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City sets credit card policy



The Plymouth City Commission has set a policy to govern the use of credit cards by city officials. The state requires the change because some abuses have been found in the state. None has been in Plymouth.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Use of city credit cards by the city manager and selected department heads hasn't been a problem in Plymouth.

Still, the state has passed legislation to better control the use of credit cards by municipal officials statewide, after some abuses were

discovered.

And passage of House Bill 5019 in January means municipalities must adopt a policy regarding city credit cards. Plymouth city commissioners took that action on Monday.

Cards used by city officials that are subject to the act are City Man-

ager Steve Walters \$2,500 credit limit MasterCard; Downtown Development Director Steve Guile's \$500 MasterCard; Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock's \$2,500 Home Depot card; and Recreation Director Tom Willette's \$1,000 Home Depot card.

Walters presented the credit card policy issue to city commissioners. He said that prior to Monday, when the city credit card limits were set by the commission policy, his credit

card limit had been \$5,000 — a figure established in the 1980s during Henry Graper's tenure as city manager.

"I don't think I ever got to that level," Walters said, adding he typically uses his card for occasional travel and for business lunches.

"If I'm meeting a developer for lunch, you don't want them to pay for it," he said, as that could appear an official was accepting favors. Likewise, Walters said, "Steve Guile uses his for entertainment-type purposes."

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Daylight saving time begins
Don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 7 (or before you go to bed on Saturday, April 6).

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Veterans Park to take shape

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The northwest corner of Church and Main streets was officially designated by city commissioners Monday as Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park.

While it could take a year or longer to landscape that area near Central Middle School and move war memorials to the site, the new park will host a first veterans tribute on Memorial Day.

Besides voting unanimously to designate the area as Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park, city commissioners also approved spending up to \$6,500 to prepare engineering plans for improvements to the park.

The effort to establish one central city location for war memorials started about two years ago. Then, a group of veterans initially sought city commission approval for their plan to move the "Our Lady" Civil War memorial — moved in the 1960s from Kellogg Park to Riverside Cemetery — back to the central city area.

Some city commissioners then said they were concerned that Kellogg park could become over crowded with memorials, and the suggestion was made that the area near Central Middle School could serve as one central place for war memorials.

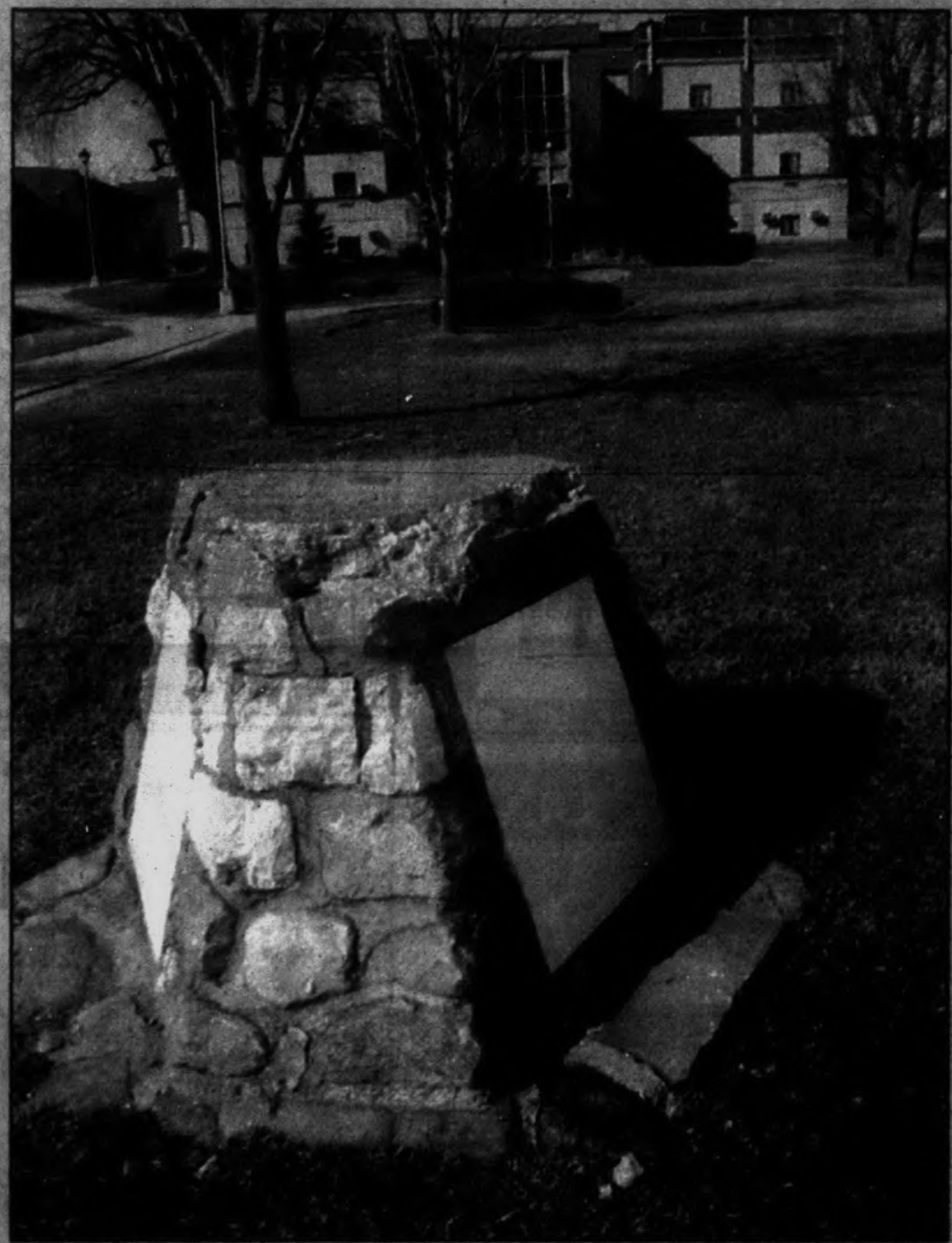
John Pappas, junior vice commander of American Legion Post 112, was one of the organizers of the effort to move the "Our Lady" statue and create a veterans park.

"They used the best judgment and the best wisdom," Pappas said, of the commission's action.

While the city is initially contributing \$6,500 toward creation of the veterans park, most of the money needed to create the park — possibly as much as \$100,000 — will come from private donations and government grants.

City Commissioner Joseph Koch said he was 100 percent in favor of creating the park. Still, he said it was important for commissioners not to send a mes-

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New park: The city of Plymouth will spend \$6,500 to improve a new Veterans Park near Central Middle school. The move to establish such a park started two years ago.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Principal knocks behavior of high school kids

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Lynn Gregg of Plymouth, an assistant principal in a neighboring school district, is pleading with the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to do something about what he terms an "out of control" situa-

tion at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Gregg said he and his wife have observed at Canton and Salem high school students gathering in groups of up to 75 and 100.

"These students are sometimes quite a distance from any building,

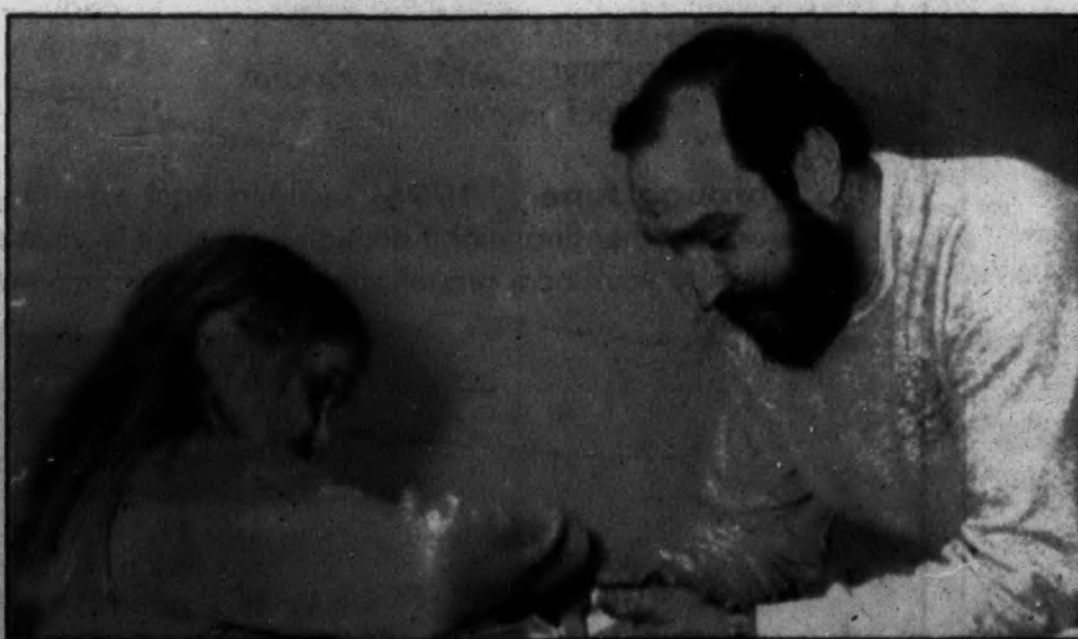
clearly not doing what they should be doing. In fact, most are breaking the state of Michigan's law that prohibits smoking by minors.

"Students are all over the buildings during the lunch periods—eating in hallways, in the stairwells and in vacated classrooms. The lit-

ter and debris left lying around is appalling.

"Should hundreds of students be lying on the floor with food debris around them? Should students be unsupervised in stairwells involved in intimate, hands-on activity with

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Helping hand: Marissa Antosiewicz picks up her dyed Easter egg from teacher John Sidor.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Polish Easter eggs put color into holidays

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

For more than 1,000 years, Easter among the Polish has been made all the more festive with the presence of colorfully and intricately designed Pascal eggs. And you needn't travel to Poland to learn the famous folk art of "Pisanki."

Just ask Canton's Paul and Marcia Dobbs, who with their 10-year-old daughter Emily are decorating their own Pascal eggs.

They learned the craft in a course given last week by John Sidor under auspices of the Mala Wisla Polish Folk Dance ensemble of Plymouth.

Sidor's wife Mariola Sidor, who hails from Warsaw, Poland, is well-schooled in the art form as well. "The egg itself is considered to be a symbol of life," she said. "It's connected to resurrection and the spring season, because it is linked with rebirth and the awakening of spring from winter sleep. Also, we believe Christ was resurrected, so there is a life

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why Home Depot was chosen for a city credit card. Sincock said that a check of suppliers showed the store generally had better prices.

"We tend to use them for bulk purchases," Sincock said, adding the city also buys hardware related items from Tommy's and S&W Hardware.

"We are not using any prime

vendors where the vendor has a right to all our business," Walters said.

By the new credit card policy, the city manager will review each monthly billing and if approved submit it to the finance department for payment. The billings will also be subject to review by the city commission audit committee.

The finance department is to

pay all credit card billings within 60 days of the initial statement date.

Also by the policy, the city manager "shall not issue any additional credit cards, nor increase the credit limits of any existing credit cards without first notifying the city commission at any regular or special meeting."

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for improvements to city parks they sponsor that the city was contributing more to this project.

Mayor Ron Loiselle responded, "I believe there's a difference between a park dedicated to a specific service club rather than a park overseen by several veterans groups in the city."

"I want to see this park get built," Commissioner Doug Miller said. "And if it means we've got to dedicate some city money I think we ought to, it's an important public service."

"I'm very much in favor of this

project," Koch said, adding he'd work hard to seek contributions.

Walters said moving the "Our Lady" Civil War memorial to the veterans park is part of the overall plan. But he said that might not happen until next year, as it needs to be determined what sort of footings or other preparations are needed before it is moved.

Walters has been outlining the project to veterans and other community groups. While some veterans groups were initially resistant to moving the Vietnam memorial, both the Vietnam Veterans of America and the American Legion Passage-Gayde Post

391 have sent letters endorsing the project.

In a letter received by the city administration March 5, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 President Richard Whipple wrote, "The Plymouth-Canton VVA upholds the current location of the Korean-Vietnam monuments and will wholeheartedly continue to do so."


Writing on behalf of the Plymouth Rotary Club, Jerry said, "Your plan for Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park was well received by our members and we expect that it will be a beautiful enhancement to our community."

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icia Polish-American song and dance ensemble in Detroit. When the family moved to Plymouth several years ago, they established the Mala Wisla dance group for children. Sidor continues to teach folk dance at a Detroit parish.

Sidor's classes embrace more than dance.

"We tease John, and tell him he is teaching us how to be more Polish. He tells stories about Poland all the time. That's why we like it so much. He is so knowledgeable about it," said Marcia Dobbs with a laugh. Paul Dobbs is 100 percent Polish, and Marcia is Polish as well. "This is the second year we've taken this, and we just love it. John organizes the crafts, and wants to do cooking too."

The Polish use varying techniques to decorate eggs.

The Pisanki tradition uses beeswax, and an etching instrument Sidor makes himself called a kistka.

"You apply the beeswax on the egg by dipping (the heated kistka) into the dyes," said Mariola. "You start with the lightest colors, and apply designs, going

from color to color, from light to dark."

Sidor has made his own Pisanki kits for more than 20 years.

Learning Pisanki has been gratifying for the Dobbses.

"My husband was raised in a Polish household, but his mom never did this particular form of dying Easter eggs," said Marcia Dobbs.

The Dobbses chose traditional symbols for their eggs, both Polish and American.

They've drawn connecting lines to symbolize eternity; chickens to represent the fulfillment of wishes; and trees for eternal youth and health.

The flower expresses love and charity; the deer wealth and prosperity; the sun good fortune; the cross Christianity; and the triangle the Holy Trinity. "The last one is an eight-pointed star,

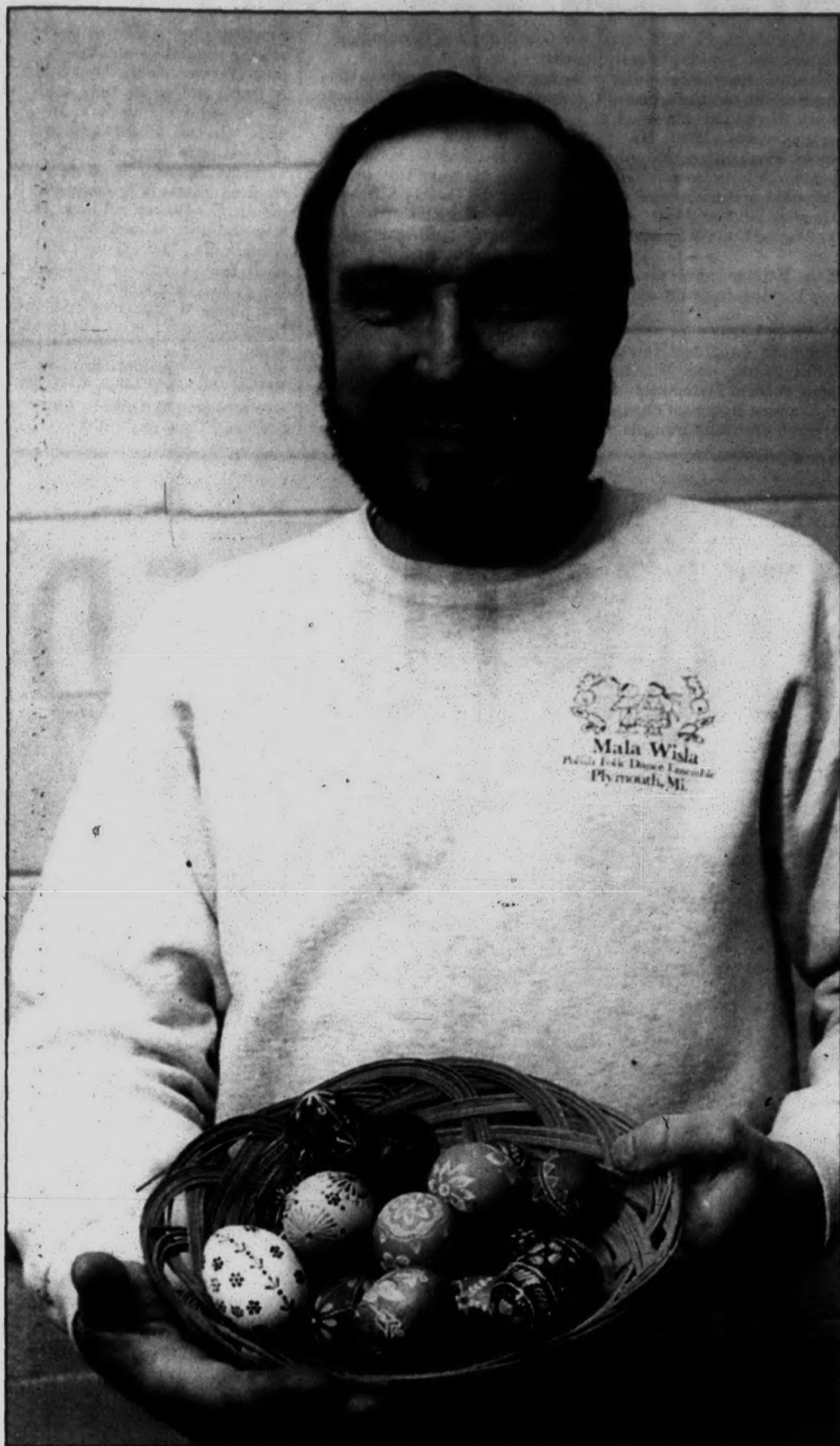
to symbolize an ancient pagan sun god," said Dobbs. Emily's egg is decorated with a bunny. "She calls it her American-Polish Easter egg," her mother said. "She just loves doing this. She's really glad she learned it."

The eggs are dyed at medium temperatures while raw. "You can't cook them or hollow the egg because the shell gets too fragile. In six months or a year, the insides dry out and just disappear. Then it feels like a porcelain egg. It's a natural process," said Dobbs. "John was showing us eggs that are 10 and 15 years old, and they are just so delicate, but just wonderful."

Marcia Dobbs says Pisanki is a craft everyone can enjoy. "Whether you are Polish or not, it's a nice thing to do," she said. "We just appreciate John getting the group going. We enjoy his weekly meetings."

The Mala Wisla group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the Hall, 344 Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail next door to Laurel Furniture.

For more information, call (313) 451-0050.



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Eggs in hand: John Sidor holds a basket of eggs completed by his class.



Detail work: Debbie Antosiewicz adds detail work with melted beeswax.



Close work: Emily Dobbs works on an Easter bunny, using melted beeswax.

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPHINE L. CHUTE
Services for Josephine L. Chute, 95, of Plymouth were Tuesday, April 2, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. She was born July 31, 1900, in Thorpe, Wis., and died Friday, March 29, in Farmington Hills. Mrs. Chute was a homemaker. She moved to Plymouth in 1928. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, a member of the Plymouth Garden Club, and was a Gray Lady with the American Red Cross during and after World War II. She was recognized for 30 years of service with the American Red Cross.

She is survived by her sons, George III, of Rhode Island, Robert D. of Florida; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.
Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or to Community Hospice.

SHARON WARNEMUENDE
Private services were held recently for Sharon Warnemuende, 45, of Canton at The McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

She was born Feb. 3, 1951, in Cannonville, Utah, and died Friday, March 22, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

She is survived by her husband, Blair Warnemuende; parents, Warren and Nina Wilden of Utah; sisters, Leona Luckas of Forest Grove Oregon, Becky Collins of Japan and Cindy Ellison of Utah.
She was preceded in death by her son, Tracy Reid.

DENVER A. ROCKER
Services for Denver A. Rocker, "Rocky," 60, of Plymouth, were Saturday, March 30, at St. Michael Catholic Church with the Rev. Alberto P. Bondy officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born March 26, 1935, in Detroit, and died Monday, March 25, in Livonia. He was currently working for Allmand Enterprises in Livonia. He had been a wood pattern maker since 1979. He came to the Plymouth community 34 years ago from Detroit. He was a member of the Livonia Wood Carving Club and the Western Wayne County Conservation and Gun Club. He loved skeet shooting, wood carving, hunting, and fishing.
He is survived by his wife, Joyce A. of Plymouth; daughter, Karen Raley of Plymouth; sons, Michael of Livonia, John of Plymouth; mother, Theresa Rocker of Farmington; three grandchildren; sis-

ter, Gloria Pfau of Farmington Hills.
Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

CLARK O. MINOCK
Services for Clark O. Minock, 79, of Stockbridge were Tuesday, April 2, at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Robert Henning officiating. Burial was in OakLawn Cemetery, Stockbridge.
He was born Jan. 15, 1917, in Wayne County, and died Friday, March 29, at his home. He was the son of Robert and Clara Minock. He had been a resident of Stockbridge since 1984 coming from Lake City. He was retired from Ford Motor Co. and enjoyed

woodworking, gardening and raising vegetables and like to putz. He was married to Lillian A. Drent on Oct. 19, 1937, and she preceded him in death in 1984. On Dec. 15, 1985, he married Jeanette Salyer and she survives. Also surviving are his children: Linda A. Roose of Plymouth, Gil Minock of Pinckney, step-children, Arnold Otto of Norfolk, Va., Keith Otto of Marshall, Dean Otto of Grass Lake, Nancy Buss of Lyndonville, Vt., and Laura McMullen of Ypsilanti; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one sister, Adrieth Snow of Ypsilanti; brother, Robert Minock of Mesa, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ellsworth Mincock.



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Court to hear 9-1-1 fee lawsuit

A hearing on the lawsuit brought by the Wayne County Taxpayers Association over a charge for emergency 9-1-1 service on phone bills is set for 11 a.m. May 3 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Members of the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium of elected officials from 18 western Wayne communities, voted in February to enter the suit on

side of the defendant, Wayne County.

Circuit Court Judge Andrea Ferrara granted the CWW's motion to intervene in the case on March 15.

The Wayne County Taxpayers Association filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court in 1995 against Michigan Bell, which operates as Ameritech, and Wayne County, saying that the

collection of 9-1-1 fees on the monthly phone bill violates the state constitution because it is a new or expanded tax without voters' approval. The original suit did not name the Conference of Western Wayne, but the conference is a coordinator of the fees raised.

"Our fear in the case is that our interests are not protected," Dan Gilmartin, executive direc-

tor of the CWW, said when the conference voted to enter the case.

