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The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$5 million. The Michigan lottery numbers for Wednesday, Oct. 25, are:

■ **DAILY 3:**
368

■ **DAILY 4:**
9860

■ **CASH 5:6, 7, 13, 32, 34**

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Temple Baptist's prayers answered



Construction on a 2,500-seat worship center will start next year in the wake of an agreement between Temple Baptist Church and Plymouth Township. The project has been opposed by residents who contend it will create too much traffic.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Neighbors don't like it, but Temple Baptist Church is getting its mega-church at North Territorial and Ridge roads.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted 7-0 on Tuesday to approve a compromise plan to end a

court fight over the proposed church. It allows Temple Baptist, now of Redford, to start construction next year on a 2,500-seat worship center.

Then in five years, the church can build two more buildings, and bring the capacity of the worship center to 3,500.

While trustees said they weren't

happy about such a large church coming to town, they followed the advice of Township Attorney Tim Cronin and two outside attorneys. The attorneys said the township would likely fail in a court fight brought by the church over Planning Commission rejection of the development in 1994.

But residents living near the church had urged the township to battle Temple Baptist in court. They maintained the township could prevail in the court fight as the development will cause traffic near their homes and change the way they live

forever — factors they said the court would not ignore.

They also maintained the Township Board was intimidated by the church's \$5 million damage suit over the earlier denial of the plan.

"I think it's appropriate to draw the line between right and wrong," said Gordon Didier of Beacon Hill Drive, a township planning commissioner and opponent of the large church development.

"There's little question in anybody's mind that a 235,000-square-

See **TEMPLE BAPTIST, 4A**



Haunted house: Pennywise the clown is a top attraction at the Plymouth/Canton Jay-cee Haunted Warehouse at 340 N. Main St. The warehouse is open through the weekend.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRADLEY

Halloween fun thrills old, young

Halloween is officially on Tuesday, Oct. 31. But there are plenty of things to do to get ready for the big day.

As part of the fun, the Observer is giving away candy bags for kids. Our office at 744 Wing St. is open from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 459-2700.

There are other fun things, too. Downtown trick-or-treating takes

place in Plymouth from 5:30-7 p.m. on Devil's Night, Monday, Oct. 30. It's part of the the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

A Halloween Costume Contest coordinated by Kris Rautio of First of America Bank happens from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the stage at

See **HALLOWEEN, 4A**



Decorating: Michelle Malcolm, 7, helps make sure downtown Plymouth is in the Halloween spirit. The Observer is giving away free bags for Halloween. The bag is displayed by Charles "Chainsaw" Mallast.



Chiefettes show plenty of talent

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

While the weather outside was frightful on Saturday, the Canton Chiefettes Pom Squad was busy bringing "Indian Summer" to an appreciative audience in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

"Indian Summer" was the 10th annual variety show sponsored by the Chiefettes. The 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows offered something for everyone, from the hard rock sounds of bands Fishguy and Veneration to the lilting dance steps of Irish dancers junior Maureen McInerney, a



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Performing: The Canton Chiefettes perform Wild E. Coyote during the 10th Annual Variety Show Saturday.

See **TALENT, 4A**

Board upholds swimming coach's suspension

BY JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board on Monday stuck to its guns and refused to budge on its decision to suspend swimming coach Charles Olson for two weeks for ordering a student into the pool to retrieve fecal matter.

More than 60 swimmers and some of their parents packed the board meeting, pleading for the board to allow Olson to attend semi-final swim meets with the Plymouth Salem High School girls' team.

Jim Casillas, the parent of one team member, claimed that Charles Little, superintendent,

embarrassed his daughter, Sara, during a meeting between team members and school officials over the suspension.

He contended that Little told his daughter that: "You need remedial math."

"Sara was embarrassed at being singled out for this comment and humiliated as spokesperson, in front of the other team members," he said.

Little acknowledged that he made the comment, but that it was taken out of context.

"I thought we were going to meet with four team members and when I walked into the room, there were 60," he said. "I was just trying to break the ice."

The meeting last week was prompted by the suspension of Olson, which took effect Oct. 16. The incident took place on Sept. 29.

The parents of the student complained to the schools, and Little and other school officials investigated the incident and issued the suspension.

In a statement in response to the parents and swimmers, the school board said:

"The superintendent and members of the district's central and high school administration spent several days thoroughly investigating the situation to obtain the facts. The investigation strictly followed all the district's guide-

lines for obtaining the information appropriately and in a timely manner. The superintendent, the district's administration and individuals involved then discussed how most appropriately to address the situation. A range of actions was discussed."

The statement in support of Little's action was read after nearly a dozen students and parents spoke in support of Olson.

"We haven't got an explanation. We've found out more than at first. There's no substantiation of the claim," said Larry Petroskey, the parent of one student.

Said Dave Satwicz, a parent: "I'm disappointed with the actions. It was a minor incident that

was blown up."

David Pugh, former Plymouth mayor, spoke to the board, but not as a parent.

"I've known the Olson family for 20 years. I don't have any kids on the swim team and I'm surprised by the action of the board."

"The penalty seems severe," he said.

Wayne and Kathy Byrum, the parents of the student ordered into the pool, also spoke, saying that all the facts aren't known.

"All of this is a sad, sad commentary on values. Apparently attaining a meritorious award, qualifying for state meets and winning medals is more important than

the impact that this humiliating experience has had on a child's self-esteem, not to mention the fact that Tom McNulty from the health department said her health was definitely compromised. What about infectious hepatitis and other disease organisms?"

"No one in opposition obviously cares about any of those trivial matters."

"Our family would like to thank the board for putting Laura's interest up front. Dr. Little is a very fair superintendent who conducted a thorough, unbiased investigation into this matter. The actions he took were appropriate for this situation."

Craft show



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

On display: The work of more than 90 crafters was up for sale on Saturday at West Middle School in Plymouth. The event was sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma, with the proceeds going to college scholarships. Christine Popoff of Canton, owner of Christine's Creative Designs, looks at cloth story books as Cheryl McGovern and Pat Oszust of Plymouth look on.

Cable firm moves

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Continental Cable is moving its southeast Michigan headquarters to Plymouth Township from Southfield.

"We expect to break ground shortly after the first of the year, and we hope to be moving people in by the end of the year," said Bill Black, director of corporate affairs for the cable TV provider.

Continental plans next month to buy Omnicom, greater Plymouth's current cable TV company.

The 100,000 square-foot, one-story facility is planned for 12 acres on the west side of Beck Road, south of Five Mile Road and north of the Metro West Industrial Park.

The township planning commission has set a Nov. 15 public hearing at township hall on developer DeMattia and Associates' request for conditional use approval to allow construction of the facility.

"It will be a central facility for metropolitan Detroit operations. We serve communities all the way from Roseville to Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti," Black said.

Continental will also soon be providing cable service to Dexter and Chelsea, bringing to 76 the number of communities in Michigan it provides with cable service.

The facility will serve as a regional call center for customer

service calls and a central dispatch for all service calls, Black said, adding the company will maintain customer service offices around metro Detroit.

Black said about 250 staff now working in Southfield will work in the new facility.

Why Plymouth Township? "It's a good central location, M-14 and I-96 provide very good access to the region," Black said. "We're now spread out in several offices around Southfield."

To be successful, Black said: "We have to continue to provide good service, we have to continue to upgrade our facilities and install new technology — those are the key issues."

The facility will feature large antennas to collect signals for distribution by cable.

Black said the company has yet to decide what to do with the Omnicom studios and offices in Canton.

Plymouth city and township, along with Canton Township and Northville city, are scheduled by late November to approve a new 15-year franchise agreement with Omnicom.

Once that approval is reached, by the sale contract, Continental will then take possession of the company and become the area's sole cable TV provider — until Ameritech cable begins offering service next year.

Trek to Jenison worthwhile for marching band members

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

Competition for the 20-plus bands in the MCBA (Michigan Competing Band Association) band contest at Jenison High School near Grand Rapids Oct. 21 was challenging, at best.

Flight III and IV bands began performing after 2 p.m. in the cold, damp air that commenced in a slushy downpour. As the gloomy day darkened into evening, the performers literally slipped and slogged through the soggy football field.

By completion of the Flight III competition around 6:30 p.m., the decision was made to move Flight I and II competitors into the dry but confined quarters of the school's gymnasium.

"It's a different sound," said Plymouth Salem senior, Kevin Borowski, assistant trumpet section leader. "It's a lot different than when you're out on a football field. It's harder to get a beat. It's harder to hear because it's so loud in there."

The large bleacher section, packed sardine-like for the remainder of the competition, felt the full body-vibrating blast of the 180-member Plymouth-Canton band, especially during the re-

sounding drum feature portion of the program.

Because of the cramped confines, the Flight I and II bands were only allowed to stand in place and play their musical selections. Color guard performances were also significantly restricted. Consequently, judging was based on a maximum of 60 points, rather than 100, due to the absence of points for the color guard and for marching and maneuvering.

"We haven't done an indoor standstill, I think, since 1990," recalled Patrick Ruddy, associate marching band director for the PCEP band. "That was the last time we actually came into a gym."

Borowski found it somewhat easier to play well "because you didn't have to worry about marching and you really concentrated on your music."

That concentration paid off for the Plymouth-Canton band in another award-winning performance. While the only competing Flight I band (Jenison played in exhibition as host of the invitational), Plymouth-Canton took overall highest point score for Flights I and II with 55.4 out of a possible 60 points.

Second-highest score and first place in Flight II was captured by Mona Shores from Muskegon with 54.0 points. Second place went to Flight II, Reeths-Puffer from Muskegon with 52.6 points and Grandville placed third in Flight II with a score of 48.7. At the September Bands of America Regional Championships in Toledo, Plymouth-Canton, Mona Shores and Reeths-Puffer were among the 10 finalists placing second, sixth and eighth, respectively.

"We were absolutely great," a pleased Ruddy said of the Jenison performance. "We had a great day of practice. We wanted to have a great show today and we did. We're all very, very happy."

The entire musical score was performed on Saturday and, with the addition of a few more marching sets, "we'll be done this week," said Ruddy.

Hoping for some decent weather for the competition scheduled at Lakeland High School in Milford on Oct. 28, Borowski admitted, "I'm really looking forward to the marching and playing because we have some really cool drills that will be at the end of the show. By this weekend we should have all the drills and it should look pretty good."

School volunteers recognized

Linda and Rich Teeple, volunteers at Smith Elementary School, were honored by the Plymouth-Canton school board and the "I Care Committee" on Monday with the Volunteer in Public Schools VIPS Award.

Both are employees of Henry Ford Community College where Linda teaches chemistry and Rich teaches culinary arts. They are the parents of two children, Kelli Teeple and Jeff Brandt.

Pat VanDusen, Kids Time coordinator at Smith said: "Linda originated Smith's Hands On Science Fun Fair. Rich creates ice carvings that everyone has come to look forward to at the annual Smith School event. They're always here volunteering and they're very involved parents."

The couple organized the Cafe Bon Homme Fund-raiser Dinner for the Smith Media Center. The

event raised \$1,500 for books and media materials.

"They are always eager to assist in the classroom, at events and whenever and wherever needed. Rich coaches fourth-grade boys soccer while Linda coaches third-grade girls," VanDusen said.

They both received a certificate of recognition, pins of the Flag of Liberty and Learning and a dinner gift certificate.

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State report says court load levels off

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michiganians in 1994 sued each other more, witnessed a jump in juvenile cases but saw filings drop in their local district courts.

"Labor-intensive criminal, domestic and juvenile case filings increased over the previous year, while less complex traffic filings declined," said an annual report from the State Court Administrator's Office.

Actually, the total number of new case filings dropped, and many hardly kept pace with population growth. Trial court filings were almost level — 3.19 million

in 1994 versus 3.197 million the previous year.

Trial courts consist mainly of three types:

■ Circuit — Total new case filings rose 1.3 percent to 240,270. Of these, 44 percent were domestic relations (mainly divorces), civil matters 25 percent, criminal matters 25 percent, and appeals from district courts 4 percent. (Numbers are rounded off.)

■ Probate — Overall filings fell 7.5 percent due to a drop in cases involving estates, guardianships and the mentally ill. But juvenile cases rose 4.6 percent to 94,704. Of those, 62 percent were criminal matters; 17 percent traffic; 11 per-

cent child protective proceedings; and 10 percent "status" violations such as runaways.

■ District — New cases were up a bare 0.3 percent to 2.8 million. Some 75 percent were traffic-related; 14 percent, civil; and 11 percent, criminal. A drop in traffic cases was offset in workload terms by more criminal cases. (District courts hold pre-trial exams for criminal cases that are tried in circuit courts.)

Michigan has two appellate courts.

The Court of Appeals saw new case filings drop nearly 10 percent to 11,287, in part because voters

approved a constitutional amendment limiting the right of appeal by those who have pleaded guilty.

The Supreme Court's business was up 16 percent to 3,188 new cases. The state's highest court completed 2,733 cases, up 9 percent.

Of all the cases brought to it, the Supreme Court denied leave to appeal 88 percent of the time.

Meanwhile, state legislators are studying the Supreme Court's proposal to consolidate the circuit and probate courts — a measure that would require voter approval — and an experimental program of integrating circuit and district courts.

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ment to keep certification standards lost on a 16-19 unrecorded vote.

"This does not reduce requirements," countered Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, chair of the Senate Education Committee that produced the bill. "It's only for a single or double-class load — not a full (teaching) load."

Added Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron: "Most (teachers) will come through the traditional process. Let the districts decide (on whether to use alternative certification). Universities make money." DeGrow said, arguing that mid-career people who want to teach school must go to an education college for lengthy course work.

Berryman, a possible 1998 gubernatorial candidate, jumped on that line. "That said it all! It's dollar driven. The purpose is not to hire the most qualified but a way to get around the system and save a buck."

Smaller classes

Class sizes in certifiably "at risk" districts would be lowered

under an amendment that Democrats, to their surprise, won on a 22-11 vote.

"It would apply only to the 30 school districts with the lowest test scores. That fits in with their economics," said the sponsor, Sen. Joe Conroy, D-Flint. That definition includes not only Detroit and Flint but Pontiac, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Highland Park, River Rouge, Inkster and Lansing.

It would limit class sizes to 17 in kindergarten through third grade, said Conroy, citing the experience of Republican Gov. Lamar Alexander in Tennessee. (Alexander later became secretary of Education in the Bush cabinet.)

"Lower class size had a large effect. After the fourth grade, it didn't make much difference," said Conroy.

If the Conroy amendment survives in the Senate and makes it through the House, the 30 districts would be told to dip into their \$230 million in special "at-risk" aid to hire more teachers.

"On the surface, it has a fair

amount of appeal," said Stille. "But we are now going to dictate, mandate, how school districts will spend their at-risk money. It more than likely will increase the budgets of local school districts."

Longer year

DeGrow won voice vote support for his amendment to change the way the school day is lengthened from 180 days, where it has been for a half-century, to 195 days.

The Senate agreed to add one school day to the calendar for each of 15 years, beginning in 1997, rather than five days in three separate years, as proposed in the revised school code.

Carleton saved

State schools would no longer be told to observe Will Carleton Day — which few, if any, do anyway. The new code, aiming to remove all unnecessary regulations, stripped out a reference to the 19th century Chataqua speaker whose most famous work, "Over the Hill to the Poor-

House," once took the country by storm.

The 21-verse tale of a 70-year-old woman rejected by her grown children was considered a giant literary accomplishment in the days before Social Security, but today Carleton is largely forgotten, even in the Monroe County village named for him.

"He was a very important person in his time," said Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, whose district includes the Hillsdale County poorhouse that Carleton wrote about.

"It should be left to the individual districts," replied Stille. The pro-Carleton amendment, sponsored by Sen. Jackie Vaughn, D-Detroit, fell on a 17-17 tie vote.

The State Board of Education last week also asked for reinstatement of Will Carleton Day at the insistence of member Gary Wolfram, R-Hillsdale.

Refer to Senate Bill 679 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909. The Senate is expected to pass the bill by publication time Thursday.

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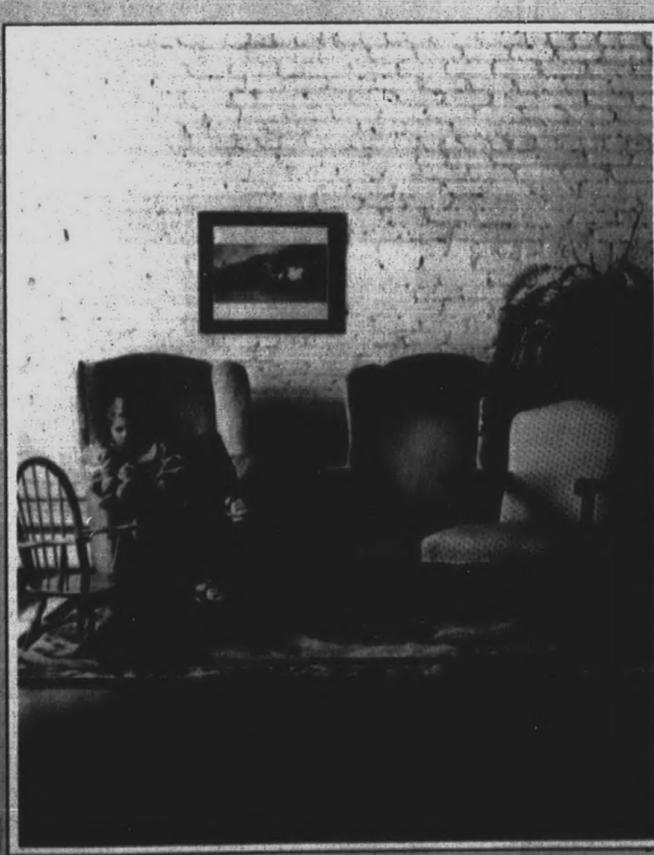
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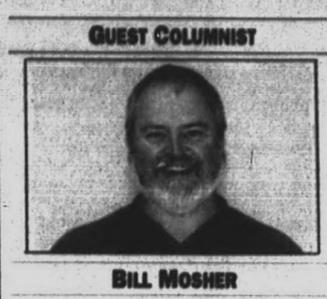
POINTS OF VIEW

Expansion of Willow Run just doesn't add up

Wayne County has made a proposal to Canton Township concerning the expansion of Willow Run Airport into an international tradeport. Essentially, the executive's office has said they will not expand the runways at Willow Run in exchange for Canton's support of the international tradeport concept.

As citizens of Wayne County, we should be very concerned with this "back door tactic." To begin with, the main problem with expanding the runways at Willow Run is cost. The estimated cost for this project has escalated from an estimated \$20 million to an estimated \$120 million and it could be more. It's my understanding the developers of this "idea" don't have the money for this project anyway. Why are they suggesting a compromise at this time unless they plan to expand the runways at a future date? Think about it.

commissioners for review and ratification. Remember the golf course the executive purchased with our money and without the commissioners' knowledge (let alone their approval)? Come on, Mr. McNamara, there are two branches in any government (even Wayne County) and you need to follow the rules like everyone else. It's the only check and balance we voters have to ensure our monies are spent wisely and prudently. Think about it.



GUEST COLUMNIST
BILL MOSHER
William B. Mosher of Canton formed a citizens group to gather information about Willow Run plans and to fight airport expansion and tradeport. Guest columns may be submitted by contacting Canton Observer editor Joanne Maliszewski.

