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Denise Radtke takes a telephone call in Carl Pursell's Plymouth office as news spread that the 16-year veteran of Congress was retiring.

Carl Pursell to call it quits after 16 years

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By Jeff Counts staff writer

The news filtered quickly through his home town Plymouth on Tuesday. Carl Pursell was quitting.

After 16 years, Pursell's district was carved up by a panel of federal judges and handed over to Democrat William Ford.

The three judge panel's reapportionment plan appeared to give Pursell, 59, a fairly safe south central Michigan district.

But it cost him his traditional Plymouth Livonia base.

"MY DECISION" hasn't been an easy one," Pursell said. "With the impact of redistricting, we quite frankly have arrived at a point where it is time to pass on the baton to a new generation of leadership."

Pursell's departure could cost Michigan a seat on the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

But while Pursell sat on the powerful committee, he still maintained a home in Plymouth Township, re-

turning to it on most weekends. He retained close ties in the community and would often stop by clad in a jogging suit to chat with local residents and businesses people.

He was one of few members of Congress who never moved his family to Washington. His wife, Peggy, is a Livonia teacher.

Pursell himself also taught school in Livonia prior to becoming involved in politics. He also ran an office supply store in Plymouth and at one point worked in his father's print shop.

"I will forever be thankful to those individuals who have supported me throughout the years, and to the voters who continued to give me a vote of confidence."

Having been in Congress 16 years, and serving 6 years in the Michigan Senate, I have made many enduring friendships. I also have had the opportunity to work with outstanding national leaders from both sides of the aisle, and will always remember the thrill of meeting world leaders," he said.
Pursell said he will complete his term and then return to private life in January.



Carl Pursell

He was first elected in 1976, following stints as a Wayne County commissioner and a state senator.

By 1988 Pursell had risen in the Republican ranks to the point at which President Bush offered him a job in the president's administration.

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Friends, politicians will miss 'hometown' congressman

By Kevin Brown staff writer

Carl Pursell of Plymouth Township, serving his 16th year in the U.S. Congress, announced Tuesday he won't seek re-election.

"Representing Michigan's 2nd District is one of the greatest experiences of my life," Pursell said, in announcing his decision.

"I count it a high privilege and honor to have served in the United States Congress," he said.

"My decision certainly hasn't been an easy one. With the impact of redistricting, we quite frankly have arrived at a point where it is time to pass on the baton to a new generation of leadership."

PURSELL'S ANNOUNCEMENT followed by hours the announcement of a U.S. House redistricting plan completed by a federal judicial panel.

To seek a new term, observers say Pursell would probably have had to run in the newly-created 7th Dis-

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— U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell

trict, which lies west of Ann Arbor and doesn't include Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton or Northville.

Denise Radtke, a long-time Pursell staff worker, was answering the phone at the congressman's Plymouth office at 134 N. Main when Pursell called to tell her his decision.

"I think the finality just hit me," she said.

"I told him it's been fun. We've been through a lot of campaigns," said Radtke, who has already taken

out petitions to run for Plymouth Township clerk.

Maurice Breen, former Plymouth Township supervisor and current Wayne County commissioner — and a Republican, as is Pursell — said

"I'm disappointed he is not going to be our Congressman anymore."

It was a very comfortable situation having a hometown Congressman, Breen said.

One hometown politician, Plymouth city commissioner Dennis

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Officials probe diesel fuel spill

The cause of a Tuesday spill of what appeared to be diesel fuel into Plymouth's Tonquish Creek remains under investigation.

"We're still trying to figure that one out," Plymouth assistant city manager Paul Sincok said Wednesday morning. "It's still pretty early."

The Plymouth Police Department received a call Tuesday afternoon from a resident who lives along the Tonquish Creek between Sheldon and Evergreen. The resident complained about the smell of diesel fuel oil in the area.

Police responded approximately 3:45-4 p.m. "They immediately saw it was a situation that needed further investigation," Sincok said. The city Department of Public Works and Fire Department were called in.

The flow of the substance in the creek had let up by that time, which made tracing its source difficult, Sincok said. Plymouth Township officials were notified of the situation.

AS THE FLOW picked up, officials were able to trace it through the storm sewer system in the city, Sincok said. It was traced to the Packaging Corp. of America at Sheldon and Goldsmith.

The flow was blocked off to prevent more of the substance from en-

'It went relatively smoothly. It took a little while to track it down.'

— Paul Sincok
assistant city manager

tering the sewer system. The substance appeared to be diesel fuel, Sincok said.

State Department of Natural Resources officials were on the scene for several hours, and a firm was contracted to do the cleanup, the assistant city manager said. DNR officials will return in a few days to do an additional assessment.

A large puddle in the corporation's parking lot got bigger as the snow melted Tuesday afternoon, he said. Natural drainage caused the substance to get into the sewer system, although officials are still trying to determine how it got into the parking lot.

"It went relatively smoothly. It took a little while to track it down." No injuries were reported and no evacuations were required, Sincok said.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Plymouth city Fire Chief Al Matthews (right) and officials from Packaging Corp. of America look at the site of a spill that ran into the Tonquish Creek.

Schools lay off 2; others expected

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By M.B. Dillon staff writer

Reluctant action followed weeks of bitter words at Monday's school meeting, when the school board voted not to renew the contracts of Field Elementary School assistant principal Karen Zokas and faculty athletic manager James Finn.

In another budgeting move, the school board for the first time since 1989 voted to borrow money — \$8 million at 9 percent interest.

"This (\$8 million) is more than 10 percent of our budget, and it may be the tip of the iceberg," said trustee E.J. McClendon. "It's indicative of the constraints we are operating under."

The district has left unfilled the jobs of executive director of elemen-

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FILE PHOTO

It was 1980 and George Bush was running for president against Ronald Reagan. And there was Carl Pursell, right, sitting with Bush in a campaign appearance in Livonia.

THE PURCELL YEARS

Retiring rep held local, state offices

CARL PURCELL is no stranger to Plymouth. Before being elected to Congress in 1976 he served on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners from 1969-70 and the state senate from 1971-76.

Apart from political offices, Pursell operated an office supply firm in Plymouth and was the president of

the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. He was one of only two congressmen representing the district from Plymouth. The other was Ebenezer J. Pennington, who served in 1851-53. Before announcing his retirement on Tuesday, Pursell spent 16 years in Congress and has changed a bit. We took a look at our file photos. Here's a sampling.



FILE PHOTO

Pursell unveiled spy photos taken in Central America.

In 1987 the then-vice presidential candidate came to Pursell's Plymouth Township home for a gathering of supporters, including former Michigan Gov. George Romney, center.



FILE PHOTO

Man suspected of auto theft drives away in police car

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Plymouth Township police are looking for a man who drove off in one of their patrol cars after he was stopped at 11:35 p.m. Tuesday on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle.

Two township patrol officers stopped the driver, a man believed to be in his early 20s, on Ann Arbor Road at McCumpha. Sgt. Robert Smith said. A woman passenger was also arrested.

Both suspects were handcuffed behind their backs and placed in separate patrol cars, Smith said. The officers then searched the car they believed was stolen.

"At one point, the male suspect was able to either remove the handcuffs or slip them in front of him. The suspect then crawled through the dividing screen to front seat and drove away," Smith said.

The man drove west on Ann Arbor Road.

THE OFFICERS didn't pursue him because the woman passenger was in the other patrol car. "We would not pursue someone while we had a prisoner in the back of a

patrol car," Smith said.

Township police notified Ann Arbor police via teletype, and Ann Arbor police recovered the undamaged 1991 blue and white Chevy Caprice squad car at 3 a.m. in a parking structure near Forest and South University streets.

Some police property, including a Remington 870 pump-action shotgun, was missing, Smith said. So was the suspect.

"We are looking for him, and we know who he is," Smith said.

SMITH DID not identify the suspect, whom he identified as an unemployed transient in his early 20s who previously lived in the area and has a criminal record.

The female suspect has been released pending warrants and further investigation, Smith said.

"We are seeking a warrant for his arrest and have all available officers working on this case right now," said Smith. "If we catch him, hopefully he's going to the big house. He's probably facing a long separation from society."

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New U.S. House districts bring big changes

By Wayne Peal
Staff writer

Carl Pursell isn't running for re-election.

William Ford is running, but will move into a new district.

Sander Levin is also running, but faces a tough primary battle without his western Wayne constituents.

That is the fate of the area's incumbent U.S. congressmen in the wake of a redistricting plan approved Monday by a federal court panel.

Western Wayne's three U.S. House districts face major revisions under the plan.

Plymouth, Plymouth Township and parts of Livonia, expect a new representative next year.

It could also mean a hot race between senior GOP House member William Brownfield and rising party star David Bonior for voters in Redford and parts of Livonia.

Pursell's retirement announcement was a bombshell. The 16-year Republican veteran had earlier sponsored for another term.

The three judge panel's reapportionment plan also appeared to give a fairly safe south central Michigan district, but a court firm has traded that for south Livonia base.

MY DECISION: hasn't been an

easy one, Pursell said. With the impact of redistricting, we quite frankly have arrived at a point where it is time to pass on the baton to a new generation of leadership.

Pursell's departure could cost Michigan a seat on the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

Pursell and his constituents aren't the only ones facing changes.

Ford's hometown, Taylor, was placed in a district with communist ties currently represented by John Dingell of Trenton.

Instead of facing his longtime friend in a Democratic primary, the 26-year incumbent will run in a new created district that includes Garfield, Westland and Canton. All

part of his old district.

I already represent 83 percent of the district, Ford said.

In the process, Ford will move from his Taylor townhouse and take up residence within the new district.

The saddest part of this whole process is that each time we go through it, we have to leave some close friends behind, he said. In this case it includes the people of the city of Taylor, which has been my home since 1933.

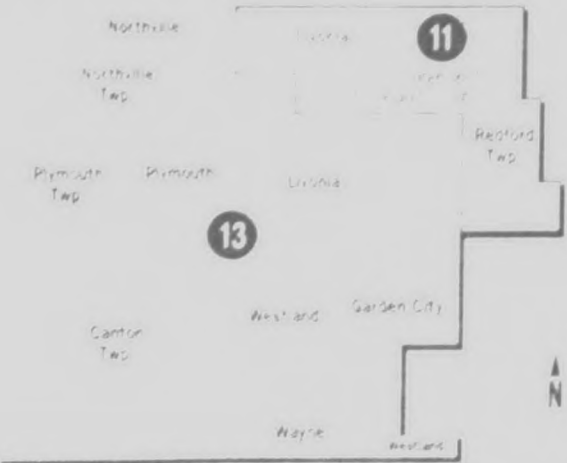
Even though his hometown is in another district, Ford wouldn't have to move. Federal election law only requires candidates to live in the

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— Carl Pursell
R-Plymouth Township

U.S. House Districts for the Observer Area



County commission districts struck down

By Wayne Peal
Staff writer

Michigan Supreme Court justices struck down new Wayne County Commission Districts on Tuesday giving a temporary victory to suburban commissioners who sued to block the districts.

In a move unrelated to U.S. House redistricting, the state high court rejected plans drafted by a county apportionment panel.

Panel members are expected to file a revised plan with the court in two weeks.

The court will put them under a microscope, said Bryan Amann, De-

Wayne, one of four commissioners who challenged the new districts. If they're still not happy, the justices told the wild card.

The ruling was issued late Tuesday afternoon. Apportionment panel spokeswoman Marya Sieminski wasn't available for comment as of press time.

Amann and the other commissioners, including Kevin Kelley of Redford, brought an alternative plan before the court, but it's uncertain whether any part of that plan would be included in the county panel's revision.

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Yack, Law take aim at Lansing 'shell game'

By M.S. Dillon
staff writer

Like local school officials, Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerald Law and Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack are struggling with cuts in state revenue sharing. They see eye-to-eye with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on actions being taken in Lansing.

At the request of school officials, Law and Yack attended a legislative summit to discuss budget problems with state Reps. James Kosteva, D-Canton, and Georgia Goss, R-Northville, and state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, March 21.

Law, a longtime state legislator whose seat is now occupied by Goss, had a warning for school administrators and board members: The plan to have out-of-formula districts pay teachers' social security costs

traditionally picked up by the state is here to stay.

AS IT STANDS, that legislative move will cost Plymouth-Canton schools \$200,000 next year. If a proposal by Gov. John Engler becomes law, Plymouth-Canton will be saddled with the entire \$3.5 million cost in 1993-93.

"It is safe to assume that once the program is instituted, it will be forever the schools' obligation," said Law. "The state has paid those costs since 1974, but if they renege, they'll renege forever."

Said Yack: "I think we are paying for past indiscretions. The state, either consciously or unconsciously over the last 15 years, has backed away from their responsibility for education. Instead of doing some serious soul searching, it's just a shell game. They shift money around, and sud-

denly it looks like they've supported education."

"It seems like we are the only level of government that has to plan, because we have to live by the rules," Yack added. "The state has to live by some rules, the feds have to live by no rules."

Kosteva said the state's share of total educational costs in Michigan has gone from 46 percent in 1971-72 to 42 percent in 1991-92.

Said Law, "42 percent of nothing is still nothing, and the local taxpayer can only afford so much. The state is putting the entire burden on local taxpayers. It's a problem for not only school districts, but for other units of government that depend on taxpayers also."

YACK SAID IT may be time for more dramatic measures. "Some guys throw tea

off ships," he said.

Yack, who spent nearly 20 years in the classroom, sees problems in education that go beyond dollars.

"I think quality education begins at home. You can spend as much as you want, and it will not make a difference," he said. "I think the old ways of negotiating long-term contracts has to go out the window," he added. Three-year contracts, when you don't know what's coming from the state, should be a thing of the past."

Yack said shifting funds from more affluent to poorer districts with Robin Hood legislation isn't the answer.

"Eighty percent of those dollars will end up in someone's paycheck. It won't end up in more books or technology," he said. "Teacher associations will see it as a pay day, an opportunity to catch up. I happened to teach in a district where you could have

put \$10,000 behind each student, and I don't think it would have impacted student achievement."

The legislators said they'll continue to oppose Robin Hood legislation.

KOSTEVA SAID HE'S hopeful the state budget will be adopted on a more timely basis than in the past, giving schools the financial information and planning time they need.

As it stands, local districts legally must adopt their budgets by July 1. The state last year didn't pass its budget until October.

"My hope is that we will have the budget adopted by as close to the first of July as possible," Kosteva said. "That's about as far as I can go. It's a matter of hope. But there clearly is increasing sensitivity about the effects of the budgeting delay. I hope it lends itself to a more expeditious resolution of the budget."

obituaries

THOMAS J. MCKENZIE

Services for Thomas J. McKenzie, 79, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth, were at 11 a.m. today at St. Francis Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens.

Mr. McKenzie was born March 12, 1913 in Detroit. He died March 21 in Ann Arbor. He was a retired machine operator with Ford Motor Co. He was a member of St. Francis Assisi Catholic Church and the Livonia D.A.V. Post No. 114.

