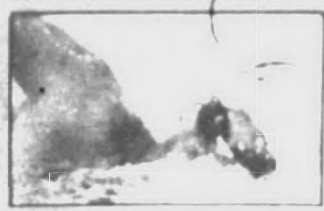


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## Board flunks schools-of-choice plan

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

If voters in the Plymouth Canton school district decide in the June 8 election to implement a schools-of-choice plan, it will be without the blessing of the Plymouth Canton Board of Education and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

The board, mandated by state law to either accept or reject the proposal as drafted by a 24-member committee of teachers, administrators and parents, voted unanimously Monday night not to adopt it.

The plan would allow students to attend the school of their choice, space permitting,

anywhere within the district. The district would be responsible for transporting schools-of-choice students.

This committee did a perfect job of taking a pig and perfuming it with Chanel No. 5, said trustee Dean Swartzwelder.

I SAT AT HOME and struggled with this, he said, thinking that if we voted it down, the committee would feel they didn't do their job right.

That's not it, Swartzwelder said.

As I view it, we have several responsibilities. First is to obey the law. Second, our primary responsibility is to students, parents and taxpayers of this district. There is no educational value I can see us getting out of this process. This is a perfect example of

government trying to use a slogan. It sounds nice in the press, but in the end, it's a meaningless phrase.

Trustee Roland Thomas, who made the motion rejecting the plan presented at length by the committee last week, said he questions the educational value of schools-of-choice.

I think we have an outstanding school system in Plymouth Canton. I can't in good conscience vote for a program that has open-ended costs when we are looking at a very difficult financial situation. This opens the door to open-ended transportation costs.

If the community wants us to do this, that's their option, said Thomas, adding that he intends to advise voters to turn down the ballot proposal.

Trustee E.J. McClendon opposed the plan but offered an amendment attempting to smooth the feathers of committee members who might resent working for naught on a taxing project.

McClendon expressed deep and sincere appreciation to members of the schools-of-choice committee, and in particular to chairperson Carey Peters.

I studied this report with care, said McClendon. It's voluminous, but I have yet to find that schools-of-choice makes any significant improvement in educational programs for children. I cannot visualize in a time of economic crisis that it would be rational at all for us to accept a program that would cost a considerable amount of mon-

ey, yet has no guarantees of bringing about improvement in the classroom.

TRUSTEE BARBARA GRAHAM said she doesn't feel schools-of-choice has a place in Plymouth Canton at this time. Graham said she's not ruling out such a program for the future, but I've watched too many dollars go down the drain with similar programs, such as busing.

Board member Carl Battishill said this is another example of government attempting to put a band-aid over a gaping hole. I think that our turning this proposal down will lead our community to a true and honest dialogue about the value of schools of

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## Teacher buyouts will save \$2 million

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

In a move that could save the Plymouth Canton School District \$2 million, the school board approved an early retirement assistance package for 40 retiring teachers Monday night.

Teachers who qualify are those who by June 30 will have been with the district at least 10 years. The teachers also must be in the top step of their salary schedule and sign an agreement by May 15. Eligible employees include certified staff members with a master's education and begin with a \$10,000 buyout and the district will pay the balance.

TEACHERS WHO AGREE to leave will receive a \$10,000 buyout and a \$10,000 buyout will be made in 1993. The buyouts in January 1993 for 40 teachers total \$400,000.

The plan will save the district \$2 million over the next five years.

The board also agreed to hire the retiring teachers as the teachers' union. The district will pay a \$4,000 buyout for each teacher's buyout.

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Russell Reed, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor, shows his form.

## PSO goes to the movies

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is hosting its annual fundraiser, April 10-11, at Fox Hills Country Club.

The concert will feature the symphony local guest conductors and the orchestra's "Measure for Measure."

The theme of the evening is "Measure for Measure." The symphony will be joined by the chorus for "Measure for Measure." The program includes Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," Rossini's "William Tell Overture," and Beethoven's "Fiddler on the Roof."

The guest conductors are Plymouth Symphony League president Susan Tidwell Friday night and Plymouth Mayor Robert Jones Saturday night.

Tickets for the dinner and concert cost \$40 per person. Seating begins at 6 p.m. Tickets for the concert alone cost \$25 and seating begins at 7 p.m. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling 313-772-1100 or can be purchased at the box office, 904 W. Ann Arbor Road, Troy, or Evita Music Center, W. Ann Arbor Road.



Edith Schutze and Louise Bradley tune up on their violas.

## Former Oscar winners, fans watch this time

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Two Plymouth residents with rising stars of their own in Hollywood shared their views on moviemaking and this year's crop of Academy Award winners.

Jim Burnstein, a screenwriter and playwright who recently sold to Touchstone Pictures the rights to his feature film "Renaissance Man" — cleaned up in a pool during a party hosted by Oscar winner Kurt Luedtke.

Plymouth film maker Pam Conn who won an Oscar in 1987 for best documentary short story, was tied up working on a new film and missed watching the Academy Awards for the first time in my life.

A Birmingham resident and former Detroit Free Press executive editor, Luedtke won an Oscar for his 1987 movie "Out of Africa."

Kurt has a contest at his Oscar party every year. One other guy and I usually take turns winning, said

**Jim Burnstein — a screenwriter and playwright who recently sold to Touchstone Pictures the rights to his feature film "Renaissance Man" — cleaned up in a pool during a party hosted by Oscar winner Kurt Luedtke.**

Burnstein, whose play "Learn to Fly" set box office records at Detroit's Arts Theatre and is scheduled to begin production at California's United Theatres Theatre.

I GOT SOME fun, I got out there working.

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## Former mayor's death stuns friends

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

Colleagues and friends of former Plymouth Mayor Karl Gansler II were shocked by his death of an apparent heart attack Saturday.

Gansler, 50, served as Plymouth mayor from November 1987 until his resignation in August 1989, when he moved from the city to White Lake Township, Oakland County.

Gansler served on the city council from 1979-83 and 1985-89.

Even after leaving Plymouth, he kept in touch with the community. He volunteered on a regular basis. He always wanted to talk about what was happening in Plymouth, he



Carl Gansler

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SPECIAL SECTION IN TODAY'S ISSUE

## St. Mary, Beaumont hospitals combine

A working partnership has been agreed upon between St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Beaumont Hospital of Royal Oak and Troy.

The agreement will enhance and expand health care delivery in Livonia and its surrounding communities, said Sister Mary Modesta, president and chief executive officer of St. Mary Hospital.

The affiliation will allow both hospitals not only to continue independent operations and governing boards, said Modesta, but will develop a liaison committee to undertake joint planning and program development.

THE AFFILIATION does not constitute a merger or acquisition, Modesta said, as both St. Mary and Beaumont will remain independent hospitals, administratively and financially.

With the assistance of Superior Consultant Co. Inc. of Farmington Hills, an extensive request for affiliation began in May 1991. Beaumont was se-

lected from a group of major health care providers.

We are taking a proactive role and an innovative solution to strengthen the services at St. Mary Hospital, said Modesta.

One of the goals and criteria presented to the potential affiliate was to preserve the mission of the Felician Sisters at St. Mary Hospital and ensure long-term growth and development.

The Catholic values of St. Mary Hospital will be preserved by our support and commitment to infuse medical talent so St. Mary Hospital can become a strong partner in a network of like-minded organizations, said Kenneth E. Myers, president and chief executive officer of William Beaumont Hospital.

Beaumont operates two hospitals in Royal Oak and Troy with a total of 1,118 beds.

Other Beaumont facilities include a rehabilitation and health center in Birmingham, medical buildings in Royal Oak, Troy, West Bloomfield

and Rochester Hills, a health care clinic in Farmington Hills, Shelby Nursing Center in Shelby Township, West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Center, Cherrywood Nursing and Living Center in Sterling Heights.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL is a non-teaching community hospital and its primary reason for seeking an affiliation is the recruitment and retention of top quality practitioners, including specialists and sub-specialist coverage that will enhance its provision of high quality medical services to the community.

Beaumont will benefit by associating with St. Mary Hospital as a partner in its tertiary referral network by the placement of its newly trained physicians in an area where they can continue referrals for high risk patients, said Myers.

Details of the agreement have not been finalized.

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# Area's former Oscar winners watch this time

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## 'Populist' trustee Stewart running against supervisor

Plymouth Township trustee John Stewart has filed petitions and is running against incumbent Gerald Law for the post of township supervisor.

Stewart, 42, was elected trustee in 1988. Married with two daughters, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Plymouth, the Wayne II

Republican Club, Plymouth Oratorio Society, Plymouth Historical Society and the First Presbyterian Church.



John Stewart

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## Voters to decide on schools of choice

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"Have you done your homework?" shouldn't be an essay question.

Lansing Board president Dave Artley said he agrees with Peters, the committee chair who contends that shifting students from one school to another is not the answer to our educational dilemma. Allowing parents to choose a different school because they don't like a particular teacher, principal or building is not the intent of the choice program, he said.

on the committee and found it a frustrating experience. "We at least tried to come up with something acceptable, even though we didn't feel good about it," he said. "We didn't necessarily agree with the mandate, but given the mandate, we did what we had to. I don't think the committee will be unhappy with the route it's taken. I had considerable personal frustration when we tried to get information from Lansing about how this thing should go," added Egli. "No one really knew. Here it was law — it had been tacked onto the state aid act — yet no one could give us the guidance we needed and wanted." The chamber's education committee identified many of the same problems with schools of choice as did the school board.

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# New state rep expected quiet, got 'chaos'

By Kevin Brown  
Staff Writer

When she began serving in the Michigan Legislature in September, Georgina Goss said she pictured the House chamber as quiet and sedate.

But in reality, it was total chaos, Goss said, recalling her first week at a place where people talked about what they wanted about during the day.

"It's a noisy world, but I just didn't expect it to be this noisy," she said.

Goss, the former Northville Township supervisor endorsed by the local Republican party leaders after she had been elected to become Plymouth Township supervisor, won election to the 10th District House seat.

"What I like about this job is you don't know what's going to happen," she said.

On a recent Wednesday, her workday opened with a visit from Nancy Stanley, a House Republican analyst on education issues.

Before lunch, she'd also greet some students from her district and meet with a Plymouth Township man who said a problem urged her not to support legislation to limit medical malpractice awards.

Being a freshman legislator, Goss

doesn't have an office in the actual Capitol building. Her office is on the eighth floor of the Olds Plaza building just across the street.

Outside her window, an early spring wind whipped up the flag flying over the Capitol. Goss listened sometimes injecting an opinion or comment as Stanley touched on several issues coming before legislators.

"Do you have anything coming up on the education committee that I should be concerned about?" Goss asked.

Stanley discusses several education-related issues, and Goss offers opinions on how people in her district view them.

When Stanley describes a modification of a school finance reform program that would take money from well-off districts like Plymouth Canton and spread it to poorer ones, Goss commented. It still doesn't sound like it is going to satisfy our district.

After about a half hour, Stanley leaves and Goss is reaching for a long red coat. Secretary-aide Shirley Pauwoski hands her an armful of brochures, and Goss is down the elevator, through the revolving door and crossing Capitol Avenue.

ONCE INSIDE THE Capitol, a page directs her to a group of about 40 fifth and sixth graders and a few teachers from Lorraine School in Northville.

"Good morning, it is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the Capitol," she tells them.

Later, she leans against her desk on the floor of the House chamber. That day's session is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. It's very very partisan — much more partisan than I imagined," Goss said.

This is especially evident on budget-related proposals. "You will watch the votes split right down the middle," she said, along party lines.

It is difficult for us to stop budget bills that are not equitable," she said, as House Democrats outnumber Republicans.

Besides education, Goss' other committee appointments include a conservation and environment committee. She is seeking to pass a bill requiring the state government fleet to use at least 20 percent non-fossil fuels.

Should it pass, it would be her first bill. Such an event is marked by fan-



Georgina Goss listens to Plymouth Township resident John Kownacki, who urges her to vote against legislation to limit medical malpractice awards.

tioning the passage and the possibility of a veto by the Legislature.

As Kownacki speaks, Goss listens intently, nodding occasionally. She is holding a folder of papers.

"I think the proposals are very important," she says. "I will think about them carefully and I will try to get them up as a priority item."

She is also looking at a proposed bill to limit medical malpractice awards.

"I will be looking at it and I will be looking at it," she says. "I will be looking at it and I will be looking at it."

She is also looking at a proposed bill to limit medical malpractice awards.



Georgina Goss crosses the street from her office in the Olds Plaza building to the Capitol, on a recent weekday in Lansing.



Goss, elected to the state Legislature in August, listens to a constituent at her Lansing office.



State Rep. Georgina Goss welcomes a group of fifth and sixth graders and their teachers to the Capitol, from an elementary school in Northville.

## Local writer to appear at Canton 'Authors Brunch'

By M.R. Dillon  
Staff Writer

Next Tuesday's Week April 5-11, won't be just any week at the Canton Public Library.

It will be an elegant Sunday Authors Brunch, featuring guest speakers Plymouth playwright and screenwriter Burnstein and John Magel, an author and computer consultant from Mt. Clemens.

The brunch will be noon Sunday, April 5, in the library's meeting room, 1200 S. Canton Center. Tickets, which will be catered by Mitch Howard of Canton, are \$12. Tickets, priced at \$12, are on sale at the library through March 31.

Burnstein's play, *Learn to Fall*, which centers around a boy and an autistic child, set box office records at Detroit's Attie Theatre. It's scheduled to be a major production at California's famed Pasadena Playhouse.

Magel's screenplays, Disney's adult division, recently purchased the rights to Burnstein's feature film, *Return to Me*. The work is based on the writer's experience directing Shakespeare to soldiers at Selfridge Air Force Base.

BURNSTEIN'S LATEST screenplay, *Me and Ali*, is circulating in Hollywood and getting a lot of good bites in the biz. It's just waiting for my agent to land 'em in the best of hands.

Although *Me and Ali* is set in a fictional town, it is clearly Plymouth. The screenplay is absolutely the closest thing to home I've ever written about," the Church Street resident said.

The story follows the travails of a boy whose father is suffering a bout of severe depression.

The father's hero is Muhammad Ali, and always has

*'Although "Me and Ali" is set in a fictional town, it is clearly Plymouth.'*

been. That's right, the boy's father is Muhammad Ali.

MAGEL IS THE AUTHOR of *The Boy and the Castle*. The story of a boy and a castle, it's set in a fictional town, it's clearly Plymouth.

It could cure illness, it could cure depression, it could cure management, maybe it could cure a lack of education.

Magel said his book is an advertisement for the lost pleasures of literacy. He spun an allegorical tale about a wise old man who helps a young boy find his way out of a castle that comes to life.

The imaginative youngster, who conquers ogres and dragons and acrobatic kink dancers, earning his own, internal, royalty.

Magel comes from literary lineage that includes grandfather Frank Magel, owner of Plymouth Book Store in New York City and former vice president of the Book of the Month Club. Magel's father worked as a sales representative for Grosser and Dunlap, and his mother was a book buyer for a neighborhood stationery.

For more information on the brunch, call the Canton Public Library, 397-0999.

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## Community Corner

The regular feature

What was your favorite movie of the past year?

We asked this question of our readers with the following results:



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## Thieves strike garages

Two thefts from homeowners' garages were reported to Plymouth police over the weekend.

Tools valued at more than \$600 turned up missing at 8:30 a.m. Monday from a locked garage in Lakewood.

And in another theft, a Craftsman gas-powered red and silver edger and electric hedge trimmer, both valued at \$288, turned up missing at 12:30 p.m. Monday from a garage on Blunk Street. The homeowner told police he had noticed a silver gray Mercury cruising slowly through his neighborhood recently.

**BREAK IN:** A radar detector was

stolen \$2,000 was reported stolen Sunday from a car parked in Lexington in Plymouth.

The theft was discovered at 10 a.m. when the owner noticed the radar detector was missing. The \$2,000 radar detector was taken out.

**SWIPED:** A 1987 Pontiac turned up missing at 10 a.m. Monday from a garage at 400 Lexington Road in Lakewood, according to a report filed with police.

The stolen car was last seen at 10 a.m. Monday in the area, it was stated.

**DIVERSION:** After a group of

employees at a Plymouth store Saturday, a clerk noticed cash in a deposit envelope was missing.

According to a report filed with police, the clerk at Healthways of Plymouth, 44427 Ann Arbor Road, described the adults as 35-40 and the teens as 14-16. The theft occurred at 2:40 a.m., the report said.

**ASSAULT:** A Plymouth man, 21, said he was punched in the face several times after entering a rest room Saturday at Benny's Restaurant, 3600 Ann Arbor Road.

The man identified one assailant as the 2:40 a.m. incident as a North-

## crime watch

ville man, 24. He told police the assault was over drugs.

**THREAT:** A Plymouth Township woman said two men used the car they were riding in Saturday to ram her garage door, then they left a note to threaten her son.

The woman, on Aspen Drive, told police her garage door sustained \$800 in damage after the older model car struck it. A note left at the scene demanded \$20 from her son and was signed by "Adam." The incident occurred at 2 a.m.

## Former mayor's death stuns friends

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called his friend and fellow commissioner Dennis Bila.

He was a businessman himself and early on was concerned about the redevelopment of downtown and the proliferation of signs downtown, Bila said.

**NEWS OF** Gansler's death reached Bila while he was on a business trip to Chicago. "It was a shock. We are the same age," Bila said.

Former city commissioner Ron Loiselle, now a planning commissioner, was both a friend of Gansler's and his accountant.

Karl was a good commissioner. He had his own way for getting things done, Loiselle said.

He was responsible for getting the sign ordinance. One of his goals was to get rid of sign pollution in Plymouth, basically lowering the height and square footage of the signs.

He worked well with the city manager Henry Graper, getting his agenda accomplished, Loiselle said.

Karl was very good to work with, said Paul Sincok, assistant city manager. The city was working as a team. Everything was a

group approach to solving particular problems," Sincok said.

He worked well with all the city departments, Sincok said, adding Gansler's death was a real shock.

Gansler was born Aug. 21, 1941, in Lakewood, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State College in 1968, and moved to Plymouth in the 1970s.

He was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church, a Plymouth Rotarian, a Michigan Jaycees senator and past president of the Michigan Association of Gift Salesmen. Gansler was a sales representative for the Zoltan Letton Co.

He also served on the White Lake tax review board.

Survivors include his wife, Constance of White Lake; a son, Karl III of Plymouth; a daughter, Jennifer Gansler of Quito, Ecuador; his parents, Karl and Winifred Gansler of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; and a brother, Doug Gansler of Canton.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with Dr. William Ritter officiating.

Burial was scheduled for the Riverside Mausoleum in Plymouth Memorial. Contributions can be made to the World Wildlife Fund.

## St. Mary, Beaumont hospitals combine

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Both Modesta and Myers, backed by the support of their respective boards, view the agreement as a long-lasting and mutually beneficial partnership.

St. Mary Hospital is a 394-bed acute care hos-

pital offering medical, surgical, intensive care, oncology, obstetrics, mental health, chemical dependency, and 24-hour emergency care.

St. Mary Hospital also operates the St. Mary Modesto Family Medical Center in Livonia, St. Mary Health Care Center in Livonia, St. Mary

Health Care Center in Northville, and Marywood Nursing Care Center and Marybrook Manor in Livonia.

Most of its patients come from Livonia with the second highest number from Westland. The hospital also treats patients from nearby Plymouth, Canton and Redford.

## Astronomer, UFO investigator will speak at library

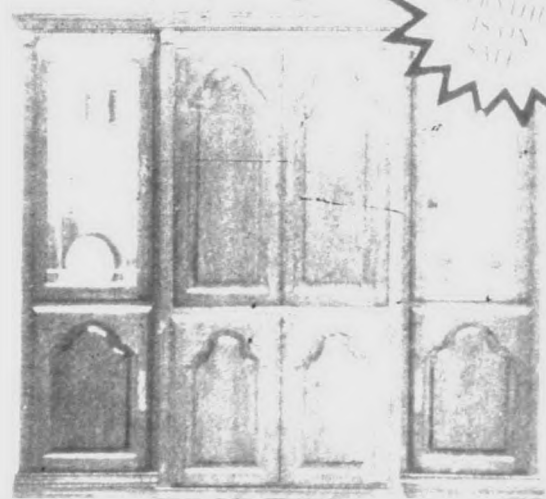
Mike Best, astronomer teacher and UFO investigator and lecturer will be at the Plymouth District Library Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

He will present the program "UFOs and the possibility of an extra-terrestrial life." He will also talk to use a

telescope and binoculars, and information on the possibility of an extra-terrestrial.

Children 8-12 years of age should register in person or by phone starting Monday, April 6, at 453-0750.

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# 'Race for Cure' runners challenge cancer

**By Susan DeMaggio**  
staff writer

When the race begins there will be more at stake than just crossing the finish line.

Many of the runners will have won once before.

They ran against breast cancer and survived.