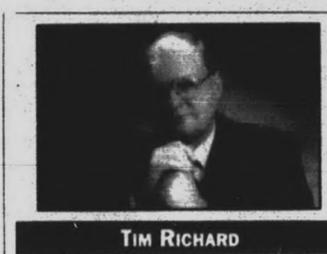
expanded to make this a viable tradeport. Another thing. These people plan to dump millions of dollars from state, federal and county funds (our money) into and around an aging airport thinking that if they develop an industrial park with so many square feet of office space, they will create "X" number of jobs and generate "X" amount of revenue for the surrounding communities. Do the math; it just doesn't add up.

paper somewhere. They need to generate a list of other international tradeports in these United States and show us how successful they have been before they spend our money. Lastly, if the international tradeport concept is a sound business concept then why don't they develop it in an area that wants and needs the "economic boost"? Why do they continue to ignore Romulus' plea for the tradeport at Metro Airport? They would like to start reaping the "economic benefits" they were promised when changes were made to Metro Airport. Think about it.

Consider kids before rushing to charter schools

The state Senate, prodded by ideologues on the State Board of Education, is about to ram through changes in the School Code. Few amendments will be allowed to alter the ideology of SB 679. One major feature will be to lift the cap on the number of "public school academies" (PSAs) that may be chartered. Charter schools, as they're also called, are a year-old idea of untested merit. None is reported to have graduated anyone.

regulations! Let the marketplace decide, by cracky — after a few dozen deformed babies are born." You would think our lawmakers would hesitate before exposing students' minds to potential educational thalidomide. Ah, but educating students isn't the name of the game. The name of the game is satisfying parents — particularly authoritarian, fundamentalist parents — with tax dollars and government power.



TIM RICHARD
tarian parents, we'd still be teaching that stars are embedded in the firmament and never have heard of evolution and abolition. Last week the State Board of Education received a status report on 37 operating or planned PSAs from the Michigan Partnership for New Education. Some sound good. West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science, Grand Rapids,

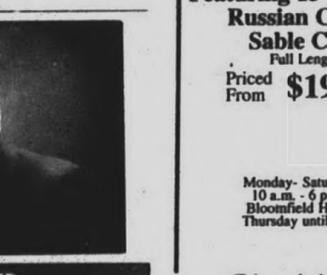
"stresses academic achievement and sound character and citizenship principles emphasizing responsibility to the environment and society." Livingston Technical Academy in Brighton is offering 11th- and 12th-graders a "school-to-work manufacturing program." Merle Academy for Creative Arts and Sciences will open in 1996 in Southfield with "arts education an integral part."

■ Sankofa Shule and El-Haij Malik El-Shabazz, both in Lansing, are offering "holistic, Afrocentric curriculum" to grades K-4. Will EDS care? ■ Bahweting School in Sault Ste. Marie, Bay Mills Ojibway School in Brimley and Nah Tah Wahsh PSA in Menominee are offering, or will offer, "native culture." Will IBM recruiters be lined up at graduation to hire those kids? ■ Noah Webster Academy in fractional district A-3 of Berlin and Orange Townships, Ionia County, is operating as a private school because it was denied state aid. Isn't that the outfit that wants to use 1995 technology to teach 1395 science?

Dysfunctional families root cause of social ills

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Interestingly, the day after Luke's column was published, the wire services moved a piece reporting U.S. Census Bureau findings that the percentage of single-parent families is continuing to grow in the U.S. From a low 13 percent in 1970, the figure rose to 22 percent in 1980 and to 28 percent in 1990. Last year it was nearly 31 percent.

In the case of divorce, where the Legislature is considering rewriting the no-fault divorce law, it seems clear that passing a law would have an undeniable effect. If a couple is childless, the divorce would be granted if both parties want it. But if one spouse objects or if there are kids, the divorce would be granted only if a spouse broke the marriage contract — i.e., adultery, abuse, drugs, drinking.

But most abuses remain stubbornly immune even to legislative prohibition. I think instead we should explore novel ways to punish (and, hopefully, deter) bad behavior and to stimulate that old-fashioned feeling, shame.

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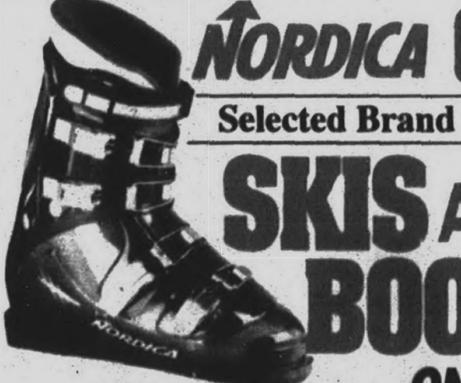
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KAREN MEIER

Finding good in macaroni

— an average, Midwestern, Caucasian, stay-at-home mom and housewife — have an opinion on the Million Man March.

It's been 112 weeks since that march took place. And I remember cleaning up the lunch mess in my kitchen that Monday (the usual sort of mess created by my 3- and 1-year-old) when I first saw a televised report of the march. As the camera panned around, I saw that the day was sunny and bright on the Mall. And the spirits were high and the speakers were energetic.

As I scrubbed the macaroni and cheese off my kitchen floor, I heard parts of speeches, taped earlier that morning. The speakers spoke of family and fatherhood and responsibility and hope and community. The messages were good and strong. And it was at that point, crouched under my kitchen table, that I tossed aside the negative stuff swirling about this event, like the macaroni and cheese stuck on my floor, and looked at all the good that was left.

I know, I know. That's pretty simplistic. But I do that sort of thing all the time: look at the bright side and if I can't see the bright side, I search for it. And I usually find it, and things turn out just fine.

Seeing the bright side isn't always easy. Hopelessness and discouragement can creep in most anywhere. Even into a life filled with simple struggles — struggles against macaroni and cheese on the floor, car keys down the laundry

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

She has special touch for children

■ A lot of things have changed during the 25 years Bernice Lawrence has been providing day care, but one constant has been her desire to make the children's experience with her a special one.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Plymouth day care provider Bernice Lawrence has seen trends come and go during her 25 years in the business.

But one common denominator in Lawrence's quarter century of owning and operating The Little People's Place is her desire to make the children's experience with her a special one.

Every year, for example, Lawrence holds a graduation ceremony for children who are leaving to start kindergarten.

"They do have the cap and tassel with the date on it and a graduation certificate," Lawrence said. "That's quite a nice ceremony for them. It's something for them to tuck away and in later years look back and say, 'Gosh, I graduated way back then.'"

To further show her admiration for current and former visitors to her center, Lawrence held a reunion picnic last summer at Maybury State Park.

"We must have had close to 60-65 people — parents and children. We had a clown that we hired. The children enjoyed it tremendously."

Some of Lawrence's former "little people" brought their own children, many of whom attend her center.

"It is very interesting," she said about seeing former clients. "So many of them are in college. Of the ones that I had worked with many, many years ago, some are married



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Little people: Bernice Lawrence shares some time with Rachel Andrusiak, one of the children who attend the Little People's Place, a day care center Lawrence has owned and operated for 25 years.

and have children of their own.

"They all seem to be doing quite well. I really am very pleased with how well they are doing."

Lawrence, who earned an associate's degree in child development at Schoolcraft College, started her business out of her fascination with children.

"I'm from a large family myself. It was like a reoccurrence of a lot of things that we have done with the children as a group," said Lawrence, who is the youngest of 10 children.

Married for 44 years, she is the mother of two and the grandmother of six.

"Many of the children (at the Little People's Place) have not been exposed to little siblings because they do not have a brother or sister," she said. "When they are an only child, and then a 2-year-old comes in, it is a wonderful experience for them because these children are learning to do the things a big brother or big sister would do."

The older child will often teach

the younger ones how to do puzzles, color or they will sit down and read to them, she said.

"Even though they can't read themselves, they go through the story by memory. Actually they're having a substitute family tie there."

Shelly Babcock has seen the change in her daughter since she's been involved with The Little People's Place.

"Mrs. Lawrence really takes a lot

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Neuman-Boylan

Jennifer Susan Boylan and John James Neuman were married May 20 in the historical Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The Rev. Ruth Williamson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lemelin of Livonia and Dr. and Mrs. James Boylan of Montclair, N.J. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Neuman of Westland.

The bride, a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, is a senior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where is majoring in psychology and anthropology.

The groom, also a Livonia Franklin High School graduate, is employed in the prototype division of the Ford Motor Co. He is completing work on his bachelor of science degree in chemistry at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Christine Schwendenmann served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Stacy Neuman, Lisa Marshall, Babette Burnett and Sandra Alexander-Goodwin.



Sean Boylan served as best man with groomsmen Scott Hen-son, Pat Maher, Brad Goodwin and Darryl Wright. Steven Lemelin and Ben Millen served as ushers.

A reception for the newlyweds was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. Following a five-week honeymoon in Switzerland, France and Italy, the couple is making their home in Livonia.

Mueller-Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence H. Mueller of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Frost, to Ruffin Lewis Hall, the son of Mrs. Janet Hall of Fayetteville, N.C., and the late R.C. Hall.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor of arts deg undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and her master's degree in health care administration at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The Plymouth Canton High School graduate is employed by PHP, Inc., a managed care organization, as a professional relations specialist in Wilmington, N.C.

Her fiance is a graduate of Pine Forest Senior High School. He received his undergraduate and master of public administration degrees from the University of



North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He is employed by the City of Wilmington as a management auditor.

An April wedding is planned.

Manosky-Balish

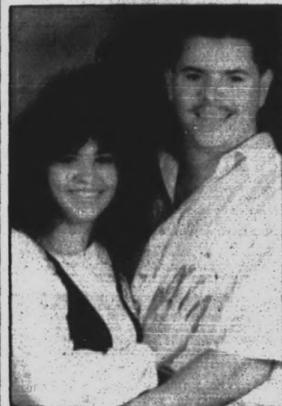
Lisa Joan Balish and Michael Steven Manosky were married Sept. 20 by the Rev. Lynne M. Caulkett at the Caulkett home in Westland.

The bride is the daughter of Jacqueline Balish of Wixom and the late Jack Balish. The groom is the son of Thomas Manosky of Canton and Roberta Manosky of Livonia.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as a medical assistant.

The groom also is a 1991 Redford Thurston High School graduate. He is employed by Pico Resources.

Cristy Manosky served as matron of honor and Thomas Manosky served as best man.



The newlyweds are living in Wixom.

Croll-Kronenberger

Anna Martel Kronenberger and Paul Rollin Croll were married Sept. 9 at Riverview Park in St. Joseph, Mich. Magistrate Susan Greco officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Linda Kronenberger of St. Joseph, and the groom is the son of George Croll of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Northwestern University with a bachelor of science degree in journalism. She is a writer in Chicago, Ill.

The groom is a graduate of Northwestern University with a bachelor of arts degree in mathematical methods of the social sciences. He is currently an assistant survey director for Abt. Association Inc.

Ellise Estes served as maid of honor, with bridal attendants Luciana Ingersol, Hima Kolli and Jennier Bell.

Jeffrey Rosenthal served as



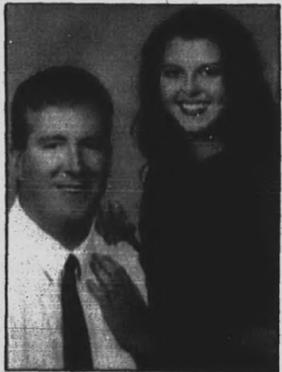
best man, with ushers Steven Farr, Paul Dana and Bradley Bell.

The couple received guests at the Medel Center in St. Joseph, followed by a wedding trip to St. Lucia. They are making their home in Chicago.

Shay-Liogghio

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shay of Lapeer announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Pearl, to Anthony Edward Liogghio, the son of Mark Liogghio of Wixom and Janet Liogghio of Livonia.

A November wedding is planned.



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Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement are available at either office.

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p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The workshop will be led by pastor Richard Borrud, who has developed a step-by-step approach to youth work, called the "Five-Year Plan for Youth Ministry." A vital component of the plan is a small group ministry with youth and adults called "5 Alive."

The registration fee is \$10 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and training materials. Call Hope Moran at (313) 522-6830 by Friday, Oct. 27, to register. Walk-ins also are welcome.

SPECIAL GUESTS

International recording artists Steve and Maria Gardner will bring their entertaining brand of inspirational encouragement to Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, for the morning services and a 7 p.m. concert Sunday, Oct. 29. The duo has recorded 16 albums and has traveled throughout the United States and Canada, to the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Europe and South America. For

more information on the ministry, call the church at (313) 422-1150.

RADIO SHOWS

The radio series "What is this Christian Science and who are these Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. Topics include "Is it possible to heal without medicine?" on Oct. 29. The series also can be heard at 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call 1-800-886-1212.

ORGAN CONCERT

Well-known classical organist and WQRS radio personality Dave Wagner and theater organist and performer at Radio City Music Hall Lance Luce will perform on the Rogers organ of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. An afterglow will follow the performance. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling the church at (313) 274-3820. St. Andrew's is at 26701

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BOOK TALK

Are you looking for alternatives to improve every aspect of life, including health, ethics and relationships? They will be covered at a free book talk on Mary Baker Eddy's "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Borders Books, 43705 Crescent Blvd., Novi.

The author faced homelessness, desertion by her husband, 45 years of illness and the best selling book is the result of her finding spiritual answers to her problems, based on her study of the Bible. The talk is sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Plymouth. For more information, call Borders at (810) 347-0780.

The church also will have a free lecture on "Bringing Comfort and Healing to a Violent World" at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

The lecturer will be Maryl Walters of St. Louis, Mo., a mem-

ber of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Her lecture will be filled with examples of the healing of violence through prayer and will show how enlightened prayer provides a sanctuary of safety.

BLOOD DRIVES

Donors are needed for a Red Cross blood drive noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Garden City Church of Christ, 1657 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 422-8660.

Donors also are needed for a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1150.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Cardinal Adam Maida will celebrate a special Mass at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, as part of the church's 25th anniversary. Members of the clergy who served the church will also be there for the service and reception.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Schoolcraft College presents William Shakespeare's classic "Macbeth," in the Waterman Center on campus in Livonia. Call (313) 462-4409 for ticket information.

SATURDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra celebrates Halloween at Orchestra Hall with a Young People's Concert featuring the Bob Brown Puppets.

SUNDAY



Scott Mikita and John Patrick Lowrie are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Lend Me A Tenor." Call (810) 377-3300 for show times, tickets.



Hot tix: "Grease," one of Broadway's longest running musicals, takes a tuneful and loving look at what it was like growing-up in the 1950s, through Oct. 29 at the Fox Theatre. Call (810) 433-1515 for tickets.

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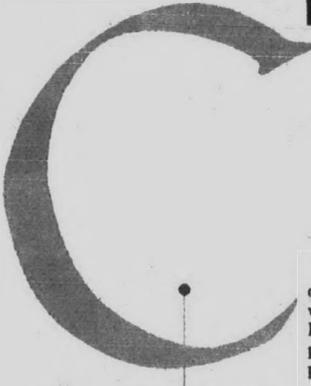
Personally inspired: Connie Cronenwett uses materials found in nature to create masks after people she has known.



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FACE-TO-FACE WITH NATURE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • SPECIAL WRITER



Retrospective exhibition of mixed media

Artist: Connie Cronenwett.

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

When: Continuing through Nov. 9. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Connie Cronenwett likes mixing a variety of media in her artwork. Found objects like rusted automobile parts form masks as do wasp nest paper, birch bark and acorns.

Pastel and watercolor paintings incorporate handmade paper, colored pencil, or oil-pastel. There's a lesson here in her one-woman show at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery - Cronenwett is creative and that those who can, do teach.

Cronenwett began teaching art in the Livonia Public Schools in 1966. She presently is art department chairperson at Stevenson High School where she teaches drawing, painting, advanced art techniques, and jewelry. All of the works in the Livonia Arts Commission sponsored exhibit continuing through Nov. 9 seem to have one element in common, water. Much of Cronenwett's two-dimensional work is inspired by the beauty of Lake Michigan. Although other Michigan lakes and forests were instrumental as well. Impressionistic pastels of water scenes with a palette reminiscent of Claude Monet create a peacefulness sought after by man through the ages.

Her masks, which include natural materials like bark and a loon's skeleton, were found on jaunts along the lakes' shores. Could Mother Nature be behind these masks?

"I didn't realize until I put all of the work up that they all have water," said Cronenwett who lives in Ann Arbor.

"I also noticed my colors are getting

more intense. I'm using color more as a painting. The work is more about painting and less about line quality, and it's almost all nature."

"I try to capture the spirit of a place, the feeling and soul of a place. When I put it all up I got a certain spirit from it."

Cronenwett, a member of the Ann Arbor Women Painters, completed her master's degree with an emphasis on printmaking and jewelry at Eastern Michigan University. She has exhibited at the Ann Arbor Art Association, Mid-Michigan Show in Midland, Fremont Heritage Festival, Wayne State University, and Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. One of her masks took Third Place in competition sponsored by the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Design.

She started her teaching career at Holmes Junior High then taught at Dickinson Junior High, followed by Bentley High School and finally, Stevenson. The knowledge she passes on daily to students in her classroom about creative problem solving is strongly evident in the paintings. The masks, inspired by the personalities of people she has known, demonstrate her innate creativity. Who else could see, at first glance, a face in the piece of weathered wood called "Found Lakeshore Mask"?

"I started doing masks about nine years ago from found objects. I use only bark from dead trees. In Wasp Woman I was thinking about how our forests are disappearing. She's sort of

sad," said Cronenwett. "Why masks? I love faces. They're a window to the soul."

The exhibit, which Cronenwett calls a retrospective of sorts, includes a watercolor and pastel from the collection of her sister, Christine Cronenwett Bunch. Titled "The Farm," the painting is the view Cronenwett and her sister shared from an upstairs window. Many images, such as Christine's horse Silver the Diver, recapture memories. There's an ethereal quality to the work like a dream through the haze of the past.

"Red, Green, Purple Landscape" recalls her invigorating experience studying papermaking in Japan. Cronenwett spent five weeks at Kyoto Seika University, as part of a reciprocal agreement with the University of Michigan art school, making paper, studying Japanese wood block, and visiting a village of papermakers.

"It was great. We studied printmakers and papermaking. After I returned I made this using some of the paper I made there," Cronenwett said.

The experience infused the vibrant color combinations and different techniques in her landscape that she is appreciative to show.

"I'd like to thank the Livonia Arts Commission for giving me this opportunity. It's so wonderful having this art gallery for the community," she said.

Prices range from \$150 for a pastel to \$225 for the Wasp Woman mask.

THEATER

Audience's role in play 'Shear Madness'

'Shear Madness'

Where: The Gem Theatre, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox theatres on Woodward Avenue), Detroit. When: Show continues through Dec. 31.

Tickets: \$19 for 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday shows, and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday shows; \$24 for 7:30 p.m. Friday shows, 6 and 9 p.m. Saturday shows; and \$16 for 6 p.m. Sunday shows. Tickets available at the box office (313) 963-9800, or any Ticketmaster outlet.

Discounts: Groups of 12 or more can purchase tickets by calling (313) 962-2913. Full-time college students with a valid ID can purchase discounted rush tickets for \$9.75 one-half hour before performance time, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

BY CHRISTINA PUOCO STAFF WRITER

"Shear Madness" has been the theater industry's best-kept secret for more than a decade.

The murder-mystery's 15-year run at Boston's Charles Playhouse set the Guinness Book of World Records record for the longest-running non-musical play in American theater history.

Yet "Shear Madness" has never played New York City and earned the notoriety you'd think that a play seen by 3.8 million people in 24 cities worldwide should.

Nonetheless Detroit is hoping to dip into the cult favorite's crowd by presenting it at the Gem Theatre at least through New Year's Eve.

Set in a unisex hair salon, the play begins with flamboyantly gay salon owner Tony Whitcomb (played by Lathrup Village resident Thomas Suda) and his gum-chomping manicurist Barbara DeMarco (Lynnae Lehfeldt of Detroit) combing through their daily routines - until someone murders Isabel Czerny, the unseen eccentric concert pianist who lives upstairs.

