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Proposed school smoking ban fires debate



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Smokers rally on the south mall of Plymouth Canton High School.

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Following the lead of neighboring districts including Livonia and Northville, school board members were discussing their desire to ban smoking throughout the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"We need to get moving and have the public involved so we can get going sooner than 1993." The speaker was former trustee Jeanette Wines, the setting a December, 1989 board meeting, and the topic the proposed "smoke-free by '93" policy.

At the board's first workshop of 1992, the subject resurfaced. Since 1989, a committee has studied the smoking issue, but Plymouth-Canton's policy has remained the same.

High school students 18 or older and staff at Centennial Educational Park still are allowed to smoke in designated areas. For students, smoking is permitted in the outdoor malls behind the Salem and Canton High School cafeterias. Employees can smoke in designated areas indoors.

Smoking was among board concerns discussed at Monday's school board workshop in the Salem High School cafeteria.

Errol Goldman, executive director for employee relations, said he's prepared pros and cons of a smoke-free policy for the board to review in closed session.

AT THE 1989 meeting, Trustee Dave Artley said 1993 was "far too long to wait" to ban smoking.

He reiterated the thought Monday night. "It ought to be talked about really soon. If my memory serves me, we haven't revisited that," Artley said.

Superintendent John Hoben said a

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— Michael Homes
assistant superintendent

closed session is scheduled for the board's Jan. 27 meeting.

Goldman has said that while an administrative procedure permits the no-smoking policy, it's opposed by employees. They would object to any change in the current policy, he said.

Larry Masteller, who heads up the district's adult education program, said a smoking ban would probably please some adult students and displease others. "I'm a little bit concerned that if we enforce a real stringent policy saying you can't smoke anywhere on campus that these people might just go next door to Belleville or Livonia. That would be money out of our pocket," Masteller said.

Enforcing a no-smoking policy presents a costly problem, said Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction.

"Enforceability is a real obvious consideration," he said. "It's a tough, tough issue. Administration is doing everything possible to make sure smokers remain outside the buildings."

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Church roof cave-in hurts fight to house homeless

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Providence can work in strange ways.

Under heavy snows last week, the roof of a church whose members wanted to open their doors to the homeless began to give way. No one was hurt in the incident, which occurred above the kitchen.

Plymouth Township officials shot down efforts by the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial to provide a shelter for the homeless, as it would have violated zoning ordinances, building and fire codes.

"On the evening of the 15th, the kitchen roof began to collapse," said church administrator Alex Meszaros Jr. "While it didn't fall completely through, several of the supporting trusses had created a problem and the roof began to sink."

"It was noticed first thing in the morning on Thursday."

The area that collapsed is in a section of the building added in a 1989 expansion.

"To my knowledge, everything was built according to code and to the plans that were approved by the township," said Meszaros.

Engineers are in the process of determining what happened and how

'We are still working with the township on trying to resolve the issue. We are interested in continuing to explore the opportunity to be of service.'

— Alex Meszaros Jr.
church administrator

the roof should be repaired. For now, activities in the church kitchen and parlor are suspended.

MESZAROS SAID the church will

make the needed repairs as soon as possible, and will pursue the idea of a providing a homeless shelter.

"We are still working with the township on trying to resolve the is-

sue," he said. "We are interested in continuing to explore the opportunity to be of service."

One possibility is to have the county declare a state of emergency, "which would allow the township to override local building ordinances and permit the emergency shelter," the church administrator said. "I am hopeful that a plan can be worked out where we will continue a project we have set out upon."

The problems plaguing the homeless are staggering, he said.

"All you have to do is read the newspapers and listen to TV and radio broadcasts to understand the homeless' needs," Meszaros said.

"The homeless situation is everywhere, it isn't a Detroit issue, it's a Michigan issue as well as an issue throughout the United States.

"There are a great number of homeless folks because of the economic consequences of the recession and the impact on the automotive industry," he said. "I think the church as well as the township recognizes the severity of it."

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP supervisor Gerald Law sees the issue from a different perspective.

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Residents ask about alternatives to new library

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

There was good news from the Plymouth Library Board Monday night, but not everyone at the board meeting considered it such.

Preliminary estimates called for a quadrupling of the library's size at a cost of about \$10 million at its present downtown site.

Library director Pat Thomas said it now appears the cost will be considerably less.

"Our original figure of \$10 million was really a ballpark number," the director said. "Doing some fine tuning with the square footage, and allowing for the re-use of our furnis-

ings and equipment, we came up with a figure of \$7.5 million."

A PROPOSAL TO build a new library could go to voters as soon as August of this year.

Residents including Grace Gillespie and Paul Nastoff quizzed library officials on options other than reconstruction.

"Are there other alternatives if this isn't approved?" asked Gillespie. "What would be another way to go?"

Newly elected library board president Steve Harper said if the construction of "a new or renovated site isn't approved, we could squeeze out room in this building. We could

somehow add on, but the architects don't hold out a lot of hope. For example, this floor (the library's second story) can't hold books. We could store equipment here, but we would need elevators and fire escapes."

"There is so much you can squeeze out of a turnip," said Gillespie.

"Sometimes bigger isn't better. Sometimes I wonder if consolidation isn't a good thing to look at."

Paul Nastoff, also a Plymouth resident, asked whether the board has pursued with Plymouth-Canton school officials a proposal to keep the district's libraries after school.

"We expect to hear soon from the schools as

to whether or not they can afford it," said Harper.

Thomas added that the school library collections are centered around the curriculum and aren't suited for use by the public.

The schools would like to be of service, and are doing a cost analysis right now, community relations director Richard Egli said.

Library officials say the need for a new library is great, as indicated by the growing number of items checked out by users.

In 1984, we circulated 149,000 items for the year," said Harper. "In 1991, 343,000 items

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Romance author's characters struggle to find heroic qualities

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

"By day, she is Elizabeth Thornhill, lovely young widow, by night, cleverly disguised, she becomes the notorious Blackerby Swift, riding a mission of vengeance against the ruthless villain who condemned her to debtors' prison. But she is not alone on the shadowed highway . . ."

So reads the back cover of "Midnight Raider," a just-published historical romance written by Shelly Thacker of Redford Township.

Thacker, 28, will autograph copies of her second book, published by Avon, during "An Afternoon of Romance" at the Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth's Old Village. The Valentine's Day celebration is set for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16.

JOINING THACKER will be Detroit writer Lucy

Taylor, author of "Avenue of Dreams," a mainstream book about the founding of the auto unions in the Motor City. The two will speak about reading, writing and romance, while Thacker's mother, tea room proprietor Sylvia Thacker, serves lunch, repete with British tea, imported coffees, and homemade Victorian desserts.

For reservations and information, call the Sweet Afton at 454-0777.

Set in 1735 London, "Midnight Raider" follows the adventures of Thornhill as she confronts the most feared highway man in England. Thacker treats readers to a colorful cast of secondary characters, among them a sassy Cockney shopkeeper, a clairvoyant viscountess, an illustrious French detective, and a villain inspired by the greedy Michael Douglas character in the movie "Wall Street."

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Author will serve up some tea and romance

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The Livonia-born Thacker says that if readers expect to find perfect people in her romances, they'll be disappointed.

"To be honest, naively innocent heroines and nice-guy heroes just don't interest me," she said. "I want to read about people who have to struggle to find their heroic qualities." "Midnight Raider's" hero and heroine do a lot of healing and changing during the course of the book, she added.

Thacker's award-winning first release, "Falcon on the Wind," is set in 13th-century France and Scotland. Published in January of 1991, it was chosen as one of six national finalists in the Romance Writers of America Golden Heart competition, and won four regional Romance Writers of America honors.

"Romantic Times" magazine

lands Thacker as "a new star of medieval romance on the rise."

Thacker's literary agent told her "Falcon on the Wind" set a company record for the quickest sale for a first-time effort. Avon bought "Midnight Raider" sight unseen.

COMPARING THACKER to best-selling author Johanna Lindsey, romance reviewers have praised Thacker's work as "irresistible," "captivating," and "a must read."

"Falcon on the Wind" has been an exceptional commercial success as well.

Sales figures are secret, but "it did double what they expected," said the author.

Avon's executive romance editor, who bought "Falcon on the Wind" in less than a week, called Thacker personally to say she was very pleased with sales. So pleased that Avon and

Thacker just signed a new three-book contract.

Thacker is now at work on her third novel, "Silver and Sapphire," a sweeping story of exotic 18th-century India with a plot that revolves around priceless jewels.

Like her first two efforts, "Silver and Sapphire" will be a "blend of history, romance and adventure with a twist of intrigue," says Thacker. "Sort of 'Moonlighting' meets 'Robin Hood.'"

Five years ago, the author gave up a job in public relations at Rochester's Crittenton Hospital to freelance full-time. She's written for national magazines including "Country Living," "Entrepreneur," "Writer's Digest," "American Bookseller," "Flowers &" and "Romance Writers Report."

Headquarters is a three-bedroom bungalow on Glenmore overlooking Glenhurst Golf Course. Thacker

works in a home office furnished with a huge antique desk, and painted and stenciled in pale lavender and white. French-style "lady's handkerchief" curtains Thacker copied from a magazine adorn the windows. Dried roses grace a 1920-vintage typewriter.

When she's not ensconced in the library doing research, 9 a.m. finds the Northville High and Albion College graduate finished with aerobics and working on her manuscript. She usually breaks for an hour at noon to enjoy a sandwich and "Loving." "That's my secret," she says — it's the only soap on between 12 and 1. I figure I have to have some entertainment."

Romance writing truly is a labor of love, says Thacker. Without the supplemental income of her husband Mark Meinhardt, writing for a living — at least right now — wouldn't be financially feasible, she says.

IT IRRITATES Thacker to hear people label romance authors as money-grubbing writers of trash.

"Despite the fact that critics continue to reinforce negative stereotypes — denigrating us as hacks and calling our novels inferior trash — the romance genre and romance writers endure because our books celebrate life, celebrate optimism for lasting relationships, and celebrate the theme that ordinary people can win against extraordinary odds," Thacker says.

Thacker also is a believer that "as our genre continues to evolve and mature, exploring new themes and attracting new readers and writers, I believe we'll outgrow the prejudice and criticism of the literary establishment, just as mystery writers outgrew the criticism they suffered in the 1930's and '40's, and science fiction writers outgrew the criticism they suffered in the 1950's and '60's."

Romances account for 40 percent of mass-market paperback sales, according to "Entertainment Weekly," adds Thacker. "Midnight Raider" is available at the Village Paperback Exchange, 819 N. Mill in Plymouth, and at Books Connection, 18756 Middlebelt in Livonia.

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Proposed smoking ban has some fuming

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THE DISTRICT'S administration building has been smoke-free for several years. Homes said that to his knowledge, cigarettes aren't sold anywhere in district buildings.

Students are divided on the issue. Canton junior Clay Garvin supports a smoke-free policy.

"I think it would be better. Right now, kids stand by the doors and

smoke," Garvin said. "It chokes you as you go out. I'd like to see a smoking ban."

Garvin said the smokers include students under the legal age of 18.

"I see bunches of freshmen smoking," he said. "They're 13 and 14, just trying to be cool."

Tuesday afternoon, three upperclassmen stood smoking outside the Salem High School entrance, visiting

with friends and killing time before their cosmetology class.

All oppose a smoke-free policy.

"I think it really stinks," said Salem senior Heidi Wilder, 17. "As long as we don't smoke in the building, I don't see what's wrong with smoking outside. Non-smokers can go wherever they want. So can we."

"I think the policy should be the same for everybody. I figure if teachers can smoke, we should be

able to smoke," said Lisa Lureau, a Canton junior.

CHRIS SCHROEDER, a Salem senior, said, "Kids smoke anywhere they want to. I've never seen anyone smoke inside, but a lot of kids light their cigarettes before they go outside."

Schroeder said she'd favor a smoking ban, "because I don't like smoke. I get mad walking through the south

mail. You get smoke blown in your face," she said.

Salem senior Karen Rex said students often smoke while walking from one high school to the other.

"Anyone that smokes smokes there, between the buildings," Rex said. "You can smell it walking to class."

Thieves grab cash delivery, let man keep his \$5

A 40-year-old man reported that two men in a BMW bullied him into handing over an undisclosed amount of money from an envelope that he was delivering, as well as \$5 from his wallet, which he said was returned to him after the robbers took the money.

The man didn't say where or why he was delivering the money.

He said his Chevy van had broken down and he

was stranded on the side of the road about 6:30 p.m. last Saturday on Joy Road east of Haggerty Road.

The two robbers pulled up along side of him in a gray BMW, the man reported.

He described one of the robbers as about 150 pounds, 5-foot-7-inches tall, with brown eyes and black hair, wearing a dark baseball cap and a black Oakland Raiders jacket.