Ferrara dismissed Ameritech Jan. 19, at the company's request, from being a party to the suit. Ameritech collects the fee on phone bills, but was directed to do so after the Wayne County Commission voted to impose the charge in late 1994.

The CWW coordinates distrib-

ution of the money collected. The money is spent on 9-1-1 systems, which answer emergency police, fire and medical calls in Wayne County. Local departments administer the money.

It brings in about \$170,000 a month in western Wayne County, Gilmartin said.

The fee is being collected in a number of counties, not just Wayne County, Gilmartin said.

The basic fee is 48 cents, but can be a lot higher in some out-county areas, he said. It is listed under local and state additional charges as the 9-1-1 emergency system billed for western Wayne on Ameritech phone bills.

In December, Ferrara denied a motion by the taxpayers' association to stop the collection of the fee until the case is heard.

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Beard to seek 10th term on county board

Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, has filed for re-election.

She represents District 12, which also includes Garden City and Inkster. A four-year resident of Westland, she lived for 38 years in Inkster.

"With so many employers downsizing but at the same time seeking higher skilled employees, strategies like the School-to-Work program are critical to Wayne County residents. I have made job creation, job retention and job re-training activities among my most important projects this term," Beard said.

Beard has worked at the local, state and federal level on School-to-Work programs.

Job training to keep workers competitive in the global market is also an issue, she said. Schools need to train students to compete and workers need to understand that there is a need for constant re-training, she said.

Another issue facing the county commission includes development, Beard said. She cited the recently approved Inkster Valley Golf Course planned for Inkster



Kay Beard

and Westland and the work being done to find a plan for the county-owned Northville Township property.

Health care is another issue Beard sees as important. She fought to keep Wayne County General Hospital open years ago, and still sees the lack of a trauma center in western Wayne County as a major issue.

With the airport and major freeways the potential for disas-

ter is always nearby, she said.

The crime rate and its link to people's inability to get good-paying jobs is also an issue that needs attention, she said.

"All these issues are so intertwined, when you're working on one issue you're really working on a lot of them," she said.

She serves on the Employment Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties, chairs the Job Training Subcommittee of the Employment Steering Committee, chairs the Labor and Management Committee for the Michigan Association of Counties and on the board of the Out-Wayne County School-to-Work Partnership.

Last fall, Beard was appointed by Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich and Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley to the National Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities.

The 40-member council was established to advise the Departments of Labor and Education on the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994. The goal of the School-to-Work Act is to cre-

ate learning systems throughout the country to help all students master the academic and technical skills they need.

Beard recently attended the first meeting of the advisory council in Washington, D.C.

A widow with five children and five grandchildren, Beard is also active in community groups. She is on the board of directors of United Way Community Services, is immediate past chair of the Blue Cross Blue Shield advisory council, is immediate past chair of Metro Matrix which serves seven or eight agencies; is an officer in the Westland Business and Professional Women Club and is also active in the Democratic Party serving as president of the Michigan Democratic County Officials organization and is a member of all three Democratic clubs of the cities she serves and of the 13th District.

"I think that the kinds of things I have been involved in impact people at all levels," she said.

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Justice Patricia J. Boyle of the Michigan Supreme Court will be the special tribute honoree at the Roosevelt Dinner sponsored by the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee on Sunday, April 21.

The 11th Congressional District includes Redford Township and part of Livonia.

The Roosevelt Dinner will be held at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills, with cocktails and music beginning at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and the program at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 and may be obtained by calling (810) 615-9119 or (313) 591-3737, or by writing to the 11th Congressional District Democratic Commit-

tee, 32707 Cloverdale, Farmington 48336.

State Sen. Gary Peters, D-Pontiac, will be the keynote speaker.

"Justice Boyle has served the people of Michigan as a member of the Supreme Court since 1983 with distinction. Her fair-minded approach to the law and insightful opinions deserve our recognition and appreciation," 11th District Chair Vicki Barnett said.

Boyle graduated first in her class from Wayne State University Law School in 1963. She is a former Wayne County prosecuting attorney and served as a judge on the Detroit Recorder's Court and Federal District Court before her appointment to the

Michigan Supreme Court by Gov. James Blanchard.

Boyle was rated the second-most respected jurist among Michigan's federal and state judges in the April 1990 Michigan Lawyers Weekly poll of more than 1,500 attorneys.

Peters was elected to the Michigan Senate in 1994 from the 14th District, which is made up of Southfield, Pontiac and Bloomfield Township.

A graduate of Wayne State University Law School, Peters also holds an MBA in finance from the University of Detroit.

The co-chairs of the Roosevelt Dinner are Deborah Goldberg of Farmington and Alan C. Helmkamp of Livonia.

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New era

Last subdivision to be built

There's some sadness in the Plymouth Township community these days because an era has come to an end with the impending development of the last large parcel of undeveloped land.

It's a signal that the greater Plymouth area has become a mature community and should continue to look at redeveloping aging areas such as the Ann Arbor Road business corridor, Old Village and Plymouth's older industrial areas along Eckles Road and other sites in the northeastern portion of the township.

Also, Plymouth Township should resolve to try to retain some rural character and develop more park and recreation space.

The new subdivision itself will have an impact on Ann Arbor Road. The planning commission last week gave preliminary approval for the construction of 138 homes on 415 acres of land at Napier and Ann Arbor roads. Apart from that property, there are only a few small parcels of undeveloped land left in the township.

That will change the character of Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said the subdivision will add traffic to the area, and the township should look at reducing

the speed limit.

The lowering of the speed limit is one of those small changes that occur as a community becomes more urban.

And that's where the sadness comes in. The Plymouth community, both the city and township, has strived long and hard to retain the feeling of a small town nestled in a semi-rural countryside.

Officials and residents have worked hard to keep that feeling, even as it was surrounded by urban sprawl.

Plymouth Township looks the way it does because it has strictly adhered to its master plan. The light industrial plants have been restricted to the M-14 corridor, while residential areas have moved along as expected in the western portion of the township.

The construction of the last subdivision in Plymouth Township shouldn't mean the end of the community's semi-rural character. It should be the point at which the community looks to redevelop older areas and keep that "hometown" feeling.

Board candidates needed

Voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district will fill two school board seats on June 10, and possibly vote on a school millage.

Those interested in making a difference at the local level have until 4 p.m. on Monday, April 8, to file nominating petitions for the June ballot. Those seeking election need 27 signatures of qualified electors living in the school district.

Voters have until May 13 to register for the upcoming election.

So far there are three candidates. They

are: Jack Farrow of Plymouth, who is seeking re-election, and has returned election petitions; Paul Schrauben of Canton, who has taken out petitions; and Elizabeth Givens of Canton, who also has taken out petitions.

We urge residents to get into the race and bring their ideas into a public forum.

This is a good year for that. There are indications from the school board that a millage will be placed on the ballot. A property tax increase question brings out voters.

It's time to sign up and run.

State: Re-think lifer policy

The overly-heavy fist of Michigan's drug laws came smashing down again as the state Supreme Court, by one vote, decided Thomas J. Ryan must spend the rest of his life in prison without hope of parole.

Without question, Ryan deserved some time locked away from society. But between the machinations of law enforcement and the narrowness of the Supreme Court's 4-3 decision, he got the worst possible break a human could get.

On March 22, 1987, Ryan was arrested with a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of cocaine in a Livonia motel by federal agents backed up by local police. Said the Supreme Court: "Federal agent Hubert Coleman questioned defendant at the scene and told him that if he cooperated with the federal investigation, agent Coleman would pursue federal rather than state charges."

To Ryan it was a good deal: A state court conviction would mean mandatory life in prison; a federal conviction, two to three years behind bars. That is an immense difference. It's too big a difference. We have suggested before, and suggest again, that Michigan's law is reminiscent not so much of firmness as an enraged bull.

At this point, the story becomes murky. Ryan attempted to contact attorney Kenneth Cockrel, who was unavailable. Attorney James Feinberg responded to Ryan's call. Feinberg said he wouldn't represent Ryan if Ryan cooperated with federal authorities. Cockrel arrived next day to represent Ryan but found that the "deal" with the federal agent was off.

So Ryan was convicted in the state court.

The state Court of Appeals found Ryan had made a prima facie case of "governmental vindictiveness" and sent the case back to Detroit Recorder's Court. The trial judge found: "DEA agents, particularly supervising agent Hubert Coleman, indulged in a forbidden form of forum shopping in this instance." And so the trial

The Corrections budget is eating into money that would be better spent on education and natural resources. ...The Legislature needs to re-think its hard-nosed "throw away the key" policy.

Judge found Ryan's 14th amendment due process rights were violated.

The Court of Appeals upheld the trial judge. Prosecutor John O'Hair appealed to the Supreme Court.

Justice Elizabeth Weaver wrote the opinion in favor of the prosecutor, saying O'Hair "had an independent authority to pursue charges against this defendant regardless of any 'deal' suggested by the federal agent." Weaver said the "vindictiveness of one sovereign is not normally chargeable" to another. In other words, the county prosecutor did nothing improper.

Weaver was joined by Chief Justice James Brickley and Justices Dorothy Comstock Riley and Patricia Boyle. Thus, a single vote meant the difference between three years and life in prison.

Dissenting were Justices Charles Levin, Michael Cavanagh and Conrad Mallett Jr. "It was the United States government, not the Wayne County prosecutor, who violated Ryan's rights," they said.

Michigan is struggling with overcrowded prisons. The Corrections budget is eating into money that would be better spent on education and natural resources. It's tragic that so thin a set of events would doom a man to life in prison. The Legislature needs to re-think its hard-nosed "throw away the key" policy.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Accurate portrait

Your editorial of March 21 lauding John D. O'Hair, the current Wayne County prosecutor, was certainly an accurate portrait of a very dedicated public servant. As a former assistant Wayne County prosecutor, who, unfortunately, did not have the opportunity to serve under Prosecutor O'Hair, I am very knowledgeable about and appreciative of his efforts to serve the citizens of Wayne County. He performs a very difficult job in an exemplary manner, and acts at all times as you so aptly put it, as a "civil gentleman."

By not providing a stage for the political agenda of some, Prosecutor O'Hair has certainly proved that Wayne County has a prosecuting attorney who is truly looking out for the best interest of all citizens. Were there more public servants like John O'Hair, this county, state and country would be much better places to live.

Mr. O'Hair is likely to face a challenge in this year's primary by a candidate or candidates who believe that the important qualification for the job is something other than experience, integrity, competence and common sense. All those readers in the Wayne County part of Observerland should be aware that if such a challenge is successful, the cause of justice in Wayne County will suffer. They should do what they can to make sure that Mr. O'Hair obtains the nomination of his party to continue his fight for justice for all citizens.

Thank you for a very perceptive and accurate editorial.

Stephen Boak, Plymouth

What a surprise

What a surprise to realize that someone else remembers there being a vote on a recreational center — a vote that resulted in an emphatic no with regard to our tax dollars. When they went ahead with their plans anyway explaining that "tax" dollars would not be used, rather "revenues" from the landfill and golf course.

I thought it rather odd that, in the end, all monies weren't considered our "tax dollars." I also wondered what expenses the landfill and

golf course revenues had previously covered and what would happen to those. I finally gave up and stopped harping on this because it was going to happen regardless; I was sounding like sour grapes.

We don't have a membership, but I certainly hope at this point that the Summit is successful and self-supporting so that Canton funds aren't diverted from other projects.

Terri Harleton,

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Linda Viviano
Plymouth



"I think it's a good. I know all about my kids, I should know about the teachers."

Denise Jones
Northville



"I think it's good. If that person has a record."

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"I don't think it's a good idea. They might have a hard time getting teachers."

Louise Flambee
Plymouth

We asked this question at the Plymouth Post Office.

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Disability issues can affect everyone

Odds are eight in 10 that a person will acquire a disability at some point in their life. Even if one doesn't become disabled oneself, someone you know and love will.

For many of us who have disabilities, it is imperative to bring forth the issues facing the disability community. Our issues are really everybody's issues. But it is difficult to make headway in a society whose policy makers are, in general, not disabled — yet.

One major issue is "institutional bias." Institutional bias refers to a mandate by the federal government that each state's Medicaid program provide institutional long-term care for people with disabilities. Home-based, consumer-directed care is optional. In other words, states are required to pay for nursing home care for those who qualify for Medicaid. States are not required to pay for care that one has in their home. Consequently, many people are economically forced to move into a nursing home due to characteristics of their disabili-

ty(ies). Recently, a guest columnist wrote to say nursing homes are largely good places to live. The writer worked for the industry and was attempting to do some damage control. In a relatively short span of time, three nursing home residents at separate facilities had wandered outside and died of exposure.

What this writer was trying to say, was that these were isolated incidents and that these bad apples weren't representative of the industry. I strongly disagree. Resident abuse is a common occurrence in most nursing homes.

The current environment stacks the deck in favor of nursing homes. Families increasingly require two incomes to survive. As people acquire disabilities due to aging, disease or accident, their family members are unavailable to assist them because they can't afford to stay home and provide care.

In Michigan, there is a program called Home Help Service (HHS). HHS provides dollars for qualified

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SCOTT HEINZMAN

Medicaid recipients to hire their own help in their own home. This allows some people to avoid institutionalization and reduces stress on the family.

Michigan spends about \$93 million on per year on HHS and over \$650 million for nursing home care. This 7.1 ratio is partly attributable to institutional bias.

One group working to end institutional bias is ADAPT (American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today). ADAPT's national goal is to redirect 25 percent of Medicaid dollars away

from institutions and into consumer directed, home-based long term care. Major opposition at diverting Medicaid dollars away from nursing homes comes from the professional association for nursing homes, the American Health Care Association (AHCA).

AHCA speaks for a \$60 billion-plus industry with 16 full-time lobbyists in Washington. Two thirds of nursing homes revenues, over \$40 billion, come from tax dollars via Medicaid (60 percent) and Medicare (8 percent).

AHCA agrees there needs to be more money available for home care, but not at their expense. While ADAPT and ACHA lock horns, one wonders where the public stands on this important issue. Where do other disability organizations stand on this issue? What about the medical profession?

Personally, I'm surprised there isn't more clamor to maximize personal independence and minimize the restraint of institutionalization. The contrast between the two in

terms of effect on the individual are startling. The person who lives in the community and has control over their affairs tends to be complacent and dependent. After all, they've been put out to pasture.

To me, institutions promote existence, not living. But I share ADAPT'S opinion: Let the individual decide with a dollar for dollar option. Other disability issues include assisted suicide, unfunded mandates and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), health care and welfare reform, and mass transit to name a few.

These issues affect our whole society, not just people with disabilities. I am gathering people from western Wayne County interested in disability issues together to dialogue with future intent of community organizing and advocacy. If interested, please call me after noon at (313) 462-2423.

Guest columnist Scott Heinzman of Livonia is a disabled resident who is a member of ADAPT, PLAID, and Livonia Human Relations Commission.

It takes an entire community to battle blight

By PHYLLIS PATERSON
GUEST COLUMNIST

Recently an area newspaper honored the 1995 Michiganians of the Year.

One of those so honored was John George, a young man who founded Motor City Blight Busters. This particular article got my attention because the area in which his "blight busting" was most active was the neighborhood where my husband was born and raised and where we chose to purchase our first brand-new starter home.

After 11 years in this attractive northwest Detroit neighborhood, it was a heart-wrenching decision to sell our neat, well-kept home and search for a larger house to accommodate our rapidly growing family. Finding nothing larger that we could afford at the time in our native Detroit, our search led us to Livonia and another new and attractive home and subdivision

where we raised our family and have lived for more than 33 years.

At first glance it was quite startling to consider the need for "blight busters" in that beautiful neighborhood where we owned our first home. It was a neighborhood of modest homes which reflected the pride of the families residing there.

I began to think about my present neighborhood in a now older but still attractive area of Livonia. Now many more years down the road before it would require a "blight buster," I pondered the subtle but growing negatives I have observed as I walk in my own area and drive about our total community. How does blight start? How does it get out of control?

I thought back over 33 years -- then and now -- and the blight which has become evident in the last ten years. Consider:

- discarded tires, furniture, playthings, etc., piled in a driveway, on a front porch or at the side of a few resi-

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- idences;
- inoperable lampposts, broken and rusted;
- tire ruts alongside driveways left unrepaired;
- sidewalks near construction sites made impassable for months by mud and debris;
- boats, campers and commercial trucks and vans left in driveways, long past the ordinance allowed tire;
- dog droppings left on sidewalks, other people's lawns greenbelts, parks and playgrounds;
- empty trash cans left at the curbsides after pickup;
- lawns and vacant lots left too long unmowed and snow on sidewalks left unshoveled;
- lunchtime trash littering the street alongside the parked cars of district court park workers;
- residents moving and leaving

mountains of trash in front of the vacated home;

- discarded fast food container litter;
- raised and broken sidewalks left unrepaired;
- crumbling and potholed streets and roads.

Some of the above blight is covered by city ordinances which go unenforced unless a citizen complaint is made. Ignored or unenforced ordinances hasten blight.

Granted, some roads are county or state responsibility.

Yes, there will be those who yawn and scoff, "picky-picky", but blight starts as a small hole in the dike and, if ignored, can become a flood. All it takes is for citizens to do nothing.

We have a nationally outstanding community; the Zero Population Group tells us so. To keep it that way is a matter of good citizenship and responsibility, the role we all -- kids, adults, yes, even pets -- have in shap-

ing our community's destiny. Are we who love and are proud of Livonia up to the task? Or a few years hence will we be reading of some honor bestowed on a Livonia Blight Buster?

Don't let the "trashed" house on the block be your's. Take a second to bend over and pick up that next discarded can or bottle or bit of unsightly litter you see. I've done it for years on my daily walking around our town. Take my word for it, it'll make you feel good! Don't be bashful about making a call to ordinance enforcement at City Hall when you see the need.

It doesn't take a lot of effort or money to forestall the need for "blight busters" -- it takes a community!

This guest column was written by Phyllis Paterson of Livonia. Guest columns typewritten, double-spaced and about 2 1/2 pages in length, may be mailed to Emory Daniels, Livonia Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150.

State budget politics won't amount to a thing

The best way to understand the Michigan Legislature's \$30 billion budget game is to think of Junior's allowance.

Suppose Junior gets \$10 a week. That's his, for whatever he needs, be it lunches or school supplies or kite repairs. But then you decide you don't entirely trust Junior's discretion, so you attach some conditions: He can't go to a certain kind of movie; he can't buy a candy bar for a certain girl of which you disapprove. Got the picture?

It's a messy picture. Do you trust him or not? If not, why give him the money in the first place?

Our heroes and heroines in Lansing twice last week played that kind of game:

- In the State Police budget, the House inserted part of Rep. Alan Cropsy's handgun liberalization bill. The amendment tells the State Police representative on three-member county gun boards to vote yes on all handgun permits except where the applicant is a convicted felon or certifiable loony.
- In the university and community college budgets, the Senate added Sen. Bill Schuette's amendment that cuts their state aid if they pay health benefits to the homosexual or lesbian partners of employees.

We have some messy bills. First, our lawmakers have used budget bills to try for non-budget results -- more liberal gun rules and fiscal disapproval of unnatural partnerships. Other, cleaner bills that would achieve the same results are stuck in committees. In effect, the lawmakers have bypassed the public hearing and committee procedures by making quick-and-dirty amendments to spending bills.

Second, they're amending acts that have only a one-year life -- the fiscal year from Oct. 1, 1996, to Sept. 30, 1997. In short, they have accomplished no permanent change in society's laws.

We in the media eat up such shenanigans. The debates provide colorful quotes about gun nuts and pervers, God's law and social norms. The great unwashed public gets the impression that Cropsy, R-DeWitt, and Schuette, R-Midland, are in there fighting for America and the Bible.

Personally, I wouldn't mind seeing both proposals become law. Many county gun boards are



TIM RICHARD

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a farce, controlled by police state zealots who want to disarm everybody but their own kind. And this "same-sex" marriage stuff is a fad that will go away and embarrass us when we see it in the history books 20 years from now.

But conscience compels me to reveal the truth: Neither amendment will make it into law. Each must go through a second chamber of the Legislature. Each must go through a conference committee when the two chambers pass different versions of the budget acts.

Then there's the most important hurdle of all. To take effect this year, a budget bill must get a two-thirds vote -- 26 in the Senate, 74 in the House. Since the fiscal year begins Oct. 1, a two-thirds vote is necessary. No way will the pro-gun and anti-homosexual amendments survive.

Meanwhile, the gullible voters get misled, liberals and conservatives can get all revved up, politicians can get headlines and sound bites, and journalists can earn a living.

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Sears seeks advice from local firm

A large corporation recently turned to a small Livonia company for information.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. employees paid a visit to Spring Engineering and Manufacturing Corp. of Livonia last month to see the Scanlon Plan of employee involvement in action.

Sears is interested in increasing employee involvement, according to Tim Tindall, owner of Spring Engineering.

Spring engineering has been using the Scanlon Plan for employee involvement for more than four years now, Tindall said.

Some 33 Sears people attended the one-day seminar, including executives from Chicago and store managers from across the eastern United States.

The Scanlon Plan dates back to the 1950s, and it gives employees a stake in the decision-making process, Tindall said.

Spring Engineering, with 85 employees, is an automated manufacturer of springs, stamping, wire forming and assemblies for the automotive industry.

The system is a culture change for a company, Tindall said. It's a different kind of working environment for the employee, he said.

A number of teams are set up, and there are a number of opportunities for employees to be involved. "We make a lot of decisions at the team level," Tindall said.

With the Scanlon system everybody has to participate in the business, Tindall said.

Employees are asked to be knowledgeable about the business and at monthly meetings are given all the financial information about the company, he said.

The movement has been around for a while, but it's not a huge movement because it's not an easy way to run a company, Tindall said.

"We think it's a better way to run a company," Tindall said. "We have a company where we've got everyone contributing



Employee participation: Zak Taylor, second from right, and Tammy Higgins, far right, discuss employee participation at Spring Engineering with Sears store managers from the eastern and southern United States.



An explanation: A Spring Engineering shipping department clerk explains the employee participation system to Sears executives and store managers.

to its success, not just five or six people."

Spring Engineering is a family-owned company, which has been in business since 1952 and

in Livonia since 1979.