The salon staff and its customers - wealthy socialite Mrs. Eleanor Dodge Shubert (Carolyn Younger of Northville) and shady antiques dealer Eddie Lawrence (Dana Gamarrs of Dearborn) - are all suspects.

When it's revealed that two other "customers" are really Dominic Rosetti (John Lepard of Royal Oak) and his assistant Mikey Thomas (Chuck O'Connor of Detroit) of the Detroit Police Department, the duo asks the audience members for their help in solving the crime.

Suda, who plays hairstylist "All My Children" fan Tony Whitcomb, said the show's resemblance to a popular board game is what draws people to it.

"The way I see it, it's a giant sparkling game of Clue," said Suda, who teaches at Oakland University in Rochester.

"The characters in the show, they're the pieces of this puzzle who respond to audience members. They (the audience) move us around and in quite an unusual way. We rely on the audience and their human nature to get involved in this. Through the evidence they provide, they help shape the show."

The play - which Suda describes as a mixture of farce, burlesque, double entendre, and comedy of insults - changes performance-to-performance as the audience does.

One thing that doesn't change is the Detroit-area thread that weaves throughout the play. Although it is or has played in other cities, "Shear Madness" has been localized to include cracks about Downriver



'Shear' stillness: Hairstylist Tony Whitcomb (played by Lathrup Village resident Thomas Suda) is one of four suspects questioned by the Detroit Police Department's Dominic Rosetti (John Lepard of Royal Oak) during the course of "Shear Madness," a murder/mystery at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

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A guide to entertainment in the Metro-Detroit area

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FOLK

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Halloween weekend events, Celtic Banquet 4-10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 with two traditional Irish bands — Modesty Forbids and White Star Rising. Halloween party with local blues band The Mudtones on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Mulligan Stew performs 9 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 3-4, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (810) 474-5941

- FOREVER WILD
Celebration of the Wilderness featuring Walkin' Jim Stolz, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 children under 18. (313) 459-7869 or (313) 464-2949

JAZZ

- JACK BROKENSHA QUARTET
8 p.m. Thursday, Botsford Inn, with special guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell and bassist Don Mayberry, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. (810) 474-4800

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- SIMPLE MARINE LIFE
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■ METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
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A naturalist-led walk in search of animal signs begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

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■ AUTUMN AMBLE
A leisurely walk through the woods to see the last fall colors and learn how animals and plants prepare for the winter begins at 8 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

■ WILDING WATERFOWL WALK
Bring binoculars and see what's winging south during this two-hour walk around Wildwing Lake, which begins at 10 a.m. Sunday at Kensington.

■ TRAILSIDE PHARMACY
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■ SURVIVAL STRATEGIES
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■ HAUNTED FOREST WALK
This scary walk through the woods includes a hay ride and cider and donuts and begins at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Maybury State Park. Children in 5th grade and below must be accompanied by an adult. The program is not recommended for children under six.

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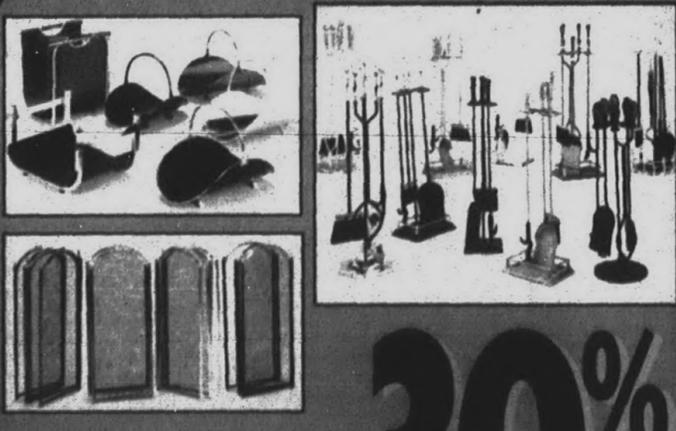
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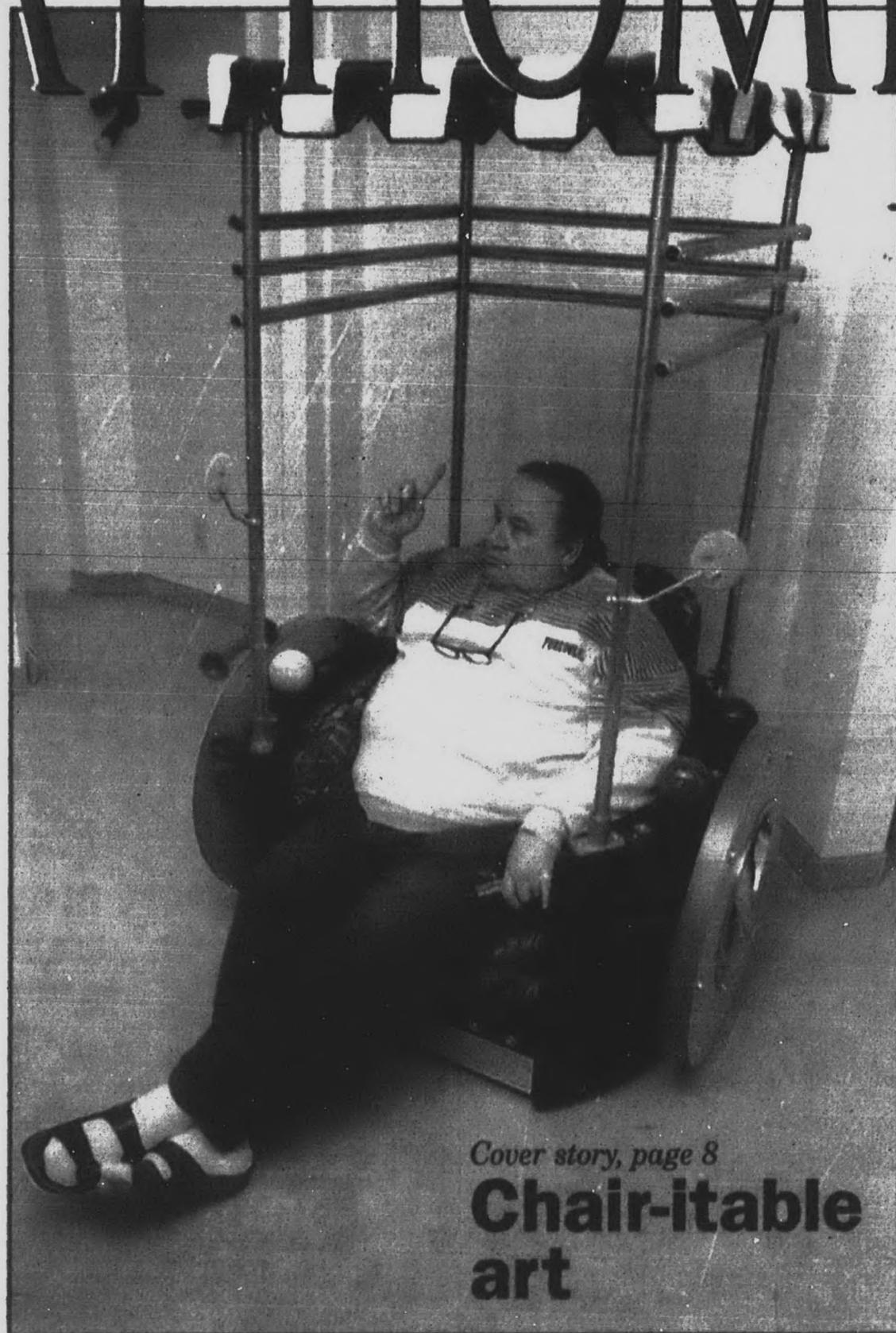
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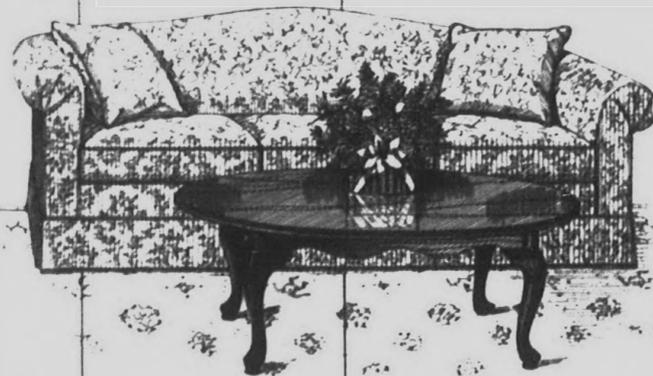
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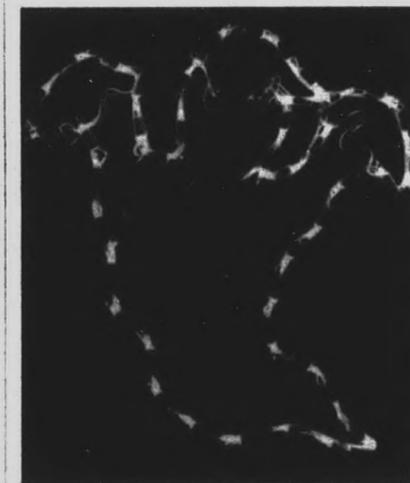
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Boo-tiful

Friendish-ing touch: Homeowners are investing more time and money than ever capturing the "spirit" of Halloween with festive decor. Beyond pumpkins and cardboard cutouts, today's decorations are collectable and animated and come in a wide price range. Such items at English Gardens include decorative copper pumpkins, which light up with votive holder and candle, starting at \$24.95; Halloween night lights, \$3.98; 16-inch animated, sound-activated witch, placed behind a bubbling black cauldron, that motions the viewer to try her brew and lifts a cackling skull from the pot, \$19.98; Halloween 10-light strings of skeletons, pumpkins or ghosts, \$6.98; plastic lawn art available in pumpkins, ghosts or tombstones that light up or flash, \$9.98, and harvest accents such as Indian corn, hay bales, colorful ornamental gourds and unusually shaped goose gourds, 39 cents to \$5.98.

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AT HOME

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COVER STORY

Chairs with flair show care

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC, AT HOME EDITOR

Here's a chance to pull up a chair and make a difference. "The Chair Affair at Design, Live!" is a gala event 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Michigan Design Center in Troy, with an auction of chairs made into works of art by 14 artists and designers from the area. Proceeds will benefit the Furniture Resource Center of Pontiac, which collects and distributes usable household items to Oakland County families with emergency furniture needs.

The evening will begin with a preview of Design, Live!, 20 room vignettes designed and executed by local interior designers. Hors d'oeuvres and wine, Patrick Kuhl at the keyboard and auctioneer David McCarron of the Frank H. Bocs Gallery of Bloomfield Hills will be featured. Both the chair and the room vignettes will be displayed during Design, Live! Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 4-5. MDC is at 1700 Stutz, north off Maple and east of Coolidge.

Tickets are \$40, Benefactor, and \$50, Patron, and are tax-deductible. Mail a check, made payable to the Furniture Resource Center, to Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, Suite

84, Troy 48084. Your check will hold your reservation. For more information, call (810) 649-2020.

Participants took "gently used" chairs and gave them a new look and new life. Interior designer Gene Baker made a low seat into a funky chariot with hubcaps, awning, bumpers, tiny horns, pink rearview mirrors, bocci balls and containers for drinks. It represents power in motion, he said.

"If I had room in the house, I would buy it," Baker said as he settled into the chair when it was delivered to MDC last week.

"We wanted to do something really fun. (We thought) we oughta make it look like a chariot."

Ellen Reid Monkman of the Reidelbach Gallery at MDC was one of the organizers of the event.

"We wanted some people out there who could really express creatively," she said.

Interior designer Linda Golden calls her chair "After Lunching with Salvador Dali (and friends)." She expanded a

On the cover: Gene Baker takes a break in his chariot style chair, which he made from the low seat at right. Cover photo by Jim Rider.



chair into a surreal settee. It features black nylon stockings on legs that end in tiny high heels. The arms have full, draping sleeves and end in hands with elegant nails and jewelry. The back is outlined like Dali's wavy hair around a collage of recipes. A scale is on the seat.

Artist Maxwell Davis turned a bench into a wall hanging that reads "Reconstruction." Potter and sculptor John Glick painted a wooden rocking chair black and added curling ceramic leaves, scattered over the surface.

Artist Harold Linton scaled down a chair into a butterfly shape, made of simple, brightly colored curves. The chair is for use by children to celebrate special times, he said. Black and white decorated the low chair by artist Greg Petty, who calls it "Guilty."

Interior designer Sara Scott Cullen calls her swivel chair "What I Did This Summer." Denim, ribbons, antique buttons, tassels, favorite fabrics and her children's Christmas trousse

are among the materials she used to turn a somber seat into a lively work. Cullen was inspired by a Dolly Parton song, "The Coat of Many Colors" and said the piece is a "memory" chair for her youngsters.

Other participants are designers Rick Carmody, Marilyn Gardner, Aleksis Lahti, Glenda Meads and Michael Willoughby; Gary Griffin, artist in residence and head of the metalsmithing department at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills; and Gerhardt Knodel, head of the fiber department at Cranbrook and Detroit Institute of Arts advisory board member.

The Furniture Resource Center was established in 1968 as a charitable, non-profit organization. It distributed more than 4,800 items last year. More than 700 families and individuals are on the waiting list. To donate furniture, appliances and household items in good condition, call (810) 373-7600. Donations are tax-deductible. All FRC clients are referred by recognized social service agencies.

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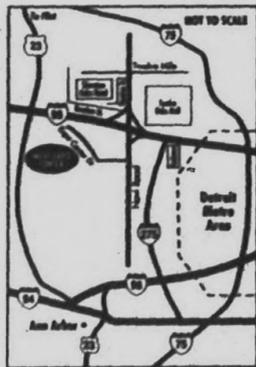
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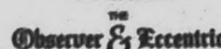


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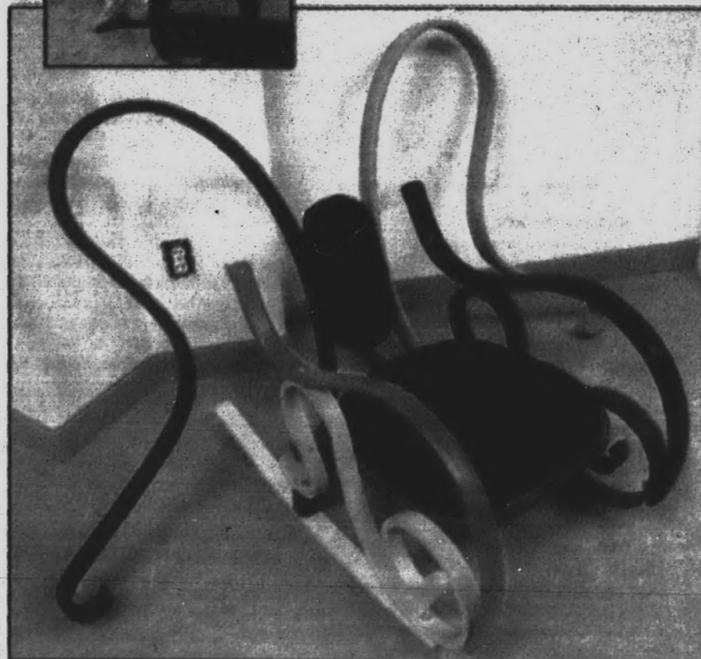
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Butterfly chair: Harold Linton is shown in the photo at left with the "gently used" chair he converted into the colorful work below. Linton and other artists and designers turned chairs into works of art for a benefit auction at Michigan Design Center in Troy next week.



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Hello, Dali: Linda Golden made a surreal settee with more than a touch of Salvador Dali.



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A new leaf: John Glick added ceramic leaves to a wooden rocker.



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Memorable: Sara Scott Cullen turned a somber piece into a lively "memory" chair, using meaningful materials.



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TREASURE SEARCH

Baby, baby grand piano can give you butterflies



NANCY AND FRANK BOOS

Dear Nancy and Frank:
Please estimate the value of this Wurlitzer Student Butterfly baby grand piano which is 30 1/2 inches high by 31 inches deep by 30 inches wide.

litzer, which was sold to Baldwin. Someone at Baldwin Piano told us that he had heard only 50 "butterflies" were made and given to Wurlitzer's best dealers to be used for promotion. However, in finally tracking down the Wurlitzer archival material at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., manuscripts archivist Craig Orr was able to help us with some detective work. Here's what we uncovered.

M. Cooney, Livonia

Dear M:
A baby grand piano is 5 feet 6 inches and under, so yours is really a baby, baby grand.

Most grand pianos have one lid that lifts from the right side, while the piano photographed has two lids that lift from the center like butterfly wings, hence the whimsical name "butterfly" piano. A butterfly piano was displayed in the movie "Housesitter" starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn. The piano has only 77 keys as compared to the regular 88 found on a traditional grand piano.

You know, of course, there are two sides to every story, and we got both on the "butterfly."
The "butterfly" was made by Wurlitzer, which was sold to Baldwin.

There were four different models, from a simple child's version to an elaborate Louis XIV model. These smaller pianos were intended for use by both children and adults who didn't have space for a regular size grand piano. The style photographed here is a 235, intended for quality introduction of children to the piano.

Every piano should have a serial number that tells you when the piano was made. We found out the serial number on this butterfly is 221,183. The last serial number on record in the Wurlitzer catalogues (some of which are missing) at the Smithsonian ends in 1938 with piano number 151,161. Shortly thereafter, Wurlitzer suspended piano production and converted its production capabilities 100 percent to the war effort. When they resumed postwar

production, one would assume that it took a few years to reach serial number 221,183 and therefore also assume that this piano was made in the late 1940s or early to mid 1950s.

Baldwin is now reintroducing the "butterfly" in the form of a digital or electric piano, reducing interest in these older versions as most people will want the "high tech" model. Every president of the United States has had his own piano made especially for his tenure in the White House. We believe most of such pianos are in museums, presidential libraries, etc. For some reason, Wurlitzer has never had the distinction of making a presidential piano.

The "butterfly" pianos can be bought at retail anywhere from about \$800 to \$3,000, depending on their internal and external condition. However, in our sleuthing we found a dealer who sold a restored Louis XIV version for \$9,000. Sherlock Holmes, Columbo and Monsieur Poirot have nothing on us!

Nancy and Frank Boos are with the Frank H. Boos Gallery, an appraisal firm and auction house at 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills that has been in the auction business for more than 30 years. Do you have an item you would like to know about?

Send in a good photo of it, along with its description (including size, working parts, etc.) and any known provenance (history) to Treasure Search, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Include your name, community and phone number.



Oh, baby: This baby grand is called a "butterfly" piano because it has two lids that lift from the center like butterfly wings.

Cranbrook plant sale

By MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

The leaves are changing to their autumn colors, which triggers our thoughts about Autumn Harvest, Cranbrook Gardens' 23rd Fall Plant Sale.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Where: Cranbrook Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Parking is free at the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot, across from the entrance to the Gardens. Shuttles will transport patrons to and from the sale.

I recently spent a morning at the Cranbrook greenhouse where Sylvia Paddy and her "Steady Eddies" have

been preparing for the sale. They are Ann Besner, Diane Burton, Stanley Gaweil, Cecile Kaelin, Sue Lombardi, Laurie Murray, Margaret Nadrang, Frances Sturley, Julie Warshaw and Jane Zink. Paddy has been greenhouse chairman for four years.