The other man was described as 6-foot-1-inches tall, about 175 pounds, with a medium build, wearing a dark baseball cap and a long dark trench coat.

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Festival heats up

Attendance thrills organizers of annual ice-sculpture show

By Julie Brown
staff writer

THE TEMPERATURES rose Tuesday, but organizers of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular didn't particularly mind.

The weather cooperated this year, and festival organizers were thrilled. In previous years, warm weather and melting ice sculptures have been a perennial problem.

"Just plain old good luck," said Michael Watts, festival director. "We were wishing for it."

This was his first year directing the festival, so Watts finds it a little difficult to compare it to previous ones. He's pleased with the way things went during the 10th annual ice festival, held Jan. 15-20.

'We had wonderful crowds. It was a big, big crowd.'

— Michael Watts

"I think it was one of the most successful ever," said Watts, a Plymouth Township resident. "We had wonderful crowds. It was a big, big crowd."

IT'S DIFFICULT to come up with a precise attendance figure, but Watts estimated that more than 400,000 people visited some time during the week, including many from outside of southeastern Michigan who hadn't previously been to

Plymouth. "We were getting calls from all over the place. It was great."

Cooperation from city of Plymouth officials helped in keeping Main Street traffic moving most of the time, he said. Watts was pleased with the work done by his own staff, which led to extensive media coverage and increased attendance.

People who'd been cooped up indoors for some time were eager "to get out and see some beautiful ice carvings," he said. "Plus, the cold weather obviously helped."

Last year's festival was overshadowed by the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf, something organizers didn't have to contend with this January.

"I hope we never have another war," said Watts, a pacifist.

The ice festival didn't officially begin until Wednesday, Jan. 15, although work got under way the previous Monday. Many visitors were out to see the work being done even before it opened. This past Tuesday, the day after the festival ended, many others visited Kellogg Park and the surrounding area to see the sculptures.

and third, Jon Fitzer of Westland.

• **Student Individual Winners:** First place, David Welke, Culinary Institute of America; second, Michael Jasa, Culinary Institute of America; third, Howard Steven, Culinary Institute of America; fourth, Aaron Costic, University of Akron; and fifth, Michael Wilson, Grand Rapids Community College.

• **High School Individual Winners:** First place, Jeffrey Cope, Melvindale High School; second, Doug Powell, Plymouth Canton High School; third, Allison Partain, Plymouth Salem High School.

SOME NEW activities this year, such as the gingerbread house display/competition and cooking demonstrations, were popular, he said. Those helped to add variety to the festival and to cut down on crowded conditions in the main festival area.

Watts is pleased his company, Watts-Up Inc., was able to be involved in the 1992 International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Organizers would like to continue to improve the event, he said, perhaps by adding to the light shows and scheduling additional activities such as evening dances.



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Lindsay Larson, a Plymouth Salem High School student, works on a sculpture.

Texas team leads roster of winners

The following were the winners in the judging of carving at the 10th Annual Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

• **Two Man Professional Team Winners:** First place, Andreas Schailer and Toni Steinger of Odermatt Enterprises in Houston, Texas; second, Marcelino Paygane and Armando Baisus of Harbour Castle Westin in Toronto, Ont.; and third, Ted Wakar and Jim Burr of Frozen Images in Canton.

• **Individual Professional Winners:** First place, Andreas Schailer of Houston, Texas; second, Toni Steinger of Houston, Texas,



Students from Plymouth Salem High School carve Bert and Ernie Sesame Street characters.



SHERRIE BUZZY/staff photographer

Jim Dravenack of Chicago, Ill., creates a Ninja sculpture.

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—Marti Kulikowski
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'We wouldn't buy a Japanese vehicle, but we have a Japanese TV and VCR. If you want one that's what you buy.'
—Stan Kulikowski
Dearborn Heights



'No. I dated an Oriental woman once and they use you. I'm sorry.'
—Paul Bezaire
Plymouth



'Nope. I work for Ford Motor Compay and they're doing us bad, because they're sending so many exports over here and putting people out of jobs.'
—Richard Bragg
Ypsilanti



'We'd buy some things, but not a car.'
—Norma Sawyer
Redford

lunch menu for seniors

Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services offers the following hot meals for people 60 or older the week of Jan. 27:

Monday — Hamburger on bun with mustard, ketchup, relish; corn on the cob; coleslaw; peach slices and milk.

Tuesday — Turkey with gravy, sweet potatoes, tossed salad with french dressing, chocolate chip cookie, bread and margarine and milk.

Wednesday — Chicken fajitas with pita bread, chopped tomato salad, spinach salad with individual dressing, orange and milk.

Thursday — Baked ham, parsley whole potatoes, broccoli, birthday cake with ice cream, wheat bread with margarine and milk.

Friday — Veal cacciatore stew with linguini, green beans, orange pineapple juice, honeydew/strawberries and milk.

Meals will be served at noon at Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan, in Plymouth (453-9703) and at 11:30 a.m. at Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. (397-5444).

Call 24 hours in advance for reservations. Call for cancellation. Suggested donation is \$1.50.

Church battles to house homeless

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The township didn't act arbitrarily in denying the church a permit to house the homeless, he said.

"If we waive our ordinances or choose not to enforce them and then someone gets hurt, and we knowingly do this, then we are liable."

"There is a need for building safety and fire ordinances. That's why they were developed by the state," added Law, a former state representative.

"There weren't adequate codes many years ago, and there were tragedies that happened, so the state changed things over a period of time."

The township must enforce ordinances fairly across the board, whether a church, residence, or industrial building is involved, he added.

"The church was asking for multiple family housing in a single family

area," Law said. "The church hasn't been inspected or built for multiple housing. It doesn't have single-family rooms, or the amount of sanitary toilet facilities necessary."

"And we don't know where these people would sleep," he said. "We don't even allow businesses to put boxes in hallways, let alone sleeping people."

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Local reps star in Dems reply

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Local Democrats James Kosteva of Canton and William Keith of Garden City won starring roles in their party's reply to Gov. John Engler's state of the state message.

Democratic orators on a 22-minute videotape used the term "middle class" 14 times and accused Engler of "shredding the safety net" of social services for the poor.

Kosteva, chair of the House Colleges and Universities Committee, sponsored the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the prepaid college tuition program Engler is trying to shut down.

"One evidence of the success of the MET program is that it's not only the 55,000 enrollees who have signed up, but we currently have 1,300 students in Michigan colleges and universities today who are there largely because of MET," Kosteva said.

He accused Engler of "political motivations" in trying to "discredit" MET.

KEITH, de facto chair of Speaker Lewis Dodak's commission on worker training, said the goal is to bring business into vocational education so it's "no longer a dumping ground" for the academically weak.

Keith added, "Many of these middle class people are one paycheck away from disaster."

"And with massive layoffs and massive cutbacks such as we're facing in the state of Michigan, many of those people need to be retrained so that they could get jobs, even in their own fields, today, with more technical knowledge."

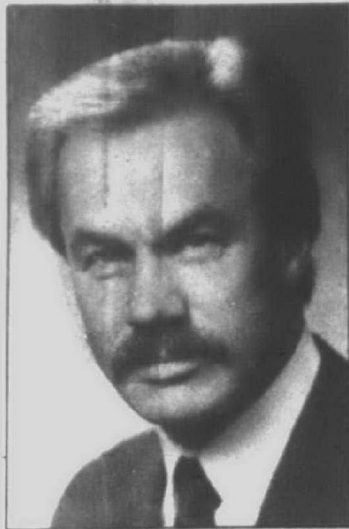
But as Democrats bashed Engler on behalf of the middle class and poor, one Republican bashed back. "What we don't need is people thinking in terms of one class against another," said Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia.

REP. MAXINE Berman, D-Southfield, found one line in Engler's speech to praise.

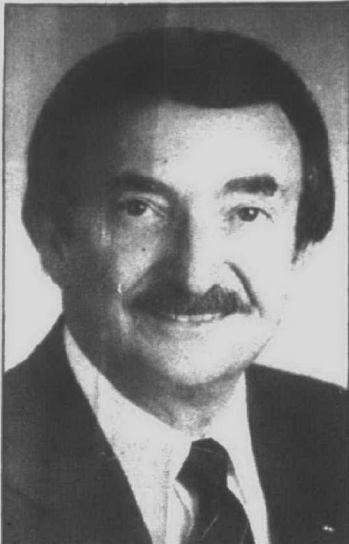
"The governor struck the right chord on Michigan workers being quality workers. He may have learned from last year that if he comes waving a machete, people are going to wave a machete back," she said.

"But I don't like his (property) tax proposal. First, it will decimate our budget — there's no money to replace that. Second, the residential property taxpayer has been paying more (than business). I suspect it won't win at the polls."

But Rep. John Bennett, D-Redford, found much more to agree with. A \$1,000 per job tax credit for business? "That's pretty good. I like that." Promoting tourism and giving business tax incentives in Detroit? "I'm for that." Cleaning up more



Democrat James Kosteva of Canton criticized Engler for trying to shut down the Michigan Education Trust Fund.



Democrat William Keith of Garden City said: "Many of these middle class people are one paycheck away from disaster."

toxic sites? "I've been preaching that for five years."

BENNETT RAISED an eyebrow at Engler's opposition to a fuel tax increase. "How are we gonna improve roads?" he asked.

Said Rep. Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, chair of the House Transportation Committee: "Without additional revenue, it (road building) is going to be jeopardized."

Two outstate Republicans also were unhappy at Engler's opposition to a fuel tax increase.

"I'm disappointed. We've got a lot of work to do," said Rep. Susan Munsell of Howell.

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Engler calls for tax cuts, better schools

By Tim Richard
staff writer

"Change," Gov. John Engler said 23 times in his 1992 state of the state address.

More tax cuts, improved schools and better delivery of social services will be the themes of his second year as chief executive.

The conservative Republican insisted Tuesday there would be "no

retreat down the path of failure — liberal, big government, tax and spend approach — \$150 billion worth during the 1980s."

Engler disappointed many on both sides of the aisle with his refusal to support a fuel tax increase for roads. "Now is not the time," he said, pledging Michigan would come up with a 20 percent match for an anticipated \$3 billion in federal aid without a tax hike.

How? "We have ways. There are things we can do," said Patrick Nowak, the former Oakland County politico who heads the Department of Transportation.

DEMOCRATS, WHO control the House, sat in icy silence 18 of the 22 times Republicans interrupted his speech with applause.

Democrats joined when Engler praised American cars and auto

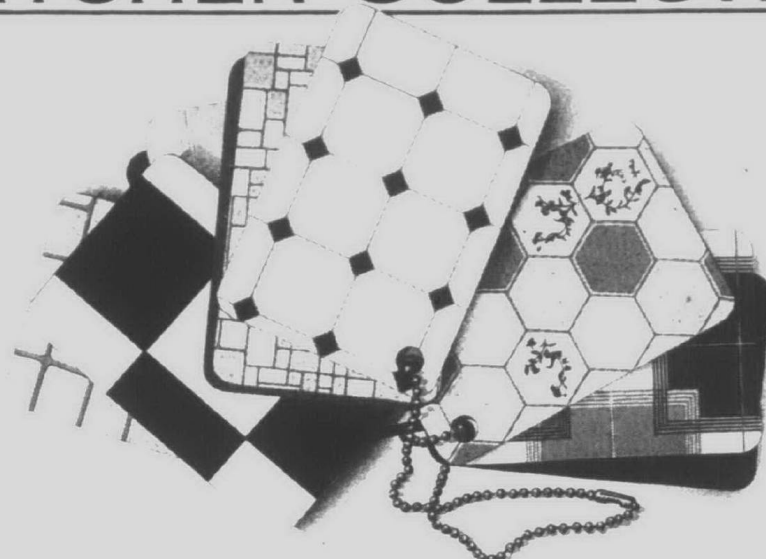
workers, said he would work to keep open the General Motors plant at Willow Run, introduced former hostage Alann Steen and praised Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld's commission to improve adoption laws.

"We all share that. I worked there (at Willow Run) as a kid, when it was a bomber plant," said

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Bringing art into the classroom is group's goal

By Linda Ann Chomin
Special writer

Whether it's called the Art Lady or Picture Lady program, the purpose of the Plymouth Community Arts Council is the same, to instill an appreciation for art throughout history in Plymouth and Canton school children.

The arts council along with Friends of the Plymouth District Library will hold a meeting on the art in the classroom program at 2 p.m. Sunday in the upstairs meeting room of the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

"The purpose of the presentation is to provide the community with an idea of what the program is. It's for their pleasure," said Karen Berrie, arts council president.

The arts council originated in part, because of the Art Lady or Picture/Sculpture Lady program. After giving a brief history of the arts council and statement of purpose, Berrie will introduce the presentation.

"This is one of the programs that got the council started," Berrie said. "This is a service we provide to the community, an enrichment program. We provide the materials but if we don't have volunteers in the schools, we can't run the program."