Even though Sears is a large corporation and Spring is a small one the ideas can cross over into any business, Tindall

said.

"There was a lot of pride for all our people," he said.

Livonia arena will host MHS mutt derby April 28

If your dog loves to run, the Michigan Humane Society invites you to enter him in the 13th Annual Rosey's Grand Mutt Derby to be held at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena in Livonia.

Dogs of all shapes and sizes can compete in the 60-yard races to their owners. Competitors are divided into five categories based on size. The five class winners then compete for the Grand Mutt Championship.

Derby day is Sunday, April 28, and begins with check-in at noon. The races being at 1:30 p.m. All dogs must have

a commercially accepted collar and leash and a state, county or city license. Proof of rabies, distemper and parvo virus vaccination is required at check-in.

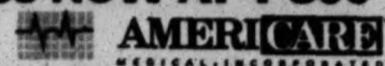
Officials entry forms are available at any humane society location in Detroit, Westland or Rochester Hills. Entry fee is \$7 a dog, and non-racers are invited to come watch for a general admission fee of \$3. For more information, call (313) 872-3400.

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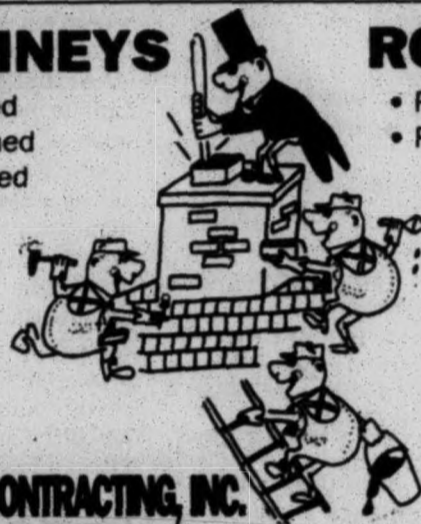
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KAREN MEIER

Lesson in life to be learned

Pen and paper are what I'm using to write with today.

And as I write, this pen of mine is making gentle, smooth sounds as it moves across these white spaces, gradually filling them up. There's no staccato here, no tick like the keys on my computer. No evenly spaced words, all in a row, marching across the screen, predictable, and normal. Instead, with my pen and paper, I'm getting more "human" results. Results that are sometimes messy, sometimes indecipherable. But that's OK. The words are finding their way to paper.

I'm using a pen and tablet of paper today because they're portable and my computer is not. And today portable is good. And so is catch-as-catch-can-able. And on-the-flyable. You see, unfragrant diapers, unread books, unfilled stomachs, unlaced shoes, unsolvable math problems, uncomplimented solos need changing, reading, filling, lacing, solving and complimenting. And that requires mobility.

And with the addition of our fifth child, baby Steven, I find myself doing just about everything on the fly, catch as catch can, packing in several activities all at once.

And so today it's pen and paper way. While stirring the ingredients for meatloaf with one hand, I can write with the other. While waiting at a traffic light, I can put a word or two in my notebook. And while nursing I can write, baby in one arm, pen in the other. It's certainly slower,

See FAMILY ROOM, 12A

Book offers help for impaired

■ Twenty years ago, Gary Gaynor was told he had retinitis pigmentosa, that he would be totally blind in three years time. Today, he still retains some vision which he is putting to good use working with Kathleen Fleissner to publish a directory for the visually impaired.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



Gary Gaynor heads across the room, a prototype of a new resource manual in hand, but stops short of his mark. The

recipient of the book has moved and he spends a few seconds scanning the area.

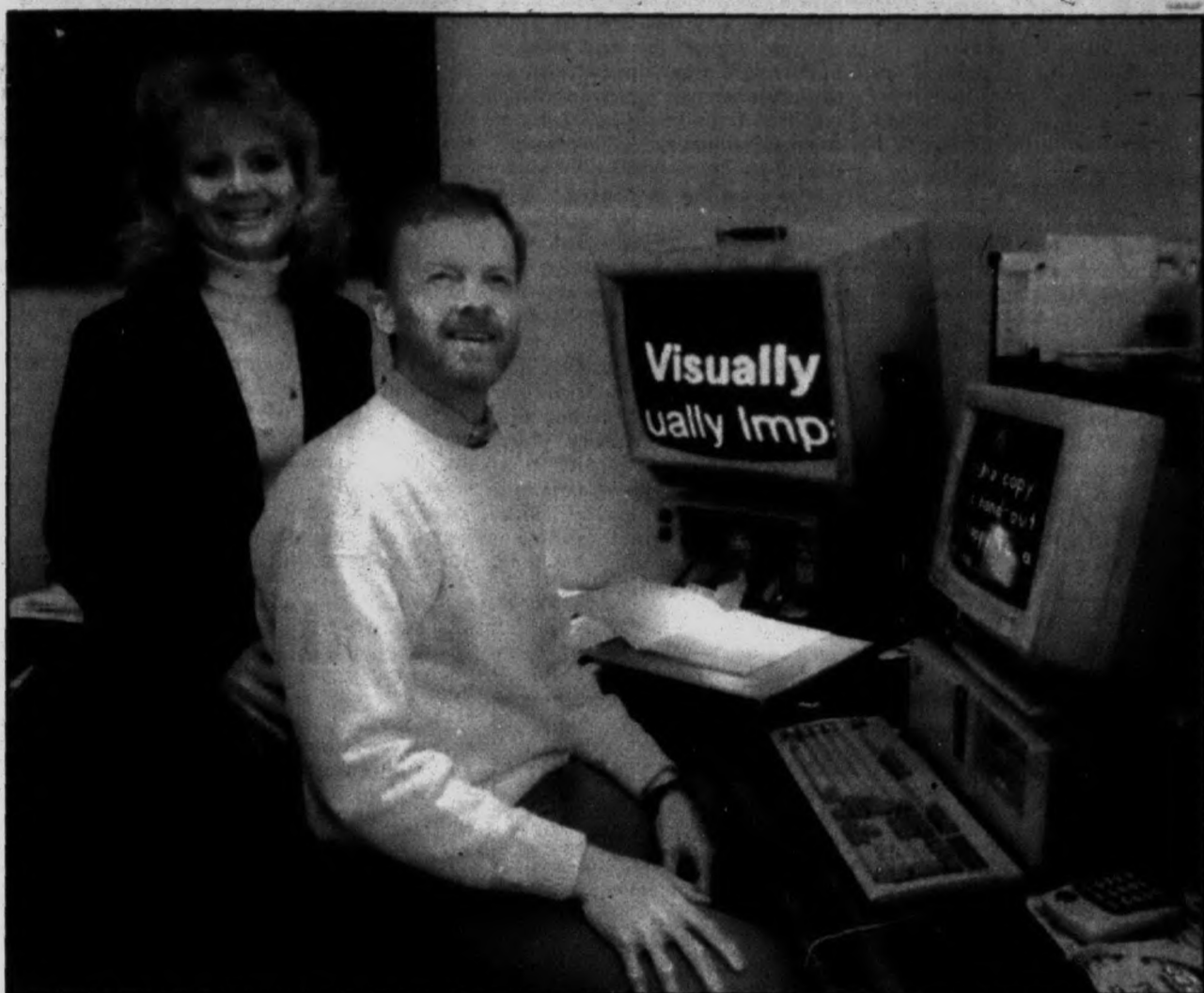
"Oh, there you are," he says, handing over the book. "You moved and I couldn't find you for a second."

It is an indication of the narrow view of the world that Gaynor has, caused by retinitis pigmentosa. While most people enjoy a field of vision that spans 180 degrees, his range is just 3 degrees.

In 1976, the Livonia resident was diagnosed with the chronic progressive eye disease. His doctor told him he would be blind in three years.

He was 22 and his first reaction was denial. He could still play sports and drive a car, but eventually the idea sunk in that he was losing his eyesight. Luckily, his doctor was wrong. Twenty years later, he is legally blind but still has some vision.

And during those two decades, he has found that there are many things available to improve the lives of the visually impaired, things he has most times discovered "by acci-



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Command Central: Kathleen Fleissner joins Gary Gaynor in a bedroom turned command central for his work on their soon-to-be published *Directory of Visually Impaired Services*. The book will contain some 600 sources of services for people who are legally blind.

dent."
"I started finding things available to the visually impaired over the years; I have a friend who has a wife with reverse retinitis pigmentosa

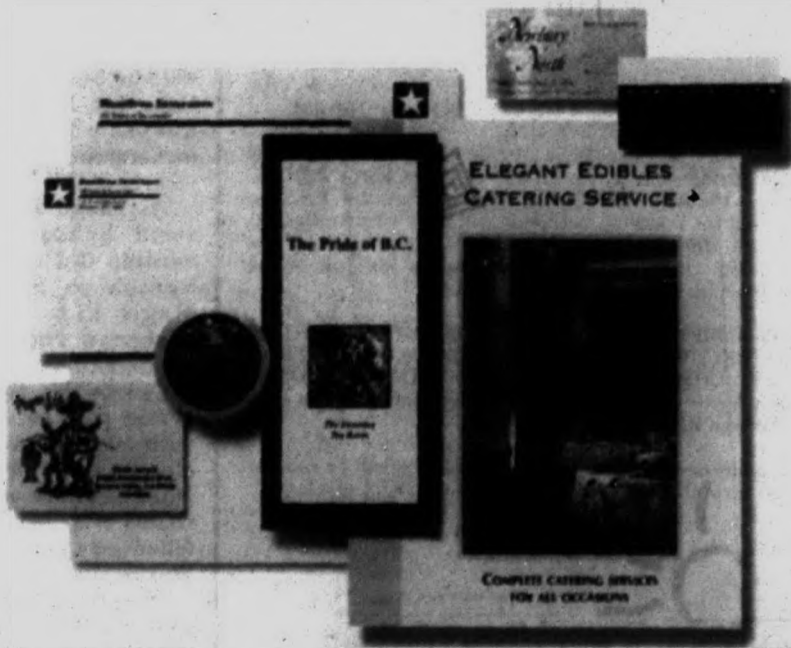
who had a friend who knew about closed circuit TV," said Gaynor. "When I did some therapy in 1991 I asked what was available and they gave an 8 1/2-by-11 sheet of paper,

so since then, I've been collecting information."

"The experience that Gary had was that the things he found out

See IMPAIRED, 12A

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Kennell-Rasmussen

Angela Marie Rasmussen and Shaun Michael Kennell were married Oct. 14 at the Shadow Rock Congregational Church in Phoenix, Ariz. The Rev. Don Heinrich performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Trish Rasmussen of Phoenix, Ariz., and the groom is the son of James Kennell and Jan McAllister, also both of Phoenix.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Shadow Mountain High School and is attending Paradise Valley Community College. She is employed by Clothestime.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Shadow Mountain High School and is employed by Albertson's.

The bride's attendants were Heather Karmann of London, England, formerly of Plymouth, Beth Doller of Williamsville, N.Y., formerly of Canton, Tricia Dyroff of Phoenix and Christina Rosas of Phoenix. The flower girl was Shelby Love of Phoenix.



The groom's attendants were Jamie Ghiori, Matt Carpenter, Paul Cox and Mike Smith, all of Phoenix. The ring bearer was Robert Guzman.

The newlyweds received guests at the Phoenix Elks Lodge before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

They are making their home in Phoenix.

Lesz-Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Lesz of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Cathleen Michele, to Casey Lawrence Nichols, the son of Lawrence Nichols of Westland and Victoria Nichols of Canton.

The bride-to-be is an Eastern Michigan University graduate with an elementary teaching certificate. She is currently employed with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as a teacher at Lowell Middle School.

Her fiancé, a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will graduate with a master of arts degree in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of Akron in June.



A July wedding is planned for St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

and Mrs. Vincent Lauria of Grand Rapids and Judith Lauria of Rapid River.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a speech/language pathologist by the Warren Consolidated Schools. She also is the varsity softball coach at Birmingham Groves High School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Northern Michigan University. He is employed as a police officer in Plymouth Township.

An August wedding is planned for St. Peter Church in Mount Clemens.

Bates-Luria

Mr. and Mrs. James Bates of Harrison Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Annette Marie, to Kevin Andrew Lauria, the son of Mr.



a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Electronics Service Center in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Britton-Macon High School and a 1989 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at AY Management in Ypsilanti.

A June wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Smeyes-Klene

Kimberly Kay Klene and Todd A. Smeyers were married Aug. 12, 1995 at Christ Community Church in Canton. The Rev. Harvey Heneveld officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Carolyn Klene of Canton. The groom is the son of Garry and Sharon Smeyers of Holland, Mich.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. She will receive her degree in nursing from Eastern Michigan University this year. She is employed by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Miami Air at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The bride asked Kelly Klene to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Tricia Kosten, Melissa Smeyers and Donna Allstead. The flower girl was Britney Klene.

The groom asked Marc Smeyers to serve as best man with



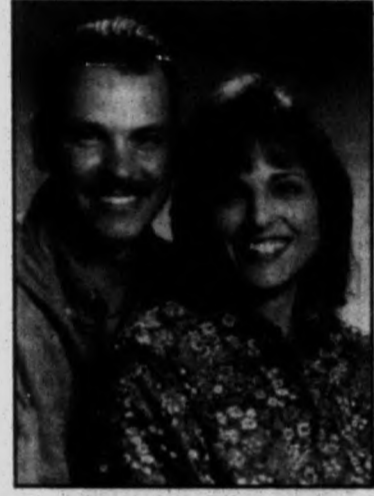
groomsmen Dan Scholten and Kurt Nuss. Ring bearer was James Buren Spaulding.

The couple received guests at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland before leaving for a honeymoon in northern Michigan.

They are making their home in Belleville.

Stelmaszek-Eccleston

David and Nancy Stelmaszek of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Tyke Eccleston, the son of Verne and Judy Eccleston of Britton, Mich. The bride-to-be is



a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Electronics Service Center in Ann Arbor.

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NEW VOICES

THOMAS and LeANN FROREICH of Ft. Bliss, Texas, announce the birth of THOMAS LANE Feb. 9 at William Beaumont Medical Center in El Paso, Texas. Grandparents are Robert and Nancy Froreich of Westland and Larry and Sherry Williams of Asheville, N.C. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Edith Separa and Vivian Gerkin of Florida.

SCOTT and MICHELLE SPEIRS announce the birth of PATRICK SCOTT Jan. 28 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are David and Shirley Speirs of Livonia and Joseph and Lorraine Petro of Northville. Great-grandparents are Pearl Herbert of Lincoln Park, Joseph and Josephine Petro of Harper Woods and Clara Witte of Brooksville, Fla. Great-great-grandmother is Augustine Maniaci of Harper Woods.

DONALD and PATRICIA KELLEY-CLARK of Canton announce the birth of

JONATHAN ANDREW CLARK March 3, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Janice Kelley of Westland, Al and Phyllis Riggs of Lake, Mich., and Ray and Barbara Clark of Canton.

CHRISTOPHER and SHANNON HENDRIX of Garden City announce the birth of WHITNEY CAROLINE Feb. 13 in the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, Garden City. She has a brother, Paul Wesley, 13 months. Grandparents are Bruce and Carole Whitney of Talbot, Tenn., and Winford and Carol Hendrix of Arlington, Va.

STEVEN and RAQUEL HAHN of Redford announce the birth of JESSIE NICOLE Feb. 8 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Evelyn Marino of Florida, William Hahn of Michigan, Marjorie Micallef of Tennessee and Samuel Micallef of Florida.

See Voices, 15A

Writer has appreciation of culture

Dear Ms. Green, On a recent episode of "Unsolved Mysteries," I watched the graphologist study the handwriting of Vince Foster. The study created an interest in my own handwriting.

My age is 68 and I am right handed.

Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to analyze my handwriting. Thank you.

M.L.K., Rochester

One of the first things to attract my attention is the beautiful placement of the handwriting on the page. Wide margins frame the handwriting like a picture. This tells us the writer has a strong sense of aesthetics.

Seemingly, she has an appreciation of cultural expression taking an interest in music, art, literature and/or dance. Perhaps she may be expressing herself in these fields.

A well-rounded, mature person comes into focus as we study this handwriting sample. This is a woman whose feet are firmly planted on terra firma.

She is sentimental as a Victorian valentine. She probably wears her heart on her sleeve much of the time. Sad movies can bring a tear to her eyes and she can easily relate to the underdog.

She has learned that discipline is necessary for success in any endeavor in life. Her self-discipline is evident here. She sets challenging goals and can stay on target to achieve them. Augmenting this is the ability to work energetically. Hers is a strong sense of duty. And she is optimistic about her goals.

She has a penchant for organizing her daily routine and also the capacity to maintain her essential integrity. Efficiency is her hallmark, and she uses her time effectively.

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The writer is intellectually oriented. Innate curiosity has her exploring and analyzing many areas. Her keen, active mind doesn't miss a trick. She can strip away the extraneous and get right down to the basics. She can also penetrate problems as they occur.

This is a talented woman who can do many things well, but is never too busy to be helpful to others.

She has an aversion to clutter. Her home would be tastefully done. Everything has a place

and she is neat and clean. Her home would probably be open for inspection at all times.

Criticism of her personal self can be hurtful for her. Perhaps that is why she pays such careful attention to proper appearances.

The writer sincerely enjoys people and her interaction with them. She is a busy, active person with initiative and leadership talents. At this particular time, she may even be a tad overextended. However, I think this is unusual and not the norm.

Those around her know how conscientious and dependable she is. When she accepts a task she honors the commitment. Often she goes beyond the expected.

There are two additional positive traits that should be mentioned here. The first is her intuition which can furnish answers when logic does not. The second is her sense of humor. While she may not be the funny person herself, she appreciates the humor of others.

Her signature tells us she is the nice person in her private life as she is in public. Also she looks up to her husband with respect and admiration.

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Scott is Young Careerist

Kimberly Scott strongly supports pay equity, equal treatment and economic equality in all areas for women.

The Livonia resident also believes that bias treatment in those areas would only do "a disservice to the country as a whole."

"Working women are continually contributing to the economic development of our country," she said. We should reward this with a positive, not hold women back with a negative. As a united work force, we have all to gain and nothing to lose."

Those are the thoughts Scott presented to judges en route to being selected as the Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club's Young Careerist.

At age 27, Scott is a detective sergeant on the Garden City Police Department, achieving the rank in the minimum number of years (five) to be promoted. She currently is the department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse

Resistance Education) officer, providing "a structured education program to the sixth grade student body" in the Garden City Public Schools.

"I set up the program for the department and in doing this, I have tried to develop a solid community base," said Scott, a Livonia resident. "D.A.R.E. has brought together the various community groups to help teach out young people about the dangers of drug use."

Scott is a graduate of St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn. She will receive her bachelor's degree in police administration this spring from Madonna University, where she has been on the honors list for grade point and semester grades. She finished second in her class at the police academy and first on the police department's promotional examination.

She has received letters of merit for police service and has

been nominated for Police Officer of the Year in Garden City, since joining the department in 1990.

Prior to becoming the police officer, she was employed by the Dayton Hudson Department Store Company as a loss prevention investigator.

Goals Scott has set for herself included first getting comfortable with her new position before pursuing graduate studies. She also would like to seek advancement within the police department and during the next 10 years foresees an opportunity for advancement.

The Young Careerist Program is sponsored by BPW/USA to highlight the achievement of men and women ages 25-35 who have been employed in business or the professions with at least one year of experience in the career area.



Kimberly Scott

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Voices from page 14A

DAN and DONNA JOP-PICH of Canton announce the birth of **CATHERINE ANTOINETTE** Jan. 13, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has two sisters, Allison and Kelsey. Grandparents are Don and Toni Bar and Ed and Edee Joppich.

FRANCIS and JANIE PHILLIPS of Redford announce the birth of **CHRISTA FRANCES** Nov. 9 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has two sisters, Courtney Erin, 9, and Catherine Pauline, 5. Grandparents are Florence Phillips of Redford and Irene Glowacki of Hamtramck.

BRYAN and ANGIE DYE of Westland announce the birth of **BRENT KEITH** Jan. 15 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Ed and Laura Kitts and Ned and Sally Dye, all of Westland.

THOMAS and KIMBERLY HICKEY announce the birth of **WILLIAM SEAN** Jan. 30. Sean has a brother, Kevin, 6. Grandparents are Margaret Brown of Broadview Heights, Ohio, and Harold and Darlene Hickey of Fort Mill, S.C.

KENNETH and DEBRA STRESS of Canton announce the birth of **AUSTIN MARION** Jan. 31 in the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, Garden City. She has a brother, Christopher, 5. Grandparents are Carmen and Marion Stress and Walter and Linda Shell, all of Westland.

BRIAN NEUMANN and AMANDA RAMSEY of Livonia announce the birth of **LAURA KATELYNNE** Feb. 8 in the Birthing Center of Garden City

Hospital, Garden City. Grandparents are Mary Ann Neumann, Dale Neumann, Cathaline Ramsey and Kenneth Ramsey, all of Livonia.

BARRY and ANDREA BATES of Garden City announce the birth of **JESSICA ANNE** Feb. 11 in the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, Garden City. She has a brother, Kyle, 9. Grandparents are Edward and Brenda Davidson

and Edward and Jacquelyn Bates.

JIMMY and MARGARET BYRD of Westland announce the birth of **JIMMY WAYNE** Jan. 22 in the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, Garden City. Grandparents are Fred and Pat Smith of Wayne and Robert Byrd of Westland.

PAUL and TRACY PARTON of Garden City announce the birth of **NICHOLE RENEE** Feb. 6 in the Birthing Center of

Garden City Hospital, Garden City. Grandparents are Wendell and Genny Parton of Rochester Hills and Bob and Cathy Ochoa of Lake Orion.

BRAD and JOYCE HOVERMALE of Canton announce the birth of **RYAN BRADLEY** Jan. 19 in the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, Garden City. Grandparents are Tom and Shirley Hovermale of Livonia and Norman and Carol Nelson of Hinckley, Minn.



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RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, April 4, with Sue Ann-Daniel, social worker, and her topic of "Help for the Family in Grief." The program is free. Free resources are available and related books may be purchased at cost. For more information, call (813) 422-6038. The church is located at 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Maundy Thursday worship service at 7 p.m. April 4 at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. The service will celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper with Holy Communion, followed by the stripping of the altar. The Tenebrae service, a quiet meditation on the Crucifixion, will be at 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 5. Two services an informal service at 8:30 a.m. and a festival service at 11 a.m. are scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 7. A time for children's stories and activities, "Beyond the Easter Bunny," will begin at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 427-3660.