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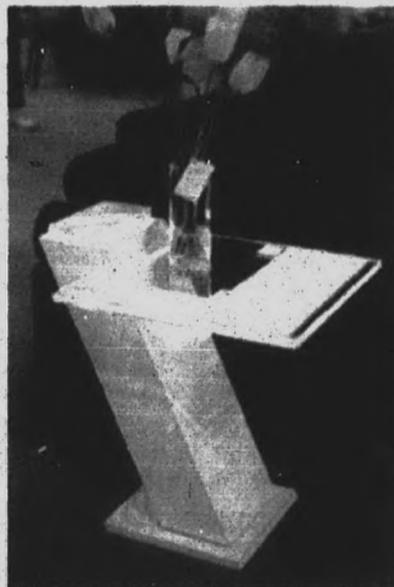
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\$20,995 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1089.55

NEW 1996 SUNFIRE SE 2 DOOR COUPE with AIR CONDITIONING

Air conditioning, tilt wheel, rear deck spoiler, dual air bags, anti-lock brakes, power steering/brakes, AM/FM stereo cassette with clock, tinted glass, bucket seats with console, rear window defogger, sport mirrors, floor mats, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stk. #505137.

\$12,195 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$640.45

NEW 1995 GMC SONOMA HIGH RIDER 4X4

Air conditioning, automatic transmission with overdrive, enhanced 4.3 C.P.I. V6, SLS Sports decor, aluminum wheels, air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, power mirrors, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo cassette with equalizer & clock, sliding rear window, gauges with tachometer, air bag, anti-lock brakes, heavy duty suspension, sliding rear window. Stock #524044.

\$19,995 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1099.40

NEW 1995 BONNEVILLE SE

Air, 3800 V6, automatic overdrive transmission, dual air bags, anti-lock brakes, AM/FM stereo with clock, tilt, rear defrost, power windows, power locks, B.S. moldings, tinted glass, split bench seat, sport mirrors, custom wheel covers, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stock #202903

\$17,495 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1058.45

NEW 1995 GMC VANDURA 1 TON WORK VAN

Anti-lock brakes, 350 V8, automatic overdrive transmission, AM/FM stereo with clock, full size spare, power steering, power brakes, heavy duty cooling, rear door glass. Stock #544879.

\$17,495 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$925.00

NEW 1995 TRANS SPORT SE

Air conditioning, automatic transmission, V6 engine, air bag, rear wiper/washer, side window defogger, rear defogger, AM/FM stereo with clock, anti-lock brakes, power steering, power brakes, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stock #250996

\$16,195 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$946.20

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NEW 1995 SIERRA STAKE TRUCK

11,000 GVW, 12 ft. stake, 350 V8 engine, automatic overdrive transmission, heavy duty chassis, AM/FM stereo, power steering & brakes, heavy duty transmission oil cooler, large stainless steel mirrors, dual rear wheels. Stock #535397.

\$19,995 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$957.50

NEW 1995 FIREBIRD WITH AIR CONDITIONING and AUTOMATIC

Air, auto overdrive trans, V6 engine, tilt, power steering/brakes, gauges with tachometer, anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, floor mats, bodyside moldings, spoiler, aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette with equalizer & steering control, power mirrors, PW, PDL, cruise control, remote keyless entry, power antenna, 4 way manual seat adjuster driver's side, pass key theft deterrent, tinted glass, rear defogger, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stock #250383

\$15,395 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$924.65

NEW 1995 SIERRA DUMP TRUCK

11,000 GVW, 2 yard dump, 350 V8 engine, heavy duty chassis, AM/FM stereo with clock, power steering, power brakes, large stainless steel mirrors. Stock #504198.

\$21,495 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$894.85

NEW 1995 FIREBIRD FORMULA CONVERTIBLE WITH AIR CONDITIONING and AUTOMATIC

Air conditioning, automatic overdrive transmission, V8, tilt, cruise, power steering, power brakes, gauges with tachometer, anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, traction control, floor mats, bodyside moldings, spoiler, aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette with equalizer and steering wheel controls, 6-speaker sound system, power antenna, buckets with console, PASS-key theft deterrent, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, rear window defogger, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stock #238981.

\$22,995 GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1369.35

NEW 1995 GMC 1 TON CUBE VAN

Automatic overdrive transmission, 350 V8 engine, flat floor, 11,000 GVW, AM/FM stereo, 15 ft. box, power steering, power brakes, dual rear wheels. Stock #501448.

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826 Vans
1988, 8200 Chevy 8.5 ft. Sport
loaded, 14,000 miles. 113-421-1988

828 Jeep/J Wheel Drive
1981 Explorer XLT 4 door
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CORVETTE 1984 - only 21,000
miles, 7-Top, 113-421-1988

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REGAL 1989 Gran Sport. 61
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INTEGRA 1991 GS 2 door, red
black, automatic, CD, sunroof,
leather, 35,000 miles, 113-421-1988

838 Cadillac
BROUGHAM 1991 Fle
loaded, clean, 39,000 miles,
113-421-1988

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DEARBORN NISSAN THE NISSAN YEAR END CLEARANCE BLOWOUT 'THE PRICE IS RIGHT HERE!' LEASE FOR \$195** 95 NISSAN PATHFINDER XE BUY FOR \$22,320** 96 NISSAN SENTRA GXE... CREDIT PROBLEMS OK... LEASES STARTING AT \$185**... 96 NISSAN MAXIMA GXE... LEASES STARTING AT \$279**

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Bill Cook Mazda advertisement. Features a cartoon of a football player kicking a ball. Text: 'You'll Score BIG At Bill Cook!'. Includes images of a 1996 Mazda LX and a 1995 Mazda Millenia. Lease prices: \$199/mo for LX, \$299/mo for Millenia. Address: 37901 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Phone: 810-471-0800.

Campbell Dodge advertisement. Large text: 'SAVE \$\$\$ BUY YOUR 4X4 NOW!'. Lists various vehicles with prices: '92 S-15 JIMMY SLE \$13,288, '92 DAKOTA CLUB CAB \$12,488, '93 FORD BRONCO \$19,488, '93 GRAND CHEROKEE 4 DOOR \$16,988, '93 WRANGLER \$11,288, '93 BRONCO II \$4,988. Address: 313-538-1500.

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Bill Cook Nissan advertisement. Features a cartoon of a football player kicking a ball. Text: 'You'll Score BIG At Bill Cook!'. Includes an image of a 1995 Nissan Pathfinder SE V6 4x4. Lease price: \$199/mo. Address: 37901 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Phone: 810-471-0800.

Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury advertisement. Text: 'OPEN SATURDAY 10-3'. Lists various vehicles with prices: '91 TOPAZ LTS \$7,890, '93 VILLAGER GS \$12,890, '95 COUGAR \$14,890, '94 TOWN CAR EXECUTIVE \$19,890, '95 COUGAR \$15,490, '94 CONTINENTAL \$19,890, '92 GRAND MARQUIS LS \$12,890, '93 VILLAGER LS \$16,890, '95 TOWN CAR EXECUTIVE \$25,890, '91 CONTINENTAL \$10,890, '94 TOWN CAR EXECUTIVE \$22,490, '94 TIMBERWOLF RACE \$18,000. Address: 32000 Ford Rd., Garden City. Phone: (313) 425-4300.

Varsity advertisement. Text: 'SPOTTY CREDIT? Approval in 1 Hour! Short time on the job... Call ROB at: VARSITY 40251 Grand River Ave. • Novi (810) 305-5300 or 1-800-850-6684 Ext. 279. Special Financing Dept.

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Bob Dusseau Lincoln Mercury advertisement. Text: 'BOB DUSSEAU LINCOLN MERCURY "YOUR DISCOUNT DEALER" 40 Years of Low, Low Prices and Outstanding Service'. Features a 1996 Town Car Signature with a 2 Year Lease for \$538/mo or purchase for \$36,477. Also features a 1995 Tracer 4 Door Trio for purchase at \$11,828. Address: 31625 Grand River, Farmington. Phone: (810) 474-3170.

Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury advertisement. Text: 'OPEN SATURDAY 10-3 FOR YOUR SHOPPING CONVENIENCE!'. Features a 1996 Sable GS with a 24 Mo. Lease for \$324/mo. Also features a 1996 Town Car Executive Series with a 24 Mo. Lease for \$459/mo. Address: 32000 Ford Rd., Garden City. Phone: (313) 425-4300.

Advertisement for Ciera Sedan. Text: '1995 Cutlass Ciera Sedan'. Features a list of features: 'V-6, automatic, power windows, locks, anti-lock brakes, driver's air bag, cruise, tilt, 14-speaker stereo, low mileage, service rental'. Price: \$12,995. Address: 24555 Michigan Ave. Phone: 565-6500.

Vertical sidebar advertisement. Text: 'DON'T JUST ANOTHER FACELI NAME THE CROW Personalized classified with you company'. Includes logos for Century, Kroger, and others. Phone: 313-591-810-644.

872 Toyota COROLLA 1991, automatic, air, 4 door, power windows, new tires, runs great. \$2,595. (313) 726-9000

876 Autos Over \$2,000 1978 CORVETTE (stagnant) 4 speed V-8 227 cubic inch black interior. 1 of 1,200 made. All numbers match. Best condition. 3 must see car! \$9,900 (917)546-5344

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SALE PRICE \$18,495*
GM OPT II Deduct \$1067.70

1995 FIREBIRD

Air, automatic, 3.8 V6, removable hatch roof, anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, power windows & locks, cruise, keyless entry, stereo cassette with equalizer & more. Stock #950826.

SALE PRICE \$17,599*
GM OPT. II Deduct \$997.25

1995 TRANS SPORT SE

3.1 V6, 4 wheel ABS brakes, driver side airbag & more. Stk. #950052.

SALE PRICE \$14,995*
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1995 SUNFIRE SE 2 DOOR COUPE

Automatic, air, 2.3 Quad 4, rear deck spoiler, 15" aluminum wheels, tilt, cruise, AM/FM & cassette, rear defroster. Stock #950911.

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1996 JIMMY

4.3 liter enhanced V-6 engine, auto trans, air bag, ABS brakes, air conditioning, power mirrors, power windows/locks, tilt & cruise, AM/FM cassette stereo, 2 door, 2 WD and much more! Stock #958028.

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SALE PRICE \$13,495*
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SALE PRICE \$17,995*
30 Mo. Smart Lease \$319**
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4.3 V6, automatic, air, cassette, cruise, tilt, ABS brakes, aluminum wheels, loaded. Stock #957525.

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Mach Sound System, defroster, power windows, locks & seat, CD player.
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Auto, Mach Sound System, CD, air, defrost, remote keyless.
WAS \$25,190 **3 AT THIS PRICE \$19,195***

1995 ESCORT 3 DOOR SPORT

Air, defroster, cassette.
WAS \$15,050 **3 AT THIS PRICE \$10,125***

1995 AEROSTAR
Air, defroster, stereo. Stk. #952118.
WAS \$18,063 **YOU PAY \$14,448***

1995 ASPIRE 3 Door
WAS \$8790 **YOU PAY \$6999***

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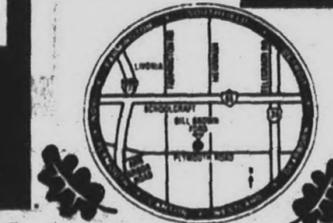
Running boards, trailer low, perform axle, luggage rack.
REBATE \$1300
WAS \$27,720 **YOU PAY \$23,520***

1996 CONTOUR GL

Cassette, mats, power heated mirrors, defroster.
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TANK OF GAS WITH EVERY CAR OR TRUCK PURCHASED

Book traces local world of engineering

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SPECIAL WRITER

If you think Detroit's only claim to fame is designing and manufacturing automobiles, think again.

Over the last century, Detroit area manufacturers and inventors have turned out enough technological innovations to fill a coffee table book. With that in mind, Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) commissioned such a book to celebrate its centennial.

"The Technology Century" chronicles hundreds of local engineering fetes and reviews ESD's first 100 years. Its cover boasts Diego Rivera's famous work, "Detroit Industry."

The richly illustrated book includes more than 50 brightly written essays about prominent and little-known innovations created by Detroit's finest researchers and engineers. Nearly everything conceived in metro Detroit is included — from the outboard motor and electric refrigerator to the one-piece gelatin capsule.

Local history hounds will learn Sidney Oldberg patented the first air-bag system, Solvay Automotive in Troy first patented a process to make soda ash, and Stin-

■ 'There hasn't been a good Detroit history book written in a long time. Most books provide the political, social and anecdotal history, but not the history of industry and infrastructure.'

Mike Davis
editor

son Aircraft of Detroit designed the first cabin airplane before moving to Northville in the late 1920s.

The area's rich cultural history also is chronicled in this 262-page book written by more than 30 local journalists and historians, including many from Observer area communities. The book's editor is Mike Davis, former executive director of the Detroit Historical Society.

"There hasn't been a good Detroit history book written in a long time. Most books provide the political, social and anecdotal history, but not the history of industry and infrastructure," Davis said.

Detroit's endless infrastructure — a subject that could be dry — provides lively and interesting reading. Chapters are devoted to

the groundbreaking works of Consumers Power, Detroit Edison, Ameritech and the railways that once carried assembly line automobiles out of the Motor City.

"People think Detroit is primarily an automotive city, but it's not so. Detroit has given a lot of interesting things to the world and hasn't gotten a lot of credit," said Anthony Yanik, a retired General Motors engineer. Yanik wrote a chapter on the independent automakers that surfaced in Detroit in the late 1930s.

Dan Jarvis, a communications specialist for Detroit Edison, wrote about Henry Ford, a promising Edison engineer who by day worked from Detroit's Washington and State Street plant in the 1890s. After hours, he "tinkered with his experimental gas-powered motorcar," the author

wrote in part.

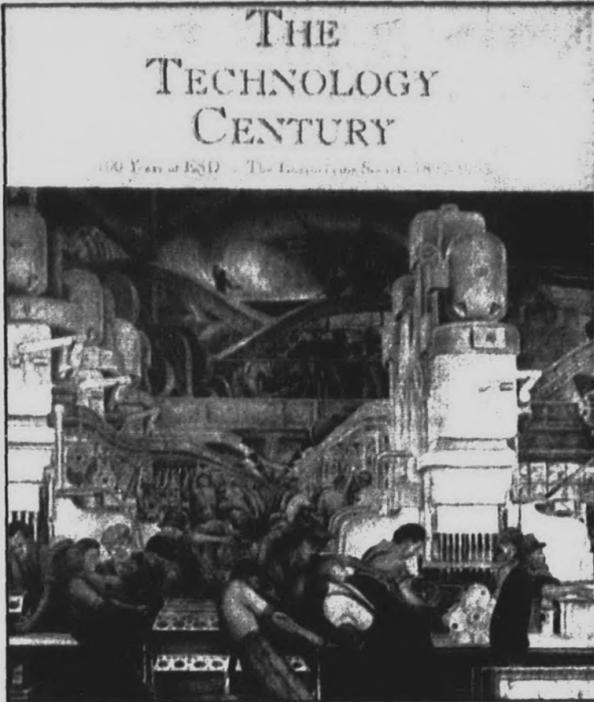
The book couldn't chronicle Detroit's achievements without a big chapter devoted to the automobile industry. Besides an industry overview, there are histories of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

Michael Kollins assembled a timeline of the century's automotive industry achievements. Since the gas-powered automobile was built in 1893, he wrote, "almost every year of progressive development is marked by an outstanding first in the automobile industry."

Al Fleming gathered the history of Detroit's automotive suppliers. Frank Buttler, revealed Detroit was the fridge-making capital before it became Motor City.

The book also mentions Detroit's first concrete mill — on Woodward between Six and Seven Mile Road — and covers the history of the city's architecture, construction, health care and news media.

"The Technology Century" (\$45) is available at Border's in Southfield and Lawrence Technological University, Southfield. To order by mail, contact Eisbrenner Public Relations, Troy, (810) 641-1446.



Century of achievement: "The Technology Century," a book commissioned by the Engineering Society of Detroit, chronicles 100 years of innovations created by metro area inventors, manufacturers and engineers.

Business school plans to open metro area campus

The University of Phoenix expects to open a metro area campus in Southfield within four to six months.

The University of Phoenix's Michigan campus is a multi-campus school targeting professional adults for bachelor's and master's programs finish negotiations for a building

"We hope to open in Southfield in four to six months," director of the Michigan campus, Sarah Serra, said, adding that the school has been directing its search for a campus in Southfield because of

its central location.

The University of Phoenix's Michigan campus currently has offices in Southfield's American Center. However, the first classes, which start at the end of the month, will be held at the Ford Fairlane Training and Development Center in Dearborn.

The accredited university is trying to attract students who are at least 23 years old and have full-time jobs to enroll in five- and six-week courses to earn degrees in business administration. The school held two information ses-

sions in Dearborn to attract enrollment.

So far, there are 27 students enrolled for the first session, according to Serra, who said she expects many more in the years to come.

"With such a large area, I can easily see us growing to 3,000 to 5,000 students," she said. "As it stands now, we have interest from Clarkston to Warren to Windsor to Ann Arbor."

The private University of Phoenix, which is a subsidiary of the Apollo Group public company, has graduated more than 60,000

students in business, education and nursing programs. It has 30 campuses spread throughout Louisiana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and San Juan, and was ranked as the nation's 12th largest private university in 1994.

Serra said the university awards credit for classes at other universities as well as for on-the-job training and experience. Instructors must have full-time jobs in the field they teach as well as advanced degrees.

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Sarah Serra

ards as other universities," Serra said about the school's North Central Association Accreditation. But, she said, the school works around the busy schedules most people with full-time jobs keep.

Each class meets one night a week from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. If students can't attend, they can make it up through the university's

electronic classroom on CompuServe.

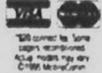
Tuition is \$187 per class hour for undergraduate courses, which last for five weeks and \$245 per class hour for master's courses, which run six weeks. Most classes are three credit hours.

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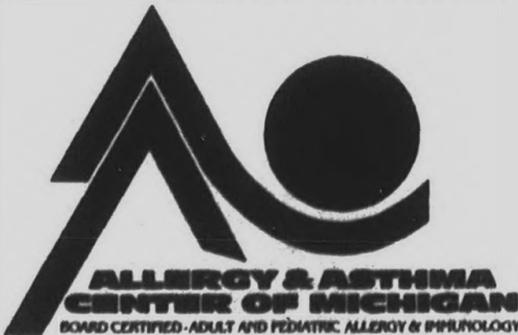
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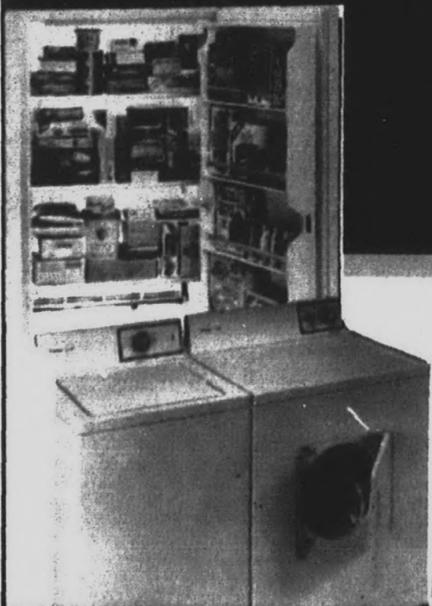
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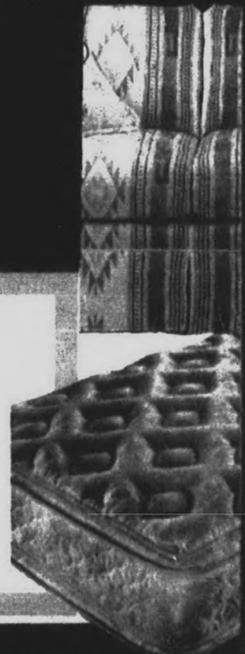
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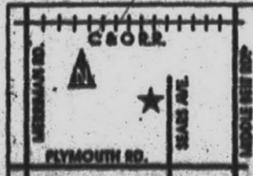


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Naturalist traces life forms in an unusual setting

NATURE TRAILS



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

As I walked through the gate of the cemetery fence, visions of dark days, mourners draped in black and last rites of those in their final resting place raced through my head. Cemeteries are places that spark much emotion. In reality, cemeteries are some of the more natural, peaceful places found in both urban, suburban and rural areas. The large trees provide shade, the grass a cool mat and the wild flowers and wildlife reflect a variety of life forms.