More than 1,100 women are expected to participate in a 5K 'Race for the Cure' at the Detroit Zoo Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m.

The race is one of 25 nationwide to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

BOTH INSTITUTIONS will use proceeds for breast cancer research and to promote awareness, education and early detection of the disease, as well as funding mammograms for low-income women.

There will also be a simultaneous 1-mile fun run walk for the husbands and children of breast cancer survivors and anyone else who wants to offer support.

"I'm walking as a breast cancer survivor," said Linda Rybka, 44, of Redford. "I will do anything I can to help in the fight against this disease so that women become aware of all the things they should do for early detection. And also, so that researchers can find a cure for women whose

cases are advanced.  
Ellen Wolff, 48, of Farmington Hills, agreed.

When I heard about the race I quickly called a friend and said, 'Let's do it!' I was moved by the charity of the event, by the cause," she explained. "I survived breast cancer and I know more women than I care to who have also battled the disease. It's on the rise, it kills, and women need to be aware of what they can do to survive it."

The American Cancer Society recently increased the statistics of women who will get breast cancer during their lifetime from one in 10, to one in nine. Breast cancer is the second biggest killer of American women, right on the heels of number one lung cancer.

An estimated 180,000 new cases are expected this year, with 46,000 deaths.

Wolff's cancerous tumor was discovered after a routine mammogram during the very hot summer of 1988.

"I got home from Beaumont and was only in the house a few minutes when my physician phoned," she recalled. "We've found something suspicious," he said. Well, after I picked myself up off the floor, I called a surgeon for a consultation."

A biopsy followed. Results positive. Next step, a lumpectomy or a mastectomy. The choice was hers to make.

"MY DOCTOR ANSWERED my

questions and gave me several brochures on the subject," Wolff said.

But he would not make the decision for me. I talked it over with my husband. He consulted with a relative who is an oncologist in New York. Then my husband watched a PBS special on breast cancer to learn more. I couldn't watch it. I was upset. I'm nervous. I'm worried. Actually, there are no words for how I felt.

"During this time of doubt, Wolff said she completely lost her appetite.

"It was a heck of a way to lose weight," she said with a wry snicker. "And I lost eight pounds. I just couldn't swallow."

When she finally broke the news of the tumor and her decision to have a lumpectomy to her two daughters, she realized she must keep up her

strength for the arduous radiation and chemotherapy sessions that would follow.

If your blood levels drop below a certain point during chemotherapy the doctors will interrupt the treatment until you regain your strength. I didn't want this. I wanted to get it over with quickly.

So during the very hot summer of 1988, Wolff intravenously received her chemotherapy, tried to control her nausea, drank gallons of pineapple juice and tried not to think about things.

"Mom was great," daughter Andrea, 19, boasted. "I drove her to chemo a few times and she was brave, strong and kept her composure."

It wasn't that hard, according to Wolff, when she looked around the room at the other chemo patients

and realized she had not lost her hair, not paled to ashen, and not lost her strength, just her energy.

I've blocked all that out of my mind now," she said. "But I still can't drive along Big Beaver without feeling nauseated. The chemo clinic was hell that road."

LINDA RYBKA'S battle with breast cancer was similar to Wolff's. Both women had grandmother's who died from the disease. Both women practiced self-examination and faithfully made appointments for mammograms. Both women opted for lumpectomies.

In June of 1989, I found a lump in my breast," Rybka said. "I went in for a physical examination and my doctor told me it was just a sprained

**More than 1,100 women are expected to participate in the 5K "Race for the Cure," at the Detroit Zoo, Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m. The race is one of 25 nationwide, to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit.**

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# Walker remembered as 'one of the gang'

**By Wayne Peal**  
staff writer

Area police remembered the days when former Observer and Eccentric reporter Maurie Walker would stop by the station for coffee and conversation.

"Maurie was one of the gang," recalled Livonia Deputy Chief Gary Valvet. "The officers liked him and respected him."

Walker, 75, died Tuesday in Plymouth.

A 16-year O & E employee, Walker also worked for the now-defunct Detroit Times and in the American Airlines public relations office.

for his coverage of police and fire stories.

At various times, Walker worked for the Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City and Redford editions.

"You could say his beat was the Plymouth Road corridor," Westland Garden City editor Leonard Poger said.

O & E editorial page director Sandra Armbruster, a onetime neighbor remembered Walker as the man who first sparked her interest in journalism.

"When I was a child, he used to take his daughter, Christine, and me down to the Times building and let us play with the keyboards and look

at the hot type," Armbruster said. "If it wasn't for Maurie — and his doughnuts — I don't know where I'd be today."

The longtime Inskter resident retired in 1985.

Visitation is 4-9 p.m. today at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland. A funeral mass will be celebrated Friday at St. John Neumann Church, Canton. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

Survivors include his wife, Rose, and daughters, Christine Cruickshank, Cathy Lemanek, Cecilia Haslam and Carol Siemieniak. He is also survived by a brother, sister and 10 grandchildren.



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# Man fondled girls, witnesses say

Canton Police are investigating reports that a middle-aged man fondled four girls at a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant on Ford Road in Canton last week.

According to police reports, officers were called to the restaurant about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 by witnesses who pointed out the suspect and three girls he allegedly touched. The girls ranged in age from five years old to nine.

Officers talked to the two of the girls or their parents at the restaurant.

The mother of a fourth girl called police a day later when her daughter told of the incident.

The man, who has not been charged, is alleged to have touched the girls in the buttocks or crotch, apparently in a game room away from adults that accompanied the children. Chuck E. Cheese is a restaurant popular with children.

**CANTON POLICE** Detective Richard Pomorski said the suspect is

about 50 years old and lives in the area. Pomorski would not be more specific, saying he had just begun to investigate the case.

"I hate to be premature on this, but I don't think these are fictitious reports," he said.

The suspect was questioned by police at the scene but not arrested.

A manager of the restaurant refused comment and referred calls to a corporate office in Texas.

One of the girls was a nine-year-

old from Canton, another was a five-year-old from Livonia and a third was a five-year-old from Montana.

A fourth girl, a Canton 10-year-old, told her mother a man pressed his knee against her buttocks then reached around and touched her crotch. The girl left the area.

The girl and her mother later saw the man being questioned by police.

Pomorski said it was unclear whether there were other incidents at the restaurant.

# Child loses toe in escalator accident

By **Tedd Schneider**  
Staff writer

An 8-year-old Canton Township girl lost a toe Sunday afternoon when her foot got caught in the escalator in the Livonia Mall Crowley's store, police said.

Police and store officials Tuesday called the incident "an unfortunate accident."

The girl was reported in stable condition Tuesday at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

"She's doing fine, all things considered," a hospital spokeswoman said.

A CROWLEY'S official said it was

the first serious incident reported on the escalator.

Police and a Livonia Emergency Medical Service crew were called to the mall, Seven Mile at Middlebelt, shortly before 5:30 p.m.

The victim was at the store with her mother, police said.

According to a police report, the girl was riding the up escalator to the second floor when her shoelace caught between two stairs near the top.

The mechanism pulled in the laces until her left foot was jammed beneath the stairs and her toe severed.

The girl fell down and caught her

coat in the mechanism as well, police said.

The girl was transported to Botsford while EMS technicians recovered the toe, police said.

Doctors were unable to re-attach the toe, which was badly mangled, police said.

"It was really unfortunate. There's no indication there was anybody at fault," said Michael Toloff, Crowley's vice president of stores and operations.

**TOLOFF SAID** store security employees acted "within a few seconds" of the incident, hitting a kill switch turning off the escalator.

The escalator is inspected yearly by the state and weekly by the Truce Escalator Company. It passed its state inspection on March 6, he said.

The escalator wasn't operational on Tuesday.

It will be turned back on after another inspection by state officials, which should be made before the end of the week, Toloff said.

Toloff said the store has previously experienced an occasional incident in which someone got a shoelace or article of clothing caught in the escalator. No injuries were reported, resulting from those incidents, he said.

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# Racial slurs made against 2 families

Two racial intimidation cases were reported in Canton, with one or both involving youths.

One incident involved a black family whose members found a racist slogan on their front door. The other occurred when members of an Asian family were shouted and sworn at outside their home by teenagers in a passing car.

Police believe the cases are not related, although similar reports are becoming more common in the wake of a new ethnic intimidation law.

"We're starting to get more and more (of the reports)," said Canton Detective Davey LeBlanc. "Because of the racial intimidation law, more people are coming forward."

According to a police report, a Canton family had received a series of anonymous phone calls over the last 10 months in which the caller used racial epithets and made threats. This culminated March 25, when a neighbor saw two boys pasting the letters KKK on the family's door. The acronym is short for Ku Klux Klan, the white supremacist organization.

**'Because of the racial intimidation law, more people are coming forward.'**


— Davey LeBlanc

**THE NEIGHBOR** apparently urged the boys to stop, but they refused. One of the suspects is believed to be a Plymouth middle school student, the other a youth from the neighborhood.

The other incident occurred Sunday afternoon. According to a police report, a 35-year-old Indian man was outside his home with his wife and children when a car drove by. A teenager in the car yelled racial epithets and threatened the family.

The man got in his car and followed the suspects until he caught up with them and exchanged words near Canton Center Road. The car contained three teenagers, two girls and a boy of about 16, who was doing the yelling, the victim told police.

The suspects fled after threatening to return to the victim's home.



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# Race is personal challenge for many participants

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muscle. But two months later it was still there. Further examination revealed it was the beginning of a cancerous tumor.

"I work at Michigan Bell in downtown Detroit," Rybka continued. "There were a lot of women around to discuss my concerns with. I was amazed at how many others also dealt with breast cancer. I drew strength from them."

Rybka shares her support with

other cancer patients as a volunteer for "Reached Recovery." She urges anyone with questions or concerns to call, toll-free, 1-800-4-CANCER for help.

The "Race for the Cure" will be conducted by the Motor City Striders. Local celebrities include Kristi Krueger, WDIV medical reporter; Barbara Levin, wife of Sen. Carl Levin; Kym Sellers, wife of Detroit Piston Brad Sellers; Ginger Sullivan, wife of Dr. Louis Sullivan, U.S.

Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Lisa Walker, wife of Detroit Piston Darrell Walker.

Jane Hoey of the Michigan Cancer Foundation said the race is expected to net \$10,000 for the fight against breast cancer.

"Our goal was to have 1,000 runners this first time out," she said.

"Well, we've already received over 900 registrations, so I guess we'll surpass that goal. It's a real tribute to the compassion of metro-Detroit area women."

The race will be held, rain or shine. On-site registrations will be taken 7:30-8:30 a.m. the morning of the race. The 5K shot-gun start is set for 9 a.m. The one-mile fun run/walk will begin at 9:10 a.m.

Entry fees are \$12 pre-registration or \$15 on site, tax-deductible.

Entry forms are available at all Pier One Imports or by calling the Michigan Cancer Foundation 833-0710, Ext. 245, or by phoning the Motor City Striders Hotline, 544-9099.



*"I will do anything I can to help in the fight against this disease so that women become aware of all the things they should do for early detection."*

— Linda Rybka  
Redford participant.

# Self-exams, early detection saves lives

By Susan DeMaggio  
staff writer

One out of every nine women in America will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

As with all cancers, their early detection can save lives.

The following guidelines for breast cancer examination were set up to offer women a first line of defense against the disease:

- Get a mammogram (breast X-

ray) and physical exam at age 40. Repeat both procedures every year or two until age 50.

- At age 50 and after, get a yearly mammogram and physical exam.

- Once a month, give yourself a thorough self-examination to detect any breast lumps.

- Monthly self-examinations should be performed after the menstrual period.

- To help you remember your self-examination, pick a date. Perform your self-exam on that date of

the month, every month.

- First, look in the mirror at your torso, elbows forward, then elbows back. Look for any visible lumps.

- Next, examine your breasts while standing and laying down.

- The best way to perform a breast exam while standing is during a shower. Soapy hands aid detection because they slide easily over the skin.

- The best way to perform a breast exam while laying down is to

place a folded towel under the shoulder of the breast you are examining.

- If you discover a lump, call your physician for an examination as soon as possible.

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# Schools sell land for capital fund

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- 17 acres adjacent to Plymouth Township Park known as the Amrhein property. Valued at \$70,000 per acre, the land is north of Ann Arbor Trail and west of Glenview behind the Glenview subdivision. Plans call for the township to extend its park.
- 49 acres on the south side of Cherry Hill east of Lilley. Referred to as the Truesdale site, the land is divided by a drainage ditch into a 10-acre parcel and a 39-acre parcel. It's valued at \$21,000 per acre.
- 15 acres on the south side of Proctor west of Canton Center. Formerly part of a nursery, the acreage is landlocked by township-owned land and has no water or sewer. It's been appraised at \$5,000 per acre.

• A 27-acre site to be appraised by April 20 on the south side of Joy between Beck and Ridge known as the Gyde property. It was decided to sell the land because the locations aren't well-suited for new schools, said Dick Egli, the district's community relations director. Funds from the land sales, by board resolution, may not be used for operating expenses, even though a \$4.3 million revenue shortfall is projected for next year. "We are in a financial jam because Lansing is moving too fast, too soon," said Hoedel. "But it would not be my recommendation" to use proceeds from the land sales to decrease the deficit. "The reason is, you don't want to sell property to get you through your day-to-day operational needs. That's really short-sighted," he said. That's not saying the board won't have to take a hard look at finances. Hoedel and Egli agreed. The board of education reserves the right to reject or accept any bids in the best interests of the school district, Hoedel said.

# lunch menu for seniors

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services offers the following hot meals for people 60 or older the week of April 6:

- Monday** — Meat loaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peach slices, roll with margarine and milk.
- Tuesday** — Barbecued beef ribettes on bun, cabbage with caraway, carrots, oatmeal cookie and milk.
- Wednesday** — Herb baked chicken, creamed potatoes, garden greens, chocolate ice cream, wheat bread with margarine and milk.
- Thursday** — Stuffed pepper with tomato sauce, Scandinavian blend, macaroni salad, applesauce with cinnamon and milk.
- Friday** — Vegetarian lasagna, green beans, tossed salad with individual dressing, tangerine and milk.

Meals will be served at noon at Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan, in Plymouth (453-9703) and at 11:30 a.m. at Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. (397-5444). Call 24 hours in advance for reservations. Call for cancellation. Suggested donation is \$1.50.

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- THURSDAY**
- SENIORS AEROBICS:** 3 p.m., April 2, seated aerobics class at Carriage Park Senior Community, 2250 Canton Center Road in Canton. 397-8300.
- SENIORS:** Tax assistance: Plymouth (455-3670 or 455-6620), Canton (397-5444) and Northville (349-4140) through April 15. Home visits available for handicapped and shut-ins.
- FUTURE TRIPS:** Ameri-Flora '92" in Columbus, Ohio, May 27-29; Frankenmuth, April 8; America's national parks, June 13-23; and Glacier National Park and Sun Valley, Aug. 4-14. Call City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620.
- AEROBIC FITNESS:** Register now for classes 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, noon; discussion, "Self-Esteem and Depression in Later Years," 1 p.m. Lunch reservations, 397-8300.
- PARKINSON SUPPORT:** 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, 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.
- SUNDAY**
- OPEN HOUSE:** 1-3 p.m., April 5, Hugs and Kisses Child Care & Learning Center, 249 S. Main, Plymouth. Preschool through kindergarten, 459-5850.
- MONDAY**
- GARDENING CLASS:** 2 p.m., April 6, at Carriage Park Senior Community, 2250 Canton Center Road, in Canton. Instructor on window sill and patio gardening is from Sparr's Greenhouse. 397-8300.
- SUPPORT GROUP:** Women meet 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays at Field Elementary School, 100 S. Haggerty Road, Canton. Plymouth Family Service, 453-0890.
- WOMEN'S SUPPORT:** 1-3 p.m. Mondays at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook. Register, Community Education Department and Plymouth Family Services, 451-6555.
- 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.

- WEDNESDAY**
- BREATHERS CLUB:** 1:30 p.m., April 8, in the Community Room of the Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Second Wednesday of every month. American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan, 559-5100.
- ALZHEIMER'S GROUP:** 7 p.m., first Wednesday of each month at Leisure Village, 31720 Van Born Road in Wayne, (313) 326-8030.
- Education**
- FREE CLASSES:** IBM training and GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education. Call 451-6555.
- PRESCHOOL:**
- Hugs & Kisses Child Care & Learning Center, 249 S. Main, downtown Plymouth, preschool through kindergarten, 459-5850.
  - New Horizons for Children Learning Center, 45801 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, ages walking to 12 years, 455-3196.
  - Come Little Children Center, 45050 Warren Road, in Canton, ages 6 weeks to 2 years, 455-4607.
  - The Discovery Learning Center, 45678 Helm, in a Metro West Industrial Park, in Plymouth, 6 weeks through kindergarten, 455-5490.
  - Pathways to Learning Children's Center, 42290 Five Mile, 420-3553.
  - Canton Parks and Recreation Preschool program, the Canton "Crickets," 397-5110.
  - Creative Playhouse, Canton, 981-2382.
  - Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Co-op Preschool, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, 981-0286 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).
  - Young Moments Preschool (non-daycare), First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 453-3020.
  - New Morning School, Plymouth, 420-3331.
  - Creative Day Nursery School, Canton, 2½-5 years of age, 981-3990.
  - Plymouth Canton Head Start, Central Middle School, 451-6656.
  - Plymouth Canton Montessori School, 459-1550.
  - Christ the Good Shepherd, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, 981-0286.
  - Tiny Tots, Salvation Army Building, Plymouth, 3- and 4-year-olds, 453-5464.
  - Willow Creek Co-op, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 3- and 4-year-olds, 459-9540.
  - PLUS Preschool, Central Middle School, free program for 4-year-olds, register now for 1992-1993 school year, 451-6656.
  - St. Michael Christian School, Canton, registration for 3-year-old preschool through second grade is March 2-13, 459-9720.
  - St. Peter Lutheran Day School, kindergarten through eighth grade, 1309 Penniman, 453-0460.
  - Plymouth Christian Preschool, 43065 Joy, 459-3505.
  - Plymouth Children's Co-op Nursery, Canton, 981-5521.
  - Preschool Creatives, Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.
  - Infant and Preschool Special Education program, Tanger Elementary School, 451-6560.
- Help**
- ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION:** Volunteers are needed to assist with Adult Day Care Program for persons with memory impairment. 557-8277.

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# AIDS called major threat to women, families

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Mommy has AIDS. Those three words, heartbreaking as they are, pinpoint the changing nature of the disease. AIDS is becoming a family disease, said Dr. Paula Schuman, keynote speaker at Monday's western Wayne AIDS summit. The rise in heterosexual transmission makes AIDS a growing threat to women and children, the infectious disease specialist said. Its devastating effect could soon spread across generations. Whole families — fathers, mothers and children — could contract AIDS, Schuman predicted. Surviving children would be left with relatives — perhaps grandparents too old or ill to care for them — or orphaned.

"OUR KIDS are at risk," Schuman told her mostly female audience. The summit, sponsored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County, is the first step in what members hope will become a regional AIDS strategy. "We're looking at bringing people together to find answers," YWCA director Corrine Vincent said. "We'd

like to see discussion start in each community." Attendees included health professionals, community leaders and elected officials. The session, first in a series, sought to educate participants on the dangers of AIDS. While speakers preached a safe-sex message, even that can strain family relations, said a member of the audience. "You're saying put it (a condom) on for him and he's saying, 'Where did you learn that?'" said one woman, 50ish, who added that her interest in safe sex made her husband suspicious of her motives. Speakers and participants agreed, however, that AIDS patients need more support.

"Nobody deserves AIDS," said Tammy Boccomino of Warren. "People need to understand that." Petite and neatly dressed, Boccomino looks like any other suburban housewife, except that she is HIV-infected and the mother of an HIV-infected child. The human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, is the virus that causes AIDS. Acceptance by neighbors been essential, she said, as her family struggles with AIDS.

"THEY DON'T know what angels they've been in my life and my son's life," Boccomino said. Not everyone is so understanding. Ona Harris of Simon House, a Detroit shelter for female AIDS patients and their children, told how a young mother was evicted from her apartment this December, after her landlord learned she had AIDS. Schuman recalled how a pregnant woman refused to be tested for AIDS test because she mistakenly feared going to jail if the test came back positive. "A lot of people seem to want a scapegoat," Schuman said. "We're seeing a transfer from homophobia to the blaming of women. You even hear it in the terminology that children are the innocent victims. That implies that their mothers did something to deserve AIDS."