CONCERT CHOIR

"Bless This House," a performance by the Great Lakes Christian College Concert Choir, comes to Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4. For more information, call (313) 464-6722.

REQUIEM CONCERT

The St. Genevieve Festival Choir, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Choir and singers representing eight other churches and choral groups in the area will present John Rutter's Requiem with chamber orchestra and harp. The first show is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at St. Paul's, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road, and will be directed by Steve SeGraves, choir director at St. Paul's. The performance comes to St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison (two blocks south of Five Mile and two blocks east of Middlebelt), at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 5. This

concert will be directed by LaVerne Lieberknecht, director of music at St. Genevieve. Donations will be accepted at the door. For more information, call (313) 261-5920.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will present the Prime Time Singers in a concert, "Praisin' Live-Powerful Praise," directed by Jan Burbridge, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Single Point Players will also perform skits. Child care will be provided. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Michigan Promise Keepers representative Jeff Nelson will be the featured speaker at the 21st annual St. Michael's Men's Good Friday Breakfast Event at 8 a.m. April 5 at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for boys 10 years and under. For tickets, call (313) 459-3333.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

A group of churches in the Livonia community will gather for the 14th year for a special noon community worship service Good Friday, April 5. The host church this year will be St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Six Mile just east of Merriman.

Churches participating in the service will be St. Andrew's Presbyterian, St. Timothy's Presbyterian, Rosedale Garden Presbyterian, St. Edith Catholic and Nativity United Church of Christ. The preacher will be the Rev. Bob Seltz of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church.

The offering received will support Habitat for Humanity. Garden City Presbyterian Church will host the ecumenical Good Friday service, sponsored by the Garden City Ministerial Association, at 12:30 p.m. April 5 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt.

The theme of this year's service will be "Were You There?" with the Good Friday message told through stories and viewpoints of those who were present during the trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Participating will be the Rev. Felix Lorenz Jr. of St. Paul United Church of Christ, pastor Art Wilde of Good Hope Lutheran Church, the Rev. Gretchen Denton of Garden City Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Gary

Damon of the First United Methodist Church. Each of the church choirs will sing an anthem during the half hour that is led by their church pastor. There will be congregational singing and prayers as well. The service will last until 2:30 p.m., however, people may attend as much as of the service as they can. A free will offering for the Garden City FISH will be received.

Ward Presbyterian Church invites the Livonia community to attend all or part of the services of worship that will begin at noon and conclude at 3 p.m. at the church, Six Mile and Farmington roads, April 5. The service will feature "The Seven Words of Christ" with music by the Chamber Choir. Messages addressing the "Seven Last Word" will be delivered by Dr. James McGuire, Dr. L. Edward Davis, Pamela Hodge, Dr. Bartlett Hess, the Rev. David

Brown Jr., the Rev. John Quigley and the Rev. James Killgore. Members of the Chancel Choir will be singing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois under the direction of Dr. Jerry Smith. Soloists include Marjorie Baker, Gordon Walls, David Flanigan, William Butler, Lawrence Zane, Lisa Meyer, Keith Wilson, Ronald Wroblewski, Connie Grimes and Sherry Aronson.

Child care will be provided for children through age 4. For more information, call (313) 422-1150.

BETHANY WEST

Bethany West Chapter, a non-profit Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer ministry, will have an Easter dance at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on West

Chicago east of Inkster Road, Redford. There will be an Easter parade and prizes for the best men's and women's Easter hat. Cost is \$8, which includes pop, beer, wine and munchies. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 584-1158 or Laurie at (313) 565-3529.

EASTER SUNDAY

Crossroads Church will begin a three-week series Easter Sunday, April 7, when it begins meeting at West Middle School on Ann Arbor Trail at Sheldon Road, Plymouth. The series is entitled "Answering Life's Ultimate Questions" and will answer the questions: Why am I here, how can I know God better and how do I make my life count? Service time will be at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Ron Eddy at (313) 981-7163.

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene's Resurrection Celebration '96 will present "He's Alive" at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 7, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-1525.

At Newburg United Methodist Church, there will be a sunrise service (child care will be provided) at 8 a.m. Easter Sunday with worship service and Sunday School at 9:15 and 11 a.m. at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Breakfast, prepared and served by the United Methodist Men, will be at 7:30-10 a.m. in Gutherie Hall. There also will be at 7:30 a.m. service Easter Sunday at Newburg's original church at Greenmead, Eight Mile and Newburgh Road, Livonia.



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Bishop Brunett gets Dove Award

The former pastor of St. Aidan Church in Livonia will join the Michigan director of the Anti-Defamation League in receiving the 1996 Dove Award from the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies.

The Most Rev. Alex J. Brunett and Richard H. Lobenthal have been selected as the 1996 recipients of the award, presented annually to individuals who have worked to foster understanding and acceptance among people of all faiths.

As founding trustees of the Ecumenical Institute, both honorees were instrumental in its establishment, actively guiding its work in its formative years and committing themselves to the ideals of interfaith work.

Born and educated in Detroit, Bishop Brunett served as pastor at St. Aidan's and Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. In 1994, he was appointed Bishop of Helena, Mont.

Bishop Brunett was director of the Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Detroit as well as president of the National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers.

Lobenthal is the Michigan director of the Anti-Defamation League. He has served on the faculties of Wayne State University, the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit.

A founding board member of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights, Lobenthal also has been a member of numerous boards and consultant to police departments, schools and government agencies.

The two men will be honored at the third Dove Award Dinner Tuesday, April 26, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. There will be a reception at 6 p.m., fol-



lowed by the dinner program at 7 p.m.

A major fund raiser for the Ecumenical Institute, Dove Award Dinner tickets are priced at \$150 each.

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Sellards

A cruise to Alaska this summer is on tap for William and Charlotte Sellards of Redford, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged vows on Feb. 14, 1946, in Pikeville, Ky. She is the former Charlotte Pinion. Thirty-two-year residents of

Redford, the Sellardses also traveled to Florida in February as part of their celebration. They have a married son, David, and wife Nancy of Redford. Both have been retired for eight years. He worked as a carpenter, while she was employed by the Bendix Corp. He enjoys woodworking and travel. She likes to sew and dress dolls for the Goodfellows and being with family and friends.

Megown

George and Arlene Megown of Livonia celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on March 6. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, the former Arlene May Gray married George Joseph Megown of Painsville, Pa., on March 6, 1966, in Columbus, Ohio. Ten-year residents of Livonia, they have five children and 10 grandchildren. He has been employed by WDIV-TV for 27 years.



Rowland

Robert and Ardith Rowland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 14 at a dinner with family and friends. The couple was married in Seattle, Wash., on April 14, 1946, following his discharge from military service after World War II. He is retired from NBD, Plymouth Branch, and she from Michigan Bell, Plymouth office. They both enjoy bowling and gardening. The Rowlands have two children - Janis of Council, Idaho, and Barry of Grand Haven, Mich. - and four grandchildren.



Greenlee

Robert and Viola Greenlee of Livonia were joined by family and friends at a party to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The Greenlees exchanged vows on March 23, 1946, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Detroit. She is the former Viola Gumas. The couple has one daughter, Gail Zhmendak of Northville and two grandchildren, Bill, 19, and Christi, 15. He is a 17-year retiree of the Department of Public Service.



VNA nurse earns honor

Mary Nakamura of Livonia has been awarded the Sidney E. Chapin Award in recognition of her continued clinical excellence home health care and her many contributions to the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan. Nakamura, who joined VNA 16 years ago as a staff registered nurse, advanced from field teacher to her current position as a rehabilitation and cardiac rehabilitation nurse.

Nakamura, who holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Eastern Michigan University, plans on using her award money to attend the 1996 National Rehabilitation Conference in November. The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Sidney Chapin, VNA's past medical director and honorary trustee for almost 40 years. The award is given annually to a VNA nurse who has demonstrated outstanding com-

mitment to excellence to pursue advance clinical training. Dr. Chapin's 50-year career included serving as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II and practicing medicine in New York City and Dearborn. After his death in 1993, his daughter and son-in-law, Mimi and Peter Gregory, initiated funding for the award. VNA offers a wide range of nursing, therapeutic and personal care services in the home.



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THE WEEKEND

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SATURDAY



Primus plays the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-5451 or (810) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



"Beauty and the Beast" continues 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Tickets range from \$16-\$60. Call (810) 645-6666 or (313) 832-5900.



Hot tip: Gladys Knight performs this weekend at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets range from \$10-\$37.50. Call (313) 983-6611.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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Flutterby enjoys clowning around

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Toni Patterson went through a lot of pain to achieve her goal of performing as "Flutterby" the clown during the Coca-Cola Royal Hanneford Circus at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"The first year I was supposed to do it was three years ago. But three days before it opened, I had a bad accident and I crushed both of my ankles. I was in the hospital while they were doing circus," the Livonia resident said.

She was scheduled again for the following year, but her ankle, once again, got in the way. Patterson had to get her ankle fused and was in a cast during the performance. Finally, last year she accomplished her dream and Thursday, April 4-Sunday, April 7, she returns to The Palace to perform in The Royal Hanneford Circus.

"That was a dream of mine. Actually, I've fulfilled two of them. I performed at the White House in '92. Right now I'm working on getting into the schools with an anti-drug program and fire prevention," she explained.

Patterson said because it "is too

serious of a matter to be clowning with," she'll appear as a magician.

"Through a magic show you can reach the kids and leave an impression that I feel is pretty neat. They hear their mom, dad, pastor, counselor and teachers (tell them about drugs and fire prevention) but if it's made entertaining, I think it makes a difference. It gets their attention."

Clowning around has always been in Patterson's blood. She became a clown 11 years ago after reading the book "The Clown Ministry," attending classes in Redford and a clown camp at the University of Wisconsin.

Her name "Flutterby" comes from the original word for "butterfly."

"A butterfly was originally called a flutterby. ... It also is the symbol of the ascension of Christ. That's how I came about my name."

Within her first year of being a clown, she won three awards. Besides the Hanneford Circus, Patterson performs at seminars, birthday parties, and occasionally Don Pedro's Mexican restaurant near Grand River and Telegraph. It's now her full-time job.

"I guess it's always been a dream of mine to be an entertainer. I can't sing and I can't dance, but I've always loved to dress up for Halloween parties. I'd always take first place for the most outlandish costume," Patterson said.

She hopes to make the audience at The Palace smile with a number of her skits including the "there's a fire in the kitchen,"

"It's a real cute skit. They (kids) love



Special appearance: "Flutterby" the clown, also known as Toni Patterson of Livonia, will clown around with spectators at the Coca-Cola Royal Hanneford Circus at The Palace of Auburn Hills Thursday, April 4-Sunday, April 7.

fast action. For some reason, they love fire and smoke, the sirens and the flashing lights." Patterson said the Hanneford Circus provides a more hands-on approach for the children. There's face painting before and after and in between in the concourse. Kids can also go down and pet

the elephants. "It's my favorite circus. It's small and people can get more involved. You can get painted up in the concourse and all."

The Coca-Cola Royal Hanneford Circus, jointly owned and produced by Tommy and Struppi Hanneford, is the second largest circus in the United States. With its three performing units, the circus tours the country each year for 40 weeks.

Prior to forming their own shows, the Hannefords were circus superstars. Struppi was a multi-talented, award-winning performer - first, as an accomplished aerialist, and then as a high wire artist and tiger train-

er. Tommy was known as "The Funniest Man on Horseback." The Royal Hanneford Circus was created in 1768 in London, England. It was originally based on equestrianism and among other things introduced the clown. Tommy's act blended these elements.

On two occasions, Tommy's ancestors were invited to perform for royalty, once for George III and once for Victoria. Later, when the Hannefords came to America, the Prince of Wales attended one of their performances.

This year's show features "Splendors of the Orient" with a Chinese production starring the magic of Rai. Other acts include The Riding Fool, The Rodagils Flying Trapeze act, The Royal Hanneford Circus Elephants, The Marinof Duo, The Fabulous Winn Family and their Globe of Death, Olate's Dogs, and daredevil Rebecca Smith, the human cannonball.

Patterson said that although her injury, which incidentally happened while rehearsing an act, holds her back somewhat, she still enjoys being a part of the circus.

"It's like Toni got hurt and Flutterby didn't as much. Once I put on the costume, the shoes and get dressed, I do what I got to do and have a good time doing it after I come home I fall apart. When you get home and you wash that make up off, the energy goes right down the drain with it," Patterson said.

But by no means is she complaining. "What a life. That's our favorite saying because it is. I know I can take care of myself financially if I had to and yet doing it is fun. Confucius say if you enjoy your job you never work a day in your life. I do enjoy what I do."

Maverick captures Americana in paintings

LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

At age 25, Howard Dombrowski quit a well-paying job in engine design at Ford Motor Company to follow his dream. Armed with nothing more than a degree in drafting from Henry Ford Community College, he seriously began to paint traditional landscapes.

Unlike post-Impressionist artist Vincent Van Gogh who depended on his brother Theo for support, and of who Dombrowski often speaks, the Redford Township resident works midnights as a janitor.

An award-winning artist, he recently won an Honorable Mention in the annual Silver Medal Exhibition at the Scarab Club in Detroit.

If determination and dedication to one's art is enough to ensure success this maverick among modern painters will do whatever it takes even if that means struggling from paycheck to pay-

Livonia Artists Club
55th annual Art Exhibit
What: A fine art show and sale by members of the Livonia Artists Club
When: 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14.
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

check to buy canvas and paints. "I quit Ford because it wasn't what I wanted to do. My work was mentally tiring. At the end of the day, it's hard to be creative," said the 43-year old Dombrowski. "I wanted a job that would allow me to have the freedom and time to do my art." Inspiration comes from the 80 acres of land his family owns in Clare, Mich. Dombrowski's oil landscapes speak pure Americana, focusing on rural roads, ponds and pastures. Favorite subjects such as cows grazing

in a countryside pasture and rural routes complete with road signs repeat in his paintings.

"I love nature. I don't have a political message. My work strikes a common chord. People see my paintings and know a place like that," said Dombrowski.

Art museums are his classrooms. Basically a self-taught artist, Dombrowski studies the masterpieces at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Toledo Museum of Art. Burning the images in his brain, Dombrowski learned Flemish master Peter Paul Rubens painted the toes on his "Prometheus Bound" first instead of the background. He wanted to know how Rubens painted the feathers of the eagle, which feasted daily on the liver of the figure from Greek mythology. It took three trips to Toledo.

The "Treasures of Venice," an exhibit of 16th, 17th and 18th century artworks at the DIA through May 12, taught

Dombrowski the secrets locked in the magnificent works of art relaying stories from the golden age of painting. Venetian painters were among the first to use oils, which allowed artists to produce a depth of color. "Those are the people I want to learn from."

Dark palettes pervade Dombrowski's paintings whether the theme is ducks gathering in a winter water scene or an ancient castle in the country. Although a financially-struggling artist, he avoids painting portraits and nudes because of their lack of sale-ability.

"I didn't quit Ford to be a janitor. In the practical sense people are not going to buy nudes or portraits unless it's of someone they know," Dombrowski said. "I could do florals with frames to match people's sofas, but I am not trying to do commercial works, but fine art."

Dombrowski chooses not to exhibit in galleries. Instead, he shows with non profits like the Michigan Gallery and



Winter Rendezvous: Mallards gather in a winter water scene by Howard Dombrowski.

Detroit Focus. Local groups like the Livonia Artists Club and Three Cities Art Club also serve as a venue to showcase his work. His paintings are not cheap, running into the hundreds of dollars.

Dombrowski is one of the exhibiting members in the annual Livonia Artists Club show April 13-14 in the Civic Center Library Atrium. Farmington Hills watercolorist Donna Vogelheim will judge the exhibit awarding cash prizes for Best of Show, First, Second and Third Place.

SCREEN SCENE

Local musician provides 'refreshing' change

By **CHRISTINA FUOCO**
STAFF WRITER

Tempe, Ariz., has made a name for itself spawning the rock bands Meat Puppets and Gin Blossoms. The Refreshments are the latest to jump out of Arizona and onto a major label — thanks in part to Ticketmaster and the Gin Blossoms.

The Refreshments won the 1994 National Ticketmaster Music Showcase and received a weeklong recording studio package. (Dishwalla who plays St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday, April 13, with The Refreshments, participated in the 1993 contest.) The contest, guitarist Brian Blush said, helped get the band's name in the media.

"We met a few people and probably most importantly it got our name into a few trade mags," said Blush, a graduate of Rochester Adams High School who moved to Arizona in 1986 to attend Arizona State University.

"It was really cool, though. We

learned how to play showcases and do those kind of things. As a result of winning it, we got to recording in a really nice studio. All of those things were certainly helpful."

The Refreshments' debut disc "Wheeler," released on an independent label based in Tempe, piqued the attention of ASCAP and Mercury in winter 1995. By the summer, The Refreshment secured a deal with the label. Throughout the process, Blush said, the Gin Blossoms gave The Refreshments advice.

"They're old dear friends of ours. We just spent about a month on the road with those guys. I can't really explain how much they helped us — everything from advice when we were going through the motions of the record deal to just being good friends."

The Refreshments' debut for Mercury "Fizzy Fuzzy Big & Buzzy" is a fun, straight-ahead pop-rock album. "Mexico" pays

homage to the band members' visits to the neighboring country; while "Down Together" pokes fun at the band Dead Hot Workshop, with whom they once shared a bill. The Refreshments recently wrapped up the video for its first single, "Bandito."

Blush, who writes most of the songs, also takes credit for the goofy album title.

"I keep a notepad next to my bed at night. I wake up a lot (in the middle of the night) and think 'that's the most brilliant thing I ever thought of.' Nine times out of 10, though, I'll wake up in the morning and it'll say 'Cows go moo' or the dumbest thing in the world," Blush said.

"One morning I woke up and that was laying next to my bed. I pretty much wrote it off. I thought it would make a good album name but I didn't think it would make the cut. They really seemed to like it. It's kind of a fun and lighthearted thing to say. It's not a very dark record.

It's pretty upbeat and happy, like the album."

For more information about the show, call (313) 961-MELT.

• Jawbreaker's guitarist/vocalist Blake Schwarzenbach started April 1 out by doing the same thing he does the beginning of each month. He says "Rabbit, Rabbit."

"See, you're supposed to say, 'Rabbit, Rabbit' on the first of the month before you say anything else," he told BAM magazine. "So, I make a poster every month because I'll forget if I don't. Otherwise, I'll get up and say something else and blow it — I'll blow my luck for the month."

Rest assured, bassist Chris Bauermeister said during an April 1 interview, that Schwarzenbach had done the deed that morning.

"That's his personal thing. I think he cursed slightly before saying it, but he didn't finish, so it's OK," Bauermeister said with a laugh.



Light-hearted album: The title of The Refreshments' debut "Fizzy Fuzzy Big & Buzzy" reflects the mood of the album, said Rochester native Brian Blush (third from left).

Bauermeister called while his band was on a break from making its way through the United States to Minneapolis where the band was scheduled to open its tour. The band comes to St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday, April 4.

The pop punk band Jawbreaker has been hearing a lot of peculiar comments of late. Sure, the band hears that it's a sell-out for releasing its album "Dear You" on a major label (Geffen). But Bauermeister has also been told

about his new fan base. "I've been hearing that a lot lately, 'My now-ex-boyfriend got me into you guys.' It's kind of funny. The good thing about that though is that the boyfriend is an ex and we're still liked," Bauermeister said.

If you have any questions or comments for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or via e-mail at cfuoco@aol.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Attend a recreation leadership conference

Great Lakes Recreation Leaders' Lab celebrates its 44th year with a conference/workshop April 26 to May 1. The conference features workshops in Country Western Line Dancing, Storytelling, Song Leading, Low Cost Crafts, Social

Recreation/Group Dynamics, Novelty Dances, Native American Folklore and Crafts.

Introduction to Woodcarving and Whittling, Party Planning, Herbs (their value to maintaining good health), basket making and more.

The conference is held at Camp Cavell overlooking Lake Huron just north of Lexington, Mich. Accommodations are in heating cabins, meals are served in the main dining room. The cost is \$180, which includes

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The competition is open to high school students studying privately and to students currently enrolled in either a degree

program with a college university, or in private study with a conservatory affiliation.

A total of \$4,500 in prizes will be awarded. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$35. The competition is open to family, friends, and the public for the admission price of \$2 each day. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 425-4855 for information.

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GALLERIES

• ANGEL TREASURES

Andy Lakey, a well-known contemporary painter of angels, will visit Angel Treasures in Rochester (425 Walnut) 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, and Royal Oak 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, as part of a nationwide signing tour of his new book, "Art, Angels and Miracles." Lakey will speak about his personal angel experiences and subsequent 2,000 angel paintings mission 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at Royal Oak Unity Church on Crooks; the public may attend. Call Angel Treasures in Rochester for more information. (810) 650-4944

• FIRST THURSDAY

Today is the "First Thursday" of the month. The North Woodward and Townsend Street art galleries in Birmingham will have extended hours tonight. Call the individual galleries for more information.