Mr. McKenzie is survived by his

wife, Lucille G. McKenzie of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth; two sons, Thomas G. McKenzie of Northville and James P. McKenzie of Ypsilanti; three daughters, Mary Anne Scheans of Howell, Marguerite DeKenzie of Ann Arbor and Julie Morris of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren and one brother, Jerome McKenzie of Dearborn Heights.

The Rev. Charles Irvin officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Capuchin Community Center Soup Kitchen, 1760 Mount Elliott Avenue, Detroit 48207 or Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard, Suite 200, Ann Arbor 48108.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

CLEO C. STADER

Services for Cleo C. Stader, 76, of Holiday, Fla. were Tuesday at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Mr. Stader was born Oct. 25, 1915 in Wells Township. He died March 21 in Livonia. He came to the Plymouth/Northville area in 1942 from Caro. He worked at the Ford Motor Co. at Livonia Transmission and Chassis. He retired in 1976 after 30

years of service. He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of Holiday, Fla. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 182.

Mr. Stader is survived by his wife, Lorene E. Stader of Holiday, Fla.; two sons, Bairon Stader of Temperance, Mich. and Orin Stader of Manchester, Mich.; four granddaughters, one sister, Ruby Fessler of Caro, Mich. and one brother, Leonard Stader of Caro.

The Rev. Gary F. Elfner officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association of Michigan or First Baptist Church of Novi.

Sex assault case awaits lab results

The results of laboratory tests are being awaited in the police investigation of a sexual assault reported against a 14-year-old girl March 14.

"There is the possibility of multiple degrees including first-degree (criminal sexual conduct)," said police Chief Roger Wilkes. "We just don't know til we get the lab results back. It could be any combination."

Although officers have identified one youth as a suspect, he said there is the possibility the evidence could

also lead to charges against more than one person.

"It will take a week to 10 days for the lab results," Wilkes said. "The lab results are the key. Then it will be clear which way to go and what charges there are to be made."

The victim has been unable to tell officers what happened, Wilkes said, since she was unconscious and subsequently hospitalized for excessive alcohol consumption.

"We became aware of the criminal sexual conduct allegation at the

scene and at the hospital but not from the victim," he said. "There was an awful lot of drinking involved."

WILKES ESTIMATED 30-50 youngsters, most, if not all Garden City Junior High School students, were at the house in the 31000 block of Balmoral when the incident was reported to have occurred.

"There was no adult present at the time. A resident at the home called

the police department because the girl was unconscious," said Wilkes.

Police are also investigating the possibility of bringing charges against the homeowner, he said, because minors were drinking alcohol at the party.

"The youth bureau is conducting all the interviews with the kids who were there. We are trying solidify what happened," Wilkes said. All the students have returned to school, he said.

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Many local cities, towns to get new representative

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state they seek to represent.
The new district also includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Ann Arbor, among other communities previously represented by Pursell.

CHAIRMAN OF the House Committee on Education and Labor, Ford is the highest ranking of the area's three current representatives.
Redford and northern Livonia could be the site of a heated Republican primary between state Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, and longtime incumbent William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.
Honigman could have the GOP field to himself, however if Broomfield decides to challenge Dale Kil-

dee, D-Flint, in a district that stretches from northern Oakland to Genesee and Lapeer counties.
Right now, it appears a Broomfield-Honigman race appears likely.
Redistricting changes the political map in Michigan, but the new map leaves the heart of my district intact," said Broomfield, who will probably move from his part-time residence in his brother's Lake Orion home, which is no longer part of the district.
Honigman, earlier tabbed for a race against Pursell, said he was anxious to run from the revised district.
"Most of my Senate seat is in the district," Honigman said, "80 percent population wise. This is the time for me."
Levin, D-Southfield, will face fel-

low incumbent Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods in a much-watched primary that won't have any bearing on western Wayne.
Redford, once part of Levin's district, is now part of an Oakland-based district that includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, most of Southfield, and northern Livonia, among other communities.
"I will miss parts of my old district that have been moved elsewhere, but I look forward to representing this new and diverse district," Levin said Tuesday in announcing his candidacy.
New districts take effect this year. Redistricting was mandated by the 1990 census. In adopting its own plan, the court panel rejected plans proposed by state Republicans and Democrats.



Carl Pursell retiring



William Ford is moving



David Honigman new area Rep.?

County commission districts to be redrawn a second time

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"THERE'S NO guarantee our districts would be saved," Amann said.
Court arguments centered on Livonia's division into two districts, as well as other boundary line issues. But the suburban commissioners — all Democrats — have also said the proposed districts make them more vulnerable to Republican challenges.
Amann was placed in a district with GOP incumbent Maurice Breen, R-Plymouth Township. That district

would have also included western Livonia.
Kelley lost the Redford portion of his district, gaining more Republican sections of eastern Livonia.
Kelley, however, has already said he wouldn't run for re-election. Instead, he said he would challenge incumbent Robert Picano in the Democratic primary for county sheriff.
Commissioners Susan Hubbard, D-Deartorn and William O'Neil, D-Al-len park, were placed in the same district.
The state Supreme Court ruled the

suburban commissioners had shown it was possible to adopt a valid redistricting plan that provides for more Detroit-only districts. Districts are to vary no more than eight percent in population, while also providing adequate minority representation under state and federal laws.
Commission districts will go into effect for the 1992 elections but they won't give potential candidates too much time to decide on running.
the filing deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

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St. Mary Hospital, Livonia will be a Project Health-O-Rama host site, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 11.
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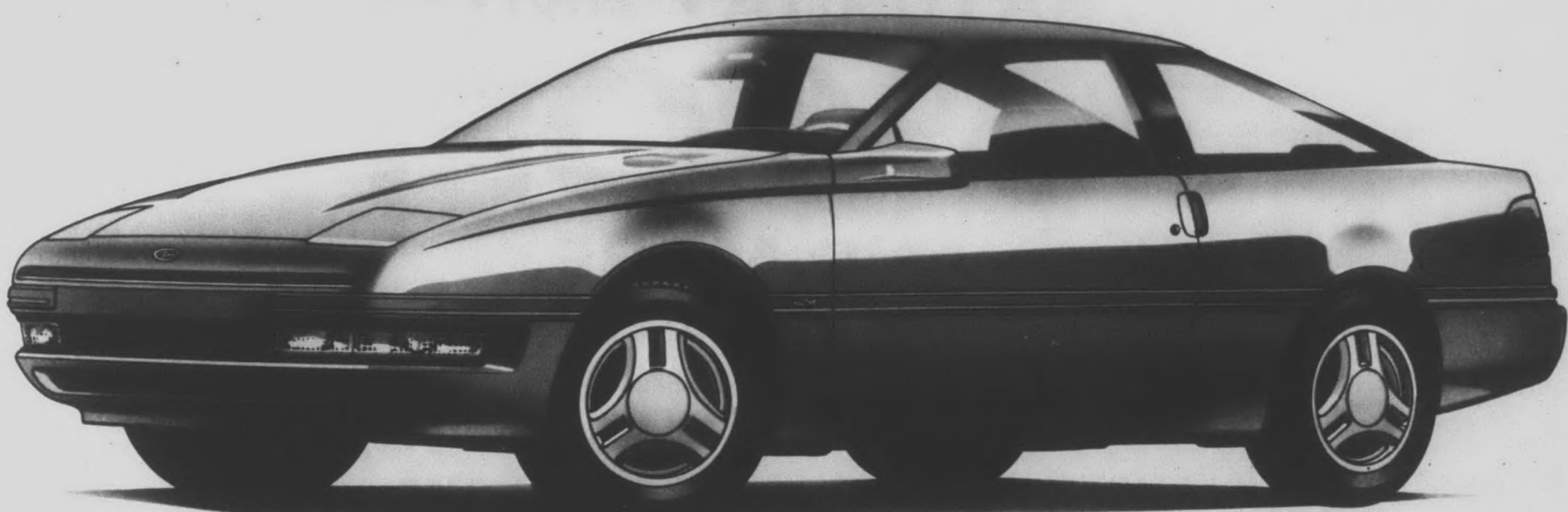
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IN BRIEF

Cruising meeting

The weather is getting warmer, and that means more than a walk in a park. It means cruising in Plymouth.

Annually teens stream into the city to walk and drive the streets, causing problems for residents and merchants.

This year, Police Chief Rober L. Scoggins is going to conduct a special meeting on Wednesday, April 1, at the Plymouth City Hall for people interested in how police plan to handle the cruising problem. The meeting is at 7 p.m.

Crafts show

The Plymouth parks and recreation department's annual spring arts and crafts show is on for April 3 through 5, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The show features more than 75 crafters. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

Senior programs

Plymouth Township's share of a federal grant program will go to aid senior programs and street improvements.

Township trustees on Tuesday approved spending the \$102,800 allotted through the community development block grant program on a van to transport seniors, improvements to a senior center, and street improvements in the northeast section of the township, among other items.

Book marks

The friends of the Plymouth and Canton libraries are conducting an annual book mark contests for students in grades 1 through 8. The winners will be notified and an award reception will be at 7 p.m. on April 8. For more information, contact Nan Cooper, 455-0782 or Linda Garrett, 981-1444.

Geography Bee

Steven Decker and Kirk Metger are among the 100 state finalists competing in the Fourth annual National Geography Bee on Friday at Ferris State College.

The 4th through 8th grade students are vying for finalist and alternate to represent Michigan at the May 21 National Geography Bee in Washington D.C. State winners receive \$100 and the trip to Washington.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Workmen lift a pipe at a sewer construction site on Joy Road in Canton Township. Members of the authority say they are making their meetings more accessible to the public and will bid out for legal services.

Sewer authority moves to clean image

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

To boost their public image, Western Townships Utilities Authority board members are making some changes.

The authority's way of seeking competitive bids was one of several policy changes outlined at the WTUA board meeting Monday. The three-member board also voted to ask accounting firm Plante & Moran to do a review of WTUA's management and a legal review.

"We have been talking about what modifications we can make to make WTUA more accountable, available, open, whatever adjective you want to use," said board chairman Tom Yack, Canton supervisor.

AMONG IDEAS DISCUSSED at the meeting Monday, at Plymouth Canton High School, was possibly expanding the board from three members to seven or more.

Other current board members are Gerald Law, Plymouth Township supervisor, and Betty Lennox, Northville Township supervisor.

Earlier this month, the WTUA board rejected charges that the water-sewer project — created so western Wayne townships could have more control over water-sewer rates than in the Detroit system — was incurring huge cost overruns.

Figures used in making those charges were wrong, board members said. WTUA also drew criticism for using the services of an engineering firm of which Plymouth Township trustee Abe Munfakh is vice president, and for using that township's law firm — of which Law's brother Robert Law is a member — for legal services.

Gerald Law responded to that criticism Monday. The situation, Law said, has created the notion "there is some kind of favoritism, even though he (Robert Law) represented them for five years before I came here," in May 1991.

"I would like our executive director to prepare requests for new legal proposals for lawyers to represent WTUA," he said, and to present those proposals at the next WTUA board meeting, in two weeks.

THE BOARD ALSO discussed printing board meeting minutes as legal notices in local newspapers of communities participating in WTUA, and moving some or all board meetings — they happen twice each month — from afternoons to evenings. This would make them easier for the public to attend.

On expanding the board, Yack said the current board could choose to add more trustees from the respective townships, or consider adding members of the public.

Law said he favors adding trustees rather than members of the public. "They've (trustees) pledged the full faith and credit of the township behind (WTUA) bonding," he said.

"I am for public members being on the board," said Plymouth Township trustee John Stewart, observing the meeting.

The board also agreed to set a policy establishing the seeking of bids for all professional services. Deloris Newell, WTUA executive director, said construction services are already bid.

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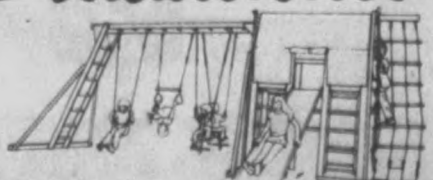
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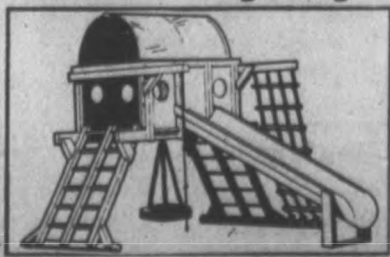
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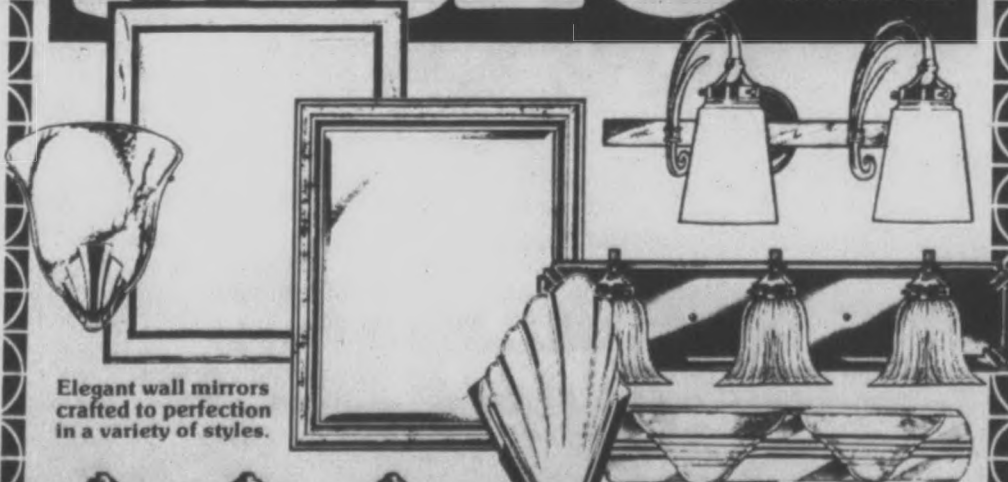
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School board recall move hits signature snag

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A recall campaign against Wayne-Westland school board member Leonard Posey has failed, amid strong indications that two of his colleagues also will survive efforts to oust them.

"I am relieved and happy to hear the news that this (recall) is at an end for me," Posey said Monday night.

A campaign to recall board members Kathleen Chorbagan and Andrew Spisak also appears in deep trouble, although the effort hadn't been dropped as of Tuesday afternoon.

County elections officials halted the campaign against Posey after declaring hundreds of petition signatures invalid. A committee trying to oust him fell 44 signatures short of the 4,420 it needed.

The committee, known as New Beginnings for our Children (NBC), had collected more than 6,000 signatures against Posey. But hundreds proved invalid because citizens didn't meet such requirements as being a registered voter and a school district resident.

"SURE I'M disappointed," committee leader Steven Lind said, but added that his committee won't try again for a special recall election.

County officials also tossed out hundreds of signatures against Chorbagan and Spisak, but not enough to halt the campaign. However, the petitions have been sent to local city clerks for further review, and other signatures are expected to be lost.