In addition to her duties at Detroit Medical Center, Schuman counsels female AIDS patients. The changing make up of Schuman's counseling groups points to the changing nature of AIDS. Four years ago, 25 of 30 counseling group members reported contracting AIDS through intravenous drug use. Today, 32 of 34 report they contracted the disease through sexual relations with their husband, boyfriend or lover. Despite that, AIDS has frequently been linked with drug use and other dangerous lifestyles. That figure could increase, per-

"YOU CAN'T talk about sexual issues without talking about substance abuse," said Kathy Gibson of Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, which is sponsoring its own HIV-AIDS seminar. Harris recalled how the evicted mother ended up selling all her possessions for crack. But experts challenge the notion that "nice" people somehow are immune. "We have stockbrokers, attorneys, nurses, women of all types," Schuman said of her counseling group members. To that she could include another category: mothers. Many HIV-infected American women only learn of their infection during pregnancy. A recent survey of 60 HIV-infected U.S. women showed that 24 percent became pregnant — some more than once — after becoming infected. Still, too few women are being tested. "Often those who agree to tests are those least at risk," she said. Pregnant four years ago herself, Schuman said her doctor never once mentioned the possibility of AIDS testing. At present, the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control reports 23,000 female AIDS patients nationally.

Two additional AIDS programs are scheduled this month in western Wayne County. Talking With Kids About HIV-AIDS will meet 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11 at the Wayne County RESA Auditorium, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. There is a \$5 fee, including lunch. Call Wayne County RESA, 467-1538, to attend. AIDS Is Here, sponsored by the western Wayne YWCA, is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, at the LeMoine Gardens Conference Center, 29999 Pine Street, Inkster. The event also features AIDS testing. Call the YWCA, 561-4110, to reserve a seat.

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Blenda Wilson is honored

Chancellor Blenda Wilson of the University of Michigan-Dearborn will be commencement speaker during Schoolcraft College graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 9. The first woman to preside over a four-year public university in Michigan, Wilson is also a professor of public administration at UM-D.

Wilson has a doctorate in higher education from Boston College. She also has a master's from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. and a bachelor's from Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa.

She had been executive director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, an associate dean at Harvard University and as-

sistant provost at Rutgers University, before coming to UM-D.

In addition to her university duties, Wilson is also a director of AAA Michigan, chairwoman-elect of the American Association for Higher Education and a director of the University of Detroit Jesuit School.

She will receive an honorary degree from Schoolcraft during the commencement ceremonies.

Honorary degrees will also be awarded to Livonia Mall general manager Jeanne Hildebrandt and college volunteer Chester Simpson.

Hildebrandt, a Livonia resident, is a member of the Livonia Planning Commission and the city's In-

dustrial Development Commission. She is also active in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Livonia Prayer Breakfast Committee and Michigan Cancer Foundation, among other organizations.

She is a 1990 recipient of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Athena Award.

Simpson, of Northville, has managed office records and data in the Schoolcraft Learning Assistance Center, where he volunteers his services for an average 50 hours a week.

A retiree, Simpson owned a construction company that completed masonry projects at Hart Plaza, Cobo Hall, the Detroit Institute of Arts and other area sites.

## UM-D sets transfer day

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Admissions Office will hold its second annual "Michigan Advantage Day" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, in the campus University Mall.

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- The Rosina Raymond Memorial Scholarship - available to liberal arts students, with preference to

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- The Tom Williams Scholarship - available to science students, with preference for geology students. The scholarship is provided by the Roamin Club, The Rock and Mineral Club of Livonia.

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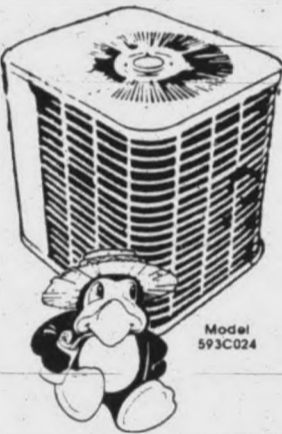
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### IN BRIEF

#### New test

Plymouth-Canton 10th-graders who need to re-take the state standardized Michigan Educational Assessment Program test may do so from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in Room C201 of Canton High School, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, in the same location. The reading re-tests will be offered then.

Math re-tests will be given from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 30, in Room S2510 of Salem High School and again from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, in Room C246 of Canton High School.

Beginning with this year's sophomore class, the Michigan Legislature is granting state-endorsed diplomas to graduating seniors who obtain minimum scores on the MEAP test. The re-tests are being given for the benefit of Plymouth-Canton 10th-graders who didn't reach the minimum score.

Originally, the re-test was scheduled for April 2, 9, and 11. Testing dates were re-scheduled because of a delay in the delivery of the testing materials.

More than half of the school districts in Michigan have ordered re-testing materials, said Richard Egli, community relations director for the district.

For more information, call Centennial Educational Park at 451-6600.

#### Band award

The East Middle School 7th and 8th grade bands were awarded perfect first division scores at the District 12 Band Festival conducted at Romulus High School on March 14. The 7th grade Concert Band received a perfect score from each of the four judges.

#### In paper back

A book written by Plymouth resident Janice Jones was released this month in paperback by Pawcett Juniper.

The book, "Secrets of A Summer Spy," is a young adult novel for ages 10-14 and is set in northern Michigan. It is the story of a 13-year-old, a member of a trio of best friends that is falling apart because two are growing up faster.

The book is available in Plymouth at The Curious Child, Little Professor in the Park, the Village Paperback Exchange and at Metro News in Canton.

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Plymouth Township resident Marilyn Schwinn, who sat on the Board of Education from 1985-1990, is seeking one of the two four-year school board seats to be filled in the June 8 election.



The pediatric nurse with the Detroit Medical Center opted in 1990 not to seek re-election in order to spend more time with her children.

She's running for re-election because her youngest child is now 18 and "I enjoyed (serving on the board). I think they need another women's point of view," said Schwinn.

Schwinn, who would be one of two female trustees should Barbara Graham, incumbent school board member, be re-elected.

TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS are up; those of Graham and Dr. E.J. McClendon, who also has taken out nominating petitions. Prospective candidates have until 4 p.m., Monday, April 6 to file signed petitions.

"Really, I have a different background than the majority of people on the board," Schwinn added. "I'm a single parent, and I don't come from a management-level position. I think it's important that we have that diversity on the board."

Schwinn has three sons; Steve, 22, who is graduating from Michigan State University; Jeffrey, 20, who is working and attending community college, and Tim, 18, a senior at Canton High School.

Schwinn was appointed to the board in

1985 when Nancy Quinn resigned. Schwinn was elected to a four-year term in 1986.

"I chose in 1990 not to run, because I thought it was time to choose my own sons over the whole district's children," she said.

Schwinn is seeking office because she is concerned about and is interested in the district and its children, plus "I still have something to offer the district," she said.

"My concern obviously is with the financial end of things," she said, in reference to the district's projected \$4.3 million deficit next year.

"There will have to be some big financial decisions. If things go the way the state suggests they are going to, I want to have a say in what things are kept" in the district's educational program, she said.

As for Schwinn's interests, "I've always enjoyed participating with the children in

their activities at the school level, mostly," she said.

"The biggest thing I can offer is a different point of view and background from the majority of people on the board. I represent the female and single parent's point of view, and maybe a different economic status," she said.

Diversity in the district is a strength, "and we should play up that strength," Schwinn said. "It's exciting to me to watch the community grow in diversity. It would be my hope for the future that we would all live in a diverse community that could get along."

An Ohio native, Schwinn is a graduate of Northmont High School north of Dayton, and the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing in Dayton. She is a registered nurse with the Detroit Medical Center's Livonia clinic.

#### High marks

Dick Herbel, chairman of the Plymouth Elks Scholarship Committee, congratulates Tina McIntosh, Leon Hister, Stuart Levenbach and Gwendolyn Sue Steffen of Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, winners of the Plymouth Elks Most Valuable Student Award. Gold Key Awards were presented to McIntosh and Hister, both of Plymouth Salem High School. The students were judged on their ACT test scores, academic honors, leadership, activity in schools and financial need.



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## obituaries

### DENNIS R. WETTERSTROM

Dennis R. Wetterstrom, 53, of Canton Township was Wednesday, March 11, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Wetterstrom was born Jan. 3, 1939, in Norway. He died Sunday, March 8, in Dearborn. He came to the Canton community in 1972. He was an office worker at Unisys (Burrhous) for 30 years. He received a bachelor-of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1990 and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and The Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780.

Mr. Wetterstrom is survived by his wife, Rosemary Wetterstrom of Canton; two sons, James Wetterstrom of Canton and Daniel Wetterstrom of Canton; one daughter, Julie Wetterstrom of Canton; mother, Mildred Wetterstrom of Massachusetts and one cousin.

The Rev. George Charnley officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given in masses or

charity of choice. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

### ERIKA B. DERR

Services for Erika B. Derr, 70, of Livonia were Thursday, March 19, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Derr was born June 27, 1921 in Germany. She died Tuesday, March 17, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was employed as a hospital cook.

Mrs. Derr is survived by three sons, Charles Derr of South Bend, Ind., John Derr of Northville and William Derr of Plymouth; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Edith Millichamp of Warren.

The Rev. Robert Millar officiated the service.

### ALEX E. GAJEWSKI

Services for Alex E. Gajewski, 75,

of Canton Township were Saturday, March 28, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Gajewski was born June 19, 1916 in Detroit. He died March 25 in Livonia. He came to the Canton community in 1973 from Detroit. He worked for Vicker's Inc. over 20 years and retired from Bra-Con of Livonia. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and the Roaring "50" Travel Club. He was in World War II.

Mr. Gajewski is survived by his wife, Victoria Gajewski of Canton; one daughter, Barbara Pikulski of Westland; one son, Alex M. Gajewski of Detroit; and two sisters, Sophie Gajewski of Southfield and Helen Gajewski of Southfield.

The Rev. George Charnley officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to St. John Neumann Building Fund.

Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

### KARIN M. WAHLSTROM

Services for Karin M. Wahlstrom, 85, of Plymouth will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at Glen Eden Cemetery Chapel.

Mrs. Wahlstrom was born September 12, 1906 in Eskilstuna, Sweden. She died Sunday, March 15, in White Hall Nursing Home, Novi. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wahlstrom is survived by one son, Nils O. Wahlstrom; one daughter, Margaret Retting of Plymouth; two brothers; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

### MARCELLE A. BLAZIER

Services for Marcelle A. Blazier, 64, of Plymouth were 11 a.m. today at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Blazier was born Oct. 23,

1927 in Dunklin County, Mo. She died March 30 in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1959 from Flint. She was a homemaker and attended the Baptist church.

Mrs. Blazier is survived by two daughters, Billie Jo Welty of Belleville and Roxann Albright of Plymouth; three sons, William Blazier Jr. of North Carolina, Robert Blazier of Belleville and Roy C. Blazier of Plymouth; five grandchildren; five sisters, Merrial Byles, Esta L. Shepard, Virgie Kirkwood, Naomi Maise and Jean Brantey and one brother, James Smullins Jr.

The Rev. David Y. Bevington officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Angela Hospice.

### LEONARD A. OEHMKE

Services for Leonard A. Oehmke, 83, of Plymouth were Monday at Christ the King Lutheran Church,

Grosse Pointe Woods. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Oehmke was born June 10, 1908 in Detroit. He died March 27 in Westland. He came to the community in 1975 from Detroit. He was employed as an attorney. He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church and a member of the church's choir. He graduated from Detroit Law School in 1934.

Mr. Oehmke is survived by his wife Wilma B. Oehmke of Plymouth; one daughter, Caryle Schober of Livonia; two grandchildren and one sister, Lucille Junkin of Birmingham.

The Rev. Joseph P. Fabry officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

## military news

MARINE LANCE CPL. BARRY L. DRAPER, son of Barry L. Draper of Plymouth, recently received a Meritorious Mast. Draper was cited for outstanding service while assigned with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga. He is a 1989 graduate of South Lyon High School.

MARINE LANCE CPL. MICHAEL D. GORZEN, son of Michael M. and Catherine A. Gorzen of Canton, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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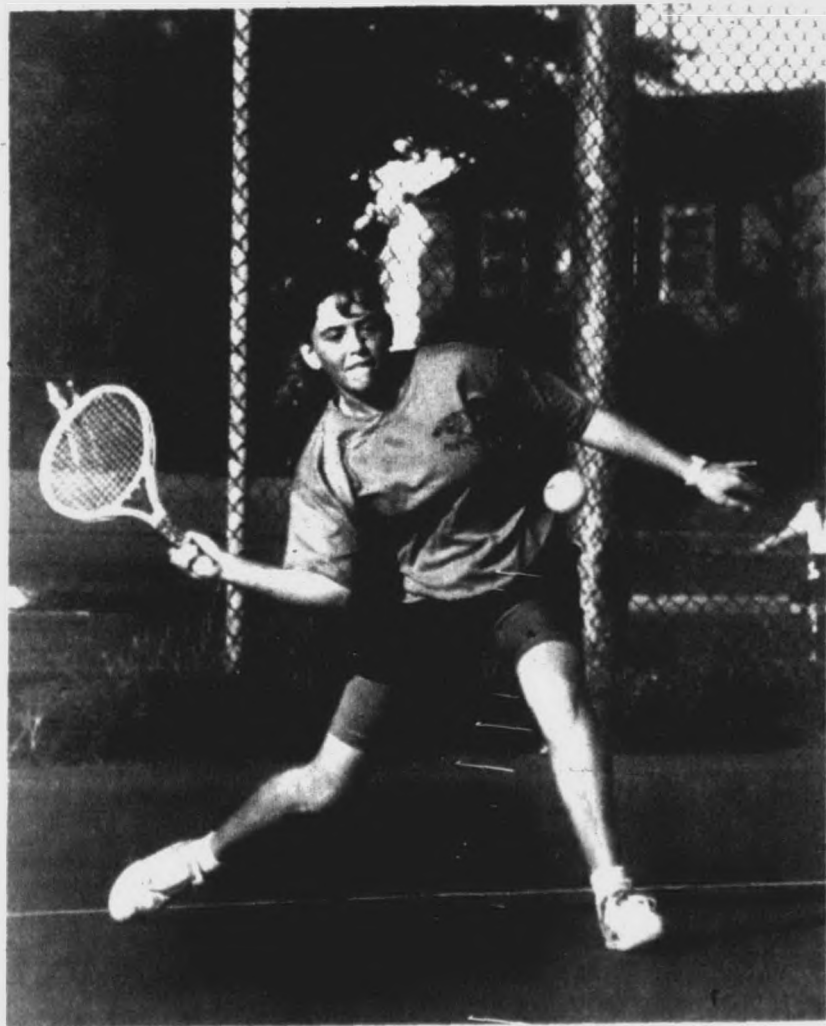
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# U-M prof's figures spell trouble for Bush

If George Bush wins the popular vote in this fall's presidential election, it will only be by a nose, according to a University of Michigan professor of political science.

Based on projected economic conditions for 1992, prevailing partisan identifications in the electorate and other relatively "long-term" factors, a statistical model of presidential election outcomes developed by Gregory B. Markus forecasts a 50.07 percent share of the major party presidential vote for Bush in November — a result that makes the outcome "too close to call" for Markus.

Past research demonstrates that it is possible to forecast presidential elections with a high degree of accuracy without any specific knowledge about the candidates themselves, using information about the election-

year state of the economy and partisan alignments among voters, according to Markus, who is also a research scientist in the U-M's Center of Political Studies.

"A PREDICTION of 'too close to call' like this one has to be disturbing to a party that until a few months ago thought its incumbent president would win in a walk," Markus said.

"The poor prospects for growth in real disposable income are principally responsible for the 1992 election forecast, but a small rebound in Democratic identifications in the post-Reagan years also matters."

Bush's re-election would be narrowly favored if the annual rate of growth in real per capita disposable income were one percent for 1992, while an annual growth rate of two

percent would yield a more comfortable predicted vote share of 54 percent for the incumbent president.

However, the latest economic forecast, provided to Markus by U-M economist Saul Hymans and based on the U-M-based Michigan Quarterly Econometric Model of the U.S. Economy, is for an increase of only 0.5 percent to 0.6 percent in real per capita disposable income in 1992. Moreover, approximately half of that increase is attributable to President Bush's recent change in federal tax withholding procedures, and it is arguable whether the resulting increase in take-home pay should be regarded as "disposable income," since a worker's ultimate tax burden for 1992 remains unchanged.

To test the accuracy of his model, Markus applied it retroactively to every presidential election since 1956. He found it to be accurate in predicting the popular vote with an average error of less than three percentage points. The model's errors ranged from a low of 0.7 percent in 1960, when Richard Nixon ran against John Kennedy, to a high of 5.2 percent in 1972, when George

McGovern was overwhelmed following his ill-fated campaign against Richard Nixon.

Markus points out the model's error margin compares favorably with that of a typical election-eve poll of a national sample of voters.

"DOMESTIC ISSUES other than the economy, the personal qualities of the candidates, campaign ads and day-to-day campaign-related events are all important factors in determining how individuals vote. But those factors tend to balance each other out in the aggregate, leaving election outcomes to be largely determined by longer term trends in the economy and in the partisan composition of the electorate," Markus notes.

It would be a mistake to conclude from this that campaigns are irrelevant, Markus said. Rather, he notes, campaigns construct the linkages between economics and politics for voters and help citizens structure their personal political agendas, even if the campaigns typically don't convert many voters.

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# Cures for Plymouth's ailing economy

By J. Michael Southerland  
special writer

I live and work in Plymouth and believe the future is at a crossroad. We can maintain the archaic policies of taxation and government meddling that have put our local economy in a crisis or we can move forward and adopt reasonable measures of taxation and a proper and more limited role for city government.

The following points identify our problems and the policies necessary to cure them.

• **Promote economic growth:** The tax policies of our city are crushing businesses and residential property owners and are stifling development. We are stuck with the following reality: Plymouth taxpayers are required to subsidize Wayne County; property tax valuations in Plymouth will continue to increase; because there is little, if any, new construction in Plymouth, the taxpayers will bear the brunt of increases unless we can promote new development; and finally, taxes are designed to deter undesirable activity, instead they are deterring desirable businesses and development. Because we can't locally control county expenditures or valuations, we can only impact tax policy by eliminating undesirable taxes and by promoting new construction.

Plymouth is a small city with little vacant land available for construction. To build a new structure, one must purchase developed property. Such a project is more expensive than building on vacant land because you must bear not only the increased costs of new construction, but you must also bear the costs of demolishing and removing the old building and compensating the landowner.

The only way such costs can justify new construction is if the developer is allowed to build a shoddy structure or if, as in any desirable and expensive area, the developer is allowed to build a multi-story complex. Plymouth

## guest column

wants quality, so that our only alternative if we want new construction and much needed additional taxpayers is to promote development of multi-story buildings.

Our city has acted contrary to this need. For example, the "Wilcox flop-house debacle" jumps to mind. Several years ago developers proposed a multi-use/multi-level project overlooking Kellogg Park which, needless to say, would have produced substantial tax revenue and additional consumers for downtown. Of course the Wilcox House, its roof collapsing and in a state of disrepair that merited condemnation, would have had to be leveled to allow the project to go forward. Not only did the city kill the project and its tax revenues, instead opting for superficial repairs to the Wilcox House, but there was also talk of adopting an ordinance that would have prohibited multi-story building. This policy must be changed and we must promote quality growth in the only manner possible for Plymouth — we must build upward.

In addition, the tax policy of requiring new businesses to purchase parking credits is stifling development of new business.

If a new business lacks parking, it's required to pay about \$4,000 per parking space based upon its anticipated parking needs. Several business owners who are in other cities but who would relocate to Plymouth can't justify the expenditure for parking credits. I appreciate the fact that other businesses like myself have had to bear this cost, but that is no reason to continue such a policy. We must abolish parking credits.

• **Cut city expenditures:** The notion that Plymouth can operate

as an entity autonomous of other local governments is wrong. We must work to combine services to establish an efficiency of scale. We must combine law and fire services. Moreover, although I am a strong proponent of education, we must eliminate an independent library and utilize one well-stocked centralized library in the high school; such a concept is complicated, but we must be innovative to avoid duplicative services and to cut unnecessary tax expenditures.

• **Minimize government intervention:** Unquestionably, in most situations, private enterprise is more efficient than government, and our city government is engaged in activities which should be handled in the private sector. Our city is involved in businesses providing receptions and parties in competition with Plymouth's businesses and equally important potentially exposing taxpayers to liability. It seems only yesterday that you taxpayers and I paid both a residential and business assessment for a lawsuit bungled by our elected officials, and you can rest assured that a like assessment for a multi-million dollar liquor liability judgment would threaten the very existence of our community. Now we hear the city wants to purchase the Post Office on Penniman. Such an expenditure further involves the city in private enterprise, further competes with existing business, further impedes incoming business to Plymouth and furthers the erosion of a tax base for our future.

Isn't it ironic that studies have shown that one of the few services efficiently operated by government is trash pickup, but the last time I looked, I paid to have my trash removed.