• FORM AND FUNCTION

The gallery at 406 Main, Rochester, celebrates its remodeling with an opening 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 5. The addition offers a permanent showing of top local and national talent, displaying work in glass, wood, clay and contemporary furniture. Beautiful blown bottles from Christian Thirion, glass wall hangings from Debra Vantoli and large blown freeform vessels from Dutch Schulze are presented in April. (810) 656-8290

• START GALLERIES

An exhibit of drawings and wall sculpture by Marilyn Schechter of West Bloomfield continues to April 27 at 211 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Reception for the artist 5-10 p.m. Friday, April 5. (810) 644-2991

• DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Pictorialism into Modernism: The Clarence H. White School of Photography" continues through May 26 at 5200 Woodward; related events include a hands-on workshop for adults, "Exploring Photography," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 6, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 20, in the Education Studio. The workshop, with instructor Bill Rauhauser, is open to all skill levels and includes a visit to the exhibit. Fee is \$30; \$24 for members, seniors and students. Call (313) 833-4249 to register. "Treasures of Venice" continues through May 12; related events include a drop-in workshop in which participants of all ages use watercolors to create a postcard veduta ("city view"), noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7, in the Education Studio. A video, "The Painted Princess," a partly animated, partly live action interpretation of Velasquez's painting "Las Meninas," 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7, in Lecture Hall. A drop-in family workshop in which participants create sculptures of the small animals figuring prominently in the stories told by Kathleen Kelly Williams will take place 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the Studio. Williams will present three stories from West Africa, with a sign language interpreter 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in Lecture Hall. A drop-in family workshop in which participants discover patterns found in traditional African art and then make prints using rubber stamps will take place noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the Studio. (313) 833-7900

• FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Imperial Russian Porcelain, 1744-1917" will continue to June 2 at 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint, featuring a selection of 146 exquisite porcelain objects created under the patronage of the Romanov dynasty in the Imperial Porcelain Factory. Members reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 6. (810) 234-1695

• MACK AVENUE GALLERY

The Michigan Glass Guild participates in Glass Art Month with an exhibit through April 30 at 18743 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 5. The display features blown, fused, cast, etched, stained and leaded glass by 17 artists.

• UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

"Bold Strokes: The Inventiveness of Rembrandt's Late Prints" continues to April 28 at 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. Related events include object lesson 12:10 p.m. Thursday, April 4; and art talk Thursday, April 4. The Society for Kinetic Arts and Music, which performs improvisational music on classical instruments, will give a free concert 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the Museum of Art Apse. A free art video, "Monsieur Rene Magritte," will be shown 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the museum Media Room. Group tours of any museum exhibit may be arranged by calling the Docent Office at (313) 747-2067. (313) 764-0395

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fuoco, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. To ensure publication, the venues' addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

POPULAR MUSIC

- **THE ALLIGATORS**
8 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400
- **ALMIGHTY LUMBERJACKS OF DEATH**
With Doo Rag and the Goddammit, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT
- **BAKED POTATO**
With Groove Monkey Atmosphere, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-8555
- **BENNY AND THE JETS**
8 p.m. Sunday, April 7, The Office Bar, 15414 Telegraph Road, north of Five Mile Road, Redford; With Mississippi Slick Rick, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at The Office Bar. (rock) (313) 730-1627
- **THE BIG GERANIUMS**
With Odd Enough, 9 p.m. Friday, April 5, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Irish alternative rock band) (810) 334-9292
- **BLACK MARKET**
8 p.m. Thursday, April 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 543-0917
- **BLUE ROSE**
9 p.m. Friday, April 12, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400
- **BLUES-O-MATIC**
8 p.m. Friday, April 5-Saturday, April 6, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650
- **BRAINIAC**
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT
- **BROTHER RABBIT**
With Deep Space Six, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-2748
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- **COMBUSTIBLE EDISON**
8 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (lounge) (810) 335-8100
- **COSMIC DALI**
9 p.m. Friday, April 5-Saturday, April 6, Backseat Saloon, 3064 Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor. (acoustic rock) (810) 682-1119
- **DADDY LONGLEGS**
9 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (ska/reggae) (810) 334-9292
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10 p.m. Friday, April 12, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL
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With The Elevator Drops, 6 p.m. Friday, April 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT
- **DASH RIP ROCK**
Friday, April 12, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL
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- **DIRT MERCHANTS**
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- **DOG'S EYE VIEW**
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, Sanctum, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 338-1139
- **EKOOSTIC HOOKAH**
9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (313) 996-8555
- **THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY**
10 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 349-9110
- **FIRST LIGHT**
9 p.m. Friday, April 12, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748
- **FLYSWATTER**
9 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344
- **GAVIN FRIDAY**
With The Legendary Jim Ruiz Group, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 335-8100
- **GOLDEN SMOG**
Featuring members of Wilco, Jayhawks, Soul Asylum and Run Westy Run, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$11.50 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-9700
- **HARMS WAY**
9:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555
- **HONKY DORY**
With Swishboy, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. ('70s shtick) (810) 589-3344
- **KIMMIE HORNE**
9 p.m. Friday, April 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 543-0917
- **HOWLING DIABLOS**
8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917
- **NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS**
9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, Murock's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 852-0550
- **JAWBREAKER**
With Smoking Popes and Fluff, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT
- **JO-NAB**
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 543-0917
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8 p.m. Friday, April 12, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (acoustic) (810) 335-8100
- **MICHAEL KATON**
10 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL
- **KILLER FLAMINGOS**
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (variety) (810) 543-0917
- **KING TACO**
With Somewhat Slack, 9 p.m. Friday, April 12, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 334-9292
- **GLADYS KNIGHT**
8 p.m. Thursday, April 4-Saturday, April 6, and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 7, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$37.50. All ages. (R&B) (313) 983-6611
- **JAN KRIST**
10 p.m. Friday, April 5, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL/(810) 549-2929

• JOHN D. LAMB

- 9 p.m. Friday, April 5-Saturday, April 6, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston; 9 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, April 12, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (singer/songwriter) (810) 625-4600/(810) 332-HOWL/(810) 349-7038
- **LEFTOVER SALMON**
With Nil Lara, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (313) 996-8555
- **LET'S GO BOWLING**
With The Exceptions, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. (ska) (313) 833-POOL
- **LIGHTNIN' CREOLE**
10 p.m. Thursday, April 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (variety) (810) 349-9110
- **LIQUID BRICK**
9 p.m. Thursday, April 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. \$3. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050
- **LOVE AND ROCKETS**
With The Dandy Warhols, 6 p.m. Friday, April 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT
- **LUNGFISH**
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL
- **DAVE MASON**
Former member of Traffic, 9 p.m. Friday, April 5, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 335-8100
- **MARY MCGUIRE**
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, Mr. B's, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (singer/songwriter) (810) 349-7038
- **MEICES**
With Skiplader and The Customers, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (810) 335-8100
- **THE METEORS**
With Candy Snatchers, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, St.

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- Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT
- **MINISTRY**
With The Young Gods, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11-Friday, April 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 in advance. All ages. (industrial/metal) (313) 961-5451
- **MUSTARD PLUG**
9 p.m. Friday, April 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. \$3. 18 and older. (ska) (313) 485-5050
- **MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY**
8 p.m. Friday, April 5-Saturday, April 6, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (variety) (810) 543-0917

- **NICK STRANG NAKED**
9 p.m. Monday, April 8, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. \$19 in advance. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748
- **NITZER EBB TION NIGHT**
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 1815 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free before 9 p.m. (video) (810) 589-3344
- **NOBODY'S BIDDEN PIGS**
With Billy Bidden Pigs, April 8, Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700



MOVIES

Duvall, Jones make best out of 'A Family Thing'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

In "A Family Thing" Robert Duvall discovers that the woman he's been calling "mom" for the past 60 years isn't related to him at all. A detailed letter, delivered after her death, describes how she raised him as her own after her philandering husband made a black servant girl pregnant.

His real mother died in child birth, the letter goes on to say, but she left behind another boy, Ray. Intent on following the woman's last wishes, he sets out for Chicago to make amends with the half-brother he didn't know he had.

That the movie doesn't really know what to do with this clever premise isn't half as important as the mood it creates. Like the Paul Newman movie "Nobody's Fool" from a few years back, it has a vivid sense of place filled with some powerful actors.

Much of the pleasure of "A Family Thing" comes in the first half hour where Duvall introduces us to Earl, his baseball-cap wearing good old boy, proprietor of an Arkansas rent-it shop. When someone complains because he's

withheld a deposit, Earl simply locks him in the shop and heads home.

After a painful deathbed scene with his mother and a confrontation with the father that got him into this mess, Earl heads for the Windy City. A fish out of water, he tangles with carjackers and loses his truck, forced to call upon the brother who wants nothing to do with him.

Then the movie begins to tread water and you're left with nothing more than a dramatic version of "The Odd Couple." Arguments cause one or the other to storm away before they soon find a common ground: both served in Korea, it turns out, and even met during childhood.

Though director Richard Pearce practically stamps "IRONY" in bold letters across certain scenes, the movie resorts only occasionally to cheap sentimentality. This usually comes in the form of the men's Aunt T. (Irma P. Hall), a crusty but lovable old blind woman who lives with Ray and keeps his bitterness in check.

Ray's son Virgil (Michael Beach) is another story. Correctly pegged by Earl as a boy with a

chip on his shoulder, Virgil had a shot at pro football before irreversibly injuring his knee early in his career. Now he's the bitter father of two who sleeps on the couch and won't give Earl the time of day.

Though the movie paints a picture of Chicago's older neighborhoods and abandoned buildings, it works best in those early scenes back in Earl's Arkansas. Garages doors open, with dad hosing down the muddy bulldozer tires, it's the kind of place you don't usually see in movies, the wide screen revealing every detail.

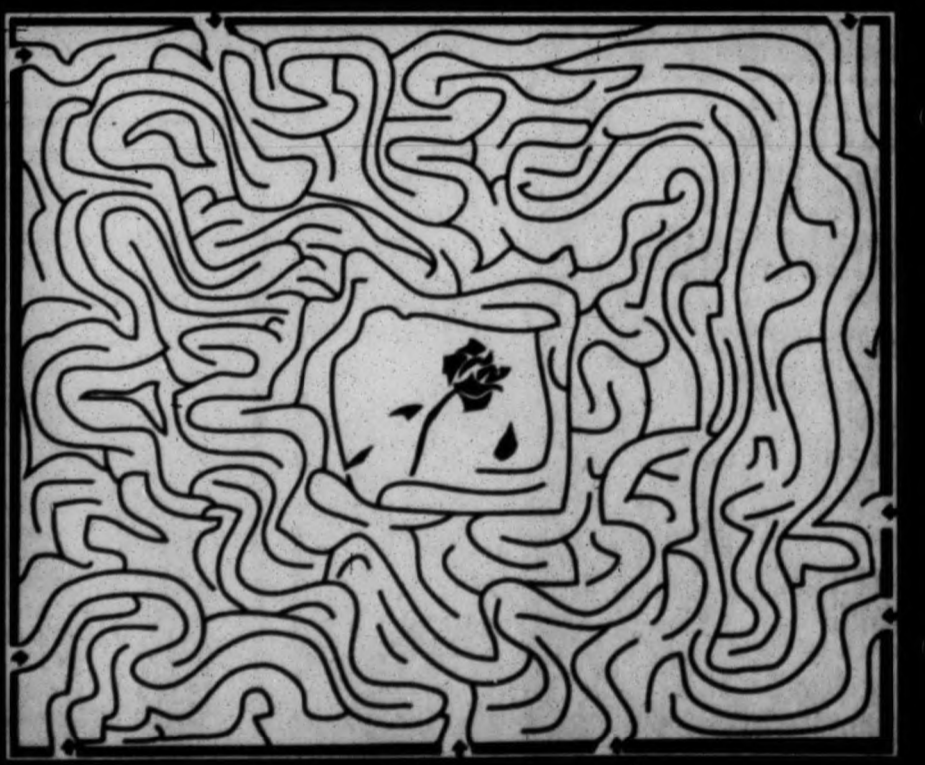
Ultimately you go to "A Family Thing" to witness two of Hollywood's greatest character actors given the time and breathing space to bring substantial characters to life. Sometimes that's enough.

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Drama: Aunt T. (Irma P. Hall), Earl (Robert Duvall), Virgil (Michael Beach) and Ray (James Earl Jones) attempt to uncover the past and move toward the future in United Artists' "A Family Thing."

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table with multiple columns listing movie titles, theaters, showtimes, and prices. Includes sections for AMC Theatres, United Artists Theatres, and various local theaters.

Vertical sidebar containing various advertisements, including 'A sampling of alternative metro Detroit', 'COMIN', and 'BEATS As Low As \$5'.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"Ma Saison Preferee" (France - 1993). 7, 9:30 p.m. April 5-6; 4, 7 p.m. April 7. A lifetime of tensions erupts between an apparently successful sister and brother (Catherine Deneuve and Daniel Auteuil) when their elderly mother can no longer care for herself. An intimate family drama from "Wild Reeds" director Andre Techine.

"Augustin" (France - 1995). 7 p.m. April 8. A part-time file clerk for an insurance agency dreams of movie stardom then finally gets his big break. The hour-long comedy screens with the Oscar-winning short "Omnibus."

KINOTEK
Windsor Film Theatre, 2135 Wyandotte St. West, Windsor.

Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$4.50 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

Kenneth Anger's Magick Lantern Cycle. 9 p.m. April 8-9. Anger, the experimental filmmaker and author of the notorious book "Hollywood Babylon," is showcased with virtually all of his short films to date. The two-week tribute kicks off with early works: "Fireworks" (1947), "Puce Moment" (1949), and "Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome" (1954).

MAIN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Anne Frank Remembered" (England - 1995). Made in cooperation with Amsterdam's Anne Frank House, this documentary combines vintage photos, new interviews with Frank's contemporaries, documentary film clips, and strangely beautiful footage of

the rooms in which the girl and others hid from Nazis during World War II. Narrated by Kenneth Branagh and Glenn Close.

"The Birdcage" (USA - 1995). Robin Williams and Nathan Lane are a gay couple who must play it straight when Williams' son wants to entertain his fiancée and her conservative family. Mike Nichols' remake of the 1978 French farce "La Cage aux Folles" delivers big laughs.

"The Postman" (Italy - 1996). The Oscar-nominated romance centers around the relationship between an exiled poet and postman who visits him daily.

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Flirting with Disaster" (USA - 1996). A comedy about a slightful uptight and discontented young man who, having been adopted at birth, sets off on a quest for his birth parents. The all-star castin-

cludes Ben Stiller, Patricia Arquette, Alan Alda, Mary Tyler Moore, George Segal, and Lily Tomlin.

"Fargo" (USA - 1995). In this sixth film from Joel and Ethan Coen, Frances McDormand plays a pregnant sheriff investigating a bizarre murder case in the Upper Minnesota snowbelt. Dryer and less satisfying than the Coens' other pictures, but still one of the most unique and uncompromising films of the year.

"The Bird Cage" (USA - 1995). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

REDFORD THEATRE
13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"Easter Parade" (USA - 1948). 8 p.m. April 5; 2, 8 p.m. April 6 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtimes). When Fred Astaire is dumped by his longtime dancing partner, he sets out to prove that he can make a star out of anyone. He picks Judy Garland and the rest is musical histo-

ry. Irving Berlin tunes include "Stepping Out With My Baby," "A Couple of Swells," and the timely title song.

STAR JOHN R

John R at 14 Mile, Madison Heights. Call (810) 585-2070. (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinee/twilight)

"Fargo" (USA - 1995). See Maple Theatre listing above.

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The five man Canadian comedy troupe are featured in this offbeat adventure about a scientist who discovers a happiness pill. Stars Scott Thompson, David

Foley, Bruce McCulloch, Kevin McDonald, Mark McKinney.

"FEAR"
A psychological thriller about two teenagers involved in an obsessive relationship, and the girl's father who is forced to battle the psychotic boyfriend. Stars Mark Wahlberg, Reese Witherspoon, William Petersen, Alyssa Milano.

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"THE PALLBEARER"
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Wednesdays Suburban Singles hold "single mingle" dance parties every Wednesday 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of 8 Mile, Redford. Note, new location. Admission \$4. No jeans. Must be 21 or older. Arrive early for hot hors d'oeuvres. (313) 842-0443

THURSDAY DANCES
The Ultimate Singles Dance Parties will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Thursday at the Farmington Elks, 23666 Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile. You must be 21 years old. Cover charge of \$4. Draft beer and wine \$1. Hors d'oeuvres served 8-10 p.m. All singles clubs and groups invited. No jeans. (810) 476-1940

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Dance parties 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays through April 26 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Dressy attire. Must be 21 or older. Admission \$5 (\$3 before 8:30 p.m.). (313) 981-0909

TRI-COUNTY SATURDAY DANCES
"Single Mingle Dance" will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at Burton Manor, I-96 and Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission \$4, or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older. Fashionable attire. (313) 842-7422

50's/60's DANCE
Metropolitan Singles and Farmington Singles will sponsor a 50's/60's dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 5 at the Marriott Hotel in Laurel Park, 6 Mile east of I-275 in Laurel Park Mall, Livonia. 50's/60's attire optional. Admission \$6. Non-smoking ballroom. Attire casual. (810) 851-9909

FARMINGTON ELKS DANCE
Joe Stevens Band will entertain 6 p.m.

Friday, April 5 at Farmington Elks, 23666 Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile. Buffet offered \$8.95. Entree menu available. Guests not eating pay \$3 cover charge. (810) 476-1940

SINGLE GROUPS

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
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CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB
The Catholic Alumni Club is a non-profit organization comprised of single Catholics age 21 and older who have a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. Indoor volleyball at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Birney Middle School. \$3 members, \$5 non-members. (810) 557-6183, (810) 682-1807

ACTIVITIES GROUP
The Activities Group is single adults participating in activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or political organization. Membership fee is \$30. (810) 624-7777

BETHANY
Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (313) 261-9123, (313) 729-1974

EXPRESSIONS
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. in First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. During the month of April they will only meet the fourth Friday. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5.25 per person and \$2 for volunteers. April 26, to topic of discussion will be: "What would I do if I won the

Lotts?" "What confuses me the most about the opposite sex?" and "Fishbowl." Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 996-0141

METRO MINGLERS
The Metro Minglers, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society. (313) 338-9626, (810) 646-3347

NEWBURGH SINGLES
Newburgh Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 663-0014

PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD
The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road between Inkster and Middlebelt in Livonia. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1969

PWP WAYNE-WESTLAND
The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Meeting is 8-8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 525-6937

ST. EDITH SINGLES
St. Edith Singles, 21 and over, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. (313) 840-8824

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS
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SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First

Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents a social group called Single Place, which meets 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church. Wednesday, April 10, program will consist of "Personal Ads: Singles Meeting People in the 90's" with speaker, Bettina Edwards. Cost \$4. (810) 349-0911

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville meets every Sunday, at 9:45 a.m. in the Library/Lounge. (810) 349-0911

SINGLE POINT
The Rev. Paul Clough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays, in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk it Over (TIO), 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Second and fourth Saturdays BYOS (bring your own sneakers) to the Livonia YMCA on Stark, north of Schoolcraft, Livonia from 8 p.m. to midnight. Second Saturday for adults only, fourth Saturday, bring the kids. FYI, Single Parent group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room, Ward Presbyterian Church. They do several activities with the children through the month and have fellowship with other single parents. (313) 422-1854

TEMPLE BAPTIST SAM
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PLYMOUTH—CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Sharks hammer

The Plymouth Canton Killer Shark Mite B hockey team compiled a 24-10-3 mark through a championship season.

The Sharks went 12-2-1 from mid-January including a 6-5 overtime victory Sunday over the Warren Leafs to win the Fraser Tournament.

They followed that win Tuesday with a 5-2 victory over the Westland Renegades at Joe Louis Arena to capture the Tier I Little Caesar's League championship.

Team members included Kris Brandt, Sean Breen, John Feiten, Johnny Groat, Cory Hames, Derek Leathers, Michael Manner, Cameron McMartin, Phillip Meck, Jeff Mydlowski, Matt Northgrave, Jason O'Guinn, Nick Reickoff, Robby Reilly, Brad Smith and Greg Wolfe.

The team was coached by Bill Breen, assisted by Ken Brandt, Mike Reilly and Marie Smith.

Bedford takes fifth

Plymouth Canton's Ian Bedford ran fifth Saturday at 3,200 meters in the Huron River Relays at Eastern Michigan University.

Bedford, timed in 9:56.04, was the only Chiefs' runner to score.

OLGC hoop champs

The Varsity A basketball team from Our Lady of Good Counsel won the West Suburban #1 Division for the CYO with an 8-2 record.

The team was coached by Jay Coury and Dennis Wolf.

Team members included Jon Canoy, Roy Chapman, Jeff Dueweke, C.J. Gibbons, Pat Griffin, Nick Tochman, Jeff Moore, Matt Moraca, G.J. Roc, Steve Stiles, Oliver Wolcott and Bill Zydec.

Clark All-Academic

Jeff Clark (Plymouth Canton) of Southern Illinois has been named to the Missouri Valley Conference's All-Academic team.

The sophomore, carrying a 4.0 Grade Point in accounting and finance, took first with conference records in the MVC championships in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle and helped on winning 200 freestyle relay and 400 medley relay teams. The Salukis won the league crown.

Clark took second in the 50-yard freestyle in the National Independents Championships in Little Rock, Ark., last Feb. He also finished second in the 100 freestyle and participated on the winning 200-yard freestyle relay team for SIU.

Holmes sparkling

Michigan pitcher Kelly Holmes (Canton) had a 10-5 record through the Wolverines' first 32 games with an excellent 1.60 ERA.

Holmes had 16 starts and 13 complete games. She had allowed 76 hits in 100 innings, striking out 60 and walking only 19.

GCA Tazmen advance

The GCA Novi Tazmen Hockey Club, an over-40 senior no-check team, recently won the Labatt's Ontario Western regional semifinals, March 15-17 in Windsor, after beating the Mildewed Maple Leafs, Tilbury Silver Wings and Jake's Old-Timers.

Members of the Tazmen, who advance to the Ontario Finals, April 12-14, at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex, include defenseman Kevin Ahern (Trenton), Gary Cipriani (Novi), Dennis Lapensee (Westland), Mark Perry (Boyer City), Buddy Williams (Walled Lake); wingers Barry Anderson (Plymouth), Nelson Debenedet (Northville), Mike Eves (Lake Orion), Mike McClain (Livonia), Ken Morrison (Dearborn Heights), Dennis Roegner (Wixom), Craig Roehl (Plymouth Township); and centers John Asadoorian (Canton), Bill Delyon (Petoskey), Dave Frankling (Westland), John LaCroix (Farmington); and goaltender Dan Chematti (Northville). The team manager is Jim Chuhran (Farmington Hills).

Jackson letters

Kari Jackson, a freshman from Plymouth Canton, earned her letter from Hope College on the Flying Dutchmen swimming and diving team.

Hope's women's swim team captured the MIAA championship.

Hawks fly high

The Livonia Y Michigan Hawks, an under-14 girls soccer team, recently won the North American Indoor National Championship title in Dublin, Ohio.

The team included Canton's Suzi Towne as part of the Hawks' solid defense.