THE PROGRAM covers 11 elementary schools in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Students of Gallimore, Hulsing and Hoben schools do not participate in the program for lack of volunteers.

"We have 102 volunteer moms, dads and grandparents in the program right now. We need close to 50 more. We'd like to have enough for three more schools," said Nancy Pawelski, program chairperson.

Pawelski will outline the Picture/Sculpture Lady program and demonstrate firsthand with children in attendance, how a presentation might proceed.

"If you have the volunteers all the grades are covered once a month. The kids really get excited and it's not structured. There's no one way to present the art material to the kids. You can pull out one painting from the portfolio at a time or all of them. It usually takes 20 minutes but you could be there an hour if you wanted to," Pawelski said.

The program introduces students to two facets of art—sculpture, and two-dimensional art, including paintings. The arts council provides volunteers with a portfolio complete with reproductions. Written material included with the reproductions contain lists of presentation ideas in general and suggestions by grade level for discussion.

PORTFOLIOS HIGHLIGHT artists and themes like music, Monet or Dali, animals, still life, birds, occupations, self portraits, sports, winter, masks, Oriental arts, fire, boats, buildings, trains and red.

"By using a theme, you bring something from the un-touchable into their world. You're talking about how it makes you feel. One parent asked the kids to get under the desk, tape a piece of paper up and pretend they were Michelangelo," Pawelski said.

Sculpture presentation packages include similar written material and reproductions of sculpture dating from Egyptian times down through the history of man.

Millie Albers of Canton is chairwoman of the volunteers at Fiegel School. She became involved with the program five years ago because of daughter, Amanda who is in the fourth grade at Fiegel.

"The kids love to see that red portfolio coming down the hallway. I think parents have lost sight of how important it is for their children to see them in the schools. Anytime parents volunteer it is very beneficial to the children, not to mention what they learn," Millie Albers said.

DURING REGULAR school art classes held once a week students are involved with working on their own projects, how much they learn about art history or art appreciation is very limited, Albers said. Without the

arts council's program brought into area schools by volunteers, students wouldn't be exposed to the arts. The program provides a well-rounded education.

Fiegel currently has 18 volunteer moms, dads, and grandparents involved in the program.

"I'd love to see more volunteers. We can always use more parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles in the program at Fiegel," Albers said.

Quite a few dads volunteer their time at the school. Albers would like to see more involved but feels the Art Lady name might hinder participation.

"My own personal feeling is to change the name from art lady, to art person or people to where it encompasses all the volunteers. I have one father who if he'd been intimidated by the name, the children wouldn't have benefited from his art background."

BUT ALBERS was quick to point out that volunteers do not need to know anything about art.

If you'd like to know more about becoming a spokesperson for art in local classrooms, plan to attend the Jan. 26 presentation at the downtown Plymouth library. For information call the arts council office at 455-5260.

Advanced registration is required since seating capacity is limited. To register call 453-0750.

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Library at issue

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Library usage is up 104 percent over the last five years, board member Carol Davis said.

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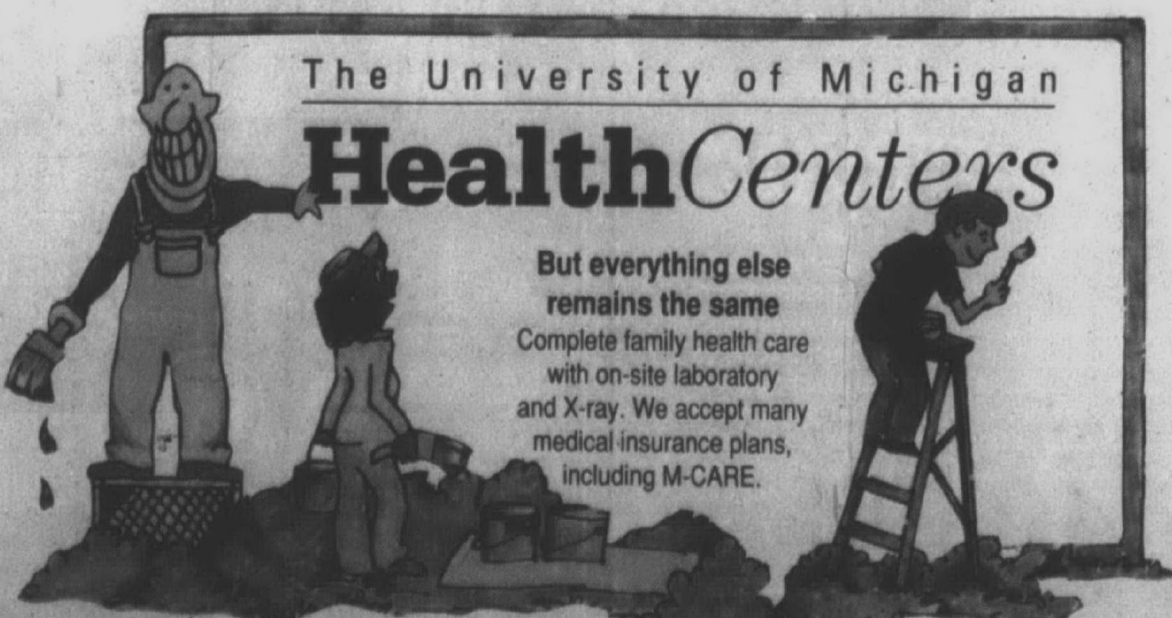
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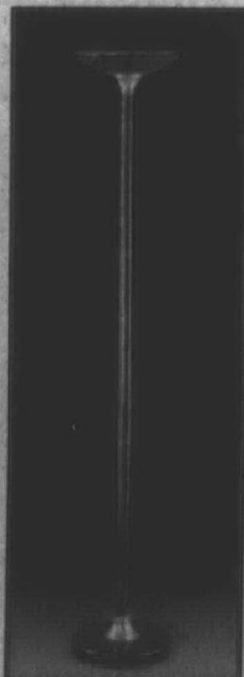


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Lawmakers offer views on speech

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 "A modest gas tax is justified. I'm disappointed," said Rep. Robert Bender, R-Middleville.
BUT OTHERS on both sides of the aisle wanted no part of any tax increase.
 "He's not allowing himself to waver," said freshman Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township. "His position on the fuel tax goes in stride with his no-tax position."
 "I'm delighted he's not going to ask for a gas tax," said freshman Rep. Georgina Goss, R-Northville. "If he can find a way (to pay for roads), more power to him."
 "I'm opposed to any tax increase, including a cigarette tax," said Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn.
 "It's gratifying his road program does not include a gas tax increase," said freshman Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-West Bloomfield, repeating Engler's line: "Now is not the time."
 An accountant with small business clients, Dobb warmly praised En-

glers proposal to lighten the single business tax burden for small business. "I know first hand the impact it can have on small business."
REP. JAN Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, underlined an Engler theme that few others noticed: "Rebuilding cities, our distressed areas. They're costing us either way," she said, referring to social services versus attracting new business.
 In a news conference, Senate minority leader Art Miller, D-Warren, said Engler's "rhetoric is geared to the corporate board room — the country club — not neighborhoods."
 But Engler fired his own salvo, citing his conversations with 400 individual Michiganders last year in his open door chats. "I listened to a single mother... I listened to a factory worker... I listened to senior citizens... I listened to a mother of three in a Salvation Army shelter," he said. "I know people want change."

Engler's message emphasizes change

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 Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn.
 "The governor and I are walking hand in hand on Willow Run. First time," said Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, whose district include the auto plant. Profit handed out red teddy bear badges saying "I love Willow Run."
 Despite his oratorical emphasis, Engler offered no specific plan for persuading GM to consolidate operations there rather than in Texas.
MORE TAX cuts are on Engler's general agenda:
 • Voter approval of his "cut and cap" plan to slice all property taxes 30 percent and hold assessment increases to 3 percent annually. The plan is likely to be on the 1992 ballot.
 • A \$1,000 tax credit for every business that hires a person unemployed for six months. Engler gave no revenue loss estimate.
 • "An increase in the number of smaller enterprises eligible for relief under the single business tax." His business ombudsman, Judy Mil-

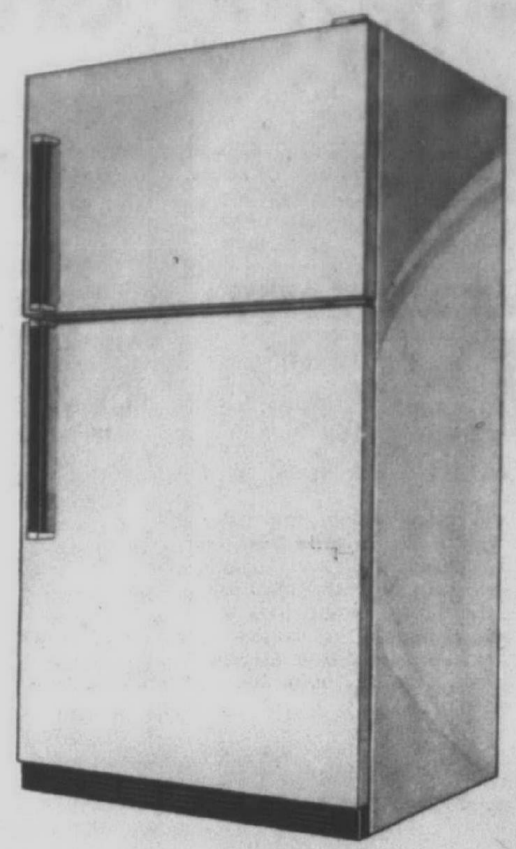
ler of Bloomfield Township, said she hadn't seen any detail. Again, Engler gave no revenue loss estimate.
 • "Additional tax incentives to revitalize Detroit and other urban centers" through enterprise zones.
UNLIKE GOVS. William Milliken (1969-82) and James Blanchard (1983-90), Engler did not issue a lengthy pamphlet with dozens of detailed recommendations and extract 30 minutes' worth for a speech.
 His total message was the eight-page speech, printed on recycled paper and paid for by his officeholder expense fund. The spartan appearance underscored his theme of attracting business investment by slashing state spending except for schools and social services for families.
 Engler proposed two methods to improve delivery of social services:
 • Expansion of "Families First" — an intensive, in-home service (to reduce the need for foster care by successfully keeping at-risk families together.)

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State of Michigan Retirement Systems showed "substantial growth in assets during 1991," according to state Treasurer Douglas Roberts.
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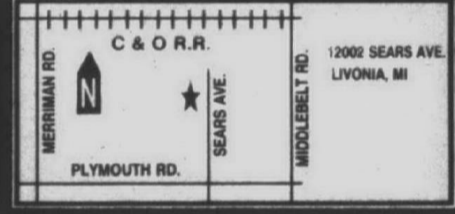
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'Amazing' Grace Burley dies at 96

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Grace N. Burley, who died Jan. 17, just 10 days shy of her 97th birthday, was an inspiration to everyone who knew her, or for that matter, knew of her.

Her friends called her "Amazing" Grace, a nickname given her by her doctor, and with good reason.

Burley, who came to the Plymouth area in 1920 and lived in the house that later became the Hillside Inn and Ernest's, moved at the age of 94 to Gaylord to be near her son and daughter-in-law. She lasted six months.

"She said that all she saw was snow," said Eileen Williams, a long-time friend of Burley's with the Plymouth VFW. "She said she was sick of it and was coming back to Plymouth. While her son was down in Alabama, she moved back. All her friends were here, and this is where she wanted to be."

"IT SEEMS TO me that the world began to see Grace's amazing qualities after her husband died," said the Rev. William Myers of Faith Community Moravian Church at her funeral service Monday.

"Her children remember that after the funeral, their mother was all alone. Our country was fighting a war, and that drew her family away from home. Instead of moping around, Grace got a job and worked at a small factory. When hostilities ended and our factories resumed making cars instead of tanks and planes, Grace went to work for Ford



Amazing Grace Burley didn't mope around after her husband died. 'When (World War II) hostilities ended and our factories resumed making cars instead of tanks and planes, Grace went to work for Ford Motor Co. She remained their loyal employee until she retired in the early '60s,' said the Rev. William Myers.

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For Grace, retirement didn't mean slowing down. She drove until the age of 95, and not just to the doctor's office and the grocery store. A typical week saw her at the Elks Club for lunch on Tuesday, the Cultural Center to play pinocle on Wednesday, at Tonquish Creek Manor for lunch on Thursday, and at

the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post much of the rest of the time. A charter member of the VFW's Ladies' Auxiliary, Burley served as auxiliary chaplain for 14 years.

"She was on hand for everything, being active, doing things — she was a very, very nice dependable lady," said Williams, auxiliary treasurer.

Burley's VFW friends many years ago dubbed her the "Rose Kennedy of the Auxiliary," because of the

many tragedies life dealt her.