• **Eliminate provincialism:** Over the years, our city has endorsed policies that have impeded quality development and that have in the short run supported interests of elected officials to the det-

riment of our future. Rumor has it that Jacobsons, prior to locating in Laurel Park, explored a possible development in Plymouth, which was informally rejected by officials as competitive to existing businesses. I intend to explore this issue further to get the complete story. Our elected officials must realize that magnet stores don't compete with existing leased property, they bring in additional customers and additional tax revenue. We must elect new officials who put the city's needs ahead of their own needs.

• **Plymouth wants quality:** Businesses that understand the needs of customers have prospered while those ignorant to those needs have not. A now defunct clothier attempted to charge approximately 25 percent more for men's suits than other retailers like Hudson's; he failed to provide service in an area where it was needed.

An example of understanding the public's needs is a business which has grown by leaps and bounds — "The Golf Club" on Forest Avenue. That business has targeted high end clothing and accessories — Polo, Burberrys, Bobby Jones, and Johnston and Murphy — and sales have been great. Merchants must understand that Plymouth wants quality, but it must be in areas where you can beat the malls. Our government must understand we need more quality restaurants to build on the proposals for outdoor cafe's at the Penniman Deli and the Box Bar.

I realize that identifying problems and proposing tough solutions may anger some vested interests in Plymouth, but it's time for us to act before we are forced to compromise our quality of life or before we are taxed out of town. Lets revitalize our downtown before it becomes a ghost town like Detroit.

Mike Southerland is a Plymouth resident and an attorney.

from our readers

## Per-pupil spending appalling

To the editor:  
I'm a veteran teacher of 27 years in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. I was appalled when I read recently that the per-pupil expenditure for next year in our district of only \$4,834 ranks well below other out-of-formula districts, including Dearborn, Grosse Pointe, Livonia, Northville, Romulus and Ann Arbor.

In relation to in-formula districts, we are below the state average per pupil expenditure of \$4,915. Something is wrong here. If it is necessary, the local district must make up the difference through increased local millage to provide a higher quality of education.

The Plymouth Canton schools have enjoyed quality education, but if the current system of school finance continues this will become merely an illusion. This does not mean that we should ask the school staff to work for less or ask our students to do without the latest technology. We must move into the 21st Century with 21st Century thought and finance.

This may include replacing our current governor.

H. Michael Endres,  
orchestra director,  
Plymouth Canton schools

## Yack is bashing Wal Mart

To the editor:  
Who is leading our township? Is Yack's thought process as weak on running a township as the comments he made in Monday's Canton Observer about Wal Mart? Tom Yack, who do you think you are? Have you been brain washed by the Meijer family?

We have a wonderful community with a wide variety of shopping opportunities. Wal Mart would add competition to the area and encourage lower prices for everyone. What is Meijer afraid of? Better pricing or better selection of items? Happier employees?

Tom, did you forget about the Builders Square that was built right next to the Man's Do-It Center?

What about all of the fast food outlets in Canton? Are they all family owned? Where does the Meijer family live?

What about job opportunities? Have you ever been in a Wal Mart store, talked to Wal Mart employees? Have you been to Arkansas to Wal Mart headquarters? What makes them the company you don't want to open your arms to in Canton?

Maybe we should be asking what is going on with Tom Yack and the Meijer family?

It's time you opened your arms to everyone, Tom.

Bob Simpson,  
Canton

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# April means it's daylight savings time, by Jupiter

"April is the cruellest month," wrote T. S. Eliot. Isn't that the truth? After making it through a long, cold winter, we expect great things from April. Yet some of our worst ice storms have been known to hit during this month, knocking down power lines, breaking tree branches and making life in general somewhat vexing.

On the positive side, this is the month that ushers in Daylight Saving Time and, in 1992, Easter, both of which are definitely springtime events in spite of the weather! There will also be an occultation (covering) of a third magnitude star by the moon.

Daylight time notwithstanding, there will be a big increase in the amount of sunlight we receive this month. On April 1 the sun rose at 6:15 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and set at 7:03 p.m. This permitted a possible 12 hours and 48 minutes of sun.

On April 30 the sun rises at 6:29 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), sets at 8:36 p.m. and allows a possible 14 hours and seven minutes of sun, an increase of one hour and 19 minutes.

The only planet visible after sunset is Jupiter this month. The other four naked-eye planets are morning objects, although Mercury will not be well-placed for observing.

**GO OUTSIDE** 30 minutes before sunrise in the early days of the month and face east.

Three planets and the waning (fading) crescent moon will be visible. Venus is four degrees below the moon, but it's close to the horizon and difficult to see in spite of its brightness.

Twenty degrees to the right of the moon is the red planet, Mars. Eighteen degrees to the right of Mars, in the southeast, is Saturn. (One degree is about two full moon diameters.)

At night, you can't fail to notice another very bright object above the southern horizon. This is Sirius (SER ee oos), and it is the brightest star in the night sky. (Bet you know what the brightest star in the day sky is!) Sirius is located in the constellation of Canis Major, the big dog. It is one of the nearest stars to us. The distance is estimated at 8.7 light-years, making it the 5th closest



**skywatch**  
**Raymond E. Bullock**

star, and that distance is closing; Sirius is approaching us at a velocity of 7 kilometers (4.5 miles) per second. (Don't lose any sleep worrying about a collision occurring.)

Sirius has a companion star, which is only visible through a fairly good sized telescope, in orbit around it. The star, called the 'Pup,' is a white dwarf star; it has about the same mass as our sun, but is 40 times smaller in diameter.

**NEW MOON** is at 12:01 a.m. on April 3. The moon is located between

the earth and the sun and is not visible. By the next night, the waxing (growing) crescent moon is very easy to spot in the west. It will look like the 'smile' of a Cheshire cat above the horizon.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on April 5.

Daylight time, when we set our clocks forward one hour, always begins on the first Sunday in April. We do not alter the speed of Earth's rotation or the length of the day, we merely alter the clock. We gain a

later sunset and an extra hour of daylight in the evening at the expense of a later sunrise and an extra hour of darkness in the morning.

Follow the moon as it moves through Taurus and Gemini from the 6th through 10th. On the 6th the moon is above and to the left of the Pleiades star cluster. The red star to the left of the moon is Aldebaran (al DEB a ran), the "eye" of Taurus. On the 7th the moon is above Aldebaran, and on the 8th it's near the star Eta Geminorum, the 'oo' of Castor, one of the Gemini twins. Eta Geminorum is also called Propus (PRO pus) which translates

to the "front foot." The moon will occult (cover) Propus at 1:00 a.m. on the morning of the 9th. An occultation of a bright star by the moon is fairly unusual and can be easily observed with binoculars.

Raymond Bullock is former coordinator of the planetarium and observatory at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. He now works for a Troy firm which specializes in laser displays and effects.

## Diabetes classes scheduled

Diabetes education is the focus of a six-week series of classes that begin Wednesday, April 8, in the Westland Health Center, on Merriman, next to Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Classes meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays

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Baseball teams strive for more success

Rocks are champions in Class A

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Plymouth Salem begins the 1992 baseball season as the defending Class A champion, but the Rocks face a new challenge with a new team this year.

"It was the '91 team that won the state championship, and this is the '92 crew," Salem coach John Gravlin said. "We know people will be sending their best pitchers against us and will want to play their best against us, but I think we're ready for that."

"The players are really looking forward to this season as their opportunity to shine. Seven (of the nine returning) didn't get a chance to play in the state tournament, and they're eager to show what they can do."

The Rocks, who won eight consecutive post-season games and finished 27-6, lost starters at seven of eight field positions and their top three pitchers.

Senior shortstop Ed Gundry, who has signed to play for Eastern Michigan University, is the lone returning regular, and senior Dan Hutchinson also saw considerable action as a back-up outfielder and designated hitter.

GUNDRY'S TWO-RUN, 400-foot homer in the state final was the game-winning hit as Salem defeated Rochester 4-1. He hit .343, knocked in 24 runs and scored another 25.

"He's the guy we're going to build our defense around," Gravlin said. "We don't have much experience, and we're going to look to Ed to provide that, especially on the infield."

"Offensively, he'll be the No. 3 hitter, and everybody is going to know about him. He'll have to focus on the tough pitches and pitchers, because everybody will try to pitch around him. The more he can produce offensively the better off we're going to be."

The outfield was decimated with the graduation of Kevin Craggs (left), Scott Rodgers (right) and Jeff Coleman (center), but Hutchinson has experience. He played the outfield when Rodgers pitched and was the DH for pitcher Jeff Belisle. Hutchinson will start in center field this year.

Senior Jeff Hopson, a varsity letterman, will play left field, and the right fielder will be either senior



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Bryan Zarosley takes third base during a Salem baseball practice Monday afternoon. Chip Wadowski is the fielder. Zarosley will play in the outfield while Wadowski starts at third base.

Jeff Kotlarczyk or junior Eric Stryker, both of whom played on the JV team last year. Junior Bryan Zarosley is one of the fastest outfielders Gravlin has coached and will be Hutchinson's backup.

"The leadership obviously has to come from Hutchinson," Gravlin

said. "We'll have a little quicker outfield, but once again we lack experience. We're going to find out a lot about this team as we go through the first few weeks of the season."

Despite losing Rodgers, an all-state pitcher who was 13-2 with 119 strikeouts and 1.22 earned run aver-

age and now plays for Kent State University, Belisle and Eric Nielson, the Rocks are most experienced in pitching.

SALEM RETURNS eight victories

Please turn to Page 2

Chiefs always put contender on field

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

A sure bet during the spring sports season is the certainty Plymouth Canton will field a quality baseball team.

The Chiefs, who were runners-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association and district tournament, were 22-7 last year and expect to maintain that tradition.

"I think we'll be competitive and contend," said veteran coach Fred Crissey, who guided Canton to first place in the WLAA's Western Division and the Redford Union Invitational.

"This ballclub will hit the ball. Offensively, I'm not concerned, but we have to upgrade the defense 20 percent from last year. We didn't play defense as well as we have in the past."

The Chiefs return 13 varsity players with junior Mike Stafford starting again at first base, senior Jon Paupore at shortstop, senior Todd Pniewski at catcher and senior Ben Hendricks in the role of designated hitter.

CANTON LOST all-area pitcher Scott Kennedy (10-4 record with 130 strikeouts and 1.89 earned run average) to graduation, but the Chiefs return an experienced pitching quartet.

Senior right-handers Frank Learned, Dan Conrad and Jon Stimac and the left-handed Stafford combined for a 12-2 record. They will do the bulk of the pitching with help coming from juniors and former JV hurlers Craig Benedict (right) and Dean Rovenelli (left).

"Kennedy was the kind of kid who could come in and get a strikeout," Crissey said. "We don't have a (dominating) kid like that this year; therefore, we have to play a little better defense. But it won't be pitching by committee. They're all decent."

Pitching will be especially important in those weeks when Canton plays three league games and a double-header on the weekend, Crissey said.

"You had better have more than one (reliable) kid. In numbers there's strength. If they throw strikes and we play defense, we'll be fine."

The Chiefs have a solid backstop in Pniewski, who hit .330 last year and will be backed up by Chris Johnson.

baseball

"This ballclub will hit the ball. Offensively, I'm not concerned, but we have to upgrade the defense 20 percent from last year. We didn't play defense as well as we have in the past."

— Fred Crissey Canton baseball coach

The switch-hitting Stafford earn all-division honors at first base while posting a .320 average.

"HE DOES A tremendous job over there," Crissey said, "and I really think he's improved at the plate. He's a quality athlete."

Paupore, who took over the starting role at shortstop midway in his sophomore year, begins his third season at that crucial position. He batted .280 last year.

"He's a solid contact hitter, and he has very good feet and hands," Crissey said. "I'm really pleased with Jon and what he's doing."

"Jon is also a great golfer. I'm not sure which of the two sports he'll play, but he'll definitely go on to college and compete somehow."

Jason Crain and Mark Henry left job vacancies at second and third bases, respectively. Taking their places will be Jeremy Hyde and Brian Tiel, who had playing time at third and also DHed.

"(Hyde) will do a good job for us," Crissey said. "He doesn't do any one thing exceptionally well, but he's the classic guy who will get things done. (Tiel) is the kind of player who will knock it down and throw you out, and that's what we're looking for."

Chris James, Mike Wougamon and all-area player Jason Riggs comprised the Canton outfield last year, so the Chiefs will have new starters at each position.

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Crusaders finish strong on softball spring tour

Two games were lost to weather and five more to superior teams, but Madonna University softball coach Dave Racer was pleased with the way his team turned around a potentially disastrous spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla., by winning four of its last five.

The Lady Crusaders returned early Monday morning with a 5-5 record and a full-slate of games in the week ahead of them. A pair of freshmen were most impressive on the trip. Tracy Vachon returned with just a 2-3 mound record, but she performed extremely well in a 2-0 loss to Ivy League champ Brown University and in wins over Union College (N.Y.) and Elmhurst College (Ill.).

Catcher Kim Supron, from Livonia Ladywood HS, was devastating at the plate. She collected 11 hits in 34 at-bats for a .323 average, slugging three doubles and three triples and driving in 10 runs.

Madonna's top hitters on the trip were Jenny Marquette (9-of-21, .428), who played just three innings in the last five games due to a pulled calf muscle, and Megan Armstrong (11-of-31, .354).

ALTHOUGH THE results weren't as good as last season's 7-3 start, Racer knows this team is much better. "I asked the girls how what they thought last year's team would have done down here, and they said they would have won one game," he said.

Still, after suffering back-to-back shutout losses to Brown and Buffalo State — a 10-0, five-inning mercy — on Wednesday (March 25), Racer was concerned. "They were down after that Buffalo State loss," he admitted. "Their confidence level was really low."

Madonna sports

But a team meeting that evening and easier competition the next day helped turn things around. "The girls rebounded well," said Racer. "They didn't give up. They came back the next day and regained about 95 percent of their confidence."

Madonna started its comeback with an 8-2 defeat of Union on Vachon's four-hitter last Thursday. Jill Burt socked a two-run homer and had two hits and three runs batted in; Supron added three hits, including two doubles, and Emily Skura (from Livonia Franklin) had two hits.

NEXT CAME Williams College (Mass.) and a 10-2 triumph. Kristen Wasil (Garden City) was the winning pitcher, giving up just two hits but walking six. She struck out seven. Supron knocked in three runs, one on a single in the second and two more on a double in the sixth.

Mandy Armstrong added a two-run double in the second, one of her two hits, and Megan Armstrong and Burt each had two hits.

The final game of the day was against Elmhurst, and Vachon got her second win of the day, 9-4. She allowed six hits and a walk. "She's throwing the ball real well for us," said Racer. Burt had two hits, including a three-run double in the sixth, and Supron blasted a two-run triple in the third.

The Crusaders ran their winning streak to four with an 8-0 shutout of Southern Connecticut last Friday.

Wasil evened her record at 2-2 with a strong two-hit, two walk performance. Supron was again electrifying, clubbing two-run triples in the first and second innings.

The streak ended in Madonna's last game of the trip, an 8-3 loss to Buffalo State Friday. Vachon was tagged for seven runs in the first two innings and the team never recovered.

THE CRUSADERS opened their trip on Monday (March 23) with a 5-4 loss to Brown in a game ended by the time limit after six innings. Wasil took the loss, giving up five runs (one earned) on four hits and five walks in five innings.

Madonna rallied for three runs in the fourth to go up 3-1, but Brown scored four times in the fifth to win. Marquette, Kay Lee Davis and Mandy Armstrong each had two hits, with Marquette collecting two RBI.

Later that day, the Crusaders fell 8-5 to Hillsdale. They scored three in the first — two on Davis' double — and tied it at 4-4 with a run in the third, but Hillsdale pulled away with a four-run fifth. Davis had two hits and three RBI.

On Tuesday (March 24), Madonna won its first game, 13-9 over Dickinson College (Pa.). Holly Jondro was the winning pitcher, with relief help from Wasil. The Crusaders put together an eight-run sixth, with Marquette knocking in three with a double. She finished with four hits and three RBI. Wasil had three hits and Megan Armstrong two, with three runs scored and three steals.

In the 2-0 loss to Brown, Vachon gave up two runs in the seventh; she allowed five hits and did not walk a batter, striking out five.

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# Entertainment

Keely Wygonik editor/953-2105



O&E Thursday, April 2, 1992

## 'Man of La Mancha' Show draws standing ovations

Performances of the Birmingham Theatre production of "Man of La Mancha" continue through April 26. For ticket information, call the box office at 644-3533.

From the opening notes of "I, Don Quixote" to the finale reprise of "The Impossible Dream," the current production of "Man of La Mancha" may well be the most exciting, flawlessly-executed show ever to play at the Birmingham Theatre.

Throughout the previews, audiences were leaping to their feet to award standing ovations. The Birmingham Theatre has had many excellent individual performers, and overall fine productions, but neither I nor the theater staff can remember any other show there eliciting full-scale standing ovations.

This "Man of La Mancha" is Broadway-caliber right down to the slightest detail; there is not the least tell-tale touch of road company or regional production in the excellent



**Barbara Michals**

cast, orchestra, set, costumes, or lighting.

IN THE title role, Ron Holgate is dazzling, his operatic-trained baritone giving the lush songs the rich fullness they were surely meant to have, but seldom did in the hands of more prominent stars who have played the part.

Holgate seems the consummate actor for the role as well. Tall and lanky next to his short and stocky sidekick Sancho Panza (Stan Rubin); for a start Holgate looks like the popular conception of the would-be knight-errant.

More importantly, he masterfully

captures the warmth, the pathos, and, with very expressive eyes, the increasing madness of the old man.

The framework of the musical is set in a Seville dungeon in the late 1500s where the author Miguel De Cervantes (Holgate) awaits a summons from the Inquisition. As his fellow prisoners seize at his meager possessions, Cervantes must convince them not to destroy the manuscript of his work-in-progress.

He elicits their help in acting out his story of Don Quixote, a foolish old man deemed mad for retaining his idealism despite all odds, for his unquenchable belief in virtue and goodness, for thinking one man can



Ron Holgate and Beth McVey star in the classic musical "Man of La Mancha" at the Birmingham Theatre.

make a difference in a chaotic world.

DON QUIXOTE journeys about the countryside, tilting at windmills he perceives as monstrous enemies

and consistently losing the battles. At an inn he defends the honor of his "fair lady." Calling her "Dulcinea," he alone can see a purity of spirit in the dirty, slutty serving girl Aldonza (Beth McVey).

McVey is wonderfully earthy, and her rich powerful voice soars in "It's all the Same," "What Does He Want of Me," "Knight of the Woeful Countenance," and the reprise of "Dulcinea."

## Livonia Symphony presents cabaret

By Linda Ann Chomik special writer

If you're in the mood for the music of Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and Cole Porter come to the cabaret for an evening of pizza, popcorn, and fun with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Conductor Francesco DiBlasi and the orchestra present their 19th annual cabaret concert, "Music from the Fabulous Forties and Fifties" a fundraiser on behalf of the LSO at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 in the Madonna University Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets are \$12, tables of eight, \$96, tables of 10, \$120. Tickets available by sending a check and self addressed stamped envelope to the Livonia Symphony Society, Ida Krandle, 28672 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48334. Tickets also available when doors open at 7 p.m.

"IT'S GOING to be a real knockout program with all the Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey arrangements made up for symphony orchestra,"

DiBlasi said.

Featured soloists for the fun-filled evening are soprano, Rachel Inselman who placed second in the LSO's 1991 Young Artists Competition, and baritone, "Fat" Bob Taylor who serves as master of ceremonies again this year.

Guest conductors are Madonna University president Sister Mary Francilene and Ernie Jones. Selections on the evening's program include "Strike Up the Band," "Moonlight Serenade," "In the Mood," "Some Enchanted Evening," "George Gershwin in Concert," "On Stage with Cole Porter," a Duke Ellington medley, and selections from "My Fair Lady" by Frederic Loewe.

"Ernie will conduct 'Procession of the Sardar,' and Sister Francilene, 'El Relicario.' 'In the Mood' will feature dancers from the Michigan Ballet Theatre," DiBlasi said.

The name of a guest conductor will be chosen during one of several drawings. An oil painting by Livonia artist, Jean Poulet along with an assortment of other prizes including wine baskets will also be given away.

"The winner as always will conduct 'Stars and Stripes,'" DiBlasi said.

THE FUND-RAISING evening is meant for friends and fun. Taylor, aka the "singing plumber" is a former disc jockey for radio-station WJR in Detroit.

"This is Bob's ninth year with us, and his 24th season, singing the national anthem at the opening game of the Detroit Tigers's baseball season," DiBlasi said.

"Bob and Rachel Inselman will sing selection from 'My Fair Lady,' together.

Inselman is featured soloist for the "Una voce poco Fa" from the "Barber of Seville," and "Adele Song" from "Dei Fleidermaus."

"It's one of our biggest fund raisers," publicity and promotion chairperson, Lee Alankas said. Alankas serves on the Livonia Symphony Society board of directors.

Pizza, snacks, desserts, beverages and cash bar will be available during the spring cabaret. For more information, call 851-4524.



