.

All that, of course, is still part of Southfield.

And in a lot of ways Southfield is a lot like your suburban community — good school district, convenient shopping malls, nice homes, peaceful parks, a couple of skating rinks, movie theaters and several nice restaurants to boot.

Sounds like a pretty nice place to live. And, indeed it is.

But then, the sickness which plagues metropolitan Detroit, racism, spread its virus to Southfield.

Folks in Southfield never really thought much about race being a factor in Southfield. After all, that's why a lot them had purchased homes there — to get away. Again, that's not much different than in your suburban community.

During the 1970s and 1980s a smattering of affluency came to black America and those black

Americans in metropolitan Detroit started to look for a dream home in the suburbs.

MANY BLACKS chose Southfield. And that scared the hell out of many white residents who mistakenly believe that running away from blacks is the way to solve their problem.

Adding to the problems were the vultures who saw economic gain in this panic.

An invisible line was drawn along 10 Mile. Suddenly it became tough for a white person to find a home south of that line. It became even tougher for blacks to find a home north of it.

Racism is a lot like AIDS. It hangs around for a long time without showing any symptom and then suddenly it reveals itself. Scientists are unsure of what activates the AIDS virus. The onset of active racism is a little easier to trace.

It usually occurs in a suburb when "too many" blacks move in. The specific number has yet to be identified. We know that if you have just a handful of blacks in a community that everybody feels pretty good about that — especially if they are doctors and lawyers.

But if the numbers get too large, the for sale signs and moving vans



Steve Barnaby

spread like wild fire.

A few Southfield officials blame the media, this newspaper in particular, for the city's image problem.

That's pretty tough to figure since this newspaper supports racial equality, continually lauds officials in their attempts to make Southfield a truly integrated community and consistently points out that before it can solve any of its economic problems, metropolitan Detroit must deal with racism first.

But it's not surprising. Some of these same officials have objected because they believe we run too many black faces in the Southfield Eccentric.

Think about that one for a second.

Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

from our readers

Japan, not Russia our adversary

To the editor:

For nearly two decades the Japanese have had free access to our shores but they have never opened their ports to our goods. Almost two-thirds of last year's \$55 billion dollar trade gap with Japan was in the automotive market.

While the Japanese sold nearly 3 million imports to Americans last year, they in turn only bought 15,000 American-made cars and trucks from us and 5,000 of these were Hondas built in Ohio. Dealer restrictions and high tariffs make it nearly impossible to sell American makes, and to top it off they rarely consider buying American parts for the very cars and trucks they build here.

This fact is in itself as unfair as one nation can be toward another.

The very future of this nation, and the future of our children depend on our decisions at this critical point in time. Unless we as true Americans realize that Japan will never play fair with us, then we must take strong measures to see that some type of law or laws are imposed on them to even the score.

In my opinion, the Japanese are a more real adversary than Russia or any other nation because their actions for nearly 20 years have never shown any regard for our well-being. Do not be deceived, time is short.

and if we don't unite against this threat the future of true American automobile companies and more disturbing the persons working for these companies will be in real peril.

The ripple effect of the crippling of our automobile companies will cause a depression in this country like the world has never experienced before. Let's be honest, if we don't buy the goods our own people produce, what good is it to call ourselves Americans?

Rodell C. Smith
Chrysler Design (Retired)
Royal Oak

Dissent not allowed in Canton

To the editor:

At town hall on Feb. 13 I asked Supervisor Tom Yack to read aloud the proposed property standards ordinance as advertised in the agenda. Mr. Yack refused, stating lack of time as the reason for his refusal. This ordinance is 4 1/2 pages and requires all of seven minutes to read. Seven minutes is too much time? I pay \$3,400 property tax and am refused seven minutes' time to be informed about a new law.

At the next non-reading of this ordinance it will become law, thus the Homeowners Advisory Council will have dictated to all of the people in Canton how we must live.

You may think of yourself as owning your home, but, in Canton, your government will soon be seen as the true dictator of how your home must look and how you will live there according to their whim.

If you dissent in Canton, Mr. Yack has already accused you, in print, of being a problem, and I quote: Canton Observer, Oct. 12, 1989, "Are a lot of people going to say, 'I have every right in the world to keep my house looking blighted?' We don't happen to think it's (home blight) a large problem in the township."

This proposed law represents an invasion of privacy not unlike that which occurred in Germany in the 1930s.

This kind of central government benevolence is finally being rejected all over the world except in Canton.

Fred Beinke,
Canton

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Safety is reason for snow day closing

Q Last week there was no school Thursday or Friday in our district because of the weather. As a parent, I can understand school being closed. Yet a couple schools in the area were open. What is the criteria for closing and what are the procedures followed in a school closing? Who decides? Is it the board of education, the superintendent or the maintenance crews? And why, although most districts were closed, were one or two open?

A: The one or two districts that opened are very fortunate one of their school buses didn't end up in a ditch with kids hurt and law suits on their superintendents' desk.

The major reason for closing is the safety of the children. To me the child safety factor supersedes any of the real or imaginary pressures district leaders face. Pressures such as, "We don't want to be the only one of a few districts to close, what will the citizens think." Or, "Some parents are going to be upset because both work and they haven't made previ-



Doc Doyle

ous arrangements for their children." Or, "We're going to lose a day of student instruction time."

Frankly, as a school district plans for snow days, so should parents. And, I don't believe one snow day closing is going to change the course of Western Civilization for our students.

Nevertheless, deciding to close down is a major decision not to be taken lightly. What is the criteria and procedure for deciding to close?

Someone, usually from the grounds and maintenance department, gets up anywhere from 1 to 3 a.m. and drives around the district. Factors taken into account in out-ly-

ing districts are the number of country roads leading into school. How many of these roads are crowded (high in the middle and low by the ditches). Also, what is the extent of ice on the roads. The grounds person takes notes and calls his/her central office supervisor, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to relay the information.

The phone lines between district administrators then begin to smoke. Most superintendents or their designees call neighboring district superintendents to gather information regarding road conditions. At the minimum, the superintendent or other person in charge of snow days listens to the TV and radio to get a sense of what other districts are doing.

Candidly, most calls are not to discuss the weather but to find out if superintendent A or B is going to close.

A few district leaders say the closing of other neighboring school districts doesn't influence them but I don't believe it. Besides, it makes

sense to share information and make a rational decision in consultation with one's peers.

The final step is to call local radio and TV stations using a special district code number. The number is critical because a few of our enterprising students have been known to call the stations and declare school off for the day.

The one or two schools that did stay open last week have no country roads and little if any busing of students. However, many other districts with no country roads and minimal busing did close. Therefore the two districts that stayed open made a decision independent of the general consensus throughout the tri-county area.

I'm glad no children were injured in those two districts.

Dr. James Doyle is the former assistant superintendent in the Troy School District. Questions for this column should be sent to Doc Doyle c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Now hear this: Improve capitol

JERRY LAW was genuinely embarrassed. He was concerned I might burn him in print for his admitted mistake.

Actually, I'm sympathetic to Law and his fellow 100 members of the Michigan House of Representatives for the deplorable conditions they work under.

I could use some sympathy myself. I try to cover their deliberations and roll calls.

Law, R-Plymouth, thought he was voting on another Republican amendment to the Democrats' minimum wage bill and voted yes. Instead, he broke party lines and voted in favor of the bill on final passage.

"It's so darn noisy in there," Law said. "And I was on the phone with a constituent who was mad about roads."

THE HOUSE is packed into a low-ceilinged room, with protruding pipes, in the Roosevelt Building a block north of the State Capitol. The House's chamber is undergoing restoration.

Now when there's noise on the Senate floor, Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths bawls out the errant honorables like a schoolmarm chastising brats. She admonishes them to pay attention to the interesting speaker. Griffiths runs a tight ship. Working there, I appreciate it because I'm trying to get accurate quotes.

Not so in the House, whose discipline is weaker and whose temporary quarters have a low ceiling that traps every conversational babble.

Most representatives rarely talk on the floor. They vote, chat, do a bit of reading and sometimes take phone calls at their desks, which is how Law made his mistake.

I have the floor phone numbers of several members but avoid calling them during session because it can distract them during voting. We news people hate extraneous phone calls ourselves when writing a major story on deadline.

"We gotta get out of that place," said Law, who is looking forward to the renovation. Amen from the press gallery.

LAW MAKES a hobby of state capitol buildings. "I've visited 30, mainly in the West. It wasn't long before I realized what a terrible



Tim Richard

mess ours was," he said.

He takes along a video camera during family vacations. He doesn't identify himself as a Michigan legislator, just ambles along with the tourists.

"Most are run by historical societies. You can learn a lot of history in a state capitol."

"Here (in Michigan) you can't even find a bathroom."

"Most are made of marble. They look only 10 years old even, if they're 100. The Utah capitol in Salt Lake City is so clean you could eat off the floor."

Michigan's Capitol is of gray limestone, as leaden in color as a November sky over Lake Superior. As for eating off the floor, ye-e-e-ch!

CONNECTICUT has restored its capitol building and saw tourism rise from 10,000 a year to 25,000 the first month, Law said.

Michigan is in the process of restoring the Capitol building itself, but there are those who doubt whether to add an office building.

"Legislators and committees are scattered around. People can't find them," said Law. "Some legislators want it that way."

He would have all members' offices the same size. A legislative district always would be assigned the same office, regardless of who holds the office. Home folks would find the member that way.

THE SENATE chamber has been attractively restored, but I for one am less than thrilled about it as a place to work.

From the visitors gallery, the Victorian chandeliers may block your view of the voting board.

A senator voting yes has his or her name displayed in green; voting no, in red. But the all-capital letters are hard to read.

Tim Richard heads the news service of Suburban Communications Corp., parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

This state race will focus on abortion issue

IF YOU DON'T think abortion will be the issue in the upcoming state legislative races, think again. I know I am.

Let's see, it was back on July 13 that I wrote in my column "Abortion, the issue of the '90's won't be the focal point of the 1990 race shaping up in one of Michigan's most affluent, powerful senatorial districts."

That's because "both Sen. Richard Fessler and state Rep. David Honigman are anti-abortion."

Oops. That was before a third Republican, the state representative from Honigman's adjoining district, Judith Miller, lifted her finger to see how the financial winds were blowing — or, to put it bluntly, whether pro-choice voters in the prestigious 17th Senate district would put their money where their sentiments are



Judith Doner Berne

— and finance her primary campaign. Here, in GOP-land, winning the primary is winning the election.

APPARENTLY, the answer was yes. Because Tuesday she announced her candidacy for the seat which represents West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, Walled Lake, Commerce Township and points northwest. That means she must move out of Birmingham, which is in Doug Cruce's

Senate district.

The announcement followed a press conference held by pro-choice groups. There, representatives took turns taking pokes at Honigman for what one termed "his recent flip-flop on this issue."

Honigman strongly denies that flip-flop. He acknowledges that he changed his mind on the public funding of abortion following the 1986 election when he put out a position paper on the issue.

But he says he has always been against criminalizing abortion. "There are extremists on both sides, and I kind of have the view of the average person and that's mixed."

Whether voters will buy that remains to be seen. Will pro-life people vote for a candidate who says he prefers birth control and adoption, but if you can pay for it you shouldn't go to jail for aborting within the first five months?

Will pro-choice people vote for a candidate who voted against Medicaid-funded abortions and in favor of

parental consent?

LOST IN ALL this could be the three candidates' service, their attendance records, accessibility and responsiveness to their constituents, their effectiveness within the legislative process and their voting records on the rest of the issues.

In their passion over the abortion issue, voters also may overlook the way Fessler conducted himself during his divorce, his refusal to take a Breathalyzer test to determine the amount of alcohol in his system and his conviction for impaired driving and resisting arrest.

If this 17th Senate seat scenario is any indication, wherever you live you might time your summer vacation appropriately — so as not to miss this hot election.

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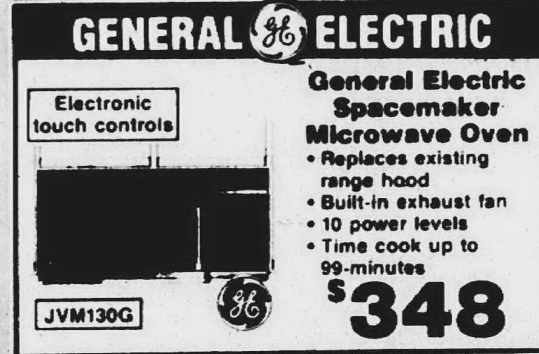
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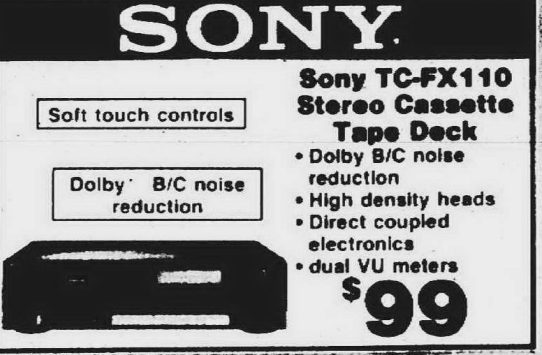
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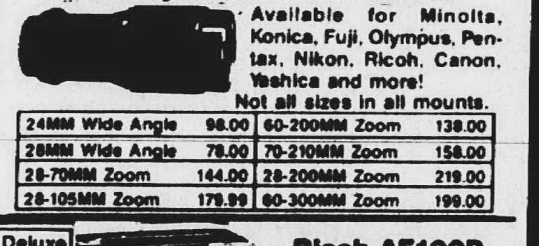
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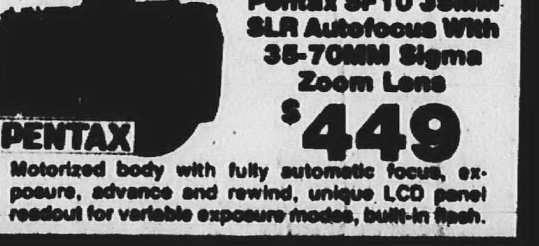
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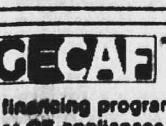
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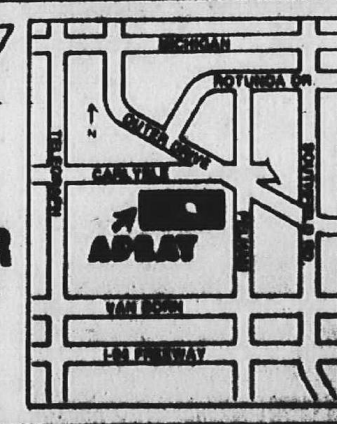
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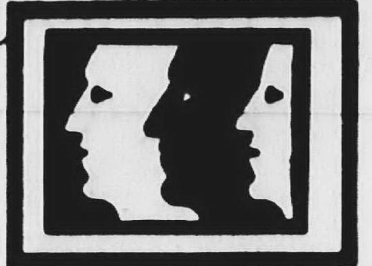
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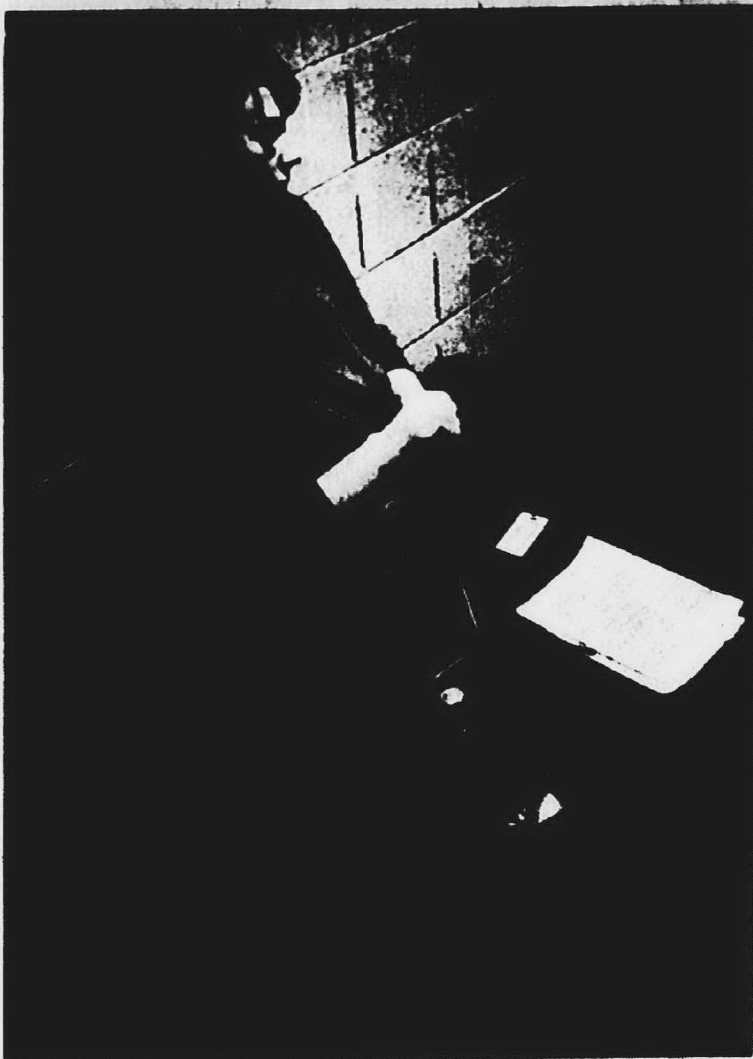
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Frank Riley watches the competition as he waits to go on stage at the Canton Little Theatre.



Susan Bozell performs for the judges. The annual arts competition is open to middle school students from the Plymouth-Canton community.

Talented artists take to the stage

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Melissa Beck's been studying dance for four years. She gets nervous sometimes when performing.

"I just try to block out the audience and just try to be myself," said Melissa, 12, a seventh grader at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township. She'd like to teach dance someday.

Melissa was among middle school students competing for this year's Damaris Student Fine Arts Awards. The awards program is open to students in sixth through ninth grade from the Plymouth-Canton community.

The competition, for students from public and private schools, is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. It's named in

Staff photos
by Bill Bresler

honor of local artist Damaris "Dee" Schulte.

PERFORMING ARTS students were required to perform before a panel of judges. Melissa Beck was among those performing Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Little Theatre at Plymouth Canton High School.

"It's sort of nerve-wracking, but I'm looking forward to it," Melissa said before going on stage.

About 25 students appeared before the judges that afternoon, performing in the areas of dance, voice and instrumental music. A separate session was scheduled for piano students who signed up for the Damaris competition.

Students may apply for awards in any artistic medium, including piano, other instrumental music, voice, drama and dance. The competition also includes the visual arts of painting, sculpture, photography and creative writing.

The awards program, held annually since 1978, gives middle school students a chance to demonstrate their talents.

"There aren't many opportunities available for them as there are for high school students," said Beth Lurtz of Plymouth Township, the arts council's general chairwoman for awards.

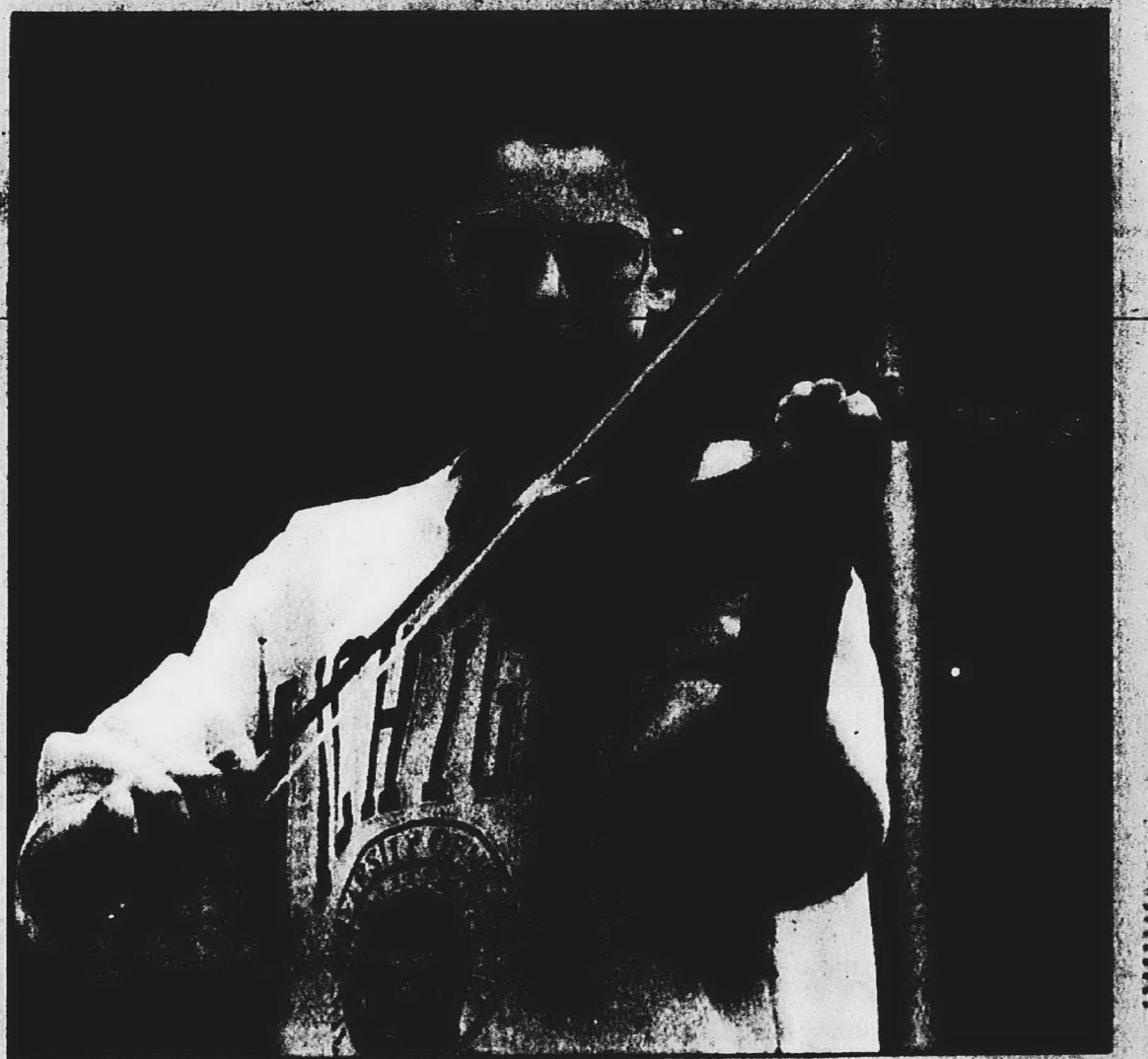
The student artists compete for cash awards. This year's awards total \$1,500, Lurtz said, and distribution depends on students' scores.

JUDGES WITH expertise in different artistic fields judge the competition each year. Judges and arts council volunteers enjoy seeing the Plymouth-Canton students perform.

"I think we do have a lot of talent, and it's really enjoyable to see

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Justin Carinci performs for the judges. The arts competition for middle school students has been held since 1978, and is named in honor of Damaris "Dee" Schulte, a local artist.



Children's author writes about a lasting friendship

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Children's author Kathryn Osebold Galbraith didn't have a stuffed elephant named Charlotte when she was a little girl.

Galbraith's book, "Laura Charlotte," tells the story of a girl named Laura and of a stuffed elephant known as Charlotte.

"I tried to make it true, even though it didn't actually happen," said Galbraith, who grew up in Plymouth. "I wanted to make it seem real, as if it had."

"Laura Charlotte" (Philomel Books, The Putnam & Grosset Group) is a picture book for children of preschool age on up through second grade or so. It was illustrated by artist Floyd Cooper and will be available in bookstores this spring.

Galbraith, who published her first book for children in 1978, has another book coming out this spring. "Roommates," a short chapter book, is being published by Margaret K. McElderry/Macmillan.

"It's for children to read themselves." The book is heavily illustrated and is for children in first through third grade or thereabouts.

THE BOOK tells the story of two sisters, Beth and Mimi. A new baby is expected soon in their house, and neither girl wants to share a room with the baby.

Their mother tells them the baby will have his or her own room, and that Beth and Mimi will have to share a room.

"And of course the little girls are not at all pleased," Galbraith said. "It's the story of the two little girls trying to adjust as roommates."

Galbraith recently sold a sequel, "Roommates and Rachel." That book, scheduled to be published in the spring of 1991, will be Galbraith's eighth book for children.

Artist Mark Graham is the illustrator for "Roommates" and "Roommates and Rachel." Galbraith was pleased with the illustrations for "Roommates" and for "Laura Charlotte."

Galbraith attended Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School. She attended the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's degree in library science in 1970.

SHE AND her husband, Steve, live in Tacoma, Wash. Steve Galbraith, a Washington native, is an officer for the Puget Sound Bank. Writing children's books isn't a full-time occupation for Kathryn Galbraith, who also serves as executive director of the Tacoma Philharmonic.

The Philharmonic presents six concerts a year. Galbraith's duties include writing grant proposals, arranging for artists to perform at the Pantages Theatre in Tacoma, overseeing writing of program copy and working with the board on program selection.

Galbraith's mother, Gertrude Osebold, lived in Plymouth for many years and died a couple of years ago. Galbraith's father, Charles Osebold,

'I love to see Plymouth because, you know, it just gets prettier. I think Plymouth is so lucky in that way.'

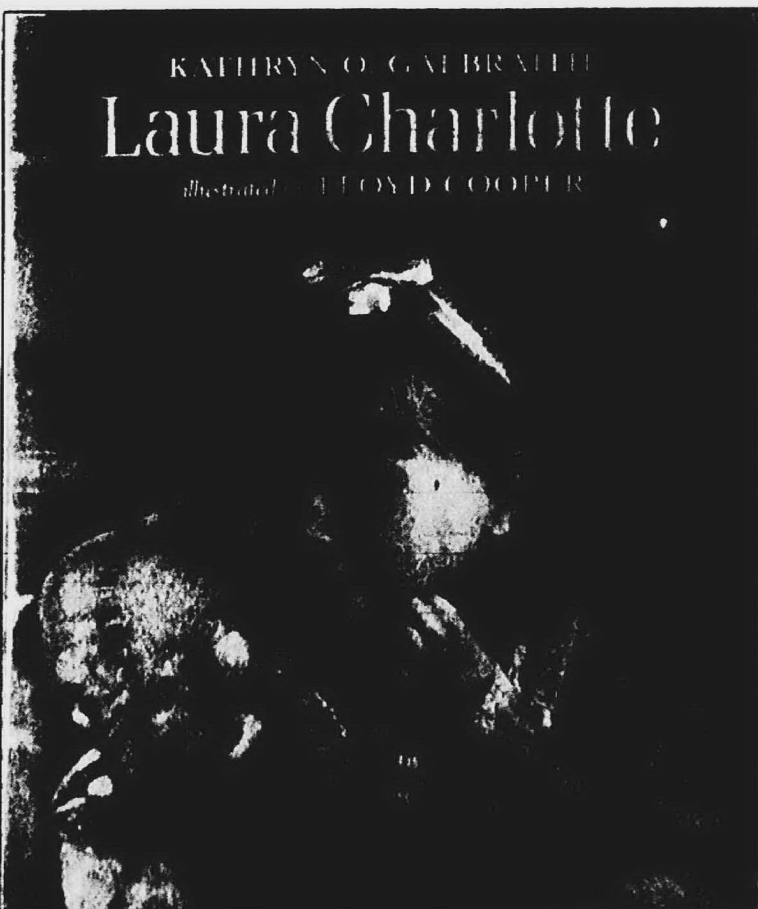
— Kathryn Osebold Galbraith
children's author

died when she was a teenager. The author dedicated "Laura Charlotte" to her mother's memory.

It wouldn't have been possible to write such a book if she hadn't had such a warm relationship with her mother, Galbraith said. In the book, young Laura's mother tells her daughter the story of how the stuffed elephant named Charlotte came to be part of the family.

Galbraith tries to get back to Michigan to visit once a year.

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Plymouth native Kathryn Osebold Galbraith is the author of "Laura Charlotte," a new book for children. She now lives in Tacoma, Wash., and divides her time between writing children's books and serving as executive director of the Tacoma Philharmonic.

Symphony plans a Friday concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton.

The concert will feature a guest artist, flutist Rodney Hill, professor of music at Eastern Michigan University. He received a doctor of musical arts degree in flute performance from the University of Michigan in 1975.

The concert, under the direction of PSO conductor Russell Reed, will include the "Pied Piper Fantasy" by Corigliano and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. The concert is sponsored in part by Unisys.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$3 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Tickets are available at:

- Beltner Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth;
- Evola Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Road (across from McDonald's), Plymouth;
- Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main, Northville;
- Bookstall on the Main, 116 E. Main, Northville;
- Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia;
- Plymouth Symphony Orchestra office, 9430 S. Main, Plymouth. The office telephone number is 451-3112.