Burley lost her mother when she was a child. Her husband Chester died in 1942 at the age of 59. The couple lost a daughter at eight months, and a second daughter when she was 56. A son and his wife were killed in a car accident several years ago, and another son died at 56.

Grace re-charged her batteries by spending time with young people, said Myers.

Williams said Burley "took a couple of bad spills. She moved last year to a nursing home in Westland and was pretty much in a wheel chair. Toward the end, she was still very alert, until her death when she just collapsed. Her heart just quit."

Funeral services for Grace Burley were Monday, Jan. 20, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Burley was born Jan. 27, 1895 in Oxford. She was active with the Plymouth senior citizens, and was named VFW's "Poppy Queen."

She is survived by one son, Harold Burley of Gaylord; eight grandchildren, including Debra Krauss, previously of Plymouth, Barbara Ward, previously of Plymouth, Janet Chaplowsky, previously of Plymouth and Nancy Millross, previously of Plymouth and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Magazine features local teen

Sarah Chester, 13, of Plymouth appears in Teen magazine's February issue as a 1992 Great Model Search regional semifinalist.

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Sarah Chester

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THE SPORTS AUTHORITY

Stadium vote followed — from afar

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

A stadium vote is expected this year in San Jose, but that doesn't mean friends and foes of Wayne County's own proposal will bump into each other on the way west.

Wayne County's stadium proposal "isn't on the front burner" at present, according to deputy county executive Michael Duggan. But that doesn't mean County Executive Edward McNamara and his staff will be doing any field research in California.

"We don't see any reason to go out there," Duggan said. "We have the press clippings, we're keeping on top of what's going on."

Tiger Stadium Fan Club members said they wouldn't be spending time in the Bay Area, either.

"THERE ARE similarities, but the issue out there isn't exactly like the one we have here," said fan club member William Dow of Birmingham.

Voters in San Jose are being asked to approve bonds for a \$155 million, 48,000-seat, open-air stadium that would lure the San Francisco Giants baseball team south.

One major difference, at least according to fan club members, is that Tiger Stadium is beloved by baseball fans while San Francisco's chilly Candlestick Park is beloved by no one.

"There, they're trying to build a baseball stadium," Dow said. "While, here, we already have a perfectly good one."

Duggan, however, sees more similarities than differences.

"The San Jose proposal is essen-

tially the same one we have before the Tigers in terms of bonds and revenue," he said.

One other similarity: voters, not baseball officials, would have the final say on each proposal.

Despite an estimated 50 mile distance, San Jose and San Francisco are considered part of the same geographic region by major league baseball. That means the Giants' move wouldn't be subject to a vote by other team owners.

Similar provisions would also apply to an attempt to move the Tigers to another metro site — though baseball's American League would have to authorize an out-of-state move.

Despite several months of negotiating, the county and Tigers management have yet to agree on a stadium deal.

With talks stalled, it looks increasingly doubtful that there will be a Wayne County stadium vote this year — though Duggan didn't rule out the possibility.

"It could happen, but it isn't on the front burner at this time," he said.

At the same time fan club members are going to Wayne County Circuit Court this month to answer a challenge to their petitions calling for a Detroit-only vote on strict enforcement of the Tiger Stadium lease.

The lease, fan club members said, binds the ballclub to the stadium through 2008.

If they seek precedent, fan club members need look no further than San Francisco. Provisions of their Candlestick Park lease prevented the Giants from moving to Toronto some 15 years ago.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Making tracks

We'd like to know the name of this cross country skier, gliding over the snow in Hines Park earlier this week, but our photographer couldn't keep up. All that proves, we suppose, is that on snowy days like these a good pair of skis may be the best way to go.

Detroit Zoo-goers can hear condor tales

Detroit Zoo fans soon can learn more about the two local Andean condors which helped provide research for the successful reintroduction of the California condor last week.

The Detroit Zoological Society, the private group which aids the city-owned zoo, will sponsor a lecture about the California condors at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in the auditorium of Cranbrook Institute of Science, Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

In "California Condors: Back to

the Wild," Dr. William Toone, curator of birds from the San Diego Wild Animal Park, will tell of his conservation work with the California condor population.

Tickets are \$5 for the public and \$3 for Detroit Zoological Society members. Call (313) 541-5717 for ticket information.

"Our condors' siblings were actually used to develop the release techniques for the California condors," said Detroit Zoo bird curator Tom Schneider.

The local zoo is a member of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums Condor Propagation Group. Located on 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak next to the I-696 freeway, the Detroit Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

"BECAUSE THE reproductive biology of the California condor is similar to that of the Andean condor, which breeds well in captivity, zoo biologists were successful in reproducing this species at selected zoos,"

said Schneider.

The zoo's bird exhibit is located to the right of the zoo's main entrance. The 6- and 7-year-old Andean condors are in the courtyard.

In 1987, when the last California condor was captured, the species no longer occurred in the wild. A two-phased program to recover the condors was developed.

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Buy American hearing re-set

A public hearing on a proposed Wayne County "Buy American" ordinance has been rescheduled to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 in Room 402 of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

The hearing was initially scheduled for Jan. 14, but canceled due to heavy snowfall.

The ordinance is proposed by Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland.

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RESUME WRITING: Growth Works, in Plymouth, will write resumes and cover letters for job seekers, 455-4093.

VOLUNTEERS: Needed to package or deliver meals to homebound seniors living in the Plymouth/Canton community, 453-2525.

INTERPRETERS: Volunteers who are fluent in a foreign language are needed to assist in interpreting for ill, disabled or elderly people. Call Helen or Colleen at 981-8820.

EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS: Growth Works, in Plymouth, will connect job seekers and employers looking for help, 455-4093.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE: Speakers for groups interested in learning about home care as an alternative to nursing homes or hospitals. Call the community relations director, 981-8820.

SMOKE DETECTORS: Free detectors, with installation, offered from Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth. Call Plymouth Fire Department Chief Al Matthews, 453-1234, or Plymouth Township Fire Department Chief Larry Groth, 453-3840.

VOLUNTEERS: Teen and adult volunteers are needed at the Arbor Health Building, Plymouth, and McAuley Health Building, Canton. 572-4159.

WALKING: Group walks are at 10 a.m. Monday-Friday and 6:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John Neumann Church parking lot, 44800 Warren Road in Canton, 455-9042.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: New Morning School in Plymouth Township is seeking "paid" volunteers for teacher aide substitutes and teacher substitutes, 420-3331.

ADULT CARE: Foster care is needed for adults with mental retardation. Call 332-4410 in Oakland County or 455-8880 in Wayne County.

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Senior citizens

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SENIOR CLASSES: The Canton Recreation Center offers classes, 397-5446.

HOSPICE SPEAKERS: Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations, 522-4244.

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• The Discovery Learning Center, 45678 Helm, in a Metro West Industrial Park, in Plymouth, 6 weeks through kindergarten, 455-5490.

• Pathways to Learning Children's Center, 42290 Five Mile, 420-3553.

• Canton Parks and Recreation Preschool program, the Canton "Crickets," 397-5110.

• Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Co-op Preschool, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, 981-0286 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

• Young Moments Preschool (non-daycare), First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 453-3020.

• New Morning School, Plymouth, 420-3331.

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• Plymouth Canton Head Start, Central Middle School, 451-6656.

• Christ the Good Shepherd, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, 981-0286.

• St. Michael Christian School, Canton, registration for 3-year-old preschool through second grade is March 2-13, 459-9720.

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Julianna DeLaRocque digs up a spike Monday during Salem's volleyball match with North Farmington. The Rocks followed

their championship effort Saturday in the Plymouth Tournament with a victory over the Raiders.

Rocks No. 1 after toppling Mona Shores

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Plymouth Salem did the supposedly impossible in high school gymnastics Saturday and won the Midland Invitational.

The Rocks finished ahead of defending state champion Muskegon Mona Shores and subsequently replaced the Sailors as the No. 1-ranked team in Michigan.

Salem, the runner-up behind Mona Shores in the last state meet, edged the Sailors by one quarter of a point, 143.45 to 143.20.

"Before the meet, I would have been surprised," Salem coach Becky Martin said, "but after watching (the Mona Shores gymnasts) they didn't look as good as they did last year. But it was still a great meet."

THE ROCKS were led by junior Courtney Gonyea, who overcame several formidable opponents from Mona Shores to win the all-around title with a 36.55 score.

Mona Shores' Heather Schneller and Becky Swelinis, the 1991 all-around state champ, were second and fourth in the invitational and Freeland's Sarah Kelly third.

Gonyea was second on the vault (9.35) and floor exercise (9.15), third on bars (9.05) and seventh on beam (9.0).

"Courtney had an excellent day, probably the best day she's had," Martin said. "Actually, everybody did very well. They all contributed and helped us win the meet."

Others who had a role in Salem's success were freshman Melissa Hopson — a winner in two events — senior Autumn Bunch and sophomores Alysia Sofios, Stephanie Skeppstrom and Sarah Makins.

Hopson was fifth in the all-around competition (36.15) and received the highest scores of the meet on beam (9.45) and floor exercise (9.25). She also placed 10th on vault (8.65) and had a non-scoring 8.8 on bars.

SOFIOS WAS fourth on bars (9.25) and floor (8.9), and she was seventh on vault (8.85). She scored 8.45 but didn't place on beam. Sofios finished seventh among the all-around contestants with a 35.45.

Skeppstrom and Bunch tied for

gymnastics

eighth on vault (8.8). Skeppstrom placed sixth on beam (8.75) and eighth on floor (8.6), and Makins took fifth place on floor (8.8). Scoring well but not placing, Skeppstrom had 8.45 on bars, Makins 8.05 on beam and 8.8 on bars.

Martin said the Salem girls are proud of their new status as the top-ranked team in the state and hope to stay there for the remainder of the season.

"We just have a great team with a lot of depth and, hopefully, we can hold our status," she said. "I think we really have a chance of doing that, because we have more depth than (Mona Shores)."

Other teams competing in the Midland meet were Holt (135.15), Rochester (134.5), Hartland (133.8), Freeland (133.55), Traverse City (129.15), Trenton (119.9), Howell (115.05), Vassar (109.75), Midland (79.4) and Midland Dow (77.9).

Salem has a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet tonight at Northville.

Chiefs win invitational title again

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Plymouth Canton turned a potential minus into a plus Saturday and captured the championship of the Rockford Invitational for the second straight year.

The Chiefs began the meet on the balance beam, arguably the most difficult of the four gymnastic events.

But Canton was nearly flawless on beam and eventually posted a 136.35

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Salem chalks up court successes

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Plymouth Salem looks like an up-and-coming power in Observerland volleyball after winning its own tournament and Western Lakes Activities Association opener.

The Rocks won the six-team Plymouth Tournament Saturday, defeating Canton in the final, and began league play Monday with a three-game victory over host North Farmington.

Salem defeated the Raiders (15-5, 15-12, 15-8) despite having somewhat of an off night, according to co-coach Allie Suffety. Of the 89 attacks by the Rocks, they had only 24 kills and more errors, 29.

But Salem managed to overcome the lack of a

volleyball

strong hitting attack by doing all the other things right, Suffety said.

"We had to work hard to get our points from them (in the second and third games). We played well in the first game and then slowed down the pace of play. They started digging us and took us right out of our game. But we passed pretty well and did everything we needed to do but attack, and that kept us in the game."

The Rocks were down 6-11 in the third game

but rallied to within a point (12-11) before Jenna Stanton served the last four of the match, finishing with an ace.

Julianna DeLaRocque led the Rocks with 12 kills, and Shelby Carey had three kills and four blocks. Martha Bol added four kills and Cyndi Platter four blocks.