NBC also had collected more than 6,000 signatures against Chorbagan and Spisak. When the county completed its count, it upheld only 4,433 names against Chorbagan and 4,500 against Spisak.

That means there would be no Chorbagan recall proposal if another 14 invalid signatures are found by clerks in the cities and one township served by the school district. Spisak's recall would be dropped if 81 signatures are tossed out.

City clerk offices confirmed that some signatures have been discarded, but they didn't expect to complete their count until late this week or early next week.

LIND'S COMMITTEE had sought to recall the board

'I am relieved and happy to hear the news that this (recall) is at an end for me.'

— Leonard Posey

members for voting last year to approve a teacher contract that awarded salary increases of 11.9 percent over two years, despite a budget crunch that threatened deep cuts in school programs and services. The cuts were averted after voters approved a 7.75-mill tax increase in June.

Board members defended the pay raises as among the lowest in Wayne County. Moreover, teachers had threatened to strike before the contract was approved.

Lind vowed Monday that his committee won't renew its campaign for a special recall election, even if the effort falls against all three board members. Chorbagan's term expires in June, and she has announced she won't seek re-election. Spisak's four-year term expires

next year, and Posey's in 1994.
"I think at this point we need to get beyond the recall. We need to start mending things," said Lind, a newly announced candidate in the June 8 school board race. (See related story.)

AFTER LEARNING that Posey's recall effort had failed, Lind suggested that Posey still should remember that thousands of citizens opposed him.

"Perhaps he ought to reflect on that and learn from his mistakes," Lind said. "He's not a very popular man right now, and he knows it."

Posey, meanwhile, vowed to "do whatever I can" to help Chorbagan and Spisak survive the recall.

The three board members have spent a combined \$4,300 in attorney fees to fight the campaign, including a battle they lost in court to get the effort halted.

On Monday, Posey called the attempted recall "vindictive" and said it hurt not only the board members — but also their families. He thanked supporters who stood behind him, saying "they felt all along that I did the right thing."

Chorbagan refuses to apologize for KKK comment

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

School board member Kathleen Chorbagan's refusal to apologize for calling her arch political foes "a couple of '90s KKK types" has fueled threats of a lawsuit.

Steven Lind, leader of a recall campaign against Chorbagan and two other board members, demanded during a board meeting Monday that she apologize for what he called "the most irresponsible words spoken in the last 10 years by any board member."

He also asked for an apology from the board, and some members complied.

Lind's demand came two weeks after Chorbagan compared him and another longtime critic, David Moranty, to Ku Klux Klan types as she angrily announced that she wouldn't seek re-election in June.

In a telephone conversation Tuesday, Chorbagan accused Lind's recall committee of spreading lies and

said, "I think Mr. Lind owes me and my family an apology."

Lind told Chorbagan on Monday that he wouldn't sue her if she apologized. On Tuesday, he said he planned to consult his attorney about what he considers slanderous remarks made by Chorbagan.

"I'm sure we will proceed with a lawsuit," Lind said.

Chorbagan warned Lind that she has witnesses ready to testify that recall volunteers lied to citizens to entice them to sign recall petitions.

"If you are prepared to take it beyond this, I am prepared to meet you (in court)," she told him.

CHORBAGAN ACCUSED Lind of telling recall supporters to lie to citizens and tell them that board members are paid \$40,000 to \$60,000 a year, instead of \$1,560. Chorbagan also said she was accused of "immoral" behavior.

Lind vehemently denied Chorbagan's claims and said he told recall supporters to focus on such issues as

a controversial teachers contract and proposed school program cuts. If they made accusations against Chorbagan, he said, they did it on their own.

"I certainly did not instruct those people to say anything like that," he said.

On Monday, Lind also told Chorbagan he was offended by accusations that he wants to damage the school district. As a member of the Taft-Galloway Elementary School PTA, he said, "I have worked hard for children."

Board members Laurel Raisanen, Vicki Welty and Fred Warmbier did publicly apologize to Lind Monday.

"I feel the board does owe you an apology," Raisanen said, drawing applause from some audience members.

Welty, who as vice president had presided over the March 9 meeting, said Chorbagan's remarks were "absolutely not" appropriate.

BUT BOARD member Leonard

Posey refused to join an apology "for something that I personally didn't say."

At one point Monday, board President Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek refused Chorbagan an opportunity to respond to Lind and said, "I think

it's best just to let this rest."

The president suggested that Chorbagan meet with Lind after the meeting. But Chorbagan declined and pointed out that Lind and Moranty had recently refused her offer to meet with them to discuss

their differences.

Lind and Moranty had dismissed the offer as political grand-standing by Chorbagan because she made it while still considering a re-election bid in June.

lunch menu for seniors

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services offers the following hot meals for people 60 or older the week of March 30:

Monday — New England pot roast, parsley potatoes, baby carrots, birthday cake with ice cream, rye bread, margarine and milk.

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Wednesday — Barbecued pork cubes, corn coblette, coleslaw, fruit cocktail, Texas toast with margarine and milk.

Thursday — Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas with onions, mixed melon, bread with margarine and milk.

Friday — Macaroni and cheese,

asparagus, tossed salad with individual dressing, blueberry crisp 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).

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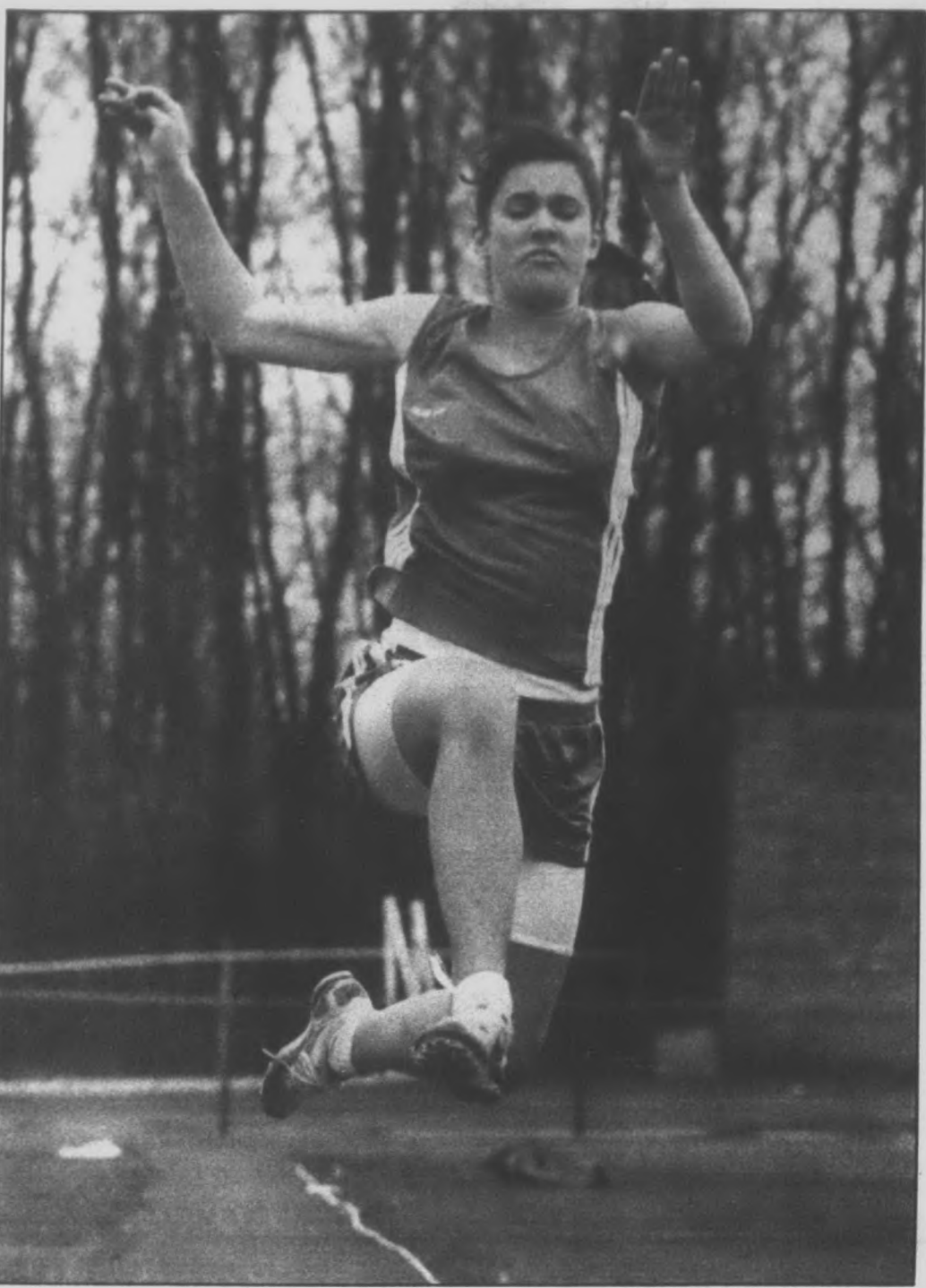
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Spring season

It might not look like spring, but the spring sports season is scheduled to start next week. Long jumper Dana Driscoll returns to

compete for the Plymouth Salem girls track team. See Page 2B for a preview on the Rocks.

Emmett gets wish, will play for Rocks

Prep star's transplant postponed

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Now all Jenny Emmett needs is the weather to cooperate.

The Plymouth Salem senior has managed, for the present time, to overcome greater obstacles that threatened to keep her from playing high school soccer this year.

If that last detail can be resolved, Emmett will be in goal for the Rocks when they begin the 1992 season Monday night with a game against Livonia Stevenson.

Emmett learned earlier this year she will need a bone marrow transplant, but not even a life-threatening circumstance as that could suppress the desire to play her final year of varsity soccer.

She received an OK to play from her family physician, and Emmett's parents agreed to accept all responsibility for her participation and were expected to submit a letter to that effect this week to Plymouth-Canton Athletic Director Paul Cummings.

"I WANTED to play so bad and I was pleading with them," Emmett said. "I promised I would wear my helmet, be careful and if I didn't feel good at that time I wouldn't play."



Jenny Emmett
Salem goalkeeper

Being allowed to play was like a reprieve, a new lease on life, for Emmett, who will only play in the so-called big games.

"If I feel I can't play I won't," she said. "I'm not going to put myself in that much danger. I'd rather live than play, but it's different now. I'll probably push myself more."

Emmett was diagnosed as having aplastic anemia last year, but she learned just before Christmas that what she actually had was myelodysplastic syndrome, also known as diploplesia — an early form of leukemia.

The Emmetts had hoped Jenny's immune system would correct itself and rid her of the disease, or at best remain stable and allow her play soccer this year. But the new medical discovery and a coinciding drop in her blood count precipitated the

soccer

need for a transplant. However, the specialist tending to Emmett's medical needs said it was possible to wait until after she graduates June 5 to perform the transplant.

"Things are in place now so we will be able to move any time," said Emmett's mother, Linda. "But the desirable thing is to let her walk through graduation with her classmates."

AND, IN THE meantime, Emmett will continue her passionate pursuit, which is playing soccer.

Emmett, twice an all-state goalkeeper, was overjoyed at being allowed to play as a senior, especially since the Rocks have a talented team that aspires to great things.

"We're just awesome this year," she said. "If there is a year for us to do it, it's this year."

Salem coach Ken Johnson, who coached the Salem girls to the Class A title in 1987, said Emmett being allowed to play was good news.

"With nine returning starters and an all-state goalie behind them, she could be the key, the link in the chain," he said. "In big games, we might need a big save which Jenny might give us."

"I heard some of the girls talking amongst themselves, saying 'If we have Jenny, we could go all the way.'"

When she plays, Emmett will

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CC family mourns loss of ex-grid star Roberts

By Brad Emons
and Steve Kowalski
staff writers

The Rev. Norbert Clemens was sitting inside his office at Redford Catholic Central years ago when a famous college football coach called.

"I answered the phone one day and he said, 'Hi, I'm Gerry Faust,'" recalled Clemens. "I said, 'Yeah, and I'm Pope Plus the 12th.' I thought someone was pulling my leg."

Truth is, Faust, then the football coach at Notre Dame, wanted to know more about CC's All-America tailback Aaron Roberts and there was no better man to ask than Clemens.

Clemens had Roberts in a religion class and also drove him home every day after practice from the school, near Inkster and Schoolcraft roads in Redford, to Roberts' grandmother's home in Detroit. Roberts, who later played football at Michigan State University, died early Saturday morning after being shot four times in the chest at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Evergreen in Southfield.

The shooting occurred following a party Roberts attended at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Rommel Lamont Sanders, 22, of Detroit, was arraigned Tuesday and charged with first-degree murder. Sanders was a former work associate of Roberts at a Northland sporting goods store.

Roberts was 29. "It's very sad, Aaron and I were very close," Clemens said. "He was a peach of a guy. It's a tragic ending for a good guy to meet. He was solid, fearless, but very humble. He never thought he was someone special. A really nice, quiet kid."

CLEMENS remembers Roberts' first days at CC, when after football practice, the sophomore would walk north on Inkster Road nearly three miles to catch a bus heading to Detroit.



Aaron Roberts
ex-CC great

"I noticed him one day walking down Lyndon toward Inkster and I said, 'Where are you going?'" Clemens said. "He said, 'I'm walking down to Seven Mile Road to get the bus.' I asked him how long it takes to get home and he said, 'Depending on the bus connections, an hour to an hour and a half.' I said, 'Get in my car, I'll take you home.'"

CC became the family Roberts never really had.

The greatest tailback ever to come out of CC did not know his parents. His mother passed away during his early years, and he reportedly didn't meet his natural father, Aldredge Reid, until his adult years.

Aaron was raised by his grandmother Velmore V. Roberts, who was killed two years ago in a robbery.

"He came here (to CC) from the Monroe School for Boys," CC coach Tom Mach said. "His grandmother and aunt wanted him to have direction. They wanted him in a parochial school."

So Roberts enrolled at the campus

on Breakfast Drive, a school which preached the motto: "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge."

Roberts not only was molded as a person, but also into the No. 1 college football recruit from this state during his senior year (1980-81).

Arguably the greatest back ever to come out of Observerland, Roberts helped CC to its first state Class A championship as a junior in 1979.

IN TWO SEASONS he rushed for 2,335 yards and scored 24 touchdowns.

"He had powerful thighs, but below the knees there was not much there," Mach recalls. "He was a great high school runner who combined power and speed. He was a game-breaking runner, never caught from behind."

"He was well-liked by everybody during the time he was at CC. We counted on Aaron a great deal."

Roberts averaged 6.7 yards per carry and gained 1,330 yards his senior year. He also excelled in track.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound runner was sought after by several big-name schools including Michigan, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Miami of Florida and Oklahoma.

Michigan and ND appeared to be the front-runners, but in an 11th hour decision, Roberts stunned even his own coaches at CC by signing a national letter-of-intent with Michigan State following a last-minute pitch by head coach Muddy Waters. (Roberts apparently got scared off going to Michigan after the Wolverines signed Wayne Memorial's Rick Rogers and Cincinnati native Brian Mercer.)