Tickets will also be sold at the auditorium box office 30 minutes before the Friday, Feb. 23, performance.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform with the Plymouth Community Chorus in a St. Patrick's Cabaret Pops Concert. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, in the exhibition

hall at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Pizzas will be served.

Tickets for the pops concert (including refreshments) are priced at \$10 for adults, \$5 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The concert will include musical selections from Ireland.

Those attending will be able to visit the Frank Lloyd Wright Museum or Antique Car Museum 7-8 p.m. performance evenings. Donation is \$1.

Tickets must be bought in advance, and are available at Beltner Jewelry, Hammell Music, Orin Jewelers, Bookstall on the Main, and Evola Music Center.

Children's author writes new books

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"I love to see Plymouth because, you know, it just gets prettier," She's pleased to see people buying and restoring older homes in downtown Plymouth. Galbraith likes the fact that Plymouth has a downtown with a park, library and museum.

"I think Plymouth is so lucky in that way."

ONE BROTHER, Jim, lives in Plymouth. Another brother, Tom, and his wife, Marcia, live in Livonia with their three children. A brother, Chuck, also lives in Livonia, and another brother, Edward, lives in California with his family.

Growing up as the only girl in a family with five children took some getting used to for Galbraith as a child. She loved her brothers, but at times thought it would be nice to have a sister.

"And I mention that in 'Roommates.'"

She gets ideas for her books from a number of sources. A while back, Galbraith was talking with a friend who mentioned how exciting it was as a child to get a surprise in the mail.

engagements

Becker-Wilson

David and Joyce Becker of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne Becker of Denver, Colo., to Carl Hirst Wilson of Denver, son of Linda Wilson of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Alma College, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed as a mental health therapist at Bethesda Hospital in Denver.

Her fiancé is a student at the Colorado Institute of Art in Denver, where he is majoring in music business.

A spring 1991 wedding is planned in Kalamazoo.



'I try to write most afternoons. You can't wait for inspiration.'

— Kathryn Osebold
Galbraith

That found its way into the story of "Laura Charlotte." Galbraith got the idea for "Roommates" in part from her two nieces. She'd never seen a book for kids that dealt with siblings sharing a room.

Galbraith tries to write five days a week.

"I try to write most afternoons. You can't wait for inspiration."

She speaks to many school groups and has taught writing at workshops. Galbraith reads a lot of children's books.

Galbraith's working on a picture book and a short novel for children. Those two books are still in the draft stage.

"Laura Charlotte" was recently sold to an English publisher and will be published in England next year. It was also sold to the Junior Library Guild, which makes buying recommendations to small public and school libraries.

"So that's a real honor," she said. "I'm really pleased by that."



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They've got lots of talent

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what they can do," Lurtz said. "It's wonderful."

Parents and other supporters are allowed to attend the competition for performing arts students. That gives young people an opportunity to perform in front of an audience, she said.

"That was another one of our goals."

Winners of the awards will be among students honored at the arts council's Arts Awards Festival in May. Students will be notified if they've won awards sooner than that.

Most of the student competitors won't become professional artists, Lurtz said, but they still benefit from their involvement in the program.

Lurtz knows just how valuable that involvement can be. Her older daughter, 20, is a junior at Kalamazoo

'I think we do have a lot of talent, and it's really enjoyable to see what they can do.'

— Beth Lurtz

zoo College where she is studying English and biology. That daughter spent her senior year of high school at Interlochen Arts Academy where she studied voice.

The couple's younger daughter, 17, has the lead role of Nancy in "Oliver" at Divine Child High School. She's interested in drama and voice, although like her sister she doesn't plan to pursue a career in the arts.

"It certainly can add a lot of pleasure to their lives," Lurtz said.

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clubs in action

Interest groups

The Plymouth Newcomers Club has many interest groups for newcomers to Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The Chat-N-Sit group meets to socialize and work on individual yarn or needlecraft projects. Meetings are held 12:30-2:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month. Upcoming get-togethers will be March 5 and March 19. For more information, call 455-1737. The club has a Golf League (9-hole). Members play Wednesdays at Fox Hills Country Club. An organizational meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 19. For more information, call 455-3694.

Guiding children

Alice R. McCarthy will speak 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Upper Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College, 18400 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. She will discuss guiding children into the next century and helping them be all they can be. McCarthy is co-author of "Michigan PTA: The Parents' Answer Book" and a columnist for the Detroit Free Press. The presentation is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at the college as part of its Open Forum Series. The public may attend. Admission is free of charge, and reservations aren't required. For more information, call 462-4443.

Welcoming tea

The Canton Newcomers will hold a welcoming tea 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22. Guests will meet club members and learn about activities sponsored for women, children, couples and families. Club activities include: arts and crafts, a baby-sitting co-op, Ladies' Day Out, Play Group, Moms and Tots field trips and Teens' Day Out. Those attending the Thursday, Feb. 22, tea will receive complimentary packets from area merchants. For more information, call 453-5186.

Mothers' group

M.O.M. (Meet Other Mothers) will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. M.O.M. is a support group for mothers. At this meeting, speaker Carol Hardy will discuss healthful cooking. Low-cost child care is available during meetings. For more information, call 459-7445 or 459-7294.

Moms and Tots

The Moms and Tots of the Canton

Newcomers will meet 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. Members will tour the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum. They will travel by car pool to the museum. For more information, call 463-6726.

AARP chapter

The American Association of Retired Persons, Livonia Chapter 1109, will meet 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30000 Six Mile, Livonia. The social hour will be followed by lunch at noon. Members and guests should bring a sandwich. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Brigadoon

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24. Performances will be at The Water Tower Theater, on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville Township. The Friday, Feb. 23, performance will be extended to hearing-impaired people, with signers present. Ticket price is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. For reservation information, call 420-2161. "Brigadoon" is a romantic musical set in a sleepy magical town that comes to life once every 100 years.

Westside II

Westside Singles II will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, on Plymouth Road east of Merriman. The dance/party is for singles 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). For more information, call the hot line, 562-3170.

Square dance

Single Place will hold a steak fry and square dance Saturday, Feb. 24, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., the dance at 7:30 p.m. Price is \$8.50 for the dinner and dance, \$4 for the dance only. Experience in square dancing isn't required. For dinner reservations, call 349-0911 by Thursday, Feb. 22.

Tri-County Singles

Tri-County Singles will hold a "February Spring Fling" dance/party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Airport Ramada Inn, 1-94 at Merriman, Romulus. The dance/party will include astrology readings. Admission is \$2 for women. 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 "Ladies' Dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, on Plymouth Road east of Merriman. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

Potluck dinner

Single Place will hold a potluck dinner Sunday, Feb. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by a speaker and entertainment starting at 7 p.m. Those attending should bring a dish to pass. The speaker will be Sam Gwynne, a bureau chief for Time. Donation is \$3.50 for dinner (children and beverage included), entertainment and the speaker, \$2 for entertainment, the speaker and refreshments. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call 349-0911.

Volunteer training

An informational meeting for volunteers will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. The center provides women with career information, support groups, workshops, a speakers' bureau, peer counseling and other services. Those who would like to volunteer may call 462-4443.

Grieving process

George Lyons will discuss "The Grieving Process" at a 7 p.m. meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Plymouth Court Health Care Center, 105 Haggerty. Lyons, the chaplain at the center, is hosting the gathering for area families. Those who would like to attend may call Lyons, 455-0510.

Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Plymouth Canton U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. The meeting will be held in the counseling office, second floor of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. The public may attend. For more information, call Shirley Kinsler, 455-2678.

Canton GOP

The Canton Republican Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the meeting room at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The speaker will be L. Brooks Patterson, former Oakland County prosecutor. Patterson is leading efforts to place a tax rollback referendum on the November ballot. The public may attend the meeting. For more information, call 459-4971 (evenings).

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. Those attending will recognize the 97th anniversary of the club with a punch reception honoring past presidents; wear hats and gloves. The program, "Honor Your Local Museum," will be presented by Beth Stewart, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Westside Singles

Westside Singles will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 2, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

Las Vegas night

A "Las Vegas Night" will be held 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 3, at the Father Daniel A. Lord Council, Knights of Columbus, 30050 Schoolcraft, between Newburgh and Eckles in Livonia. The fund-raising event is sponsored by the Pope John XXIII Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Admission is \$1. Food and drinks will be available. There will be cash prizes. For more information, call 422-3488 or 455-1450.

Dance lessons

The Polish Centennial Dancers will offer ballroom dance classes for adults. Classes will start the week of March 4. Participants will learn to do the polka, oberek and waltz. Those who register for classes don't need to have a partner. For registration information, call 561-4391 or 464-1263.

St. John Neumann

The St. John Neumann Seniors/54-Up Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the church, on Warren between Sheldon and Canton Center roads in Canton. New members and guests may attend. For more information, call 495-1307 or 459-4001.

Newcomers Club

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a luncheon Thursday, March 8, at Home Sweet Home, 43100 Nine Mile, east of Novi Road in Novi. Hospitality time will be at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. The club is for residents of Plymouth or Plymouth Township who have lived in the community two years or less. Price is \$10. Chef

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clubs in action

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sals, muffins and ice cream will be served. Deadline to make reservations is noon Monday, March 5. For reservations, call 453-3722 or 453-7234. Representatives from Plymouth Opportunity House and Growth Works will speak. These agencies will receive the proceeds from the club's art auction, scheduled for Saturday, March 31.

School open house

The Plymouth Children's Cooperative Nursery School will hold its spring open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 11 and 18. The school is at 5825 Sheldon, Canton. At the open house, parents and children will be able to view the facilities and talk with teachers and board members. Applications will be available for the 1990-91 school term, which begins in September. For information on registration, call membership chairwoman Pam Hensley, 981-4760. The state-certified preschool is for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Club coffee

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a coffee for prospective members at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 15. Those who have lived in Plymouth or Plymouth Township for less than two years may attend. Members have opportunities to meet people and to participate in many interest groups/activities. For more information, call 459-5593.

Wine Glow

A spaghetti dinner and "Wine Glow" fund-raising event will be held Tuesday, March 20, at the Waterman Center of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The "Wine Glow" will be at 6 p.m., the spaghetti dinner at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the college's Women's Resource Center Advisory Board. Door prizes will be given, including a surprise from Delta Diamond Jewelry, \$200 air fare from the World Travel Agency in Plymouth, and a weekend for two at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. Winners must be present. Ticket prices are \$15 for individuals, \$35 for sponsors. Entertainment will be provided by Livonia Churchill High School's "Choralation." Reservations are required, and should be made by Monday, March 12. For more information, call 462-4443.

Dance fun

The Michigan 50s Festival will present a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 30, at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi. The dance/party will include Moose and Da Sharks. The evening will include contests, prizes, food and a cash bar. Those attending should wear casual attire or 50s-style clothing. Admission price is \$10 per person. Tickets are available through the Novi Chamber of Commerce or the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. "Lip sync" acts will be featured at the gathering. Those who have solo or group acts they would like to

present (music from 1950 to 1967) may call Cindy Stewart, 347-0404. This year's Michigan 50s Festival will be July 23-29 at the Novi Town Center.

Attitudes seminar

An "Adventures in Attitudes" seminar will be offered 6:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in April at the Novi Hilton. The 30-hour seminar will be conducted by Mary Lapetz, senior executive director of Gallery Professional Services. Participants will learn about the importance of positive attitudes in professional, community, personal and family relationships. For registration information, call 348-2977.

Yule card design

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has invited artists to submit a 5-by-7-inch original sketch, photograph, watercolor or other design featuring a familiar Plymouth winter scene. The work will be used for the arts council's Christmas card. The artist who submits the winning design will receive \$100. Art work and all rights for reproduction will become PCAC property. April 16 is the deadline to submit art work. Art work or photos should be mailed or delivered to: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 332 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170. For more information, call 455-5260. Proceeds from Christmas card sales will be used for arts council programs.

Polish celebration

The Polish Centennial Dancers will hold their 10th anniversary celebration in April. Performances will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh. Performances will feature Goral Dancers, showing the skill and agility of the group's young male dancers. Dancers will perform to live music provided by "Pan" Franek and the Muskegon Polka Towners. Ticket prices are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. A reception will be held for those who attend. For ticket information, call 464-1263 or 453-7161.

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, 30440 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call 961-2411 or 961-7250.

Museum fun

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. It is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The current main exhibit is on "150 Years of Photography." Admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-18. Family rate is \$4. 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. Free admission. For more information, call 453-7630.

Bridge group

The "Party Bridge Group" meets 1-4 p.m. every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Singles and couples who enjoy playing bridge may attend. For more information, call Boyd or Dorothy Shaffer, 459-2206.

Symphony cookbook

Prelude members of the Plymouth Symphony League have issued a new cookbook. The cookbook, priced at \$5, includes complete menus for

break, lunch, dinner and special holiday meals. The professionally typeset cookbook makes an ideal business gift, shower gift or favor. Books are available at a number of Plymouth-area stores, including Paper Parade, Books of Forest Avenue, Cheese and Wine Barn, Country Cupboard, Bitter Jewelry, Petite Shop, Frame Works and Corner Curtain Shop. For more information, call 453-7537 or 459-7016 before 5 p.m.

Church cookbook

A cookbook has been compiled by members of The First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth. Cookbook price is \$6, plus \$1 for handling. The cookbook includes recipes, cooking information, pictures and more. For more information, call 326-6255 or 561-4592.

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.

Computers help students learn

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Several children at the software fair enjoyed playing a computer version of "Wheel of Fortune," the popular TV game show. Some youngsters played a game in which they identified different U.S. states displayed on a computer screen.

Michaelis agreed students need to learn word-processing, and should become accustomed to working on


computers. Computer technology will advance in years to come.

"It's going to change so rapidly," she said.

She doesn't believe it's essential that all students do computer programming.

"Very few people in the future will be programmers," Michaelis said. The main thing is to be able to use a computer and know what it can do.

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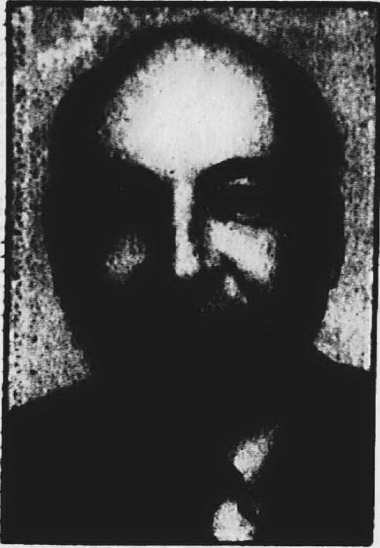
Group encourages talking

By Larry O'Conner
staff writer

Talk is usually considered cheap, but it's what New Beginnings was founded on.

The support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one is entering its seventh year at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia. Discussion is the bottom line. The first meeting is 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, near Merriman Road.

"Some groups tend to bombard



Rev. David Strong
pastor

people with stuff," said the Rev. David Strong, pastor of St. Matthew United Methodist. "We try to let them talk."

Sharing feelings of grief are not so difficult. Finding someone to listen can be.

One of the biggest misconceptions about the grieving process is that it is quick, a month or so.

Usually, though, the first four to six weeks of the grief process involves shock and denial. As a result, a person is not fully aware of feelings of loss. The hurt can go beyond, at least a year in many cases and sometimes even 10 years which is part of the reason why the Rev. Robert Weikart started the New Beginnings group. Today, more than 60 New Beginnings groups exist nationwide.

WEIKART'S wife died 20 years ago from a congenital heart defect two weeks after they had been married.

"I found there wasn't anybody to help me through," said Weikart, a grief counselor who also works as a substance abuse therapist at Chelsea Community Hospital. "I noticed other people who had gone through the grief process had experienced physical difficulties."

Several aspects of the program make it different. For one, after a six-week introduction period the meetings take on the form of a support group.

Weikart will relate his experiences at the first meeting. Kearney

Kirkby, an assistant pastor at St. Matthew Church, discusses how he was able to get through the loss of two wives and a child at the second meeting.

Dr. Tom Roe of Providence Hospital will discuss the physical aspects of grieving. One meeting will be devoted to dream experiences through the grief process.

Then the real healing takes place through the support groups, according to Strong.

"It's very important for the person to tell the story over and over," Strong said. "Most people believe they should go off into the bedroom alone and cry. It's doubly painful to grieve alone. We should do it together."

IN SIX YEARS, Strong said no two groups have been alike. Men and women of all ages have attended in the past.

Not all who attend are spouses. Some people include those who have lost relatives and friends as well. One woman in the Livonia group experienced the loss of five family members during a two-year period.

There are no fees or reservations required. Materials are available and books can be bought at cost.

New Beginnings starts Tuesday, Feb. 27, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For information, call 422-6038.



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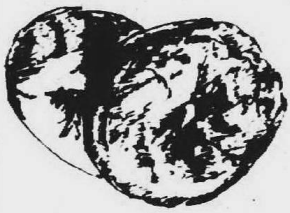
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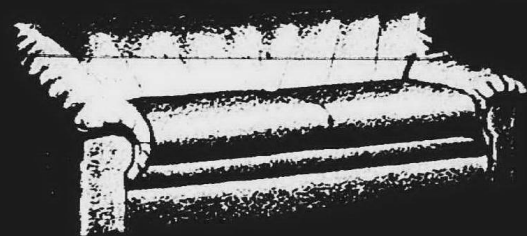
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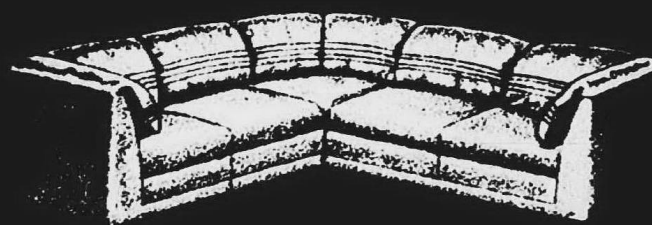
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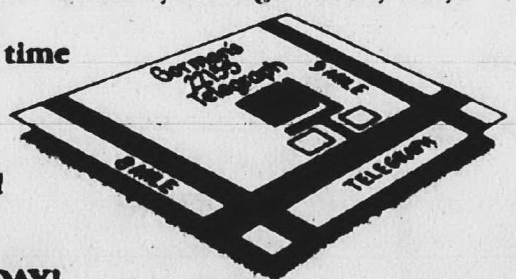
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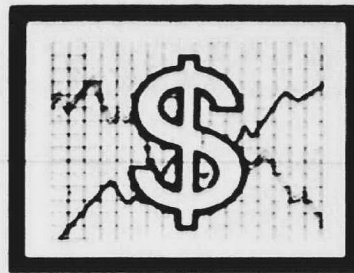
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Industrial laser uses advocated

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

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Lasers. They conjure images of screeching space ships, monolithic death beams from outer space, and "B" horror movies from the 1950s.

Reality check. Hollywood is a long way from southeast Michigan.

Here, lasers — an acronym for light amplified by stimulated emission of radiation — mean high-tech light and heavy industrial applications and huge growth potential.

So when Rofin-Sinar Laser Inc., one of the world's largest manufacturers of industrial-use lasers, went hunting for a location for its new applications research center, the company picked Plymouth Township because it is ideally located to capitalize on the nation's industrial laser hub. Rofin-Sinar president Dennis Fortino said.

"We were concerned about becoming just another 'automotive company' so we decided on Plymouth because it's between the industrial center of Detroit and the technical people in Ann Arbor," Fortino said. "Plymouth is a good compromise for us."

MICHIGAN WILL lead the nation in 1990 with 13.2 percent of all lasers sold in the United States being bought here, followed by California with 12.9 percent and Ohio with 7.4 percent, Fortino said.

Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Wisconsin, Texas, Illinois and Pennsylvania are also expected to become major laser markets.

Part of what the firm intends to do with the center is educate its customers, Rofin-Sinar national sales manager Rhen Peterson said.

"A lot of people are interested in laser technology but it's an area where we have to do our homework. These applications have been around for years but they just haven't come to fruition."

THE APPLICATIONS center acts as a showroom for Rofin-Sinar laser products, but more importantly, it enables prospective buyers to come in with a particular job and to see the job performed by lasers.

"It is the most advanced and well equipped laser applications research and sales center in North America," Peterson said.

Prospective buyers can come in with a problem they need to address, and technicians in the applications center will work with the client to solve it with lasers, Peterson said.

"We will still maintain a research and development facility in San Jose, Calif., but that facility will primarily be used for research and development," Peterson said.

THERE ARE primarily two types of industrial lasers: carbon dioxide and Nd:YAG, said Richard Walker, vice president of marketing for Nd:YAG products.

Rofin-Sinar sells both types of lasers, with a majority of its business in the carbon dioxide lasers.

Nd:YAG lasers are relatively new to industrial use and are still gaining acceptance by the industry, but Rofin-Sinar officials believe its sales will some day eclipse the carbon dioxide lasers, Walker said.

The primary strike against the Nd:YAG laser has been its relatively low power, but recent advances have boosted power levels, he said.

But Nd:YAG lasers show a great deal of promise not for their boosted power levels, but because they offer greater flexibility through fiber optics, Walker said. Basically a flexible light pipe, fiber optics can transfer laser energy from the source to its target.

CARBON DIOXIDE lasers require extensive use of fixed components — i.e., laser lenses, refractors, beam directing equipment — and the target itself is moved, Walker said.

This is especially useful in cutting and welding large targets, but

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Rofin/Sinar applications engineer Christopher Jackson programs the computer that directs the carbon dioxide laser to perform any number of welding, cutting or heat-treating tasks.

Lumonics supplies Gillette

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Southeast Michigan is home to more than just one industrial laser manufacturer. Lumonics Laser Systems Group in Livonia is a major player in the industrial laser market.

Lumonics, a division of Lumonics Inc. headquartered in Kanata, Ontario, controls 9.6 percent of the U.S. carbon dioxide laser market — the fourth largest company behind Rofin-Sinar Lasers Inc., Coherent-General Inc. and PRC Inc.

Lumonics controls an even larger share of the fledgling Nd:YAG laser market, vice president of marketing Steve Llewellyn said.

"We're probably the second or third largest YAG laser manufacturer — more than 60 percent of our business is in YAG lasers."

LUMONICS SET up in Livonia in 1985 after it bought the laser manufacturer Photon Sources, Llewellyn said.

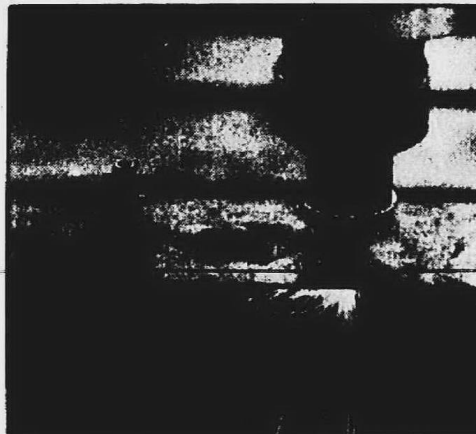
"There are some obvious reasons why we would want to be in southeast Michigan, not the least of which is the auto industry and its suppliers."

Lumonics is in the early planning stages of an applications center similar to the Rofin-Sinar facility, Llewellyn said.

"We're planning a major North American facility for this area, perhaps in Livonia, but certainly in the area west of Detroit."

Lumonics also maintains facilities throughout Canada and the United States.

IN 1990, Lumonics expects to do \$24 million in product sales, with roughly 5 to 7 percent of



The laser beam cuts through a metal plate in a mock industrial application.

that in carbon dioxide lasers, he said. Including system design and service, Lumonics will do about \$90 million of business, with 60 percent of that in the United States.

In addition to having the Big Three automotive companies and their suppliers in southeast Michigan, the area also has a diverse range of other industrial manufacturers and excellent communication possibilities with other Midwest manufacturing states, he said.

"Communications in and out of Detroit are just as good as any other area," Llewellyn said.

"When a (laser company) sits down to decide where there is already a regional customer and where they can reach other customers, the Detroit area is where you want to be."

LUMONICS RECENTLY received a big boost when razor giant Gillette bought 30 Nd:YAG lasers for roughly \$30 million from the firm to produce its new Sensor razor. Gillette introduced the Sensor in a \$175 million advertising blitz during the Super Bowl.

"One key thing about the Gillette Sensor project is the product is a result of the laser and that part is visible to the consumer," Llewellyn said. "This is good for us and the industry."

The Sensor razor has two individually mounted razors that pivot independently of each other. Gillette determined that only a laser could handle the delicate welding job needed to join the razors to the individual springs.

The laser industry has been waiting for a time when lasers would become a more recognizable part of manufacturing and the Sensor razor may be the catalyst for more widespread use of the laser, Llewellyn said.

WHILE LASERS are an indispensable tool in Europe and Japan, they have had to combat an image as an "unnecessary luxury" in the United States, Llewellyn said.

Despite the fact that lasers have existed for almost 20 years, automotive manufacturers and other industries have resisted their implementation.

Even when products are made with lasers, the general public is often unaware of the laser's usage. Perhaps a prominent product with a national advertising campaign focusing on the technology will bolster the young industry's acceptance.

Monaghan's talk draws mixed reviews at college

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

There is room for faith in the business world.

Tom Monaghan, owner of Domino's Pizza Inc. and the Detroit Tiger baseball organization, fielded questions from a standing room only crowd, which spilled into three classrooms equipped with closed circuit televisions Monday at Madonna College in Livonia.

But many attendees were disappointed in Monaghan's message and left early.

Monaghan was expected to speak on world entrepreneurship but devoted little time to it.

There are special problems with being a world entrepreneur — culture, distance, language and legal problems complicate the process — but he is not deeply involved in the process.

"I mean, I know that's where our future is — believe it or not, the bulk of the world is outside the U.S. — but I'm not an expert," he said.

Instead, Monaghan attributes his success to hard work and "his five priorities": the spiritual and



Tom Monaghan
sells golden rule

the social, physical, mental and financial health.

"If you take care of the first four, the last one will take care of itself. The usual definition of success is spending less money than

what you make, but I don't think success is necessarily making a lot of money."

Serving his faith and church is of paramount importance to him. "That's why everything I have is for sale. All the cars, all the architecture, the pizza business — everything but the Tigers."

The Tigers, he said, are his "calling card," his way of making inroads into areas that are closed to even a pizza magnate. "If I want to be effective (in serving his faith and acting as leader for the lay people of the church) I think I need that calling card."

MONAGHAN ALSO stressed the need for honesty, morals, and faith in business. "The most important lesson I've learned is to be honest in what you do and treat others the way you want to be treated — the golden rule."

Perseverance is also important, Monaghan said. Problems with partners, franchiser lawsuits, lean times, and legal tax complications were all part of Domino's history and threatened to ruin the business.

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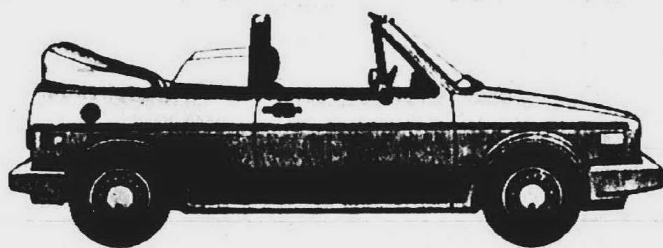
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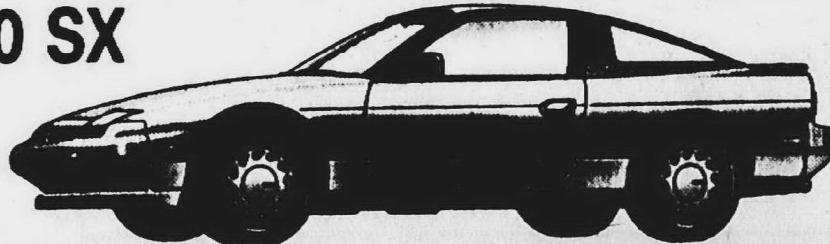
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"I've had my share of crises, but I kept at it. It's important to know what you want. If you do that you'll get into a program and automatically do those things necessary to get what you want."

Monaghan said there many opportunities for young entrepreneurs in the world. "Speaking of restaurants, because that's what I know, I say it's easy to get into and easy to be successful in — that's because so many people are so bad at it. The best way in the world to succeed is to put yourself in the place of the customer."

When he started Domino's, few food services delivered.

Many companies started with delivery services, hated it, and then phased them out once the company

Industrial laser uses advocated

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It is a possibility that Nd:YAG laser sales will some day outsell the carbon dioxide lasers, Walker said. The Nd:YAG lasers offer lower cost optics and fiber optics beam delivery, a compact design and a higher degree of flexibility.