As soon as I entered the plot of land identified as the cemetery, I was greeted by the solemn pitched song of the bird that endears happiness — the Eastern Bluebird.

A bluebird's song does not reflect the heavenly blues seen on its back feathers, nor the earthy reddish brown of its breast, but it is of discreet duration with modest inflections for the cemetery setting.

Cemeteries found near open fields are excellent places to find bluebirds. As long as the cemetery is sufficiently open so the birds can hunt, they will take advantage of trees or promontories that will aid them in finding food.

The song of the bluebird directed me to the dark blue male perched on a high promontory. Between songs it would hawk for insects by flying out to grab an insect it had spotted from its vantage point.

Hunting perches

Hunting perches for a bird may be on branches of the tall trees that are often associated with long established cemeteries. Cemetery trees are often larger than trees nearby because they are left undisturbed. They may have been planted as a living memorial to those buried in the cemetery, or they may have been seeded naturally.

Most cemeteries are maintained to provide a natural setting which has a calming effect on those using the area. In order to

attain that goal, trees, shrubs and wildflowers in appropriate areas will go untouched. These plants help provide food for birds and other animals in the area.

Some wildflowers, and certainly shrubs and trees, can provide hawkling promontories for bluebirds, but the bluebird I saw was on the top of a spiked monument.

As I approached the bird for a better look, I could see he had used it many times before.

Ringling the pointed apex where the bird would perch was a halo of guano. He evidently perched in every direction equally because the halo was of equal height all around. It may seem disrespectful to have guano on the monument of a loved one, but think of it as providing a perfect perch for birds finding food to feed themselves and their young.

While watching the bluebird I was distracted in a different direction by a chirping sound. Reminiscent of the sound of a stonecutter rapidly tapping on his chisel engraving the name on a headstone, I recognized the song of a Chipping Sparrow. This small red-capped sparrow has a clear gray breast and a black bill. A black line goes from the bill, through the eye and stops above the ear. It was probably attracted to the cemetery by the evergreens edging the fence.

Evergreens help to live the scenery of a cemetery even in winter. When deciduous trees lose their leaves and expose their skeleton of bare branches, evergreens continue to remain robust and lively. Chipping Sparrows often build their mug-sized nests in the lower branches. They collect grasses from the vicinity and line the cup with animal hair.

Nesting places

After about two weeks, four or five young nestlings will hatch from their eggs. One of the headstones I saw identified the Hatch family, maybe indirectly they were encouraging the young to emerge.

Some of the headstones dated back to early 1798. I began to see other signs of life and ironic cycles. Headstones are erected to draw the attention of future generations to those lying beneath. That is one reason they are made



Perfect perch: The solemn pitched song of the Eastern Bluebird is of discreet duration with modest inflections for the cemetery setting.

from long lasting materials such as granite, limestone and slate. Yet as soon as a cemetery is created, it is subject to the forces and principles of nature. Like the people it represents, it too will die and be buried in time.

The cold slabs of stone marking the graves of those who lived have never exhibited the characteristics of life — breathing, reproducing, digesting and sensing the environment. But the headstones I examined were the foundations for the renaissance of life.

Just as life may start on a volcanic island of raw rock, life started on the lifeless headstones of the Allens and Fredericks. To the untrained eye, they may have been likened to old, dried and cracked paint, but to me the colorful chartreuse lichens on the slate gray of the headstones were a true beginning of life.

As the wind carries spiders, spores and seeds to distant places, sometime in the past 200 years it carried spores to the cemetery. The tiny seeds of life anchored themselves on the textured

surface of the headstones.

Despite the lack of soil for nutrients and water, lichens bring their own unique form of life to the lifeless headstone. Together, a fungus and an algae interact to grow. The algae provides food, while the fungus provides support. Separately, each would perish.

On several different headstones there were lichens that were leafy. On other headstones there were blotches that looked like dried paint with black spots scattered against a textured background. Some patches grew so densely that it was hard to see the neatly engraved letters and numbers on the headstone.

Part of that defacing process was not the density of the lichens, but the by products of their existence.

Chemicals produced by the symbiotic relationship of the algae and the fungus caused the stone to erode. Little by little, year by year, the combination of wind blown grains of sand hitting the headstone and the reaction of

The cold slabs of stone marking the graves of those who lived have never exhibited the characteristics of life.

the lichen chemicals caused the headstone to decay.

Soil forms

Small particles of rock and once living material, together, form the most important mixture here on earth — soil. All living things depend on soil. The grasses, wildflowers, trees, insects, birds and worms all depend on soil. Like lichens, the two components work together. Unlike lichens, the two components can be separated to function individually.

This was evident on the sides of several headstones I examined. Attached at one end of its half-inch long length by a pad of silk were the cocoons of bagworm moths.

Bagworm moth cocoons are created by attaching available material to the sticky cocoon for camouflage. One cocoon was decorated with the fragments of pine or hemlock needles in a pattern parallel to the axis of the cocoon. Another cocoon incorporated sand-sized grains from the headstone. What perfect camouflage.

In this cemetery full of coffins marked by headstones were the "coffins" of the bagworms in which the most marvelous transformation of life occurs.

Though a worm-like caterpillar enters the "coffin," an entirely different looking animal emerges. Dangling beneath many were the pupal cases from which the males emerged. Those without pupal cases housed the wingless females.

After the males emerge they search for a female and copulate with her while she is inside the cocoon. Before she emerges she lays her eggs and eventually the cocoon becomes the womb of the new bagworms.

Life cycles

As I continued my walk and made more observations, it became obvious that in this cemetery were several cycles of life. A web of life, or a network of plants

and animals all dependent on each other had developed. In fact, tucked in cracks and engravings of the headstones were insects and spiders. It was the insects that attracted the bluebirds to the cemetery and it was the insects that were attractive to the spiders.

Easily visible on many of the headstones were the spiders' doilies of death. Thin silk was intricately woven into a pattern designed to ensnare unsuspecting prey. After capture the spider entombs its prey in a sarcophagus of silk.

While walking through a cemetery, I came upon a mourning cloak butterfly. The mourning cloak is named because of its dark chocolate colored wings, reminiscent of the dark clothing worn by mourners at a funeral.

I spotted the butterfly because it was basking with open dark wings in the resurrecting rays of the rising sun. As a caterpillar, it probably fed on the elm or cottonwood tree leaves in the cemetery. It pupated in its own "coffin" in a secluded place, either on a headstone, or stem of vegetation sustained by the enriched soil beneath.

From its "coffin" in the cemetery emerged the transformed life of a butterfly warming in rays of the sun. As it feeds on nearby nectar, it will mate, lay its eggs and start the cycle of life again.

As I processed all these forms of life in a landscape of death, I found it ironic that a cemetery is not the end point of a life. To the observant, it is a graphic example of the dynamic nature of life and its many manifestations.

Cemeteries are natural undisturbed areas and provide all the necessary requirements for life, and like a living organism they will succumb to the pressures of the natural world.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

Local

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ROLL CALL REPORT

Local lawmakers split on funding for science bill

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Oct. 13

HOUSE

Science Funding: By a vote of 248 for and 161 against, the House passed a bill (HR 2405) authorizing \$21.5 billion in fiscal 1996 for the civilian science activities of seven agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Department of Energy. The bill, which cuts spending by about 12 percent from 1995 levels, embodies the new Republican majority's approach to funding non-military science in times of tight budgets. For example, it combines what had been seven separate bills into a single measure, and it gives priority to basic research while de-emphasizing applied research that could be undertaken by the private sector. Democratic critics said the cuts

will hurt domestically in areas such as health and the environment, while benefiting Japan and other foreign competitors that invest more heavily in government-industry research ventures.

Sponsor Robert Walker, R-Pa., said the bill recognizes that "a strong basic research foundation is essential to the future of our nation" but that "we do not have the luxury, and it is not a wise use of resources, to continue steering taxpayer dollars in the direction of applied research which can and should be market-driven and conducted by the private sector."

Opponent George Brown, D-Calif., called the bill "the first installment" in the Republican plan to reduce science spending by 33 percent over five years as part of its balanced budget timetable, adding: "It is ironic that the Republican plan requires that in order to pay for a tax cut, we must sacrifice the very thing that we know leads to long-term economic growth."

A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Area representatives voting yes were: Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham. Voting no: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, and Lynn Rivers, D-

Ann Arbor.

Global Warming: The House rejected, 199 for and 215 against, an amendment by Democrats to continue an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) research program into the long-term climate changes known as global warming. The vote occurred during debate on HR 2405 (above) which would kill the program, leaving global warming research up to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Defenders of the new policy said it would eliminate costly EPA-NOAA overlap, while foes said it gives short shrift to the threat posed by slowly rising temperatures.

Amendment supporter Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said "We are talking about taking another sad step into the realm of anti-science . . . How do you stop (the EPA) in its tracks from reducing some of these manmade chemicals that are causing this problem?"

Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., said: "Global warming should not be handled in EPA . . . long-term climate research is something that should be done in NOAA . . . the

(Democratic) amendment would take funding away from all other areas of EPA in order to fund something that it should not be doing."

A yes vote was to preserve EPA's global warming research program.
Area representatives voting yes were: Dale Kildee, Sander Levin, Lynn Rivers. Voting no: Joseph Knollenberg.

Indoor Air: By a vote of 195 for and 218 against, the House rejected an amendment to preserve Environmental Protection Agency research into indoor air pollution. The vote occurred during debate on HR 2405 (above) which would end EPA's responsibility in this area and put the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in charge of indoor air research.

Amendment sponsor Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., said: "Viruses and bacteria that thrive in air ducts have been proven to cause influenza, pneumonia, tuberculosis and dozens of other diseases . . . Yes, folks, believe it or not, the bill that is before us today would eliminate the EPA's nonregulatory indoor air research program."

Opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa., said, "The American people made a fundamental change in Congress because of some of the lousy policies we passed in the past Congress and, in fact, mandated us to do something towards balancing the budget . . . We think that one of the ways to do that is by rationalizing what agencies do. EPA is in fact not that place that regulates indoor air. OSHA is."

A yes vote was to preserve EPA research into indoor air pollution.

Area representatives voting yes were: Kildee, Levin and Rivers. Voting no: Knollenberg.

SENATE

Job Training: Voting 95 for and two against, the Senate passed a bill (S 143) to transfer job training from Washington to the states, eliminating more than 80 federal programs designed for the unemployed. States, with assistance from the private sector, would set up one-stop centers to teach new skills to the jobless and help them find work. States would receive few

strings-attached federal grants to run their programs. While empowering states, the Senate voted (below) to keep Washington in charge of the Job Corps and the Trade Adjustment Assistance entitlement program for workers displaced by imports.

Supporter Nancy Kaseebaum, R-Kan., said: "This is a critical change if we want to be successful in helping people find jobs. (The bill) would combine funds from these 80-odd programs and turn them over to the states and, in turn, to local communities, so that training programs will be tailored to actual jobs available in the community."

Opponent Paul Simon, D-Ill., said he liked much about the bill, including its streamlining of existing programs, but is "not an enthusiastic supporter of just saying to the states, 'You have this money and you make all the decisions.' I want to give some flexibility to the states, but I also want to make sure people get served who need to be served."

A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Michigan Senators Carl Levin, D, voted yes. Spencer Abraham, R, voted yes.

Tips to keep your pets safe, healthy on Halloween

Halloween night generates constant traffic at the front door, and while some pets are very interested in the trick or treaters who visit, others are frightened and confused.

To ensure that your pet stays healthy and safe this Halloween, The Pet Practice has issued guidelines and safety tips to keep

your animal free from harm.

- The number one health hazard for pets during Halloween, said Ken Genova, Michigan area vice president of The Pet Practice, is the ingredient in chocolate called theobromine.

restlessness in pets, and larger doses can be fatal, Genova said.

- If a pet accidentally ingests chocolate, contact your veterinarian, then feed it one tablespoon of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide per every 20 pounds the animal weighs. Continue to give the peroxide orally once every 10 minutes until the animal vomits, but

do not exceed three doses. If the animal ingested the chocolate one hour or more before it was discovered, contact a veterinarian immediately.

- Keep pumpkins with candles out of pets' reach. If a pet does burn its nose or paws from a candle, Genova suggests applying cool water to the burned area first

in order to cool the tissue and then consulting a veterinarian.

- Consider keeping outdoor pets inside during trick or treating hours to avoid the possibility of them getting loose or excessively barking. If your pet must stay outside, make sure it is safely secured and out of the sight of curious children.

- Remember to take pets outside before trick or treating begins, to avoid having to take them out during the evening hours.

- Keep pets confined when sorting out the children's candy.

- Place all candy out of reach so pets don't have access to it.

Commission plans town hall session

The Wayne County Commission has scheduled its first Town Hall meeting for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Allen Park City Hall, 16850 Southfield Road.

The meeting will be preceded by a welcoming reception from 5-6 p.m. The Town Hall meeting is open to the public.

The downriver meeting is the first of three Town Hall meetings the commission will hold throughout the county. The other Town Hall meetings will be scheduled in the western Wayne area and the city of Detroit.

The commission established these Town Hall meetings to give county residents a new avenue to discuss issues and voice their opinions directly to their commissioners. The Nov. 8 Town Hall meeting will give residents in the downriver communities an opportunity to hear updates from various county departments as well as discuss issues of particular interest to the area. The commission encourages all downriver residents and community organizations to attend.

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Report says lawmakers curtailed foreign travel

Members of the House of Representatives, under pressure by voters to cut back on perks, sharply reduced their taxpayer-funded foreign travel in the congressional election year of 1994.

Even so, a survey by Roll Call Report Syndicate revealed that more than one-third of the membership took at least one official overseas trip last year on either a committee fact-finding mission or an official U.S. delegation visit to an international event or parliamentary conference.

The news service's sixth annual survey of official House travel found that 166 members recorded 275 trips over 1,847 days to 568 countries in 1994. This compared to the 1993 figures of 180 members making 308 visits over 2,042 days to 681 countries. The number of travelers decreased last year by 7 percent, trips were down 10 percent, days abroad off 10 percent and countries visited down 17 percent.

Survey of members

The survey is based on information published in the Congressional Record by House committees and other trip sponsors such as the House Speaker.

The State Department authorizing law requires that House trips abroad be reported in the Record, the official daily publication of Congress. This stems from the involvement of U.S. embassies in handling per diem expenses, currency exchanges and other fiscal matters for visiting lawmakers.

The leading 1994 traveler was Rep. Earl Hilliard, D-Ala., who took six trips over 34 days to eight countries, mainly to international parliamentary conferences.

"I don't remember the actual number of trips," Hilliard told Roll Call Report Syndicate, "but I certainly went to all places you mentioned" — Norway, Belgium, Austria, Japan, South Africa, Portugal and France (twice).

Sharing second place were Democrat Tom Lantos of California and Republican Butler Derrick of South Carolina — each with five trips to 12 countries, with Lantos spending 42 days abroad and Derrick 41 — and

Doug Bereuter of Nebraska, with five trips over 29 days to six countries.

Top travelers

Ranking next were Republican Floyd Spence of South Carolina (four trips, 32 days, 11 countries), Democrats Donald Payne of New Jersey (4-32-15), Robert Torricelli of New Jersey (4-32-7) and Eliot Engel of New York (4-23-8), Republican Alex McMillan of North Carolina (4-24-7) and Democrat Patricia Schroeder of Colorado (4-21-7).

Funding for congressional travel comes from State Department and Pentagon accounts. The total cost can't be determined because there are no line items for the activity. When members use military jets, which they usually do, the overall trip sums reported in the Congressional Record represent only a fraction of the cost to taxpayers.

"The public hates this stuff," said Bob Schiff of Congress Watch, a Ralph Nader advocacy group. "Members are more reluctant to take these trips because of how it looks to the public. It may be that members are going only when it's really necessary, otherwise they'd be more willing to defend the travel."

But top travelers were quick to defend their jaunts.

Defending travels

"I feel I would be derelict in my duties if I did not participate in these assignments," said Lantos, a member of the International Relations Committee. For Russian, as "one of a handful of Russian experts in Congress," he was part of a delegation to Russia which followed up on meetings between Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin.

Lantos was included in Clinton's official delegation to Normandy marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day. A May visit to sunny Bermuda was to meet with British parliamentarians.

Butler Derrick's globetrotting occurred in his last year in Congress. He had no apologies about traveling extensively on his way out after years of hardly ever taking trips.

Now working for a Washington law firm, he said his decision to

not seek re-election "gave me more time to travel and represent our country . . . a U.S. congressman has the responsibility to represent his country abroad, to learn how other people think, to study other forms of government."

He sat on the Rules Committee, which has only intra-House responsibilities. He said the committee paid for the trips because "we met other parliamentarians and heads of governments."

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., was another Rules Committee member who used the panel to sponsor trips.

"He was participating as a parliamentarian" at meetings with legislators from other countries, said side Bill Treaator. "As a member of the Rules Committee, that was his role."

Money for trips

Payne, an International Relations Committee and Congressional Black Caucus member, took trips to Africa and Haiti, after which he made a number of speeches and gave congressional testimony based on what he learned.

Torricelli said of his International Relations Committee jaunts to Europe and Latin America: "All of the trips provided significant insight and understanding into foreign affairs issues facing the United States and the world."

Engel's trips included visits to Britain and Northern Ireland, and he met with Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

Spence's trips were mainly sponsored by the National Security Committee, which he now chairs.

Explaining her employer's National Security Committee jaunts, Schroeder aide Andrea Camp said voters seldom understand the reason for such trips. "Oversight and fact-finding are the most difficult part of committee work to communicate to the voters," she said. "They don't see the amount of work that is done."

The Roll Call Report Syndicate survey did not cover Senate travel or privately-financed foreign trips by House members.

Wright exhibit comes to Meadow Brook

House Beautiful will present "A Lasting Vision: The Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright," a nationwide exhibit to celebrate the work of America's revered architect, Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at Meadow Brook Hall.

For information, call (810) 370-3140. Meadow Brook Hall is on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

Underwritten by the Chrysler-Plymouth Division of Chrysler

Corp., the exhibit explores Wright's life work and the continuing influence he has had on architecture and design. In addition, the exhibit highlights the architect's relatively unknown fascination with the automobile.

"The Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright" focuses on many of Wright's architectural and design works that were completed after his death in 1959. Wright's love of cars is also explored, as are the

many buildings he designed to accommodate them. The exhibit includes a photographic survey as well as a selection of Wright decorative arts objects. David Hanks, noted Wright scholar, is curator of the show.

The exhibit traveled to nine cities during the past year and will travel to an additional nine cities during 1995-96. It premiered in the Detroit area in November 1994.

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Eight-by-10-foot room vignettes are being readied by creative metro Detroit area designers. Each vignette lets the consumer view MDC's selection of quality and custom furnishings available through interior designers, new color stories and finishes, as well as the expertise of each professional interior designer.

Designers will be at their vignettes to answer questions. Consumers also may register for 20-minute complimentary consultations with a designer to discuss their design projects.

Admission is \$12, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Furniture Resource Center, a non-profit charitable organization that distributes usable household items to families in crisis. Lunch

will be available for purchase. Non-participating showrooms will be lighted for window viewing.

MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, north off Maple and three blocks east of Coolidge. For free designer and architect referral, call MDC at (810) 649-4772.

A number of design-related seminars will be offered in the showrooms on both days.