Ed Pobur Sr., a Livonia car salesman whose son Ed Jr. was a teammate and close friend of Roberts at CC and later at MSU, helped set up the meeting with Waters.

"AARON WAS just like one of my

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Entertainment

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Comedies challenge, entertain

Performances of the Schoolcraft College Department production of "Waiting for Godot" and "The Marriage Proposal" continue through April 11 on campus in Livonia. Dinner is at the Waterman Campus Center and performances at the Liberal Arts Auditorium. For ticket information, call the college bookstore at 462-4409.



Bob Weibel

If you want to experience a special evening of theatre, don't miss Schoolcraft College's current production. Director James Hartman has chosen two totally different types of farce.

The first is "Waiting for Godot" — absurdist theater that will challenge your intellect. The second is "The Marriage Proposal" — a comic farce to tickle your funny bone.

Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" never fails to provoke audiences into thoughtful discussions (often heated) of "what's life all about." Beckett, an existentialist, believes that truth must come from within

oneself, that accepting conventional values of a chaotic, illogical world is nonsense.

IN short, God is dead or dying, existence has little or no meaning, all communication is a banality, and if there is any hope for a better life it must come from ourselves.

It follows that the dramatic form of absurdist theater such as "Waiting for Godot" should be non-conformist. This often confuses audiences. Beckett gives us disconnected dialogue, little or no dramatic plot, and incongruous characters.

The leads are two tramps, played splendidly by Robert Hamblin and John Drouillard. They trade insults,

pester each other, complain about life, consider hanging themselves, and wait for a mysterious Mr. Godot (obviously God), who has promised to come and explain what it's all about. There are touches of Laurel and Hardy in their comedy. And insightful moments of more weighty issues. Both are excellent in a most difficult theatrical form.

Brain Wilson is very good as a young messenger who keeps reassuring our tramps that although Godot didn't make it today, he promises to come tomorrow. Some say this points out the bleakness of life. Others say this means there is always hope. Who is to say that both views are not valid. That is what makes

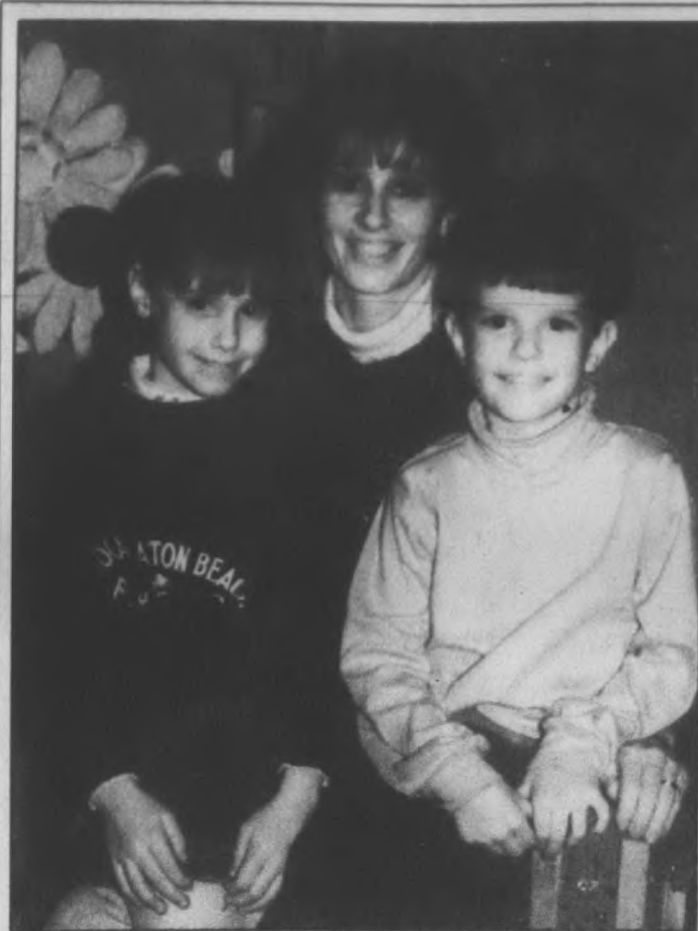
"Waiting for Godot" a classic.

GOOD PERFORMANCES are also turned in by Matt Siadek, as an oppressive taskmaster, and Ken Hannan as his unquestioning slave. Hannan's long, mumbo jumbo speech about politics and religion was especially impressive.

"The Marriage Proposal" by Anton Chekhov is one of his early one-act vaudevilles. It's pure farce. Jerri Doll steals the scene as a giddy lady in a tither over a proposal. Guy Ricketts is a howl as her nervous beloved.

The fun begins when they get into a dispute over which family owns an adjoining meadow, which leads to an argument over who has the ugliest dog. Fortunately, her mother, played superbly by Patricia Parsons sorts out the problems. At least for the time being.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.



Fairy tale musical

Lisa Andros of Westland (center) wrote and directed "Once Upon A Time" a musical romp through scenes from six familiar fairy tales to be presented by the Guildings, March 26-29 at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison. Call 277-5164 for tickets. Her children, Brooke (left) and Nicholas perform in the show. Tea party with Easter Bunny follows play.

Thurston grad directs hit show

By Keely Wygonik staff writer

You've heard the song — "If I can make it here, I'll make it anywhere, it's up to you New York, New York."

Thurston High School graduate Roger Acosta, 30, is making it in New York as director of "Mass Murderers & Serial Killers," a set of three dimensional police sketches.

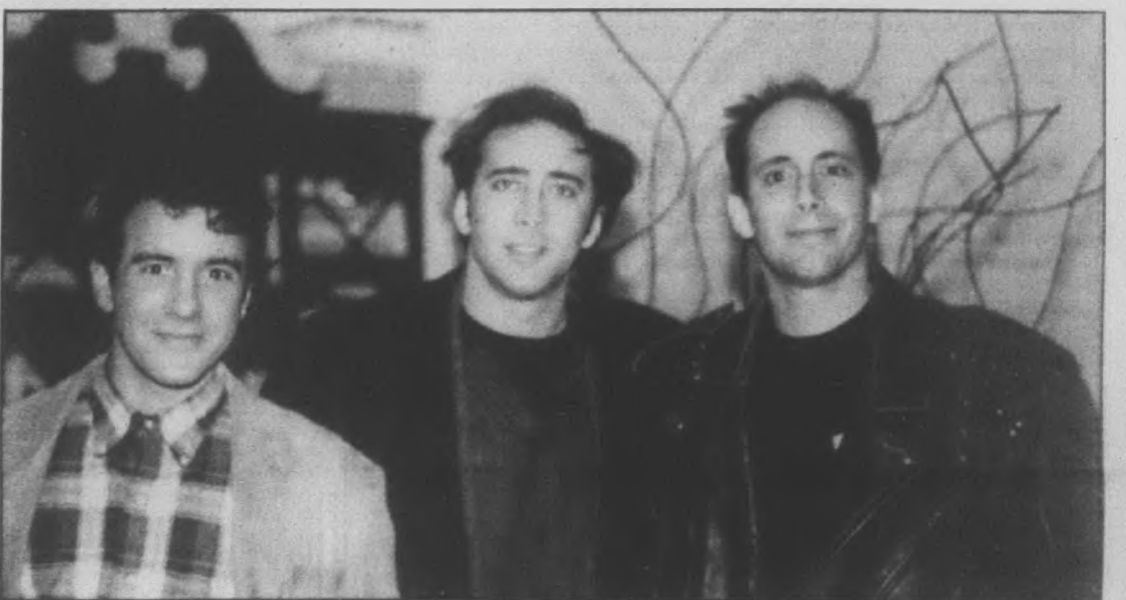
"IT'S BEEN a really rough road, now I feel like it's proved to be worthwhile. Things are really starting to look up," said Acosta who's been in New York for eight years.

The playlets, written by Larry Myers, a frequently produced playwright, have gotten good reviews.

Staged in New York at the Humphrey Gallery Theatre Space (594 Broadway at Houston St. 4th floor), the show extended its limited run, and will continue through March. Acosta said he's working to bring it to Detroit in June.

Bill Garvey, who wrote music for the scene hit "Silence of the Lambs," created the score for "Mass Murderers & Serial Killers." Marc Coppola co-starred in "Slanted Room," one of the playlets. He portrayed an oddball who is offered some free drinks and wakes up in a hospital emergency ward with one of his kidneys stolen.

A reviewer wrote, "The drama is



Film star Nicholas Cage (center) and his brother, Marc Coppola, congratulate director Roger Acosta (left) backstage at Humphrey Gallery in New York City's Soho District.

a hodge podge of chilling images about abuse and cold-blooded murder, yet Myers doesn't just skim sensationalist pulp headlines, he creates real characters with passion and compassion."

BEING A director is not some-

thing Acosta planned on. He wasn't involved in theater in high school, but sang with a local rock band.

After graduating, he attended Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn and studied communication, and took one theater course. He graduated from the School of Visual

Arts in New York and works as a video editor and runs the theater at Humphrey Gallery.

He directed a friend's play that opened in October which led to his directing for "Mass Murderers & Serial Killers." A chamber opera he's working on will open in May.

table talk

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Sebastian's Grill at the Somerset Mall off Big Beaver in Troy is holding open auditions for a radio commercial, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Entrants will write and perform their own commercial and have 60 seconds to record their version live at the restaurant. The best single entry, or portions of several entries will be chosen to create a commercial that will run on metro Detroit radio stations. Aspiring voice-over talent interested in auditioning should arrive at Sebastian's at 1:30 p.m. to register. Winners will receive dinner for four at Sebastian's Grill, and all contestants will

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Schoolcraft College's theater department presents a double-bill of Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Go-

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Schoolcraft College presents Hecht & Shapiro in concert 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive in Livonia. The concert is free and open to the public. The outstanding husband and wife team captured the 1991 Ellis National Two Piano Competition. For information, call 462-4400.

● **JAZZ**
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Plymouth Symphony presents "A Night at the Movies" pops concert 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at Fox Hills Country Club's Golden Fox, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Cash and champagne bars 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., concert 8 p.m. Tickets adult dinner and concert, \$40, students grades K-12, dinner and concert \$25, concert only, adults \$25; students K-12, \$10. For tickets, call 453-2715. Tickets also available at Evola Music, Gitfiddler, Bookstall and Dearborn Music in Canton.

● **CABARET**
The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents its 19th annual Cabaret Concert, "The Fabulous 40s and

50s," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at Madonna University Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets \$12, call 851-4524.

● **CHILDREN'S THEATER**
"The World of Mother Goose" presented by Crossroads Productions, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. Tickets \$5 includes show and ice cream social. Advance tickets only, call 525-8846.

Record club promotes jazz

By Stewart Francke
special writer

In the basement of MJRC member Paul Demers' Royal Oak home is a meticulously preserved and documented 15,000 volume record collection. And although it is primarily big band era jazz, Demers' collection typifies the MJRC ethos: Dedicated to advancing and promoting all that is jazz, The Michigan Jazz Record Collector's Association is comprised of close to 65 Detroit area jazz lovers.

The membership convene every fourth Wednesday at various sites in the greater metropolitan area (usually a Ram's Horn restaurant in Livonia); while there, they conduct a joyous, informal session that includes: swapping records (78's, 45's, CD's, tapes) both rare and common, presenting literature and related memorabilia, and generally defining jazz, their passion. Though the membership is overwhelmingly male and over 55, wives attend, as does a growing younger contingent.

Each members' private collection varies in worth and theme, Demers is probably eclectically representative of the majority — turn of the century piano rags, Dixieland, early instrumentalists, big band, even the roots of rock and roll, in the form of fifties vocal groups. "It's hard to determine the worth," Demers says, "because each collection is priceless to each member. It works two ways — the pride that each member has, the value in that respect, and the monetary value of the records themselves."

SOME MEMBERS collect in a highly specific manner, such as Joe Szymanski, who is interested only in

Duke Ellington recordings. Even the categorization requires definition: "records" in now an all inclusive term encompassing tapes, 78's, 45's, LP's, and all memorabilia or sheet music.

The presentations at each meeting vary. At a recent meeting that I attended, Demers presented an erudite chronology of big band arrangements titled the "Marie Syndrome." Through the combination of his spoken essay and corresponding recorded examples, Demers unfolded the continuum of jazz stylings that resulted from Tommy Dorsey's 1937 recording of Irving Berlin's "Marie."

What followed was not as much answer records as variations on the "Marie" paradigm: tight horn arrangements and extended trumpet or sax solos, cornered around a half sung/half chanted middle eight. "Marie" was more than an exciting big band innovation, it was repeated frequently by Dorsey because it was enormously successful commercially. Dorsey continued the "Marie" style until 1941, ending with another Berlin standard, "Blue Skies."

By examining the American musical continuums, one can find invaluable musical and historical connections that can link a young Frank Sinatra to the Oriole's Sonny Til to the hybrid style of Elvis Presley to a rock star such as Bruce Springsteen. It's not that far fetched; both Sinatra and Springsteen were raised near Hoboken, New Jersey and both had enormous hits with the title (though different compositions) "Dancing in the Dark."

MJRC is a chapter of the International Association of Jazz Record Collectors, with a working objective of maintaining a non-profit organization that is available to jazz en-

thusiasts and collectors. In addition to the monthly meetings, MJRC members publish a newsletter, research discographies, update mailing lists and compose presentations. Past presentations have been on varied subjects, including Ma Rainey, Glenn Miller, elements of Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw, Pepper Adams,

Lester Young and Jazz arrangers. Annual dues is \$12. MJRC is interested in expanding its membership, if interested, write: Paul Demers, 2731 Crooks Road, Royal Oak, Mich., 48073.

Stewart Francke, a musician and free lance writer has a special interest in modern music.

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THURSDAY

SENIORS: Tax assistance is available in Plymouth (455-3670 or 455-6620), Canton (397-5444) and Northville (349-4140) through April 15. Call for appointment. Home visits are available for the handicapped and shut-ins.

FUTURE TRIPS: The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring trips: Ameri-Flora '92" in Columbus, Ohio, three days, May 27-29; Frankenmuth, April 8; America's national parks, 11 days, June 13-23; and Glacier National Park and Sun Valley, 11 days, Aug. 4-14. 455-6620.

DINNER THEATRE: The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County area presents "Broadway Melodies," a benefit featuring the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Marquis Theatre children in a musical review, at Genitti's in Northville on Friday, March 27. Dinner, 6 p.m.; performance only, 8 p.m. Call 348-0478 for tickets.

AEROBIC FITNESS: Register now for morning or evening classes held April 6-May 15 at Canton Township Parks and Recreation Services. 397-5110.

STOP SMOKING: Register now for Stop Smoking/Weight Control Clinic held 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Plymouth City Hall. Plymouth Community Family YMCA, 453-2904.