Rachel Inselman is a featured soloist in the Livonia Symphony's cabaret concert.



"Fat" Bob Taylor is a featured soloist and master of ceremonies at the LSO's upcoming concert

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Key Largo Restaurant hosts their annual deck opening party, 7-30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, admission is free. Luch will begin being served on the deck, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting April 8. Key Largo Restaurant is at 142 Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake. Call 669-1441.

**Attic's 'Abundance' extended**

Andree Chippi of Westland, portrays Macon Hill in Attic Theatre's presentation of "Abundance" playing for an extended run through April 4 at the historic Strand Theatre in Pontiac.

Chippi appeared in the Attic's "The Misanthrope" as Celimene. In Abundance, she plays a mail-order bride who takes a rollercoaster

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Lori Gryniwicz of Detroit and Jim Roberts of Livonia will perform with the Wisla Polish Song and Dance Ensemble at the International Dance Festival April 5 in Southfield.

**Festival showcases ethnic dance groups**

Experience the sights, sounds and taste of many cultures at the International Dance Festival, 4-7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Southfield Civic Center, 28000 Evergreen Road.

Sponsored by the City of Southfield Community Relations Department to benefit the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, the festival will showcase the area's best ethnic performing groups.

Tickets are \$13.50 in advance (\$15 at the door) and available at the Southfield City Hall main reception desk, and parks and recreation main desk. For information, call 354-4854 or 871-8600.

This year's program highlight is "Echoes of Ukraine." The group combines Ukrainian dances with music and song. They are considered one of the nation's best Ukrainian folk dance groups and have performed throughout the United States and Canada.

Also appearing are the Wisla Polish Folk Ensemble, Tim O'Hare's School of Irish Step Dancing, Hora Aviv Israeli Folk Dance

Troupe, Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble, The Glendi Dancers (Greek), Troupe Ta'amaljat Near East Folkloric Dancers, Audiny's Lithuanian Dance Group, Art of Motion Dance (African) and the Vidyajali East Indian Dancers.

Wisla Polish Folk Ensemble highlights Polish culture through song and dance. Named for the prominent river in the Polish countryside, the group was founded in 1972. Its director, Martin Peck, is the first Michigianian to receive a degree in Polish ethnology from the Marie Sklodowska-Curie University in Poland.

The Hora Aviv ("Dance of Spring") has performed throughout the region since 1977 and features the diversity of Israeli's multi-ethnic tradition, including Eastern European "Chassidic" dance forms, and the Yemenite, dance of the Jews who immigrated to Israel.

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**Musica Viva Concerts features flutists, pianist**

Musica Viva Concerts (Buick International Series) will feature the triple talents of internationally acclaimed award-winning performers flutists Maarika Jarvi, Ginka Gerova Ortega and pianist Francisco Silva in a concert for two flutes and piano, 8 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Christ Church, Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The concert will feature works by Doppler, Kohler, Martinne and Telemann. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Call 473-2228.

Estonian born Jarvi is a member of the newly formed La Coreuna Symphony Orchestra in Spain performing widely throughout Europe

and North America. This concert signals her Michigan debut.

Bulgarian born Gerova-Ortega has toured four continents with radio and TV broadcasts, was awarded the "Michigan Musical Ambassador" and "Artists Award Tribute" and is the founder and artistic director of Musica Viva Concerts.

Born in Brazil, Silva has recorded the complete works of Ravel on the Amadeus label with a wide concert career throughout Brazil and North America. Acclaimed for his "perfect interpretation and true artistic soul" he holds a graduate degree from the University of Michigan School of Music.

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Schoolcraft College's theater department presents a double-bill of Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot," and Anton Chekhov's "The Marriage Proposal" in a dinner theater setting 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Dinner at the Waterman Center, show follows 8 p.m. Dinner theater tickets \$15.50 per person. Theater only will be April 3, 10 and 11. Theater only tickets \$6. Call 462-4409. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

**JAZZ**

Livonia Stevenson Jazz Band performs 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Laurel Park Place mall, I-275 Expressway at 37700 W. Six Mile in Livonia.

**NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

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, Giftfiddler, 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.

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"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.

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# Import vs. domestic? Ask a woman from New Jersey

LAST YEAR, a communications researcher at Michigan State did a study that showed that the American press was about three times as likely to make a big deal out of an American car company recalling its products than if an import car company did the same thing.

It was a clear indication that bias indeed exists in the media, favoring imports vs. American cars. Needless to say, the study got little press.

This is a touchy subject. Leslie Stahl, for instance, was indignant after Ford President Red Poling accused her of bias after she went to the trouble of running down the aisle at the Detroit Auto Show in her best 60 Minutes confrontational style and poked a microphone in his face. She was both indignant and out of

breath, since it was far easier to interview the import guy, who was allowed to sit down, put on makeup and answer questions on a set, which was lots easier on both him and the reporter.

Just last week a story ran in the Wall Street Journal about how many more American cars are recalled because of safety defects than are Japanese cars. The statistics were compiled in an annual report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

PERSONALLY, WHEN I see a report like that, I tend to wonder if more American cars are recalled than Japanese because the American cars have more defects, or because the Japanese aren't talking about



auto talk  
**Dan McCosh**

them as much. It's been my experience that both of these are true. I noticed that the Wall Street Journal settled this important question by interviewing a lady in New Jersey, who assured the newspaper that the Japanese make better cars.

The WSJ then made a neat graph out of the numbers of recalls that had big long streaks to indicate how many American cars were recalled, and little tiny bars to show how few

Japanese cars were recalled. The graph was published alongside the story so that a reader who didn't read it would get the point.

There was, however, a mention in the story of an anticipated recall by Honda of about a million Accord models for faulty fuel systems. The million Accords were left off the graph, which is fortunate, since if they had been added to Honda's bar

the graph would have gone off the top and likely run over onto the text, since recalling a million Hondas means that Honda was recalling more cars than they sold in a single year.

Of course, the graph only reflected last year's recalls, not today's news, which was fortunate, since today's news would have destroyed the whole point of the piece. The million-car recall, however, did not deter the WSJ from its conclusion that the domestic car industry was behind the Japanese in quality. They obviously had supreme confidence in the opinion of the lady from New Jersey.

IS ALL THIS an indication of anti-domestic car bias, or pro-import car

bias, on the part of certain media? Only if you think a paper like the Wall Street Journal would have run a half-page article on how there were more American cars recalled than Japanese, and then not follow it up with another story about how Honda had to recall a million cars, which puts it at the top of the most-recalled list for 1992 (granted, this is pretty early in the year).

I have been looking through subsequent issues of the WSJ for the last couple of days, trying to find that second story. So far, I haven't come across a mention.

I guess I must have missed it.

Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science magazine.

## business people

### WAYNE COUNTY BIZ PEOPLE

The Michigan Peer Review Organization has recently promoted Jean Moody-Williams, RN, BSN, to director of Program Services with responsibilities for the operation of all MPRO's state government-related programs.

Linda Mlynarek, administrator of the Farmington Nursing Home and a Redford Township resident, was recently advanced to fellow in the American College of Health Care Administrators.

Patricia M. Jones of Detroit has joined Hermanoff & Associates as an assistant account executive, where she will be working primarily on the McDonald's account.

Raymond & Dillon, P.C., the law firm with offices in Detroit and Southfield, has named Randall L. Harbour as partner, James L. O'Brien as head of the firm's environmental law group, and Mark A. Afello as an associate.

The Michigan Society of Profes-



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sional Engineers selected Tito R. Marzotto as Engineer of the Year. Marzotto is vice president (industrial division) of Detroit-based Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates Inc.

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers selected Charles J. Roarty Jr. as Young Engineer of the Year. Roarty is senior project engineer at NTH Consultants, LTD in Detroit.

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers selected Michael S. Colombo, a senior at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield as Student Engineer of the Year. Roarty is senior project engineer at NTH Consultants, LTD in Detroit.

Laurie Wargelin of Detroit has been named research director at the market research firm MOR-SPACE in Farmington Hills.

Laura Rainey, of Farmington Hills and a nursing student at University of Detroit Mercy, was recently selected as a recipient of a 1992 Fuld Fellowship.

Barbara Horvath R.N., M.S.N. of Plymouth, Carrie Krushinski R.N. of Canton, Kristine Przybylski R.N. of Taylor and John Mitchell of Novi, a certified speech pathologist have joined the staff of United Home Health Services of Canton.

Livonia therapist Stanley Mann, ACSW, has been approved as a preferred provider to treat GM workers and their families for symptoms of stress.

Russell Lang of Livonia has joined the Oakwood Hospital Health in Business program as a client representative, and Yousif Goriel M.D. of West Bloomfield and S.V. Hulbani M.D. have joined the medical staff.

Please submit black-and-white photographs, if possible, for inclusion in the business people column. While we value the receipt of photographs, we are unable to use every photograph submitted. If you want your photograph returned, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Indicate in a margin on the front of the photograph that you want it returned. We will do our best to comply with your request. Send information to: Business Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include city of residence and a daytime telephone number where information can be verified.

## datebook

● **SUCCESSFUL INVESTING**  
Thursday, April 2 - Free seminar, "Successful Investing for the '90s," 7-8:30 p.m. at the Dearborn Courtyard by Marriott, 5200 Mercury Drive, Dearborn. Sponsor: Merrill Lynch. Information: 446-1219.

● **BETTER BENEFITS**  
Friday, April 3 - "Benefiting and Rewarding a Changing Workforce" 9-11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Non-member fee: \$35. The program will be preceded by a continental breakfast 8:30-9 a.m. The breakfast is included in the charge. Information: Karen Lee, 596-7329, or Bill Lichtenberger, 462-3355. Sponsor: Detroit Area Chapter of the International Society of Employee Benefit Specialists.

● **SMART HIRING**  
Friday, April 3 - Walsh College continuing education will present a Human Resource Management workshop on hiring the best person for the job. Qualifies for continuing education credit. Call 689-8282.

● **TEAM BUILDING**  
Friday, April 3 - "How to Build a Better Team" will be the subject of a one-day seminar by Keye Productivity Center at the Detroit Westin Hotel at 8:45 a.m. Call 1-800-821-3919 to register.

● **SENIORS TAX SERVICE**  
Friday, April 3 - AARP is sponsoring Free Income Tax Service for Senior Citizens at the Northwest YWCA. You must call for an appointment in advance. For more information and appointments, call 537-8500.

● **STRATEGIC FINDING**  
Wednesday, April 8 - Ralph Taylor, acclaimed international leader

in "strategic finding" who Washington D.C. based, Taylor International, has helped many Fortune 500 companies to make acquisitions and form alliances will address the Wharton Alumni Association of Michigan at the Detroit Athletic Club at 5:30 p.m. Call 644-2677.

● **SIVA**  
Wednesday, April 8 - "Success and Failure in Special Interest Video Marketing" will be the topic of a speech by Howard S. MAier, founder and president of the Maler Group, Inc. before the Special Interest Video Association at the Kingsley Inn at 7 p.m. Call 391-2107.

● **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
Wednesday, April 8 - A course designed to enhance management and professional skills is being offered by Schoolcraft College in cooperation with the American Management Association. Call 462-4448.

● **IRS TAX HELP**  
Thursday, April 9 - IRS tax help will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road. A tax representative will be on hand to help you fill out tax forms. First-come, first served basis. No registration required.

● **SENIORS TAX SERVICE**  
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## marketplace

Rochester Knee and Sports Therapy, the state's largest physical therapy center, has selected Lovio-George, Inc., the Detroit-based marketing and public relations firm.

AmeriPRO Inc., the national quality review service headquartered in Plymouth, was awarded the contract to perform medical review in the northern Region of the United States for the Civilian Health and Medical

Programs of the Uniformed Services (CHAMUS).

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, U.S.A. Inc. has presented awards to 21 of its 174 U.S. suppliers - including American Yazaki Corporation in Canton which was cited for excellent quality and delivery of wiring harnesses for outstanding quality and delivery.

Ingersoll-Rand Waterjet Cutting

Systems in Farmington Hills has announced the sale of intensifiers, the key component pump for its systems which cut with pressurized water, to the General Motors Truck and Bus Group.

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# Business

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## Franchising raises odds for new business survival

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

So you think that you have job security working for someone else?

Just ask the men and women at the GM Willow Run Assembly Plant how much security they have toiling for one of the largest employers in the world.

Ask mid-career executives at other companies who face early-retirement buyouts how much control they have over their destinies. And what about those workers whose employers are pulling up stakes and moving out of town?

Even the military is cutting back. One option is to start your own business. And if you do, said Geoffrey Stebbins, president of World Franchise Consultants in Southfield, franchising may be the best way to go.

"Statistics show about a 90 percent failure rate for people who go into business for themselves within five years," Stebbins said. "Franchising has about an 85-90 percent success rate. I've been doing this for 19 years. Would I be doing it if I had a 90 percent failure rate?"

Franchising is a business arrangement where an individual pays an up-front fee and a percentage of sales to use a company's name and sell a product or service. A franchisee, a business unto itself, also generally receives training, advertising support and consultation services from the parent.

McDONALD'S PROBABLY is the most recognizable franchise arrangement in the world.

Start-up franchise fees vary by business activity, Stebbins said.

The printing business requires a cash outlay of up to \$60,000; auto diagnostic/service shop, \$50,000; sign store, \$30,000; and power wash or fire cleanup operations, \$10,000.

But franchising isn't for everyone, said Stebbins, who gets referrals from personnel agencies, outplacement consultants, insurance compa-

nies, advertisements and individuals. He poses a series of questions to prospects to determine suitability.

Do you really want to go into business? Do you really understand what it means? Which industry? Which company? What is your net worth and liquidity? How are you going to live until you start making money? What does your spouse say?

"You're going to pay a franchise fee and a royalty fee," Stebbins said. "We have to cost justify that or it doesn't make sense. We're not going to sell your house to put you in business."

STEBBINS COUNSELS three or four clients a day and matched some 55 with franchisers during his best year.

Self-confidence is the most important characteristic of the successful franchisee, he said.

"If you have it, all you have to do is find the right source to express it. If you're the type of person who likes challenges, it may be good for you. If every challenge is going to be like a hurdle and you're going to be pulling your hair out, better look for a job."

Franchising activity totaled some \$750 billion last year — more than a third of all retail sales nationally, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported.

Francorp, a Chicago-based consulting firm, took more than 10,000 telephone inquiries last year from executives of large corporations seeking information on franchising their businesses.

"The biggest mistakes people make: lack of planning, buying a franchise on emotion, lack of proper due diligence," Stebbins said. "You have to plan what you want to do, check them out and don't take any personal feelings into consideration."

ABOUT HALF of the people he sees currently have jobs but are unhappy and want to make a change. About one-third are unemployed and

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the rest are facing a job buyout option. He will put on a couple of seminars for salaried workers at the Willow Run plant this month.

Opportunities for dramatic financial rewards in franchising have changed over the years, Stebbins said.

"I'm very strongly promoting the sign industry," Stebbins said. "I think it's where the printing industry was 20 years ago."

"There are health-related issues and environmental concerns now. I don't look at greasy hamburgers now. The trend now is skinless chicken, fish, health foods."

Stebbins also is high on interior cleaning franchises that use mist instead of water. And because more people hold onto their cars longer, he sees great potential for auto service/maintenance franchisees.

Stebbins said he's owned printing and fast food franchises while tending to his consulting business. He said he's the only person in the Detroit area and one of about only 60 nationally who works to link franchisees with franchisers.

"I get freedom," Stebbins said. "I can schedule myself as I wish, work as hard as I want. I have developed connections throughout the world. I get a lot of satisfaction out of success. And I take a client's lack of success very personally."



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Geoffrey Stebbins works to place individuals in proper franchising business situations.

## Successful franchisees pursue proposals carefully, work hard

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Uncertainty with life in corporate America brought Guy and Joan Swain and Jim Sprague into the world of franchising. But it's been a gradual process.

The Swains bought a janitorial franchise, Jani-King, five years ago and opened an American Sign Shops franchise in Royal Oak two months ago.

Sprague has run a power-cleaning franchise, Wash on Wheels, as a sideline in Manchester for six months.

Guy Swain got tired of being shuffled around to different subsidiaries within ATT/Michigan Bell and wanted more control over his comings and goings, wife Joan said.

So she continued to work as a therapist at Beaumont Hospital while Guy concentrated on the janitorial business. Now, she's ready to wrap

up her career at Beaumont and devote most of her time to the sign business.

Sprague, a supervisor at Ford for more than 25 years, hasn't felt secure since the automaker sold the steel plant where he worked to a smaller, independent company. He's still putting in time there until retirement, hoping for a buyout.

Both Sprague and Joan Swain professed satisfaction with their franchising experiences so far.

"I kind of like the freedom to set up my schedule to a certain point, the variety of the job," Sprague said. "That's why I bought this particular franchise. I hate getting into a routine or rut. You run into a lot of interesting people and a lot of interesting things."

"I enjoy working with customers, satisfying their needs," Swain said. "Every day something new comes along."

THE SWAINS AND Sprague share a couple of other things in common. Both checked out franchise proposals thoroughly before taking the plunge. Both figure they work just as hard if not harder for themselves than as an employee.

"People in charge are crucial. The type of backup they supply is very crucial," Swain said. "Those are things you can discuss with people (franchisees) already in the business."

"There's more responsibility on you," she said of life as a franchisee. "You've got to get there, get the job out."

"We went to Florida and looked at headquarters and equipment and called every franchisee we could," Sprague said. "You've got to work hard, put in the time. 'Business doesn't come to you. You have to go out and get it.'"

## Deductibility can baffle

Whether you're driving all over the state seeking new customers, closing an important business deal over lunch or looking for a new job, it's not unusual to find yourself digging into your pockets to cover your expenses.

But Uncle Sam allows you to keep some of that money by making various business and job-related deductions available to qualified taxpayers.

Just what business expenses are deductible and how do you deduct them? The Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants provides these answers.

Deducting expenses. For employed workers, most unreimbursed business-related expenses are considered miscellaneous itemized deductions and are deductible only to the extent that together with other miscellaneous expenses they exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Employment-related expenses. To deduct employment-related education expenses, you need to meet one of two requirements. The course you take must help you to maintain or improve your present work skills, or your education must be required by your employer or by law to keep

your present job.

Transportation. Whether you own your own business or you are an employee whose job requires a car, you may deduct the business-related costs of owning and operating your car. In most cases, you have a choice of two methods for computing the deduction for the business use of your car — you can claim actual expenses or a standard mileage rate of 27.5 cents per mile. Whichever method you choose, be sure to keep a log of all your business miles and detailed records of your expenditures.

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## Spring break can attract more than fun

### Exercising common sense can keep date rape at bay

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

High school students traveling south to sunnier climes during spring break aren't necessarily giving much thought to their personal safety. Fun's first and foremost in their minds.

Date rape can occur among students on vacation. Staffers and volunteers at Common Ground received three calls last spring from Oakland County high school students who were raped during spring break.

"It happens," said Tony Rothschild, executive director of the Royal Oak-based crisis agency. "It be-

comes a real meat market down there."

Often, such trips are the first time away from home for students, he said. Teens tend to become more vulnerable in certain situations and in some cases lack the maturity needed to deal with those situations.

"Date rape is extremely common," said Carol Klun, sexual assault program supervisor for First Step, a Wayne County agency offering assistance to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. One in three women and one in seven men will be sexually assaulted at some time in life, she said.

"THIS IS something that can happen anywhere to anyone at any

time," Klun said. Most sexual assaults occur in the 14-21 age range, although others, including infants and the elderly, are also at risk.

Spring break isn't necessarily the time when most date rapes occur, she said. Instead, acquaintance rape is an ongoing, year-round problem. Assaults can occur at a homecoming party or at another activity close to home.

One key is education, not only in terms of self-protection, but also learning what the crime is and the continuum of sexual assault. "Without consent, it is rape," Klun said.

In some cases, young people are taught to protect themselves from assaults by strangers, but don't learn how to deal with assault by an acquaintance, "which is the most likely rape to happen," she said.

Common Ground's Rothschild knows how important such educational efforts are. He and his wife have an 18-year-old daughter who went to Mexico on a trip last year.

"Somehow, professional experience doesn't work at home," said Rothschild, who earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. "We expressed our concern about this issue. We talked it over with her."

The couple's daughter had a great time on her trip, and understood the need to avoid certain situations to reduce the risk of assault.

PARENTS DO need to talk to teens about the risks involved in taking such trips, said Rothschild, 44, of Lake Orion. That's true for parents of daughters and sons.

Establishing housing arrangements in advance is important, he said, as is being aware of resources available to assault survivors in the vacation community. Staying with the group reduces the risk of sexual assault. "Stick with your friends," he said. "Don't go off with somebody you don't know."

Young women need to trust their instincts, and watch their drug and alcohol consumption, said Klun, who is in her 30s. Substance abuse doesn't provide an excuse for a sexual assault to occur, but it's best to avoid drinking or abusing drugs.