Speakers and topics are Linda Hudson, "New Construction/Remodeling: How a Designer Helps with the Hard Decisions"; Kameran Karimpour, "Woven Treasures from the Past/Antique

Rugs"; Mandy Schwall, regional vice president of Terra-Green Technologies, for the Beaver Tile Co., "Beautiful Ceramic Tiles From Recycling? Yes!"; interior designer Karen Sellenraad, "Accessorizing Your Home"; Gary Fried of Madison Design Group, "Custom Cabinetry: Right for Any Room!"; Greg Petty, "Great Interior Design: Where Do You Start?"; Lori King and Robert Albrecht, "Choosing the Proper Wallcoverings"; Gail Urso, "Get A Feeling For Your Room"; Rick Carmody, "Incorporating Art in Your Interior Design Plan"; and Hope Ruessmann, "Belgo is Gone — Color is IN!"

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Company honored for offering healthy choices

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

"Wellness Works."

Indeed, it does. Just ask one of Spectrum Human Services' 730 employees. Perhaps one of those who has recently lost weight or who has stopped smoking. Maybe one of those who has just delivered a healthy baby because of good prenatal care. Or, how about one who has lowered his/her cholesterol significantly or raised the level of exercise?

"The first thing you see when you come into the building is our big 'Wellness Works' sign," said Shirley Edwards, deputy director of Spectrum Human Services in Livonia.

The company, with branch offices in Southfield, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Berrien County, was one of 15 Detroit-area businesses recognized and awarded by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports for its worksite fitness programs.

"It has become part of our milieu here. It's not something that we do once a year," said Edwards.

Turnaround

That wasn't always the case for the 11th largest nonprofit company in the state of Michigan. Spectrum is a private, nonprofit, human service organization that works with the Department of Social Services, Community Mental Health and with the courts to provide programming for children, youth and adults involved in foster care, in-home services, group homes, independent living, etc.

About five years ago, the company began to look into ways to reduce high-risk pregnancies as a way to cut down on health care costs. Edwards pointed out that it would cost from \$20,000 to \$100,000 for one hospital stay for a mother with her premature infant.

Spectrum instituted a well-baby program for its employees, and was there a payoff? Absolutely. Not just in savings to the company, but in healthy babies for the parents. Since the program's inception, there has not been a single premature birth.

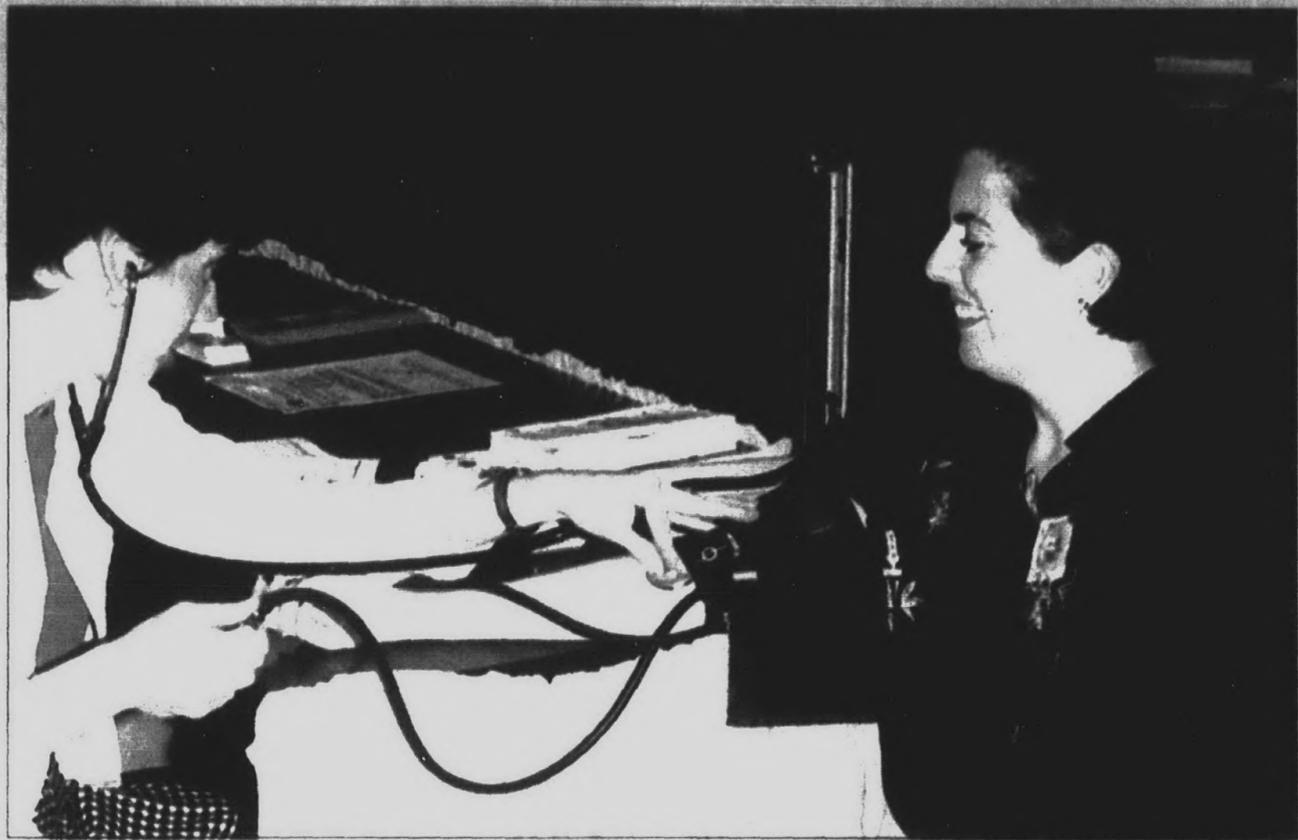
"We have a lot of statistics that bear this out financially in terms of health care costs that have been saved," Edwards said.

Expanding wellness

That initial program stressing good prenatal care, exercise and nutrition has ballooned into a comprehensive companywide program encouraging the development and maintenance of good health habits for all its employees.

"It literally has taken on a life of its own," said Edwards.

Spectrum held its fourth annual health fair Sept. 29. The company declared a holiday for



Pressure check: Rose Radosevich (left) checks Lisa Stadig's blood pressure at the health fair last month. Stadig is assistant to the president at Spectrum Human Services in Livonia.

the event with the day off for all employees who were strongly encouraged to come take part in the programs at the office.

In addition to vendors promoting a myriad of healthy products, there were workshops going on throughout the day. This year's menu consisted of such topics as homeopathic medicine, women's health issues and holistic health issues.

Masseuses available for a 10-minute massage, facials and door prizes were other little perks of the day. A video room was available for informational videos on a variety of pertinent health topics.

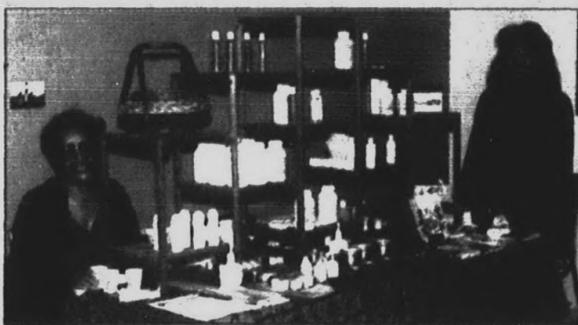
Edwards pointed out that most of the employees turned out for the event, but admitted, "We do some things to encourage it, like everybody had to come here to pick up their paychecks. The way we had it arranged, they literally had to go through the fair to get their checks."

She was quick to point out, "Once people came, they enjoyed themselves and didn't leave."

Attitude counts

Healthy attitudes at the company spread quickly with the help of company incentives like a credit toward health insurance premiums each pay period for employees participating in company-sponsored health programs and activities.

The programs, including weight loss and maintenance classes, are all free of charge to employees thanks to being



Wellness tips: Marge (left) and Meida Ollivierra were among the exhibitors at last month's Health Fair at Spectrum Human Services. The women are from Stressage Health Spa in Detroit which specializes in aromatherapy.

partially funded by Worksite Health Promotion, a state-run funding program.

Edwards gave kudos to the administration at Spectrum for the wholehearted support of the ongoing programs. James Minder, CEO, and Roger Swanger, executive director at Spectrum, just completed an eight-week Weight Management and Nutrition program. Approximately 70 employees participated and collectively lost nearly 300 pounds. Swanger lost 20 pounds.

"Moving Across America" was a program developed to reinforce healthy habits. Employees could accumulate miles by doing such healthful things as not salting food, exercising and drinking plenty

of water. Starting in Maine, they could chart their way across the United States to visit eight national parks. For each park visited on the chart, an hour of personal leave time would be awarded. By visiting all eight parks on the way to California, a free vacation day could be earned.

A lot of little things that have become a way of life at Spectrum have added up to make a healthy lifestyle for its employees. Walk groups have replaced a walk to the coffee pot. Fruit and bagels have edged out doughnuts and danish. Fruits and vegetables in vending machines? You bet. A healthy recipe box produces more offerings than the suggestion box.



Steppin' up: Nathan Kitchen helps coach an unidentified Spectrum employee on the basics of step aerobics.

CDC recognition

In September, The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., selected Spectrum Human Services to be featured in a training module video for company health promotions as an example of what a small company can do. The large company featured was Coca-Cola.

Edwards, who is sometimes affectionately referred to as the health guru by fellow employees, is a staunch supporter and advocate of all the health programs offered at Spectrum. Indeed, she has lost 45 pounds in the past year. And the big payoff? "I feel good!" she said.

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CENTER AWARDED

The **Displaced Homemaker Program** at the Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College, has been awarded \$27,780, according to Doug Rothwell, chief executive office and department director of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

The center is based in Livonia and serves Wayne and Oakland counties.

"At the Jobs Commission, we are committed to helping displaced homemakers secure employment and self-sufficiency," Rothwell said.

The Displaced Homemaker Program provides services to eligible clients such as vocational counseling and testing, job seeking skills training, job placement assistance, direct job development and placement assistance, and referrals to community resources. The program is administered by the

Michigan Jobs Commission.

TOURISM CONFERENCE

Stephen T. Economy, along with more than 1,700 other delegates from the travel and tourism industry, will attend the first-ever White House Conference on Travel and Tourism Oct. 30-31 in Washington, D.C. Economy is deputy director of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. He is involved in the expansion plans at Metro Airport.

At the conference, the delegates will work on a national tourism strategy. The plan will be developed with the input of travel and tourism industry leaders from across the nation.

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RECOGNITION DAY

More than 75 van operators recently attended an annual recognition day sponsored by **DMS Moving Systems**, an agent for Atlas Van Lines.

DMS was one of 600 Atlas agents across the United States and Canada that participated in the seventh annual ROAD ("Recognizing Our Atlas Drivers") Day, an occasion to honor the van lines' more than 3,000 drivers.

"We at DMS know that the success of our company depends on the hard work and dedication of our drivers," said James Meyer, DMS vice president of operations. "In the eyes of the customer, our drivers are DMS Moving Systems."

The DMS drivers were treated to a barbecue lunch at the company's headquarters in Canton and presented with flashlights engraved with their names.

NEW EXECES

Troy-based **Kmart Corp.** announced two new executives in its home fashions division.

Steve Ryman has joined Kmart as divisional vice president, domestics. He will be responsible for merchandising the bed, bath, kitchen/domestics and floor and wall covering categories. He most recently was divisional vice president, home fashions, Shopko stores. He also held a variety of merchandising positions with Dayton-Hudson's department stores.

James B. Alvord will join Kmart as divisional vice president, home furnishings. He will be responsible for tabletop, stovetop, home accessories, ready-to-assemble furniture, plastic storage, patio and grill categories. Alvord most recently was vice president, divisional merchandise manager, home textiles and decorative accessories at Caldor. He also has held merchandising positions with Montgomery Ward, P.A. Bergner & Co. and Carson Pirie Scott & Co.

RECESSION WATCH

The Recession Watch Index compiled by Comerica Bank, which forecasts the probability of a national recession occurring

within the next 12 months, remained unchanged at 48 percent in September, the same probability level recorded in August and July. The Detroit-based bank has several branches in western Wayne County.

"After rising continuously since the middle of last year, the index has remained at the same level for three months now," said Comerica economist William T. Wilson. "The Recession Watch Index is forecasting modest economic growth throughout the remainder of 1995 before turning anemic in 1996. The index still is not calling for a full-fledged recession like the ones that occurred during 1981-82 or 1990-91," Wilson said.

Comerica's Recession Watch Index is a weighted average of three leading indicators: spread in the yield curve, adjusted bank reserve growth, and the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Indicators. The index forecasts the probability of recession or an economic slowdown over the next 12 months.

UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES

Michigan employers will qualify for a cut in their 1996 unemployment taxes thanks to recently approved changes to the state's unemployment insurance (UI) law. "Because we have a solid cash reserve in the state's UI trust fund, Michigan employers will receive a 10 percent reduction in their 1996

unemployment taxes, totaling \$139 million," F. Robert Edwards, Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESCC) director, announced at the annual meeting of the Employers Unemployment Compensation Council in Troy.

The tax cut will save employers an average of \$38 per employee and up to as much \$95 per employee, depending upon the employer's tax rate. The tax cut is across the board and all fully experienced employers, generally those who have been in operation for more than four years, should receive it.

Edwards estimated that cut will affect 180,000 Michigan employers. According to state law, the tax cut is triggered if the cash reserves in Michigan's UI trust fund are at least 1.2 percent of all Michigan total payrolls as of the June 30 prior to the tax year. By June 30, 1995, the fund's reserve was \$1.315 billion, which exceeds the requirement.

Money from the UI trust fund is used to pay unemployment benefits to jobless workers, while employer pay state unemployment taxes into the fund. The reduced tax rate will appear on next year's tax rate notices, which will be issued around April 1, 1996. The April mailing is later than usual due to the recent law changes and the need to include the lower tax rate in the notices.

Program offers home care for psychiatric patients

BY JILL HALPIN
STAFF WRITER

Treatment at home

The many issues surrounding the nation's growing population of senior citizens have captured the country's collective concern. Who will care for them and how to do so?

We are the eyes of the physician in the home. We provide services to patients who have both primary and secondary psychiatric diagnoses," said Foley.

While many entrepreneurs are busy trying to find answers to these perplexing questions, some local medical facilities are working toward another goal. How to help them care for themselves. Focusing on patients' mental health as well as physical home health care providers have introduced psychiatric home care.

A primary psychiatric diagnosis applies to patients who are receiving care only for a psychiatric condition, while a secondary psychiatric diagnosis applies to patients who suffer from both physical and psychiatric illness, Foley said.

Psychiatric home care is a type of managed patient care that allows patients diagnosed with psychiatric illnesses to work closely with doctors, nurses and social workers while still remaining in their homes, according to Theresa Foley, chief of United Home Health Services Inc. psychiatric home care unit.

Working with a supervising physician, psychiatric nurses and social workers strive to help patients and their families learn to manage their care in their homes, Foley said.

Located in East Lansing Township, the Medicare-certified service provides home health care for patients of all ages in western Wayne County and surrounding communities.

Nurses and social workers do more than assess the patient condition. "We also do some teaching," said Foley.

"We talk to patients about their medication and how it influences or exacerbates their condition."

Teaching component

We also talk about the relationship between their physical illness and their emotional response and teach them coping



Home help: Theresa Foley, clinical supervisor, helps out people in the new United Home Health Service psychiatric care program.

TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

skills such as how to be proactive with their illness," said Foley.

Social workers provide additional support, including providing caregiver resources for finding transportation and helping with household chores.

have also caused both insurance companies and health professionals to reassess treatment for patients.

Although psychiatric home care has been available in the past, it is only recently that health professionals have started offering this service on a wide basis.

"There was a time when a person was admitted into the hospital and we really didn't look at the length of stay," Abromovich said.

Some say one reason for the change may be the growth of the elderly population.

"Now, we are looking at whether or not patients really need in-hospital care. Inpatient care is now used for stabilizing the patient in a safe setting and then getting them back into the swing of things. It can be therapeutic to get people back with their families," she said.

The geriatric population is increasing. As with any segment of the population that grows, with the growth comes an increased need for mental health services for that population. There is definitely a growing need for this," said Sari Abromovich, clinical intake coordinator with Botsford Hospital's geropsychiatric unit.

In connection with the Michigan Home Health Association, the two are working with other medical professionals to act as consultants to each other as home health care continues to grow.

Abromovich notes that economic factors and the advent of managed care has also contributed to the expansion of home health care. Increased medical costs

"We are pioneering this field," Foley said.

Although Botsford does not currently offer home psychiatric services, it is constructing a "partial day" program, in which psychiatric patients would visit the hospital for six hours each day and then return home. The program would provide transportation as well as additional support services, Abromovich said.

The hospital hopes to open the program in 1996.

Pioneers in field

United Home Health Care's program was developed in 1994 by Foley, a registered nurse who holds a doctorate, and Denise St. Arnault, a registered nurse who holds a master's degree and is a certified social worker.

confused and stops taking their medication, additional help may be needed to help them," Hughley said.

The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeastern Michigan has offered home psychiatric care for the past year, said nursing supervisor Ruth Hughley.

Hughley also noted that referrals for additional psychiatric care are not uncommon among patients suffering from physical illnesses that require home health care.

"When patients are isolated there is a tendency toward depression. It is a very natural outcome of being home-bound. If a nurse recognizes that a patient may need additional treatment, we are able to assess it and work with doctors to treat that need. Home psychiatric care gives us the opportunity to address all of the needs of the patients," said Hughley.

In addition to the psychiatric home care program, United Home Health Services Inc. offers patients community health nurses, home health aides, medical social workers, physical, occupational and speech therapists and medical nutrition therapy.

"As a nurse in the field, I can recognize that there are mental health issues that need to be addressed along with the physical issues. For instance, if a patient is

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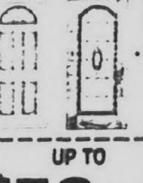
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BETH ALLEN

The investment markets have had a very good year. That means many stock funds are expected to make big year-end capital gains distributions to their investors. It could even be a record year with payouts as high as 10 percent of a fund's current share price. That could mean an unpleasant tax trap for investors purchasing mutual funds this late in the year. For investors who are long-term holders, these high distributions of capital gains will be just the normal tax cost of a great year.

That is not true for new first-time buyers. It's important to remember that those payouts come taxable on the IRS tax reporting Form 1099 even if the distributions are reinvested for additional shares. If the share price is lower than at the time you bought your fund, you could have a lower account value, but you still will have to pay taxes on the distributions. The distributions will vary from fund to fund. It depends on the fund's high turnover rate of securities traded and management style. If a fund manager is trying to replace present stocks with companies of greater upside potential, the portfolio is frequently buying and selling. Stocks that have already met

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their potential are being sold off and their capital gains are being realized. That can mean great news in higher returns, but bad news at tax reporting time. If you are thinking about buying a mutual fund now, call the fund company and ask for an estimated year-end distribution rate. The company may have one, but will warn you that the numbers could change dramatically between now and the declaration date, especially if the company isn't making their distributions until December.