Rocks beat Churchill in opener



Plymouth Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger says he'll focus on improved hitting as the Rocks move into the heart of the new season.

It's hard to imagine a Plymouth Salem baseball team having to work on its hitting, but that's what coach Dale Rumberger says the Rocks need to do after their first game of the season.

Rumberger's Rocks played patient ball for five innings Tuesday before "exploding" for five runs in the sixth on two hits, a walk, two errors and a

pair of wild pitches to pin a 6-1 defeat on Livonia Churchill in the season and Western Lakes Activities Association opener for both teams.

"I was disappointed in the way we swung the bat," said Rumberger, whose teams have traditionally hit well and often. "We hit well in spots, but not early in the game."

"But for our first game, I thought

we played really well. We only made one error -- and that was on a catcher's interference. So defensively, we played fairly well.

Kevin Niemiec, our new shortstop, made some nice plays. Remember, this was only the seventh or eighth time we've been outdoors. And we pitched well. Any time you can pitch and play defense, you're going to be in the game."

Ryan Andrezejewski started for Salem, and while he didn't get the win, he did pitch five strong innings and left with the score tied, 1-1. Rumberger took him out because he'd reached a 65-pitch limit.

Tom Demetsenare came in and scarfed up the victory with one inning of scoreless relief. Keith Boughner finished off with an inning of shutout ball to get the save.

Niemiec stroked a single to left in the second for his first varsity hit and first varsity RBI. Kirk Craggs had singled and reached third on a passed ball plus an infield out.

Two hits plus the interference call on catcher Ryan Rumberger, a sacrifice and a medium-speed groundout to first enabled Churchill to tie the

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Trio leads Salem track team to win

Jason Barylski, Dave Hester and Scott Pengelly each won a pair of individual events Tuesday night to lead Plymouth Salem's track team to an 89.5-43.5 victory over Livonia Churchill.

"Not all the times were great," said Salem coach Geoff Baker, "but who wants to be great in the first meet of the season?"

Barylski captured the 200- and 400-meter dashes in 24.0 and 51.6 seconds, respectively.

Hester won the shot put at a distance of 39-feet, then took the discus with a toss of 122-feet, 9-inches.

Pengelly copped the 1,600-meter run in 4:40.5, topped off his tank and ripped through the 3,200 in 9:58 as the Rocks took the season opener for both Western Lakes Activities Association schools.

"I thought we all competed very well," Baker said. "I was really impressed. We had 60 kids out and we got everybody at least two races who wanted them."

"I was really happy with all the young guys that are out. And I was really happy with all the upper classmen that are out."

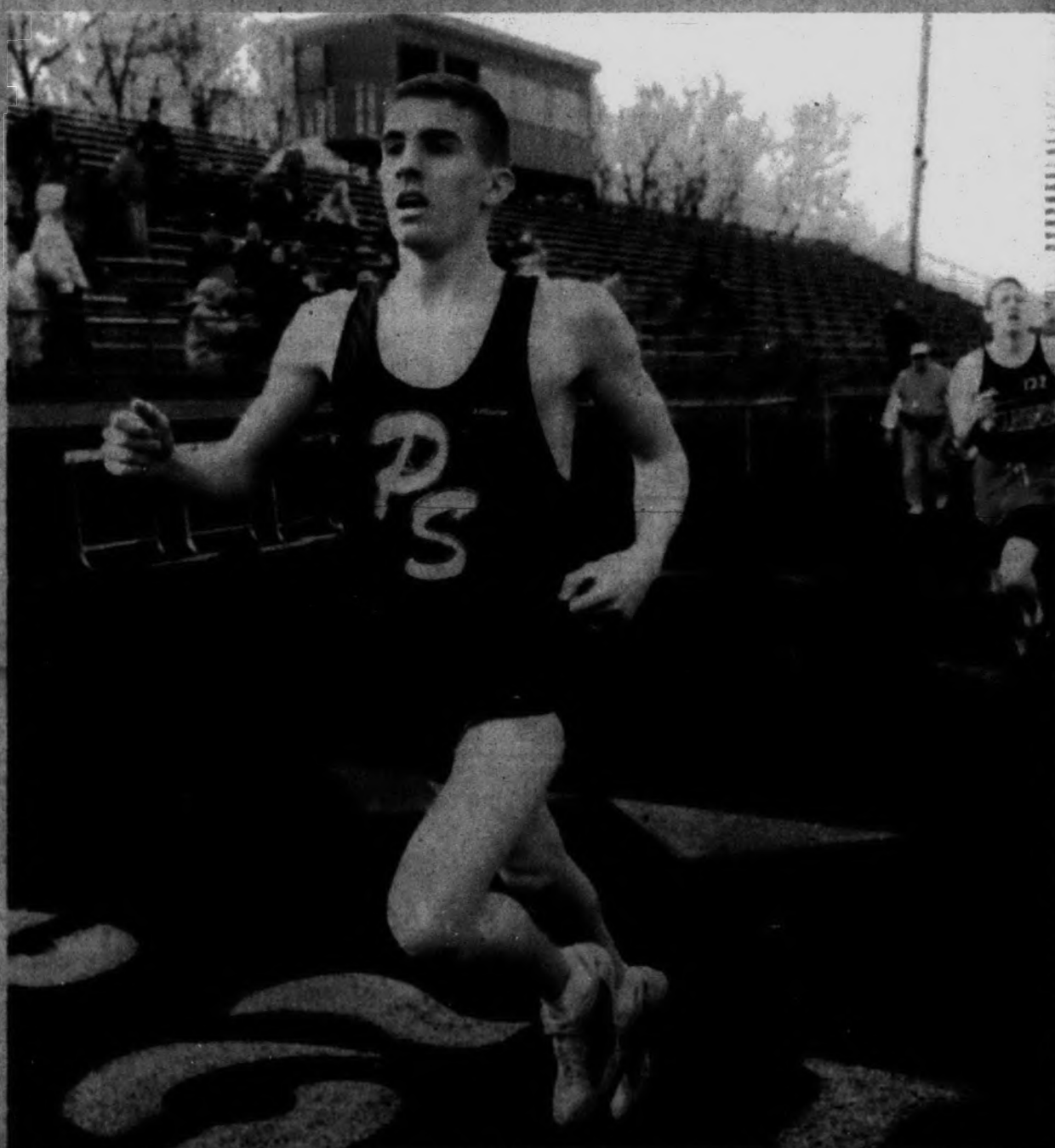
Junior Lawrence Nunn of Salem sped through the 100-meter dash in 12.1 winning seconds, then led off the 800-meter relay team's winning effort of 1:38.6. Nunn was followed by sophomore Kevin Conte, freshman Chris Mason and sophomore Scott Kingslien.

In the 3,200-meter relay, Salem's quartet of sophomore Ian Searcy, junior Josh Fair, sophomore Adam Thurtell and Charlie Schmidt recorded a win in 9-minutes flat. Nunn, Conte, Mason and Dan Johnson captured the 400-meter relay in 47.2.

Johnson won the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.1 while Jared Biniecki took the 800 in 2:02. Junior Andres Lopez won the long jump at 18-feet, 10-inches.

"Something I was really pleased to see," Baker said, "was that Churchill has a lot of guys on their team as well. So we were able to run a real good meet."

"It was nice to watch all the kids run against somebody else from another team. I think he was happy seeing some of his kids run. And I know I was happy to see all



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In the Huron River Relays on Saturday, Biniecki took fifth in the 1,600 meters in 4:29.6 to help Salem finish 11th with 17 points.

The Rocks took third in the distance medley relay with a time of 11:02. Barylski, Kingslien, junior Scott Loewe and Biniecki ran the legs. Barylski, Pengelly, Loewe and

Biniecki teamed to finish sixth in the 3,200 relay in 8:27.

"We ran indoors Saturday and

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Salem in hunt for championship

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Success, for Plymouth Salem's baseball team, is a relative thing.

The Rocks have built a tradition of success in recent years. It includes a state championship in this decade along with so many conference, district and regional titles the school may have to float bonds to build a new facility just for trophies.

That leads to a higher definition of success. But it's okay, Salem can handle it.

"To be in the hunt for the conference championship, to be competitive for the districts, that's our goal," second-year coach Dale Rumberger said. "We don't rebuild at Salem, we reload. That's what we're doing, we're reloading."

Rumberger plays each season with one eye on this year and the other on next.

That's why he's able to point to three pitchers returning from a team which reached the state quarterfinals a season ago. There went a combined 11-1.

"The number one of those is Ryan Andrezejewski," Rumberger said. "He

was 7-0 and was the winning pitcher in our district and regional championships. He had an ERA of 1.11."

Andrezejewski lettered in basketball during the winter and in golf last fall. In addition to pitching, Rumberger said he'll also see a little action in center field from time to time.

Left-hander Keith Boughner, 3-0 with a 2.01 ERA last year, "is a nice complement to Ryan because he's more of a crafty left-hander type. His ball has a lot of movement. He's got a nice breaking ball and change-up. Plus a nice move to first."

Boughner will also play center on occasion and will DH once in a while.

Rounding out the returning threesome is Jay Wasalaski, who will finish more games than he starts for the Rocks. He's slated for third base and DH, too.

Junior Tom Demetsenare, 1-1 with a 2.31 ERA last year, saw action primarily in long relief a year ago but will be start in Wednesday and crossover Western Lakes Activities Association games.

The theory of relativity also contributes to Salem's success. (We told you it was all relative.)

Rumberger's junior son, Ryan, is expected play a leading role on this year's team. As befits a coach whose specialties are hitting and catching, Ryan will be his team's starting catcher and was the second leading hitter on last year's team with a .355 average, 25 RBI and 15 doubles.

"I'm looking for big things from him," the father said. "Looking at him from a coach's standpoint, not from a dad's standpoint, he's one of the top three catchers in the history of Salem baseball. But he still has to prove that."

The cleanup hitter will be Kirk Craggs, a left fielder who batted .301 and drove in 20 runs a year ago.

"I thought shortstop was going to be the toughest place to replace on our team," Rumberger said, noting steady Bill Stiles who had been his starter the last two seasons.

"We had Kevin Niemiec, who was the catcher on our junior varsity

team last year. Kevin is such a good athlete, we decided to utilize him in some way. So we switched him to shortstop.

"He's just really going to be outstanding, I think. He's got an outstanding arm. And of course he's a Niemiec. He's got that swagger about him."

"I've had Cragg's brother since I've been here, Niemiec's brother, Ryan's brother -- I just kind of feel comfortable having a Cragg, a Rumberger and a Niemiec in the lineup at the same time."

Moving into second base is Justin Hulet, Dan Heitzman takes over in right and the speedy Alex Ras inherits center field.

"This is one of the fastest teams we've had," Rumberger said. "We'll be able to bang on people, but we'll be able to steal some bases, which will be nice."

"Tim Sisler will start at first and will see some time at third and on the mound. He's got one of the top two or three swings in our program."

Key backups include junior Dave

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Plymouth Christian eyes improved baseball season

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

It was two years ago and things couldn't get any worse for the Plymouth Christian Academy baseball program.

Buried in mediocrity and mired by a lack of commitment and instability with coaches, PCA considered dropping its baseball program.

But along came Dave Robillard who helped convince the PCA administration to keep the program. That season, the Eagles finished 0-18 and were blown out in virtually every game.

"We weren't competitive at all," Robillard recalled. "We knew we'd take our lumps but the games weren't even close."

Last season, the Eagles took their share of lumps again to finish with a 2-17 record. The season was much different, however, as PCA was competitive in most of its games.

And now, only two seasons after PCA came within an eyelash of dropping its program, the Eagles have taken the next step. PCA swept Warren Immaculate Conception on Monday, 11-1 and 13-4, before dropping a 12-0 contest against Southfield Christian on Tuesday.

"We've already matched our win total from last year," Robillard exclaimed. "It's very encouraging seeing where we are now. We had only 10 players on the team two years ago and now have 18."

The Eagles also hope that their schedule will help develop the program. PCA has scheduled 33 games with the thought of more playing time will result in improved skills.

"I saw other teams playing a lot of games and we figured that we can only get better with more games and more at bats," Robillard said. "We just weren't getting enough at bats to develop a good eye. We may lose our share of games, but will get better at the same time."

PCA will also benefit from a reorganized Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The MIAC divided itself into Red and Blue divisions. This will result in more games for the Eagles against teams of similar ability.

The Eagles will be led by several players who survived the past couple of rough seasons. John Pugno, the only senior on the squad, will bat clean-up and play shortstop. Pugno will also pitch (he was credited with PCA's second victory on Monday).

The ace pitcher is junior Jim Speier, who struck out six of 10 batters he faced Monday and gained the victory in the season opener. The right-hander has good velocity and has developed a curve ball.

Junior Doug Robillard will play third base and be PCA's lead-off batter. Robillard has led the Eagles the past two seasons in on-base percentage. Sophomore Jon Isensee, who led the

team in batting average last year (.285), will bat behind Robillard and play first base.

The Eagles got a big boost when junior Chris DeRenzo opted to join the team. DeRenzo, who will bat third and play second base, already showed his value, by going 4-for-4 with three runs scored Monday. DeRenzo can also pitch with his right or left hand.

Batting fifth will be sophomore James Jones. Isensee, Jones and Robillard will also battle to be the team's stopper out of the bullpen.

Sophomore Zach Parton will be a mainstay in the PCA outfield and may see time as a middle reliever. Parton knocked in three runs in Monday's victories.

A future star may be freshman John Warrick, who will back-up Jones at catcher. Warrick showed his promise Monday by belting a homer.

"The key this year will be to generate some offense and to develop a pitching staff behind Speier," Robillard said. "I also want to continue developing the skills and fundamentals of the team. I probably will only coach one more year and then hand the team over to (assistant coach) Sam Gaines."

With baseball having a bright future, what's next for Robillard and the Eagles?

"I actually want to start up a golf team at the school," he said.

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The Rocks started their winning rally with a walk to Dan Heitzman in the sixth. He stole second and Jay Wasalaski bunted -- with the Chargers' pitcher throwing the ball into center field to plate the tie-breaking run and leave a man at second. Things degenerated from there and before the inning was over it was 6-1.

Canton suffers loss
Plymouth Canton has struck

its baseball season. So far, it's not a hit.

Canton journeyed to Walled Lake Central on Tuesday and was defeated, 4-2, on a five-hit-ter by Jake Matheson.

"It was not too bad for our first day," second-year coach Scott Dickey said, "but we've got a lot of work to do, especially offensively."

Marc Hazzard went six innings for the Chiefs and allowed seven hits, striking out

five and walking one. Matheson countered with an eight-strike-out, three-walk performance in the opener for both teams.

John Wright went 2-for-3 for the Chiefs, scoring a run, while Jason Bricker went 2-for-3 with an RBI double and Pat Noonan collected the other hit, a double.

Central scored all its runs in the third on four hits, two of them doubles, plus a walk. Canton picked up single runs in the fifth and sixth.

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Barker, whom Rumberger sees as an eventual starter at first, junior catcher Matt Church, outfielder/pitcher Eric Jones, junior third baseman Joey Robinson and second baseman Adam Seitzer.

Then there's Kyle Dilsizian, who reports to coach Geoff Baker for track practice at 2:30 p.m. to work on his long jump, then moves over to the baseball diamond for the start of practice at 3:30.

"Geoff Baker and I want him for the same thing -- he's got good speed. We call him Deion," Rumberger said.

Speaking of relatives, Salem has twins Jim and Jeff Degenhardt. "Jim's the outfielder and Jeff's the infielder/catcher. Our No. 3 catcher/1b/dh is Scott Alexander."

He also has two players who spend their week on the junior varsity and weekend on the varsity Rob Malchow and sophomore pitcher Kurt Berlin.

"I expect them to eventually play just as well as our team did at the end of last season," Rumberger said. "Realistically, it's going to take our juniors some time to acclimate themselves to the level of intensity it takes to play baseball at Salem."

"You can see that in practice. We'll get the first out from a run-down, but we're not thinking about the second. But after about 5-6 games they're going to have a really good idea of what's expected of them."

"I enjoy this period, it's one of the gratifying things about coaching. You get young kids and see them grow in the game. It's not just swinging a bat and picking them up. In baseball, the action is the possibilities between the action."

"When they start to learn that stuff, it's fun to watch it happen."

Madonna loses triple-header

It was one of those days for Madonna University's softball team.

It had trouble scoring runs. And when it didn't, the runs the Lady Crusaders scored weren't enough.

The result was three losses for Madonna University in a triple-header at Wayne State University -- 6-0 to Hillsdale, 1-0 to Ashland, and 10-6 to host Wayne State. The Lady Crusaders are now 11-6 overall.

Madonna scratched out just

Madonna banged out nine hits in the game against Wayne State but the Tartars put up seven runs in the third to overcome a 3-0 deficit against Shanna Streng.

one hit, a single by first baseman Jennifer Pinter, in the opener and got just one in the second, a single by first baseman Courtney Senger. Angie Vandoom gave up only four hits for the Lady Cru-

saders but was fanned for a run in the opening inning.

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Center fielder Melissa McGue, DH Pinter and left fielder Jamie Cook had two hits apiece. Pinter and Cook drove in two runs each and Streng also drove in a run.

Young Plymouth Canton team optimistic for upcoming season

Optimism is when you lose just two key seniors from a pretty good team -- and have just two returning.

"We're fairly young," coach Jim Arnold of Plymouth Canton's softball team said. "We have 12 juniors, two seniors and one freshman. Last year we were district champions."

"Hopefully we'll surpass that. We'll have a good solid defensive team, three real good pitchers and most all the girls are back from last year. We lost, I believe, two seniors from last year. My assistant coach and I are very optimistic about this year's team."

Next year, he might be positively ecstatic. The year after that, well, we'll cross that softball diamond when we come to it.

His seniors serve as Arnold's co-captains, third baseman Shanna Bidwell and outfielder Shelly Butsake.

The identical LaGrow twins ("I

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still can't tell them apart," Arnold said.) juniors Amy, who catches, and Amber, an outfielder will play key roles as will pitcher/outfielder Jenny Sikora.

Other key juniors for the Chiefs include second baseman Angela Litwin, shortstop Nicole Kovachevich, outfielder Tara Biro, catcher Jillian Gross, first baseman Kristin Witt, pitcher Sarah Carson, outfielders Lindsey Roberts and Karen Dougher plus first baseman Mandy Selkins. The freshman is pitcher Gretchen Hudson.

"Defensively, we're real solid," Arnold said. "Kovachevich is an all-around good athlete who hit .357 last year. Bidwell is a solid third baseman and a good all-around athlete."

Litwin pitched last season but will play second almost exclusively this year while Arnold regards Amy LaGrow as one of

the best catchers in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I'm very pleased with our pitching," said Arnold, in his sixth year as varsity coach. "Sikora was 4-3 last year. She has an outstanding fastball with real good control. Carson played on the JV team last year and has really improved."

"Hudson is going to be one of our better pitchers we've had in some time. We'll try to break her in a little slowly. She did well in a scrimmage game. She's very mature for a ninth-grader. As a freshman, she's taken a lot of kidding, but she's handled it real well."

Canton again looks to be one of the contenders for the WLAA championship.

"We have good leadership with our co-captains," Arnold said. "They're keeping the team together. We have real good continuity on this team. It looks very promising for this year."

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Bobby Hayes may be the smallest member of the Michigan's hockey team, but the 5-foot-11, 165-pound freshman center certainly made a big impact.

On Saturday, Hayes and his Wolverine teammates celebrated the title after a thrilling 3-2 overtime win over Colorado College before 13,330 mostly Maize and Blue fans at Riverfront Coliseum in Cincinnati. It was Michigan's first NCAA title since 1964 and it was also coach Red Berenson's 300th career win.

"Right now I'm just trying to wind down," said Hayes, a 1993 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. "It was a nerve-racking time for the freshmen who had never been through this before."

"The seniors had been to the Final Four three of the four times, so it was nice to see everybody share in this. For the seniors, it was a burden off their back."

Hayes came to Michigan as a non-scholarship player, a preferred walk-on who turned down an opportunity to play at St. Cloud State (Minn.) after spending two-and-a-half seasons with Waterloo (Iowa) Black Hawks of the U.S. Hockey League

and a half-season with Compuware of the North American Junior Hockey League.

"Some of the people who recruited me thought I was making a mistake, but a shot at U-M was something I couldn't pass by," Hayes said. "There was no scholarship open, but they had a spot on the team for me and my family was OK with me as far as the money (tuition) situation."

Eventually, Hayes got some financial help when Robbie Gordon left Michigan for the Western Hockey League. Gordon's full-ride scholarship was divided among the freshmen.

Hayes played a major part of this season centering Michigan's fourth line, but eventually he moved up to the third line.

"When you're on the fourth line, you're just out there playing hard and earning respect from the other team," he said. "You do not want to get scored on, so you have to work a little harder defensively, and get the puck in the net when you have the chance."

"I pretty much played the same throughout the whole year. It just gets a little more intense and pace gets quicker in the playoffs."

Playing in all 43 games, Hayes proved he was offensive-minded, scoring a respectable eight goals

along with 13 assists.

His game-winner early in the third period gave Michigan a 4-3 win over rival Lake Superior State in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association final March 16 at Joe Louis Arena.

"My role is to work hard and play with a big heart," Hayes said. "I'll hit people when I have to, but I'm not going out there looking for it. I'm not a great offensive player, but I'd say I have decent offensive skills. I just do what I can."

One of Hayes's responsibilities was penalty-killing. He had a pair of short-handed goals this year.

With all the recent hoopla, the 21-year-old Kinesiology major has had a hard time concentrating on his studies.

"The past two weeks have been tough," Hayes said. "All you think of is winning and playing hockey. You start to read a book, but then all you see is the puck going into the net."

The bus ride back to Ann Arbor to Cincinnati will be a memorable one. The Wolverines felt like the beloved Johnstown Chiefs in the movie "Slapshot."

"Every couple of miles a car

would drive by and beep the horn," Hayes said. "When we got back home (Saturday night) home, the band was there playing the "Victors," and it was great to see the fans celebrate."

On Monday, Hayes and his teammates were saluted during a pep rally at Keen Arena. On Tuesday, coach Red Berenson invited the entire team to take part in his weekly radio show.