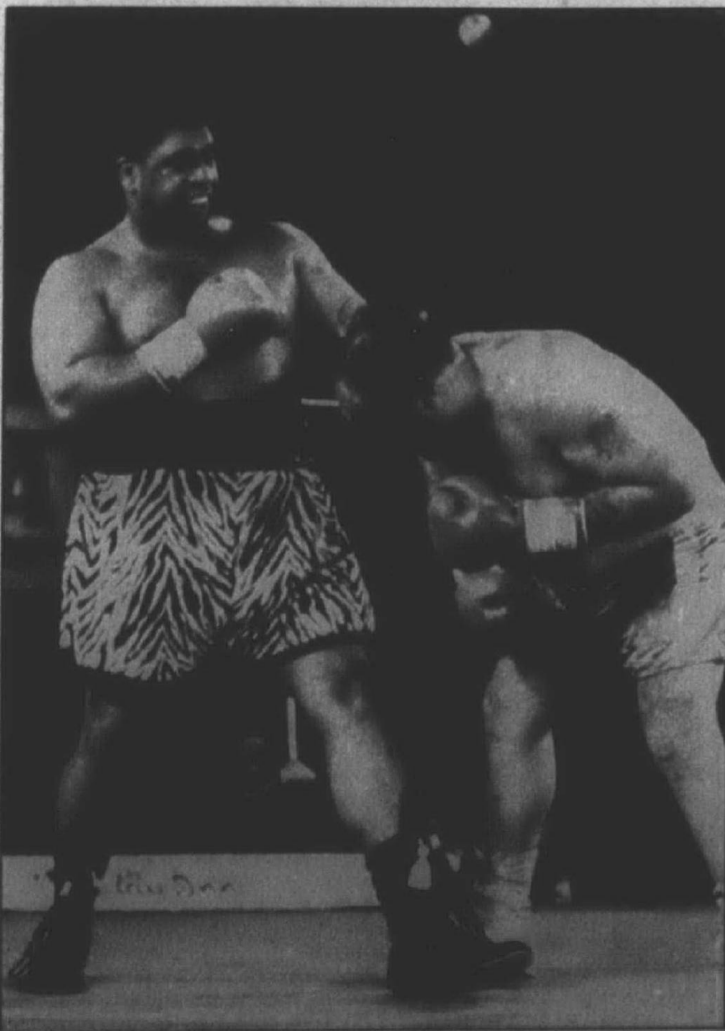
Caryn Tatterton recorded 18 assists, and Thomas led the defense with 12 digs out of 13 attempts. Michelle Cronan was 4-of-4 digging, DeLaRocque 5-of-6 and Nikki Santilli 6-of-7. Salem made only four errors defensively. Jenny Garvey served half of the team's six aces.

"It was a good win and we hope we are going forward," Suffety said.

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Poet Payne

Fighter imitates Ali after Canton win



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Luis Torrez (right) tries to avoid a punch from Livonia's Craig Payne at the Center Stage in Canton.

By Neal Zipse staff writer

Craig Payne doesn't admit to being the next Muhammad Ali — yet — but he's starting to sound like the great former champion.

The 28-year-old Livonia Boxing Club heavyweight improved his professional record to 5-0-1 after a four-round unanimous decision Tuesday over Luis Torrez at Canton's Center Stage.

Payne, listed at 260 pounds, doesn't resemble the great champion but started to sound like him after he battered Torrez throughout the fight.

"In '92, I'm going to show you what I can do; so in '93, I can say look at me," Payne chanted in his locker room. "I'm still six to eight months away from being all the way back, but when I am, I'll be hell to contend with. They're going to think I'm All out of retirement."

Coming off a December draw against Robert Smith, Payne continued on his comeback trail by dominating Torrez, a Cleveland native, before an enthusiastic home crowd. Payne was unable to knock down the portly Torrez, but made sure his punches left damage.

"He can take a punch," Payne said. "I hit him good in the left side a couple of times and thought he was going to collapse."

BY THE END of the fight, Torrez's entire left side was as red as his trunks and blood trickled from his nose and upper lip.

The fight looked as if it wouldn't last one round as Payne pounded Torrez with a flurry of 15 straight right hooks to Torrez's left side.

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'The Sound and Fury' Playwright introduces Faulkner

"Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write," 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Livonia City Hall Auditorium and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at a dinner theater in the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. Tickets for the Jan. 30 performance are \$5 in advance, or \$6 at the door. Dinner theater tickets, \$25, available at the Plymouth Community Arts Council office 322 S. Main. For reservations call 455-5260.

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Actor/playwright John Maxwell presents his one-man play "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?" at the Livonia City Hall Auditorium, Farmington Road at Five Mile, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, and at a dinner theater 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the Mayflower Meeting House, 455 S. Main Plymouth.

"I ENJOY introducing people to the man," said Maxwell who performs the part in a soft, Southern drawl using some of Faulkner's personal belongings such as his pipe and hat as props.

"I read all of his novels, screen plays and poetry," said Maxwell, who spent six years researching the book, and six months co-writing it with Tom Dupree.

"I spoke with people who had known him for their personal recollections. The key was the letters. There was a volatileness there about the man. I didn't start off with a grand plan to it. It formed on its own as I began writing."

Set in the author's Mississippi den, the action takes place prior to Faulkner's receiving the Nobel Prize

'It's entertaining. It's not an academic piece. It makes Faulkner accessible to those who knew his work, and those who never heard of the man.'

— John Maxwell

in 1949 as he wrestles with whether or not to travel to Stockholm to accept it.

"Oh, Mr. Faulkner" strikes a delicate balance between drama and humor as Maxwell's script focuses on Faulkner's human side. In one heart-rending scene, Faulkner reveals details of his brother Dean's death in an airplane. He blames himself because he bought the plane and paid for his brother's lessons.

"It's entertaining. It's not an academic piece. It makes Faulkner accessible to those who knew his work, and those who never heard of the man. He has such a dry, dark sense of humor. He's an abundantly rich storyteller."

TO SHOWCASE Faulkner's dry wit, the play travels back to the hard drinking author's unhappy screen writing days in Hollywood where his famous conversation with Clark Gable took place.

Gable asked Faulkner to name the top writers in America. Faulkner named them, and included himself in the list. Gable replied "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, do you write?"

Faulkner countered, "Yes, Mr. Gable, what do you do?"

The play ends with Faulkner deciding to go to Stockholm to accept the Nobel Prize because, as he put

it, he owes it to a lot of people who have "waited a long time to be proud of me."

Like Faulkner, Maxwell was born in Mississippi. Maxwell graduated from the University of Mississippi with a master's degree in theater after completing undergraduate work in English. After a decade as a professor of speech and theater at a community college outside Jackson, Miss., he said he felt burned out. Taking a leave of absence, he applied for a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission to write, "Oh, Mr. Faulkner."

The play made its debut in April 1981 at the New State Theatre in Jackson, Miss. Since then, Maxwell has taken the play throughout the United States and to 12 other countries including U.S. Information Agency tours to the Middle East and Africa. Later this year, he will perform in Japan.

"We're very excited to be bringing such an acclaimed performer to our area, and that so many people including students will have a chance to see this play," said Nancy Pilon, chairwoman of community programs for the Plymouth Community Arts Council which is hosting the performances.

The Jan. 30 performance is hosted in conjunction with the Livonia Arts



Actor/playwright John Maxwell brings to life William Faulkner's humorous side as well as tragic in "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?" Thursday, Jan. 30, in Livonia and Saturday, Feb. 1, in Plymouth.

Commission. Advance tickets are available at the City of Livonia's Department of Community Resources office in city hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

BESIDES MAXWELL'S two public performances, he will give theater workshops, and perform for students at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High School, Divine

Child High School in Dearborn, and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. All are funded in part by a grant from Arts Midwest.

"I'm interested in presenting the Livonia performance because it's another service that the arts commission can offer the community. Any money we receive will go to help pay the fee of the artist," said

Jack Olds, chairman of the Livonia Arts Commission.

"We'd like to make it as affordable as possible," said Kathy Savitskie, Plymouth Arts Council executive director. "This is one of the things we'd like to do with our Wilcox Mill Arts Center to bring in events for all of the surrounding communities, a kind of sharing and collaborating with each other."



Marvin Brennan is at home on stage. The Birmingham resident was in costume for the Detroit production of "The Mikado" at the Fisher Theatre in December.

Youngster breaks into show biz

By William Coutant
staff writer

Marvin Brennan probably won't be watching TV tonight.

While some of his friends play video games, watch their favorite sitcoms or play some one-on-one basketball, the 10-year-old will likely be taking dance lessons or acting lessons, or he might even be in front of a TV camera.

Brennan, a fourth grade student at Guardian Angel School in Birmingham, tried his hand at performing two and a half years ago and has been at it ever since.

"My sisters took a tap dancing class, and I went with them," Brennan said. "I watched what they were doing and practiced it myself."

That imitation of sisters Stacey, 16, and Bridgette, 14, brought out the young dancer's love of performing, and got him started. His mother Kathy said her son's abilities and interest soon took him beyond regular dance lessons, which led to private lessons.

Since then, Marvin has appeared on stage in musicals, plays and operas, on TV specials and commercials, and in industrial and commercial films. His most recent Detroit area appearance came on "Never Lose Hope," a Christmas special that featured Pistons star Isiah Thomas.

And despite those accomplishments, Marvin is like any other boy who likes baseball and playing with friends.

"I got his (Thomas') autograph," he said. "He was nice."

ALTHOUGH HIS parts are sometimes small, Marvin has excelled in a variety of media, from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado," which played at the Fisher Theatre in December, to a principal part in the American Academy of Dance's Soviet Union Cultural Tour to commercial films and a part in a Walt Disney Movie, "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken."

Being ready for a variety of roles requires hours of training in dancing, acting and voice (Marvin has twice

won national dance competitions). And even then, a director might want some one with "a different look."

"They want (the performer) to be good at everything," said Kathy Brennan. "You never know. They may want some singing or dancing in a role. So you've got to be prepared."

So far, Marvin has not been too disappointed with being passed up for parts. He's certainly had his share of roles in his brief career.

And friends don't have a problem with his celebrity status either. "They think it's pretty neat," he said. "They didn't know I could do that work."

Sue Martin, of the Talent Shop in Birmingham, said with few companies that direct their message to audiences with children, such as those that produce toy or baby products, opportunities for young actors are limited. Marvin's good work ethic and professional attitude have helped him get parts.

"Marvin is a very skilled young

man," she said. "He has professional experience and he wants to do this. They either want to or they don't. He really does a good job."

Already, in his brief career, Marvin has traveled to Poland, Russia, Denmark and Sweden, and has auditioned for shows in New York, North Carolina and, most recently, San Francisco.

That travel has a price. Marvin has to make up school work, and if he's on the road, he has to work with a tutor. After a recent trip to San Francisco for an audition, the young Thespian returned only to have to cram for seven exams.

"It's a lot of fun, but a lot of work," Kathy Brennan said. "I told him 'If you want to do this, you have to do your school work.' We don't want to push."

Marvin may be missing out on some things, but he doesn't seem to mind. After all, he might just end up on the other side of the TV screen his friends are watching.

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Pal's

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Roma's

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Festival features community bands

The 12th annual Festival of Bands will be at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Community bands from Birmingham, Novi, Plymouth, Schoolcraft College, South Oakland and Farmington will perform a variety of music from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. At 11 a.m. the Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble performs. The Plymouth Community Band takes the stage at noon. Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble, Plymouth Community Band and the Novi Concert Band combine their talents in a

concert at 1-p.m. Novi Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. followed by the South Oakland Community Band at 4:30 p.m. The Birmingham Community Band performs at 5:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. in a combined concert with the South Oakland Community and Farmington Community Bands. Wrapping up the program is the Farmington Community Band at 7:30 p.m. Twelve Oaks mall is at I-96 and Novi Road. Admission is free. For more information, call 476-5014 or

489-3412. Other area community band events include: A Valentine Dinner Dance sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at Vladimir's of Farmington Hills, 28125 Grand River at Eight Mile Road. Evening features cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. Early reservations suggested. Tickets \$25 per person. Call 476-5014 or 489-3412 for information, reservations. The Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble, a community band sponsored by Schoolcraft College, is seeking new members.

Plymouth Symphony presents recital

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra under conductor Russell Reed will present a recital featuring orchestra members and its 1992 Youth

Artist Competition winner, Rachel Folland 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 North Canton Center Road,

Canton. The program includes music by Grieg, Poulenc, Debussy, Demersseman and Berthelemy, Saint-Saens, and Reicha.

A Plymouth Salem High School senior and student council member, Folland has studied flute for five years and piano, 13. She plays in the high school symphony band and the Michigan Youth Symphony which plays at the University of Michigan. She is a state winner of the Michigan Music Teacher's Competition for piano.

Tickets for the recital are \$6 for adults; \$5, seniors/college; and \$3, student K-12. They are available in Plymouth at Beitner's Jewelry, 904 West Ann Arbor Trail and Evola Music, 215 Ann Arbor Road, in Northville at Gitfiddler, 301 North Main, and Bookstall on the Main, 116 East Main, and in Canton at the Dearborn Music Co. 42679 Ford Road. Tickets are also available at the auditorium box office 30 minutes before the performance.

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● AWARD-WINNING DRAMA
Dan Welcher of Westland appears in the Bonstelle Theatre production of "Trouble in Mind," an award-winning drama by Alice Childress which opens for a two-weekend run beginning 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, going through Feb. 2. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday. The Bonstelle is at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 students and senior citizens. Call 577-2960.

● LIVONIA SYMPHONY
The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Maestro Francesco DiBlasi, will open its B series concerts with selections from Corelli to Gershwin, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 and will feature soloists from the orchestra. This is the first of three concerts that will take place at the Civic Center Library auditorium. Tickets available the evening of

the performance or in advance from Hammell Music, Civic Center Library and Madonna University. Cost is \$10 for general admission, \$5 students and seniors or \$30 family rates. Call 458-6575 for information.