It's difficult to say what could happen in the stock market this last quarter. A suggestion for large fund purchases for taxable accounts is to wait until after the year-end distributions are declared. This would avoid any chances of creating a tax trap. For an investor who doesn't mind paying taxes on income he or she will receive or if the added income doesn't raise the tax bracket then year-end buying can be a benefit. If you are buying or selling in tax-deferred accounts or other re-

tirement plans you don't have to worry about year-end distributions. Holdings in those accounts are not subject to taxes until the money is withdrawn. Year-end distributions can be used to analyze the fund's management for its tax efficiency. Index funds, such as the ones as Standard and Poor's 500 stock Index, buy and hold the securities that make up the fund with little turnover. The capital gain there would be realized at the time of the sale due to the appreciation in the price share from the time of purchase. Planning before year-end in your investment portfolio can avoid some new year surprises when filing your income tax return. Filing a tax return can be head-

ache enough without adding any mistakes you wish you hadn't made. The old saying "look before you leap" can be very appropriate, especially this time of year. Elizabeth A. Allen, a certified financial planner, owns Elizabeth Allen Financial Planning and Investment Services in Livonia. A former high school math teacher and product analyst for Ford Motor Co., she lives in Farmington Hills. Questions and comments are welcome. If you would like to have a particular financial subject addressed, contact Thomas E. Hogan, CLU, or Elizabeth A. Allen, CFP, in care of the Observer Newspapers Editorial Department, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Web scares up holiday fare at Halloween



EMORY DANIELS

Holidays are a time when the Internet, especially the Web, relaxes a bit and puts out some lighter material mostly intended for fun. Halloween is one of those times. I once again was reminded of the Net's love for holidays a few days ago when information about this year's Santa Claus Websites arrived in my E-mail box. I promise, though, to keep this to myself until at least after Thanksgiving.

Today, let's think Halloween. The first series of Halloween Website URLs were offered in the October issue of Boardwatch magazine, which appears online through O&E On-line and other Internet providers. I have not personally checked out all of these so will offer no personal guarantees but rely instead on Boardwatch's standing in the electronic community.

What's Halloween without vampires? Get your fill by visiting the Vampyre Only site at <http://www.vampyre.wis.net/vampyre/index.html>. Or you might want to visit Horror Haven at [http://maginet.net/tilde/mark\)tkearns/horror.html](http://maginet.net/tilde/mark)tkearns/horror.html).

Phantoms of the opera and elsewhere can be found at Phantasmagoria by pointing to [http://www.lehigh.edu/tilde/mark\)tp12/phantom.html](http://www.lehigh.edu/tilde/mark)tp12/phantom.html). The Stephen King page can be found at [http://phrtay10.ucsd.edu/tilde/mark\)ed/sk](http://phrtay10.ucsd.edu/tilde/mark)ed/sk). Once you recover from King's horrors, relax and visit Mel's Godzilla page at [http://www.ama.caltech.edu/tilde/mark\)mrm/godzilla.html](http://www.ama.caltech.edu/tilde/mark)mrm/godzilla.html). And, finally, the last site reported by Boardwatch is Mars Macabe Mania "for the professional quality spook" which can be accessed at <http://www.mkpl.com/cmp/mars/macabehm.html>.

Is there any reason we should be surprised that at this time of year there might be some haunted happenings in Salem, Mass.? Check out the special Halloween events in Salem, Mass., by pointing to <http://www.star.net/salem/hh/>.

Users with younger children will want to look at The Haunted House: Halloween Fun for Kids. Point to [http://www.islandnet.com/tilde/mark\)bedford/hallow.html](http://www.islandnet.com/tilde/mark)bedford/hallow.html) and find creepy party ideas including spooky decorations and games, "gross" food, and instructions on making your own scary haunted house.

All of us will want to check out Heather's Scary Halloween Page created by a 5-year-old. When you visit, tell Heather what you want to be for Halloween, and she'll put your name on her Halloween Wall. Her site also has safety tips for a safe and happy Halloween and links to other scary sites on the Web. Visit Heather at <http://www.shadesland-ing.com/hms/>.

If you haven't Halloweened out, and want to visit a Haunted House or similar activity, there's a pretty complete listing available at the O&E's Website. The listing first appeared on Oct. 19 in that week's Community News offerings but by now has been archived. Point to [http://oeonline.com/tilde/mark\)emoryd/news/archive.html](http://oeonline.com/tilde/mark)emoryd/news/archive.html) and click on the Oct. 19 date.

One of our O&E On-liners who maintains a home page on our site enjoys developing "special editions" for holidays that are activated only for that particular holiday period and then taken off.

Len Roberts of Canton launched a Fourth of July home page for his first holiday venture, and last month activated a Labor Day home page. So he decided to develop a Halloween page which went live on Oct. 21. You can now visit Len's Halloween page by pointing to [http://oeonline.com/tilde/mark\)lenr1](http://oeonline.com/tilde/mark)lenr1).

For the full effect, users will need to be set up to hear .wav (sound) files. It looks best using the Netscape browser. Besides sounds and graphics, Roberts has linked to other Halloween pages on the net.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by E-mail at emory@oeonline.com or by fax at (313) 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313) 591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "Key:" prompt type GL6NY2. Past columns may be accessed on-line at [http://oeonline.com/tilde/mark\)emoryd/archive.html](http://oeonline.com/tilde/mark)emoryd/archive.html).

United Technologies starts Internet site

United Technologies Automotive has unveiled online availability of its new World Wide Web home page, with the Internet address <http://www.uta.com>.

Access to the site is available to anyone with an Internet connection. The site is believed to be the most comprehensive available by an automotive component supplier.

UTA's Web site offers highly graphical- or text-based information about the company, accessible from the following menu selections:

- About Us — Background on UTA that includes a company overview and capabilities; brief history; a selection of articles from employee-circulated UTA News; and a comprehensive collection of news releases issued during 1995 with an online E-mail connection to the appropriate media contact. The site also will offer downloadable, high-resolution photo images to accompany the news releases at a future date.
- People — Biographical information and photos on the company's key executives with hot links

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- to their educational institutions. A section on media contacts, complete with bios and photos, as well as phone and fax numbers and Internet E-mail addresses, also is offered. These photos also are expected to be downloadable in high resolution format in the near future.
- Locations — Shows UTA's global resources through a series of "image mapped" point-and-click graphics that let the viewer retrieve information on company facilities by pointing to the continent/country/city of interest. Information includes mailing address, phone, fax, and a listing of the products manufactured.
- Products — A wire frame graphical representation of a gen-

- eric car, showing UTA's comprehensive product offering. A product menu list allows viewers to jump to full product descriptions with a single click.
- Employment — A brief description of employment opportunity categories at UTA, with a hot-linked E-mail connection to UTA's Human Resources group. The employment page is expected to offer on-line job postings at a later date.
- "The Internet is revolutionizing the way organizations communicate," said David Long, vice president, Communications, for UTA, "and it's exciting to be among the first automotive suppliers to enter the world of cyberspace with our own, in-house-developed Web pages. Customers anywhere in the

world can access information about UTA 24-hours a day. We created our Web site to provide the kind of information about our products, manufacturing locations and technical capabilities that our customers and others will find truly useful." Long said the Web site is expected to help provide product engineers and purchasing managers at customer companies with a broader understanding of the full-service systems capabilities and global manufacturing resources that UTA offers. UTA's Web site was developed entirely by the company's Communications Department, using information provided by marketing, engineering and executive personnel from product groups within the company. UTA is a major supplier of electrical, electronic and interior trim systems and components to car and light truck manufacturers. Its products are part of nearly every passenger vehicle built in North America and Europe, and a growing number in Asia. UTA is a subsidiary of Hartford, Conn.-based United Technologies Corp.

Agencies offer seminar on small business

Current and potential small business owners can attend a one-day seminar which will provide, in a one-stop format, information needed to work with some of the major departments in state government, said F. Robert Edwards, director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC).

"Big Ideas for Small Business," sponsored by the MESC and the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC), will fea-

ture workshops and presentations by experts from the Michigan Departments of Labor, Civil Rights, Treasury and the Michigan Jobs Commission. The seminar will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at the Fairlane Holiday Inn, 5801 Southfield Expressway, near Ford Road in Detroit. "Having representatives from so many state departments available in one location is a tremendous advantage to the small busi-

ness owner, and a unique service for Michigan's entrepreneurs," said Edwards. "If time is money, this will be a day well-spent." The MESC's portion of the seminar will include presentations on unemployment insurance benefits and taxes, employment service programs and labor market information. The SBDC will give information on business planning and financing. The other agencies will provide information on hiring and firing em-

ployees, safety in the workplace, economic development, paying wages, and more. The seminar will also feature displays of services and products available through state government. The fee for the seminar is \$45. The cost includes lunch plus a copy of the MESC Employer Handbook. Registration deadline is Nov. 1. Those interested should call the MESC Employer Customer Relations office at 1-800-638-3994.

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MISS DIG celebrates 25th anniversary

Acknowledged as a national model for one-call damage prevention programs, MISS DIG System Inc. celebrated its 25th anniversary Monday.

A proclamation signed by Gov. John Engler recognized the one-call utility damage prevention program for helping to save lives, prevent injuries and avert millions of dollars in property damage since its inception in 1970.

The program received a similar proclamation from the Michigan Public Service Commission.

More than 700 Michigan utilities, including gas, electric, water, sewer, cable and long distance telephone carriers, participate in the MISS DIG System program.

"It is with a great deal of pride that we celebrate the silver anniversary of MISS DIG. This successful one-call operation began as a pilot program in four townships and now covers all of Michigan's 83 counties, encompassing 58,000 square miles," said Kathleen A. Fournier, executive direc-

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Those who call the MISS DIG System three working days prior to the beginning of an excavation or construction project will have member utilities at the exact location staked with color-coded flags free of charge.

The MISS DIG program recently received its seven millionth utility staking request. Dave Barnett, Invisible Fencing of Birmingham Inc., was recognized by the MISS DIG System for placing the record staking request at Monday's celebration in Lansing. Requests have increased steadily in the past several years, with a record-breaking 568,693 calls received in 1994.

"The underlying message of MISS DIG is that of safety," said

Fournier.

"One toll-free call is all it takes to have utilities staked. Proper staking and hand-digging around underground utilities as well as staying clear of overhead electric lines can mean the difference between safety and serious injury or death," Fournier said.

"Millions of dollars in property damages have also been saved because MISS DIG was called prior to construction," she added.

Five of the state's largest utilities — Consumers Power Co., Detroit Edison, General Telephone, Ameritech and Michigan Consolidated Gas — started MISS DIG in 1970, and hold the administrative responsibility for the program.

The operation of the MISS DIG

System was under the direction of CMS Utility Services Inc., a subsidiary of CMS Energy Corp., until its incorporation in December 1994.

Public Act 53, approved by the Michigan Legislature in 1974, requires that any contractor or private individual using power equipment to excavate, blast or drill must notify MISS DIG of construction plans. Homeowners planning to excavate on their property for any reason are also encouraged to call the MISS DIG System.

The toll-free MISS DIG phone number is 1-800-482-7171. Calls can be made from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Normal staking requests are taken three working days prior to the beginning of an excavation or construction project.

Emergency staking requests for situations such as water or gas main breaks and utility line repairs can be phoned in to MISS DIG System 24 hours a day.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, OCT. 26-27

BUILDING
A national conference on "Project Delivery Systems" occurs at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi. The conference will focus on strategies available to both public and private owners for the successful completion of a construction project. Panelists will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various project delivery systems and other issues pertinent to the building construction industry. Attendees will learn firsthand from contractors, architects, and public and private owners their perspectives on lump-sum contracting, construction management, design-build, program management, partnering, total quality management and more. The conference format allows attendees to participate in open discussions with each of the panelists. For registration information or details on the conference, contact Dick Brunvand at (517) 371-1550.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

ESTATE PLANNING
Madonna University will host an estate planning strategies workshop 7:30-9 p.m. Presenters Jeff Hyman and John Turcotte, registered representatives of CGNA Financial Advisors Inc., will discuss the following topics: financial security — your No. 1 priority, solving the most common estate tax traps, using gifts to transfer assets through a will, strategies to save both income and estate taxes, second family estate planning and funding estate taxes in advance. The workshop is free but seating is limited. For reservations, call Sister M. Danatha, executive director of development, (313) 591-5123.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

FREE SEMINAR
PaineWebber's retirement planning consultant Gregory R. Wright and investment executive Philip P. Bocketti will offer a seminar on retirement planning and lump sum distribution management 7-9 p.m. in PaineWebber's Livonia office, 19500 Victor Parkway, Suite 325, Livonia. Topics of discussion will include: preparing for retirement, tax ramifications, maximizing returns on IRA accounts, pension distribution, IRA rollover or 10-year averaging and lump sum distribution. For reservations, call Tom Grossman at 1-800-852-6228 or (313) 963-5592.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

EXPOSITION
Detroit Chapter One of the Fluid Power Society has sold out all of its available exhibit space for the Biennial Fluid Power & Controls Exposition. The show will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Many exhibitors will be showing the latest in fluid power equipment, components and controls. Trade publications and technical organizations will also have informative exhibits. Refreshments will be available. Call Art DesMarais or Ted Kokubo at (810) 474-4750 for exhibit and admission ticket information.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

HEALTHCARE
The Oakwood Healthcare System Cardiology Center of Excellence presents the third annual Ford Bryan Cardiovascular Symposium 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. The symposium will address "Trends and Advances in Cardiovascular Medicine." Physicians from throughout the United States will discuss a variety of topics. The symposium is free. For more information or to register, call (313) 562-4131.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

WORKDAY CASUAL
The Women's Economic Club is holding a workday casual seminar 5:30-8 p.m. in Hudson's at Oakland Mall in Troy. The program is free for members and \$10 for others. For information, call (313) 963-6088.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

OPEN HOUSE
The University of Michigan Health Center Plymouth is holding an open house 6-8 p.m. so the community can meet the staff and tour the facility. The center is at 9398 Lilley. Margie Andree, M.D., and Maria Kopicki, M.D., are new physicians at the center. Andree, a pediatrician, is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and completed her pediatric training at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She received additional training in dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Kopicki, who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, is a graduate of the State University of New York in Syracuse and completed her ob-gyn training at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Make reservations for the open house by calling (313) 459-0820.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

SEMINAR
A free seminar on "What To Do with a Lump Sum Distribution When You Retire or Change Jobs," will be 7-8:45 p.m. at the Dearborn Merrill Lynch Office, Dearborn. The seminar is for people who are already retired or for those who are planning for their retirement years. Call Jennifer at 1-800-937-0240 for reservations.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

QUALITY
Motorola Chairman Robert Galvin will give the keynote speech at the Michigan Quality Leadership Award Banquet 6 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. The banquet honors Michigan organizations that have won the Michigan Quality Leadership Award. For information, call (810) 370-4552.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 10-12

SYMPOSIUM
Botsford General Hospital will host "Cardiology 2000," a symposium focusing on advances in cardiology, at the Novi Hilton and Conference Center. The symposium will feature international authorities, interactive displays and demonstrations of new technology. For information, call Kate Fanelli at (810) 471-8222.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

JOB FAIR
Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities are co-sponsoring the 16th Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. More than 100 employers are expected to attend. The fair offers an opportunity for students to meet with employers looking to fill entry-level positions. Graduates also can practice their interviewing skills and obtain information about employment opportunities. To register for the fair in advance, students can send a resume and check for \$10 to MCJF at University Placement Services, 1001 Faculty Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit 48202-3622. Advance registration is \$10. On-site registration is \$20. Parking is free. For more information, contact Nannette McCleary at (313) 577-3390 or Ken Meyer of EMU at (313) 487-0400.

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired — to: Stars, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, ATTN: Business Editor. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

David Setlock, certified public accountant, has been promoted to associate at Plante & Moran, LLP, an accounting and management consulting firm based in Michigan.



Setlock

Setlock joined the firm as an auditor in 1990. He is based in the firm's Southfield office and specializes in manufacturers, municipalities and school districts.

Setlock received a bachelor's degree in professional accounting

and finance from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

He lives in Westland with his wife, Christina.

Jeff Crook has been promoted to area manager for DF&R Restaurants Inc., according to vice president of operations Reagan Redus.

Crook will be responsible for Don Pablo's units in Canton and Flint as well as in Roseville, Minn., and Maumee, Ohio. He began his DF&R career in 1977 and was most recently general manager for the Don Pablo's in Irving, Texas.

"Jeff is a dedicated, hard-working DF&R employee who has proven his ability to successfully direct restaurant operations," Redus said. "His promotion is well-deserved."

Based in Bedford, Texas, DF&R owns and operates 44 full-service, casual dining restaurants, including 32 Don Pablo's and 12 Harrigan's.

Karen Smith Kienbaum has joined the law firm of Abbott, Nicholson, Quilter, Eschaki & Youngblood as Of Counsel. Kienbaum is an authority in the areas of labor and employment litigation, wrongful discharge, discrimination law, OSHA and workplace violence.

Kienbaum was the second woman president of the Detroit Bar Association in its 157-year history. Recently she was reappointed to a second term to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. She also is a past president of the American Corporate Counsel Association Michigan Chapter.

Kienbaum's legal career began in 1975 in Detroit as a public defender. Thereafter she was in-house counsel at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, and Ford Motor Co., where part of her responsibilities related to health and safety matters at all domestic facilities. In February 1993, she opened the Detroit office of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett. Kienbaum received her juris doctorate from the University

of Detroit Mercy School of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. She has practiced law since 1975 and has appeared at all levels of the Michigan court system, including the Michigan Supreme Court and the federal district and appeals court.

Kathryn L. Ritchie, Jill A. Bankey and Dawn M. Macaddino joined the firm as associate attorneys.

Ritchie is in the practice of corporate, tax and real estate law. She is a 1993 magna cum laude graduate of Wayne State University School of Law and is a member of the Order of the Coif. She received her undergraduate degree from Wayne State University, summa cum laude. Ritchie was previously associated with Deloitte & Touche.

Bankey is a 1994 magna cum laude graduate of the Wayne State University Law School. She is a member of the Order of the Coif. Bankey received her undergraduate degree, with distinction, from the University of Michigan. Bankey engages in the practice of commercial litigation and land use planning.

Macaddino joins the firm to practice in the area of land use planning and construction law. Macaddino, 1989 cum laude graduate of the University of Toledo College of Law, has experience in construction and real estate-related litigation. She received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, James Madison College.

William H. Scanlan was re-

cently appointed as a local board member, serving Wayne County, for the Selective Service System. Board members must be nominated for the position by the governor prior to appointment by the director of Selective Service.

The Selective Service System's local boards, although in an inactive status, would be responsible for deciding claims for certain classifications, such as conscientious objection, hardship and religious ministry, should a draft be reinstated by Congress and the president.

Michelle A. Domas has been named a manager in the audit department of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, in the firm's Ann Arbor office. She previously served as an audit senior consultant.

Domas, a certified public accountant specializing in manufacturing, airlines and health care, joined the firm in 1990 after earning a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Central Michigan University. She is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Domas and her husband, Douglas, are residents of Canton.

Michael Marston has been promoted to operations manager at PCR Personal Computer Rentals in Plymouth. PCR specializes in short-term computer rentals for trade shows, conventions, seminars and training classes.

Marston is now in charge of developing and maintaining a quality assurance program, training all PCR personnel in the use of PCs and related technical skills, train-

ing, development and supervision of technical support personnel, scheduling technicians and their assignments and coordination of deliveries and pickups of rental orders. Marston, 33, has worked for PCR for three years, starting as a technician. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children.

Ronald A. Springer, a Canton Township resident for 16 years, has been promoted to district sales manager for the Detroit and Pittsburgh Cargo Sales Offices of British Airways Inc.

Springer joined British Airways in 1969 as a cargo agent and was promoted several times. Most recently he was senior cargo officer. He has earned numerous company sales and merit awards and is also the Detroit Area Transportation Union representative for British Airways. Springer attended Michigan State University and was a member of the Michigan State hockey team.

Robert Ortlieb has been named communications and government affairs director for Universal Self Care Inc. of Livonia, a medical equipment company, which specializes in diabetes care.