SENIORS: Register now for meeting at Carriage Park Senior Community for Thursday, April 16. Lunch, 12:00 noon, discussion, "Self-Esteem and Depression in Later Years," 1 p.m. Lunch reservations, 397-8300.

PARKINSON SUPPORT: Group meets every second Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, 15218 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. 459-0216 or 421-4208.

ADULT RECOVERY: Chemical Dependency Outpatient Program provides therapy for adults on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Straight Inc., 42320 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth, 453-2610.

SELF HELP: Families Anonymous meets 8 p.m. Thursdays, St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, 453-2811.

MONDAY

SUPPORT GROUP: Plymouth Family Service offers a group for women trying to cope with being a single parent, limited financial resources, feeling isolated and various other concerns, 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays at Field Elementary School, 100 S. Haggerty Road, Canton. Meetings are confidential. 453-0890. Child care available.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT: The Community Education Department and Plymouth Family Services are offering a small group program for women who would like to become more self-aware and more independent, 1-

3 p.m. Mondays at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook. To register call 451-6555. Child care available.

TOUGH LOVE: Parent support group meets 7 p.m. Mondays, Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton, 981-5967.

KARATE: Classes meet 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Call Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-5110.

TUESDAY

TOASTMASTERS: Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 E. Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Call Ken Morley at 699-9697 or Bill Jones at 473-1438.

Social worker by day, violinist by night

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Kathie Spratt has her plans for heaven. She's going to be the violinist in a string quartet — forever.

"I love classical the best," said the program director for treatment foster care at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center which serves the metropolitan Detroit region. "It's what I grew up doing."

Music has always been Spratt's life — and her family's. But she's not torn between her two loves — her work at the center and her violin. Both are part and parcel of her life.

If you've been to the theater in the last few years to see "Les Miserables," "Annie," "Showboat," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," or "On Your Toes," you can bet Spratt was in the pit.

And during the day she was right back in her office working with children in the foster care program. Co-workers talk about the 17 weeks she played in the orchestra for "Les Miserables" doing eight shows a week.

Music was something Spratt and her family always thought she'd do as a career. "I'm a real believer that it's in the genes," Spratt said.

HER FATHER played the string bass, her grandfather, the trumpet, her grandmother, the organ and piano, her uncle, the jazz saxophone, her brother, the classical string bass, her niece, the violin, and a sister sings. "My mom just listens and tells us how good we are."

Spratt's musical life began with piano lessons, which she hated. And she was afraid of her teacher. When demonstrations of instruments were given at school, she picked the violin and took private lessons.

Spratt dove into her music. She spent summers at Interlochen Musical Camp and quit her first year in college to play in the Kansas City Philharmonic. For awhile she went back and forth between college and playing as a full-time violinist. She also did a stint with the Omaha Symphony.

But in her heart, her interest in psychology continued to bud. She went back to college again and took two psychology courses "just to see if the interest was really still there."

It was. She got bachelor's degrees in psychology and sociology, and a master's degree in clinical social work. Music remained her ally throughout her college studies. "I'd be in the pit with my books, reading

during the breaks," she said.

Spratt arrived at Sarah Fisher five years ago as a therapist in the treatment foster care program. But her music is still with her. You may not know this, but most of the well-known shows that travel to the Fisher Theater or Masonic Temple don't bring their own orchestras.

ALSO ON HER resume of shows are stints with the Michigan Opera Theater, ballet companies and as backup for Aretha Franklin. In addition to doing a few shows each year, Spratt also gives private lessons to 10 students every Saturday. "I teach kids from seven years to 75."

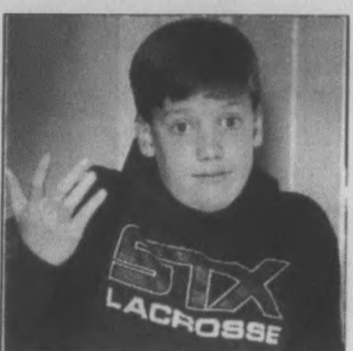
It's a lot of work doing everything. But Spratt says she really couldn't give up one for the other. "Music is gratifying when you do it well for an audience response. But this field (psychology/social work) is a totally different kind of gratification. It's so rewarding in so many different ways."

Yet she tries to encourage the children to whom she gives music lessons to decide what they want to do — violin or ballet or soccer or skating. "You don't want to be mediocre at one thing. Pick one thing and do it well."

Spratt admits she hasn't given a thought to learning another instrument. She doesn't want to. She loves her violin. "It's so intense to become proficient at one instrument."

And the violin isn't exactly an easy instrument. Spratt says playing a violin — with it under your chin

and your fingers sliding up and down the instrument's neck with a bow in your other hand — is like "rubbing your head and patting your stomach at the same time."



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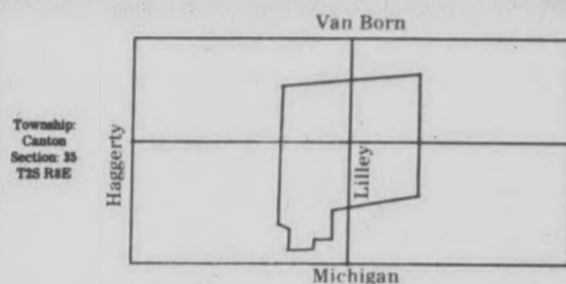
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Firms peg growth hopes on mergers, product line

By Doug Funke
staff writer

One plus one sometimes equals more than two in the business world.

Take the case of a small, unprofitable Troy manufacturer of bioengineering equipment and a small, profitable Livonia manufacturer of cardiovascular tubing whose sales and earnings in 1991 were flat after years of steady growth.

Medical Profiles, a privately held company, intends to acquire Bioelectronics, a publicly owned company in a stock swap, then go public. As part of the deal, Bioelectronics has found an investor who would bring some \$5 million to the marriage.

That money would be used to purchase a small, growing manufacturer of cardiovascular products, Cardiac Assist in Boston.

The final result — a single publicly owned corporation, Bio-Life Systems, with headquarters and manufacturing operations of all three divisions under one roof in Livonia.

Memoranda of intent have been filed. The deadline for finalizing all the details is March 31.

"I think we'll be looking at approximately 30 employees initially," said John J. Ferszt, Medical Profiles president who also will preside over all Bio-Life operations.



William Harrison (left) and John J. Ferszt are two key players in the merger of Bioelectronics and Medical Profiles.

'The goal now is to bring everything together, close the deal and concentrate on operations.'

— John J. Ferszt
Medical Profiles

Ferszt lives in Farmington Hills.

"THE GOAL would be to have three operating subsidiaries, all profitable and growing year to year," he said. "All operations need to be operating in sync."

"My main focus now is putting the operation together today," Ferszt said. "We have our forecasts. The goal now is to bring everything together, close the deal and concentrate on operations."

Cardiac Assist, which reported recast earnings of \$700,000 last year on sales of \$2.4 million, is the big prize in the realignment.

"We decided we needed more than one profit center," Ferszt said. "The way to grow fastest was to look for an acquisition. We didn't want to compete with our customers. We wanted income in a niche area."

Cardiac Assist is one of only four companies in the world that manufactures an intra-aortic balloon catheter, said Ben T. Lowell, founder of Medical Profiles and chairman-to-be of Bio-Life.

A competitor, Datascope, currently controls 80 percent of the market, Ferszt said.

"IT'S IMPORTANT to have another major player," said Ferszt. "People like to be able to pick and choose." Bio-Life can promote Cardiac Assist products better than the previous owner who concentrated on other heart-related medical products, he added.

The realignment should benefit the other divisions, especially Bioelectronics, which has been strapped for cash since its founding in 1982.

"The company has never advertised," said William Harrison, Bioelectronics president and a former tax and securities lawyer. "We'll be able to go to trade shows, produce videos to support the sales staff."

"We looked at them (Medical Profiles) as a big brother to carry the load and overhead and give us some marketing focus," Harrison said.

And why was Medical Profiles attracted to Bioelectronics?

"They're a public company," Ferszt said. "Getting



Lucy Reedy works on cardiovascular tubing at Medical Profiles.

them in gave us a public vehicle for raising money. We didn't necessarily have an interest in Bioelectronics itself. We felt it had some promise."

Medical Profiles posted a recast profit of \$450,000 on sales of \$1.3 million in 1990. Sales and revenue were flat last year, Ferszt said.

BIOELECTRONICS, which has never reported a profit, had operating losses of \$52,000 through September of last year and a loss of \$36,000 on sales of \$123,000 during all of 1990, Harrison said.

"I see that Bioelectronics will probably get working capital they need now to develop some patents they have," said Lowell, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "They won't have to scrounge."

Bioelectronics makes equipment used to manipulate cell structures in biological and medical research.

Ferszt figures to have his hands full with the day-to-day operations of an expanded Bio-Life. "Growth will come through sales and development of current companies, at least near term."

Harrison, a dealmaker who has helped 32 companies go to public ownership, sees a similar scenario, although he noted that Bio-Life has an option to buy a small medical implant supply manufacturer over the next several weeks.

"We have to digest this and put it all together," he said. "Long term, I think growth will be augmented by acquisitions."

Lock-in mortgage policy varies among institutions

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Delays in processing mortgage refinancing requests and original mortgage applications didn't much matter when interest rates were falling.

That's because some financial institutions honored the lower rate at closing so that the lock-in rate became the worst-case scenario.

Things are different now with rising mortgage rates. The lock-in figure becomes the best-case scenario.

And some consumers wonder aloud whether lenders deliberately drag their feet at times like this to clip borrowers with a higher rate.

Peter, a suburbanite, has a dilemma. His 50-day lock-in period is about to expire and the prevailing rate on an adjustable rate mortgage refinancing will jump from 5% to 6% percent.

He can accept that higher rate, a difference of about \$41 per month on a \$50,000 note, or back out of the deal and forfeit his \$300 application fee.

"I personally consider it a bait and switch," Peter said bitterly. "They have no incentive if rates are going up to close."

But waits of up to two months on refinancings are common now for a variety of reasons, executives at larger institutions said.

APPRAISERS ARE still overworked. Homeowners are still refinancing. Lenders generally give priority to people seeking a first mortgage. And fence-sitters are starting to move into the market now that rates are heading north.

"Purchasers have priority. We do those first," said Al Marshall, manager of business development for First Federal of Michigan. "We don't want to stymie the real

estate market."

"Then when you have 90 percent of your business refinancings, someone is going to have to wait," said Michael Lubig, mortgage department manager for Standard Federal Bank, the most active in Michigan.

Standard Federal has processed nearly \$750 million in mortgage applications through mid March of this year, Lubig said.

"I don't think anyone is foot-dragging," said Paul Swan, senior vice president for NBD Mortgage. "Appraisers are working as hard as they can, title companies are working hard, surveyors. It's a very time-consuming, paper-intensive process."

"BANKS ARE so inundated now with people coming through, they aren't going to be as efficient," said Thomas Klar, assistant marketing manager for First Security Savings Bank. "Mistakes are going to happen."

It pays to shop around and ask questions. Lock-in policies differ among institutions.

First Federal, for instance, locks in for 45 days, NBD for 60 days, First Security for 50 days and Standard Federal for 30 days on refinancings, 45 on new mortgages.

Most report difficulties completing the paperwork within those time frames now.

Standard Federal and NBD will extend the lock if processing problems like delayed appraisals originate at their end. First Federal and First Security generally won't extend.

Standard Federal and First Federal will give the lower rate if rates fall between locking at application and closing. NBD and First Security won't.

Applicants in some instances can extend the lock-in period for an additional fee.

Borrowers face a real quandary whether to lock or float at application, especially when dealing with institutions that strictly enforce lock terms.

"IF RATES are tracking downward, a higher percentage float. If they feel rates are going back up, they will lock. It goes back and forth," Swan said.

About 70 percent of NBD applicants lock now, he added, where some 60 percent floated last summer.

"It's a gamble," Lubig conceded. "If rates go up, you win. If they come down, you've spent money for peace of mind and that's all you get."

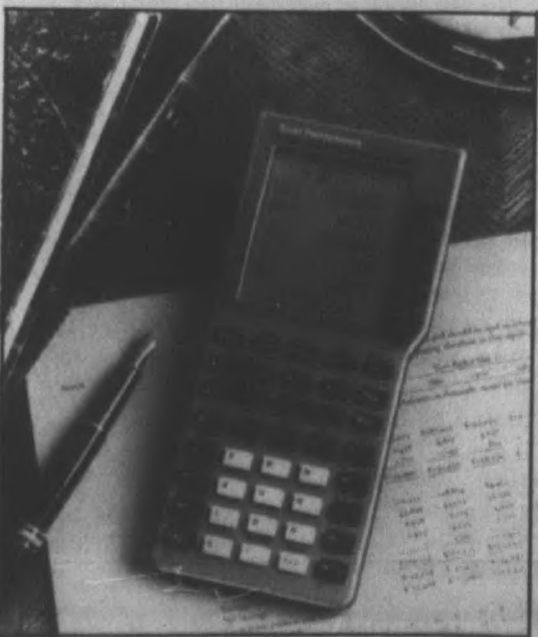
Daniel B. Smith, Plymouth branch manager of Republic Bancorp Mortgage, said virtually all recent refinancers there paid a \$600 application fee, applied to closing costs, to lock in a rate.

"They liked what they saw, they weren't willing to gamble," he said. "It (\$600) sure separates serious people from people not so serious."

His branch processes about 98 percent of all mortgage applications within the 45-day lock period, Smith said, adding that he pushes the paperwork because he's on commission and doesn't get paid until closing.

And what about Peter and his dilemma? "I'd go there and raise hell with the bank manager and accept nothing less than what he applied for," Smith said.

"I would call back and lay it on the line," Lubig said. "He's done everything he's supposed to do. He shouldn't suffer for their inability to get the job done."



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Life in a pajama factory in the 1950s can get pretty confusing for "The Pajama Game" cast members David Burtka (from left), Melanie Farrow and Maria Kovac.

photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Gardens 'blossom' for show

A pond blooming with waterlilies, a moss bog, a southwestern cacti garden and nearly 100 other exhibits will replace horses and antiques Thursday-Sunday, April 2-5, at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, new site of the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show.

Sponsored by the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, the third annual flower show has changed its location from Yost Ice Arena on the U-M campus to the fairgrounds on Ann Arbor/Saline Road.

Show planners say the six-building complex, with large parking areas, should comfortably accommodate the exhibits and garden marketplace as well as an expected crowd of 20,000.

This year's theme, "A Touch of Country," capitalizes on the rustic location, complete with pole barns for farm animals.

"There is no way to mask the casual atmosphere, so we decided to turn it into an asset with a playful country theme," said Michael Hommel, flower show designer and gardens superintendent. "The roomy barns provide ample space for visitors to walk, push strollers or just sit and enjoy the beauty around them."

SINCE JUNE, garden staffers have been designing and building the show's elaborate staging.

Visitors will enter through a grove of conifers and stroll along sod-covered country lanes edged with goldenrod and authentic remains of Americana such as "Burma Shave" signs.