Talking to other students through the grapevine is helpful, as is avoiding isolated situations, she said. Going dutch, rather than expecting a young man to pick up the tab, is a good idea.

The word "respect" comes to mind in assessing such situations, said Klun, who earned a bachelor's degree in human ecology and business from the University of Minnesota. That includes self-respect and respect for what others say.

In some cases, the best clue to how a young man will behave is the way in which he listens to and respects a young woman's opinions in non-dating situations, she said.

THE WAYS IN which young people are socialized can contribute to the problem, she has found.

In some cases, women are raised to be passive and to be taken care of, Klun said. Some young men are raised to be sexually aggressive and to believe that "no" means "yes."

Often, young people of both genders aren't taught communication skills or creative problem-solving. In some cases, students believe that physical force or emotional coercion should be used.

"It is a societal attitude change that needs to take place." Such edu-

cational efforts should start at an early age, she said, and include information on sexuality and self-protection.

"We don't want to think these things can happen to us or someone close to us," Klun said. Sexual assault and abuse occur in affluent communities, and across all lines of race, age and socioeconomic status.

Men too are victims of sexual assault.

"Rape is really a societal issue and not a women's problem," Klun said. Men are less likely than women to be sexually assaulted, although it's likely a significant other of theirs will be assaulted at some time.

## Know your rights

This information on rape was compiled by Katy Wood, victim assistance coordinator at Common Ground in Royal Oak.

Only rapists can put an end to rape. However, there are some practical steps you can take to help protect yourself from date rape:

- Know your rights in any social situation. You have the right to be concerned about yourself and not worry about taking care of others.

- You have the right to say "no."

- Make it clear, before you get into a sexual situation, what your limits are.

- Stay away from isolated areas such as parks or deserted beaches. Suggest meeting in a public place.

- Beware of alcohol or other drugs. It is much harder for you to be in control of the situation if you're under the influence of these substances.

- Have your own transportation.

If you are raped, the decision to go to the hospital, the police or a rape crisis center is your choice. Remember, however, that the longer you wait for medical care and

police investigation the harder it will be to prove your assault.

- If you choose to go to the hospital, do not shower, douche, or change your clothes. At the hospital, doctors will treat you for any injuries that you may have. They will also treat you for and inform you about the possibilities of pregnancy, AIDS and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases). Most hospitals have rape kits designed to collect information for prosecution. You are not obligated to prosecute, but this information is invaluable if you decide to do so.

- Filing a report with the police is not a contract to prosecute. By doing this, the police can begin their investigation.

- At both at the hospital and with the police, you will be asked to give a full report of what happened. It is vital that you try to remember as much as possible about the incident. Tell the truth. Don't analyze how your responses will "help" or "hurt" you in court.

- If you are raped while on spring break, criminal proceedings will take place in the state in which the crime was committed. This is often a deterrent to prosecute.



BILL BRESLER/staff writer

Ed Andrysiak leads the way for the Holy Strollers, a walking group that meets at 10 a.m.

weekdays at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

## Holy Strollers

### Walkers get fit on a daily basis

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

At age 78, Ed Andrysiak's not about to slow down. Andrysiak, who does race walking, knows it's important for older people to stay active.

"Very much so. It gives you cardiovascular exercise, it builds up your body. Once you start exercising and doing it every day, it becomes an obsession."

Andrysiak organized a walking group, The Holy Strollers, at his church, St. John Neumann in Canton. Group members meet 10 a.m. Monday through Friday to do some walking at the church, either indoors or outside, depending on the weather. Later this spring, they'll resume their 6:30 p.m. Thursday walks at the church.

The group got started in 1989. Participants of all ages

enjoy getting some exercise and spending time together.

"You'll find the most congenial people you've ever met," said Andrysiak, a widower and Ford Motor Co. retiree. In his younger days, Andrysiak thought runners and walkers were sissies. He's since become educated.

He hasn't always been as physically fit as he is now. "Thirty-four years ago, I had open heart surgery for an infected mitral valve."

HEART DISEASE continued to be a problem for Andrysiak. About six or seven years ago, his doctor wanted to put him in a convalescent home. Instead, Andrysiak sold his Detroit home and moved to Plymouth Township to live with his daughter and son-in-law.

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Team pastor Howard Burkeen of Canton got in on stripping eucalyptus logs that were used for joists when that original ones didn't arrive at the orphanage.

photos by ANDY PUGH

## religion calendar

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

### POTLUCK DINNER

The United Methodist Men of Aldersgate United Methodist Church will host a potluck dinner 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5. The Rev. John Grenfell, senior minister of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, will speak 7:30 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church is at 10000 Beech Daly, Redford.

### INFORMATION NIGHT

Plymouth Christian Academy will have its high school information night 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the academy, 43065 Joy, between Lilley and Main in Canton. The meeting is open to parents and prospective students in eighth through 11th grades. It will provide an overview of the educational programs and related activities. Faculty representatives will give presentations. For information, call 459-3505.

### EASTER CELEBRATION

Temple Baptist Church Choir and Alleluia Orchestra will present "King of Glory," an Easter celebration, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12. The dramatic musical is based on Christ's life, death and resurrection. Tickets are required and can be ordered by calling 255-3333. A nursery will be provided.

### BAKE SALE

A Finnish-American bake sale will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Detroit Laestadian Congregation, 290 Fairground, Plymouth. The church is near Ann Arbor Trail and Mill. Pastries, bread, tarts, pies and other items will be sold.

### FRIEND DAY

Westland Free Methodist Church will have a "Friend Day" 10:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 5, at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. The program will feature a concert by Ron and Carolyn Patty, parents of gospel singer Sandi Patti. They have performed at the White House and around the world. A freewill offering will be taken. Child care will be provided. For information, call 728-2600.

### LIFE LOSSES

Covenant Community Church will offer "The Challenge of Living Through Life Losses" with Ruth Sissom, a two-part seminar on the grieving process and the road to recovery, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the church, 25800 Student, Redford.

Sissom is the author of "Instantly a Widow," the story of the lessons God taught as she struggled to adjust to life following her husband's death. Reservations are required for the April 11 session, which will include lunch. Reservations should be made by calling the church office, 535-3100, by Monday, April 6.

### SACRED ARTS

Students can register 2-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6-8, for the spring semester of the School of Sacred Arts at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile in Livonia. The school offers instruction in a variety of arts, including voice, instrumental music, drama and drawing. For information, call 422-1899 after 2 p.m. weekdays.

### CONCERT BAND

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have the Asbury College Concert Band of Wilmore, Ky., in concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, in the church sanctuary, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. A Lenten potluck dinner, with meat provided by the church, will be served 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. For information, call 421-8628.

### OVERCOMER'S OUTREACH

Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton-Taylor in Canton, has a ministry to assist those whose lives have been affected by substance abuse. The Overcomer's Outreach program offers help for those with substance abuse problems and their families. Meetings for those with

drug/alcohol problems are 7 p.m. each Friday and focus on the seven-step recovery process. The next meeting will be Friday, April 3.

The family support group meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month, with upcoming meetings scheduled April 7 and 14. All meetings are interpreted for the hearing-impaired. For information or individual counseling, call the Rev. Michael York, 453-4785.

### ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS

Archbishop Adam J. Maida of the Archdiocese of Detroit will speak Wednesday, April 8, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth. Maida's topic will be "If You Want Peace, Work for Justice." The prayer service will be 7:30 p.m. A reception will be held in the gym following the service. For information, call the parish office, 453-0326.

### MUSICAL DRAMA

Redford Baptist Church, Grand River and Seven Mile, will present a musical drama, "A Dream of Forgiveness," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 10-11. The original drama was written by Mark Gleason and details the dreams of Claudi, the wife of Pilate, who begged her husband not to sentence Jesus to death. The original score was written by the church's musical director, Donna Gleason. Jeanine Stiles is directing the production.

This is the eighth year the church has presented an Easter musical drama, featuring members of the church and Chancel Choir. There is no admission charge, although early arrival is recommended to ensure good seating.

### SUNDAY SEMINAR

"The Trial of Jesus" and its effect on Jewish-Christian relations will be the subject of the First Sunday seminar 6-8 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The Rev. James Lyons, founder and executive director of the Ecumenical Institute of Jewish Christian Studies, will speak. The seminar will be in the church parlor.

### SPRING REVIVAL

A spring revival will be held Sunday through Friday, April 5-10, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. The theme will be "Each One Reach One - Let's Spring Forward for the Lord in 1992." The revival will feature evangelist Jack Heaston and song evangelist Dale Hickey. The schedule includes: 9:30 a.m. Bible school on Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship Sunday; 7:30 p.m. worship services Monday through Friday. For information, call 476-8222.

### LENTEEN BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Women of Garden City United Methodist Church will have an annual Lenten breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at the church, 6443 Merriman. The Rev. Faith Fowley will speak. Price is \$2 for fruit cup, sweet rolls, coffee and tea. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Margaret Nash, 421-5372, or Jean Herrick, 421-3316.

### BABY SHOWER

Ward Presbyterian Church will hold a baby shower for Bethany Christian Services infants 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the church, Six Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia. Bethany is a pregnancy counseling center and agency for foster care and adoption. Those attending the shower are asked to bring new and used items in good condition for newborns.

### FRIENDSHIP

Friendship Connection, a personal growth and support group, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 13439 Marion, Redford, for discussion, questions and answers, fellowship and Bible study. For information, call 534-2085.

### SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retirees the first and third Tuesday of the month. For information, call 525-3664.

# Labor of love

## Work 'covers' Ethiopian orphanage

By Sue Mason  
staff writer

Bob Baker of Canton may have missed his calling in life — a stand-up comedian. After all, it's his one-liners that keep the work crew in "good spirits."

That was a must when you consider that the crew was made up of members of the First Baptist Church in Wayne and people from Grand Rapids and Ft. Myers, Fla., and the work site was in Kuriftu, Ethiopia.

The 16-member team were in the east African country in January to construct a clinic and orphanage for the Kuriftu Church. What they saw was enough to convince them they were needed.

"Most of the capitol of Addis Ababa is slums," said Linda Baxter, a nurse and the only woman on the team. "Everytime the car stopped, lepers and blind people would come begging for food. They see a white person and think they're rich."

"Fifty percent of the people are unemployed," said Tom Baxter, her husband and team member. "And of the remaining 50 percent, 40 percent are underemployed. In one town, 90 percent of the people worked for the air force and lost their jobs when the new front (government) took over."

The two-week adventure (the Baxters stayed on an additional two weeks) had been planned for the spring of 1991. The church sponsors several mission organizations, one being the Society of International Ministries. In December 1990, the former approached Kevin Ruark of Plymouth who had worked for SIM for three months in Niger in 1979, about doing something. Ruark agreed and quickly put a plan together.

BUT AS quickly as it took shape, it was put on hold because of government unrest. Construction supplies could not be shipped to the country and by mid-summer, foreigners were being evacuated from the country because of the violent unrest.



Bob Baker of Canton found himself on the heavy end of a wheelbarrow of cement during the construction work.

By last December, the situation had stabilized enough so that the supplies, donations from Australia, New Zealand and Holland, could be shipped to Ethiopia.

And Ruark, who served as team leader, gathered up his crew — in addition to the Baxters and Baker, Howard Burkeen of Canton, team pastor, carpenter Ron Amann of Westland, electricians/general contractors George Anger of Westland and Gary DeGraaf of Grand Rapids, general contractors Maurice Dunphy of Westland, Mark Kline of Wayne and Scott Peterson of Westland, plumber Scott Monroe of Wayne, photojournalist/general contractor Andy Pugh of Westland, cabinetmaker/general contractor Keith Welty of Wayne and brick masons Jim Albreck and John Outlaw of Ft. Myers.

Culture shock may be a mild term for what the team experienced. Guns were commonplace in the country. The new government disbanded the military. Left with nothing to do, the former soldiers literally packed up

their weapons and went home.

SANITARY conditions were almost unheard of. Linda, who saw to the team's medical needs and acted as cook, soaked all vegetables and fruit in bleach water because they had been washed in contaminated river water to keep bouts of diarrhea at bay.

"In Ethiopia, they only wash their right hand because that's the one they eat with," she said. "They laughed when they saw Tom wash both hands."

With the construction of the orphanage building came such western conveniences like a flush toilet, a "magic show" for the youngsters who had to be taught to sit on the seat rather than stand on it to use it.

Linda provided the team with Americanized Ethiopian food. But the team did eat its share of the native cuisine. That's where Baker's humor comes in.

He found the Ethiopian sour dough bread as tasty as "a thick car

**'They don't have anything, but they're happy with what they have.'**

— Ron Amann

chamois" and the goat cheese "the consistency of a wet diaper." Linda's version of roast beef was "roast beast" because of the difficulty chewing it even after five hours in a pressure cooker.

The team admits that it was Amann's stash of Oreo cookies and Snickers bars that helped out.

"They told me there wasn't a lot of food so I packed accordingly," he said.

AND WHAT food there was was expensive. Linda recalls paying \$30 for the ingredients for pizza — two pounds of mozzarella cheese, an ounce of salami, 12 ounces of tomato paste — and six ounces of mayonnaise.

She recalls the day Anger stopped at a roadside stand to buy two kilos of grapes. To get the grapes, he also had to buy a like amount of oranges.

But those inconveniences aside, it was the people who made the biggest impression on the team. The orphanage was using a small cement block building meant to be a wash house to house the children, with as many as 14 to a bedroom.

Many of the children had lost their parents during the recent coup, killed when a munitions dump in a residential area was destroyed. Others lost their parents to an outbreak of yellow fever.

While the team was able to do the construction work at a quicker pace than the Ethiopians, they found the people were eager to lend a hand.

"We were lead to believe we wouldn't get a lot of help because the old Marxist government didn't reward the people who worked," Baker said. "But they would constantly take the tools away from us and do the work."

"THEY DON'T have anything, but they're happy with with they have," Amann added. "One man told me that he had a shirt, a pair of pants and Jesus, what else did he need."

The effort didn't come off all that smoothly. One container of materials never made it to the work site, leaving them without sinks or counter tops. The team estimates that they were within two days of finishing the project had that container arrived.

But they realize the buildings they constructed were far better than the mud huts with thatched roofs and the ones built from dried cow dung that many of the natives lived in.

"We put our faith in action," Ruark said. "We could give half our income to the church here and not do what we did in two weeks there."

To the man and woman, the team says that they would be disappointed if they didn't go back to Ethiopia. Although there are no formal plans as yet, Ruark has already talked to SIM about taking a similar group back to Ethiopia the same time next year.

And in looking back, the team admits that it was tough leaving the children.

"Children are children wherever you go," Anger said.



Plumber Scott Monroe of Wayne works with Ethiopian natives in installing drainage pipes under one of two buildings the team built in Kuriftu.



The Swordbearers of Cedarville College will present a concert at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 5, at Antioch Baptist Church, 8538 Rawsonville Road, Belleville. The 12-student ensemble will share testimonies and perform a variety of music.

# Recycling: Awareness can't begin too soon

One of the programs offered to schools this winter by the Independence Oaks Nature Center deals with recycling.

As an introduction, I ask the students in the elementary schools whether they bring their lunch to school in a brown paper bag. Approximately 75 percent of the students raise their hand. My next question is: How many of you take that brown paper bag home with you? Only about five or six hands go up.

I use this as an illustration of how people, at any age, can begin to help the environment through recycling and by developing an attitude of environmental consciousness. Reusing brown bags saves trees, saves space in landfills, saves petroleum and begins to instill an attitude of proper use of materials and resources.

One of the reasons the natural world has been around for so long is because everything is recycled, right down to tiny molecules. A sobering thought is that a molecule of water you drank today could have been swallowed by a dinosaur thousands of years ago.



nature  
**Timothy Nowicki**

EVERYTHING IS recycled and everything is interconnected. Ecologists talk of food chains that start with the sun and plants, and follow with insects, frogs, snakes, hawks and decomposers that recycle the molecules of any organism that dies.

Using the term chain in this model is very appropriate because removing one of the "links," or organisms in the chain, has consequences on all the others.

We have been able to include renting and returning videos in our mod-

ern itinerary, recycling and educated use of products can also be included. Rick Lober, a concerned citizen, approached me with his concerns about uses of pesticides by homeowners.

I don't claim to be an expert on weed and pest control, but I do know that many people do not know how to use chemicals correctly. Though they read the recommended concentrations, many feel that an extra amount will do an even better job. That is not true.

EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS of chemicals only get added to the food chain unnecessarily. It is encouraging,

however, to note that on the shelves of large lawn and garden retailers, alternative products to the traditional petroleum based pesticides and herbicides are available. Consumers now have options in the products they can use in their gardens and on their lawns. Choices are something that most consumers like so they can make their own decisions.

Homeowners dispense a lot of chemicals yet, with some choices, and some knowledge of their consequences, people can control their homestead problems and not adversely affect the environment and the wildlife they enjoy watching.

## Motorcycle classes set

A pair of one-day motorcycle riding classes are being offered this month at Schoolcraft College.

Performance Based Better Biking, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11, includes a riding skills test and exercises from the Secretary of State Alternate Motorcycle Operation Skills Test.

It provides licensed cyclists an opportunity to improve their skills in braking, turning and obstacle avoidance.

The class will be offered at the college Liberal Arts Building. Fee is \$18.

Experienced Rider Course, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 12, is designed for riders of large touring and sports motorcycles.

Participants must furnish their own motorcycle, helmet, gloves, arm protection, heavy duty pants, weather gear and over-the-ankle boots. They must also provide proof of motorcycle endorsement and insurance. Fee is \$18.

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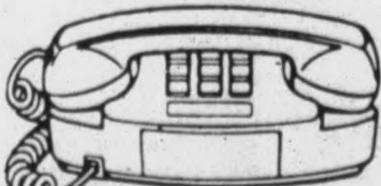
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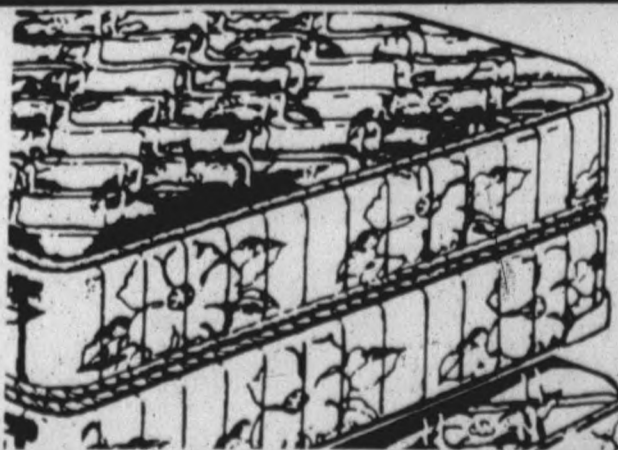
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## Art Beat

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### Paris comes to Plymouth.

Direct from the art salons of Paris, Cannes and Milan, paintings by internationally renowned artists will be auctioned at the Plymouth Newcomers Art Auction Saturday, April 11 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

The event will feature the works of LeRoy Nieman, Salvador Dali, Norman Rockwell, Picasso, Marc Chagall, Wooster Scott and others, presented for auction by Marlin Art Inc. of New York.

Festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, champagne punch and a chance to preview auction items.

The live auction will start at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$7.50. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth YMCA Building Fund. Call 454-1328.

### In miniature

A spring miniature show and sale will take place 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Holiday Inn of Livonia-West, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North.

Thirteen of the 38 exhibitors will be from Michigan. Other states represented include California, Florida and New York.

Miniatures include such crafted wares as dollhouses, landscaping and furniture.

Admission is \$4.

### Stamp of approval

Mike Todoroff of Westland was among the top 10 winners in Michigan's 1993 trout/salmon waterfowl design contest, which drew 67 entrants.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources sponsors the annual contest.

### Historical gardeners

Historic property owners and gardening buffs will host Scott Kunst speaking on "Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes 1840-1940" at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26 in the Historic Spicer House, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Kunst, an Eastern Michigan University landscape history professor, has designed historic landscape restoration plans for Greenfield Village, Historic Fort Wayne and the Spicer House.

This how-to lecture will focus on Victorian, Greek Revival, Colonial Revival and other periods of architecture along with perennial borders and foundation plantings.

Admission to the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission-sponsored event is \$5 per family.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Livonia artist June Hillman painted this acrylic on canvas, "Shepherds in Blue," in the tradition of realism. The scene focuses on Hillman's daughter and her Border Collies.

## Colorful

### Livonia artists to showcase works

See Exhibitions, 3D

By Linda Ann Chomin  
special writer

LIVONIA ARTISTS Club will present its 31st annual art exhibit and sale 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

Thirty artists will display more than 100 artworks, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel and mixed media.

Chris Unwin, a former Visual Art Association of Livonia instructor, will judge the artwork, choosing Best of Show, first-through third-place winners and honorable mentions.