Before joining Universal Self Care, Ortlieb worked with the American Diabetes Association for 12 years as director of public relations in Illinois and Michigan. Universal Self Care comprises three divisions: Patient Care Services in Livonia, Sugar-Free Centers in Van Nuys, Calif., and The Thriftee Group in Roanoke, Va.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

SEMINAR
Michigan's unemployment insurance system and hearings before Michigan Employment Security Commission referees will be the topics of a free seminar in Canton Township for employers. The seminar, co-sponsored by the Canton/Livonia Job Service Employers' Council and the MESC, will be 7:30-11:30 a.m. at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The seminar will examine the unemployment insurance system from the employer's perspective, answering questions about the payment of jobless benefits. Additionally, the seminar will look at MESC's referee system and how employers can best prepare themselves for a hearing. Seminar presenters include Neil Zechman, chief of MESC's Appeals and Interpretative Standards Section, and John Davidson, an attorney with Chrysler Corp. To make reservations, call Mary Hoefling of Horizon Technology Group at (313) 729-1610 by Nov. 9.

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Builders showcase their 'distinctive' homes

What's your idea of a distinctive house?

Builders have their thoughts. They submitted nearly 40 floor plans and photographs of their best work for evaluation by a panel of architects during a recent Showcase of Distinctive Homes competition.

"What we looked for was creative and effective use of space, what we felt was the best value for the dollar," said Robert R. Bryce, a West Bloomfield architect and judge. "The other factor was attractive elevation (exterior)."

The houses are actually built and used as models throughout the metro area.

"This scattered site showcase of new homes gives buyers the opportunity to see a wide selection of outstanding homes," said Janet L. Compo, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Builders competed according to price categories. Following is a brief description of the winners and where they can be found.

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Robert R. Bryce
West Bloomfield architect

Foxborough, S.R. Jacobson Development.

This colonial of 1,616 square feet with three bedrooms and 2½ baths at Hunt Club in Auburn Hills is priced at \$153,500.

An open first floor layout lends itself to entertaining and plenty of natural light. Soaring ceilings accentuate each of the three bedrooms.

"It's a very traditional home," said Theresa McCarthy, sales rep. "It has a formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, separate living room. The bedrooms upstairs are very nice size."

The model, (810) 852-3110, is on South Boulevard west of Squirrel.

Birchwood II, Wineman & Komer Building.

This detached ranch condominium of 1,515 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths is priced at \$177,900 at Clarkston Pines in Independence Township.

"We attract a fair amount of empty nesters here — they don't want to deal with steps," said Don Oakley, sales rep. "They like the floor plan. There's two cathedral ceilings — one in the master and a cathedral in the living room."

The model, (810) 620-3217, is near the Dixie Highway-Maybee intersection.

Oakhurst, S.R. Jacobson Development.

The detached ranch condominium of 1,722 square feet with two bedrooms and two baths is priced at \$215,000 at Hickory Creek in



Birchwood II: This ranch condominium with three bedrooms and two baths built by Wineman & Komer was judged best in its price category during Showcase of Distinctive Homes competition.

Northville Township.

The model features a living room and dining room with three-way fireplace. The spacious master includes his-and-her sinks and walk-in closets.

"It just has wonderful architectural lines," said Linda McCulloch, sales rep. "It has an inviting kitchen/nook area. It has many windows, a light and bright design."

The model, (810) 348-7878, is off Beck between Six and Seven Mile.

Chelsea, Nosan Community. This two-story detached condominium of 2,460 square feet

with four bedrooms and 2½ baths carries a price of \$236,900 at Chelsea Crossing in Farmington Hills.

The model features a living room/dining room combination with large sloped ceiling, secluded library and family room with fireplace. The master suite has a luxury bath.

"The style and openness of this particular home, a beautiful open kitchen with a lot of cabinet space, attracts most of the buyers," said Christine Krupa, sales rep.

The model, (810) 488-0560, is at the southeast corner of Halstead and 13 Mile.

Heritage, Monogram Homes/Stonewood Corp.

This two story of 3,118 square feet with four bedrooms and 2½ baths carries a price of \$292,900 at Addington Park in Novi.

The model features two staircases, family room, dining room, den and exercise room. A second-floor bridge overlooking the family room and foyer reportedly offers a striking view.

"It's a spacious home — very livable, very comfortable," said Linda Roberts, sales rep. "It's very functional, pretty."

The model, (810) 380-5600, is at 10 Mile and Taft.

Optima, Benivegna Building.

The story-and-a-half of 3,200 square feet provides three bedrooms, two full baths and two half baths for a base price of \$367,900 at Southwyck in West Bloomfield.

The model features dramatic windowscapes, elegant master suite with cathedral ceiling and whirlpool tub plus a gourmet island kitchen with spacious breakfast nook.

"We have unique windows here ... very high ceilings throughout," she added.

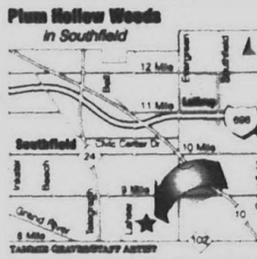
The model, (810) 960-6100, is at Maple and Halstead.

CORRECTION

An incorrect locator map for Plum Hollow Woods in Southfield ran in our Oct. 19 edition. The correct map is below.

Twenty-nine condominium units are planned for an eight-acre site off Lahser between Eight and Nine Mile. Prices start at \$112,900.

The sales rep, Alan Malisow, can be reached at (810) 948-7100.



Housing starts take expected dip

By JOHN D. MCCLAIN
AP NEWS FEATURES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing starts slipped 0.1 percent in September, the second straight drop after bouncing back from a winter slump. All regions shared in the decline except for the West.

Many analysts expected the housing industry to plateau during the second half of 1995. They say the current level is relatively healthy and consistent with the moderate growth elsewhere in the economy.

The Commerce Department said today that overall starts totaled 1.390 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in September, down from a revised 1.392 million the previous month, when they fell 2.8 percent.

The government initially had estimated that starts rose 0.6 percent in August, to 1.398 million.

In another report, the Labor Department said today that new claims for jobless benefits jumped by 5,000 last week, to a seasonally adjusted 361,000. It was the third advance in a row and boosted applications to the highest level since 366,000 during the week ended Sept. 16.

Analysts had expected claims last week to fall slightly to 345,000.

Many analysts have predicted that housing starts would level off at about the 1.40 million rate after rebounding from the year's low of 1.24 million rate in March, when high mortgage rates curbed sales and construction.

But rates have fallen through much of the year and averaged 7.61 percent in September, down from 9.15 percent last January. That made housing costs more affordable and sparked the spring and summer housing rebound.

The monthly payment on a \$100,000 mortgage with a 7.5 percent interest rate is \$699, while the payment on the same loan with a 9 percent rate is \$805 — a difference of \$106.

We believe that the level of starts activity has reached a sus-

tainable pace and will fluctuate around the 1.40 million unit range through the remainder of the year," economists at Mitsubishi Bankwrote in their Weekly Economic Indicator Report.

That would be down from the 1.46 million foundations laid in 1994, but well above the 1.29 million new homes started in 1993.

Applications for building permits — often a gauge of future activity — rose 1.5 percent in September, to a 1.39 million annual rate, the fourth straight increase.

The latest monthly membership survey by the National Association of Home Builders also suggested continued housing activity.

After remaining unchanged in September, its Housing Market Index rose in October, the fifth advance in six months. Two of the index categories — present home sales and expected sales for the next six months — were up. A third — builders' ratings of traffic of prospective buyers — was unchanged.

Starts in September were 8 percent below the 1.51 million rate in September 1994. And because of the weakness earlier in the year, starts during the first nine months of 1995 also were 8 percent below the same period of 1994.

Single-family starts, about 80 percent of new residential construction, fell 0.8 percent, to a 1.12 million rate, the first drop since last May.

But construction of new apartments and condominiums, which often is volatile, increased 1.9 percent, to a 272,000 rate, after plunging 18.5 percent in August.

Regionally, starts were down 4.2 percent in the Northeast, to a 114,000 rate. They fell 3.8 percent in the Midwest, to 301,000, and 2.2 percent in the South, to 611,000.

But the West posted an 8.7 percent gain, to a 364,000 rate. It was the third increase in a row.



Many views: The Vista is perfect for mountain top or lake side as it offers many viewing areas throughout the house. The plans, below, show an open, airy traffic plan.

Vista design has dramatic views

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With some houses, the name is tacked on as an after thought. Not so, the Vista. This house was designed for maximum appreciation of a view — hilltop, river bank, lakeside, ocean, or what have you.

Every major room is rimmed with windows facing the rear. And to enhance the viewing possibilities, a wide railed deck spans the entire back of the dwelling, adding extensive outdoor living space.

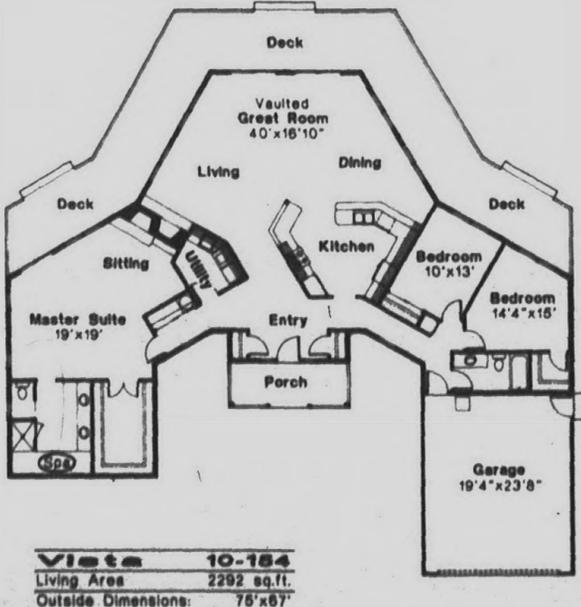
A vaulted, hexagonal great room, windowed on three sides, is at the core. Two sets of sliding glass doors in the center section provide deck access and allow cooling breezes for air circulation

in summer. When the weather turns gray and cloudy, you can kindle a fire in the fireplace and watch the flames.

The kitchen is large, with plenty of counter and cupboard space. Two or more cooks can work together in this kitchen, without getting in each other's way. Standing at the kitchen sink, or in front of the stove, you can gaze across the great room for full enjoyment of the panoramic view. Washer and dryer are close at hand, in an angled utility room equipped with a sink.

The master suite is well-isolated from the secondary bedrooms and boasts its own fireplace and sitting area. Other luxuries include a huge walk-in closet and a private bathroom with twin lavatories, spa tub, oversized shower and separately enclosed water closet. Glass blocks over the tub provide natural illumination.

The Vista's other two bedrooms share a bathroom, one of the rooms is larger than the other and has a walk-in closet.



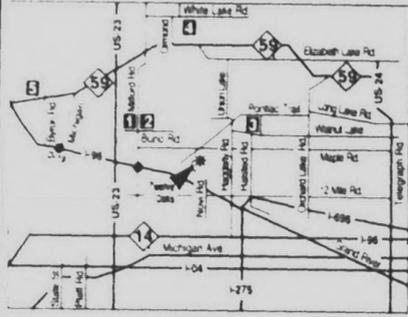
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Home equity is major wealth

It's no secret that Americans keep a great deal of money secured in their houses, but a look at the actual numbers is still revealing.

According to 1991 U.S. Census Bureau figures, Americans have more than \$4.1 trillion in equity in the houses they own. That's an average of \$66,152 per household and accounts for nearly half of the net worth of the average American family.

That makes house equity the primary source of a household's net worth, with financial assets (including saving accounts, stocks, bonds, etc.) coming in second.

Owning a house is perhaps the single most important investment that can be made. By paying down mort-

gage debt, house equity — and therefore, household net wealth — grows. That equity can be tapped through a house equity loan to give homeowners cash for significant costs such as college tuition.

House ownership and house equity are even more important for lower-income households than for households in general. In 1991, house equity for owners with monthly incomes below \$1,071 accounted for 75 percent of their total net worth. People over 65 make up the majority of this group, meaning house equity is an extremely important financial cushion for post-retirement years.

For younger homeowners, house equity also makes up a significant

portion of their wealth. For example, for households headed by a person age 35 or under, house equity accounted for 54 percent of total net worth in 1991.

For households with limited net worth, house equity takes on great significance as well. For homeowners with net worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000, 71 percent of that net worth is house equity. As net worth rises, house equity as a percentage declines since those households typically have greater financial assets of other types.

For homeowners of all ages and income levels, it's clear that buying a house and building equity in the house offers a stepping stone to a secure finance future.

Mortgage rates still affordable

Don't let rising mortgage interest rates keep you out of the market if you're thinking of buying a new house.

Even though rates have increased steadily since early 1994 in response to the Federal Reserve Board's efforts to curb inflation, they are still in the single digits and are expected by economists at the National Association of Home Builders to remain below 10 percent throughout this year.

To most consumers, rates in the 9 to 10 percent range may seem high compared to 1993 when the average rate for 30-year fixed-rate loans was 7.3 percent. Nevertheless, today's rates are still low by historic standards. From 1979 through 1990, average annual rates never dropped below 10 percent. And in 1981 and 1982 the average annual rate topped 16 percent.

Furthermore, adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) are available with first-year rates that are about 2 percent lower than fixed-rate mortgages, and a growing number of buyers are choosing this option. At the beginning of 1994, about 25 percent of all new mortgages had adjustable rates. By the end of the year, about 60 percent of new loans had adjustable rates.

You may also find that builders in your area have arranged special below-market-rate financing through a specific lender. Sometimes builders "buy down" interest rates for two or three years or for the term of the mortgage to help their buyers qualify for mortgages.

If your heart is set on a new house, but you still think you just can't afford the house of your dreams, you might also want to consider cutting back on the upgrades and luxury options in your new house. Scaling back slightly to standard appliances, carpeting and fixtures can trim thousands of dollars off the cost of the house and lower your mortgage payments in the bargain. Later, when you are comfortable in your house — and your household income has increased — you might want to upgrade or add certain items. Or, if interest rates drop, you can refinance and use the money that you save each month to add or upgrade appliances, carpeting and other features.

In short, it's a great time to buy a new house. Mortgage rates are still reasonable — and affordable — for most prospective buyers. Builders have enough inventory to ensure that buyers have a wide range of choices. And there are a number of things that you can do, such as using an adjustable rate mortgage, to keep costs in check.

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Software aids mortgage seekers

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Homebuyers who have trouble getting mortgages are receiving help from the Federal Reserve in the form of a computer diskette designed to be a road map for loan applicants.

The Fed unveiled its new "Partners" software program Thursday and will distribute it free of charge to lenders, community groups, government agencies and consumers.

The purpose is to provide low- and moderate-income families a quick, comprehensive understanding of what they can do to qualify for a mortgage.

"The program attempts to break down the barriers between the loan officer and the potential applicant by offering new and innovative ways to look at home purchase financing," said Federal Reserve board member Lawrence Lindsey.

Officials demonstrated the software for reporters on a large movie screen in the ornate board room where Fed policy-makers meet to discuss the nation's economy and decide the course of interest rates.

The diskette offers 10 options for anyone denied a loan. A lender can quickly rejigger various numbers to tell applicants what they can do to qualify.

Lindsey said the software will be a big help to harried lenders who have little time to explore such options with marginal home-buyers. Some of the steps are simple and obvious, he said, such as buying a slightly cheaper home.

But many loan applicants now are dismissed without being told such precise numbers.

For example, Lindsey said, some applicants might be able to qualify for a mortgage by using some of their savings to pay off credit card debt. Surprisingly, he said, home-buyers are not told that option because it involves doing the math and lenders are too pressed for time.

The software also could prove a bonus for local government officials planning to rehabilitate dilapidated housing, Lindsey said. They can quickly determine how big a property tax abatement to offer a prospective buyer who might need just that help to qualify for a mortgage.

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Nothing as comprehensive as Partners is available commercially, the Fed said. The diskette can be installed in an IBM-compatible computer and operates in a Microsoft Windows environment.

Consumers who want a diskette can call the community affairs office at one of the Federal Reserve's 12 regional banks.

The phone numbers are Atlanta, 404-589-7226; Boston, 617-973-3096; Chicago, 312-322-5910; Cleveland, 216-579-2891; Dallas, 214-922-5266; Kansas City, 816-881-2476; Minneapolis, 612-340-6913; New York City, 212-720-5921; Philadelphia, 215-574-6482; Richmond, Va., 804-697-8448; St. Louis, 314-444-8644; San Francisco, 415-974-3314.

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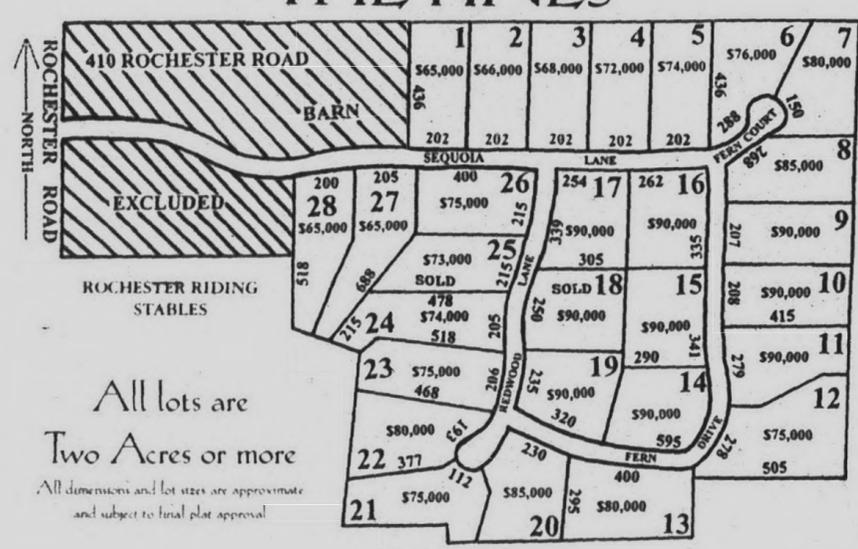


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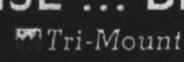
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Homes begin at \$129,900 with the Lakeview model which includes 1410 square feet in a three bedroom two-story plan. A full basement and two-car garage are

included. A three-car garage is available as an option as well.

Three models will be started soon. In addition to the Lakeview, the Harbour, another two-story plan will be on display which includes 1825 square in a three bedroom two-story plan with a fourth bedroom as an option. This home includes a main floor laundry room, an island kitchen, two-story foyer, great room with a cathedral ceiling and large breakfast nook/sitting room near the kitchen.

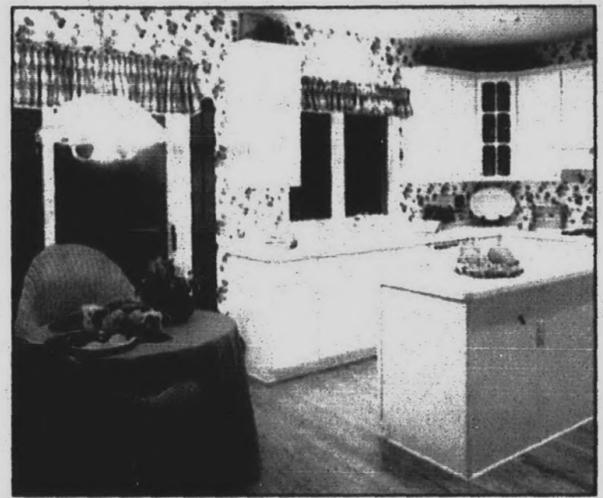
There will also be a model of the Seabreeze, which is a 1 1/2 story plan with almost 2000 square feet. It features a main floor master suite with walk-in closet and private bath, a main floor laundry room, great room with cathedral ceiling and an island kitchen which includes a bay window in the nook area. Two additional bedrooms are upstairs, along with a loft area which could be an additional bedroom, or could be used as a play area, home office, exercise room or den.



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As today's home buyers become more and more sophisticated about the range of features and options that are available to customize their new home, Adler is adapting to meet their changing needs. As one step in this process, Adler introduced the "Adler New Home Design Studio." This

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