Rofin-Sinar is not overly concerned about the recent automotive slowdown because its market is dependent on capital investments, something the automotive and other manufacturing companies will have to continue to invest in to stay competitive, Fortino said.

"We're not payroll or stock dependent."

BUT SLOWER than expected laser sales are a concern. Laser sales have great potential in the United States, but sales have lagged behind foreign sales, Fortino said.

European and Japanese firms have long embraced the laser and its many applications, including welding, cutting, transformation-hardening, measurement, drilling and cladding, Fortino said, but manufacturers in the United States have resisted their implementation.

"That is our (the country) collective problem," Fortino said. "We play it far too conservative here."

In all of Fortino's dealings with manufacturing executives, lasers are highly regarded, he said.

• Twice a week is better

established a sit-down diner, he said. "The only people who wanted the delivery service were the customers, so I went the other way and phased out my sit-in business."

Monaghan also debunked the traditional school of thought that says a company should have a formal plan before starting a business. "I didn't have a formal business plan, I didn't even have a lease on the premises."

"I say come up with plans that are quick and dirty and then just do it," he said. "People who come up with an idea and then plan and plan and plan — it makes me sick."

"Planning is a substitute for action — I prefer action."

GARY CALPIN, a University of Michigan business student, said that although he still respected Monaghan as a businessman, he was disappointed in the speech which he said did not focus on what he and many people who left wanted to hear — how to be a successful entrepreneur.

"I also don't think he gave a lot of good advice," he said. "Besides a lack of specifics, Monaghan's advice

on formal business plans goes against everything business students are taught today."

Monaghan has a lot of drive and ambition, along with financial insight, but it did not come across well in his speech, he said. "I can still admire him, but the way he talked it seemed like he was more lucky than smart, and I know that's not true."

Jonathan Crocker, an engineer for the Ford Motor Co., said that Monaghan devoted too much of the two-hour speech to his faith and works for the Catholic Church.

"The way he makes his faith the cornerstone of his business is admirable, but that's not why people came to hear him — that's why there were so many disappointed people."

But Monaghan can still be respected as a business leader, Crocker said. "There's room for faith in business — he's proving that — but that's not what most people came to hear."

Dave Nowak, owner of George's Lawnmower Service in Plymouth Township, said that the people who left were missing the point of

Monaghan's speech. "I've seen him talk several times, and I think it's inspiring."

"I get a lot from the rules that guide him through life, and I think they can be applied to business," Nowak said. "The way he talks about riches not being important, about family and life — it can work."

Larry Gordon, of Gordon Lawn-care of Plymouth, said he was also impressed by Monaghan's ability to mesh his faith and his business so successfully, adding that he especially liked Monaghan's emphasis on his five priorities.

"Financial, that's the bottom line,

but spirituality, that's the top line," he said. "He has a lot of honesty to get up and say that when he doesn't have to."

Jerry Deisinger, a Redford Township resident, said he was disappointed Monaghan didn't talk more of business, but he can still be a role model for young business people "if he's careful how he talks."

The number of attendees leaving early was evidence that people don't want to have morality pushed on them, he said.

Much of what Monaghan said has meaning in today's business climate, he said. "I admire a guy that says

you can be successful and honest at the same time."

"I wish he'd said more about competition and how what he says (relates) to business," he said.

As an analogy, Deisinger said many pizza companies will start with a good product, but then decide they can save a little money by putting a little less cheese on it. "And they figure the customers won't notice it and for a while they don't — for a while."

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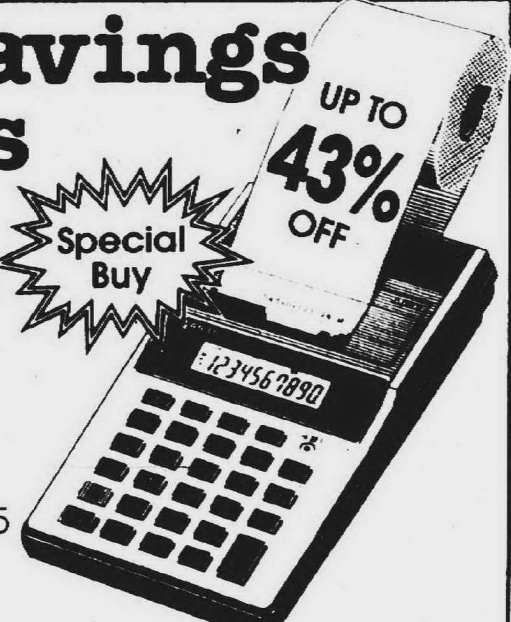
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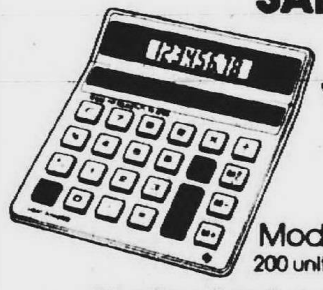
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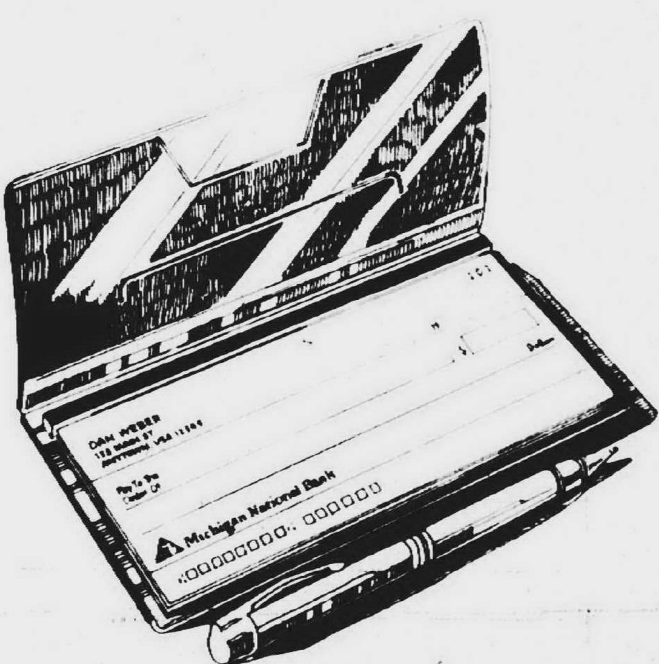
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Financial planning

Saturday, Feb. 24 — "A Lot of People Are Living Off Your Paycheck... How Come You Aren't One of Them?" workshop on money management skills offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.

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Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Inventors' Council of Michigan meets at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, to hear "How to License Your Invention to Industry." Non-members \$5. Information: 963-0616.

Commercial investment

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Detroit Metro Commercial Investment Division of the board of realtors meets in Dearborn. Non-member fee: \$1. Information: 585-1283.

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Wednesdays, Feb. 28 and March 7 — "A Lot of People Are Living Off Your Paycheck... How Come You Aren't One of Them?" workshop on money management skills offered 7-9:30 p.m. at John Glenn High School, Westland. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.

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Women and money

Thursday, March 1 — Free seminar, "Financial Independence for Women," presented 7:30-8:45 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.

Tax help

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'Perceived quality' clouds issue

Lately I've been noticing auto executives use the phrase "perceived quality" as one of those buzzwords intended to diffuse and confuse a serious issue in the auto business.

Not that any debate over quality needs any more obfuscation. It's one of those issues that quickly gets lost in the definition of the moment, with one guy thinking that a solid old piece that clunks along for a quarter century like a Ford farm tractor is quality and the other thinking that the important thing is finish and finesse, whether or not it lasts around the block.

But "perceived quality?" It's a phrase that keeps creeping into speeches of late, particularly at General Motors. As near as I can figure out, it came out of one of those self-congratulatory internal meetings at which executives decided that the cars were actually pretty good — it's only consumer perceptions that are a little off.

Hence "perceived" quality. It's an interesting notion that could be use-



auto talk
Dan McCosh

ful in other industries. Take restaurants, for example. Customers stay away in droves, since the soup du jour tastes like used dishwasher. But the chef claims that it is only a "perceived" taste, since the stuff would fatten a cat — if the cat would only eat it.

OR TAKE clothing designers, who could substitute long-wearing burlap for wool, since studies show burlap is superior, lasts longer, and only the foolish perception of the customer is at odds with this objective information.

Actually, it's pretty obvious why some car manufacturers want to

shift the nebulous debate over quality to something more tangible, such as whether the car starts in the morning or whether warranty costs are going to kill you in four years. Reliability is something it is easy to get a fix on — just listen to the complaints and keep records.

But there is precious little vocabulary in the auto business that applies to the feel of a car — words that match the descriptive ability of someone in the clothing industry, which is loaded with concepts such as "hand," "drape" and "fit," used to describe the intangibles.

The underlying thinking in these businesses is that the intangibles

must be both discerned and improved upon to make the product satisfying. Anyone in a field such as fashion or food would be dead in a minute if they relied on a concept as self-destructive as "perceived quality."

And, I suspect, auto companies that are numb to the basics of what constitutes fine, high-quality metalworking are pretty much lost as well. Too many makers have lost the sense of what a quality machine is about — the sense of precision, balanced design and intuitive function that make up the total automobile. A lot of it goes back to the instincts of craftsmanship, in which things are made to operate smoothly and look well simply because it feels good.

This doesn't address the question of whether a car will ultimately survive on the streets in the hands of a malevolent motorist, or even start and run reliably. But the aesthetic issues are basic, very real, and ultimately determine whether a new car is a pleasure or a pain.

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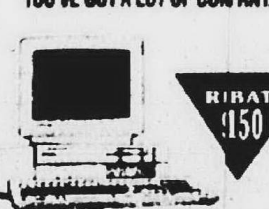
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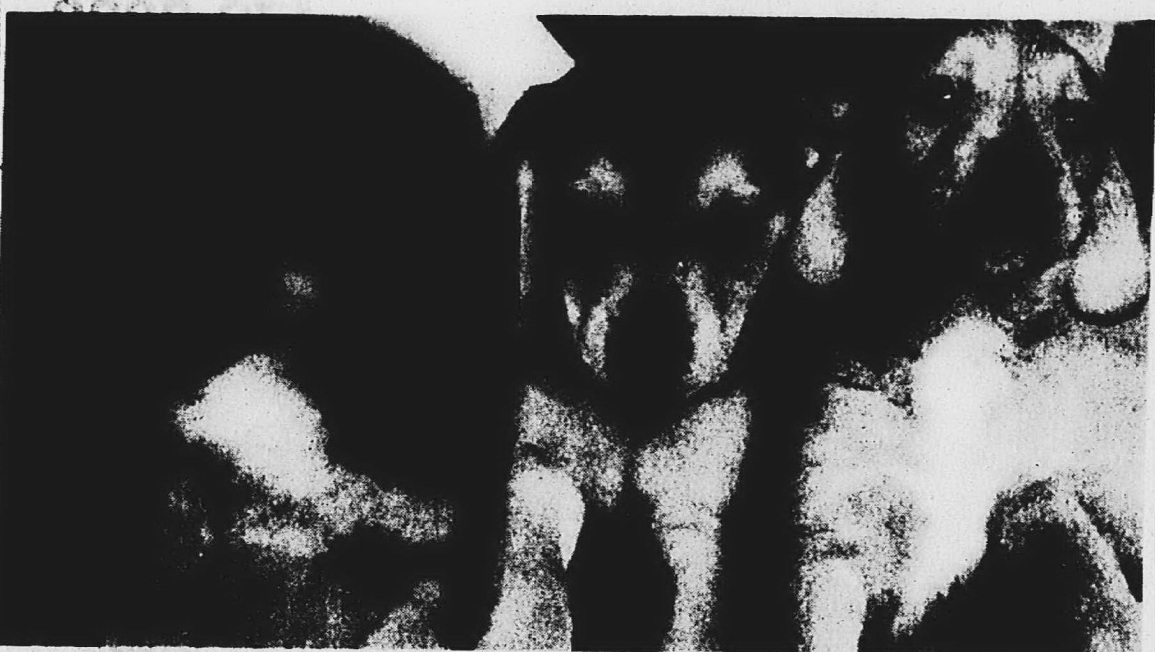
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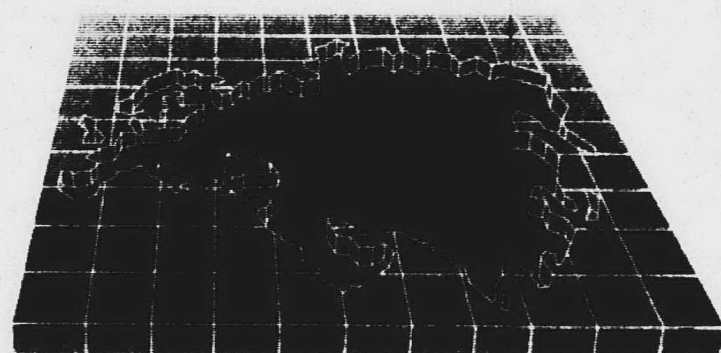
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—(Revelation 17:3, 5, 9 & 18.)

"Behold, I (God) am against thee, O Gog (the land of Magog), the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal."
—(Ezekiel 38:2, 3.)

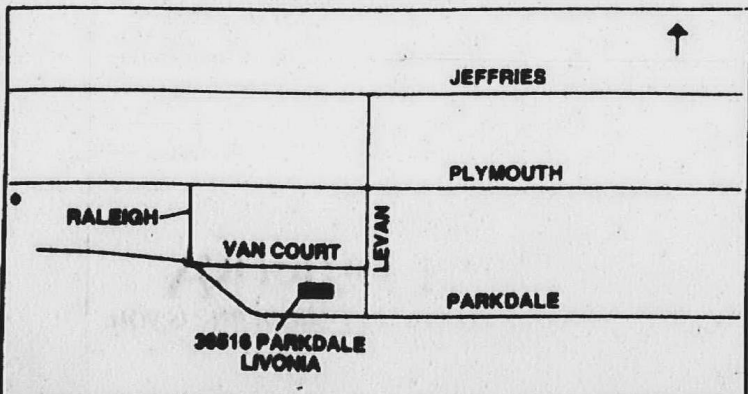
"For when they shall say, Peace and safety then sudden destruction cometh upon them... and they shall not escape."
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How are these Bible references related to Europe?

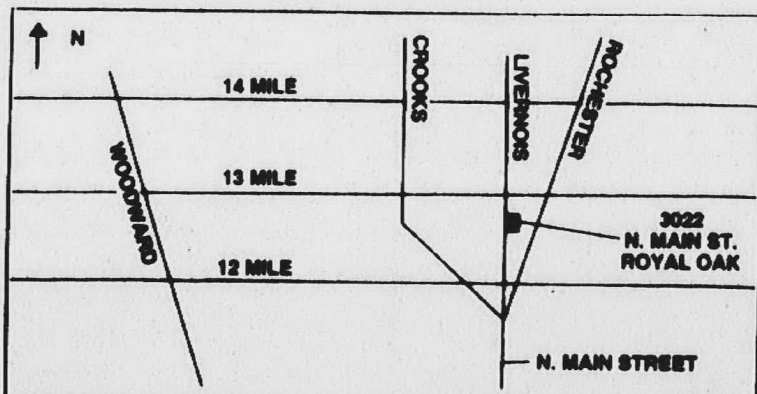
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Americans now gobble down twice as much chicken and two-thirds more turkey than we did in 1965. This increase in consumption is due in part to advice from health authorities and lower costs compared to red meat.

We celebrate the holiday season that usually sees more poultry consumption than any other time of year — Thanksgiving through New Year. And while whatever the reason, increased poultry consumption is good for your health.

The following questions about poultry are some of the most frequently asked.

Q. Is all poultry lower in fat and cholesterol than red meat or is it just chicken that we should eat more of?

A. Not all poultry is equal in the fat cholesterol department. Chicken has 2-3 times more fat than turkey, which is the leanest poultry. Duck and goose have 50 percent more fat than chicken. Skinless turkey breast is almost fat free, while skinned chicken breast has about 1/2 the fat of the leanest red meats — flank and round steaks.

Beef ads that claim to have no more cholesterol than chicken are technically true. Most poultry does contain as much cholesterol as red



Terry Gibb

meat. However, poultry is lower in saturated fats, which raise blood cholesterol.

Q. Is white poultry meat lower in fat and calories than dark meat?

A. In general, white meat has 1/2 the fat of dark meat.

Q. Some nutrition labels use a one-ounce serving size. How many ounces are in a chicken breast or thigh?

A. An average raw chicken breast weighs four ounces (meat only); the average thigh — 2 1/4 ounces, the average drumstick weighs 3 ounces. So, if other serving size figures are given, you must multiply the label amounts by the actual number of ounces to get accurate nutrition figures.

Q. Are chicken or turkey hot dogs better than those made from beef or pork?

A. On the average, chicken and turkey dogs have 30 percent less fat than regular hot dogs. Poultry frankfurters still contain about 2 teaspoons of fat and 650 mg of salt in

each hot dog.

Q. Is ground turkey a good substitute for ground beef?

A. Store-bought ground turkey is not as good for you as home ground turkey because manufacturers grind up the poultry skin as well, which increases the fat content significantly.

However, even store-ground turkey has 25 percent less fat than the "leanest" ground beef.

Q. How much worse is frying than baking or broiling?

A. As long as you remove the skin before eating, fried chicken is not much fatter than baked, broiled or roasted chicken. By removing the

skin you can cut the fat in half.

Q. How does chicken or turkey compare with beef as a source of vitamins and minerals?

A. Each food excels in certain nutrients. Beef is rich in iron and zinc. Pork has the most thiamin and riboflavin. Chicken and turkey are the better source for Vitamin B-6 and niacin.

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Madonna College will host a pre-auction gift gathering party at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in Roma's of Livonia.

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Reservations are limited. Call the auction committee office in Room E207 at Madonna, 591-5127.

Local poet presents work at S'craft

Michigan poet Thomas Lynch will read from his works 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

Lynch's poetry draws upon his experience as a father and his professional experience as an undertaker.

His first collection of poetry, "Skating With Heather Grace," was published by Alfred A. Knopf, New

York, in 1986. The collection received favorable notices from the New York Times and Washington Post and received "notable book" designation from the National Library Association.

Lynch held the Frost Place Fellowship at Tyrone Guthrie Centre for the Arts in Ireland. He is president and director of Lynch and Sons

Funeral Home, Milford.

Lynch will appear at the college Liberal Arts Theater on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

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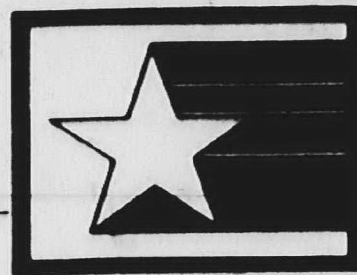
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Area filmmakers tell what it takes

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

NOWHERE IS THE commitment to film stronger and more vibrant than among independent filmmakers.

"Update '90" was proof of that, as students, teachers and independent filmmakers gathered Saturday for the 20th annual event sponsored by Detroit Area Film and Television and the Detroit Producers Association.

Update premiered 20 years ago at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and has since been housed there, at Macomb Community College and at the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical School in Westland.

This year Update convened on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, to view independent films, exchange shoptalk with colleagues, make contacts and listen to successful independent filmmakers describe what it takes to succeed as an independent.

An independent filmmaker is someone on his or her own, not under the influence or direction of commercial television and theaters — someone willing to sweat, work weekends and nights because they believe in themselves and their projects.

"WHAT'S INSIDE you" that you can get passionate about?" was the challenge posed to the audience by one of the featured speakers, Ron Senkowski, a former Farmington Hills resident and North Farmington High School student. He and his partner in "Lighten Up Films," producer Shannon Hamed, addressed the afternoon session. Both are graduates of the University of Michigan where they met and Hamed produced Senkowski's first film, "Forever My Dog," shown last year at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Township.

"The film for me is an attempt to open eyes, to show others possible means to allow their lives and dreams to switch places. Besides,



DOUGLAS SUSALLA

Tom Ludwig, Oakland Community College film instructor, demonstrates 16mm film editing techniques during the recent Update '90 on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Spielberg and Lucas need a run for their money," Senkowski said in the light-hearted, humorous tone that characterizes his approach.

That's the commitment of independent filmmakers, but they need money, goods and services to make their movies. Both the morning and afternoon sessions discussed in great detail those needs. "For film is a mixture of business and passion," Senkowski said.

Hamed, a producer of industrial/commercial films in the corporate venue, discussed the importance of forging alliances and working to promote your film. "You've got to be resourceful and get out there," she said. "You have to make alliances with other people and you have to find the right personalities — people who can benefit you as well as you helping them."

That was the heart of the advice to



Keynote speaker Bruce Campbell, a producer-actor originally from Birmingham, talks about the horror film genre.

independent filmmakers from Senkowski and Hamed, who are currently in production with "Let's Kill All the Lawyers: A Classical Caper."

IF IT'S SO hard, why make independent films? "It's the best foot in the door," Campbell said. "If you want to move to California and approach a studio, what better way then to have this calling card under your arm saying, 'I did this independent film.'"

Campbell, Sam Raimi and Renaissance Pictures are originally from Birmingham where they began as independents in the true sense of the term: making films and looking for investors, agents and distributors — in other words, dealing with the manifold, necessary details in a complex but exciting business, motion pictures.

Campbell enthralled the audience with details of the long, arduous

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Shannon Hamed and Ron Senkowski, partners in "Lighten Up Films," discuss how independent filmmakers work.

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: Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

Ensemble performs

La Corda ensemble will present a dinner-dance concert, "Afternoon in Vienna," 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Soprano Heidi Hepler will sing selections from Viennese operetta, and

there will be dancing to the La Corda Salon Orchestra. Ticket prices are \$20. For more information, call 459-5296.

Irish concert

The Irish Dancers Booster Club presents "A Touch of Ireland" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. The O'Hare step dancers will perform, along with guest singers and musicians who will sing and play favorite Irish traditional music. Pat Judd, singer and Irish storyteller, will serve as master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 261-4379.

Dinner dance

An evening of music and gourmet dining will be featured at the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Dinner Dance at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, on campus in Livonia. A Southwestern dinner will be prepared by the college's award-winning Culinary Arts Department and music by Heartsfield. Menu for the evening includes cream of corn soup with crab cakes, Southwestern garden greens with orange wedges and cracklings with cherry vinaigrette, West Texas tenderloin pepper steak

with bourbon sauce, sweet potato duchess, medley of "down on the range vegetables," assorted cornbreads, muffins and rolls, and maple Bavarian cream with walnuts served in an oakleaf pastry shell. Cost is \$22 per person. For reservations or further information, call 462-4460.

Casting call

Northville Players announces open auditions for its spring melodrama, "Dora, the Beautiful Dishwasher," at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 26-27, at the Northville United Methodist Church. The play requires four women and three

men, ages mid-20s to late 50s or 60s. Production dates are mid-May. For information, call 459-2869.

Audition time!

The Theatre Guild will hold auditions for "Steel Magnolias" at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the guild playhouse in Redford. Parts are open for six women ages 19-66. Production dates are Friday-Saturday, April 20-21 and 27-28 and May 4-5. For further information, call 261-9207.

Auditions open

The Marquis Theatre seeks young

singers and dancers (ages 8-15) for a new troupe of Marquis Theatre Children to star in a Broadway musical revue Friday, June 1, to Saturday, June 16. Those auditioning should bring a song in their vocal range (accompanist provided) and be prepared to dance. For more information, call 349-8110.

'Peter Pan'

The 35th anniversary production of the musical "Peter Pan," starring Olympic gold medalist Cathy Rigby, will be presented through Sunday, March 4, at the Fisher Theatre in

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Fantasy breathes life into two new romances

Performances of "Romance, Romance" continue through Sunday, March 18, at the Birmingham Theatre. For ticket information call the box office at 644-3333.

By Barbara Michals
special writer

Double your pleasure with a double dose of romance in the Birmingham Theatre production of the delightful twin musicals "Romance, Romance." The two separate one-act plays share the same excellent four-member cast, and both are dedicated to the proposition that fantasy is a strong aid to romance.

The opening musical, set in Vienna at the turn of the century, is like a Viennese cream pastry — not much substance, but absolutely delicious. Peter Noone and Marcia Mitzman play aristocrats who become bored with the high life of their class and pose as working class folk to seek true love. By chance they find each other, but they also discover that the charms of poverty fade quickly.

Both the story and the musical numbers are very suggestive of old-fashioned operettas, a point clearly made by Noone's character at the end. Barry Harman's lyrics range from funny ("Goodbye, Emil," "A Rustic Country Inn") to joyous ("I'll Always Remember the Song," "Yes, It's Love"), to poignant ("The Night It Had to End"), to go with Keith Hermann's very melodic, hummable music.

Both Noone and Mitzman have wonderful voices and give their respective characters loads of charm and vitality. Mitzman looks gorgeous

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in Steven Jones' luscious Art Nouveau gowns, and Noone retains the boyish good looks that made him so endearing as "Herman" in the very popular British rock group Herman's Hermits in the '60s.

THE LEADS are ably supported by Sheri Cowart and John DeLuca as graceful waltzers who parallel the main lovers in pantomime. They also double as other minor characters.

In the second musical two modern couples share a summer rental home in the Hamptons. Barb and Lenny (Mitzman and DeLuca) and Monica and Sam (Cowart and Noone) are all close friends, both couples happily married for a long time. Barb and Sam who have stayed best friends since college, now discover a new attraction to each other. The play asks if a man and woman can really stay platonic friends, or is the fantasy of wondering about a love affair even better than the reality?

Here Coward and DeLuca get to display their fine vocal skills in larger parts, while Mitzman and Noone have a chance to bring more depth to

their roles.

Musical numbers range from soft rock (a reprise of the previous act's "It's Not Too Late" that takes on a different meaning) to pleasing ballads ("Words He Doesn't Say," "Moonlight Passing Through a Window"). It's ironic when Noone's character briefly pretends to be a rock star.

In addition to writing the lyrics and the book for both the musicals, Harman also directs this production, as he did the original Broadway one. The results are every bit as pleasing. Steven Rubin's fine sets and Pamela Sousa's very good choreography are also identical to their Broadway originals.

Valentine's Day may be past, but it's never too late to enjoy "Romance, Romance."

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.

Area filmmakers tell what it takes to be successful

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struggle to sell investors, produce "Evil Dead," find an agent and a distributor. One of the things going for local independent filmmakers, Campbell said, is that "Michigan is the country's seventh-largest film production market and it has a fresh look away from the phony quality of Hollywood."

"Money's a weird thing," he said. Campbell described the many strange ins and outs of raising money, whether in cash or services, and the intricacies of approaching investors with a film project. "It's their money and your nightmare, a high-risk business."

Campbell, Senkowski and Hamed discussed strategies and tactics needed to gather the personnel, money, goods and services needed to produce and distribute a film.

Perhaps the best advice was Campbell's. "It's important to put money into the look and sound of the film," he said. That, after all, is what attracts investors, agents, distributors, film festival juries and, ultimately, audiences.

IN ADDITION to these featured speakers, Update was treated to a discussion of professional stunt work by Ed Lamb of Silver Screen Stunts, who recently completed filming "A

Dirty Dozen Stunts." The danger and difficulty of doing professional stunt work safely was at the heart of Lamb's presentation.

Tom Ludwig, local independent filmmaker and OCC's Orchard Ridge adjunct film instructor, demonstrated 16mm film editing techniques throughout the day as Update participants moved from one presentation to the next.

Concurrent with all these events, several screening rooms were running full tilt and spectators viewed "The 20th International Tournee of Animation," a reel of Clio-award-winning television commercials, and a program, "Seventy-Seven Years of Animation," which was specially assembled for Update. These film programs were repeated throughout the day.

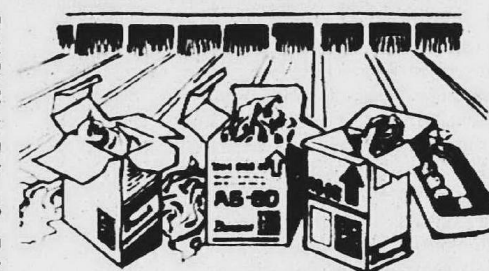
The afternoon concluded with Magic Lantern's Bob Dyke, producer of the feature-film thriller, "Moon-

trap." He presented the Moontrap Student Scholarships, two awards to outstanding students, one high school and one college. "Moontrap's" premiere was held at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor to raise funds for this scholarship.