Designed as building connectors, the lanes will be exhibits themselves of native and alien plants seen along rural roads during each of the four seasons.

"We're trying to reduce the Clydesdale scale of the barns while using every opportunity to incorporate greenery into the staging," Hommel said. "Our challenge has been to create an outdoor environment with indoor comforts, such as heating and restrooms."

Judith Corkran Katch, flower show manager, describes this year's show as "definitely more family-oriented than previous shows."

STROLLERS ARE permitted for the first time and the price of children's tickets dropped from \$6 to \$3. Several children's categories have been added to the horticulture and design classes, including "garbage gardening" for plants grown from kitchen refuse like avocado pits and potatoes.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

This display, entitled "Friends for Tea," one of the 21 design classes at the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show, features orchids, spider plant, pink geranium and sansevieria and fresh-cut columbine, coral bells and forget-me-not.

When and where

What: Third annual Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show.

When: Tuesday-Saturday, April 2-4, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Saline. Parking available in field next to grounds. In case of rain, wear boots.

Sponsor: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, University of Michigan.

Format: Major exhibitors (full-scale gardens of varying styles), competitive design classes, plant societies (displays highlighting their respective flora), horticultural court, nonprofit exhibits and a marketplace (56 vendors of botanical wares from perennial, decorative planters to herbal samplers, orchids in flower and unusual plant material).

Tickets: Advance tickets are available in front lobby of Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday or call 998-7002. Advance adult tickets, \$6. Advance children's tickets, \$3.

Tickets also are available through TicketMaster at Hudson's, Harmony House, Sound Warehouse. There's a service charge of \$1.50 for walk-in purchases and \$2 for telephone purchases. Call 645-6666.

Gate admission will be adults, \$7, children 12 and younger, \$3. Information: 998-7343.

Well-dressed play 'wears' PJs

By Julie Brown
staff writer

STUDENTS AT Centennial Educational Park don't ordinarily wear pajamas to school, but PJs will be appropriate on-stage attire for the upcoming production of "The Pajama Game."

The musical is set in a pajama factory in the mid-1950s. Management-labor relations become rather strained when workers go on strike for a raise of 7.5 cents per hour.

"It's a wonderful spring musical," said Gloria Logan, theater arts director at CEP. Things are a bit hectic these days for those working on the production, but they know everything will be ready for opening night.

During the 1991-92 season, student actors at CEP have focused on contributions of the American worker. Their fall show, "Working," based on the Studs Terkel book of that name, was more thoughtful. "The Pajama Game" is lighter.

"This is a nice little piece of fluff," she said of the musical.

THE PLYMOUTH Park Players will present "The Pajama Game" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 3-4 and 10-11, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, west of Canton Center in Canton.

The play includes elements of romance. Troubles of one couple are compounded by the fact that they're on opposite sides of the management-labor conflict. Another man's love life is complicated by his fits of jealousy,

"to the point he starts throwing knives at people," Logan said.

She's reluctant to reveal too much about the play's ending, but did note that it's a happy one. Logan knows that the resolution of management-labor problems on stage could carry over into the real-life workforce.

"I'm the ultimate optimist. I think you can do anything," she said.

Students at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools began rehearsing for the spring musical in February. More than 40 students in ninth through 12th grades will appear in the production, with others handling duties behind the scenes.

Students are representing the American worker, but won't receive union scale for their efforts. "I thought I'd pay them twice what I did last year," Logan said with a smile. Students aren't paid for their efforts, but do benefit from their involvement.

"You couldn't buy this experience, you couldn't pay for this experience."

MANY SENIORS who've been involved in theatrical productions at CEP for several years will graduate in June. Students will perform "Working" at a Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo in May, but "The Pajama Game" will be the final show at CEP for the seniors.

"We'll lose a lot of good people this year," Logan said.

That's true every year, but some key people that she relies on will graduate this June. There are, however, plenty of talented eighth graders out there eager to take to the stage at Salem in the fall.

"We count on it."

Ticket prices for "The Pajama Game" are \$5.50 reserved, \$4.50 general admission. For ticket information, call 459-3518.

The cast includes: Jason Danely, appearing as Hines; Brian Sage, prez; Dan Wiles, Joe; Leo Moschouris, Hasler; Melanie Farrow, Gladys; David Burtka, Sid Sorokin; Julie Gawlik, Mabel; Christian Hebel, First Helper; Jeff Zarosley, Second Helper; Andy LeRoy, Charlie; Maria Kovac, Babe Williams; Colleen Cronin, Mae; Sarah Colomina, Brenda; Brigid Cronin, Sara; Carla Kehler, Mara; Angela Zaetta, Virginia; Jennifer Steinmiller, Popsie; George McConnell, Max; Jeff Zarosley, Pop.

"Steam Heat" dancers are: Erik Schnurstein, Karyn Gniewek; Ericka Mac; Colleen Cronin; Tiffany Natalini.

UNION MEMBERS (chorus) are: Kim Akers; Amy Ammons; Miriam Bacon; Sarah Colomina; Brigid Cronin; Colleen Cronin; Melanie Farrow; Jennifer Gawlik; Julie Gawlik; Karyn Gniewek; Stacy Johnson; Carla Kehler; Maria Kovac; Ericka Mac; Tiffany Natalini; Rebecca Pratt; Tina Schmidt; Dyan Sturdy; Angela Zaetta; Matt Anderson; Nathan Besonen; Jason Bryon; Rob Burger; Owen Carter; Scott McCreadie; Christian Hebel; Scott Lefurgy; Andy LeRoy; George McConnell; Lee Riddering; Brian Sage; Erik Schnurstein; Greg Sydlowski; Dan Wiles; Jeff Zarosley; Sue Ratcliffe; Jennifer Steinmiller; Leanne Umbaugh.

Those working behind the scenes include: Gloria Logan, director; Don Daniels, vocal director; Norm Logan, orchestra director; Cletus Karamon, technical director; Jeri Silber, costume director.

Others are: Karyn Gniewek and Beth Tuomasha, assistant directors; Karyn Gniewek and David Burtka, choreographers; Andy LeRoy, assistant vocal director; Scott Lefurgy, vocal coach; Amy Hooper and Julie Oldham, costume masters; Collette Montilla, lighting master; Tara Blackwell and Lisa Ebere, sound masters; Jeff Zarosley, construction master; Sue Ratcliffe and Amanda Wilson, makeup masters; Cara Gray, makeup apprentice; Sharon Crenshaw and Tina Felt, prop masters; Kim Akers and David Burtka, publicity masters; Christian Hebel, publicity apprentice; Mark Johnson, house manager.



Jason Danely has a definite problem with his pants much to the dismay of Leo Moschouris (from left), Julie Gawlik and George McConnell (right).



Members of the "Steam Heat" dancers include Erik Schnurstein, Ericka Mac and Tiffany Natalini (from left), Colleen Cronin.

Writer is a caring, sharing person

engagements

Mazur-Kleinsmith

Joseph L. Mazur and Lyn Turner of Fort Collins, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Erik A. Kleinsmith, son of Carolyn J. Kleinsmith of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She is employed with Farmer's Insurance Group.

Her fiance is a graduate of Purdue University. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado.

A summer wedding is planned in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Oakley-Cuevas

Warren and Sherryann Oakley of Plainfield, Ind., formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynette Oakley of Canton, to David Miguel Cuevas, also of Canton. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Miguel and Patricia Cuevas of Canton.

The bride-elect is a student at Eastern Michigan University and plans to graduate in April. She is doing her student teaching at Belleville High School.

Her fiance is a student at Eastern Michigan University and plans to graduate with a degree in aviation management and flight technology.

An early May wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church of Plainfield.



Dear Lorene,

I'm right-handed and a 41-year-old female who has been working at the same profession for over 20 years. I find your column very interesting and informative.

I've often wondered if your handwriting style gives any clues on career paths which would be suit you?

At times when I'm writing, I will print some letters; could you tell me what that could mean? I'm anxious to hear from you and see what my handwriting tells you about me.

J.P., Livonia

Our writer is a beautiful young woman, one who is sharing and caring to others. She is also emotional and finds it difficult to hold back her feelings. Happiness, sadness, grief, anger, fear, etc., cannot be totally concealed from others. Her body language will usually give her away.

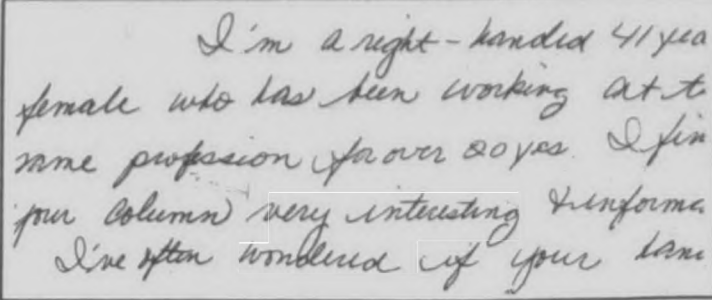
Most of her goals are set at quite a practical level. She enjoys those little daily challenges that come her way. Her work reflects a sense of pride. She is happiest working at her own pace and can be a tad deliberate at times.

Several signs suggest she is experiencing dissatisfaction with present achievements and/or the work role.



graphology

Lorene Green



In fact, this situation seems to be causing her moods to fluctuate and could lead to depression, if not remedied.

Seemingly, she harbors ambivalent feelings about several things. She may be undergoing changes with regard to security and assurance, dependence and independence and undertaking projects or activities which are unfamiliar to her.

Her security needs are noted. She tends to be a little possessive of

those she loves. She wants many things. These may be compensation for some inner lack she feels.

This is a logical thinker. She accumulates facts and information bit by bit, mentally constructing a picture in her mind's eye. Once in possession of the material her memory serves her well.

Our writer appears to have strong opinions regarding her values and spirituality. I suspect these have been with her for a long time and she

does not appear to be searching for anything new. She may even be a tad unreceptive in this area.

The first impression she makes on others is quite important to her. She may come on a little strong to stand out from others, but can usually be counted on to keep her behavior within acceptable standards.

This woman prefers congenial relationships. However, when she feels threatened, she responds with a quick retort. Seemingly, she has quite an effective way with words and a tad of tact can be seen.

Although she is a good conversationalist, she will tell others only what she wants them to know about her. Things she does not wish to discuss can be carefully avoided. She may be repressing certain things. Bringing them, out into the open and facing them may help her move forward with her life.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are all helpful. And objective feedback is welcome.

singles connection

VOYAGERS SINGLES

Voyagers Singles will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. The speaker will be state Sen. Robert Geake, who will discuss "What's Really Going on in Lansing?" Refreshments will be served. The group is for singles age 45 and older.

Tickets are on sale for the 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, 18th anniversary dinner. Advance reservations are required. Price is \$10. For information, call 591-1350.

BETHANY

Bethany West, a Catholic support group for divorced and separated people, will meet 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, Inkster and West Chicago roads, Redford. Speaker Nancy Ray will discuss creating healthy relationships. Nominations of officers for next year also will be taken. Donation is \$3. An afterglow will follow the meeting. For information, call 326-9156 or 522-2394.

EXPRESSIONS, TOO

Expressions, Too, a branch of Ann Arbor's Expressions for people age 30 and older, meets 7:30 p.m. to midnight the first Friday of the month at the Unitarian United Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, a half mile north of Grand River. There are small group discussions on singlehood and/or relationships 9 p.m., with socializing and dancing before and after the hour-long program. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks are provided. Price is \$5. For information, call the hot line, 746-9234.

TIP TOPPERS

The Detroit Tip Toppers will hold a "Spring Break II: Hawaiian Style" event Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, at the Novi Hilton, I-275 and

Eight Mile. Hours will be 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday for a Hawaiian luau (Hawaiian attire), 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday for dancing (semiformal attire). Miss Tall International 1991, Rose Carnduff of Toronto, will attend. The social club, founded in 1940, is for tall men and women. For information, call the hot line, 458-7887.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-County Singles will have a "Swing into Spring" dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Royce Hotel, I-94 and Merriman, Romulus. Admission price is \$4 for men, \$2 for women. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Casual/dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be a cash bar. For information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

The Single Professionals will have a dance 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Admission price is \$5. Members also play wallyball 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington, on Nine Mile, west of Farmington Road. The group is for singles ages 25-40. For information, call 478-9181.

SOCK HOP

A "Sock Hop" dance will be held 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Novi Civic Center. The dance is sponsored by Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Price is \$5 in

advance, \$7 at the door. There will be a disc jockey. For information, call 349-0911.

WIDOW'S ORGANIZATION

The Widow's Organization will have its 13th anniversary party 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan and Greenfield, Dearborn. Reservations are also being accepted for a Palm Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12, in the Michigan Room of the Fairlane Club. For reservations, call 582-3792. Price is \$15.50.

WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission price is \$5. For information, call 562-3160.

SATURDAY WESTSIDE

Saturday Night Singles-Westside will have "Astrology Night" dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission price is \$4, \$2 for women. For information, call 277-4242.

Cozy up to sampler of designer gardens

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Children and adults alike should appreciate the colorful windmill and animal sculptures interspersed among the conifers near the entrance. Sculpted by Jerome Kamrowski, the nationally known abstract expressionist and professor emeritus in the U-M School of Art, the slightly whimsical pieces are Kamrowski's donation to the flower show.

New this year is a landscape exhibit entered by the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Department that demonstrates how city volunteers can create an "island of green" within an urban environment. A lily pond under an arched bridge will represent water gardening, another first-time landscape exhibit.

WHILE LANDSCAPE exhibits vary widely, major awards go only

to those that display predominantly Michigan plant material, according to Katch.

As in past years, design classes require entrants to interpret themes such as "Up a Lazy River" and "Country Kitchen" by building upon one or two "props."

For example, Hommel's staff is applying the finishing touches to the bow halves of wooden rowboats for the "Up a Lazy River" category. Exhibitors start with the boats and a few cattails, then fill in the rest of the scene with their own plant materials, accessories and imaginations.

In addition to the landscape exhibits, design class arrangements and horticultural specimens, the show offers lectures and workshops by educational and environmental groups and a marketplace of plants and gardening accessories.

MORE THAN 400 volunteers are contributing to this year's show, an annual fund-raiser to help the gardens maintain and improve exhibits and educational programs. The show is a standard flower show in that it adheres to the guidelines of the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Flower show lectures and demonstrations include backyard tree care, harvesting and drying herbs, how to master plan your yard, landscaping with grasses and composting, to name a few.

clarification

The name of a Canton-based clothing franchise company was incorrect in a headline in the Thursday, March 19, Observer. The correct name is Caring Concepts.

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Rich Fisher is king at celebrity roast

WJBK-TV 2 news anchor Rich Fisher will soon know what it is like to be on the wrong end of the fishing line, when colleagues and acquaintances reel in all their stories to share at a roast in his honor.

The 'Fish(er) Fry,' sponsored by The Metro Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, will be held Thursday, April 9, at the Polish Century Club, 5181 E. Outer Drive, Detroit.