● FAMILY DINNER THEATER
Maplewood Community Center Family Dinner Theater presents "The Gopetto Show" by Pippin Puppets, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Tickets \$5 in advance at the Maple Center. Ages three and up, great activity for grandparents, families. Call 525-8857 for information.

● COMMUNITY CHORUS
Plymouth Community Chorus is holding auditions 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. There are openings for all voice parts. For information call, 455-4080.

● AUDITIONS
Schoolcraft College Theater Department is holding auditions for Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" and Anton Chekhov's "The Marriage Proposal" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan.

28 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the Liberal Arts Theatre on the Livonia Campus, 18600 Haggerty. Male and female parts, boy age seven to 13 needed. Call 462-4400 Ext. 5270 for information or to arrange an audition.

● HENRY V
"Henry V," Shakespeare's patriotic historical drama celebrating England and its king, will be shown 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 at Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University. The public is invited and admission is free. Madonna University is at the corner of I-96 and Levan in Livonia.

● CAMELOT
Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Camelot" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24, 25, 31 and Feb. 1, 7, 8. Sunday performances, 6 p.m. Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads. Tickets \$9 adults, \$8 seniors and youth. One dollar discount if bought in advance. For information, call 349-7110.

● BROADWAY BOUND
Chris McParlan of Garden City

portrays Stan in the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of Neil Simon's comedy "Broadway Bound," 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday 25. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. The Players Guild of Dearborn is at 21750 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive. For tickets, call 561-TKTS.

● MUSICAL VALENTINE
The Detroit-Oakland Chapter of the Ebershop Harmony Society presents "A Musical Valentine" 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15, at Livonia's Schmidt Auditorium in Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile. Tickets \$10, all seats reserved. For tickets, call Bob, 562-1989.

● PIANO COMPETITION
Area students will be participating in the 1992 Mozart Piano Competition at the Recital Hall, the School of Music at the University of Michi-

gan, Ann Arbor 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. Admission is free.

● CELLO EXTRAVAGANZA
Cellist George Sopkin will be joined by seven fellow artists in concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The concert is open to the public at no charge. For information, call 851-1100.

● AVON PLAYERS
Auditions for "Catch Me If You Can," a murder mystery has parts available for five males, late 20s and up; two females, mid 20s to mid 40s. Auditions 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27 and Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Avon Players Theatre on Tienken Road at Runyon Road in Rochester Hills. Show opens March 20 and runs for three weekends. For more information, call the director, Kay Monterosso, 739-0398.

● SPANISH RHAPSODY
Guest artist Andrew Cooperstock, son of Janet and Willard Cooperstock of West Bloomfield will perform at the Lyric Chamber Ensemble's fourth annual Piano Festival "Spanish Rhapsody," 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are \$22, \$16, \$12 and \$8 with discount for students and seniors. Call 357-1111 for information.

● VILLAGE PLAYERS
The Village Players of Birmingham presents "Night of the Iguana" a drama by Tennessee Williams, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, Saturday Feb. 1, Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8. Matinee is 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. The playhouse is on the corner of Hunter Boulevard and Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road. Tickets available at the door, reservations recommended. Tickets \$8, students \$6, call 644-2075 for reservations.

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The latest program of this series, given Jan. 12, marked a certain departure from this approach. While some non-standard material will still be presented on future programs, it will be intermingled with established selections from the standard repertoire.

Starting with the recent program, the selections on all events have been changed to reflect the new trend.

THE LATEST program opened with Mozart's Quartet in F major for Oboe and Strings. It concluded with the Piano Trio in C major by Brahms. In between were two less familiar works that were in the original schedule — a Larghetto and Humoreske by John Knowles Paine (1839-1906) and a quartet for Oboe and Strings by Malcolm Arnold (b. 1921).

The regular contingent of DSO musicians consisted of violinists Lin-



Avigdor Zaromp

da Snedden-Smith and Ronald Fischer, violist Hart Hollman, cellist John Thurman and oboist Donald Baker.

Such change in format is, in my opinion, a step in the right direction. In his introductory notes to the Mozart Oboe quartet, Baker elicited chuckles from the audience when he remarked that the Mozart masterpiece was of a much higher quality than the obscure work by Crusell originally scheduled.

THIS, IN itself, may not be a great revelation to most of us — few would seriously dispute the superiority of the established masters. This, however, doesn't make the less established works obsolete.

Unknown works with reasonable qualifications may be analogous, if not outright equivalent, to a voyage into foreign lands. Such a voyage can be enjoyable provided one doesn't remain stranded. The established repertoire serves as a secure home base of return from such a journey. Possibly a less desirable side ef-

fect is that programming obscure works side by side with the more-established masterpieces tends to put the former at a distinct disadvantage.

THIS WAS the case, for example, with Paine's work for the same instrumental combination as the Brahms Trio. This Larghetto and

Humoreske, in itself, reflects some central aspects of the endowed Romantic tradition, imitating generously the styles of Schumann and Brahms. But it was a far cry from the artistic excellence of Brahms.

Among the factors that made this chasm even more pronounced was the fact that the performance of the Brahms Trio was among the better, more-inspired live performances of this work that I have heard — complete with a sense of perspective and subtle nuances.

The energy flowed from the music itself, rather than from brute force. The latter was more apparent in the Paine work. One had to strain to find something humorous in the Humoreske.

THE Oboe Quartet by Arnold fared better.

With its style and period so far removed from Mozart, it avoided the futile prospect of a direct comparison. Its English idyllic style provided this program with a dimension that was not duplicated in the other works. It also benefited from Baker's ability to make almost any work for oboe sound like a masterpiece.

There was some concern on the part of the organizers that the Detroit Lions game, which took place that day, would reduce attendance. Kingswood Auditorium turned out to be more full than ever. This may have been one significant albeit indirect contribution to the advance-

ment of the arts by a most-inspired invention — the VCR.

THE NEXT program, on March 8, will feature works by Mozart (Flute Quartet), Amy Beach, Villa-Lobos and Mendelssohn (C minor Trio).

Beach has been put on the map recently by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and its director, Neeme Järvi, who recorded her Gaelic Symphony. Her work on this program will be Theme and Variations for Flute and String Quartet.

Avigdor Zaromp, born in Poland, educated in Israel and the United States, has a Ph.D. in math and has studied piano, music theory and history.

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Mail carrier Les Kitchen keeps moving as he delivers the mail on his route.

Working outside

They take winter weather in stride

The ice carvers may have gotten all the glory recently, but they're not the only people in the Plymouth-Canton community who spend at least part of the workday outside.

Police officers, firefighters, Department of Public Works staffers and others spend some time in the great outdoors. School crossing guards, mail carriers, construction workers and others are expected to do their jobs heedless of the wind and weather.

Mail carrier Lee Weatherford has a route in downtown Plymouth. He's been with the U.S. Postal Service in Plymouth for about seven years, and does his best to keep warm when temperatures drop.

"It's tough today," Weatherford said during the recent snowstorm. He offers basic advice to those who work outdoors.

"Just layers, and wear a hat. The hat keeps your heat

in." Weatherford also finds it helpful to wear gloves.

HE'S HEARD that wearing layers of light clothing helps in keeping warm. Weatherford doesn't wear piles of clothing to work, due to the fact that he tends to stay reasonably warm even in winter.

"I know some carriers, it gets cold, they're cold." Clothing and metabolism have a lot to do with that, said Weatherford, who doesn't usually wear long underwear when he's out on his route.

"The only time I wear it is if it gets down to zero and there's a wind factor."

Weatherford has a "park and loop" route, which means he spends some time in a mail truck. He parks the truck and walks much of the route to deliver mail. The truck's not running while he's out walking, so Weatherford doesn't get to warm up too much while driving.



Canton Township firefighters work at an accident scene at I-275 and Michigan Avenue during the recent snowstorm.

War hero shares stories of courage

By Julie Brown
staff writer

For years, Lt. Col. Matt Urban couldn't speak.

Urban, a World War II veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, was wounded many times while serving with the U.S. Army in Europe. One serious wound to his neck left him unable to speak for five to six years.

The damage required years of hospitalization, surgery and therapy followed by convalescing at home. Urban remembers getting up early in the morning before his family awoke. He'd read the daily paper from front to back.

At first, he couldn't make any sounds. "After several months came a whisper." That was followed by the semblance of a voice.

Urban, from Holland, Mich., now does a great deal of traveling and speaking. He spoke at a Plymouth Lions Club meeting Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Mayflower Hotel.

"Try, try, try," he told club members and guests. "You never give up. You live for the future."

THAT DETERMINATION made it possible for Urban, 72, to overcome his injuries. He worked for many years in Holland as a city recreation director and civic center manager before retiring. Urban and his wife have one daughter, a law student at Harvard University.

He remained in the Army until the war ended in 1945, rather than making it his lifetime career.

"They wanted to keep me in and give me a desk job, but I wouldn't have it." He's proud of the military

and of the contributions veterans have made.

"Our military of today is as great as anyone could imagine."

Urban has received a number of military decorations, including seven Purple Hearts and many other combat awards. President Jimmy Carter awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor to Urban on July 18, 1980.

Urban's military records had been lost for many years. He got some help in tracking down that information from a veterans' organization, and on that summer day in 1980 the president draped the medal around Urban's neck.

"I was so proud," Urban said in recalling that day in Washington, D.C. "He gave me a big bear hug. He had tears in his eyes. That was the greatest thing in the world."

URBAN WAS proud to receive the award, but took it in stride and continued to work each day. "It didn't faze me, you know."

During his speech to the Plymouth Lions Club, Urban talked about patriotism, pride and dedication. Those qualities helped him and others do what had to be done during World War II.

He described combat as "a world of hell." Seeing friends injured and killed was a constant reality for the soldiers.

"We had a brotherhood, a feeling of even being closer than to our family brothers."

During wartime, it was either kill or be killed.

"What makes a hero? We knew it then and realize it now." Whenever danger exists, "our God Almighty is

always there to give you that deep-down strength and will to do what has to be done. You do what you have to do."

The contributions of American soldiers and sailors, including those who died in combat, are important and should be remembered, he said.

"All this was not in vain. They established a legacy for the younger generation to come, a legacy envied throughout the world." That legacy is one of freedom, peace and dignity.

"The ones who died are the heroes. They're the forgotten heroes. This is the reason why we should always remember."

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"We do have a great, proud America," Lt. Col. Matt Urban told the Plymouth Lions Club.

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3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial featuring family room, fireplace, 2 car garage, deck, neutral decor and much more. Close to schools & park in Embassy Square Subdivision. \$136,900. Open Sun. 1-4pm. 1225 Whittier. For directions: 461-4822

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Well kept! Hardwood floors throughout except lower level. Natural fireplace, central air, basement finished & carpeted. Large dry bar. Roof new in '85; hot water heater in '88. New aluminum siding. Lovely landscaped yard. Doorwall to private patio. \$119,900. Call today.

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Only 3 left & a model starting at \$84,900. Colonial & 1 1/2-level floor plans ready to occupy now! Wooded site. Great location. Plymouth/Canton schools. For more info call: RICK SULLIVAN

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CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN
2 spacious bedrooms, rent includes...

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FINEST APARTMENTS
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2 & 3 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSES

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Troy/Royal Oak Area
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Many with Loft and washer/dryer

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COME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS & PAY NO RENT TILL 2/1/92

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2 BEDROOM APTS. SPECIAL
MOVE IN FOR \$199

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BIRMINGHAM & ALL CITIES
RENT-A-HOME
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404 Houses For Rent
EXECUTIVE RANCH, 7 rooms, lake view, 2 1/2 baths, central air conditioning...

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PLYMOUTH - Newer, clean 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, colonial in room of Plymouth...

ROCHESTER PARK APARTMENTS
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ROCHESTER LUDLOW APTS.
1 & 2 bedroom apts. available...

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FROM \$695
1 & 2 Bedrooms
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VENUE PREMIER APTS.
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WESTLAND
2 bedrooms, 1000 sq. ft.
\$517 per month. 1 year security deposit...

BIRMINGHAM - Mancharter, 3 bedroom, carpeting, air appliances, garage...

FARMINGTON HILLS - 8 1/2 mile & Farmington Rd. 1 bedroom with appliances...

PLYMOUTH - 5 bedroom country home, carpeted, 3 baths, walk-out basement...

OAKBROOK VILLA
2 and 3 bedroom townhouses
Ranging from \$399 to \$500

LIVE AT CARLYLE TOWER
AND PAY \$619 for a 2 Bedroom and Get 1,300 Sq. Ft. 3 Bedroom from \$785 and Get 1,700 sq. ft. FREE HEAT!!

FRANKLIN POINTE TOWNHOUSES
Plush carpeting, vertical blinds, self-cleaning oven...

WESTLAND ESTATES
On Wayne Rd. S. of Warren Rd. across from Showcase Cinemas...