Winners were: first place high school category, sharing a \$1,500 college scholarship, Bill Zabolinski, Nick Cretens and Jason Boyle, all seniors at Dearborn High School; second and third place in high school category, Jeff Rohwer. Prizes for second and third place were certificates. College category, also a \$1,500 scholarship, was shared by Sam Ciaramitaro, a sophomore at Michigan State University, and Matt Ferrara, a sophomore at the University of California. Second place went to Darryl Miller, a freshman at Henry Ford Community College, and third place was shared by two Specs-Howard students, Kenneth Marc Greenbaum and John Quigley.

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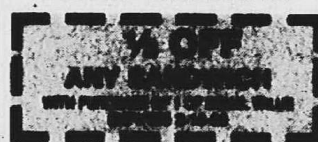
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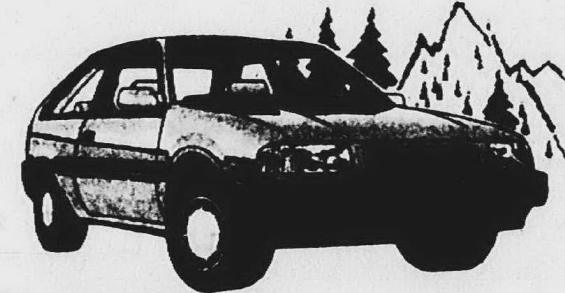
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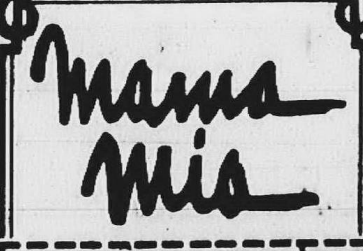
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• "Pony Boy" The new production of "Pony Boy" based on the book by James M. Smith is a 1994 award winner. It is part of an 18-episode series. The flying in "Pony Boy" is a natural nature to Cathy Smith, a 1988 medal gymnast, she has been flying through the air since she was 15. Tickets are available at all ticketmaster outlets and the Fox Theatre box office. For more information, call the Fisher at 872-1000. To charge tickets by phone call 646-6666.

• Piano, song

Tom Altemeyer, pianist and song stylist, will perform Tuesday-Saturday through March at the Country House in Novi. He appears Tuesday-Thursday 6-11 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Altemeyer is a contemporary lyric writer, who plays piano and keyboard. A Canton resident, he has been a performer for 19 years. For reservations, call 349-7770.

• Easter telethon

For the 11th consecutive year, WDIV-TV, Channel 4, is broadcasting the annual Easter Seal Telethon, live, from its Detroit studios. The telethon begins Saturday, March 3, at 11:30 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4. This year's theme is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Mort Crim again hosts the 19 1/2 hour telethon, with former NFL

quarterback and WDIV's newest sports reporter, Gary Danielson. They will be joined by various local celebrities and Channel 4 personalities throughout the night and day. WDIV will air segments of the national telethon, originating from Los Angeles and co-hosted by singer Pat Boone and actress Mary Frann.

• For children

The "folkies for small folks," Rosenblatts, will perform original songs at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, on the "Not Just for Kids Series" at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. With four award-winning albums, a prime-time Boston television special and concerts at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and Carnegie Recital Hall in New York among their credits, Gary Rosen and Bill Shontz have performed for more than a million children and adults. Tickets are available at the Michigan Theatre box office. To charge tickets by phone or for further information, call 668-8397 during box office hours.

• "The Nerd"

Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre presents "The Nerd" by Larry Shue, author of the award-winning comedy "The Foreigner" opening Friday, March 2, and continuing for three weeks until Sunday, March 18. Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m., except for March 11 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 Thursdays and \$8 all other days. Senior citizens and student discounts are available Sundays. For reserved seating and ticket information call 541-6439.

• Comedy king

Comedian Jerry Lewis brings his one-man show to Detroit's Fox Theatre for five performances Thursday-Sunday, March 8-11. Tickets are on sale at the Fox Theatre box office, Joe Louis box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are \$37.50, \$32.50, \$25, \$20 and \$10. To charge tickets by phone, call 645-6666. For more information, call 567-6000.

• Farce-comedy

The 1947 farce-comedy "John Loves Mary," plays through Saturday, March 17, at Henry Ford Museum Theater at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Performances of "John Loves Mary" are at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturdays. A special matinee performance will be staged at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. Tickets are \$8 each for reserved seats, available daily at the Information Desk in the entrance to Greenfield Village, at the Museum Theater box office one hour before each performance, or by calling the Reservations Center at 271-1620. A combination dinner and theater package, at \$25 per person, also is available.

• Hilberry Theatre

Oliver Goldsmith's 18th century

comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," continues in rotating repertory through Saturday, April 14, at the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University in Detroit. For information or tickets for "She Stoops to Conquer," call the box office at 577-2972.

• Casting call

Pontiac Theatre IV announces open auditions for "Little Shop of Horrors," a musical comedy, from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, and Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the lower level of the Pontiac Public Library. Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 18-19, at Pontiac Northern High School. For more information call 338-2903 or the office number, 335-4277.

• Jazz Search

The sixth annual Hennessy Cognac Jazz Search, largest jazz competition of its kind, is calling on jazz musicians in the Detroit area to submit an audio tape of their best efforts. Grand prize winner will receive \$2,000 in cash and an appearance at the opening act at the Playboy Jazz Festival on Sunday, June 17, at the Hollywood Bowl. All audio cassette entries, no longer than 20 minutes in length, must be postmarked by Thursday, March 1, and sent to: the Hennessy Cognac Jazz Search, 3435 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite JAZZ, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

• Open auditions

The Jewish Community Center, with Nancy Gurwin Productions, announces open auditions for the Broadway musical "Once Upon a Mattress." Auditions for singers, dancers and actors will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the JCC in West Bloomfield. Gurwin will star in the musical. For more information and appointment, call Gurwin at 352-2797 or 354-0545, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

• Dance theater

Los Flamencos Dance Theatre will perform at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Feb. 25, at the Concerts-in-the-Garden series at the Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The concert and continental breakfast are \$5. Concert and coffee only are \$3.50. Breakfast is served at 10 a.m. For reservations and information, call 354-4717.

• Musical hit

Ridgedale Players will present the musical hit "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." This bawdy frolic through ancient Rome was one of the earliest efforts of Broadway songwriting legend Stephen Sondheim and "M*A*S*H" creator Larry Gelbart. The show features wild and risqué comedy along with song hits such as "Comedy Tonight" and "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid." Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 and 16-18, and Friday-Saturday, March 23-

24. There is a matinee at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Tickets cost \$8 with a \$1 discount for senior citizens Sunday evenings. To order tickets call Donna Backus at 644-8328.

• Meadow Brook

"The Great Sebastians," the 1956 Howard Lindsay/Russel Crouse comedy written for Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, will open a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. In "The Great Sebastians," a vaudeville duo with a mind reading act arrives in Prague in 1948, just in time for the Communist coup and mysterious death of the Czech national hero Jan Masaryk. The Sebastians (their real name is Schlupe, pronounced Shlup) are played by David Regal and Juliet Randall. Detroit actor-director Regal is head of the University of Detroit Theatre Department and artistic director of the Theatre Company. Randall is a local actress who has been a leading player at the Phoenix Theatre in New York, the Missouri Repertory Theatre and Shakespeare festivals across the country. She was last seen at Meadow Brook in "Dear Liar." Tickets for "The Great Sebastians" may be arranged by calling 377-3300.

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Jeff Gold scoops up a loose ball turned over by Farmington's P.J. Green as a result of defensive pressure by Gold and teammate Tom Noonan (20).

Chiefs get lift with OT win; Rocks coast

Plymouth Canton's basketball team got a much-needed shot in the arm with a thrilling, 66-64 win over visiting Livonia Franklin in double overtime Tuesday.

The Chiefs finished 4-6 in the Western Division and stand 7-10 overall heading into the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs Friday. Franklin dips to 5-5 and 8-9.

"We've been playing good basketball the last two weeks, and I think we're starting to build momentum for the state tournament," Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner said.

Freshman Mike Stafford led the Chiefs in scoring for the second game in a row since being brought up from the JV team.

He finished with 15 points and also blocked a shot by Franklin's Craig Overattis at the buzzer in the second overtime to preserve the win.

Canton's Brett Howell and Geoff Allen scored nine points apiece, and Tony Coshatt contributed eight points and 10 rebounds. Jason Riggs and Kevin Holmes added seven points each.

"We played a lot of young kids, and they played real hard," Van Wagoner said. "We didn't play smart at times, but we played hard. We did just enough right things to pull out a victory."

John Santi finished with a game-high 17 points for the Patriots, and Steve McCool scored 16 as the big men led the way for Franklin. Overattis added 11 points and Dave Barina 10.

McCool scored 14 points in the second half and Santi, who also had 10 rebounds, 12 Overattis chalked up seven rebounds, seven assists and eight steals.

The Chiefs led 32-29 at halftime, but the score was tied at 44 and 59 after the third and fourth quarters. Allen's running 10-footer with 25 seconds left in regulation forced the first overtime.

The contest moved into a second OT with the score knotted at 61.

Stafford's triple put Canton up 66-63. McCool's free throw made it a two-point difference, and the Patriots got a chance to tie after Canton committed a turnover while in the spread offense. Overattis rebounded the miss by McCool, but Stafford blocked the second attempt.

PLYMOUTH SALEM'S basketball team was able to breathe a little easier Tuesday — in the second half, at least.

After surviving a close call (76-74) with Westland John Glenn on Saturday, the Rocks rebounded with a 22-point victory over host Farmington, 60-38.

The win gives No. 8-ranked Salem an unbeaten record in the Lakes Division at 10-0. The Rocks, 16-1 overall, had clinched the division title last week.

The Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs begin Friday, but pairings were uncertain Tuesday due to two makeup games being played Wednesday night.

Before putting away the Falcons in the second half Tuesday, Salem found itself in another tight spot at halftime, leading 18-13.

Farmington held the ball in the first quarter and led 7-3. The Rocks were 0 of 7 from the floor and 3 of 6 shooting free throws in that period. Salem outscored the Falcons 20-6 in the third period to lead 38-19 and 42-25 in the second half.

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Chris Tobben defends Farmington's Brian Browne. Salem whipped the Falcons 60-38 to finish 10-0 in the Lakes Division.

Burlison regional champ

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Four more victories will give Plymouth Salem wrestler Brian Burlison an undefeated season and make him a state champion.

That ultimate individual honor will be the goal of Burlison and eight other Observerland wrestlers in the Class A finals Friday and Saturday.

Burlison (42-0) was one of two area champions Saturday in the regional tournament at Salem. North Farmington's Matt Thompson (30-3) claimed the 140-pound title, while Burlison prevailed at 189.

The top four in each weight class advance to the finals, which take place at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek for the second year in a row. The Class B championships also will be decided at that site.

Observerland's other qualifiers included Julian Sell (130), Steve Burlison (160) and Pete Israel (171) of Salem. Soren Murphy (112), Walled Lake Central, Lucian Van Cleave (135), North, Todd Hoffmeyer (152), Walled Lake Western, Jay Wheeler (160), Livonia Franklin, and Kraig Kuban (171), Westland John Glenn. All are seniors except for Hoffmeyer, a junior.

ONLY NINE of the 10 will compete, however. Sell saw his season end prematurely when he suffered a dislocated elbow in practice Monday. Sell (38-7) was fourth in the regional.

"It's really, really unfortunate," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "We're going to take him along with us. He'll get to see it all, but he'll always wonder how he would've done."

The others must ponder their fate for another day, too, but the Burlisons represent legitimate contenders for state championships. Steve is making his third consecutive trip to the finals, Brian his second.

The latter, who was 2-2 at state last year in the 171 bracket, scored two technical falls and a decision over Belleville's Jeff Komaromi in



photo by Bill Parker

Julian Sell has the advantage over Casey Krause in the regional. Sell qualified for the state finals but won't compete after suffering a dislocated elbow.

the final Saturday.

"He had beaten 'em all, but he took it all seriously like he should," Krueger said. "He didn't want anything silly happening. He didn't have to pin anybody, so he wrestled smart and won the matches."

Should he get to the third round this weekend, Burlison will likely face either Ralph Amine of Warren Lincoln or Ian Hearn of Chio, who was runner-up at 189 last year. Hearn was 42-0 when he was upset by Holly's Stan Boyd in the championship bout, 2-1.

NO. 1-RATED Derek Green of Portage Northern and No. 3 Alan Hazel of Flint Kearsley are in the opposite bracket. Hearn is rated second, Burlison fourth and Amine fifth.

"(Amine and Hearn) have lost to

the Kearsley kid and Brian beat him," Krueger said, "so we're in the ballpark."

Thompson is unranked and somewhat unknown at 140, but he's won district and regional titles since dropping from 145 for the tournaments.

"That's no surprise, he's just that good," North coach Dick Cook said, adding Thompson has been a steady performer for two years and only an overtime loss kept him from going to state last year.

"He's got the potential to win the whole thing," Cook said. "If he wrestles (like he did in the regional) this weekend, he just might."

Thompson, however, will have to contend with defending champion and top-rated Jay Helm of Redford Catholic Central. But they're in opposite brackets and won't meet until

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"HE'S AN unranked kid, but we went through that with (heavy-weight) Zaim Cunmulaj last year," Cook said. Cunmulaj finished third in the state.

"He hasn't had the recognition, but he's in that league (CC coach Mike) Rodriguez is real big on Helm — and he should be — but Thompson, on a good day, could give him a run for his money."

Steve Burlison (38-1-1) suffered his first loss Saturday when he was upset by Temperance Bedford's Brian Wingate in the finals. Burlison, who was 1-2 at state last year, was overly aggressive at the start of the bout and got behind early, according to Krueger.

"Bedford kids are very disciplined wrestlers," he said. "You can't run at them and try to dominate them on the mats. You've got to be as smart and cunning as them."

"I don't want my kids to be too cautious, but when you get to a regional final you can't treat the opponent like he's never wrestled. You've got to give the kid his due respect."

The good news is Burlison and others in his situation have another chance to atone for past mistakes this weekend.

"I'VE SEEN that done a lot," Krueger said, adding Burlison's experience is a plus. "I'm not so sure a lot of wrongs won't be righted."

"Last year he didn't catch a break at state. This year he's got a chance. He's got a chance to go all the way — and so does Brian."

Kuban (42-3) won by technical fall and a 4-2 decision over Western Lakes rival Israel before losing to No. 3-ranked Mike Braswell of Belleville in the final. Braswell is 43-2-1.

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Salem gymnasts nip Chiefs

Plymouth Salem made up a deficit on the balance beam Saturday to edge rival Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team at the Freeland Invitational.

The third-place Rocks finished with 137.35 points, and Canton and the host Falcons tied for fourth with 137.15.

The Chiefs did slightly better — though it was a "real minor difference across the board" — on vault, bars and floor exercise and controlled their own fate with their turn on beam coming up, according to Canton coach John Cunningham.

"Three of our four did exactly what they were supposed to, and one fell twice," he said. "We had three no-fall routines and the last was a two-fall, which was our downfall in a manner of speaking."

"I'm not disappointed that Salem beat us. My kids had the opportunity to close them out and didn't, and (the Rocks) took advantage of it."

THE CHIEFS actually accomplished their goal in the meet, finishing ahead of Muskegon Mona Shores, which ended up sixth with a 136.25 total.

"They're a ranked team, and they beat us at the Rockford Invitational," Cunningham said. "I wanted to prove to them and to us that we are the better team."

Troy Athens, with star Melissa Miller recovered from a month-long bout with pneumonia, won the meet with 142.2 points and assumed the No. 1 ranking in the weekly coaches poll.

"Athens had a wonderful day," Cunningham said. "From the very first event, they were flying."

Midland Dow, the former No. 1 and now No. 2 squad, was second with 141.1. Holland is ranked third this week followed by Canton, Salem, Freeland, Mona Shore, Fraser, North Farmington and Holt.

If the Chiefs had eliminated the falls they had Saturday on the four events combined, Cunningham figured they could have finished as high as second place without having to increase the difficulty of their routines. Canton had three falls on vault, one each on floor and bars and two on beam.

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"I thought we had a chance to win it, and I still think Kraig is capable of beating Mike," Glenn coach Tom Buckalew said. "There's no denying Mike is an outstanding wrestler, but I have a great deal of faith in Kraig. If it's at all possible for him to win a match, he'll win it."

Kuban and Braswell have wrestled three times this year. Kuban winning the first 5-4 and Brawell the last two. Kuban, however, wrestled better in the regional, and the 10-4 score doesn't reflect how even the bout was, according to Buckalew.

CONVERSELY, Kuban has been the dominant wrestler in the series with Israel (34-12), but the latest clash was much closer. Krueger said Kuban's takedown late in the match broke a 2-2 tie.

"Israel could've wrestled 160 for anybody else around here," Krueger said. "But we have Steve on our team, so he went up to 171. He's been outsized a lot, but he's come around and beaten some good people. He wrestled his heart out and is real excited. I hope he gets hot at state; anything can happen."

The others are hoping that holds true, also. Murphy (32-2), like Israel, won a regional consolation title, and Van Cleave (33-10), Hoffmeyer (24-14-1) and Wheeler (28-7) were fourth-place finishers.

Wheeler, who also just missed qualifying last year, is going to state for the first time. In addition, he has the distinction of being the only Livonia wrestler to get through the Class A regional and is the first Franklin wrestler to compete in a state meet in roughly a decade.

Patriots coach Ken Meinschein credited Northville coach Bob Boshoven and Kurt Will Sr. for working with Wheeler in the last two weeks and helping to prepare him.

"I think he's wrestling really well right now," Meinschein said. "It seems he's getting a few things together that we've worked on. He's improved a lot in the last month. And, if he keeps that up, good things can happen."

"We'll see what happens Friday and Saturday, but I think our regional was fairly strong. But you always run into coaches who say they had a tough district and regional, too."

Harrison qualifies 2 for Class B mat finals

David Prusinski of Farmington Hills Harrison won a regional wrestling championship Saturday, and teammate Gary Devine also qualified for the Class B finals.

Prusinski captured the 112-pound title in the individual tournament at Monroe Jefferson. He and Devine, who placed fourth at 140, will compete Friday and Saturday in the state meet at the Battle Creek Kellogg Center.

Prusinski, a sophomore with a 30-7 record, scored back-to-back, 4-1 decisions over Center Line's Jeff Minnick and Grosse Ile's Eric Andersen top get to the final where he defeated Chris Boitnott of Jefferson 12-6 in overtime.

"The last two weeks he has wrestled the best he has this year," Harrison coach Matt Gasser said. "Being first in the regional tells you a lot about him. For a sophomore, that's a very big accomplishment, and it's a big honor to go to the state tournament."

Devine, a junior, started with an 8-4 victory over Mount Clemens Clintondale's Mike Burnett but lost the next bout to Center Line's Rich Fanti, 5-1.

He bounced back with a 12-6 defeat of Carleton Airport's Eric Sprau before losing the consolation bout 10-1 to Derek Eilers of Monroe St. Mary's-Catholic Central.

Ocelots vent frustration on Mott

Madonna turns tables

Madonna College entertained Michigan Christian College Tuesday in a women's basketball game that wasn't much more than a rebound-and-break drill.

The Fighting Crusaders, too often the prey in such games this season, trounced Michigan Christian 95-41. The outcome was never in doubt; Madonna had a 49-19 advantage at the half without pressing or switching defenses much.

Michelle Dykinski's 25 points led five Crusaders in double-figures. Holly Murphy added 21. Theresa Ternes scored 17, Lisa Kline had 14 and Jill Burt netted 11. Murphy also nabbed 10 rebounds, while Dykinski had 11 and Kline 10.

Paula Zink's 12 points paced the Warriors. Boise Walker scored 10. THE WIN improved Madonna's record to 6-14 overall. Last Saturday, the Crusaders were nipped by Grand Rapids Baptist 65-63 in overtime on a 40-foot three-pointer by Carol Douglass at the buzzer.

The Crusaders had their chances to win, but missed free throws cost them. They made just 11-of-25 from the line in the game, failing to convert three one-and-ones in the final 1:20 of overtime.

Ternes hit one-of-two free throws with :09 left in regulation to tie the game at 55. Baptist's final shot missed and Dykinski was fouled with one second left, but she missed the one-and-one.

"If you can't make your free throws, you deserve this," said Madonna coach Bob Belf.

Dykinski finished with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Becky Poszywak also scored 16 points. Kline had 13.

Baptist (9-15 overall) got 22 points and 10 boards from Samantha Reenders, 16 points and 12 rebounds from Amy Kraft, and 11 points from Douglass.

Frustration turned to anger for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team Saturday, and the victim of these pent-up emotions was Mott Community College, which suffered a 90-47 embarrassment at SC.

On Jan. 17, the Lady Ocelots' trip to Flint to play Mott proved disastrous. The Lady Bears connected on 68 percent of their floor shots, including seven-of-nine three-pointers, to upset SC 80-66.

That gnawed at the Lady Ocelots, but it was only one of the factors that led to Saturday's rout. Last Wednesday's (Feb. 14) loss to Oakland CC, which cost SC a share of the Eastern Conference title, was another.

So what should have been nothing more than a regular-season finale and a tune-up for the state playoffs turned into a vendetta — which is how the Lady Ocelots played. By the end of the first half, they were ahead 54-26.

"We took out our frustrations from the OCC loss," said SC coach Jack Grenan. "There are two Mott teams, Jekyll and Hyde. You never know which will show up."

BARB KRUG greeted the Lady Bears by hitting six-of-nine floor shots and four-of-four free throws, and grabbing nine rebounds in 12 minutes of play in the first half. Krug finished with 20 points and 12 boards in the game.

Several others also put up strong numbers. Ann Hardy hit four-of-five shots from the floor and three-of-four free throws, scoring 11 points

and making four steals in the opening half. She finished with 13 points and eight steals.

Tracy Osborne had five points and seven assists. Five of her assists came in the first half. Lisa De-Planche had 14 points and nine rebounds, Laurel Haener scored 12 points and Carlotta Dancy totalled

nine points and six rebounds.

Mott (5-9 in the conference) got 20 points from Shannon Laesel and 13 from Stephanie Roberts.

SC finishes 10-4 in the Eastern Conference, good for third place. OCC and Delta tied for first at 10-3; each earned a first-round bye. SC hosts St. Clair CC and Highland Park

CC hosts Alpena Monday.

The SC-St. Clair winner plays Wednesday at Delta. The Highland Park-Alpena winner plays Wednesday at OCC. Wednesday's winners advance to the final four state tournament at Glen Oaks March 2-3.

SC'S MEN'S TEAM closed out its season with a lopsided loss at Mott CC, 112-88 Saturday. The Ocelots finished with an 11-20 overall record, 4-12 in the Eastern Conference.

Randy Watters concluded his season in style, pouring in 40 points despite missing 11 minutes because of foul trouble. Watters scored 31 of those in the second half. He made 15-of-22 from the floor and grabbed 14 rebounds.

Al Hudson added 15 points and nine rebounds and Dave Hamilton scored 10 points. Paul Newman led Mott with 23 points.

SC trailed Mott — which ended up as Eastern Conference regular-season champs with a 14-2 record (23-7 overall) — 61-35 at the half but battled back to within striking distance in the final 20 minutes.

"The kids played hard," said SC coach Dave Bogataj. "Turnovers killed us. But it could have been a disaster, and we ended up making a game of it."

The Ocelots had 19 first-half turnovers, 32 in the game.

Top-rated team blanks Shamrocks

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Redford Catholic Central was nagged and then just plain sagged Saturday.

As a result, the Shamrocks were easily bagged by No. 1 ranked Southgate Anderson, 4-0, in prep hockey action at the Redford Ice Arena. The shut-out was the first one this season for CC.

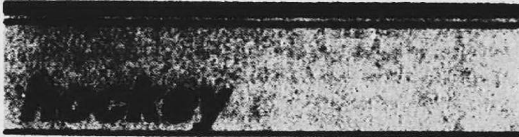
Anderson's Ron Patterson scored twice, while Eric Zimmerman and Rich Clevenger each accounted for a goal for the Titans (16-1-3).

Netminder Rich Nagy, considered one of the best in the state, had something to do with CC's scoreless state, turning away 20 Shamrock shots to keep a clean sheet. Nagy's biggest saves came in the first period.

He had been sidelined four weeks because of torn ligaments in his foot. On his first game back, he had the reflexes of an octopus.

He made several leg saves in the first 20 minutes. Later, he displayed his quick glove hand, snagging Paul Pirronello's bid for a goal to the upper left-hand corner of the net.

FROM THERE, it only got worse for the Sham-



rocks. Anderson slid in three goals in the second period while CC was held to three shots on goal.

"We had our moments," said CC coach John Gumbleton, shaking his head. "He's an outstanding goalie, but we didn't stay for the rebounds. We weren't in position for the rebounds in the first period. In the second period, we literally stunk."

CC goaltender Matt Fennelly didn't, though. He was helpless as the first three Anderson goals came on deflections in front of the net.

Otherwise, Fennelly matched Nagy save for save. His first-period performance was exceptional, turning away 15 Titan shots.

On one occasion, Fennelly was sprawled on his back while reaching back and pulling a loose puck from going over the goal line.

Of course, that was of little consolation to Gumbleton. His team looked lethargic in the second period. He knew it.

"I THOUGHT our defense was terrible tonight. Our forwards quit on the backcheck," he said. "When your forwards quit on the backcheck, it leaves it up to the lousy defense. We got out-worked tonight."

On the other side, Anderson coach Frank DiCristofaro believes his team is just hitting stride. The Titans won the state Class A hockey title last year, but have been hurt by injuries throughout the season.

As state playoffs approach, things look favorable for an Anderson repeat.

"We've been winning, but we haven't been playing up to par," DiCristofaro said. "The urgency to play a good game was there tonight. The intensity was there."

The intensity was reflected in Patterson's first goal at the 4:17 mark of the second period. He managed to redirect a slap shot from the point past Fennelly. Charles Matthews and Zimmerman drew assists.

Zimmerman blasted a slap shot from the point five minutes later that appeared to have changed direction. The power-play goal was assisted by Pat Crowley and Ron Gering and gave Anderson a 2-0 lead.

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WLAA playoffs puzzling subject

I WISH I COULD BLAME IT on the snow.

But let's get serious folks. The WLAA, known as the Western Lakes Activities Association, but of late dubbed What a Lousy Athletic Arrangement, has topped itself again.

Their latest caper comes with the upcoming WLAA basketball playoffs, which start Friday at a theater near you.

All the matchups were supposed to be neatly wrapped up by Tuesday night with the conclusion of the divisional races.

But because of Thursday's storm, which closed just about every school in the area except Snow Removal Tech, a couple of WLAA games were not made up until yesterday (Wednesday).

By procrastinating, the WLAA certainly is doing its darndest to match the NBA — three games in four nights. (How does Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday sound guys?)

When Plymouth Salem's Bob Brodie, coach of the No. 1 seeded team in the Lakes Division, called our office late Tuesday for the scores around the WLAA, he was trying to determine what opponent he'll be matched up against on Friday.

I POLITELY TOLD him, "Sorry, coach, we won't know until we get that score tomorrow night on (Livonia) Churchill at (Walled Lake) Western."

Brodie does know he'll be playing the first round someplace in Livonia, either at Churchill or Franklin, depending on how the seedings fall into place.

Some reward for a coach whose team was the only unbeaten this season in the WLAA.

Meanwhile, determining the WLAA's tiebreaking procedures is like trying to figure how where Jimmy Hoffa is buried. Or is it Al Capone?

We do know they break ties using head-to-head competition, a stepladder, and, if necessary, who won the last meeting between the two teams (which apparently is the most important criteria this season).

Like tax forms, the WLAA by-laws change every couple of years to keep everybody on their toes. And once you have it figured out, they throw you a curve and start a new game.

We all remember the infamous coin flip in 1987.

Both Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Salem had identical 9-1 records in the Lakes Division, but to break the deadlock, the athletic directors decided to give old John Kennedy a whirl on a Monday



Brad Emons

morning at the Farmington Elks Club.

I was thrilled to be there. BACK IN '87, the first-place team from the Lakes Division took on the winner of the Western Division for the WLAA basketball title.

The current format gives eight of the WLAA's 12 schools a shot at the title — the top four finishers in the Lakes and the top four in the Western — competing in a single-elimination, consolation-round format.

The regular season schedule, meanwhile, had been simplified. You play each team in your division twice (10 games), while crossovers don't count toward divisional records.

But by golly, the schedule has been altered again next year. Each school will play each other once ... well, let's not get into that.

We do know the WLAA championship game (Saturday, March 3) will be played at a neutral site — Plymouth Salem. The six-game WLAA orgy starts at 10 a.m. with the championship beginning at 8 p.m. (The semifinals are Tuesday, Feb. 27.)

If you aren't lost by now, you should be. This league continues to confuse even Confucius.