Who will be baiting Fisher to see if they can make him squirm? WJBK-TV 2 anchor Catherine Leahan and editorial director Joe Weaver will be roasters, along with WXYZ-TV 7 anchor Doris Biscoe and 'Kelly & Company's' John Kelly. Attorney and former Oakland County prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, Detroit News staffer Tim Kiska and Detroit boxing promoter and trainer Emanuel Steward, to name a few, will also have plenty of 'Fish' stories to tell.

Fisher, a native of Detroit, has touched many lives through his TV/

radio work and through his dedication to numerous charities. All roast proceeds will benefit the Larry Laurain Scholarship Fund. Larry Laurain was a previous president of the SPJ Chapter shortly before his death from cancer in 1985. Laurain's journalism career had spanned 17 years in the tri-county area, including jobs with the Daily Tribune, The Macomb Daily, UPI, and until his death, city editor of the Oakland Press.

The annual scholarship is awarded to a student with a demonstrated interest in journalism who attends a four-year college within the five-county Southeast Michigan region. The roast will begin with an open bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7.

Cost is \$50 per person (table of 10 persons, \$475). Black tie is optional. To make reservations, call 313-545-4250, or send check to SPJ, Metro Detroit Chapter, 520 Helene Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067-3979. Make checks payable to SPJ, Metro Detroit Chapter.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Pets of the week

Terrier/husky mixes like these puppies are available through the Animal Welfare Society. Two puppies, each three months

old, are available for adoption by calling Kershaw Animal Hospital, 421-7878. The hospital is at 9525 Wayne Road, Livonia.

Sex, politics, journalism to be discussion topics

"Hanky-Panky Journalism: Why is Sex Pacing the Political Coverage?" will be Stan Dale's topic at the April 9 meeting of Women in Communications Inc. — Detroit Chapter.

Dale is an author, sexologist and founder of the Human Awareness Institute, which will hold SLI (Sex, Love and Intimacy) workshops in the area April 11-12.

WICI's dinner meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 38123 10 Mile (I-96 and Grand River intersection), Farmington Hills. Admission is \$20 for members; \$25 for guests and the general public; and \$15 for students. For reservations, call (313) 791-1277 by April 6.

Referring to recent media coverage on the Justice Clarence Thomas hearings and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, Dale said, "We focus on people in the spotlight, on what they do in the bedroom in an attempt to find out what we do in the bedroom. What are we doing? Could it be better?"

Dale has been a broadcast journalist for 45 years, once serving as the voice of "The Shadow" and announcer-narrator for "The Green Hornet," "Lone Ranger" and "Sgt. Preston of the Yukon."

With master's degrees in psychology and sociology, he hosted the first pop psychology talk show in America.

MADD sets April program

"Shining Though the Darkness," a seminar for victims of alcohol-related accidents, will be presented 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Grand Manor at Fairlane, Dearborn.

The event is sponsored by the Wayne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. To register, or for additional information, call MADD at 422-6233.

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work that's not commercial, funding cuts make it difficult. Photography has gotten to be expensive. I won't be able to do projects as large," said Diaz, recipient of three individual Creative Artists grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts. "There are less grants and more competition for grants. There's not as much money to do community-oriented work."

REDFORD SCULPTOR Sergio De Giusti's sales have not slowed due to the recession. "Last year, I had a show that sold a great deal," De Giusti said. "I really didn't feel it."

De Giusti suggests the economy alone is not detrimental to an artist's survival.

"Traditionally, America has not looked upon art spiritually," De Giusti said. "It's not like in Italy where people surround themselves with art."

Here it takes years, in his case 25 to 30 years, to develop a following while remaining true to art.

"If you place standards first and live very modestly, it takes years to do that," De Giusti said. "I stay with a certain type of imagery that I really want to create. I'm pretty independent as an artist. Grants help me do that."

Last year, De Giusti lost \$1,000 of a \$10,000 grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts, but it was "insignificant when compared to other artists who lost quite a bit," he said.

De Giusti prides himself on never having to compromise his art for profit, not even commissioned work. In the last month, however, he has created a series of smaller works,

100 in all because at Christmas time, people requested them.

LIVONIA PAINTER Barbara Demgen's has felt a slowing in sales within the last few months. She believes there are two reasons for the downturn in sales.

"Buying a piece of artwork is a luxury. Pronouncements of the auto companies really affects the market in this area, because people get down," Demgen said. "In general though, January, February and March is not a good time of the year to sell artwork."

Demgen, an instructor in the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School in Livonia, thinks commissions have fallen off because people aren't redecorating. Since these commissions are down, she has compensated by switching from painting large oil or acrylic canvases to watercolor.

"During a crunch, you don't want to outlay that expense. I'm not willing to go out and spend a hundred dollars for canvas and stretchers. I tend to stay more with watercolors," Demgen said.

CANTON ARTIST Gwen Dietrich, an illustrator/graphic designer for A.R. Brasch Advertising in Southfield by day, agrees with Demgen that the time of the year has a lot to do with slow sales.

"At the first of the year, sales typically slow and with the bad news from GM, people hold back on their spending," Dietrich said.

But Dietrich's sales and commissions increased in February because of her 45-piece retrospective, "Animal Antics," hosted by the Livonia Arts Commission and the city of Livonia.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Artist Sandra Weed of Westland teaches artists the finer points of marketing their work using multiple thinking in a monthlong series of workshops at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Apply creativity to spur sales — artist

By Linda Ann Chomin special writer

Artist and teacher Sandra Weed chooses to see the proverbial glass as half full, instead of half empty. Multiple thinking, as she refers to it, and an upbeat attitude help keep her afloat in these stormy economic times.

"Everything's good and bad. The sales are there, but not in the quantity they once were. It doesn't mean people stop appreciating artwork, they just stop buying the larger wall pieces," said Weed in an interview at her Westland home.

"Artists are going to be changing the sizes of their paintings, creating smaller pieces that are more affordable. I see them being sold different-

ly, too, buying the painting without the frame."

By thinking in multiple uses, saving money and increasing time used for production, artists can continue to sell their artwork in an otherwise depressed economy.

Weed covers this information and more in "Marketing Your Arts and Crafts," a monthlong series of Saturday workshops she teaches based on "Dollars, Sales, and Sense — A Complete Business System," a book she and Eleanor Ford wrote and published.

THE MARKETING series for artists takes place on a rotating basis at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farm-

ington Hills.

In the workshops, Weed shares moneysavers like learning to stretch your own canvas and because setup takes time to use the production line method as she does, cutting a dozen mats at a time instead of only one.

"I think it's a very emotional time for people. Even the subject matter that sells is different, more emotional," Weed said. "People want more landscape instead of abstracts. They want a recognizable place in a painting that they can escape to. It's better than taking a vacation."

Weed should know what they want. She has been living off sales from her artwork for more than 30 years. Her advice to artists is to think creatively as they would in their work and "to change the direc-

tion of what they do."

"Artists can still retain the investment they've put into a painting by making prints. Some artists are now making note cards from the print and they're utilitarian. Sell the rights to a card company or calendar company where a lot of people can enjoy their work on the walls," Weed said.

FOR SOME artists, taking Weed's advice on selling their artwork will suffice, carrying them over the rough times. Others, however, may need to incorporate other money-making skills into their lives because as all artists know, starving does nothing to further art.

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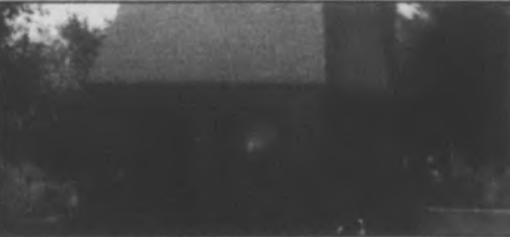
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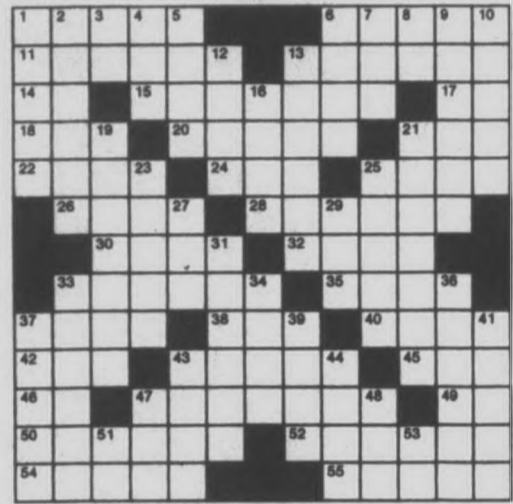
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"We actively stressed the productivity of northern workers versus southern workers. You can find (quantitative) information like that," DeMattia said.

"Michigan has a lot of manufacturing about it and is considered a union state. What percentage of workers do you think are union? The low 20 percent — that's the figure we've heard," he added.

Other panelists were:
• Michael G. Damone, president of Damone/Andrew in Troy, a developer and manager of light industrial and office properties.
• Douglas M. Elkin, president of

Elkin Equities, a Southfield real estate development company.

Richard W. Eren, general manager of Duke Associates, a developer of office, industrial and retail projects.

INSURANCE COMPANIES have financed a majority of his projects, Damone said, but they're getting a little gun-shy with rating services scrutinizing their portfolios.

Banks have always been strict, and savings and loans are essentially out of the commercial lending business, he added.

"Some pension funds invested in closed or open-ended (stock) funds feel locked in," Damone said. "Now, there's talk about real estate investment trusts."

Some tenants not aware of an owner's financial requirements are getting a little too full of themselves, he observed.

"We had a request for proposal (to bid) for a 1,200-square-foot tenant. I thought this was carrying it just a little too far."

Not all owners have clean hands, though, Damone added.

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Elkin picked up on that theme.

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"You have to be aware of tenants' needs," Elkin said. "We believe in spending money before tenants want you to spend money. That way you get satisfaction."

"If you're prepared to put new money into a deal, a lender will listen," he said of refinancing. "But if you don't pay taxes or utility bills, you won't have credibility."

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BUSINESS AND governmental leaders here should respond with a solid, unrelenting campaign, he said. DeMattia described how he managed to retain a client with the hard sell on a weekend's notice.

"The existing sales force here, we said, would be in a safe harbor. They wouldn't have to relocate their families. They could stay with their friends."

"We actively stressed the productivity of northern workers versus southern workers. You can find (quantitative) information like that," DeMattia said.

"Michigan has a lot of manufacturing about it and is considered a union state. What percentage of workers do you think are union? The low 20 percent — that's the figure we've heard," he added.

Other panelists were:
● Michael G. Damone, president of Damone/Andrew in Troy, a developer and manager of light industrial and office properties.

● Douglas M. Etkin, president of

Etkin Equities, a Southfield real estate development company.

● Richard W. Horn, general manager of Duke Associates, a developer of office, industrial and retail projects.

INSURANCE COMPANIES have financed a majority of his projects, Damone said, but they're getting a little gun-shy with rating services scrutinizing their portfolios.

Banks here always have been strict, and savings and loans are essentially out of the commercial lending business, he added.

"Some pension funds invested in closed or open-ended (stock) funds feel locked in," Damone said. "Now, there's talk about real estate investment trusts."

Some tenants not aware of an owner's financial requirements are getting a little too full of themselves, he observed.

"We had a request for proposal (to bid) for a 1,200-square-foot tenant. I thought this was carrying it just a little too far."

Not all owners have clean hands, though, Damone added.

"We've done a lot of work for troubled properties. In each case buildings are in a chaotic position, tenants are unhappy, taxes aren't paid. Tenants have suffered tremendously."

Etkin picked up on that theme.

OFFER TO reduce rents a little and make improvements in exchange for lease extensions, he advised. Banks may be willing to renegotiate interest rates with owners if owners are willing to pump more of their own money into a building when the economy sours and rates fall.

"You have to be aware of tenants' needs," Etkin said. "We believe in spending money before tenants want you to spend money. That way you get satisfaction."

"If you're prepared to put new money into a deal, a lender will listen," he said of refinancing. "But if you don't pay taxes or utility bills, you won't have credibility."

Etkin prefers to have space empty than give it away.

Horn told the gathering that owners can no longer afford to remodel to a tenant's specifications and just get their money back. The numbers don't support that now.



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Families merge to manage commercial property

By Doug Funke
staff writer

mercial property management accounts.

Two families with extensive experience in the real estate business — the McNabnays of Farmington Hills and the Buitings of Bloomfield Hills — have joined forces to attract com-

The husband/wife teams of David and Kathleen McNabney and Bernard and Jane Buiting are the founding principals of McNabney/Buiting Management Co. in Bloomfield Hills.

'We see a transition from individual owners to institutional owners. A lot of buildings are going back to lenders. There's a need there for more management.'

— David McNabney

Landscape architects state discipline case

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landscape architect, he said, are the pressures of time and budget. On a given project, the decision maker may — in an effort to get a job done quickly and at lower cost — overlook the advantage a landscape architect brings.

Another possibility is the decision maker will rush a job, he said.

Each of the design disciplines plays a different role, Lomako said. The planner steps back and looks at the big picture, while the architect and landscape architect look at a project through a magnifying glass.

"Landscape architecture is really an extension of the building," he said.

The civil engineer, he said, has to face the realities of the real world and make everything conform to the ideas and concepts of the planners, architects and landscape architects.

MICHAEL DUL, president of Dul and Associates in Birmingham, said landscape architects have made inroads in recent years. "I think it's changing," Dul said.

"There are some builders who understand (the importance of land-

scape architecture); they really believe in it.

"I'd have to say in the last 10 years, more people recognize what we can bring to a project. I've been involved with projects where right at the beginning someone says, 'OK, who's our landscape architect?'"

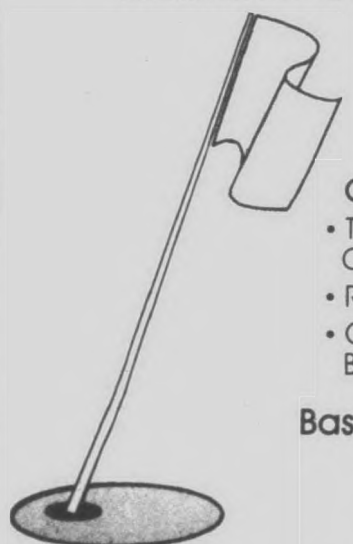
"The landscape architect thinks of the outdoors as architecture," Dul said.

Dul said it's not always easy to identify a landscape architect's contributions to a project, but most people would agree it makes a difference.

While the architect is concerned with working from the inside out, the planner is concerned with overall plan and the civil engineer is concerned about working within the site's confines. The landscape planner tries to present a building in a more sensitive manner, he said.

Traffic circulation, zoning and planning, environmental systems and visual appearances incorporate more than the site, Dul said. "Landscape architects strive for a better marriage between the building and environment."