NEW YEAR SPECIAL
1 bedroom only \$440
2 new tenants W/credit 1 yr. lease

402 Furnished Apts. For Rent
AUBURN HILLS, newly remodeled and furnished, 1 bedroom, on quiet private road...

BIRMINGHAM
American suites
Short Term Rentals from \$35/day including utilities

FARMINGTON
Very clean brick ranch 3 bedroom, full basement, 1 1/2 car garage...

REDWOOD TWP. - two 2 bedrooms to choose from, with fireplace, appliances, rents from \$595/mo.

ROYAL OAK
AMBASSADOR EAST
1 block South of 13 mile on Greenfield Road, 2 bedroom apartments...

MONTICELLO
Unique 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
Victorian Clubhouse

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A Village Green Community
Some restrictions apply

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NEW YEAR SPECIAL
If you have never lived in an apartment before...

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Central location, completely furnished 2 bedroom, heat, hot water, TV, adult building...

BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN MONTHLY LEASES
1 OR 2 BEDROOM
Furnished & Unfurnished

BIRMINGHAM
3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, white formica kitchen w/appliances, fireplace, carpet, garage...

ROYAL OAK
Campbell at 11 1/2 mile Road, 3 large bedrooms, carpeting, close to pool, \$520 per month...

ROYAL OAK
1 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, full kitchen, central air conditioning, close to pool, \$450/mo. Call after 6pm.

ROYAL OAK
Studio apartment fully furnished, \$400 per month in quiet, secured, adult complex...

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12 MILE & TELEGRAPH
SAVE UP TO \$745

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352-2554
Mon.-Fri. 9-5 Sat. 9-noon

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1 bedroom ranch style apartments, unfurnished 1 bedrooms, private entrance...

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PLYMOUTH - 2 bedroom ranch...

405 Property Management
SINGLE FAMILY SPECIALISTS
Professional and complete management...

410 Flats
BLOOMFIELD - Downtown, 2 bedroom...

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Apartment type condominium...

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ROYAL OAK - Move up to 1338 N. Lakeland...

414 Southern Rentals
MARCO ISLAND condo, with tennis, boating...

415 Vacation Rentals
HOMESTEAD - Equitable beautiful townhouse...

420 Rooms For Rent
SLEEPING room for young man, non smoker...

421 Living Quarters To Share
NON-SMOKING male roommate wanted...

406 Furnished Homes For Rent
LIVONIA - Nice furnished ranch, 3 bedroom...

407 Mobile Homes For Rent
FARMINGTON HILLS - Quiet older park...

412 Townhouses- Condos For Rent
AUBURN HILLS - Beautiful 1 bedroom condo...

414 Southern Rentals
ARCADIA, FLORIDA - 3 apartments for rent...

415 Vacation Rentals
AVAILABLE Feb. 14-16, 21-23, Feb. 28-Mar. 1...

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Ski at Harbor Springs! Hubs Not Chasing...

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HOME-MATE SPECIALISTS
30115 Graveland Rd., Southfield

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BIRMINGHAM - 1865 historically designated period...

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BRIGHTON AREA - 2 bedroom, appliances, \$450/mo...

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
Out-patient mental health substance abuse program...

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BOOKKEEPER/CASHIER
Part-time, experienced person with excellent communication skills...

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CUSTOMER SERVICE
Need firm in need of detail oriented person with excellent organization...

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JOIN OUR TEAM
Are you an experienced Business or Services Representative...

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Office-Clerical
OFFICE ASSISTANT
Energetic office looking for a detail oriented person to assist...

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Office-Clerical
RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
We seek an experienced receptionist for our professional office...

504 Help Wanted
Office-Clerical
SOUTHFIELD LAW FIRM seeks full time, non-smoking, experienced secretary...

504 Help Wanted
Office-Clerical
SECRETARY
Bloomfield Hills based marketing firm seeks professional individual...

505 Help Wanted
Food-Beverage
COOK WANTED - Dinner assist-ance necessary. Full time...

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Office-Clerical
ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/Stenographer
Full time position available with responsible salary and work schedule...

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Office-Clerical
BOOKKEEPER
Full charge bookkeeper for the Birmingham area...

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Office-Clerical
DATA ENTRY
A major credit information company is immediate full time opening for a data entry person...

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Office-Clerical
LEGAL SECRETARIES
Let our 30 years of service and experience work for you...

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Office-Clerical
PART TIME TELLER
Man, 9-1:30, Fri., 10:30-5:30, plus 2 full days, pay days per month...

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Personality plus a must for Southfield sales office...

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Full time or 2 part time positions needed for busy Birmingham office...

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SECRETARY
Two temporary to permanent positions available in Plymouth...

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Food-Beverage
DISHWASHER
Mayflower Hotel, 24-30 hours a week. Must be available to work weekends...

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Office-Clerical
ALERT
Wixom office has full time positions for both secretarial and phone sales (not telemarketing)...

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BOOKKEEPER
To maintain Accounting of 10 employees... Must be Macintosh friendly...

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DATA ENTRY CLERK
Qualified individuals must have a minimum of 10,000 keystrokes per hour and a working knowledge...

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Word processing, typing, and administrative support. Must have excellent communication skills...

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Growing company is seeking an enthusiastic, well organized individual with word processing and minimum 3 yrs. office experience...

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We seek an experienced receptionist for our organization. Qualified candidate will have excellent WordPerfect skills...

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GRILL COOK & DISHWASHER
Part Time, Cook in person Bill Knapp's Farmington Hills 36660 Grand River 478-3540

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BILLING CLERK
Magazine dept. of international company has an opening for detail minded organization person...

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BOOKKEEPING ASSISTANT
Position requires a minimum of 6 months experience with PLATINUM software...

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CLERICAL HELP needed part time in the Nov. area. Please call Mr. Green at UNIFORME 345-4800

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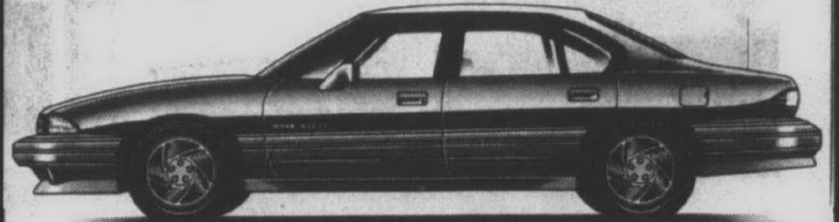
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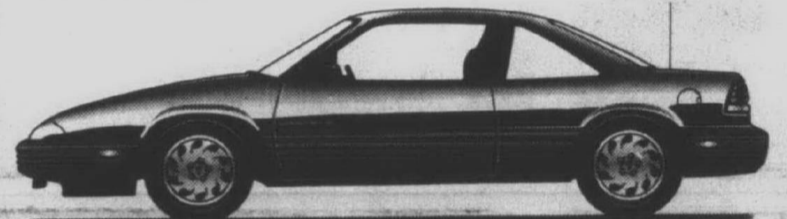
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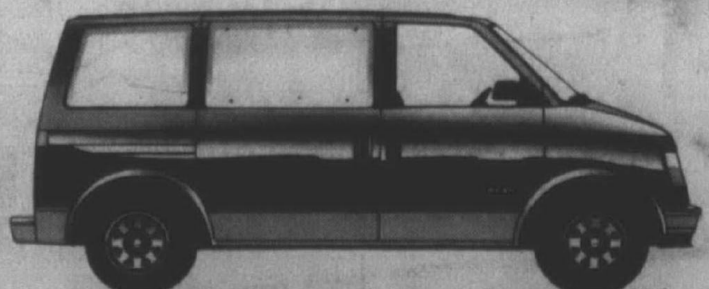
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Construction industry showcases top projects

By Doug Funke
staff writer

BUILDERS AND architects with local connections were highly regarded by their peers this year in voting for Showcase Awards sponsored by the Construction Association of Michigan.

Seven of the 10 projects selected as best examples of quality design and construction craftsmanship in the state by members of the professional association involved firms in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area.

"This is one of the few award programs in existence where people who actually build projects every day determine which jobs represent outstanding work," said John DeMattia, CAM chairman and president of a Novi construction company.

Each of the CAM 3,000 members could nominate up to three projects that were built within the past four years and included both a Michigan contractor and architect. More than 300 were submitted. Showcase award winners include:

TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills designed the Northern Michigan University Sports Training Complex in Marquette and the Saginaw Regional Correctional Facility, a state prison, in Freeland.

R.E. Dailey & Co. of Southfield was the contractor on both of those projects.

A.J. Etkin Construction of Farmington Hills was the contractor for Timberland Four, a Troy office building, and Volkswagen of America, North American Headquarters in Auburn Hills.

St. Mary's of the Hills Church in Rochester Hills was designed by Brown Associates Architects of Bloomfield Hills. Payne-Hickey of Livonia was the general contractor.

Hubbell, Roth & Clark of Bloomfield Hills was the project engineer for the Wixom Wastewater Treatment Plant and Coquillard/Dundon/Peterson & Argenta of Southfield was the architect for Madison Heights Police headquarters. Both are Showcase Award winners.

"We think it's important to highlight architects that show innovation in design and innovation in construction," DeMattia said of the awards.

TOM LANDRY, president of A.J. Etkin Construction, elaborated.

"Awards are given by people in the industry. It's like players in the National Basketball Association deciding on the all-stars, not the fans. It's contemporaries who judge who are in the trenches with you," he said.

Following is a brief description of the award winners with information provided by CAM. Comments from principals involved also follow.

● **St. Mary's of the Hills Church, Rochester Hills.**

The initial phase of 19,000 square feet consists of a multipurpose room currently used for worship, a smaller chapel, narthex with coffee bar, kitchen and office facilities, and five instructional rooms. All at a cost of \$2.2 million.

"We did a very nice project for the money, a good value," said Doug Atkinson, project architect for Brown Associates. "We used a lot of masonry, a lot of block. We used shingle roof on everything."

"By keeping the cost of the building down, we could spend money inside," he added. "The chapel has ceramic tile. Pavers are at the front entrance. The multipurpose room has an inexpensive (57-foot) skylight."

Raising the bell tower proved to be a unique experience, said Dale Payne, president of Payne-Hickey.

"The top section was completed on the ground including gypsum board, roofing, all flashings, finish paint and the cross installed at the very peak," he said.

"The completed tower section then had to be lifted from the bottom because there was nowhere else to lift from. This, of course, made balancing it extremely difficult because it was topheavy. Once set in place, the mason contractor was able to enclose the columns," Payne said.

● **Timberland Four office building, Troy.**

The fourth building in the complex, 126,000 square feet at a cost of \$8.5 million, incorporates extensive landscaping in a park-like atmosphere. The lobby features granite and wood materials, a water display and indirect neon cove lighting.

Disruptions of other tenants was kept to a minimum during construction, Landry said.

"Basically, we maintained the same theme. All buildings are brick. Maximum trees were left on the site

and landscaping enhances overall development," he added.

● **Volkswagen of America, Auburn Hills.**

This four-story structure of 360,000 square feet integrates offices with research and development functions. The building, erected at a cost of \$25 million, has a high ratio of perimeter windows to interior space providing natural light and a good view of the outdoors.

"It's an office building that encompasses two wings that has an atrium in the middle that connects both areas," Landry said. "It was built in 13½ months — including all interior and tenant work — extremely good for a building that size."

● **Northern Michigan University Sports Training Complex, Marquette.**

The timber-domed sports arena rises 132 feet above the ground at its highest point and measures 533 feet in diameter. The dome is formed by 400 preassembled wooden triangles in a grid system, a wooden deck, insulation, then a roof of synthetic rubber.

The structure cost \$21.8 million.

"They (university officials) said we want to play football in it," said Stephen Smith, project architect. "We researched what materials were the most cost effective for the climate and we arrived at a wooden dome."

Tolerances were plus or minus ¼ inch at the foundation for all of the precut pieces to merge at the top, Smith said, adding, "It fit like a glove."

"It's unique in that once it was enclosed, completion schedule was accelerated," said Larry Dailey, the general contractor. "Usually you do the frame, then the exterior walls, then the roof. In this case . . . exterior walls are really the roof."

● **Saginaw Regional Correctional Facility, Freeland.**

The \$33-million, 612-bed multi-security state prison consists of six housing units, an educational/recreational building, administrative building, clinic, food service and warehouse.

Again, both TMP and Dailey combined on the work.

"Things representative of a successful project are to come in within the budget and we did that, come in on schedule and we did that," said George A. Rogers, project manager for TMP.

"There was great coordination between building trades," he added, "and the product is a fine example of craftsmanship. The site is pleasing. In the psychology of reform and incarceration, a more pleasant yard helps morale and in the healing process to return to society," Rogers said.

"One thing important to the construction aspect because there were so many buildings was sequencing the work so the project was adequately manned to maintain schedule," Dailey said.