What's the solution to all this? A. See your therapist; B. Follow the NBA; C. Burn The Week Ahead which appears in your local newspaper; D. Talk to Paul Cummings; E. Follow the Northwest Suburban League.

WHEN THE WLAA launched its hostile takeover bid eight years ago, raiding surrounding leagues, the founding fathers thought they would be one big happy family.

But after eight years, you wonder if sometime soon somebody will be asking for a divorce.

With this latest basketball fiasco, it seems solutions to some of these problems will never be solved.

The 12 tribes need a separation.

How about the top six in enrollment — Glenn, Salem, Canton, Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin becoming one separate entity with the other six — Western, Central, North Farmington, Northville, Farmington and Harrison — going their own way.

Fits in a nice geographical alignment, doesn't it?

What a Likeable Athletic Arrangement.

Hawks win share of Western title

By Brad Emons staff writer

Farmington Harrison's strong supporting cast won an Oscar on Tuesday.

Thanks to a deep bench, the Hawks gained a share of the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 65-51 basketball victory at Livonia Churchill.

Both Harrison and Northville each finished 8-2 in the division. Northville also grabbed a piece of the crown with a 73-49 win Tuesday over Walled Lake Western.

"It was a team victory" for us, a lot of contributions," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman, whose team is 13-4 overall. "We accomplished the only worthwhile goal in our league because this is what we've been playing for so long the past two months. And I thought we overcame a lot of adversity doing it."

The Hawks, who have been without the services of starting point-guard Mill Coleman (fractured nose) the past two weeks, also lost No. 2 guard Todd Herremans late in the third quarter to what appeared to be a serious knee injury.

But the Hawks kept coming in droves, pulling away down the stretch for a 14-point win.

ANDY SMITH, the 6-foot-3 junior and team's leading scorer, paced the Hawks with a game-high 20 points.

"He's a tough, good player," said Churchill coach Fred Price. "He's a definite threat, either feeding or driving to the basket. You can't lay off him."

Reserve Paul Gilydis, a 6-4 sophomore, scored 10 of his 14 points in the second quarter as Harrison jumped out to a 32-14 halftime lead. Senior center Ron Karbowski added nine points and eight rebounds on the night.

But Teachman said several others did their part.

"Andy Fitzpatrick comes in and plays defense, gets us some defensive boards and caused some fouls on them," said the Harrison coach. "And (Roy) Granger comes in (for Herremans) and hits five of seven free throws down the stretch after going two for eight on Saturday (against Western). Steve Singleton comes in and hits a 'three.' And Gilydis getting 10 in the second quarter was big."

The Harrison coach said the bench has to be ready at all times.

"We tell our people that they're all going to play in the first half," he said. "Tonight our bench made a huge contribution."

MEANWHILE, Churchill's downfall was shooting — 20 of 62 from the field (32 percent) and turnovers (24).

"We never got the car started," said Price,

whose team fell to 4-5 in the division and 9-4 overall. "We weren't in rhythm. There was not that fire, that spark. It's been a week since we played a game and maybe that's a reason. We were just not in sync, not into the flow of things and so we struggled. I think this is the first game this season where we were not into it. I think every game we've played this season we have had the lead at least somewhere along the line."

Churchill took a 3-0 advantage, but Herremans answered with a three-pointer and Karbowski added two more. The Hawks never trailed thereafter.

Meanwhile, the Chargers were turning the ball over with regularity.

"They were not forced errors, they were more or less self-imposed," Price said. "We did not make as good of choices as we have in the past."

Mike Judawick scored 12 points in a losing cause, while Randy Calcaterra and Kevin Hannigan added 10 each.

BOTH TEAMS will now focus on Friday's first-round matchups in the WLAA playoffs. Eight of the league's 12 teams have qualified.

But with the seedings and pairings still up in the air, Harrison can savor its second straight divisional title at least for one day.

"Our next goal is to get to the final game (the WLAA championship), but we know that will be tough," Teachman said.

Salem cagers finish undefeated in Lakes

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"We did a good job on defense," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "But we're not hitting free throws right now. We're getting the ball inside and drawing fouls. At least we're doing that."

Junior forward Jake Baker was on the plus side of 20 points again, scoring a game-high 21 for the Rocks, who also got 11 from John Hoffmeyer and 10 from Tom Noonan.

Eric Miller's 15 points was top for the Falcons, 2-7 and 5-11. Brian Browne added 10. Farmington was scheduled to play a makeup game with Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday night.

MANISH NANDANI tossed in 31 points Tuesday, but it came in a losing cause as host Hamtramck Immaculate Conception outscored Plymouth Christian Academy 81-76.

The Eagles, 5-11, led 37-35 at halftime and extended that to seven points in the third quarter. But the Bengals came back to lead 56-55 after three and outscore Plymouth 25-21 in the finale.

Senior Bill Printy scored 12 points for the Eagles and freshman Jason Neil 10. Pete Fox was the top rebounder with 11, and Keith Majeski grabbed 10. Nandanani, a junior guard averaging 23 points per game, added seven caroms.

Mark Maritzak paced Immaculate Conception with 23 points. Jay Szajenico chipped in 12 and Dave Jurek 10.

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sports roundup

● LALLY WINS BOUT

Boxer "Irish" Brett Lally, formerly of Westland, bounced back from his loss to Donald Curry by stopping Nate Stewart of Milwaukee in the fourth round in junior middleweight (136 pounds) bout held Saturday in Janesville, Wis.

Lally, a John Glenn High product now residing in Plymouth, ran his record to 25-5 with the victory. Stewart, meanwhile, suffered his first knockout.

Lally's brother Bradd, his trainer and manager, said Chicagoan Ron Amundsen (16-2) could be next on the docket. The two could meet for the International Boxing Federation's Intercontinental title later next month in Atlantic City, N.J.

● SOFTBALL SIGN-UP

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department will register softball teams for its 1990 season according to the following schedule:

Returning men's teams can sign up Feb. 27 to March 9, new teams March 12-23; all women's teams March 1-30; returning coed teams March 1-14, new teams March 15-30.

The fees are \$200 for men's teams, \$290 for women's, and \$240 for coed. The fee for women's and coed teams includes a \$40 refundable forfeit fee. All teams will play umpires cash prior to each game. Umpire fees are \$13 for men's games, \$15 for women's and coed.

Registration fees must be paid in full at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Call 397-5110 for information.

● SOFTBALL MEETINGS

Canton Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled an informational meeting regarding its slo-pitch softball leagues for Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Township Administration Building.

The times will 10 a.m. for men's teams, 10:30 a.m. for women's teams and 11 a.m. for coed teams. Topics to be discussed are entry fees, registration dates and times, contract/roster requirements and residency requirements. Call 397-5110 for further information.

● RACQUETBALL NEWS

The Men's Spring Racquetball League will begin play on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Rose Shores of Canton. The fee is \$64 per person. The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the 10-week league.

Court times will be 7:30 and 8 p.m. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability. Call 397-5110 for information.

● AAU VOLLEYBALL

The Madonna College Crusaders

AAU volleyball club will hold junior olympic tryouts on Sunday, April 1 at the Madonna gym for the following age groups: 14 and under, 1-3 p.m.; 16 and under, 3-5 p.m.; 18 and under, 5-7 p.m.

For more information, call Brian (471-6233) or Lee (421-3378).

● SOCCER NEWS

Canton Soccerdome is accepting registrations for its upcoming pre-outdoor training session. The session begins Thursday, March 1, and consists of six games during a four-week period. The cost per team is \$475. Call 483-5624 for information.

Registrations for the Canton Soccer Club's spring season are being taken at the Canton Township Recreation Department during regular business hours.

For information regarding tryouts for the 1977 Canton Little Caesars soccer team, call George Demergis at 453-2389.

● GRIDDERS SIGN

Wayne Memorial's Brent Tapp, a 5-foot-8, 145-pound quarterback/defensive back/kicker, and Brad Wellman, a 6-3, 218-pound linebacker, both signed national letter-of-intents last week with Saginaw Valley State University.

Both were all-Wolverine A League choices last season for the Zebras, who finished with a 6-3 overall record.

Tapp led Wayne in total offense, while Wellman was one of the team's leading tacklers.

● MHSAA HOOP TICKETS

Public sale of tickets for the 65th annual Michigan High School Athletic Association boys basketball finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills will begin March 1.

This year's finals are Saturday, March 24. The Class B game will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by an afternoon double-header (Class D and C) at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The Class A game returns to the evening for the first time since 1971 with a 7:30 p.m. Tip-off.

Tickets for the finals are sold in a three-session book, and are priced at \$15. There is limit of two tickets per customer. Single session finals (sold only on game day) are \$5.

Finals tickets can be purchased through TicketMaster or the Palace (377-8200).

On Friday, March 23, the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing will host the Class A (1 and 2:45 p.m.) and D (6:30 and 8:15 p.m.) semifinals.

Also on March 23 at Ann Arbor's Crisler Arena will be Class B (1 and 2:45 p.m.) and C (6:30 and 8:15 p.m.) semifinals. Tickets are \$4 per person.

Semifinal tickets are available by call Breslin (517-336-1989) and Crisler (784-0247).

Outdoorama brings back memories

THE FISH HIT with a vengeance, nearly ripping the fishing pole out of my hands, or so it seemed at the time. The older man standing by my side helped me land the fish. It was my first — at least the first fish I actually remember catching — but I remember it quite well, although it was some 25 years ago.

He tugged and pulled and fought me for what seemed like an eternity. It was only one fish, but to a 5-year-old, it was a day's limit catch.

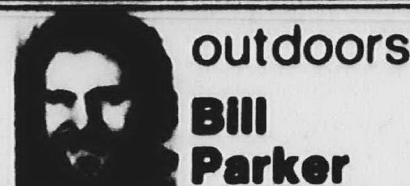
I was at the Outdoorama with my dad and brothers at the time. I think it was called the Sportsman's Show back then. I caught him in the faithful trout pond and was as proud as a peacock. "It's a trout, too, dad," I announced. No bass or bluegill for this kid. I was a trout fisherman, just like dad.

THE TROUT POND always has been one of my favorite attractions at Outdoorama, which begins Friday. As a child, I enjoyed fishing. As I grew, I enjoyed watching other kids have the fun I once had.

The trout pond began mostly as an attraction for kids. After all, it can be a long, tiring day trudging up and down the aisles of hunting and fishing displays then sitting through a seminar or two. But for me, the long day was always worth while when we finally arrived at the trout pond.

With 10- to 18-inch rainbow trout lurking in the pond, however, it's not unusual to see a few adults standing in line waiting for a chance to fish.

"They always have a few pretty big ones in there," explained Livonia's Art McLean, an MUCC member who has volunteered his time at the trout pond for better than 18 years. "That's what makes the big guys come in and fish."



outdoors
Bill Parker

BUT IT'S NOT those "big guys" that keep volunteers like McLean coming back to work at the trout pond.

"It's the kids," admitted McLean. "I get the biggest bang out of watching those youngsters catch a trout. When they catch a trout on those short little lines, they get such a thrill. It's just great."

"You get youngsters that can barely see over the barrier. When they catch a fish that's almost half as big as they are, it's really a pleasure to watch them."

McLean, who is 74-years-old, may miss the show this year because he's recuperating from knee surgery.

"I hope to get down to the show," explained McLean. "I'll have to see what the doctor says and see how well I can navigate with crutches. It's going to break my heart if I can't get down there."

ANOTHER WORKER who will be greatly missed this year is Redford's Rollie Louttit. Like McLean, Louttit volunteered his time at the trout pond for years. Last year, at the age of 77, Louttit moved on to the great trout pond in the sky.

"We're really going to miss Rollie," McLean said. "He loved fishing and he loved to help the little kids catch fish in the trout pond. That was his part and he enjoyed it."

Added Bill Anderson, MUCC District I chair-

man, "Rollie was one of the most dedicated workers at the trout pond. He was a master of wizardry. He always carried a tackle box of tools and he could fix anything. He definitely was an extremely valuable asset."

OTHER ATTRACTIONS slated for this year's show include the 8th Annual Michigan Turkey Calling Classic on Saturday, daily stage shows featuring Pat Ogle's World Champion Lumberjack Team, Tom Dokken and his Oak Ridge Retrievers, Bob Markworth's archery trick shooting and Les Reinland's chimpanzees, a live snake and reptile display by Bob Jenni and Ted Nugent's "Whackmobile" Ford Bronco.

An all star cast of speakers also will conduct seminars including: Leonard Lee Rue III on whitetail deer (Feb. 28 at 6:45 p.m.) and wild turkey (March 1 at 5:30 p.m.); Dan Gopen Sr. on River Walleye; Jack DeBord of TV 50's "Fishing the Midwest"; Joe Thomas on tournament bass fishing; Bob Markworth on bow hunting in North America; Soc Clay on budget stream fishing; and Jim Clay on turkey hunting basics.

THE OUTDOORAMA Sport and Travel Show, as it's known today, begins Friday at the Detroit State Fairgrounds, Dairy and Agricultural buildings and runs through March 4. It's a non-profit event, sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Proceeds from the show will be used to support MUCC's conservation and environmental programs conducted in schools, nature centers and youth camps statewide.

Show hours are 8-10 p.m. Friday; 4-10 p.m. weekdays; noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, except March 4, when the show closes at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Children under 6 will be admitted free.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

● Feb. 23-March 4 — Outdoorama will be held at the Michigan State Fair Grounds Coliseum, Dairy and Agriculture buildings.

● Feb. 24 — Shiver on the River Walleye Contest will be held on the Saginaw River. Call (517) 790-0330 for more information.

● Feb. 25 — Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 28-target, 3-D archery shoot. Cost is \$5 adults and \$3 for 12 to 17 year olds. For more information call 453-9843 (club phone) or 525-1368.

● Feb. 26 — A five-week Loran Navigation Class begins at 6:45 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. Call 433-0885 for more information.

● Feb. 27 — A five-week Loran Navigation Class begins at 6:45 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. Call 433-0885 for more information.

● Feb. 28 — Deadline to purchase a lifetime hunting, fishing or sportsperson license.

● Feb. 28 — Pike and muskie spearing season closes on all waters.

outdoors calendar

● Feb. 28 — The Detroit Power Squadron will hold a boating safety class at Lathrup High School in Southfield. For more information call 778-4927.

● March 1 — A five-week Loran Navigation Class begins at 6:45 p.m. at Niles School in Troy. Call 879-7582 for more information.

● March 1 — Deadline for individuals, community groups or local units of government to submit project proposals for grants from the Inland Fisheries Cooperative Grants program. Call (517) 373-1280 for more information.

● March 2 — The Big Lake Association and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. at the Springfield Twp. Hall. A research project studying ways to increase the average size of blue gill in inland lakes will be the topic of discussion.

● March 9 — Deadline for artists to submit entries to the DNR's trout/salmon and waterfowl stamp design contests.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

● **Maple Magic**, an opportunity for participants to learn to make maple syrup, will be offered at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Independence Oaks. Cost is \$1 per person.

● **Earth Day Primer** — Water, a discussion about the uses and misuses of water, will be offered at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Independence Oaks.

● **Most Oakland County Parks** programs require advanced registration. Call the Independence Oaks Nature Center at 625-6473 for more information.

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swimming

OBSERVERLAND BOYS SWIMMING/DIVING LIST

Following are the best boys swim times and diving scores recorded by area swimmers. Coaches or designated representatives should report updates to Plymouth Salem coach Chuck Olson at 451-6447, 3-4 p.m. weekdays. Olson compiles the list weekly for the Observer.

200 MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 1:43.99)

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Plymouth Salem | 1:43.47 |
| Redford Catholic Central | 1:44.00 |
| Livonia Stevenson | 1:44.25 |
| Plymouth Canton | 1:47.23 |
| Farmington Hills Harrison | 1:49.80 |

200 FREESTYLE (state cut: 1:49.29)

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Ron Orris (Salem) | 1:44.92 |
| Troy Shumate (Catholic Central) | 1:48.91 |
| Mike Hoeftel (Catholic Central) | 1:50.17 |
| Scott DeWitt (Stevenson) | 1:51.00 |
| Alan Ashari (Catholic Central) | 1:51.30 |
| Chris Knoche (N. Farmington) | 1:51.40 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 1:52.74 |
| Mike Hoeftel (Stevenson) | 1:52.90 |
| Leo Morera (Thurston) | 1:53.06 |
| Devon Fekete (Catholic Central) | 1:53.10 |

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cut: 2:04.19)

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Ron Orris (Salem) | 1:55.03 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 2:04.10 |
| Troy Shumate (Catholic Central) | 2:04.90 |
| Scott DeWitt (Stevenson) | 2:07.17 |
| Ryan Freeborn (Stevenson) | 2:08.50 |
| Randy Teeters (Catholic Central) | 2:08.83 |
| Devon Fekete (Catholic Central) | 2:09.41 |
| Mike Drelles (N. Farmington) | 2:09.72 |
| Alex Goecke (Stevenson) | 2:10.92 |

50 FREESTYLE (state cut: 22.69)

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| Ron Orris (Salem) | 21.73 |
| Mike Hoeftel (Catholic Central) | 23.01 |
| Troy Shumate (Catholic Central) | 23.18 |
| Chris Galsia (Salem) | 23.22 |
| Chuck Chuba (N. Farmington) | 23.44 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 23.52 |
| John Brogan (Catholic Central) | 23.59 |
| Tak Garancolas (Stevenson) | 23.81 |
| Chris Knoche (N. Farmington) | 23.88 |
| Keith Lee (N. Farmington) | 23.90 |

DIVING (regional cut: six firsts)

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Carl Johnson (Harrison) | 283.20 |
| Ryan Koonce (Harrison) | 262.20 |
| Pat McManamy (Salem) | 250.35 |
| Gordie Christian (Thurston) | 244.50 |
| John Juliano (N. Farmington) | 229.50 |
| Jason Norrid (Stevenson) | 225.25 |
| Brandon Richardson (Farmington) | 224.95 |
| Jason Ramsey (John Glenn) | 224.15 |
| Todd Farmer (John Glenn) | 216.25 |
| Ben Boedighermer (Stevenson) | 206.30 |

400 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 3:23.99)

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Redford Catholic Central | 3:20.97 |
| Plymouth Salem | 3:27.33 |
| Livonia Stevenson | 3:30.34 |
| North Farmington | 3:33.56 |
| Plymouth Canton | 3:35.86 |

100 BUTTERFLY (state cut: 55.59)

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Ron Orris (Salem) | 51.53 |
| Troy Shumate (Catholic Central) | 55.11 |
| Scott DeWitt (Stevenson) | 55.18 |
| Bryce Anderson (Canton) | 55.67 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 57.00 |
| Tak Garancolas (Stevenson) | 57.19 |
| Mike Hoeftel (Catholic Central) | 57.25 |
| Mike Drelles (N. Farmington) | 58.24 |
| Keith Lee (N. Farmington) | 58.83 |
| Neil Dryden (Churchill) | 58.88 |

100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 49.79)

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Ron Orris (Salem) | 47.28 |
| Troy Shumate (Catholic Central) | 50.49 |
| Alan Ashari (Catholic Central) | 50.50 |
| Leo Morera (Thurston) | 51.16 |
| Mike Hoeftel (Catholic Central) | 51.17 |
| Chuck Chuba (N. Farmington) | 51.20 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 51.24 |
| Mike Goecke (Stevenson) | 51.39 |
| Chris Knoche (N. Farmington) | 51.40 |
| Paul Hukett (Franklin) | 51.80 |

500 FREESTYLE (state cut: 4:55.79)

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| Ron Orris (Salem) | 4:37.95 |
| Troy Shumate (Catholic Central) | 4:50.77 |
| Scott DeWitt (Stevenson) | 4:55.80 |
| Mike Hoeftel (Catholic Central) | 5:02.80 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 5:03.11 |
| Chris Knoche (N. Farmington) | 5:03.85 |
| Devon Fekete (Catholic Central) | 5:13.16 |
| Ryan Freeborn (Stevenson) | 5:15.60 |
| Brian Dynda (Catholic Central) | 5:18.00 |
| Brett Meik (Salem) | 5:18.11 |

100 BACKSTROKE (state cut: 57.69)

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Ron Orris (Salem) | 55.80 |
| Mike Hoeftel (Catholic Central) | 57.19 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 57.93 |
| Mike Drelles (N. Farmington) | 58.69 |
| Randy Teeters (Catholic Central) | 58.98 |
| Bryce Anderson (Canton) | 59.22 |
| Scott DeWitt (Stevenson) | 1:00.08 |
| Ryan Freeborn (Stevenson) | 1:00.37 |
| Ed Serzo (Harrison) | 1:00.79 |
| Norm Paulic (Franklin) | 1:02.00 |

100 BREASTSTROKE (state cut: 1:03.59)

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Alex Goecke (Stevenson) | 1:02.81 |
| Aaron Rieder (Stevenson) | 1:04.01 |
| Chris Knoche (N. Farmington) | 1:05.46 |
| Devon Fekete (Catholic Central) | 1:05.68 |
| Randy Teeters (Catholic Central) | 1:05.80 |
| Jason Barringer (Harrison) | 1:06.06 |
| Ron Tromm (Canton) | 1:07.07 |
| Kevin Beach (Canton) | 1:07.08 |
| Danny Knipper (N. Farmington) | 1:07.09 |
| Bryan Keppen (Salem) | 1:07.72 |

wrestling

CLASS A WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL Saturday at Plymouth Salem

Heavyweight: Kyle Sterner (Howell) def. Bob Ahrens (Novi), injury default consolation. **Frank James (Ypsilanti) def. Todd Kushner (Monroe), 6-2.**

103 pounds: Louie Tibi (Bedford) def. Brian Paquette (Novi), 8-4, consolation. **Adam Smith (Valley) def. Ian Santiago (Lincoln Park), 4-0.**

112 Alan Barnhizer (Bedford) def. Lance Vericker (Woodhaven), 3-2, consolation. **Soren Murphy (Walled Lake Central) def. Randy Smith (Dearborn), 10-2.**

119 Steve Davis (Belleville) def. Fred Schumacher (Bedford), 9-2, consolation. **Mitch Zolowski (Brighton) def. Kevin Khashan (Northville), injury default.**

125 Dustin Pawlak (Southgate) def. Brandon Marossov (Northville), 6-4, consolation. **Ron Wiber (Adrian) def. Tony Wyrick (Woodhaven), technical fall, 1-39.**

130 Shane Foland (Monroe) def. Nick Buchanan (Bedford), 13-8, consolation. **Mike Gowans (Novi) def. Julian Self (Salem), 1-0.**

135 Bruce Boyd (Romeus) def. Marcus Manz (Bedford), 3-2, consolation. **Mark Danz (Trenton) def. Lucian Van Cleave (North Farmington), 3-0.**

140 Matt Thompson (North Farmington) pin Chad Clark (Brighton), 1-57, consolation. **Assad Nimer (Ypsilanti) def. Chris Williams (Belleville), 3-1.**

145 Denver Beck (Bedford) def. Garnet Potter (Northville), 10-0, consolation. **Denny Skatka (South Lyon) def. Chris Cruedder (Ann Arbor Huron), 6-0.**

152 Brian Farnan (Romeus) def. Mike Dushane (Bedford), 5-2, consolation. **Jason Seitz (Brighton) def. Todd Hoffmeyer (Walled Lake Western), 6-5.**

160 Brian Wingate (Bedford) def. Steve Burkson (Salem), 11-3, consolation. **Jay Wheeler (Franklin) def. Larry Olson (South Lyon), 8-7.**

171 Mike Braswell (Belleville) def. Craig Kuban (John Glenn), 10-4, consolation. **Pete Israel (Salem) def. Steve Szymankiewicz (Canton), 5-1, in overtime.**

189 Brian Burkson (Salem) def. Jeff Komarom (Belleville), 7-1, consolation. **Perry Liangos (Lincoln Park) pin Jerry Hoppes (Trenton), 4-16.**

CLASS A REGIONAL Prep individual wrestling meet Saturday at Troy High

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES (Top four advance to state meet)

Heavyweight: Terry Davis (Port Huron Northern) pinned Ron Spanwick (Mt. Clemens), 37. **Consolation:** Rob Sylvester (Redford Catholic Central) decisioned Marty Scianmario (Warren Lincoln), 3-0.

103 pounds: Scott Naden (East Detroit) def. Brian Ales (Anchor Bay), 6-0. **Consolation:** Kevin Beeson (P. Huron Northern) def. Josh Baughman (Hazel Park), 16-5.

112 Chuck Morgan (Ferndale) def. Derek Moscovis (Birmingham Brother Rice), 4-0. **Consolation:** Jim Reeves (P. Huron Northern) def. Rusty Fowler (Catholic Central), 7-4.

119 Steve Swarthout (Lincoln) def. Jason Snooks (Brother Rice), 19-4, consolation. **Keith Dobner (Sterling Heights) def. Steve Robinson (East Detroit), 3-0.**

125 Dwayne Wilfong (Brother Rice) def. Kael Williams (Southfield-Lathrup), 4-3, consolation. **Todd Goike (Mt. Clemens) L'Anse Cruse) def. Keith Arnold (Anchor Bay), 10-1.**

130 Derek Trombly (Anchor Bay) def. Tom Costello (Lincoln), 12-6, consolation. **Mike Conliff (Troy Athens) defeated Ron Catanzaro (P. Huron Northern) by default.**

135 Dennis Parks (Hazel Park) def. Erik Kinning (Harper Woods North), 5-2, consolation. **Mark Vleck (Athens) def. Jeremy Fruehauf (Mt. Clemens), 10-8.**

140 Jay Helm (Catholic Central) def. Darren Flagg (Brother Rice), 12-5, consolation. **Ken Rumps (Lincoln) def. Joe DeAngelo (Royal Oak Kimball), 6-0.**

145 Chris Snooks (Brother Rice) def. Ken Meinhardt (P. Huron Northern), 9-5, consolation. **Dan Collins (Grosse Pointe North) def. Brad Legree (Hazel Park), 6-0.**

152 Chad Biggett (L'Anse Cruse) def. Jason Lerdahl (Brother Rice), 8-7, consolation. **Tom Gizoni (Athens) def. Kevin Pagel (P. Huron Northern), 9-7.**

160 Scott Fleet (P. Huron Northern) def. Jeff Kotas (Harper Woods North), 6-2, consolation. **Bob Stchar (Troy) def. Gary Nilson (Anchor Bay), 12-8 (OT).**

171 Chris Calk (Sterling Heights) def. Mac McCabe (Brother Rice), 11-5, consolation. **Dan Kelly (Catholic Central) def. Bryn Sherrfield (Warren Cousino).**

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 22
Grand Blanc Valley at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Red Thurston at D.H. Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
(Catholic League A-B playoffs)
Bishop Burgess vs. S. gate Aquinas at U.D.'s Cather Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at P. Huron, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Red Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 7:30 p.m.
U.D. Jesuit at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at B.H. Hooper, 7:30 p.m.
Red Temple at A.A. Greenhills, 7:30 p.m.

the week ahead

(WLA Playoff tentative matchups)

Westland Glenview Farm Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 22
Liv. Churchill vs. Bloomfield Lahser

at Detroit Skating Club, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

Liv. Stevenson vs. Mifflin at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Redford CC at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin vs. South Lyon at Plymouth Cultural Ctr., 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Liv. Churchill vs. Del. Country Day at Southfield Civic Ctr., 8 p.m.
Catholic Central Alumnae Game at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 22
Aquinas College at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Madonna (Trenton) 7-10
Aquinas (South) 5-12

LEADING GOALIES

| Player | Ave |
|----------------------|------|
| Teige (Southgate) | 1.16 |
| Wright (Trenton) | 1.10 |
| Reese (South) | 2.10 |
| Blackledge (Trenton) | 2.30 |
| Spaulding (Huron) | 2.40 |
| Fennelly (CC) | 2.60 |

STATE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT CLASS A REGIONAL PAIRINGS

at OAK PARK COMPUWARE ARENA

Tuesday, Feb. 27 Birmingham Brother Rice (A) vs. Bloomfield Hills Lahser (B), 6 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson (C) vs. Southfield Lathrup (D), 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1 Bloomfield Hills Andover vs. A.B. winner, 6 p.m.; Redford Catholic Central vs. C.D. winner, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3 Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Wyandotte Yack Arena quarterfinal, Wednesday, March 7 vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt regional champion.)

at WYANDOTTE YACK ARENA

Monday, Feb. 26 Grosse Pointe South (A) vs. Southgate Anderson (B), 6 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson (C) vs. Grosse Pointe North (D), 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 Trenton (E) vs. Livonia Churchill (F), 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 1 Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. A.B. winner, 6 p.m.; C.D. winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 3 Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Wyandotte Yack Arena quarterfinal, Wednesday, March 7 vs. Oak Park Compuware regional champion.)

hockey

SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (As of Feb. 19)

| Team | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Stevenson | 10 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 105 | 15 |
| Wyandotte | 7 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 56 | 47 |
| Churchill | 5 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 46 | 27 |
| B.H. Andover | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 35 | 53 |
| Franklin | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 52 |
| B.H. Lahser | 3 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 30 | 76 |
| St. Lathrup | 3 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 33 | 52 |
| Southgate | 7 | 15 | 22 | | | |
| Shawnee | 6 | 15 | 21 | | | |
| Lathrup | 11 | 10 | 21 | | | |
| Berke (Lathrup) | 13 | 7 | 20 | | | |
| Stevens | 12 | 7 | 19 | | | |
| Brookline | 10 | 9 | 19 | | | |
| Robertson | 7 | 12 | 19 | | | |
| S. Johnson | 5 | 13 | 16 | | | |
| G.P. South | 5 | 13 | 17 | | | |
| St. Joseph | 5 | 11 | 16 | | | |
| Zimmer | 8 | 14 | 14 | | | |
| Boyd | 4 | 10 | 14 | | | |
| Gallagher | 3 | 10 | 13 | | | |
| Trotter | 9 | 4 | 13 | | | |

LEADING GOALIES

| Player | GA | Ave |
|------------------|----|------|
| Labadie (Stev.) | 4 | 1.10 |
| Brady (Stev.) | 11 | 1.50 |
| Devlin (Church) | 26 | 2.99 |
| Steed (Frank) | 41 | 4.56 |
| Donner (Frank) | 55 | 5.00 |
| Painer (Andover) | 57 | 5.80 |
| Stern (Lathrup) | 28 | 5.60 |
| Pichler (Lahser) | 70 | 7.90 |
| Levine (Lathrup) | 34 | 8.50 |

OVER-ALL AREA RECORDS

| Team | W | L | T |
|----------------|----|---|---|
| Liv. Stevenson | 13 | 5 | 2 |

rankings

The following is the result of a scientific poll conducted by the Observer sports staff. Teams are rated according to strength of schedule, overall seasonal performance and record. Schools eligible must be in the Observerland coverage area: Livonia, Redford, Wayne-Westland, Garden City, Plymouth-Canton, Farmington and Walled Lake.

BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Redford Bishop Borgess
2. Wayne Memorial
3. Plymouth Salem
4. Farmington Harrison
5. Livonia Stevenson

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

1. Farmington Hills Mercy
2. Livonia Ladywood
3. Livonia Churchill
4. Wayne Memorial
5. Garden City

WRESTLING

1. Plymouth Salem
2. Redford Catholic Central
3. Westland John Glenn
4. Livonia Franklin
5. Livonia Churchill

BOYS SWIMMING

1. Redford Catholic Central
2. Livonia Stevenson
3. Livonia Churchill
4. Livonia Franklin

gymnastics

TOP OBSERVERLAND GYMNASTICS SCORES

Following are the 10 best scores in each event recorded by area gymnasts this season. Canton coach John Cunningham compiles the list weekly. Coaches can update scores by calling Cunningham any weekday evening at 455-1741.

VAULT

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Heather Kahn (N. Farmington) | 9.50 |
| Kim Miller (Salem) | 9.35 |
| Kym Heller (N. Farmington) | 9.30 |
| Kim Rennolds (Canton) | 9.25 |
| Courtney Gonyea (Salem) | 9.15 |
| Johanna Anderson (Canton) | 9.00 |
| Autumn Bunch (Salem) | 9.00 |
| Jameelah Gater (N. Farmington) | 8.80 |
| Kristin Szutarski (N. Farmington) | 8.80 |
| Dawn Clifford (Canton) | 8.75 |

UNEVEN BARS

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Kim Miller (Salem) | 9.40 |
| Heather Kahn (N. Farmington) | 9.10 |
| Kym Heller (N. Farmington) | 8.85 |
| Dawn Clifford (Canton) | 8.75 |
| Johanna Anderson (Canton) | 8.70 |
| Jenny Tedesco (Canton) | 8.70 |
| Aimee Wong (Salem) | 8.70 |
| Autumn Bunch (Salem) | 8.55 |
| Courtney Gonyea (Salem) | 8.50 |
| Kim Rennolds (Canton) | 8.35 |
| Christine Oates (Farmington) | 8.35 |

The Plymouth-Canton Outdoors suffered a rare defeat in dual-meet swimming when the Jim Acker V outscored them 427-385. Outdoors who placed high in their age-group events are listed as follows:

13-14 GIRLS

200 medley relay: 1. Jill Mella, Lori Kelley, Beth Berger, Mandi Res, 2:22.01; 2. Jenny Frost, Kate Witschonska, Kathryn Yack, Casey Seltzer, 2:26.22.

50 freestyle: 2. Mandi Res, 26.36; 4. Steacy Seltzer, 31.37; 5. Kathryn Yack, 32.56; 6. Laura Lebbon, 34.31; 7. Bridg Cronin, 38.35; 8. Julie Brown, 37.19.

100 butterfly: 1. Jill Mella, 1:21.12; 4. Beth Berger, 1:28.35; 5. Jenny Frost, 1:27.48; 6. Mandi Res, 1:28.32; 7. Kathryn Yack, 1:31.22; 8. Steacy Seltzer, 1:32.60.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Jill Mella, Laura Lebbon, Lori Kelley, Beth Berger, 2:07.49; 2. Bridg Cronin, Kate Witschonska, Julie Brown, Jenny Frost, 2:28.48.

13-14 BOYS

200 medley relay: Matt Erickson, Brian McClallen, Tom Sehwitz, Chris Lynn, 2:13.49; 2. Joe Brophy, Matt Martin, Gabe Myers, () Corridore, 2:44.83.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Erickson, 25.67; 2. Rex Umney, 27.30; 4. Chris Lynn, 27.65; 5. Tom Sehwitz, 29.11; 8. Ryan Petroskey, 30.98.

100 butterfly: 1. Matt Erickson, 1:02.95; 2. Chris Lynn, 1:08.31; 3. Rex Umney, 1:09.31; 5. Tom Sehwitz, 1:22.90; 7. Aaron Berlin, 1:31.95; 8. Gabe Myers, 1:33.18.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Ryan Petroskey, Matt Martin, Brian McMullen, Aaron Berlin, 2:14.38.

11-12 GIRLS

200 medley relay: 2. Jayne Roberts, Olivia Ikeh, Tina Compton, Amy Parry, 2:33.11; 50 freestyle: 5. Amy Parry, 32.86; 8. Olivia Ikeh, 33.74; 7. Jayne Roberts, 34.00; 8. Tina Compton, 36.27.

90 butterfly: 4. Olivia Ikeh, 38.92; 6. Amy Parry, 40.16; 7. Jayne Roberts, 40.20; 8. Tina Compton, 40.69.



200 freestyle relay: 2. Bridget Zawolocki, Sara Hall, Kevita Melani, Sara Casillas, 2:52.31; 3. Anne Brown, Meghan Buslepp, Molly Zornow, Sarah McDonald, 3:25.00.

11-12 BOYS

200 medley relay: 2. Jason Stirling, Paul Magoulack, Russell LaFortie, David Bracht, 2:22.84; 3. John Magdowski, Scott Belate, Jason Markou, Kyle Petroskey, 2:37.95; 4. Joshua Fillater, Steve Hoskins, Jerry Peters, Eric Seidelman, 2:45.50.

50 freestyle: 1. David Bracht, 27.04; 2. Paul Magoulack, 29.05; 5. Jason Stirling, 32.36; 6. Russell LaFortie, 32.57.

90 butterfly: 1. David Bracht, 31.75; 2. Paul Magoulack, 31.94; 4. Jason Stirling, 38.48; 6. Jason Markou, 37.69.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Kyle Petroskey, Jerry Peters, Eric Seidelman, Steve Hoskins, 2:22.78; 3. Steve Boltman, Dan Sheako, Brian Williams, Jason Markou, 2:23.22.

9-10 GIRLS

200 medley relay: 2. Yvonne Lynn, Amy Sonnanstine, Angie Frost, Julie Knecht, 2:45.62; 3. Stacie Gulkewicz, Rebecca McMullen, Melissa Gruebel, Megan McHenry, 2:56.15.

50 freestyle: 1. Amy Sonnanstine, 32.35; 3. Yvonne Lynn, 36.96; 6. Stacie Gulkewicz, 39.62; 7. Kim Crabill, 40.03; 8. Theresa Ractke, 41.98.

90 butterfly: 2. Amy Sonnanstine, 37.73; 5. Angie Frost, 40.82; 6. Julie Knecht, 43.67; 8. Melissa Gruebel, 44.92.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Yvonne Lynn, Julie Knecht, Kim Crabill, Angie Frost, 2:25.69; 3. Danielle Winkler, Tricia Kelley, Melissa Gruebel, Megan McHenry, 2:52.89.

9-10 BOYS

200 medley relay: 2. Eric Larsen, Christopher Frayer, Robert Frayer, Brent Mella, 2:50.13; 4. Jim McLanaghan, Northern Buge, Kevin Crabill, Derek Williams, 3:13.52; 5. Nicholas Corridore, Noah Altor, Nathaniel Markou, Casey Brown, 3:31.12.

50 freestyle: 2. Robert Frayer, 34.40; 5. Brent Mella, 35.97; 6. Jim McLanaghan, 37.10; 8. Brian Gieskowski, 38.24.

90 butterfly: 3. Christopher Frayer, 41.69; 6. Jim McLanaghan, 45.55; 7. Kevin Crabill, 49.92; 8. Brian Gieskowski, 50.40.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Chris Frayer, Kevin Crabill, Brent Mella, Robert Frayer, 2:23.24; 3. Tim Nemec, Noah Altor, Nicholas Corridore, Tim Brady, 3:10.88; 4. Vinne Ikeh, Richard Havin, David Havin, Jeremy Coulter, 3:13.39.

8-UNDER GIRLS

100 medley relay: 3. Betsy Radtke, Allison Bracht, Lindsey Root, Joy Garrett, 2:10.53; 4. Brenda Roberts, Megan Greenwood, Claudia Sell, Alison Schmidt, 2:14.41.

25 freestyle: 5. Joy Garrett, 24.10; 6. Megan Greenwood, 26.09; 7. Brenda Roberts, 30.69; 8. Betsy Radtke, 33.24.

25 butterfly: 5. Allison Bracht, 26.37; 6. Lindsey Root, 31.44; 7. Claudia Sell, 32.12.

100 freestyle relay: 3. Lindsey Root, Allison Bracht, Joy Garrett, Claudia Sell, 1:38.78; 4. Megan Greenwood, Brenda Roberts, Lauren Bealefeld, Betsy Radtke, 1:59.73.

8-UNDER BOYS

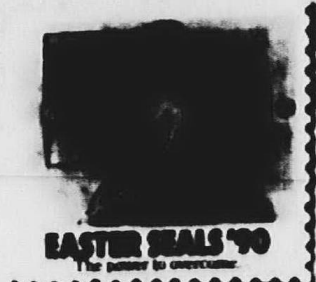
100 medley relay: 2. Joe Farhat, Matt Casillas, John Rieger, Dan Jones, 1:40.73; 3. Steven Graham, Blake Bernstein, Ritchie Ikeh, Stephen Blossom, 1:52.61.

25 freestyle: 4. Chris Jones, 23.56; 5. Blake Bernstein, 23.91; 7. Ritchie Ikeh, 25.01; 8. Dan Cronin, 26.55.

25 butterfly: 3. Matt Casillas, 22.01; 6. John Rieger, 25.07; 7. Stephen Blossom, 30.35; 8. Dan Jones, 30.83.

100 freestyle relay: 2. Matt Casillas, John Rieger, Stephen Blossom, Dan Jones, 1:24.95; 3. Chris Jones, Blake Bernstein, Dan Cronin, Stephen Graham, 1:44.15; 5. Chris Mackinder, Chris Belch, Andrew Bracht, Joe Farhat, 1:52.40.

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Miller stars at Freeland

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"Eliminate the falls and that's 3½ additional points," Cunningham said. "Instead of 137, we've got 141."

SALEM FRESHMAN Kim Miller had the best day among Centennial Educational Park gymnasts, winning the bars competition with a 9.20 and finishing third in all-around scoring with 36.55. She also was second on beam (9.3), third on floor (9.25) and eighth on vault (6.8).

Danielle Mirto had the highest individual finish for a Canton gymnast, taking sixth place on floor (9.15), and teammate Kim Rennolds had the best overall performance, finishing eighth in the all-around with 34.80.

Others who competed in all events were Johanna Anderson (Canton), 10th, 34.70; Courtney Gonyea (Salem), 12th, 34.60; Dawn Clifford and



Heather Murphy (Canton), 23rd, 33.25; and Autumn Bunch (Salem), 25th, 33.15.

The top Canton-Salem scores on vault included Anderson, 14th, 8.65; Rennolds, 16th, 8.6; Bunch, 18th, 8.55; Clifford and Salem's Jenny and Aimee Wong, 22nd, 8.35. On bars it was Clifford, 10th, 8.65; Rennolds, 13th, 8.6; Anderson and Gonyea, 17th, 8.5; Bunch and Aimee Wong, 23rd, 8.3.

Beam scores included Rennolds and Gonyea, eighth, 8.9; Anderson, 12th, 8.66; Murphy, 13th, 8.55; and

Bunch, 22nd, 8.1. Other top floor routines were performed by Gonyea, eighth, 9.05; Anderson, 12th, 8.95; Rennolds, 17th, 8.7; Murphy, 26th, 8.55.

Freeland's Kristie Kelly won the all-around title with 37.10. She was first on beam (9.4) and vault (9.4), fourth on bars (9.05) and third on floor (9.25).

Miller of Athens was second (36.6) and teammates Amy Krebs sixth (35.55), Michelle Agnetti 14th (34.55) and Vicki Epple 15th (34.25).

IN OTHER gymnastics news, the Western Lakes Activities Association meet on Thursday, March 1, has been moved from Northville High School to Canton. A water main break damaged the gym floor at Northville, and the floor can't be repaired in time for the meet.

We'd like to meet the man
who made Ike what he is today.

In fact, we have a warrant out for his arrest. Because no one should be able to do things like this to an animal and get away with it.

On December 15, in response to an emergency call, Michigan Humane Society (MHS) cruelty investigators arrived at a house that had been abandoned by its former tenant for over a month. There, among the trash and other garbage the owner had no further use for, they found Ike. A five-month-old puppy lying huddled behind a locked bathroom door. Lying because he was too weak to stand. So malnourished he could barely move his chest to breathe.

He had been locked inside that bathroom for over a month. Without food. Without heat. And with only the water from a rusty toilet to keep him alive. MHS investigators called it the closest to death they'd ever seen an animal. Yet Ike was fortunate. A kitten found in another part of the house was already dead.

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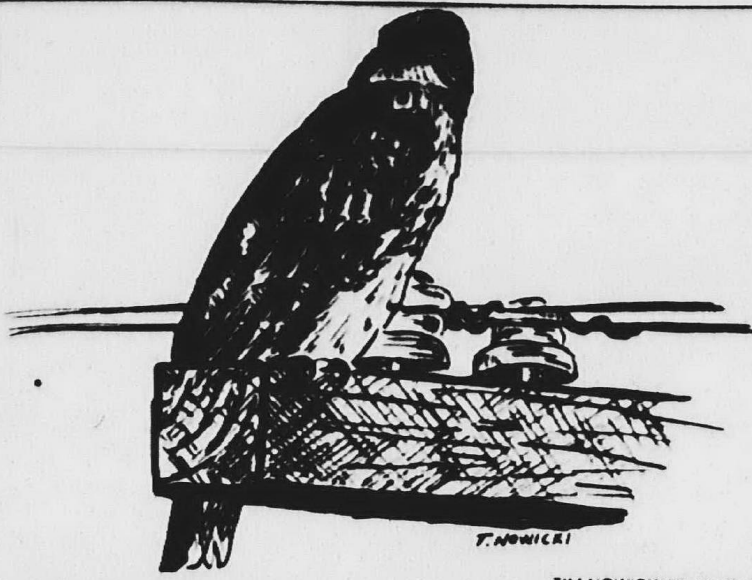
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Keep a sharp eye out for hawks



Red-tailed hawks are the most common hawk seen along the road. Telephone poles, fence posts, high tension towers, and dead snags of trees provide suitable perches for the big birds.

Besides listening to good music while driving around town, I enjoy hawk watching. It's surprising how many hawks can be seen along expressways and even secondary roads.

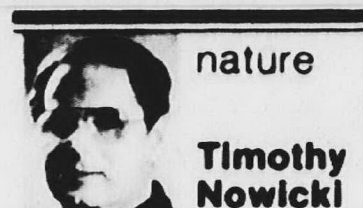
Just recently I saw a red-tailed hawk on the roof of a new home in Bloomfield Hills. And a few years ago I saw one perched in one of the few trees along Eight Mile Road near the Lodge freeway — looking for a slow rabbit I presumed.

Red-tailed hawks are the most common hawk seen along the road. But years ago, before man began to clear forests for farmland, red-shouldered hawks were the predominant hawk. Today, red-shouldered hawks are threatened in Michigan.

Open fields for hunting interspersed with scattered woodlots for nesting provide perfect habitat for the red-tailed hawk. They hunt by soaring over fields in summer looking for mice and small game, or they sit on perches in open view of their hunting grounds.

Telephone poles, fence posts, high tension towers, and dead snags of trees provide excellent vantage points. Many of these structures are along expressways where vegetation is mowed to improve visibility for drivers. Short grasses also provide good visibility for hawks.

Large cloverleaf intersections like than at I-275 and I-96 provide large open hunting areas for sever-



nature

Timothy Nowicki

al hawks. In fact, just the other day I drove south on I-275 from Seven Mile Road to the M-14 extension and counted nine hawks in approximately 2 1/2 miles.

Suitable perches and short grass are definitely two advantages for hunting along expressways, but I have speculated about another possible advantage. Mice near the roadway are constantly in view of

moving cars that pose no threat, as they have learned over time. Maybe mice become conditioned to the constant movement of the cars and are not as likely to react to a hawk moving through the air. Success rates of hawks hunting along expressways would have to be compared to those in similar habitats away from roads to determine if my supposition is correct.

Answering that question will have to wait until I retire — though it will give me another excuse to go hawk watching.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence-Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

Oriental cuisine is featured

A Taste of the Orient will be featured during the Schoolcraft College Gourmet club dinner dance, Friday, Feb. 16.

Entertainment includes a floor show. The meal includes Taiwanese shrimp, with ginger sauce, winter melon soup, marinated Chinese vegetables with bean sprouts and sesame dressing, sirloin steak teriyaki with Oriental noodles and stir-fried pea pods with carrots and cashews.

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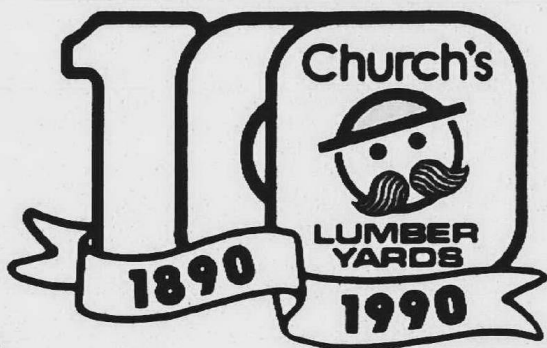
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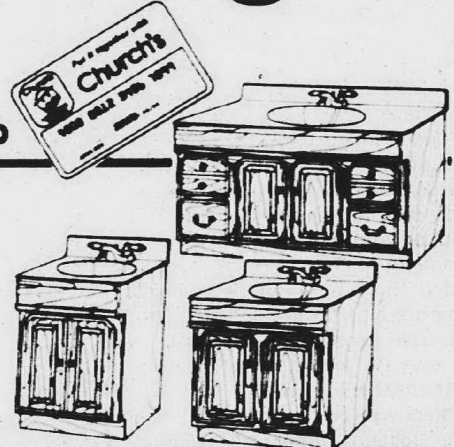
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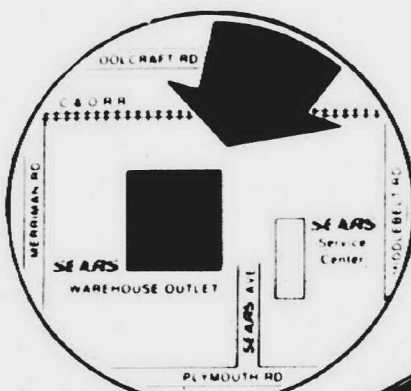
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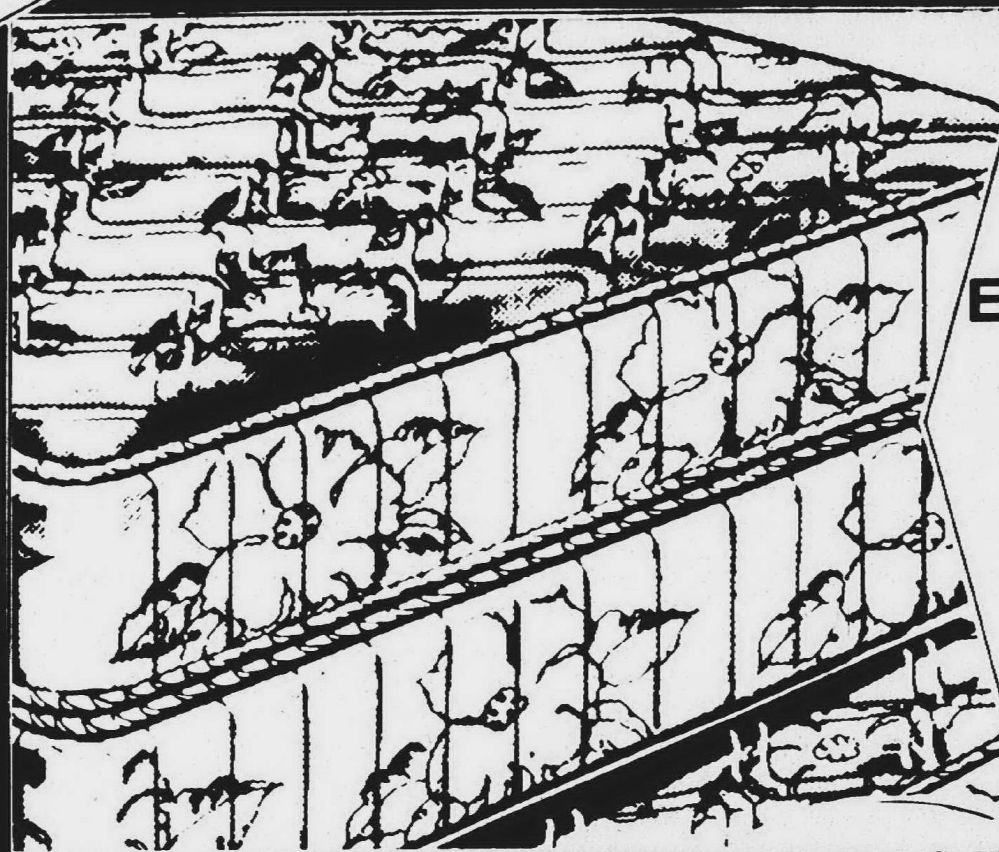
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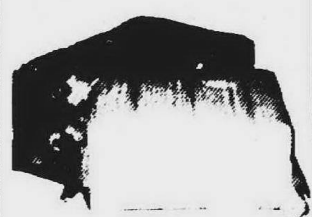


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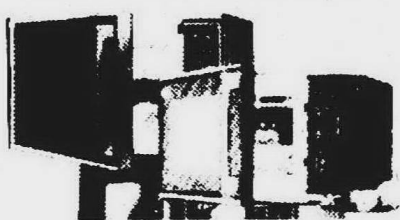


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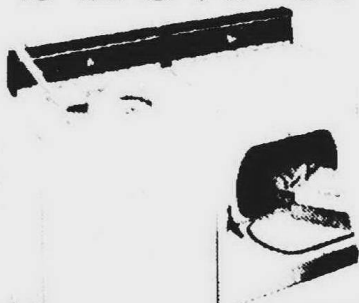
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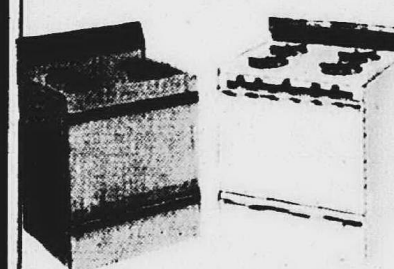
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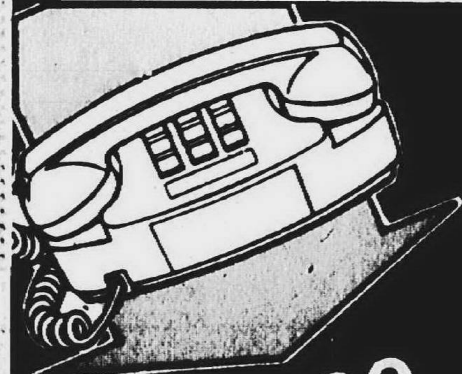
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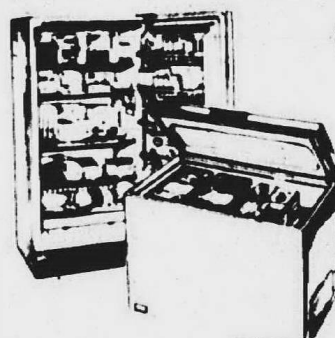


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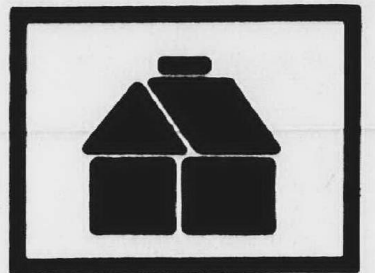
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Traveler, 1987, with his still red sunburn and weary look, tells a story familiar to many without uttering a word.

Hanson's people — realism at its best

By Jill Hamilton
special writer

"Sculptures By Duane Hanson" is the perfect cure for "arthophobia," the fear of boring, pretentious or just plain confusing art exhibits. Hanson, a Cranbrook graduate, creates arrestingly lifelike sculptures of ordinary people. The result is riveting, eerie, and, dare we say it, a heck of a lot of fun.

As museum worker Helga Siner puts it, "It is a fun exhibit. It's not the serious, highbrow kind of art where you look at it thinking 'what is this?' then look for the title and it is called 'Untitled.' It's very accessible — people really enjoy it."

It's true. Hanson's hyper-realistic sculptures of everyday people — construction workers, obese American tourists and other working class types — attract an enthusiastic crowd.

Gone is the hushed, reverent atmosphere of many exhibits. Instead, Hanson's satirical, sometimes playful work invites people to react. Talking, pointing and laughing are encouraged. One group of older women gathered around "Cowboy" (1989) were overheard exclaiming comments like, "He looks so real!" and "Look at those veins in his arm!"

HANSON'S WORK inspires a wonderful sort of voyeurism, one where social niceties are stripped away and the audience is welcome to stare to their hearts' content at the sculptures of the eerily ordinary people. "Self Portrait with Model," a sculpture of Hanson sitting at a kitchen table with a large woman in a frumpy, blue-checked dress is a people-watchers delight. Viewers are allowed to break societal conven-

tions by peering into the woman's handbag or looking over her shoulder to examine her reading material (ironically, an article titled "Relax and Be Fit").

Because Hanson's sculptures look so realistic, the line between the art and the people viewing the art often becomes blurred. In other words, make sure something hasn't moved before staring at it because it may very well be a real person.

This is especially true with "Commuter" (1983), a sculpture of a man dressed in a suit, reading a magazine and leaning against the wall. Is he one of the statues in the exhibit or one of the other museum visitors? Be careful, the difference between the two isn't always obvious. "Commuter" is so life-like that it is almost uncomfortably embarrassing to look at. It seems as though he might, at any moment, lift up his head and say "Please stop staring at me."

Other highlights include: "Traveler" (1987), a sculpture of an exhausted traveler sacked out on the floor, his Hawaiian shirt unbuttoned to reveal a beer-belly reddened by the beginnings of a sunburn; "Cleaning Lady," a dignified portrayal of a maid named Queenie; and "Child with Puzzle" (1978) and "Cheerleader" (1988), companion pieces that pay a loving tribute to Hanson's daughter at two stages of her life.

The exhibit continues through April 1, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Regular museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Special hours for the Hanson show are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Movies about Hanson and his work are being shown at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the deSalle Auditorium. They are free with museum admission.