"I got to say a few words, not bad for a freshman," said Hayes, who also played shortstop on Glenn's Final Four baseball team in 1993. "Red's the kind of coach who is straight-forward. He knows his hockey and he does a great job of preparing the team each and every game."

As for the future, Hayes is optimistic.

"We lose only four seniors and I think we'll have another great team," said the ultimate team player. "I'm looking for us to winning it again."

Two outstanding CC team members return, despite year's graduation losses

Detroit Catholic Central's boys track team was hard hit by graduation losses, starting with Joe Washnock (shot/discus), Chris Wasen (pole vault), Chris Watts (110 hurdles), Brian Pollock (200), Derrick Faunce (800) and Kevin Heintz (400).

Rocks are hot in soccer

Plymouth Salem's soccer team is hotter than the weather.

That may not mean much now, but come back in June and we'll talk.

The Rocks upped their record to two wins in two tries Monday night, conquering Farmington, 5-1.

Mia Sarkesian scored a pair of goals for Salem while Missy Simons, Patty Wong and Mari Hoff contributed one apiece.

"We played in their end quite a bit," coach Doug Landefeld said. "They had a couple of good scoring opportunities early but in the second half they didn't have many."

"The score of 5-1 was pretty indicative of the game. They had chances, but we had that many more."

Emily Villemonte scored an unassisted goal for the Falcons in the first half. The score at halftime was 2-1.

Canton drops opener

Northville (2-0) handed Plymouth Canton a 2-0 loss in the Chiefs' opener.

"They played a pretty good game," coach Don Smith said of his team's Western Lakes Activities Association opener. "I was very proud of our team. We never quit."

"We played tough, we just have to score. We had some good shots, some good opportunities. But they scored just before the half and then again in the first minute of the second half."

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we'll run indoors again this Saturday," Baker said. "I really didn't want to run the guys who will run indoors that much."

"Pengelly is still rounding into shape, so he only ran two races. Biniecki ran hard Saturday so he only ran two races. And Barylski only ran two races."

"I wanted to give a lot of the underclassmen a chance to run. We have our seniors, but we're also finding some quality underclassmen who are helping out as well."

Freshman Jon Little finished third in the mile and two-mile, sophomore Japbir Gill had a pair of seconds in the mile and two-mile while Kingsien placed second in both the 200 and 400. Mason was second in the 100.

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But two outstanding individuals return.

Senior John Spolsky, who led CC to the state Class AA football title and went 55-0 in winning the Division I heavyweight wrestling championship, is back in the shot put. He was first-team All-Observer last year with a toss of 51-8.

Also returning is Class A cross country individual team champion Joe Leo, who was fifth in the prestigious Foot Locker National Championships last December.

Leo led the area last year in the 1,600 (4:24) and 3,200 (9:24.5) runs. He was fifth in the

regional and state in the latter.

"Joe hasn't run in two weeks," CC coach Tony Magni said. "His knee has been bothering him; he's never had an injury. As for John, he should be improved."

Another standout thrower is senior Jeff Monnette (46-11.75) in the shot.

Other key returnees for the Shamrocks include senior long jumper and sprinter Kevin Quay, junior Brian Teeffey (52.9 in the 400), junior Chris Laney (2:03.1 in the 800) and junior John Griffin (9:49.5 in the 3,200).

Magni is also counting on

senior David Venning (hurdles), senior Roy Sample (sprints), senior Rich Stachura (middle distance), junior Brian Douglas (shot put), junior Dan Dominguez (shot put), junior Greg Alcalá (sprints), sophomore Dave Popiel (high jump) and senior Erin Kosmowski (discus).

"We're strong again in the shot put and discus," said Magni, whose team won the Catholic League and Operation Friendship crowns a year ago.

"We lost three of our top four in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays. We don't have depth like we used to, even though we have the numbers (about 100) as far as needing kids to step up and fill the gaps. I suspect we'll have some."

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Spartans finish 5th in state championship

The Spartan Aquatic Club, scoring 1,090 points, finished fifth in the 13 and over state championships held March 15-17 at Saginaw Valley State University. New Spartan member Matt Kowalski, who did not figure in the team scoring because of the 120-day U.S. Swim waiting period, none-the-less tied for high-point honors in the Boys 15-17 age category. He placed third in the 1,000-yard freestyle; fourth, 400 individual medley; sixth, 200 backstroke, 200 IM, 200, 500 and 1,650 freestyle; 10th, 1,000 freestyle; 11th, 100 backstroke.

1,000 freestyle; 11th, 500 freestyle; Christina Mocerri - 10th, 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke; 12th, 200 backstroke; Leslie Nimer - sixth, 200 butterfly; 11th, 1,000 freestyle; 13th, 400 IM. Boys 13-14: Alex Rottgers - second, 100 breaststroke and 200 IM; fourth, 200 breaststroke; sixth, 400 IM, 200 and 1,650 freestyle; seventh, 500 freestyle; Mike Malik - 11th, 400 IM; 13th, 500 freestyle; 16th, 200 butterfly. Girls 13-14: Julie Gallagher - fourth, 200 backstroke; eighth, 100 backstroke, 500 freestyle, 200 and 400 IM; 14th, 100 breaststroke; Kristen Warnke - seventh, 200 butterfly; 16th, 400 IM; Marie McKenzie - 11th, 1,650 freestyle, 200 butterfly; 14th, 200 backstroke; Amy Kohl - fifth, 1,000 freestyle; 14th, 400 IM; 15th, 200 freestyle; Meg Wegmueller - 16th, 100 breaststroke. Boys 15-17: Brent Mellis - 10th, 1,650 freestyle; 13th, 200 backstroke, 500 freestyle; 15th, 200 butterfly, 400 IM; 16th, 200 IM; Chris Sanker - ninth, 1,650 freestyle; 13th, 200 butterfly; 400 IM; 15th, 100 butterfly; Steve Domin - 11th, 1,650 freestyle. RELAY FINISHERS: Boys 13-14: Mike Kurtz, Anthony Serge, Malik and Rottgers - ninth, 400 freestyle. Girls 13-14: Utley, Nimer, Kern and Meghan Mocerri - second, 800 freestyle; Mocerri, Clark, Kern and C. Mocerri - second, 400 medley; Mocerri, C. Mocerri, Clark and Kern - third, 400 freestyle; Utley, Nichol, Leah Voytal and C. Mocerri - sixth, 800 freestyle; Voytal, Nichol, Nimer and Utley - ninth, 400 medley. Boys 15-17: Sanker, Mellis, Domin and Jason Schad - fifth, 400 freestyle; ninth, 800 freestyle and 400 medley. Girls 15-17: Aristeo, Gallagher, Warnke, Kohl - second, 800 freestyle; third, 400 freestyle; Aristeo, Gallagher, McKenzie and Warnke - seventh, 400 medley; Amy Sonnanstine, Kristy Vermillion, Krysten Kalyman and Kohl - 15th, 400 medley; Sonnanstine, Kalyman, Vermillion and McKenzie - 16th, 400 freestyle.

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Monika Beuerle has been promoted to the position of CADD services manager at Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment of Livonia.

Beuerle, who has been with the firm for 9 years, has responsibility to delegate, track and oversee the production of all CADD staff assignments.

She has a drafting degree from the Technical Drafting Institute in Berlin, Germany, and continued her education at the Delehanty Institute School of Drafting in Jamaica, N.Y. Since entering the drafting field 35 years ago, Beuerle has worked for various civil engineering and surveying firms in New York and New Jersey. During her tenure with OHM, she has completed courses in computer aided drafting and design from Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

OHM is a Livonia-based consulting engineering firm specializing in providing municipal engineering services since 1962.

Terri A Kinney has been named manager of business development at Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, a Livonia-based consulting engineering firm.

As manager of business development, her primary responsibilities include working with the firm's principals to develop and execute the corporate marketing program, managing proposal efforts and corporate communications.

Kinney has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Michigan State University. She is an active member of the Society of Marketing Professional Services-Michigan Chapter and serves on the organization's public relations committee.

The local operation of Manpower Inc. has promoted **Linda Dean-Bajdo** to the position of vice president-area manager.

Previously, Dean-Bajdo was the area manager of Manpower's Detroit, Warren and technical-professional branch offices.

In her new position, Dean-Bajdo will oversee operations, customer sales and service, and marketing functions for Manpower of Detroit's full-service branch offices, as well as for Manpower of Detroit's Technical and Professional Division in Southfield. She is also responsible for the direction of recruitment of clerical, technical and

light industrial contract employees for the area.

Prior to her employment with Manpower, which began in 1989, Dean-Bajdo was an account representative for Business Products Inc. in Southfield.

A native of Harrison Township, Dean-Bajdo attended Stevenson High School in Livonia and received a bachelor's degree in marketing from Michigan State University in East Lansing. In May, she will receive her MBA from the executive MBA program at Northwood University in Troy.

Dean-Bajdo is a member of the Human Resources Committee of the Women's Economic Club and a member of the Economic Club of Detroit.

Robert F. McCoolle has been named president of Alberici Construction Co. Inc. recently.

Alberici, headquartered in St. Louis, has an office in Livonia.

McCoolle is the fifth president in the company's 78-year history.

"Our focus for the immediate future is to reaffirm the role of our people, our employees, in serving our clients," McCoolle said. "By improving the way we work together, we enhance employee fulfillment and our standard of performance at the same time."

Rochelle Katz, community development director of Redford Township, was chosen as secretary-treasurer of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association.

Members of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association are the 13 communities and three counties along Eight Mile Road from I-275 on the west to I-94 on the east, plus the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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Gerald M. Belian has been named engineer of the year by the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers Detroit Metro Chapter. He has been an engineer for 32 years and a member of the society for 18 years.

Belian serves as vice president and principal at Soil and Materials Engineers Inc. He is responsible for senior project management. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Notre Dame and is a registered professional engineer in several states.

He is serving as the society's state vice president, state director representing the Detroit Metro Chapter, treasurer of the society's political action committee, vice chairman of a partnering committee and is chairman of the society's 50th anniversary planning committee. He is serving as president for the Society of Marketing Professional Services, Michigan Chapter, and is president for the Society for American Military Engineers, Detroit Post.

Diabetes Self Care, a subsidiary of Universal Self Care Inc. of Livonia, has named **Tod Robinson** as national vice president of sales.

Diabetes Self Care is a provider of diabetes equipment, supplies and services. Before joining Diabetes Self Care, Robinson worked with Fort Lauderdale-based Home Diagnostics Inc.

During his six years with Home Diagnostics Inc., Robinson served as director of new business development, national accounts manager and sales manager.

Marlene Garske of Plymouth was honored during the 1996 president's council awards banquet March 2 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Garske was one of 14 AAA Michigan

agents named to the council, which is made up of the company's top performing sales agents. The president's council meets periodically with corporate executives to exchange ideas.

Darrell Hively of Redford has been named account executive of the BT Office Products Detroit Division. Hively joins BT Office Products after 17 years in the industry as a vendor representative for Frey, Gaede & Company.

Hively will service customers in the Metropolitan Detroit area. The BT Office Products Detroit Division is on Mound Road, north of I-696 in Warren.

The Board of Directors of Spectrum Communications Inc. has elected **Mitchell A. Ambler** as president and chief executive officer.

Ambler is a 1978 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, a 1982 graduate of Western Michigan University and a 1983 graduate of The Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. He and his wife Donna and their sons Parker live in the Kalamazoo area.

Ed Gniewek has been named president and general manager of Intertec Systems, a new joint venture company of Johnson Controls Inc. and Inoac. He will report to the executive committee of the board of directors of Intertec Systems and be based at the company's business offices in Troy.

Gniewek has served as vice president and general manager of TechnoTrim in Livonia, since 1986. The company is a joint venture between Johnson Controls and Tech-S, a manufacturer of vehicle seat trim covers.

Prior to working at TechnoTrim, Gniewek was director of engineering at Allen Industries. He served as instru-

ment panel engineering unit supervisor at Ford Motor Co. in Saline, and helped develop the first fully padded instrument panel for Ford Escort cars. Also at Ford, he was an injection molding foreman. Gniewek earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Detroit.

Paul Elliott has been named vice president and general manager of TechnoTrim, replacing Gniewek. He will report to the executive committee of the board of directors of TechnoTrim and to Jerry Beaubien, Johnson Controls' vice president of operations. Elliott

will be based at TechnoTrim's Livonia headquarters.

Since June 1995, Elliott served as general manager of Just-In-Time operations for Johnson Controls in Plymouth.

He joined the company in 1985, and previously served as director of operations, and general plants manager for the firm's Toyota Business Unit in Georgetown, Ky., and as plant manager for its Orangeville, Ontario, Canada facility.

Prior to joining Johnson Controls, Elliott worked for General Motors-Canada in various engineering management positions. He holds a bachelor of applied science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Toronto.

Livonia resident **Bob Greening** has been appointed as human resources manager of J.



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Walter Thompson, Detroit.

Greening joins the agency from First State Bank in Eastpointe, where he was human resources manager. He has

experience in employee benefit plans, salary and payroll administration, equal opportunity efforts, recruitment and career counseling.

Greening works at the agency's office at 500 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

The Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners honored Michigan's top 25 women business owners at a luncheon March 15 in Detroit.



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Support group - Man-to-Man, a prostate cancer support group is hosting a "What's on your mind" focus group Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the doctor's cafeteria at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, near Greenfield, in Southfield. This open forum is to discuss your condition, express your thoughts and ask questions. Call Gary Albrecht (810) 356-8870 or Gordon Horsburgh at (810) 334-2818 for information.

Breathers' Club - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a free Breathers' Club Support Group meeting each month on the third Thursday at 7-8 p.m. The next meeting is April 18 in the hospital auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. This meeting will include a presentation by nurse Janice Wheeler on Stress and Relaxation Techniques. Call (313) 655-2924 for information. No registration is required.

Active Parenting - Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring an Active Parenting today class for parents. This six-session course meets Saturday mornings starting April 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The sessions will be held at Oakwood Hospital Beyer Center - Ypsilanti, 135 S. Prospect, Ypsilanti. Cost for the class is \$45.

Breast health - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is hosting a Breast Health Clinic from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays April 10 and 24 in the Marian Women's Center. Registration is required. A physician will perform a complete breast exam and provide instructions on self-exams. Cost of the exam is \$21; any necessary mammography is extra. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1516.

Pressure Point therapy - A free workshop on Pressure Point Therapy is being held on Wednesday, April 17, from 7:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Livonia Public Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile. For reservations, call Dr. Gregory Kramer's office at (810) 615-1533.

Marriage class - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Pre-marital AIDS Class from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the Levan Road entrance. Upon completion, participants receive certificates necessary to obtain a marriage license in Michigan. Registration is required, with an April 4 deadline. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

Life support course - Mission Health and Providence Hospital/Medical Centers is presenting the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Instructor Course, a two-day session offering skills necessary to conduct a BLS provider course. Problem solving, performance stations, equipment management and scheduling recommendations and included. The class will be from 8 a.m. to noon Mondays, April 15 and 22 at Providence Park, Novi. Fee is \$75. For information/registration Call Mary at (313) 513-6393.

Golf program - A special program at the Farmington Hills Activity Center will address getting ready for the golf season. Exercise physiologist Dr. Shel Levine, Dr. Joseph Williams and Dr. Stephen Goldman of the Botsford Hospital staff and a Farmington Hills golf pro will all be part of the program, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 18 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, Shannon Hall, 28600 11 Mile Road, Gate 4, Door A. Refreshments will be served, and

participation is limited to 100 for each session. Cost is \$5. Call (810) 473-5600 for information. The program is sponsored by the TRACC department of Botsford General Hospital.

Breast feeding support group - This group meets from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Mothers and babies under one year are encouraged to attend. A certified Lactation Consultant will share informa-

tion about breast feeding, safe medications, storing breast milk and breast feeding after returning to work. There is no charge, but registration is required. Call (313) 655-3314.

Hospice offers training - Volunteer opportunities ranging from patient support to office assistant are available at VNA Hospice (Hospice of the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan). As part of VNA's hospice team, volunteers provide respite for families, compan-

ship to patients, or office assistance. A two-part training program begins on at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 20 and will be completed at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 4.

For additional information or an application to be a volunteer, contact Barb Kosanke at (313) 876-8550.

Osteoporosis detection - Botsford General Hospital now offers a bone density test which gives hope to women concerned about the effects of osteoporosis.

Botsford Hospital recently acquired a state-of-the-art DEXA (dual emission X-ray absorptiometry) machine for the safe, non-invasive and painless evaluation of bone mass. The bone density testing provides women with an accurate assessment of their bone health.

To make an appointment for bone density measurement at Botsford, call (810) 477-6190.

New guidelines - The American College of Physicians issued new guidelines March 1 recom-

mending against routine cholesterol-screening tests for healthy men under age 35 and healthy women under age 45. This represents a departure from guidelines advocated by public-health groups. What can cholesterol screening tell a physician about a patient's risk for heart disease? Who needs to be screened? And who needs cholesterol-lowering medications? To talk to local experts on heart disease, call the Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center Public Relations Department (313) 278-5155.



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AT HOME

SPRING CLEANING



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Tips on getting that garage organized

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Use all dimensions — length, width and height — when organizing or reorganizing your garage.

That's what the experts, or at least people who have neat garages, advise. "In my neighborhood," said John Wisz, a Livonia resident, "people keep one car in the garage, one car out and the rest is filled with kids' stuff and other things they accumulate for years and years."

First things first. "Throw out stuff you don't need," Wisz said. "There's always something there."

It could be broken down appliances, bicycle parts, scrap pieces of wood, cardboard boxes, chipped patio blocks or paint cans. (Be sure to check with

your local public services department on proper disposal methods.)

You have to be serious about throwing out. If you haven't used things for years, chances are you aren't going to need them tomorrow. Or ever. Disposing will open up all kinds of vistas to reorganizing.

Steve Sproul, a Redford resident, has an older one-car garage in which he stores a working refrigerator, a Volkswagen Beetle, a workbench, several bicycles, wagon, sleds, tools and all kinds of other things.

"The key here is an aisle way," he said. "When kids are involved, you keep their stuff closer to the door. It heightens the chance they will get them back inside and keeps them away from your stuff."

"My experience in the service taught me to utilize all space," Sproul said. "Go up. Don't be afraid to use the wall. Hanging stuff is big with me. Obviously, it has to be light or moderate weight."

Sproul uses peg board and hooks to store garden tools and hand tools.

He also uses the rafters in his smallish garage to store camping gear and lumber.

Wisz, who admits to being a detail person, stores two cars, three bikes, a snow blower, workbench, tools and other goodies in his garage.

He's also a booster of shelving, store bought or hand-made, and hooks.



Organized garage: John Wisz uses shelving and wall hooks to maintain a neat, orderly garage.

"I have a daughter, Christina, and her toys I keep on shelves so I can pull both cars in," Wisz said.

"I have some hooks for lawn tools, brooms and other utensils. Even the snowblower is on hooks out of the way. Make sure you keep dangerous implements out of the reach of children."

"I have a crawl space in the garage. I can store stuff up there that's hardly used — an ax. I put tomato cages up there," he said.

Wisz said he moves bikes into the basement during the winter to give himself more room to maneuver the cars.

That's a big, big advantage to an organized garage — moving the vehicles inside, keeping them out of the weather and getting off to a quick start in the morning.

"I don't want to spend time scraping windows," Wisz said. "It's a time factor, definitely."

Organizing the garage is more an exercise of will, actually doing it, than an intellectual pursuit.

It takes just four simple steps. Dispose of the junk. Find convenient, yet out-of-the-way places for tools and toys. Install hooks, shelving and rafters. Make the transition.



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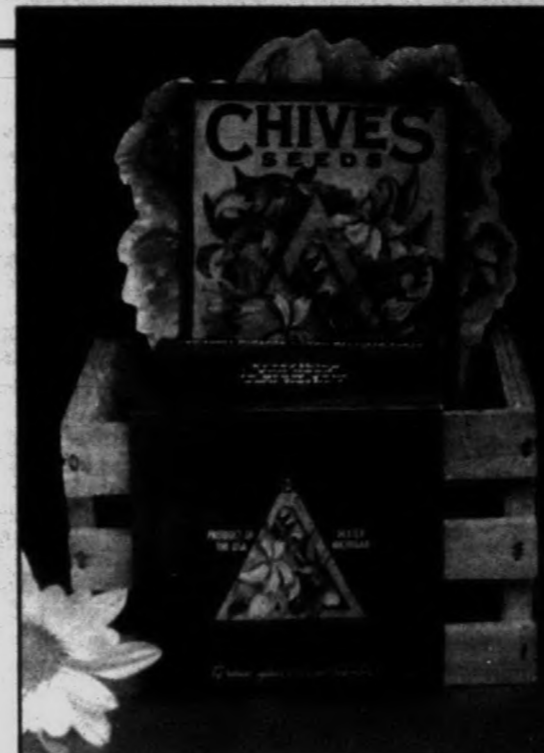
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Changing screens is easy

A few simple precautions, and the right tools, make it easy to change a torn window screen on either wooden or aluminum frames, says Alton Davis, a carpentry specialist at Builders Square.

The key to working with the older wooden windows is preservation. The torn screen is usually held to the wooden frame by thin strips running along the edge of the screen, and nailed to the back of the frame.

"Use a sharp knife to remove the strips," Davis said. "They break easily."

Once you have lifted the restraining strips, and then the screen, carefully examine the wood frame; repair it if necessary. Then, measure the distance where the screen fit the frame. Cut new screen to the same dimensions.

You shouldn't measure the old, worn screen — discard it — and take your measurements from the actual frame, Davis said.

Replacing the screen is simple. Lay the cut screen on the frame and tack down one side, top or bottom. It must be straight. You can go ahead and attach the wooden strip over it for strength.

Now comes the tricky part. Stretch the screen to the opposite side and attach it.

Hint: "You don't have to stretch the screen magnum tight. It just has to be firm. It doesn't take much tension."

Once you have the opposite side attached, then it is easy to complete the other two ends.

Miter the wooden strips that cover the screen edges if you are putting on new strips, Davis suggested. The mitered ends join together for strength.

"And it looks nicer." Aluminum screens have their own peculiar set of problems, not the least of which is the condition of the frame, the Builders Square specialist said.