"A complicated part of most prisons is hardware and security systems and coordinating those with the owner," Dailey added.

The prison hasn't yet open due to the state money crunch.

● **Wixom Wastewater Treatment Plant, Wixom.**
A new technology never applied before to municipal wastewater treatment — parallel plate settlers and continuous backwash filters — was engineered to treat three million gallons of water daily. The \$16 million plant discharges treated water into Kent Lake in Kensington Park.

"Basically, the treatment plant was designed like other plants, then this additional equipment was tacked on at the end of the process to bring the phosphorus level down," said Curt Christeson, project manager for Hubbell, Roth & Clark.

"It really does expand the state of the art, in effect," he added. "We think it's easier to maintain and operate. The plant after one year is operating beautifully."

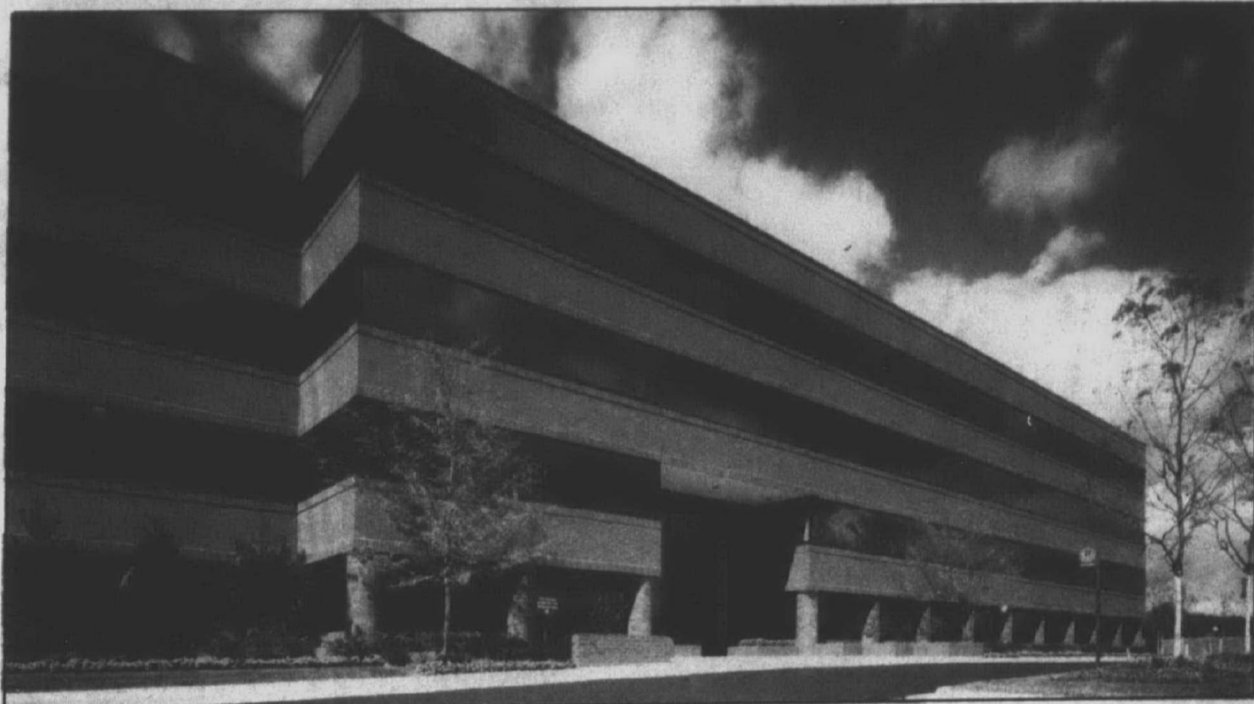
● **Madison Heights Police headquarters.**

The 35,000-square-foot facility built at a cost of \$2.7 million contains a central command area, a pistol training range, exercise rooms and office and locker areas.

"We have a lot of very functional floor space in a very economical package," said Dennis Dundon, principal in charge of the project. "We kept the complications to a minimum and were able to get a lot of value for the owner."

"We have brought together positions manned 24-hours a day — dispatch, lockup, desk where people first come in and shift commander," Dundon added. "This gives flexibility for one person to cover for another during peak times."

Showcase Award winners will be displayed during the CAM Expo Feb. 12-13 at the Pontiac Silverdome.



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The Timberland Four office building incorporates extensive use of landscaping and plenty of windows from which to enjoy the parklike view. The lobby features granite and wood materials, a water display and indirect neon cove lighting.



St. Mary's of the Hills features a large multipurpose room towering over classrooms with varying roof lines. A bell tower connects to the chapel.

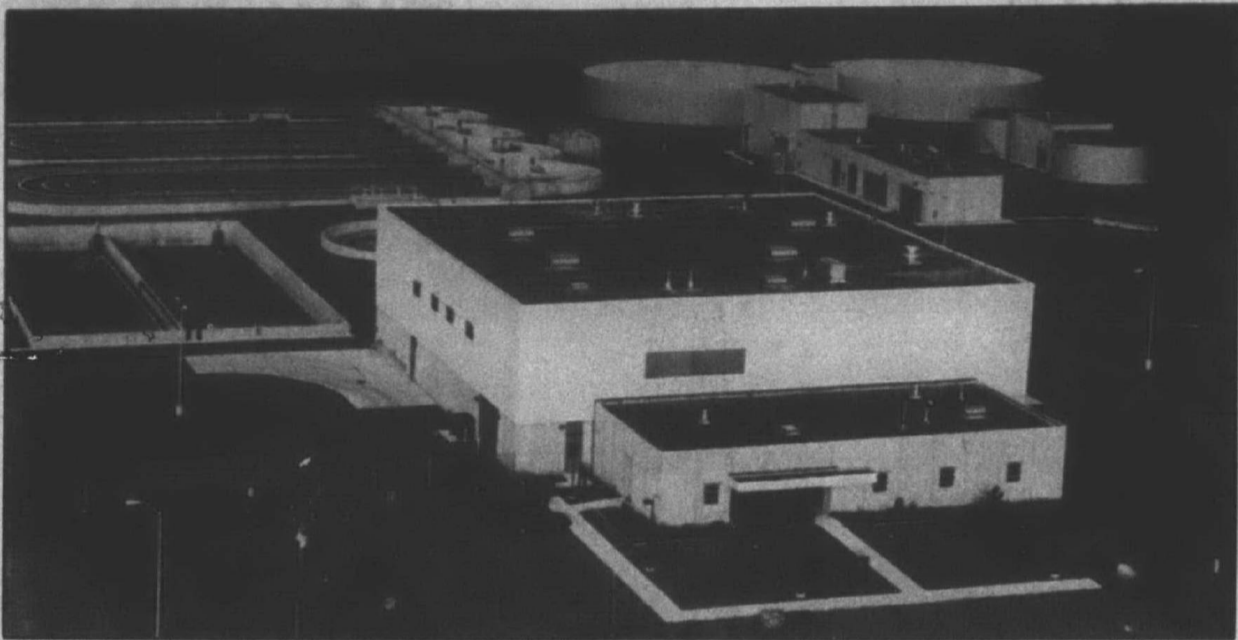
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Builders see tax credit boosting home sales

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Give you \$2,000 if you buy a house. That's what builders are hoping President George Bush will say during his State of the Union address on Jan. 28.

In an attempt to kick start the economy, the administration has been kicking around a notion — among other ideas — that would offer a \$2,000 tax credit for middle income, first-time house buyers. The program, according to information leaked to the media, would last for only a short time — six months to a year.

Every little bit will help, according to area builders, who despite a better sales year than many expected, are expecting a hard time if the economy continues to plod along like a ballet dancer in snow shoes.

BERNARD GLIEBERMAN, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said he doesn't think a \$2,000 tax credit would have made much of a difference several months ago. But coupled with low interest rates, the offer may be too good for people who are considering buying a home — but still haven't made a commitment — to pass up.

"For any young person considering buying a house, the low interest rates (and \$2,000 tax credit) is the chance of a lifetime," Gliberman said. "If they were having doubts, that's a great reason to buy now."

Getting the housing industry going again is critical, Gliberman said, and not just because he happens to be in the business of selling houses.

"One thing I believe, and that is because I've seen it before, is the housing industry always pulls the country out of a slow turn," he said.

House building creates construction jobs, adds to the tax base, and once a house is bought, stimulates the economy when new homeowners

buy goods to use in their homes.

The fact that what is being proposed is a tax credit — which means the \$2,000 comes right off the top of the tax bill — would also spur home sales.

A tax deduction, which would give consumers only a percentage of the \$2,000 after buying a home, would be far less successful, he said.

DEVELOPER HERBERT LAWSON, president of Herbert Lawson Inc. in West Bloomfield, said that he's leary about speculating on a proposal before it's penned in ink, but he is encouraged at what he's heard from the rumor mill and media reports.

"Anything that will help people buy homes should be encouraged," he said.

How much difference an incentive like a \$2,000 tax credit will make is difficult to say.

"Everything is relative; the car companies have done very well with their rebate program."

Like Gliberman, Lawson said he believes many people are sitting on the fence because they are afraid the economy is not going to improve. A tax credit could send the right message.

Still, the major obstacle to buying a house — especially for first-time buyers who have not built equity in an existing home — is coming up with a down payment, he said.

If a tax credit becomes reality, that may make a difference. When people buy a home they need money for more than a down payment. Furniture, appliances, taxes, association fees and other home basics are associated expenses.

"With the \$2,000 they know they are getting right back, they may be able to buy a home now or borrow money to get them through to tax return time."

The limited time frame would give consumers a reason to buy now,



Builders are hoping President Bush will announce a tax credit plan that will allow more buyers to open the door to new homes.

rather than wait until the economy is fully recovered.

"All in all, it may be enough to take (potential buyers) off the fence," he said.

JAY SKACKFORD, vice president of public affairs for the National As-

sociation of Home Builders, the group that began spearheading a drive for a housing tax credit as far back as September, said such an incentive would get the housing market moving again. He mentioned that housing starts (nationwide) in 1991 were the lowest since 1945.

"Builders are on the cutting edge of the economy — we see the downturns and the upturns first."

"Basically, we came up with three suggestions. One, put an end to the credit crunch," Skackford said. Despite the availability of money, lenders were being very conservative after the savings and loan debacle.

"You can't run a free, open market unless there is money available," he said.

"Second, we felt pressure had to be kept on the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates," Skackford said.

The final piece of the puzzle was to restore consumer confidence. "We felt the government really had to step in here."

A tax credit for first-time, new home buyers was proposed, he said, because buying new homes would have an immediate effect on the economy.

The NAHB has since relaxed this stance, and opted for a tax credit for buyers of new and existing houses.

"The impact would be less dramatic but will accomplish the same goal, he said. Once older homes are sold, move-up buyers can afford to buy new homes.

"Our figures said that such a tax credit will result in an additional 250,000 housing starts over last year, which will generate 450,000 jobs," he said. The measure will cost approximately \$1 billion, but should generate \$4 billion.

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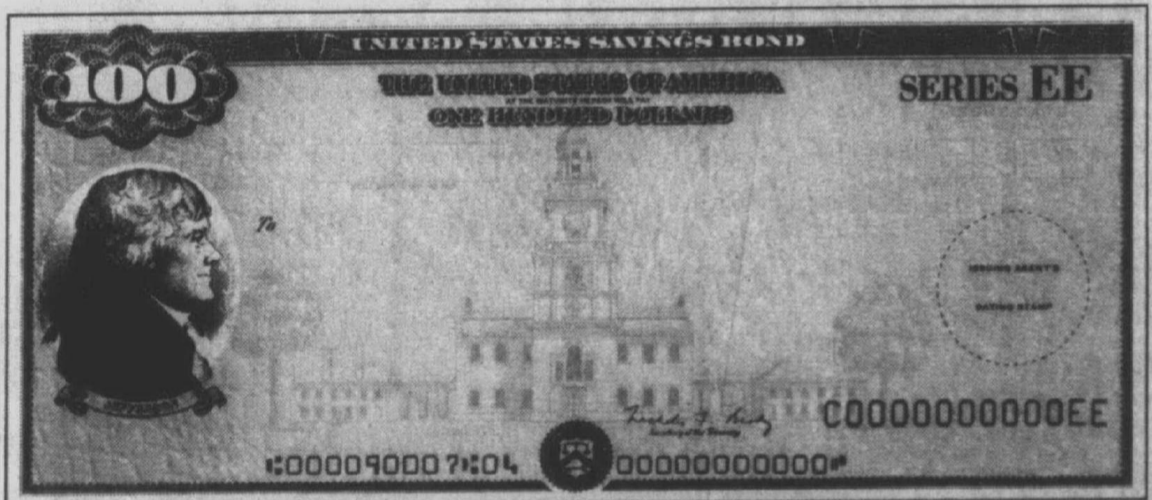
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