Cheerleader, done in 1988, is one of several the artist has done of his daughter.



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1st novel set in rural south

"The Rattlesnake Master" by Beaufort Cranford (239 pp., Ballantine, \$8.95)

IN MY opinion, any novel that begins with somebody sitting on a tombstone while eating a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich is a promising novel.

Open the pages of Beaufort Cranford's novel and you'll find yourself way down among the kudzu vines and pickerelweed of rural Georgia, where the buckeye butterflies hold forth alongside rattlesnakes and the sweet-sad call of the mourning dove is heard in the land.

Here, in the non-such town of Alachua, and the nowhere mythical county of Talmadge, you'll meet black folks and white folks. You'll come across some good ol' boys and some very bad guys. You'll learn that there's good coffee at the Ogeechee Grille, cold beer at the Red Hot Saloon, homemade whiskey over at Harold Buckminster's place, and annual Whoppermelon contest, and some pretty good fishing down around Hard Labor Creek, if you're willing to put up with a number of determined mosquitoes and a speckled leech or two.

It seems an ordinary, rather drowsy little place, and then one day, a bag of silver dollars turns up, and a dramatic tale begins to unfold, revealing that all is not as it appears. Something impossible to understand is afoot in Talmadge County, as a matter of fact. It may be mumbo-jumbo. It may be magic. It may be something else. Whatever it is, it is personified in an exotic old gentleman known as the rattlesnake master, who can cure snakebite and perform other deeds as well.

IN THE MIDST OF this contemporary adventure are characters with wonderfully-Southern names like Leeman Truesdale (just returned home after a disastrous love affair north of the Mason-Dixon line), Buddy Crittenden (his friend, an inquisitive deputy sheriff), Royal Mango (a mulatto who comes across the silver dollars in a most unexpected way), and two cretinous redneck thieves, Jerry Spivey and Sperry Bissell.

In the "Rattlesnake Master," former Detroit News journalist Cranford has written a novel that is funny, strange, touching, suspenseful, even a little stomach-turning here and there (a scene in which one of Cranford's bad guys grapples with a particularly pesky leech may make your skin crawl right out the door), and greatly-entertaining.

It bears a vague resemblance to

In fact, so strong and sure is Cranford's evocation of this piece — its language, its flora and fauna, its food, its weather, even its scent — that the setting becomes a kind of character at the very heart of this story.

Thomas Tryon's "Harvest Home," in that strange things are happening beneath a rather mundane surface in both tales. But the resemblance is only superficial, for Cranford's novel is not ultimately a tale of horror, as is Tryon's, and its setting is most definitely not New England, but the American South.

In fact, so strong and sure is Cranford's evocation of this piece — its language, its flora and fauna, its food, its weather, even its scent — that the setting becomes a kind of character at the very heart of this story. Truth to tell, its characters are never so "fleshed-out" or as vivid as is their environment.

Two bones to pick before I go: While Cranford — who grew up in the South — most definitely possesses a real ear for the language and speech of these people, sometimes his characters talk too much. One explanatory, conversational scene goes on (and on) for nearly 20 pages, with its question and answer, question and answer routine growing considerably tedious before Cranford finally decides to wrap things up. This dialogue overload (though never quite to this extent) occurs more than once in the book, confusing and slowing the pace of this story every time.

A less-than-convincing conclusion is a disappointment, especially since, up to this point, Cranford has succeeded so beautifully in making this fantasy so credible. With a fine writer's magic touch, he's been able to cause the reader to happily suspend disbelief and become totally caught up in a story about people whose lives are changed one day when a rattlesnake crosses the road, and a bag of silver dollars falls out of the sky. Then...

Let's just put it this way: This story's beginning works much better than does its ending.

Victoria Diaz is a free lance writer who lives in Livonia and has roots in the South.

Tchaikovsky Festival celebrates birthday

In celebration of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's 150th birthday, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has planned a Tchaikovsky Festival Thursday through March 3. There will be ballet, opera, and orchestral and chamber concerts.

Gunther Herbig will conduct the opening concert at 8 p.m. Thursday with violin virtuoso Pinchas Zukerman performing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. The program will include Marche Slave and Symphony No. 5. It will be repeated at 8 p.m. Friday and 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

All three concerts will be at Orchestra Hall. The Friday concert will be preceded by a 7 p.m. Pre-Concert Conversation with Zukerman and guest host Peter Schoenbach, chairman of the Wayne State University music department.

AS AN adjunct to the festival, the Lyric Chamber Ensemble will give a concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Orchestra Hall.

The ensemble will perform Tchaikovsky's String Quartet No. 1, two songs, "At the Ball" and "As a Blade of Grass in the Meadow Green," and the Piano Trio in A minor. The ensemble is composed mainly of Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians.

preview

An evening of dance is planned for 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ford Auditorium. The DSO, with Leslie B. Dunner, assistant conductor, will be joined by New York City Ballet dancers Merrill Ashley, Lindsay Fischer (replacing Peter Frame, who was injured) and Damian Woetzel and American Ballet Theatre dancer Cynthia Harvey.

Highlighting the program is the world premiere of La Danse Neva, a ballet by choreographer Kirk Peterson, commissioned by the DSO for this festival.

THE FINAL concerts of the festival, 10:45 a.m. Friday at Ford Auditorium and 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Orchestra Hall, will feature Janet Williams, soprano and Joseph Wolverton, tenor, in a rarely heard opera fragment, "Romeo and Juliet."

For ticket information, call 833-3700.



Paintings on exhibit

Paintings by Southfield artist George Gravelinger, above, are on exhibit at Le Minotaure Gallery, 115 Ann, Ann Arbor through March 6. He paints in acrylic on paper and canvas and his clothes are often as colorful as his paintings. At right is "The One Eyed Clown," 40 by 34 inches. His works are expressionist and the figure is always an important element. His works will be part of a show that the gallery is taking to France. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.



Awareness problem could mean color-blindness

Q. Since we were first married 20 years ago, my husband has refused to make decisions that in any way involve matters of taste. This especially includes apparel, decorating, and anything to do with color. Aside from this, our marriage has worked out quite well. However, many of my attitudes have changed over the years, and I'd really prefer if he got more involved sharing some of these decisions. Any comments?

A. Before you approach your husband on sharing these type of decisions, I would try to determine — with professional help — whether your husband has a color deficiency, commonly referred to as color blindness. People, especially those with a reduced capacity to discriminate among colors, often develop clever ways of disguising their deficiencies, sometimes without being aware of it themselves.

Aside from the fact that color deficiency is more prevalent among men than women, our mainstream culture also discourages men from expressing color aptitude or preferences. In some circles, it's seen as a strictly feminine concern, and something that might take away from a fully masculine image.

Once you're sure his aptitude is normal, I would still approach the matter with considerable sensitivity taking into account the underlying assumptions that have made your marriage work so far.

You cannot expect to change your style of relating too quickly without risking irreparable damage to the relationship. If you want to change some of the ground rules and roles, you have to do it gradually, starting with some of the smallest decisions. Also let him know how you feel and why you think the



all about color Helen Diane Vincent

changes will benefit the marriage in the long run. When an opportunity arises for him to take part in a decision involving style or color, then I strongly suggest going along with the results even if they do not please you. Perhaps you could even set aside some area in the house where his contribution could be highlighted.

In time, and with more experience, he will feel freer in making decisions and be better at it. Let me remind you that love ends where power plays begin. Don't try to do this indirectly or through any manipulation. With a direct approach your marriage will continue in a manner and style to both of your liking.

Helen Diane Vincent will be teaching a class, "Know Yourself: Understand Your Color Responses" from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Village Club in Bloomfield Hills. For registration, call Jeanne Hackett, 644-7202.

Flutist symphony guest artist

Flutist Rodney Hill will be guest artist at the 8 p.m. concert Sunday of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in Plymouth-Salem High School auditorium.

Featured will be "Pied Piper Fantasy," by Corigliano and "Symphony No. 7" by Beethoven.

Professor of music at Eastern Michigan University and concert performer, Hill holds degrees from the University of Kentucky, the University of Cincinnati, and a doctor of musical arts from the University of Michigan. He has taught at EMU for the past 20 years where he is professor of flute, performs in the Faculty Woodwind Quintet, and is chairman of the wind and percussion area of the department of music. He is also an active recitalist and clinician and has recorded on the Coronet and Orion labels.

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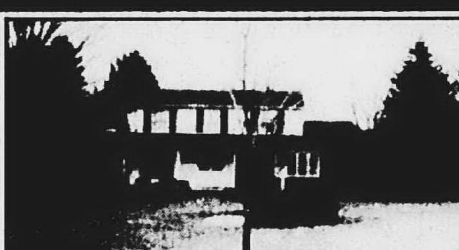
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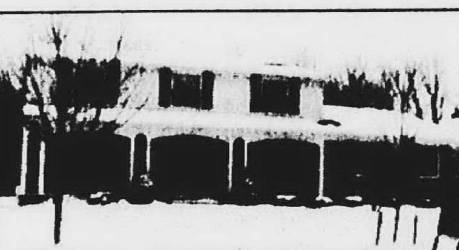
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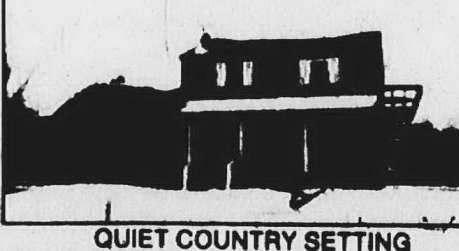
TRADITIONAL COLONIAL
Located in Novi, this home offers four bedrooms, ceramic floor in foyer, hall, half bath and kitchen, FIREPLACE in great room, open flowing floor plan, deck overlooks wooded commons, many custom features. ML#01385 \$199,000 **455-6000**



WARM UP WITH THIS COZY RANCH
Clean brick ranch in Plymouth with updated kitchen, three comfortable bedrooms, family room with FIREPLACE, living room, finished basement, all on private court location. ML#98531 \$99,900 **455-6000**



NEARLY NEW NOVI COLONIAL
Beautiful 10 month old four bedroom, two and a half bath home has striking foyer, circular staircase, family room with FIREPLACE, cathedral ceiling and wet bar, many, many extra features, Northville schools. ML#99855 \$227,500 **455-6000**



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briefly speaking

Scarab exhibition

The Scarab Club Gallery will open its annual silver medal all-media art exhibition featuring selected works from various Michigan-Ontario artists. The juried exhibition opens Sunday, March 4 and runs through the 29th. Gallery hours are weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends, 2-5 p.m. There will be works for sale and admission. Parking is free. The gallery is at 217 Farmworth, Detroit, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Schoolcraft concert

The Schoolcraft College Wind En-

semble, under the direction of Victor Bordo, will present an old-time band concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Schoolcraft College-Radcliff auditorium. Featured will be marches of Henry Fillmore, Julius Fuchs, Jerry Bilik, Santiago Lopez and Edward Franko Goldman. The wind ensemble will also perform Joplin's "Trombone Rag," music from "Camelot" and other light musical numbers.

The concert is free. Radcliff Center is at 1751 Radcliff, Garden City.

Palette and Brush

Lily Dudgeon will be guest speak-

er at the Tuesday, Feb. 27 meeting of the Palette and Brush art club. Her topic will be "A Presentation on Monotype." For more information, call Sue Wilson, 651-5449.

Photographer honored

Ruth Olson of Ruth Olson Photography in Westland, received merit awards for prints accepted and exhibited for print competition at the Tedrick Professional Photographic Extravaganza held recently at the Novi Hilton.

A Garden City High School graduate, she is a member of the Professional Photographers of America, Wedding Photographers International, the Professional Photographers of Michigan, the Detroit Professional Photographers Association and has been the photographer of the year with the Detroit association.

Graduates' art show

Madonna College is holding a graduating senior art exhibit in the library wing, exhibit gallery, through Thursday, March 1. Artists' work on display is that of Shelly Bania, Kathleen Collins and Delphine Frank.

Embroideries on display

"Cuadros de Pamplona Alta," an exhibition of contemporary embroideries from Peru, is on display in the Mardigan Library of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The art exhibition will serve as the anchor for a winter series entitled "Voices of Latin America" on the UM-D campus.

The exhibition features a number of arpilleras (embroideries) created by women in villages of Peru. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 593-5400.

Thursday February 22, 1990 1A/E

Film series at Borders

Alfred Hitchcock and Orson Welles, two of Hollywood's best-known movie directors, will be featured in a two-part discussion series "Great Directors" at Borders Book Shop in Novi at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 and March 4.

Scenes from Hitchcock films will be shown and discussed by Dr. William Vincent on Feb. 25. Orson Welles will be the subject of a discussion by Dr. James Morrison on March 4.

Hitchcock, who is best known for his suspenseful thrillers such as "Psycho," "Rear Window" and "North by Northwest," was a leading Hollywood director in the 1940s and

50s. His career in films began much earlier though, writing title cards for silent movies in the 1920s. All of this background material will be discussed by Vincent, a professor in the film studies department at Michigan State University. He teaches a class on films of Hitchcock and has studied Hitchcock's work extensively.

Morrison, who teaches film studies at Wayne State University, will discuss the career of Hollywood's "boy wonder" Orson Welles.

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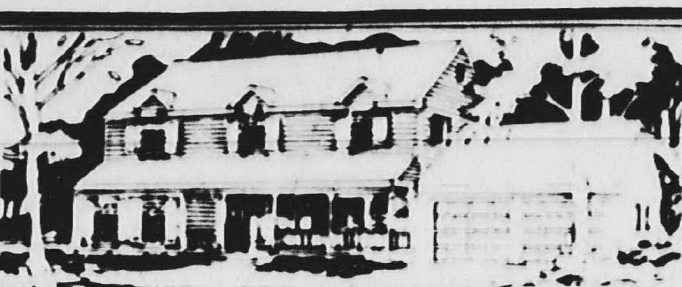
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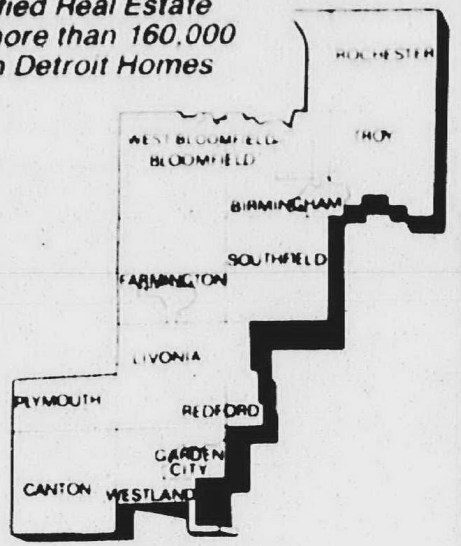
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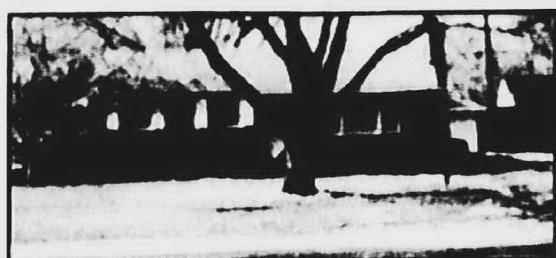
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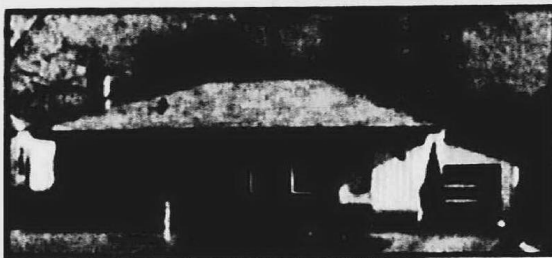
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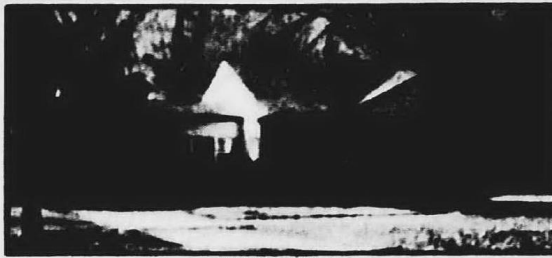
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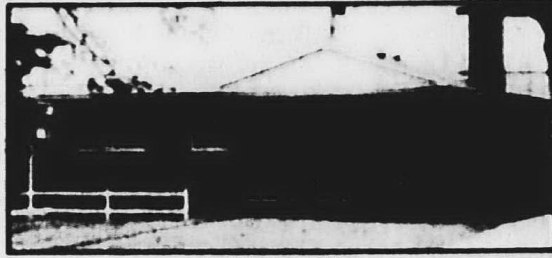
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LOVELY 3 BEDROOM - Brick ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, remodeled kitchen, finished basement and many new features, including windows and roof.
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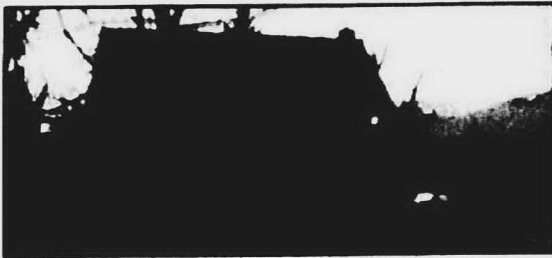
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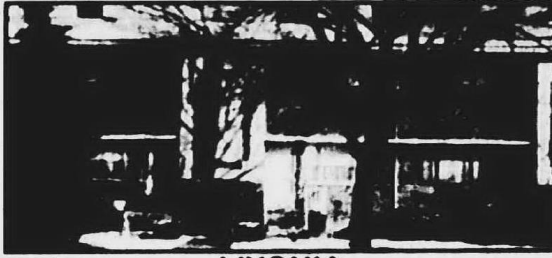
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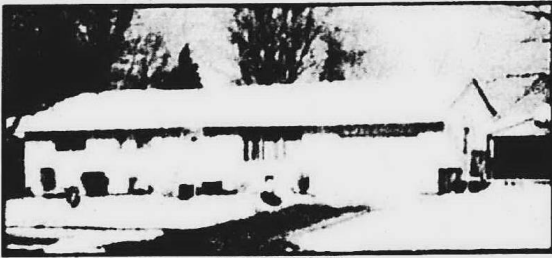
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PREMIUM RAVINE LOT - 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace, in this brick/aluminum home. Over 2200 sq. ft. heated 12 x 20 workshop area off oversized 2 car attached garage & so much more.
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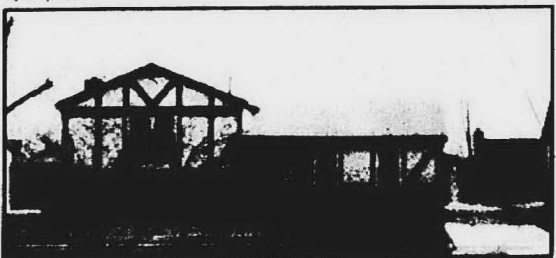
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HOME WITH 1/2 ACRE - Clean, neat and well maintained 2 bedroom home on approximately .5 acre. One car attached garage, fireplace in living room, newer roof, furnace and hot water tank.
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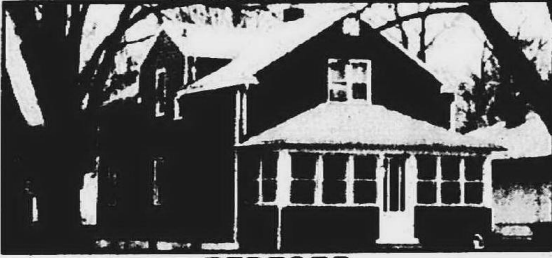
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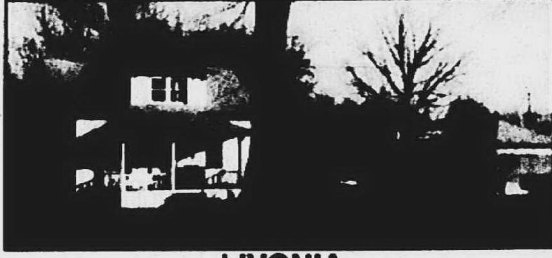
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"SUNFLOWER" - Located on a quiet court with beautiful landscaping. Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath quad, huge family room, fireplace & wet bar, finished basement, covered rear porch.
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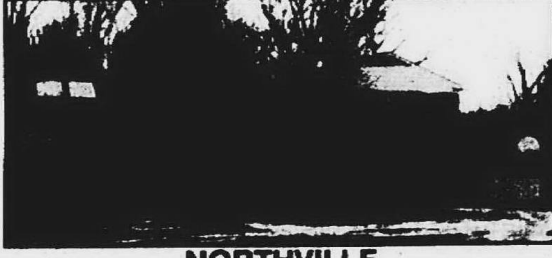
PLYMOUTH

CAPE COD - Charming immaculate home. Living room with natural fireplace, family room with wood stove. Newer bath & kitchen. 2 bedrooms, 2 car attached garage. Perfect for a young couple.
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REDFORD

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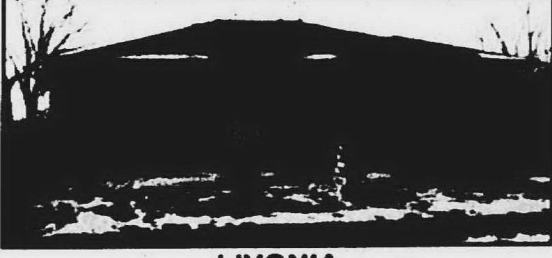
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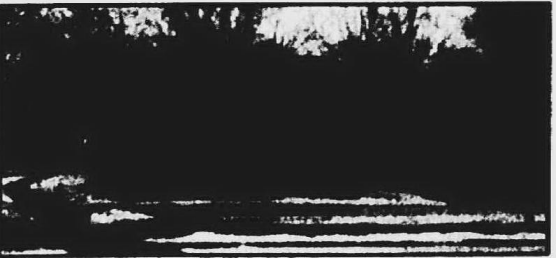
NORTHVILLE

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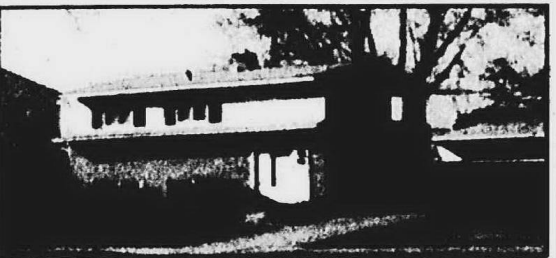
FARMINGTON

IN-TOWN - Desirable location for charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick bungalow with oak floors, full basement, 2 car garage. Walk to park, shopping, schools.
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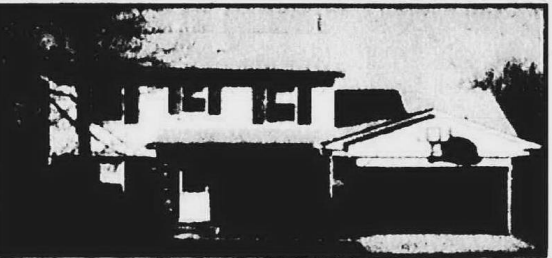
REDFORD

LOOKING FOR MORE SPACE? - This 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home has it all. Large country kitchen, dining room, family room with fireplace, security system, sprinklers and much more.
\$113,900 261-0700



WESTLAND

TONQUISH TANTALIZER - 3 bedroom split level, 1 1/2 baths, den, 2 car garage. Brand new windows, roof, carpeting and deck.
\$76,500 326-2000



CANTON

QUIET SUB NEAR PARK - 4 bedroom Colonial. One year Home Warranty. Walk to elementary school. Close to shopping & restaurants. Features formal dining room, family room plus basement.
\$118,500 455-7000



NORTHVILLE

COLONIAL - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, family room with woodburning fireplace, central air, and 2 car attached garage. Ready to move into!
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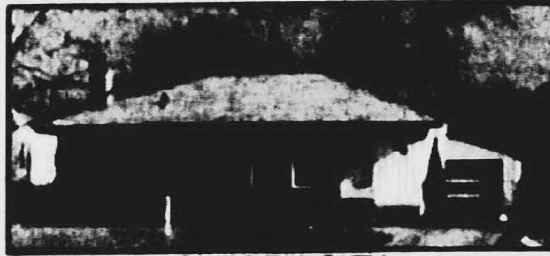
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PLYMOUTH

COZY COUNTRY RANCH - Sharp 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths in Plymouth. Has family room, fireplace, oak hardwood floors, plaster walls, 2 car detached garage plus beautiful treed lot. Beautifully maintained.
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GARDEN CITY

LOVELY 3 BEDROOM - Brick ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, remodeled kitchen, finished basement and many new features, including windows and roof.
\$72,900 326-2000



LIVONIA

REMODELED 3 BEDROOM RANCH - An affordable aluminum ranch. Newer Stainmaster carpeting, newer 100 Amp. service, newer shades, newer fixtures, central air, move-in condition. FHA & VA buyers welcome.
\$74,900 261-0700



REDFORD

SIMPLE ASSUMPTION RANCH - 1200 sq. ft. with fireplace & central air. Newly decorated, window treatments & ceramic bath. Quiet all brick area, 2 1/2 car garage with 220 wiring.
\$76,900 261-0700



PLYMOUTH

BUNGALOW - 1st time buyer or investment. 2 bedrooms, living room and formal dining room. Newer sink & counter top. Bath fixtures replaced, new carpet, new vinyl siding. Front & back porch rebuilt.
\$73,000 455-7000



INKSTER

FEATURES GALORE - 3 bedroom brick Cape Cod, 2 car garage with opener, in Wayne Westland School District. Finished basement, central air, two full baths.
\$54,900 326-2000



LIVONIA

LIVONIA CONDO - Well maintained, clean, 2 bedrooms. Basement, central air, appliances, close to shopping & schools. A great housing opportunity for a low price.
\$48,500 261-0700



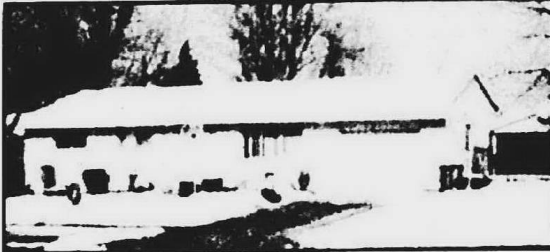
REDFORD

PREMIUM RAVINED LOT - 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace, in this brick/aluminum home. Over 2200 sq. ft. heated 12 x 20 workshop area off oversized 2 car attached garage & so much more.
\$115,900 261-0700



LIVONIA

COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE IN LIVONIA - Large open family room plus charming cove ceilings, plaster walls and hardwood floors, all add to this quaint 3 bedroom ranch.
\$96,000 455-7000



CANTON

WELL MAINTAINED - 3 bedroom ranch. Neutral decor, new carpet in 2 bedrooms. Kitchen with built-in oven & range top, pantry. Cozy fireplace in family room, nice size dining area. Roof 6 yrs. old. Full basement.
\$90,900 455-7000



LIVONIA

HOME WITH 1/2 ACRE - Clean, neat and well maintained 2 bedroom home on approximately .5 acre. One car attached garage, fireplace in living room, newer roof, furnace and hot water tank.
\$74,500 261-0700



LIVONIA

1/2 ACRE ON MAIN ROAD - 3 bedroom brick, professionally finished basement, zoned residential - will be rezoned. Great opportunity. House could be converted for professional or office use.
\$124,900 477-1111



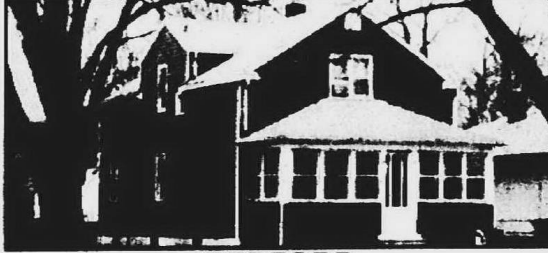
CANTON

CUSTOMIZED QUAD - Three bedrooms plus den, in mint condition, with all new windows, doors, doorwalls, carpeting & an addition, central air. Exceptional decor throughout, plus many more amenities.
\$119,900 455-7000



CANTON

"SUNFLOWER" - Located on a quiet court with beautiful landscaping. Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath quad, huge family room, fireplace & wet bar, finished basement, covered rear porch.
\$142,900 455-7000



REDFORD

TERRIFIC FAMILY HOME - Just listed! Four bedroom home with two full baths, hardwood floors, formal dining room, big living room, newer carpeting plus remodeled kitchen.
\$54,900 261-0700



LIVONIA

POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL - Value is in land not dwelling. Can be rezoned. Excellent location with good visibility and exposure. Seller will consider a land contract.
\$219,900 477-1111