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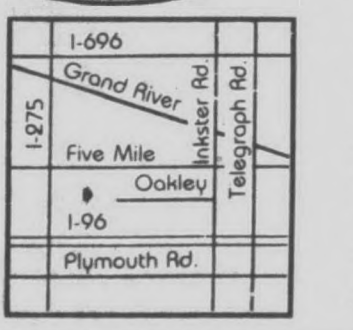
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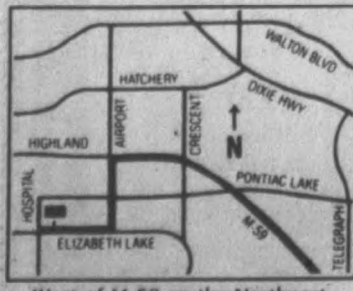
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THE BUITINGS will continue to run Buiting Property Management, which specializes in apartments, condominiums and cooperatives, separately. Ditto the McNabnays with McNabney & Associates Commercial Realtors. All three firms will share office space on Long Lake Road.
"Our goal was to break into the commercial field," Buiting said.

McNabney said his company had gross sales last year of some \$40 million. Buiting said his firm collected management fees of \$350,000.
David McNabney, president-elect of the South Oakland County Board of Realtors, was that association's Realtor of the Year in 1991. He currently is secretary of the local chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.

Bernard Buiting is past president of the Eastern Michigan Chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management. He was selected Property Manager of the Year in 1991 by that chapter.

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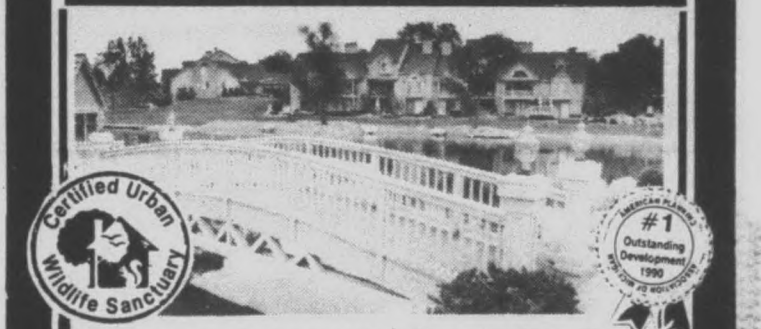
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Houses take honors in Builders Show parade

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Six houses ranging in price from \$129,900 to \$435,900 and in size from just under 1,500 to 4,200 square feet garnered award of excellence designations from a panel of architects during the annual Parade of Homes exhibition.

The showcase, co-sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and Comerica Mortgage, was held in conjunction with the International Builders Home Flower Furniture Show.

"People come from far and wide looking for ideas," said Sam Kreis, vice president of construction lending for Comerica. "Parade of Homes gives them an opportunity to deal with those builders or go to their own builder and say, 'I like floor plan three and floor plan seven' and go from there."

Judging was based on design, special features and value for price. Floor plans and renderings submitted by more than 20 builders were evaluated. All models have been constructed and are scattered throughout metro Detroit.

Following is a brief summary of the winners by category.

● **Condominium** — The Bayview, 1,459 square feet priced from \$135,900. This is a joint venture between The Brody Group and Adams Development Corp. of Bloomfield Hills in Lochmoor at Voorheis Lake, Orion Township.

The unit contains two bedrooms, two baths, an oversized kitchen with breakfast nook, a large great room, a two-car garage and an unfinished basement. A laundry room is conveniently linked to the garage entrance.

"The floor plan, the open flow to it, is one of the nicest plans I've encountered," said John Sheehan, marketing director for Brody.

● **Under \$135,000** — The Ryan, 2,240 square feet priced from \$129,900, built by DOB Custom Builders of Auburn Hills in Brandon Township.

The floor plan shows the master suite, great room, kitchen with dining nook, laundry room and powder room on the first floor. Two bedrooms with a loft — possibility for a third bedroom or recreational use — is on the second level. The model also has a garage and basement.

"Open the front door and you're looking straight at a fireplace, transom windows, solid glass on each side of the fireplace, two loft areas upstairs," said Dean O'Brien, DOB president. "It's very open. I have people just stand and gulp."

● **Up to \$160,000** — The Cambridge, 1,856 square feet priced from \$155,490 built by the BBC Group of Farmington Hills. The model is available

in Canton and Pittsfield townships. The common living areas are built into one side of the house, three bedrooms on the other. Vaulted ceilings can be found in the great room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast nook. The model also has a first-floor laundry, attached garage and basement.

"The adaptability of the model is a great feature," said Steve Taglione, owner of BBC Group. "It can be three bedrooms and a den or four bedrooms."

The vaulted ceilings also give an already spacious ranch a more spacious feel, he added.

● **Up to \$200,000** — The Lexington, 2,182 square feet built by The Irvine Group of Farmington Hills in Milford. The price starts at \$189,000.

This is another example of the master bedroom suite designed on the main level, with two other bedrooms and the possibility of a third upstairs. The den, great room or steps leading to the second level are right off the main foyer.

As with other winners, this model contains a first-floor laundry, attached garage and basement.

"The look and feel of the exterior is an unusual feature of the home," said Norm Finkelstein, an Irvine partner. "We call it kind of country contemporary. Big covered porches, high roof lines . . . give it a special attraction."

● **Up to \$300,000** — The New Dream, 3,400 square feet built by TDM Housing of East Detroit. The model in Farmington Hills is priced from \$295,000.

The house plans show a separate living room and family room, plus a dining room and an eating nook off the kitchen. All three bedrooms are on the second floor. The house has 2½ baths, first-floor laundry, walkout basement and two-car garage. The turned garage creates a courtyard entry.

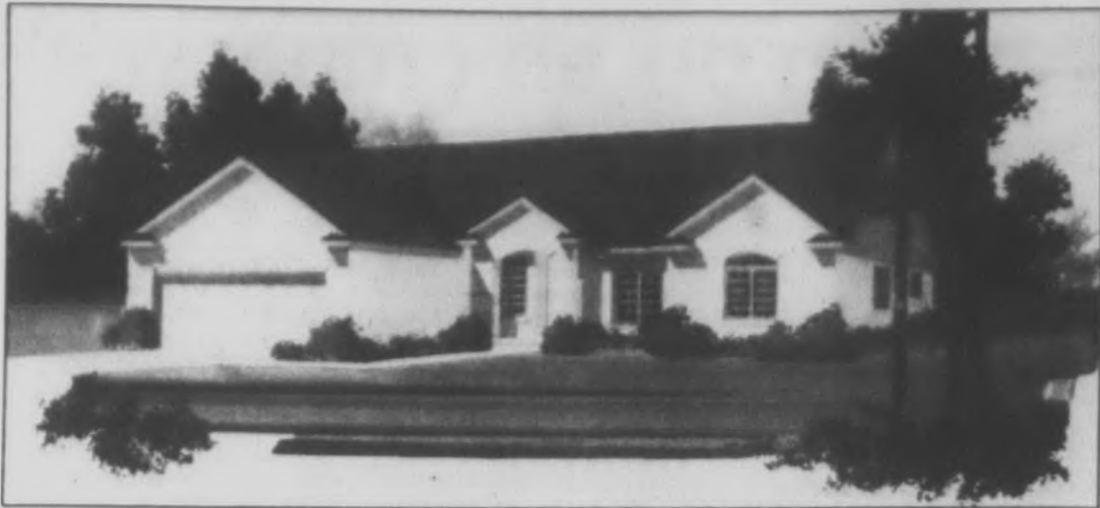
Judges seemed especially impressed by the different elevations, combination of brick and cedar for exterior facing and the barrel vault front entrance, said Brian Bunetta, TDM owner.

● **Over \$300,000** — The Oakland, 4,200 square feet priced from \$435,900 built by F&M Construction of Rochester Hills in that community.

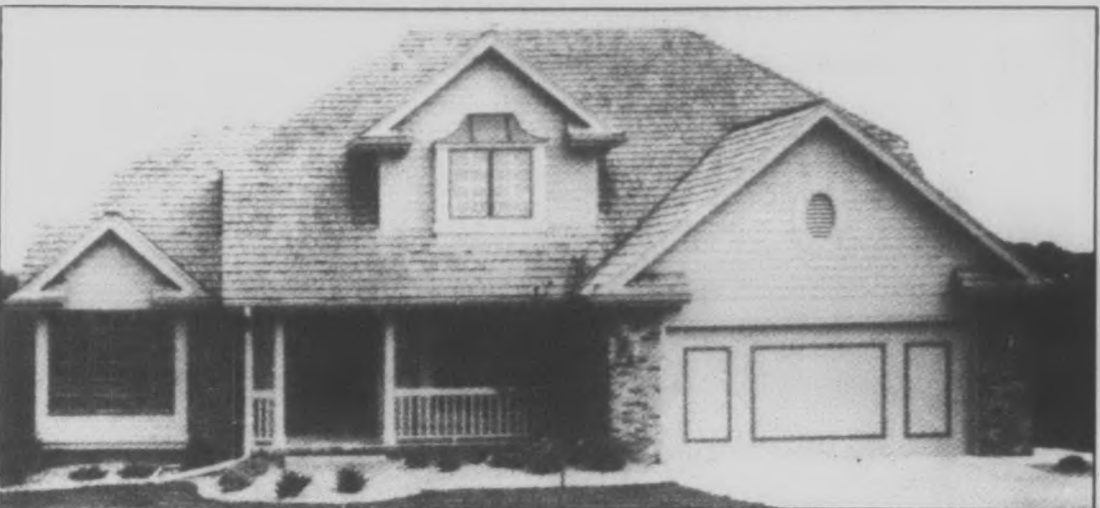
The main floor contains a family room and living room between a study, a large kitchen with a dining nook, butler's pantry and a separate dining room.

All four bedrooms and three baths are upstairs. Two separate sets of stairs lead to the second level. A two-story solarium attaches to the family room downstairs, the master suite up.

"There's no wasted square footage," said Donna Ybarra, an F&M sales rep. "It has a real nice master suite, a real nice kitchen. Those are the two things people in that price range are looking for."



The Cambridge features brick on four sides, master bedroom suite with platform tub, masonry fireplace, vaulted ceilings, full basement, ceramic tile or oak flooring in foyer, 2½ baths, and three bedrooms.



The Lexington features vaulted ceilings, first-floor master bath with separate shower and tub, optional hearth room and first floor laundry.



The Oakland features leaded glass front entry doors, full basement with walkouts available, oak bookcases and flooring in the study, ceiling crown moldings, central vacuum system and beveled glass French doors in the study and master suite.

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Picture worth 1,000 words — even on an empty wall

(AP) — Walls without pictures are not merely empty, they're sterile and sad. But only slightly more so than a wall with just one picture.

Indeed, it takes a group of pictures to add vitality to a room, said Stephanie Hoppen, author of "Decorating With Pictures" (Clarkson Potter, 1991, \$40).

Any wall is good, she said. Use large pieces of furniture such as a sofa or a long, low cabinet as anchors for a grouping. An architectural element such as a mantelpiece also works. Bring an empty corner

into a better relationship with the rest of the room by hanging a group of small pictures. Add interest to stairwells and long hallways by turning them into a gallery setting.

If you're stumped for ideas, combine different versions of the same subject. "It could be roses, views of Venice, cats, photographs of your children," Hoppen said.

Art photographs, botanical prints, architectural drawings, antique and modern advertisements and illustrations, fashion plates, pictures of pets, caricatures and plates are among

her suggestions for wall ornaments.

Hoppen claims no special training in the art of putting pictures together. She said none is needed.

SHE STARTED AS a dealer in maps and artworks on paper in England and branched out to framing. She now maintains showrooms in London, Toronto and New York.

"I learned framing as I went along, and I wasn't particularly adept," she said. "Even today, the pictures I put up aren't necessarily

right the first time. If I could learn, so can others."

Still, there are some tricks of the trade:

- Look for wood or plaster architectural ornaments such as rosettes or finials which can add dimension to a wall of framed art works.

- Intersperse objects such as wall sconces, mirrors, wood carvings and plaster plaques to create a more vivid setting.

- Hang a dimensional ornament above a series of paintings as a final. It's a finishing touch that often produces a more interesting effect.

- Work on the floor to create an arrangement. Step back and look. Try different patterns until you find one you like.

- It's more difficult to hang pictures in a straight line than to create an asymmetrical arrangement.

- If you have a series of pictures identically framed, string a length of ribbon from one to the other. Each framed work is actually hung separately, but the illusion that all are attached to a single ribbon creates a pleasing visual whole.

- To lend interest to a wall full of books, include a few small framed pieces of art. An even more dramatic effect is created by hanging a picture across the front of a shelf. "You could hide all your paperbacks behind the picture," she said.

- Look for new places to hang pictures, such as closet doors. If the door will be opened frequently, choose small, almost weightless, pieces.

- If a mirrored wall or door no longer delights you, cover part of the surface with framed art. Call a professional glass installer to affix the

art to a mirrored wall.

- Since custom framing is so pricey, consider hanging oil paintings without frames.

Face the fact that good framing involves hand work, which is expensive, Hoppen said. The more intricate the frame and mat, the more costly the job. This applies to custom work as well as ready-made moldings which have hand-rubbed finishes and intricate carving.

While a well-chosen frame protects against dirt, dust, fingerprints, accidents and moisture, it also enhances the art work and contributes to the room's decor.

When shopping for frames, pay close attention to the work on display and choose a framer whose work you admire. If there is no display, ask to see samples of his or her work.

Kitchen facelifts worth the time

AP — Sprucing up shabby kitchen cabinets is a fast way to give your whole kitchen a facelift. Here are some ways you can revive your cabinets:

- Painting is the simplest and least expensive way to improve the appearance of cabinets. A first-rate paint job on cabinets is not difficult, but it is time-consuming.

To paint interiors and shelves, empty the cabinets and scrub them out with a heavy duty detergent to remove grease and grime. Lightly sand all surfaces. Apply two coats of glossy or semigloss paint.

To paint cabinet exteriors, remove the doors and save the hardware to scrub and polish separately. Scrub all exterior surfaces with heavy duty detergent. Fill any holes and gouges with wood filler. Allow to dry, then

sand smooth. Sand all cabinet exterior surfaces to give the new paint additional bite.

Apply two coats of gloss or semigloss paint. Paint the cabinet frame edges first, then the frame surfaces, then the exposed sides of the cabinet. Work from top to bottom.

Lay the doors on a large work surface, raised up on strip of scrap wood. Paint around all edges first. Next, paint the door surfaces, back sides first.

When the paint dries, turn the doors over and do the front sides. On raised-panel doors, paint the center panels first, then the door edges, then the framing around the center

panels. Repeat steps for second coat.

Rehang doors with the old hardware, scrubbed and polished, or with new hardware chosen to complete the facelift.

- Stripping and refinishing is another inexpensive option. Stripping is messy, but new products make it safer than it used to be. Refinishing has some limitations:

Don't try going from a dark stain to a light one; you may get a blotchy-looking surface.

Be wary of cabinets that have been painted; paint often covers unattractive wood.

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