If you're redecorating your home or office this spring on a tighter than usual budget, buying bin art could provide a colorful solution to your problems by framing the works yourself.

*'Painting is a compulsion. I lose all track of time. It's like an oasis.'*

— artist Audrey Harkins

"We'll have bin paintings, which are unframed paintings, beginning at \$25," said Livonia artist Mary Mull, show coordinator.

Mull, who started painting in 1977, will exhibit watercolors in the spring show. She began her art studies in oil with Arlene Knecht and continues to take classes at VAAL and Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Over the years, she has won 13 ribbons plus purchase and money awards.

NIGHT SCENES and inclement weather are often neglected by modern painters. A watercolor titled "Refuge" by Mull is an exception. It features a white

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From left, Rodney Julnelson, Deena Renaud and Paul Moulds of the Livonia Civic Ballet Company perform "Themes-Music from the Movies," a selection choreographed by the company's assistant artistic director, Arnell Janet Newell.

## Livonia dancers to stage a treat — family ballet

By Linda Ann Chomin  
special writer

Enjoy an entertaining dance extravaganza when the Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "An Evening of Ballet Divertissements" Saturday-Sunday, April 11-12, in the Stevenson High School Auditorium, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia.

Featured artist/choreographer for the springtime treat is Peter Pawlyshyn of the Nevada Dance Theatre in Las Vegas. He'll premiere his newest ballet, "Les Grand Orion Ballet."

Program selections range from classical ballet to character, and the flash and spice of Broadway dancing.

Livonia Civic Ballet's senior company will perform three parts of "The Comedians," "Ten Cents a Dance," "Themes-Music from the Movies" and "Les Grand Orion Ballet."

The junior company will dance a character number from "Coppelia" and "Luthuanian Heel Toe Polka."

"With 'The Comedians,' you have a fun, light dance. The number from 'Coppelia' is serious — a classic ballet," said Lin Eagle-Trudell, dance company board member.

"Ten Cents a Dance," choreographed by assistant artistic director Arnell Janet Newell, promises to be one of the evening's crowd pleasers. Inspired by the Gene Kelly movie, "On the Town," the dance is choreographed to "It Had to Be You," "My Funny Valentine" and "Ten Cents a Dance."

"I LIKED the music. Growing up, I was influenced by the music of the '40s," Newell said. "The music is most important to keep the audience's interest. Based in a dance hall, the number features two sailors and a taxi dancer."

"Our sailor is a calm, quiet young man. The other is rambunctious. They're both vying for the girl's affections."

Newell also choreographed "Themes-Music from the Movies."

*'It's a unique art form. I'm excited about being a part of it. It's my way of showing my two daughters the world of the arts, learning the self-discipline, camaraderie and working with others it takes.'*

— Sharon Pommerville

It includes music from the movies "The Godfather," "Edward Scissorhands" and "Avalon."

"It's beautiful music. I didn't put a storyline to it. I wanted to show the talent of the dancers in the senior company. It's a difficult dance," Newell said. "The number features all of the dancers costumed in black leotards and chiffon skirts except for four, who are in red, yellow, blue and green."

Guest dancer for "Themes" and "Les Grand Orion Ballet" is Michael Finegan, a board member and dancer with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. Finegan in the last 12 years has been a featured dancer and vocalist in metro Detroit commercials, musical comedies and stage productions.

"THEMES" IS a nice collage of music. It's fun because if you've seen the movies, the music is familiar but the dance is new and exciting," Finegan said. "Peter's ballet is an interesting collage, an excellent piece, a beautiful ballet with no real storyline."

Finegan hopes to attend a Cecchetti seminar this summer on full scholarship with Dennis Nahat's Cleveland-San Jose Ballet. "I think it's important to support the arts in Livonia and the youth," Newell said.

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## Art exhibition gallery — It's fitting to have in a library

SHE NEVER tires of talking art while organizing fine art exhibits for the Livonia Arts Commission. And she bubbles with excitement about the new exhibit gallery in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"Oh, gosh. I'm thrilled," says arts commissioner Dorothy Wilshaw. "We've worked over two years to get panels for that gallery."

I'm excited too. What better place to showcase the visual wonders of fine art than a library, one of our richest cultural jewels?

The smaller shows planned for the gallery will complement the larger exhibitions that adorn the Livonia City Hall lobby. The second-floor, glass-enclosed gallery will open Saturday, April 11 with a major spring show.

"The gallery is just one more example of the way the library and the arts commission have been working to strengthen the cultural fabric of

our community," says Michael Deller, library director.

Adds Mayor Robert Bennett: "Livonia historically has had greater than casual interest in promoting culture: Music Under the Stars, the Arts and Crafts Festival, art exhibits at city hall, cultural events at the library, the Livonia Symphony. We're continually looking for opportunities to expand our cultural endeavor."

THE ARTS commission and the Friends of the Library will share the \$16,000 cost to equip the gallery with the slatwall, freestanding display panels.

A 40-piece exhibit, featuring works by eight artists from whom the city has acquired artwork, will fill the gallery April 11 to May 3. In the mid-1980s, the Livonia Cultural League donated many of the 53 pieces of art now in the city's art collection.

Gallery hours will match the library's: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday



Bob Sklar

through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

THE GALLERY will be dedicated at a by-invitation, meet-the-artists reception Friday, April 10.

That night, the spotlight will turn to artists Carl Sams II of White Lake, Gwen Tomkow, Edee Joppich and V. Janus Benda of Farmington Hills, Theresa Politowicz of Northville, Eileen Bibby of Livonia, Cindy Fields McMahan of West Bloomfield and Mary Tomas of Troy.

Sams is a wildlife photographer. The others work in watercolor, oil,

acrylic or paper. Their artwork is displayed throughout the library and city offices.

For the gallery's kickoff exhibit, these artists will bring up to four pieces each to display alongside their work now in the city collection.

"Besides a nice exhibition area, the gallery is going to be educational," Wilshaw said. "We hope to bring in national touring exhibits and exceptional individual artists like Tom Hale."

Hale is a nationally renowned artist from Farmington Hills whose abstract paintings boast a classic automobile theme.

WILSHAW ALSO hopes to attract Dearborn artist Electra Stamelos: "One of her watercolors, a real gem, hangs in the library outside the director's office."

The gallery panels, made by Design Fabrication in Troy, are versatile enough for a typical 45-piece individual exhibit as well as three-di-

mensional pieces like sculpture and jewelry.

"They're easily reconfigured so we have great flexibility with them," Wilshaw said.

Wilshaw, who oversees the city hall art exhibits, will team with arts commission chairman Jack Olds to coordinate gallery exhibits. Olds doubles as city liaison to the Friends.

Wilshaw envisions seven shows a year at the gallery compared to the 11 monthly shows at the city hall. Gallery shows won't be limited to a month.

The arts commission will keep 30-percent commission from any sale made during a library exhibit. Proceeds will go into its trust fund for other art projects and purchases.

No commission is charged at city hall shows because there's little cost involved with those exhibitions, Wilshaw said.

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Schools student work, will move into the gallery, atrium, auditorium and other parts of the library May 11-22.

SOME PIECES of art stimulate us visually. Many are instructive. Others are just plain fun. So artwork is a natural for the library.

As Deller put it: "The library does much to civilize the community. It enlightens and enriches us, providing access to things we want in our lives."

"One of those things, art, helps us look at the world in a different way. Art is one more way the community comes in contact with ideas. And ideas that artists present can be very startling and cause us to re-think the way we look at things."

In short, library patrons can find in art what they find in books — new ideas they prick our consciousness or old ideas, under a new cover, that spur us to ponder what we've long taken for granted.

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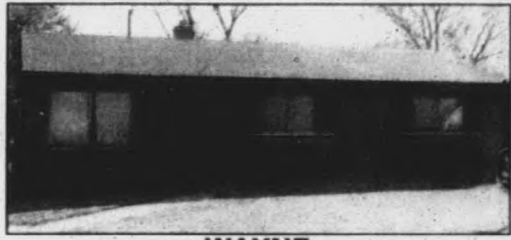
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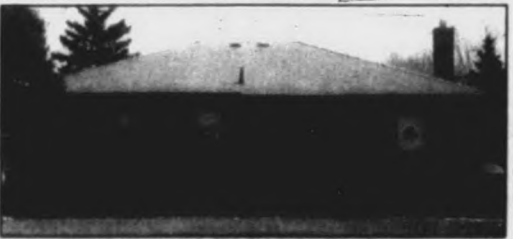
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## WMU building a campus jewel

By Dale Northup  
special writer

The array of blank, banal modernist buildings on our college campuses are often the product of limited budgets and the lack of a uniform master plan.

This problem can sometimes be partially remedied with the construction of a uniquely designed building. Then the Promethean flame of learning is renewed by an architectural spark.

The Haworth College of Business, on the campus of Western Michigan University, is a case in point.

Designed by Carl Luckenbach of Luckenbach, Ziegelman & Partners in Birmingham, the Haworth building is a three-story, 170,000-square-foot facility that graces the northern perimeter of the campus.

The building is named after the Haworth Corp. of Holland, manufacturers of office systems furniture, which donated a combined corporate and family gift of \$5 million.

Constructed of red brick and limestone under a shallow hip roof, it is a U-shaped building that surrounds a central quadrangle, adding a sense of collegiality to the campus and yet establishing its own identity.

The building is located on a sloping site with two stories on one side, punctuated by an arcade that faces the campus. On the opposite side, three stories overlook a valley.

The building contains 33 classrooms, 200 office work stations for administration, faculty and office personnel, a computer laboratory and a 400-seat auditorium, all of which surround a central courtyard.

Three sides of the courtyard are defined by large windows on the middle and upper levels, allowing the interior space to open upon the exterior space enclosed by the building. And, in like manner, the third level has floor openings that visually link it with the middle classroom

level below. Both the interior and exterior of the building have a spatial integration that plays a paramount role in the design.

On the upper level, continuous bands of windows, under the large projecting eaves of the roof, line the exterior walls of the building.

These windows project out in the middle to become bay windows, adding to the spatial projection of the conference rooms located behind them.

The middle level also has a band of windows that are framed by brick mullions and capped with horizontal limestone lintels. Windows and doors on the lower level, facing the valley, are framed by limestone walls and abutted by a terraced patio, both of which serve to anchor the building to its site.

The overall style of the Haworth Building could be called Neo-Prairie School, a sort of current architectural revival in the Midwest.

According to Lake Forest, Ill., architect Tom Heinz, "The Neo-Prairie School movement is not all that different from the way it was done in Frank Lloyd Wright's time.

Its characteristics include simplicity, use of 'earth tones,' ornamentation that is integral to the overall architecture, a focus on the spaces rather than on decoration.

Whether Carl Luckenbach had the Prairie style in mind is not the question. What is important is the fact that the Haworth College of Business is a welcome addition to what could be politely termed Western Michigan University architecture. Perhaps with Haworth, and the design acumen of Luckenbach, the university is pointed in a meaningful direction involving a building that is integral with its site, the campus and its educational mission.

Dale Northup is a professor of architecture.



The Haworth building combines classrooms, labs and offices.

photos by CHRISTOPHER LARK

## Subcontractors band together

By R.J. King  
special writer

Eying their work orders, shop floors and cash registers, several area subcontractors are giving a new spin to an old idea in hopes of sparking new sales in the ever-competitive construction industry.

Knowing that opening lines of communication is the fastest way to generate new business, a core group of 25 subcontractors has formed the trades council, a committee designed to appeal more effectively with fellow members of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM).

"The subcontractors were looking for a united voice within the association to get the word out about their particular talents," said Mary Ann Dalgleish, committee administrator of BASM, which has its headquarters in Farmington Hills.

"Before we just had builder members and associate members. But because our associate members are so diverse (from bankers to Realtors to carpenters), it's difficult to tell who does what from just a company name. The trades council will help highlight subcontractors and address concerns unique to their field."

Whether overlooked or undervalued, the trades council will, for the first time, pair carpenters with cleaners, not only as a way of drumming up new business, but also to sponsor seminars designed to help subcontractors, most of whom are small-business owners.

"We wanted to become a cohesive unit to better market our skills and services before the builders and our suppliers," said Jeff Houslander, co-chairman of the trades council and owner of The Houseway Co. in Livonia, which specializes in residential roofing and siding.

"We hope the council will increase business for all those who join, and certainly more opportunities will open up for everyone involved. If a builder is looking for a plumber or electrician, we want the trades council to be their first option."

APART FROM expanding networking opportunities, in the past, many subcontractors expressed regret over missing many BASM-sponsored meetings, seminars and guest

speakers, events that were scheduled during weekday working hours. To get around such time conflicts, the trades council will hold monthly administrative meetings and related events in the early evening.

"The evening hours will help a great deal because it's tough to leave the business during a workday," said Annette Lockard, one of the council's founding members and co-owner of Auburn Hills-based Compulsive Cleaners, which cleans construction sites.

"Right now we're looking to sponsor seminars in bookkeeping, how to hire new employees, how to approach builders and address insurance and worker's comp matters. We also plan on setting up a network for obtaining used equipment and other networking opportunities."

There is no cost to join the trades council, but membership in BASM is a prerequisite. At the end of May, the council will sponsor its first guest speaker, Steve Thomas, who is host of the public television show, "This Old House."

FOR FOUNDING members, the introduction of the trades council couldn't have come at a better time as the U.S. Commerce Department reported housing starts in February were at a two-year high — 1.3 million units. Because housing starts often signal the start of actual construction, the February increase foretells better days for a host of related industries, including plumbing, electrical and insulation.

Vic Johnson, co-chairman of the Council and president of Johnson Insulation in Shelby Township, said he wanted to see the council address what builders require of subcontractors before they sign off on a work order.

"We're competing with companies which don't have liability insurance, so we want to address what exactly the builders look for in hiring a plumber or carpenter. We also want to know how we can reduce our insurance costs."

For more information about the Trades Council, call BASM at (313) 737-4477.

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Scott A. Larry has been named executive vice president of Rodney Lockwood & Co., Birmingham, a general contractor specializing in multifamily housing.

Stacy K. Griesmer, Wade-Trim/Associates field engineer, has been selected by the Oakland Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers as its Young Engineer of the Year for 1992-93.

A 1989 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a degree in construction engineering, she

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is working on the contract administration for a wastewater retention facility in Livonia. She is the recording secretary of the Oakland chapter of the MSPE and will advance to the statewide competition of the organization.

They almost hit the nail on the head. Two entrants in the 1992 Builders Show House of Nails Contest came within two nails of the correct number. Actual count was 22,130. Jennifer Tomaszewski of Ypsilant Township guessed 22,132, and Gerald Heidisch of Allen Park guessed 22,128. They will split the \$20,000 prize.

## Vacation home tax treatment varies

If you're thinking about buying a vacation home, be sure to consider the tax consequences. The tax treatment of your vacation home depends on how and when you use it, according to the Michigan Association of CPAs.

If you've bought a second home and elect not to rent it, the tax rules are quite simple. You can deduct mortgage interest and property taxes but not other expenses such as utilities and repairs. If you change your mind and rent the house, Uncle Sam allows you to rent your home for up to 14 days a year and collect that rental income tax-free.

Different rules apply if you rent for more than 14 days and still spend considerable time there yourself. If your personal use exceeds the greater of 14 days or 10 percent of the time that it is actually rented at fair market value, your vacation home is

still considered a second residence for tax purposes. This means that you can deduct mortgage interest, property taxes and casualty losses (within certain limits), and a portion of your rental expenses.

The IRS requires that expenses be allocated to rental use based on the ratio of rental days to total use days. Be aware that the tax court has recognized a different method for allocating personal and rental expenses. Its position is that mortgage interest and real estate taxes should have a separate allocation based on the number of rental days by the total days in the year.

In addition, rental expenses must be deducted in a prescribed order: first, interest, taxes and casualty losses; then insurance, utilities, repairs, and other operating expenses; and finally, depreciation.

IT'S ALSO important to note that the deductible expenses on a second home cannot be more than the income received from the property.

For your vacation home to qualify as rental property, the personal use of the home must be limited to 14 days a year, or 10 percent of the number of days the home is rented at fair market value, whichever is greater. This restriction also applies to members of your family and others who are interested in renting your home for less than the fair market value. Keep in mind that days spent repairing or fixing up the vacation home are not counted as days of personal use.

Owners of rental properties, as opposed to owners of second residences, may be eligible for even bigger tax breaks. Generally, they may deduct operating expenses, costs for liability insurance and advertising

costs incurred to rent the property, as well as depreciation. These are also subject to the IRS method of allocating expenses based on the ratio of rental days to total use days. Be aware that the amount of mortgage interest attributed to personal use is considered consumer interest, which is no longer deductible.

If you were unable to rent your property or rented it for only a limited time, Congress still provides you with a tax break. As long as you are actively attempting to rent property, you may deduct expenses incurred during a period in which it is not being rented.

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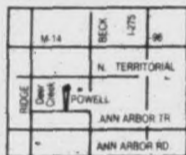
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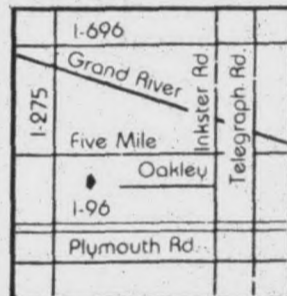
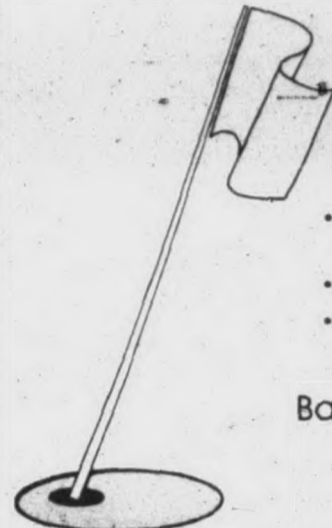
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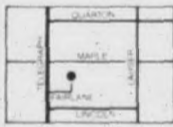
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# Today's bathrooms provide safer kids' environment

(AP) — Hot water on demand, poisons for primping and pampering, flattering lights, slick surfaces, appealing decor all make the bathroom a pleasurable enough place. But those very features can be hazardous to kids.

"For children, the bathroom is actually one of the two most dangerous rooms in the house. The other is the kitchen," said Herta Feely, executive director of the National Safe Kids Campaign, a Washington-based group that promotes a safe environment for children.

A complete set of statistics on the number of serious accidents in bathrooms isn't collected, according to Feely. But there is evidence that a

significant number of injuries to children occur in the bath. These include at least 5,000 serious scald-burns from hot tap water and a significant share of the one million poisonings recorded each year, as well as slips and falls, drowning and choking.

"Fatalities are rare," Feely said. Injuries, however, are not. She cited a 1984 study in the American Journal of Public Health: For every death, 45 children require hospitalization, another 1,300 are treated and released and 2,600 children are treated at home.

The message of safety appears to be getting through to the bath industry. Safety issues were a focus at its

**Safety features include temperature-limiting faucets for sink, tub and shower and pressure-balanced shower valves that maintain an even temperature even if cold water is turned on elsewhere in the house.**

annual trade fair in Atlanta in March, where Feely was invited to speak on safety at a seminar for installers and designers.

A CHILDREN'S bathroom designed with safety in mind was on display.

"This is the first specifically safety-related prototype bathroom on display in the design ideas section of the show," said Donna Luzzo, communications director of the National Kitchen and Bath Association, which sponsors the event.

Among safety-promoting features designed into the room are temperature-limiting faucets for sink, tub and shower and pressure-balanced shower valves that maintain an even temperature even if cold water is turned on elsewhere in the house.

There are also magnetic locks on the medicine cabinet and drawers,

low voltage lighting that reduces the chance of electrical shock and a "soft" fiberglass bathtub with a surface layer of urethane foam. The surface is said to pose less risk of serious injury in a fall.

In addition to ample floor area for towel and dressing, the counters and cabinets have rounded corners. There are heavy-duty grab bars in the tub and separate stall shower and seats in both the shower and changing area.

Special bathrooms aside, the developing trend generally is to build safety features into new bathrooms rather than adding them later," said Leslie Hart, editor of Kitchen & Bath Business magazine. There's also more interest in making these features attractive and homelike.

GRAB BARS, for example, come in bright colors and no longer look like hospital equipment. Magnetic locks on medicine cabinets are unobtrusive, and prefabricated stall showers are being designed with built-in seats. In the past, locks and other safety features usually had to be added, giving the room an institutional look, according to Hart.

The most reliable route to a safe bath for consumers who are adding a

bath or remodeling one is self-education, Feely said.

"Whether you prefer a freestanding pedestal sink or a built-in sink, rounded edges will minimize the problem of cuts and abrasions," she said.

She recommends using materials that are not unusually slippery when wet and installing grab bars and a tub with a slip-resistant bottom.

But what about the vast majority of people who aren't planning to add or remodel a bath?