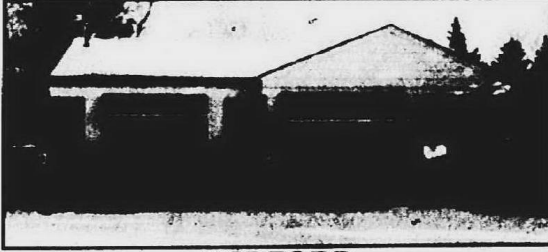
PLYMOUTH

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY!! - Sparkling new construction, 2 bedroom Ranch Condos. 2 baths including master bath & walk-in closet. Walk-out to deck, 1st floor laundry & carport. Not far from downtown Plymouth. Prices range from \$76,900 to \$83,900
455-7000



PLYMOUTH

CAPE COD - Charming immaculate home. Living room with natural fireplace, family room with wood stove. Newer bath & kitchen. 2 bedrooms, 2 car attached garage. Perfect for a young couple.
\$92,000 455-7000



REDFORD

ALL BRICK AREA - 3 bedroom ranch with vinyl trim, & newer windows. Outside awnings on most windows, finished basement, 1 1/2 car garage, and new driveway.
\$67,900 261-0700



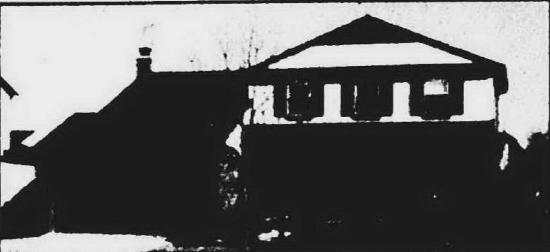
NORTHVILLE

PRESTIGIOUS NORTHVILLE! - Views of ravine & woods, in walking distance to town enhance the 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, pegged hardwood floors, fieldstone fireplace on almost an acre.
\$249,900 348-6430



INKSTER

COUNTRY FLAVOR - Big open, spacious living area. Move-in condition. 76 x 530 partially wooded lot. Wayne/Westland Schools. Seeing Is Believing!
\$53,900 326-2000



CANTON

NEED SPACE? - Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Quadonial. Unique floor plan with master bedroom on separate level! Central air, very neutral with new carpet in most rooms. Call for amenities.
\$119,900 455-7000



NORTHVILLE

CHARMING - Country ranch on large 85' x 242' lot with 2 car garage. New roof & insulation enhances 2 bedroom with den in great location.
\$87,900 348-6430



LIVONIA

BRICK RANCH - Livonia School system, room for the large family, 4th bedroom in basement, family room, and 12x16 deck make this one of the best buys in the area. Easy access to I-96.
\$91,900 261-0700



REDFORD

PRICE REDUCED - Start your year in this South Redford, 3 bedroom brick ranch, full finished basement with wet bar, 1 1/2 baths, garage, newer furnace and newer roof.
\$74,900 326-2000



CANTON

SECLUDED WOODED 3.87 ACRES - Brick 4 bedroom Ranch. Over 2400 sq. ft. & finished walk-out basement. 3 fireplaces, 3 1/2 baths, formal dining room, open floor plan, sauna, C/A, 2 car attached garage & much more.
\$278,900 455-7000



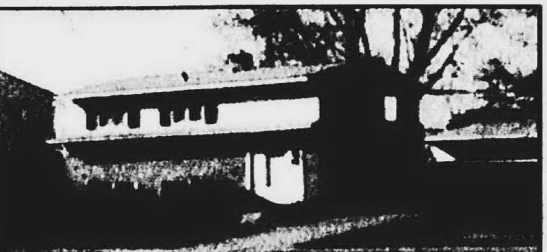
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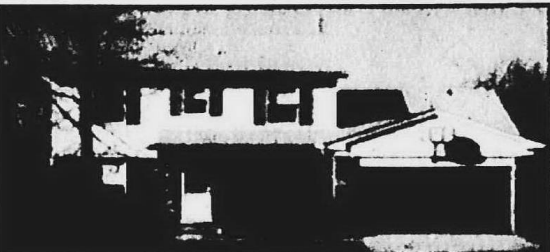
REDFORD

LOOKING FOR MORE SPACE? - This 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home has it all. Large country kitchen, dining room, family room with fireplace, security system, sprinklers and much more.
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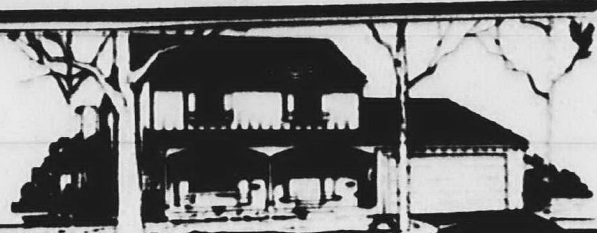
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GARDEN CITY: 1 & 2 bedroom - starting at \$385. Includes appliances, carpeting, air conditioning, laundry facilities. No pets. 478-7640

LAKE ORION: Roomy 1 bedroom, \$395/mo. Walking distance to Lake Orion. Newer kitchen. Great area. 603-6572 or 603-6570

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Western Hills 728-4520

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Country setting, Lakes Area, Near Twelve Oaks Mall. Spacious, Sound Conditioned, Central Air, Pool, Tennis, Cable, Lots of Closets.

Pontiac Tr. bet. West & Beck Rds. 624-0004

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NOVI/LAKES AREA WESTGATE VI from \$475 AREA'S BEST VALUE

- Quiet - Spacious Apartments
- Attractively Landscaped - Lakes Area
- Near Twelve Oaks Mall - Central Air
- Pool - Carport - Walk-in Closets - Patios and Balconies

Off Pontiac Trail bet. Beck & West Main from 1-896-1275

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NOVI - Sublet 1150 sq ft. 2 bedroom. 1 1/4 bath balcony overlooking pond \$550 per mo. Even 348-2908

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Poor workmanship leads buyer complaints

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Construction of a new dream house or a contracted remodeling project doesn't always go smoothly. Questions about workmanship lead to complaints. Most, it turns out, are justified.

So how does a homeowner ultimately get satisfaction?

By taking a gripe to the Bureau of Commercial Services, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation.

And people do complain.

Nearly 2,500 complaints were filed against builders and contractors during the one-year period October 1988 through September 1989, according to figures provided by the state licensing department.

Another 2,000 complaints were resolved, leaving a backlog of nearly 2,700 at year's end.

"Workmanship and code violations are the major volume of complaints. People are disappointed with something the builder has done," said William Wagner, an enforcement director in the licensing department.

"A good one-quarter of complaints that come to my attention are unlicensed people," said J.W. Eiserman, a disciplinary action coordinator for the department.

A STATISTICAL breakdown on disposition of complaints isn't available, said Pamela Loomis, a consumer assistance coordinator in the licensing department.

But from her experience, most involve workmanship, and the vast majority are founded.

"Probably 75 percent of the time there's been a communications breakdown," Loomis said. "The builder tends to put a customer on the back burner, probably unintentionally."

Builders and contractors can find themselves in hot water for a variety of reasons.

Failure to acknowledge a complaint as justified, failure to correct a complaint within a reasonable time, poor workmanship and engaging in practice without a license

were noted in a recent disciplinary action report.

An administrative law judge will arbitrate a dispute if complaints aren't resolved in mediation, settlement or compliance conferences set up by the licensing department.

A STATE-APPOINTED Residential Builders and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors Board, composed of six building professionals and three people with no ties to the industry, is empowered to order restitution and levy fines after responsibility has been established.

Mark Jacobson, a Birmingham builder and the board's chairman, said he can't recall if most complaints target builders or subcontractors.

Regardless, with more than 40,000 licensed builders and contractors in the state, he doesn't consider the numbers of complaints indicative of a major problem in the industry.

James Bonadeo, a Plymouth builder and president of the Builders

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State seen as last resort arbitrator

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Filing a formal complaint with the state against a builder or contractor isn't exactly the best route for homeowners looking for quick resolution of problems.

Last December, the state Department of Licensing and Regulation issued a disciplinary action report including cases that initially had been filed as far back as July 1985.

But some consumers will argue that they have tried to get satisfaction through other channels and that filing with the state is a last resort.

"By the time it gets to the state level, it seems like there's a personality clash," said Gerald Kosmensky, a semi-retired builder and president of the Home Owners Warranty of Southeastern Michigan. "It's like going through a divorce."

Byrne Benson, a builder and vice president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, outlined a strategy for buyers with complaints.

"YOU'VE GOT to pound on the builder, work with the builder," he said. "If you don't get satisfaction, go to the (local) building department. From what I hear, that's where it gets resolved pretty quick."

The process of insuring quality work actually should start well before a builder is hired.

"Go and talk to a building inspector before you buy a house," Kosmensky said. "Ask what kind of reputation does he (builder) have. Does he do quality work?"

A series of handbooks on how to select a builder and what to expect in the construction process are available free from the National Association of Home Builders (1-800-368-5242).

"Go through the house before you close and look at everything," Kosmensky said. "Take as long as you want, write it down, then have a walk-through with the builder. I always had

a walk-through with my people. Builders I know encourage that."

BUILDERS who participate in the Home Owners Warranty program guarantee repairs of major structural defects up to 10 years after construction. An arbitrator determines liability.

Major structural defects would include cracked basement walls and roof problems. Hairline cracks in basement floors and drywall wouldn't be covered.

Builders here generally don't participate in the extended Home Owners Warranty program because they don't feel the need to do so, Kosmensky said.

Upwards of 75 take part, according to the BASM membership directory.

More builders would participate if consumer demand were there, Kosmensky said.

STATE LAW requires builders of new houses to warrant almost all of their work for one year.

Consumers should make sure builders and contractors are licensed before work begins, said William Wagner, an enforcement director for the state.

Get everything in writing — especially a starting date and completion date — and have a lawyer review a building contract before you sign, Wagner said.

Call the state Department of Licensing and Regulation at 1-517-373-0678 to verify licensing status and 1-517-373-9153 to check on disciplinary action reports and request complaint forms.

Mark Jacobson, chairman of the state building board and a Birmingham builder, offered another solution to complainants.

"They always have the right to go to the civil courts if they're dissatisfied," he said.

MAHB hosts winter convention

The Michigan Association of Home Builders will host its annual winter convention/trade show today through Saturday in Lansing.

State legislators will be on hand to discuss such building issues as asbestos, civil rights for people who are disabled and special assessment districts, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Radisson Hotel.

More than 40 exhibitors will staff booths 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Lansing Center. Products displayed range from irrigation equipment, low voltage and architectural lighting and burglar alarm systems to energy efficiency products and household and business items.

1989 CONSTRUCTION figures were down in the state compared to the previous year, MAHB president Gary D. Smith said.

The number of houses, apartments and major additions under construction or completed in 1989 was 43,960 units, a 9.3-percent decrease. But the dollar volume of all residential construction

was down 2.8 percent, to \$3.4 billion compared to \$3.5 billion in 1988.

"The construction rate is lower partially because of increasing material and interest expense costs," Smith said. "Thus, the average unit value (not including land costs) in 1989 was \$78,226, which is up 7.2 percent from \$72,994 in 1988."

In the metropolitan area, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties all reported decreases in new residential construction in 1989.

Wayne County recorded 3,866 units in 1989, down 28.2 percent from the previous year's total of 5,383.

In Oakland County, 7,645 units were built in 1989, down from 9,807 for a 22-percent drop.

In Macomb, units dropped to 5,007 from 5,594 for a 10.5-percent drop.

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Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate Services has moved its offices to 1000 Town Center, Suite 2000, Southfield, from another site in that city.

Architect Gerald B. Meltzer has opened an office for the practice of architecture, planning and interior space design at 546 W. Merrill, Birmingham. The phone number is 258-9873.

Unipro of Birmingham and Nossan/Cohen of West Bloomfield have announced construction plans for a second phase of Novi Professional Village on Novi road south of 10 Mile in Novi.

Construction on three single-story buildings providing 16,000 square

feet of medical/dental/health care space will start in the spring. The buildings are designed by Architectural Environments of Farmington.

The first phase consisted of two single story buildings of 11,000 square feet.

Donald Webb has been promoted to vice president of engineering at DeMattia & Associates, Plymouth. He is responsible for all engineering services.

James Hilton has joined the Millgard Corp. of Livonia. He will be involved in sales, estimating and engineering for piling and related foundation projects.

Millgard specializes in the construction of heavy foundations for

buildings, bridges and docks.

Mark Viscina of Rochester has been named director of business development at Campbell/Manix, A southfield company that designs, engineers and builds commercial and industrial buildings.

He is a former project manager and field superintendent for Campbell/Manix and spent 12 years in the field operations of F.W. Fordon Construction Co. and H.F. Campbell Co.

Six employees have been promoted to senior consultant at Harley Ellington Pierce yee Associates, Southfield. They are:

David W. Carpenter, architect; Jeffrey A. Jenkins, mechanical engineer; Daniel E. Hoey, construction field representative; Paul R. Urbanek, designer; B. Diane Lammers, interior designer; and Jan Marie McCarthy, architectural signage and graphics designer.

Damone/Andrew, A Troy-based real estate development, construction and management company, and CMS Land Co. of Dearborn have agreed to explore land improvements to a 40-acre light industrial park in Plymouth Township.

The land will be incorporated into the Damone/Andrew-owned Plymouth Corporate Park, which it adjoins at Beck Road north of M-14.

Dan O'Keefe of the Manhattan Co. brokered the deal and will serve as listing agent.

Five Grubb & Ellis employees

have been named senior marketing consultant. They are:

John Catalano, vice president, Bill Panikurst, vice president, Clarence Gleason, Jim McClowry and Bob Badgero.

Based in Southfield, Grubb & Ellis is a commercial real estate company.

William J. Pesch, assistant director of architecture and manager of specifications has been promoted to associate at Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, Southfield.

He has 25 years of experience in the development of project specifications and is responsible for developing and maintaining the company's standard specifications and adapting them to meet client requirements, developing project specifications and determining department budgets and schedules.

Roger Roley has been promoted to executive director of the Associated Builders & Contractors of Southeastern Michigan from membership director.

Phyllis Hoffman, director of administration, has been promoted from assistant editor to editor of ABC's Contractor's Choice.

Countrywide Funding Corp. has opened a second suburban Detroit office in Livonia at 33621 W. Seven Mile, offering mortgage loans to homebuyers in Wayne and Livingston counties and western Oakland County.

Poor work draws ire

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Association of Southeastern Michigan, said he welcomed the opportunity to have formal complaints brought against him years ago by a buyer who just couldn't seem to get satisfaction.

Some complaints were dismissed, others were upheld, but the buyer finally was off his back, Bonadeo said.

COMPLAINANTS must do the initial legwork to document their cases because the state doesn't have the investigative staff or time to start at square one on every single filing. "We require a building inspector or building official report to verify a complaint," Wagner said. Notice of a complaint often is all that's required to nudge a builder to action.



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Breach widens between income housing costs

Home buyers have faced an uphill climb attempting to keep pace with rising home prices, according to a survey by Chicago Title and Trust Co., a property title insurer.

Since 1974, Chicago Title has tracked home buyer trends in major metropolitan housing markets nationwide. During this time, income gains for those buying houses have fallen behind home prices by about one-half percent per year, according to John Pfister, vice president and manager of market research for the national title insurer.

Even in 1989, "a relatively benign year for housing inflation in the U.S.," gains in household income lagged behind home price increases by about the same amount.

"While this may not seem like much, over time a discrepancy of this size adds up," Pfister said.

SINCE 1976, median home prices in the United States rose at a compounded annual rate of 8.8 percent, from \$43,340 in 1976 to \$129,800 last year. During the same period, median household income rose at a compounded annual rate of 8.3 percent from \$20,840 to \$58,700.

"So over this time period, the difference between income gains and home price increases grew a total of 6.5 percent," Pfister said.

"The economic impact of this is that those buying houses today have noticeably fewer discretionary dollars to spend on things other than housing than their counterparts did 13 years ago."

The income of buyers in the 1980s might have lagged even farther behind home prices were it not for the growing number of two-income families in the home-buying population. The study documents that working couples have been the major factor influencing housing affordability in this decade, Pfister said.

Among couples buying houses in 1989, 79.3 percent of all buyers were two-income families, and the percentage soared to 86.8 percent for first-time buyers. In 1976, the percentage was 53.1 percent for all buyers and 64 percent for first-time buyers.

Based on data corroborated by other sources, we've found that the percentage of two-income families is significantly higher among those buying homes than among the population as a whole," Pfister said.

FOR THE SECOND consecutive

year, first-time buyers accounted for a higher percentage of total home sales in 1989. Market share for this segment rose from 37.8 percent in 1988 to 40.2 percent a year later.

But the percentage of first-time buyers buying newly constructed homes dropped from 23 percent in 1988 to 17 percent last year. At the same time, those buying single-family homes rose from a total of 79 percent in 1988 to 82 percent a year later.

What this tends to suggest is that first-time buyers, in general, were increasingly priced out of the new home market last year and opted for older, cheaper houses instead," the survey said.

Last year, the median home price for the group rose 8 percent from \$97,100 to \$105,200, while the average price was rising 12 percent, from \$119,900 to \$133,700. Median income rose 5 percent from \$48,300 to \$50,700.

Historically, repeat buyers have been able to move up the housing ladder by investing the proceeds from the sale of one house into another. That's still happening, but Chicago Title's annual study reveals that repeat buyers also are dipping deeper into personal savings to come up with the larger down payments needed to buy increasingly more expensive housing.

OTHER SURVEY results regarding buyer profiles include:

- The average monthly mortgage payment for first-time buyers was \$969, up 4 percent from \$929 in 1988. The mortgage payment as a percentage of family income was 34.1 percent, compared with 34.8 percent the previous year.

- First-time buyers spent an average of 2.9 years saving to make a down payment, and the average mortgage length was 28.4 years for these buyers.

- Never-married singles comprised 23.2 percent of the first-time buyer market. Married couples represented 71.7 percent of the group, and among these couples, 86.8 percent were two-income families.

Chicago Title's annual survey is conducted by telephone by an independent research organization to more than 1,500 people in 18 markets, including Detroit.

In 1976, the study's base year, the median home price nationally was \$43,340, and the median income was \$20,840.

Housing prices

| Characteristics | Detroit 1989 1988 | |
|--|----------------------|-----------|
| Median price of home purchased | \$ 92,900 | \$ 88,700 |
| First time buyers | 79,900 | 81,600 |
| Repeat buyers | 90,900 | 91,200 |
| Average price of home purchased | \$113,300 | \$108,800 |
| First time buyers | 88,600 | 83,700 |
| Repeat buyers | 126,600 | 113,100 |
| Average monthly payment | \$834 | \$799 |
| First time buyers | 861 | 774 |
| Repeat buyers | 828 | 906 |
| When household income is: | | |
| less than \$30,000 | 654 | 476 |
| \$30,000-\$40,000 | 625 | 555 |
| \$41,000-\$50,000 | 701 | 692 |
| \$51,000-\$60,000 | 837 | 875 |
| \$61,000 or more | 981 | 953 |
| Average monthly payment as % of income | 27.7% | 28.6% |
| First time buyers | 27.6 | 27.3 |
| Repeat buyers | 27.8 | 29.0 |
| Buying for the first time | 34.6% | 21.3% |
| Previously owned a home | 65.4 | 78.7 |
| Average age of first-time buyers | 28.2 | 30.5 |
| Average age of Repeat buyers | 39.7 | 39.2 |
| Average number of houses looked at | 11.3 | 15.4 |
| Bought new homes | 18.5% | 23.8% |
| Bought used homes | 81.5 | 76.2 |
| Bought single family homes | 92.6% | 90.0% |
| Bought multi-family homes | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Bought condominiums | 6.6 | 8.8 |
| Bought co-ops | N/A | N/A |
| Married | 81.5% | 82.5% |
| Widowed | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| Divorced/Separated | 2.5 | 8.8 |
| Single | 12.3 | 5.0 |
| N/A-Not available | | |

Buyer profiles

| Characteristics | Detroit 1989 1988 | |
|---|----------------------|----------|
| Two income families | 83.3% | 74.2% |
| First time buyers | 91.6 | 80.0 |
| Repeat buyers | 78.8 | 72.5 |
| Down payment as % of sales price | 28.2% | 27.7% |
| First time buyers | 14.6 | 12.0 |
| Repeat buyers | 35.6 | 31.9 |
| Type of mortgage financing | | |
| Conventional fixed rate | 68.8% | 53.2% |
| Adjustable or variable rate | 29.9 | 45.5 |
| Seller financed or contract loan | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Other | N/A | N/A |
| Average down payment breakdown (% of dol) | | |
| Of First time buyers | | |
| Own savings and investments | 84.2% | 94.7% |
| Lending institutions | 3.1 | 0.9 |
| Relatives | 7.7 | 3.2 |
| Others | 5.0 | 1.2 |
| Of Repeat buyers | | |
| Previous home sale | 58.8% | 50.0% |
| Own savings and investments | 34.6 | 46.5 |
| Lending institutions | 3.9 | 1.5 |
| Relatives | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| Others | 1.1 | N/A |
| Average time to save down payment (years) | | |
| First time buyers | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Average family size | | |
| First time buyers | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| Repeat buyers | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Median household income | \$61,700 | \$55,700 |
| First time buyers | 55,000 | 46,200 |
| Repeat buyers | 66,700 | 58,400 |
| N/A-Not available | | |

1st-time vs. repeat buyers


| Characteristics | First-Time Buyer 1989 1988 | | Repeat Buyer 1989 1988 | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Type of purchase | | | | |
| New | 17% | 23% | 25% | 28% |
| Resale | 83 | 77 | 75 | 72 |
| Single-family | 82 | 79 | 86 | 86 |
| Condominium | 18 | 21 | 14 | 14 |
| Number of homes looked at before purchase | 13.4 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 15.5 |
| Average length of time looked for home (months) | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Median cost of home | \$105,200 | \$ 97,100 | \$144,700 | \$141,400 |
| Single-family | 111,900 | 96,700 | 144,900 | 142,300 |
| Condominium | 100,600 | 104,800 | 138,500 | 128,800 |
| Average cost of home | \$133,700 | \$119,900 | \$176,300 | \$161,200 |
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Get the facts on fiber before buying carpeting

AP — Carpet represents a sizable investment. Before deciding which type to buy, it's wise to learn all about carpet characteristics. These fiber facts from Better Homes and Gardens' Bedroom and Bath Ideas magazine will help provide information.

Texture is an important carpet characteristic because it can be practical as well as decorative. There are also a lot of options when it comes to texture. Looped pile (the pile is the surface of the carpet that is visible) may be level or multi-level (high and low loops). Level-

looped carpet has become a popular contemporary choice, providing a durable, hard-wearing surface. Short loops, especially, keep soil and spills on the surface. Plush is a cut pile, which may be smooth and velvety in appearance or have a twist in the yarn. Shag car-

pets are commonly made of longer pile yarns that are either looped or cut. Textures such as twists and multi-level loops, or those that have a definite pattern, are less likely to show signs of traffic than plushes. Most cut pile textures will show some "shading," or color variation, which is not a defect but is considered a desirable characteristic.

"Denier" and "ply" are popular terms. Denier refers to the fiber size and weight, and ply is the number of strands twisted together to form a single yarn. A good rule of thumb is that the higher the figures for denier and ply, the better the quality of the carpet.

THE FIBER content also will determine how well the carpet will perform. Basically, four major man-made fibers are being used: nylon, acrylic, polyester and olefin. These synthetic fibers are practical, among other reasons, because they are naturally resistant to insects and mildew and are nonallergenic.

In the carpet industry today, nylon is by far the most popular and widely used synthetic fiber. But the use of olefin and polyester has been steadily increasing over the past few years.

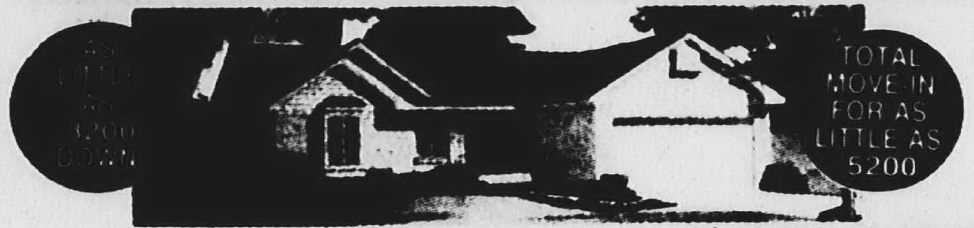
The choice of carpet fiber is important because each type has different qualities and none is perfect.

It's best to make a selection based on intended use, appearance and cost. The following fiber property information comes from Jeredine Howe, textiles specialist at Kansas State University. It will be helpful in determining which fibers best suit one's needs.

• Nylon is considered the strongest fiber. It has excellent durability and resilience (resistance to crushing). Nylon is also soil resistant and easy to clean. Traditionally, nylon's chief drawback has been its tendency to generate static electricity, which attracts soil. But manufacturing methods now control this.

• Acrylic is the synthetic fiber that most resembles wool in texture and appearance. It has good to excellent durability but, like wool, it tends to fuzz. It is also crush resistant, easy to clean and soil retardant. "Modacrylic" has properties similar to those of acrylic, but has the added bonus of being naturally flame retardant.

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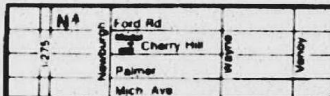
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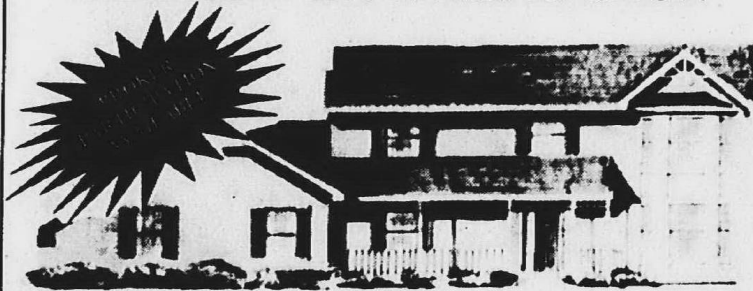
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(AP) Couch potatoes aren't the only ones lounging around the living room. Others are getting more comfortable by plopping their feet on ottomans and footstools.

Low footstools and taller, larger ottomans are being shown by almost every upholstered furniture maker. Their use for comfort and show has been increasing annually after a slow start about four years ago.

For the decorator, there's hardly a more versatile piece of furniture, says Robert J. Wettler, director of the interior design studio at Marshall Field's in Chicago.

"A matching ottoman turns an easy chair into a lounge that's as comfortable as a recliner but looks better," he said.

It's also extra seating in a pinch. What's in right now for traditional rooms are large, fully upholstered round or oval poufs done in patterned chintz or a woven fabric, tufted and trimmed with braid or pleats. Another look is the wood-trimmed piece with interesting legs.

NO LONGER the satellite of an easy chair, the ottoman is now just as likely to stand on its own in

the center of the room, near a coffee table or under a piano. An oversized ottoman, with a tray on top, may be used as a cocktail table or it can be piled with magazines or books. For contemporary rooms, matching leather easy chairs and ottomans are the look.

Ready-covered footstools or ottomans come in a variety of shapes and fabrics, from round to square, from leather to needlepoint. The tops of some lift to provide hidden storage. Shoal Creek, for example, makes 20 styles, from a fireplace bench to a sewing stool with hidden storage.

Several companies make a gout stool, which puts the feet at a slant. In Victorian times, that was routine treatment for gout, an excess of uric acid that generally settles in to pain the big toe.

Mark Hampton designed an over-sized round ottoman for two for his Hickory Chair Co. furniture line. "Visually," he says, "they imply comfort in a space that otherwise would be bare."

Hampton has four ottomans in his New York living room. "Two get sat on and two are piled high with books," he says. The low surface is good to display new coffee-table books, which themselves are quite decorative.

Ottomans and footstools give us something in common with the past since stools are among the oldest furniture known. They were found in the tomb of the Egyptian king, Tutankhamen, circa 1361 B.C., Edward Lucie-Smith writes in "Furniture: Concise History." (Oxford University Press, 1979).

Ancient Greeks also used four-legged and folding X-stools similar to the Egyptian models. One Greek author describes how attendants carried folding stools so their masters could sit at a whim.

The most common form of seating in the Middle Ages was a stool or a bench, says Lucie-Smith.

In 18th-century France, courtiers were allotted seats according to their rank. The most exalted sat in armchairs at court, but the lesser nobility sat on stools, says Hampton. Occasionally someone in the standing ranks was given the right to sit on a stool for one time only. Stools were also placed around the bed of a king or great lord to accommodate the many guests who were invited into the bedroom.



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