Anti-scald devices can be added to existing faucets, and a rubber mat can be placed in a bathtub with a slippery bottom. If you have children, keep cosmetics and other potentially hazardous substances out of reach. You can also make your bathroom safer simply by changing your habits, Feely said.

"Remember that hot water is liquid fire to children at certain ages. At 1 1/2, kids turn knobs out of curiosity," she said. "Don't leave a young child unattended in bathroom."

When running a bath, don't fill the tub with the hot water first and then the cold, as some people do, she said. Instead, mix them. She also advises against leaving a hair dryer plugged in.

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with a putty knife and dry the underlying damp area. Scrape off old adhesive or dirt that may prevent the tile from lying smoothly. When the area is clean, spread a thin layer of adhesive under the tile, then press flat. Weigh it down overnight while the adhesive sets.

- Sometimes, tiles bubble in the center, usually as a result of worn-out adhesive or moisture. Soften the area with heat; slice through the blister with a utility knife. Scrape or dry the underlying area, add new

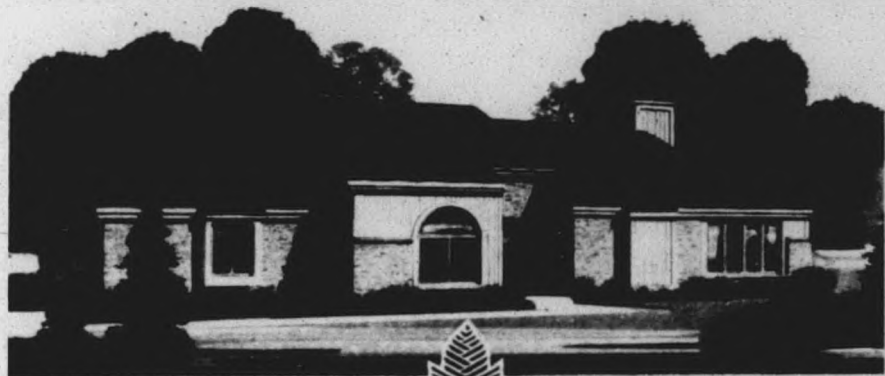
adhesive and press flat. Weigh down until dry.

- To replace damaged tile, soften it with heat; cut around the edges of the tile using a straight edge and a sharp knife. Scrape the area smooth and vacuum thoroughly. Spread adhesive. Butt one side of the new tile against the edge of a neighboring tile, gently curling the tile as it is lowered into place. Press firmly, and apply weight overnight. This technique also works for sheet flooring with a unified pattern.



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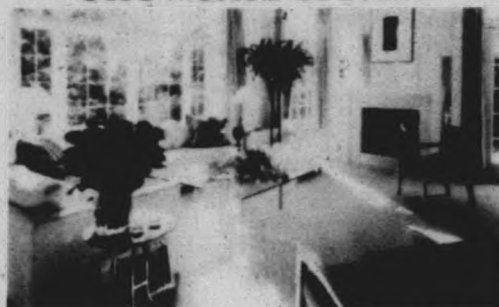
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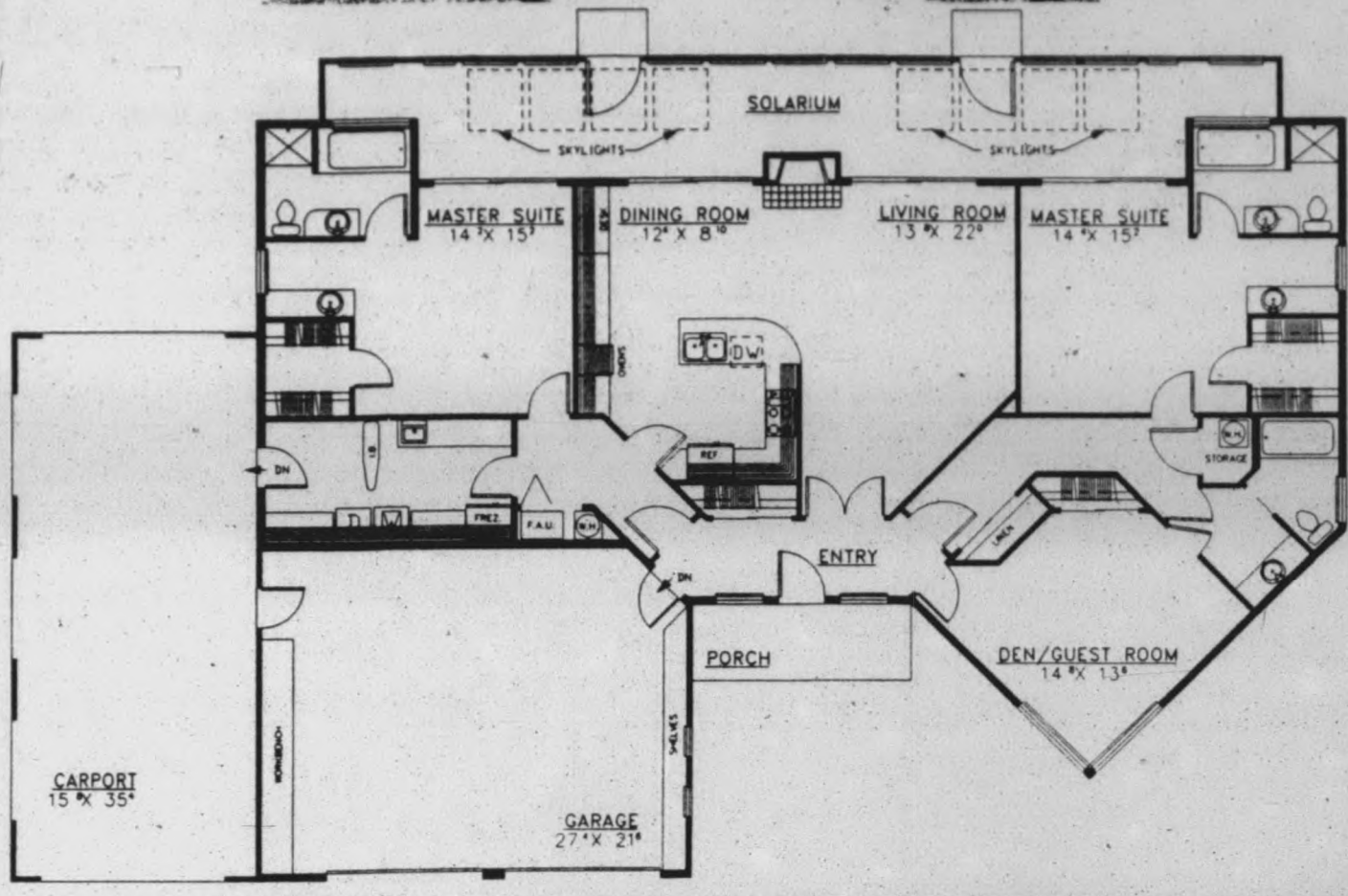
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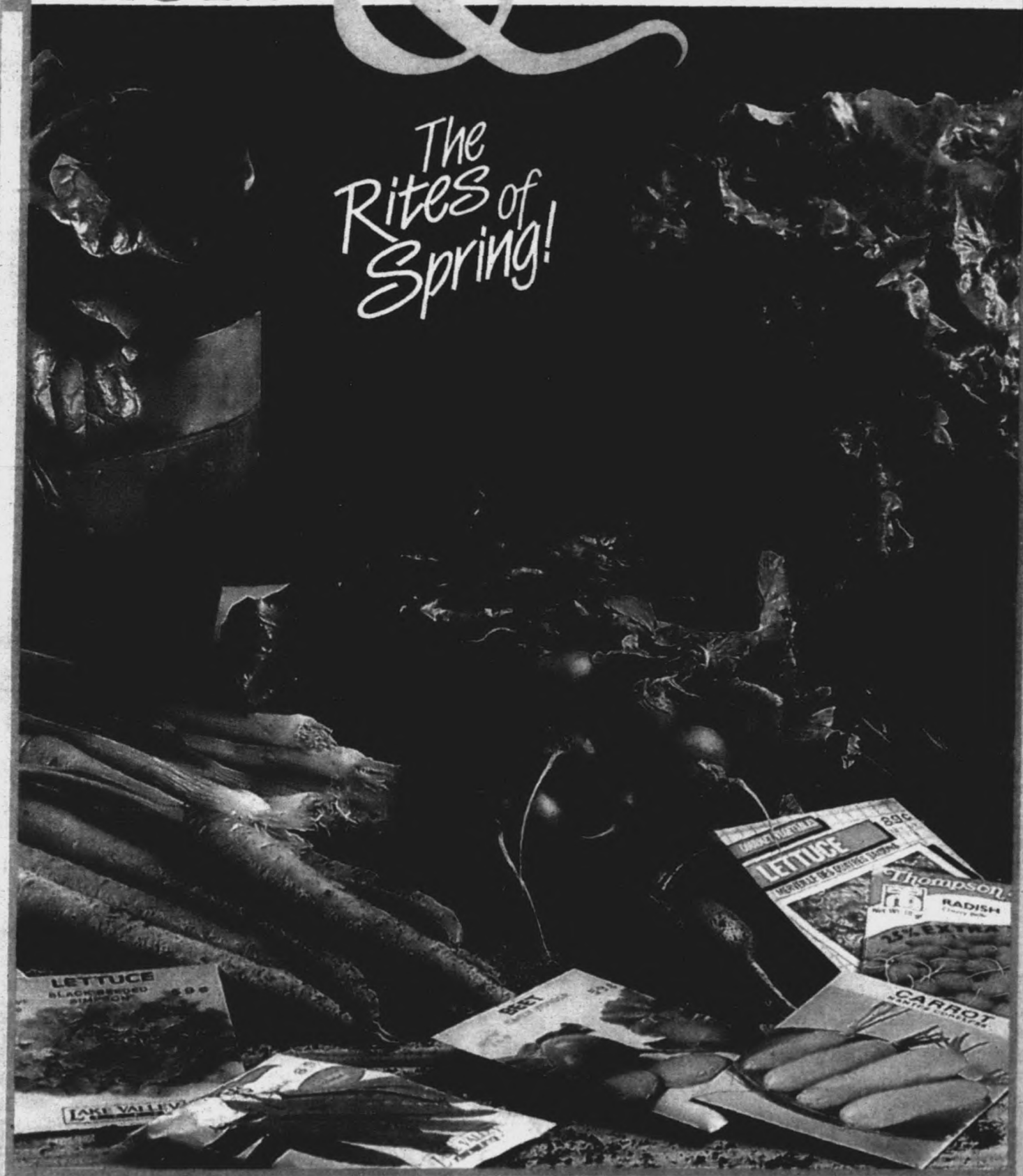
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## PRESENTING HOME & GARDEN I

**GREEN THUMBS** sprout in spring — a sure sign it's home and garden season.

In this first home and garden section of the season, our intent is to offer an easy-to-read, informative package of stories written especially for suburbanites hooked on working in the garden or sprucing up the house.

For garden buffs, here's a helpful hint from Copley News Service: Gardening seems like such a gentle pursuit — until you end up with a sunburn and a sore back after an afternoon of working in the yard.

Whenever you're out tilling the soil, protect your hands with gloves and your skin with sunscreen. Avoid sitting or kneeling in an awkward position for long periods. Also wear a hat to prevent sunstroke.

For homeowners, Copley News Service serves up this point to ponder: Remodeling can pay off at resale. An interior face-lift, a new furnace, a fireplace addition, exterior paint, adding central air, a bathroom overhaul and kitchen remodeling all bring more than 70 percent recovery at resale, based on professional installation costs.

This special section appears today, Thursday, April 2, in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. We always welcome feedback!

— Bob Sklar  
Assistant Managing Editor



**Credits:** Bob Sklar coordinated this special section with assistance from staff member Keely Wygonik and special writer Janice Tigar-Kramer. O&E representatives David Baker and Rhonda Sharpe coordinated advertising. Staff photographer Jim Jagdfeld took the cover picture. Graphics illustrator Gwen Dietrich designed the cover.

Direct queries to Bob Sklar: 953-2113.

**On the cover:** Nothing tastes better than vegetables you grow yourself. Easy-to-grow beets, carrots, leaf lettuce and radishes can be planted as soon as the ground is workable, about May 15. These hardy cool weather vegetables can withstand frost so there's no need to cover them up when temperatures drop. Plant a second crop of salad vegetables in August for early fall harvest.

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# Ablaze

## Spring into color with perennials

By Cathleen Collins Lee  
special writer

**R**IGHT ABOUT now, Carroll Cato's garden is starting to come to life. Tulips and daffodils and narcissus are blooming and, with any luck, the poppies are out.

But if you look closely, you can also see slender shafts in every shade of green poking up all around the yard. The wisteria vine growing alongside the house is budding and so is the ivy that winds around a large maple tree.

From now through November, there will always be something blooming in the perennial garden around all three sides of Cato's Garden City back yard.

She will plant a few annuals, but most of the more than 200 kinds of plants and flowers will simply push their way out of the ground and bloom: baby's breath, dianthus, lavender, columbine, hostas and lupines.

That is the beauty of a perennial garden. Once you plant it, you can sit back and enjoy seeing it recreate itself every year.

All right, so it isn't quite that easy. Perennial gardens do require good soil preparation and some maintenance. It can also take some trial and error before you find just the right combinations of color, height, texture and blooming season.

**BUT NANCY** Kleckner of Bloomfield Hills, who has been avidly growing perennials for about five years, says that's part of the fun.

"I make mistakes every year, but I learn from them," she said. "If something doesn't do well in one spot, you take it out and put it someplace else. You're not committed. You just keep adding and subtracting and changing. I like the fact that it's never finished."

Although the flowers are a delight to look at, Kleckner and Cato both say the most important thing in a perennial garden is the soil. Because perennials have shallow roots, the top six inches of soil are very important. And because the plants remain in the ground, it's hard to



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

This rubrum lily, a type of perennial daylily, adds intense color and dark green foliage to Nancy Kleckner's Bloomfield Hills garden.

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— Nancy Kleckner

till the soil thoroughly later on.

Jeff Jones, president and owner of Plymouth Nurseries, recommends you start with a mixture of sandy loam topsoil, sphagnum peat moss and cow manure. He also recommends that while you're at it, you raise the flower bed a good six or eight inches above the ground to provide drainage.

Cato has had good results using just cow manure and the usual Canadian peat moss, which you should work into the garden every year.

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In May, yellow irises reign over this part of Carroll Cato's Garden City garden. Pink columbine and purple bachelor's buttons are growing in front of them, with a few purple lupines blooming behind.

Defining perennials:

- Bleeding Heart — Heart-shaped pink and white flowers on graceful stems. Partial shade to full sun.
- Columbine — Bright-colored flowers in yellow, blue, purple, pink, red and white grow on stems from a cluster of leaves. Full sun to partial shade, 15 inches to three feet.
- Coral bell — Red, pink and white bell-shaped flowers, attractive foliage.

## How to tell them apart

Sun to partial shade. Grows 15-18 inches; good for rock gardens.

- Coneflower — Purple variety looks like a pink daisy, with petals sloping away from center. Full sun; tolerates some shade.
- Day lily — Hardy plant with large, star-shaped flowers in a range of colors. Sun or partial shade; tolerates

heat and drought. Range of colors.

- Hosta — Attractive clusters of leaves, valued mostly for foliage. Hardy. Useful for borders or accent plants.
- Lavender — Fragrant bushy plant with spikes of mauve flowers. Can grow to three feet. Full sun.
- Lythrum — Pink and purple

spikes, often seen growing along the highway. Hardy, but can be too prolific. Full sun, moist soil.

- Maiden Grass — Dramatic ornamental grass that can grow to seven feet. Has lovely seedpods in fall. Full sun.
- Meidiland Rose — Shrub rose of varying heights with pink, red and white flowers. Needs much less care than most roses. Full sun. Low variety can be used as groundcover.

## Color them perennial

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Marianne Roby, perennial supervisor at Bordine's Better Blooms in Rochester Hills, points out that there are other practical considerations as well: before you buy flowers, you should take into account the Ph balance of your soil, how well it drains and how windy your yard is.

**CATO LIKES** nothing better than to spend the summer working in the garden.

"I take my frustrations out on the soil," she said. "I will never have an ulcer. It's difficult to get me to come in and cook supper. I will garden from early morning until late night if allowed."

Cato has created many different areas within her yard, grouping together bulbs, perennials and annuals so that something is always blooming. In the bed along the right side of the yard, a row of yellow crocuses blooms early in the spring, followed by the tulips and daisies behind them.

When those are finished, the irises are blooming and the chrysanthemums are filling in. Later, annuals will replace the tulips and daffodils.

Another section of the yard is full of rose bushes, interspersed with columbine of all heights and colors. The columbine bloom early, in May; when they're about finished, the roses are in bloom.

Although Cato appreciates the new hybrid plants, she is also fond of the old-fashioned varieties: "I like to keep the old things you'd find along the roadside.

I often collect seeds from irises and lilies that I see along the road."

**KLECKNER ACTUALLY** has four different gardens on her 2 1/2-acre lot: a shady perennial garden, two curving perennial borders and a wildflower meadow at the back of the property that she and her husband, Keith, simply scattered with wildflower seeds.

The shady garden is an abundance of ferns, bleeding heart, hosta and Solomon's seal growing along the edge of a woods and going down a path. Wildflowers such as trillium and jack-in-the-pulpit bloom in the woods.

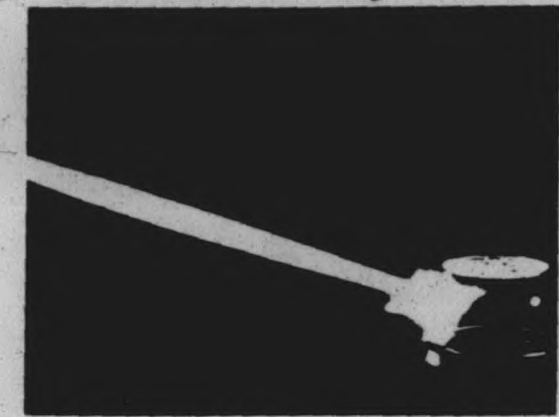
The large sunny gardens are a profusion of pink, purple, blue and white perennials of all heights and textures, interspersed here and there with clumps of hot-pink zinnias, which are annuals.

**LIKE MOST** perennial gardeners, Kleckner plants her flowers from the shorter in the front to the tallest at the back. She doesn't plant them in rigid rows, however, but in large, informal clumps that have a lot of impact.

She has planned her gardens to take account of the color, texture, height, foliage and blooming time of the plants. She's particularly pleased with the combination of plants in one part of her garden.

In the front is a border of late blooming perennials. Behind it and off to one side, adding height and drama, is a large topiary lilac with some meidiland roses around it. Behind that is a row of peony bushes with some bulbs in front of it.

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## Polish those green thumbs

By Janice Tigar-Kramer special writer

**H**ERE'S A sampling of the gardening seminars and nature tours scheduled in the local area this spring:

● **APRIL 4, 11, 18**  
Master gardener Janet Maconovich offers a series of landscape workshops at Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, 333 North Hill Circle, Rochester. In three hands-on sessions, participants do site evaluation, develop a landscape plan, learn to select plants for specific purposes and prepare the site for planting. 9 a.m. to noon. Fee \$54/\$45 members. To register, call 656-0999.

● **APRIL 4 AND MAY 9**  
Learn to plant and maintain water gardens in a two-part seminar sponsored by Grass Roots Nursery and the Cranbrook Institute of Science Continuing Education and Outreach Program. Learn how and what to plant in back-yard ponds, 7:30-9 p.m. April 4 at Cranbrook's Gordon Hall, 550 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Put your skills to work during a hands-on session at the Cranbrook ponds, 10 a.m. to noon May 9, 500 Lone Pine. Fee \$20. Reservations: 645-3635.

● **APRIL 20 AND MAY 18**  
Join the Community House Garden Club, 380 S. Bates, downtown

Birmingham. The newly formed group meets the third Monday of each month to talk gardening. Plans for April 20 aren't complete. On May 18, botanist Jim Wells from the Cranbrook Institute of Science will talk on "Summer Wildflowers." Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Dues \$20 annually or \$5 per meeting. For reservations, call 644-5832.

● **APRIL 22-26**  
Tour Smoky Mountain National Park in Tennessee with a group from Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve in Rochester. The annual trip to view spring wildflowers includes guided tours by park naturalists. Cost includes hotel for four nights, based on four per room. Drivers needed for carpooling. Cost \$115 per person/members \$90. For reservations, call 656-0999.

● **MAY 2**  
Master Gardeners of Wayne County present a full- or half-day gardening seminar at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Separate sessions are planned for adults and children ages 6-12. Subjects include roses, herbs, flowers and landscaping. The children's program, "Plants in the Americas," includes projects and outside activities. Adult registration is required for child's enrollment. The half-day session is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. The full day is \$17 for adults, \$8.50 for children. Full day includes lunch. To register, call 525-0476 or 248-2751 by April 25.

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