"If it is bent, then you might as well throw it away. Bent aluminum loses its strength and you'll never get it straight again."

Also, bent aluminum will never fit flush in the window as it once did.

For this job you will need a crimping tool called a wheeled spline roller that looks like a handle with two round ends that spin. One end is round and the other is concave. It costs about \$3. Spline costs about 10 cents a foot. It's best to bring a piece to the store when buying new.

The screen should be cut one inch too large, then placed on the wire frame that is laying on a flat surface. Use the rounded end of the crimping tool to gently press the screen into a channel that runs the length of the frame. Once the groove has been mashed into the wire, then place the spline — this looks like rubber string — over the groove and use the concave side of the crimping tool to push the spline into the groove. Be careful not to mash or break the spline.

Once secure, trim off the excess screen with a sharp utility knife.

GARDEN SPOT

Mum's the word for Easter beauty

BY MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Why not surprise a hostess with a perennial garden Chrysanthemum (C. indicum) this Easter rather than the traditional lily? The bright yellow blossoms of any of three Prophet series mums by Yoder will bring a breath of spring indoors and can be enjoyed again outdoors later in the season.

Jessica and Lisa are currently the number one and two selling yellow garden mums, but look for another yellow 1996 introduction, Janice, which according to Ed Higgins, Yoder's chrysanthemum product manager, "very significantly improves upon existing varieties — other colors in the series include Felicia, a lavender daisy, and Helen, with a dark red flower."

Yoder is constantly striving to produce garden mums that can be enjoyed by gardeners in the spring as well as the fall. The flowering spring garden mums are becoming a more popular choice and are available now at your garden centers and nurseries. These plants bloom twice in their first year.

Keep your new plant in a sunny room and water it regularly. After the blooms fade, plant it outdoors in a sunny spot and it will give another

show in the fall. Also, it will have all summer to grow sturdy roots to assure its survival through the winter to another year.

Small plants can be found now as bedding plant flats or cellular packs at some garden centers, or cuttings of the Prophet series can be bought from leading mail order nurseries such as Park Seed Company, according to Yoder personnel; suitable for containers.

A new Alive and Well Nurturing Planter, which would work well with mums, uses capillary action to water plants and provides only as much water as they really need. Designed by Bemis Manufacturing Company, these "controlled watering" planters are made for indoor or outdoor use and are available in a wide range of sizes, shapes and colors. There are many advantages to this system; for more information call (800) 558-7651. Look for them in their special section at Target and Frank's Nursery and Crafts stores.

When you transplant garden mums to a sunny space in the garden, allow at least 18 inches of space between each one; "each plant should produce a minimum of 150 blossoms." Water the new plants at this time and when it is

needed during the growing season. Each month, until August, apply a fertilizer (5-10-5) into the soil at the rate of 1/2 to one pound per 100 square feet.

When new growth is four to six inches tall, pinch them back with your thumbnail and index finger and during the summer when new shoots are three to five inches tall. This will encourage the plants to become compact and bushy. Stop pinching around July 10 to 15 to allow the flower buds to develop.

Mums are also popular gifts for Mother's Day, or any time a nice plant is needed.

If you did receive the beautiful traditional Easter Lily (Lilium longiflorum), set it in bright, indirect light until the plant dies back. Allow the soil surface to dry between thorough waterings and as the plant dies, reduce water, until the soil is completely dry. Cut the stalk, clean the bulb and store in a cool (40-45 degrees), dark place until August. Replant the bulb deep in a pot, barely cover it. Add soil as growth occurs, return to the dark, cool spot and water lightly. As growth starts move it back into warmth and light. About four months later it may bloom, then move



MARTY FIGLEY

Mum's the word: Bright yellow chrysanthemum plants help welcome the spring season.

it to brighter light and enjoy its beauty once again. Forced bulbs can be "iffy."

You may wish to plant the lily outdoors after it blooms. In this case, reduce watering as above and after the top has died, remove it with a slight, twisting pull. Set the pot in a cool, dark place and when weather

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Energy efficient: Tom Tynan and Paula Engel present energy-saving projects on their TV show, "Our House," seen 7 a.m. Sundays on WDIV-TV Channel 4.

SAVING ENERGY IS YEAR-ROUND TASK

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC · AT HOME EDITOR

Spring cleaning is a special time to get things around the house in shape, but energy saving knows every season.

It's a daily thing, says home energy-efficiency expert Tom Tynan, co-host of "Our House" 7 a.m. Sundays on WDIV-TV.

"It's like your diet, it's your lifestyle," Tynan said recently when he was in the area on his way to the International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at the Cobo Convention Center.

"Nowadays the majority of our customers are new homeowners where they're looking to improve (energy efficiency)," said John Finley, president of Diversified Energy Control Ltd. in Canton. "They've got a lot bigger homes now, looking to improve energy

efficiency."

On "Our House," Tynan and co-host Paula Engel focus on ways to save energy and help the environment. The tips can help homeowners save money as well.

The program scheduled to air April 21 features a visit to the White House. It will show ways the White House can become more energy efficient.

Saving energy in the home doesn't have to mean a massive renovation project.

Education can help.

"You see things all over the house," said Tynan, who with a smile calls himself "the real Tim Taylor" after the Tim Allen character on TV's "Home Improvement."

For example, compact fluorescent light bulbs are meant to last

about 10 times longer than bulbs now being used. But these new bulbs should be put in fixtures kept on for at least four hours at a time, not where they will be turned on and off regularly.

Using ceiling fans properly can save money on your electric bill. In the summer, set the ceiling fan on medium speed and for blowing down. In the winter, put the fan on low speed and reverse it. This circulates the air, mixing cool air with the hot air that rises.

Most fireplaces pull the heat out of the room, as heat rises and goes right up the chimney. New fireplaces are designed to absorb the heat from the fireplace and run it through air ducts from the flue in the chimney.

Programmable thermostats can be set to go off when you leave for

work and come on shortly before you return home.

Your refrigerator should be set around 42 degrees, and your freezer between 0 and 5 degrees. A \$2 thermometer attached to the inside back wall of your refrigerator monitors the temperature. It costs around \$35 to weatherstrip your door; a towel under the door helps keep out the cold.

Making your windows energy efficient can lead to other benefits, Finley said.

Window films provide protection against ultraviolet rays and cut out glare on TV screens and computer windows.

"The main benefit is energy saving and comfort," Finley said.

An energy survey or analysis can pinpoint trouble areas.

COMMUNITIES OFFER HEAP OF HELP

OK, you've done your spring cleaning, and you have assembled an assortment of items you no longer need or want.

What to do with them? A garage sale is one option. A sampling of area communities shows that some have certain requirements concerning garage sales.

In Beverly Hills, garage sale signs can be no larger than two square feet, and the total area of all signs can't be more than four square feet. They have to be on residential premises and displayed no more than four days in any 90-day period.

Franklin residents must have permits. Garage sale signs can't go on city property in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Rochester doesn't require permits or have rules, but residents must stick to normal sign laws and can't have perpetual garage sales. Oakland Township residents also don't have to get a permit and can't have perpetual sales.

In Rochester Hills, the only garage sale ordinance focuses on signs. The signs can be posted at the house hosting the sale and on other private sites if the property owners approve, but not on public property. A total of two signs is allowed, each not bigger than six square feet total and not more than four feet tall. They can't be erected for more than 12 days a year per sale location.

In Troy, residents may have garage sales any time as long as they are selling their items, not outside merchandise. They may put up signs on their own property at any time during the sale. Directional signs, with dates and location clearly marked, can go on other private property Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the owner's permission. Signs can't be placed on city property or in the rights of way between sidewalk and curb. The size limit for all signs is six square feet.

Those larger pieces you just want to throw away may require special handling. Again, some communities have requirements for these.

Major appliances and large metal items in Beverly Hills may be scheduled for Wednesday pickups by calling (810) 358-4626 in advance. Gasoline and oil should be drained from small motors and LP tanks removed from barbecue grills. Carpeting is picked up as trash but must be cut, rolled and tied in five-foot lengths not to exceed 60 pounds. Carpeting shouldn't be put out if it is raining. Linoleum is handled the same as carpeting unless it is attached to a subfloor — then it must be cut in two-by-two-foot squares and tied in 60-pound bundles.

Bingham Farms schedules two free special collection days — one in the fall and one in the summer — for large pieces. Accepted items are appliances, furniture, water heaters, small tree stumps and a maximum of two tires. Brush, tree branches and construction materials must be bundled in lengths not exceeding four feet. Rolls of carpet and linoleum must be tied together, also with the length not exceeding four feet. All pieces must be brought out to the edge of driveways. Items that aren't accepted include hazardous wastes, automotive parts and loose gravel. The next free pickup is scheduled for June. Car Trucking will collect big items any time for a fee.

Farmington residents must cut carpeting into four-foot lengths and roll and tie them. Farmington picks up such bulky pieces as furniture, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, mattresses, box springs and water heaters; there is no fee and no need to call ahead. Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers. Also in Farmington, special pickups may be arranged with Waste

Management in Southfield (phone (810) 357-0100) for bricks and stones, windows, construction wood and debris and drywall and paneling; a fee is charged. Latex paint must be dried up (dirt or kitty litter can be added to quicken the process). Latex paint can lids are to be placed in the rubbish and the empty can placed next to the rubbish. The city has Household Hazardous Waste Day once a year, when such materials as oil-based paint, paint thinner, pesticides and herbicides are collected. The proposed Household Hazardous Waste Day for 1996 is Saturday, May 11.

Franklin calls Laidlaw to arrange collection of large pieces.

In Rochester, bulky items (including sofas, chairs and refrigerators) are picked up weekly. Freon must be removed; if it isn't, air conditioner and refrigerator collection for \$25 can be scheduled for Monday or Friday. Call the Department of Public Works at (810) 651-9061 for arrangements.

Residents of Rochester Hills and Oakland Township contract privately for bulky trash removal.

Troy residents can put out furniture, appliances and other large items with their regular weekly trash pickup.

Make checklist before making repairs

A long winter can do a lot of damage to a house.

Spring is the time to take inventory and make repairs.

Karen Egren, president of Tri-County Building Inspectors Inc. in Waterford, provides a handy checklist of things to look for during your spring inventory.

- Check foundation walls, retaining walls, walks, patios and driveways for cracks, heaving and crumbling.
- Check chimneys for deteriorated caps, missing caps, missing bricks and mortar.

- Check roof and gutters, check for missing, damaged or blistered shingles. Check gutters for leaking, damaged downspouts or leaders and broken hangers or straps.

- Check flashing around roof stacks, vents, skylights and chimneys.

- Check vents, chimneys and louvers for birds' nests, squirrels or insects.

- Check fascia for paint flaking, leakage or decay.

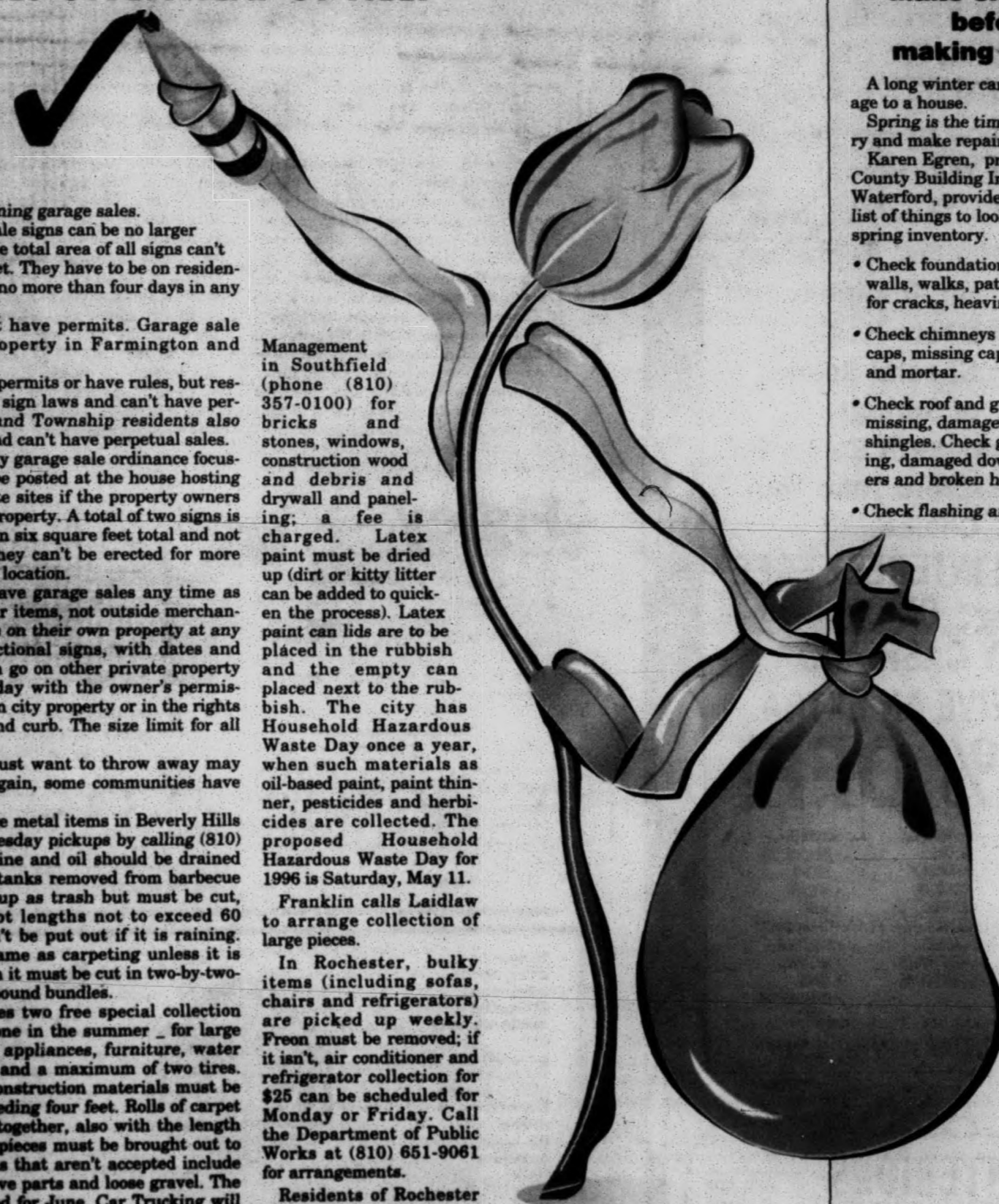
- Check exterior walls, check painted surfaces for paint failure.

- Check exterior masonry walls for cracks and broken mortar.

- Cut back and trim shrubs against side-walls.

- Be sure to open vents.

Doing these simple checks will allow you to spot a problem early and avoid a bigger problem in the future.



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During the winter months the manufacturers of dehumidifiers and room air conditioners will produce as many as possible only to have a nation's supply dwindle away during a hot summer. You and I have seen many summers here in the Detroit area where you couldn't buy a room air conditioner simply because the retailers were sold out.

During the next few months, consumers will bring into service shops the room air conditioner and dehumidifier to have serviced and repaired. The standard complaints will be it didn't cool well last year, it gets all frosted up on the inside coil, it blows fuses, the fan doesn't run, etc. For every 200 of these products brought in for service, I would guesstimate that only 10 of them had a component failure and the rest suffered a malady called dirt.

You may not see the dirt that has built up inside these products and therefore never realize the severity of this kind of condition. The repairs needed to a dirty product are quite

simple for any homeowner to perform.

Take these units to a local bay style car wash and pour the hose to every area of the product. A good cleaning can keep a room air conditioner and/or dehumidifier operating in peak condition for many years to come.

If you would like to go one step further with these products let me suggest something you can do. The fan motors on these products may have little oil ports, where you can insert 10 to 20 drops of turbine oil. It means removing all of the screws that hold the outer casing or wrapping of the product. I can't tell you how many times I have saved the consumer an expensive motor replacement by simply oiling the fan motor.

What irks me so is the fact that many of these motors have a sticker on them that states: Oil the fan motor once a year. The manufacturers know this and yet they have never created

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permits set the unpotted bulb in the garden in a place where it will benefit from some shade from midday sun. Cover the bulb with six to eight inches of sandy humusy soil where it may again flower that same season or another year.

Timely Garden Tips

• This is the ideal time to apply crabgrass preventer to the lawns, when forsythia starts to bloom and before apple blossoms show pink.

• Increase rhododendron flowering by pinching back the tips of new growth.

• If your garden is battered by

strong winds, install a windbreak such as a row of shrubs, a hedge, a wall or a fence (of open, rather than solid, construction).

• Lavender is reported to repel mosquitoes and birds! If you're bothered by birds attacking plants such as peas or crocuses, plant lavender with them.

• Remember to remove the nursery tag from the tree or shrub when you plant it.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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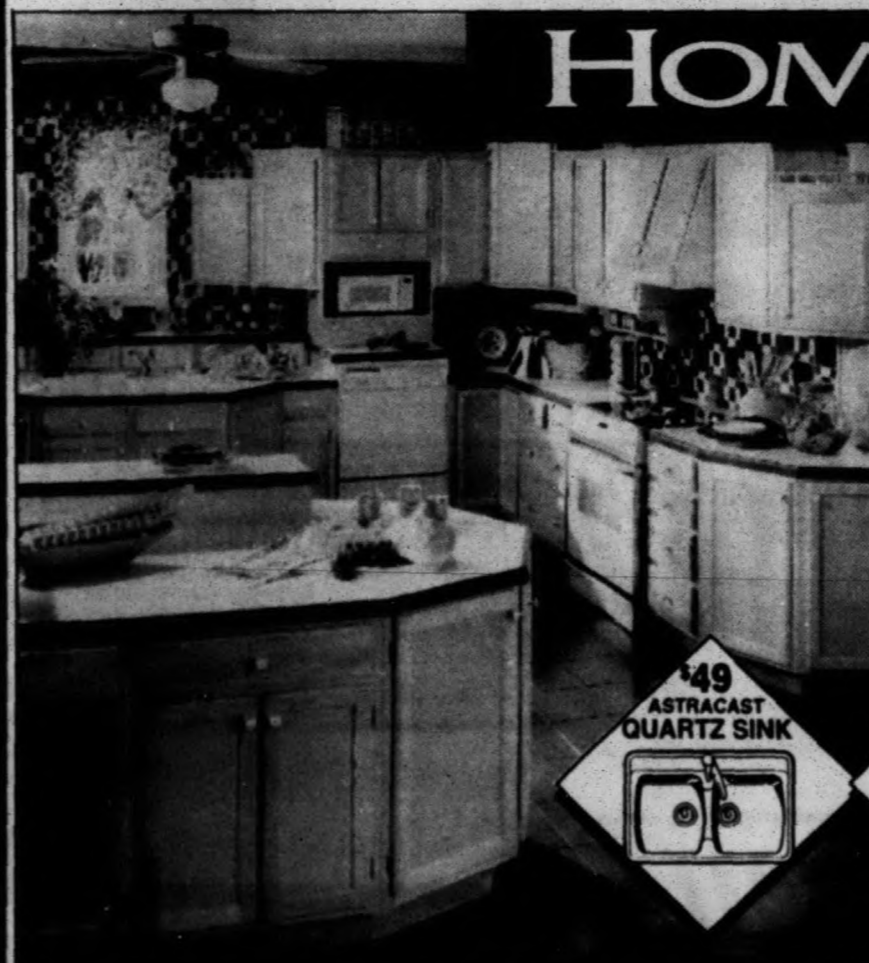
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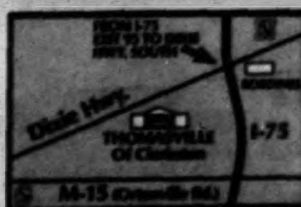
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an easy access for consumers to do this. I guess if consumers can't do this, then more room air conditioners and dehumidifiers will be sold every year. A word of caution here to inform you to make sure the product is completely dry before you plug it in, and to remember, if you tip a refrigeration product in any position outside of normal, you must let it sit in its proper position for a few hours before you plug it in.

Bulletin Board: For the next several weeks the service industry will receive abnormal requests for service on clothes dryers. Many of these calls will be needless because consumers could have done it themselves.

It is that time of year when little critters will begin to look for a home. The prerequisite for these animals and birds is a location of heat. The clothes dryer vent line fits all the needed categories. It is that time of year to remove the vent line and clean it and make sure the flapper outside is shutting off all the way. If the vent line is plastic flexible it should be thrown away and you should install the old-fashioned solid aluminum.

Several years ago I had the privilege of becoming an investigator for the office of Detroit Consumer Affairs. The director, Esther Shapiro, asked me to author a booklet on refrigerators and clothes dryers. These two booklets soon became the most popular of consumer-oriented literature that her office sends out to homeowners. It was a sad day recently when I was informed that her office was no longer making these booklets available due to budget restraints. But, the good news is:

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has printed and redesigned these booklets for the benefit of its subscribers. I am proud that this newspaper thinks enough of consumer information being a necessity to its readers that it has done this. The cost factor of this venture is no small thing and I'm pleased to announce that these booklets are free to the readers of this newspaper. To obtain these booklets you must address a letter to the Appliance Doctor in care of your local Observer or Eccentric office. In your letter, place a self-addressed, two-stamped envelope. Please make sure that the return envelope you enclose is a business size, No. 10. The envelope must be four inches high and nine inches across.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

Rochester holds 1st Friday

Downtown Rochester will bloom with the warmth of spring on "First Friday," April 5, an event sponsored by 16 downtown art and antique galleries.

Stroll through time from the ancient and pre-Columbian at Haig's Galleries, the Victorian at Pamela's Antiques, the European Renaissance at the Hermitage, to the bold contemporary local artists in the paintings at Cary Gallery, jewelry at Aurum Designs, ceramics, glass and furniture at Form and Function, Eugenia's and Archives.

Look for the balloons on the First Friday of each month downtown, where galleries and antique shops will offer late hours, artist presentations and light refreshments 6-9 p.m.

This month, Eugenia's hair and Art Gallery, 212 W. Third, will host a gallery talk 7:30 p.m. with raku ceramicist Betty Behm of Rochester. Behm has been a potter for 20 years and has exhibited her award-winning work in Florida, Ohio and Michigan. She explains raku as "an ancient method of firing pottery, developed in Japan during the 16th century."

"The pieces fired by this method were desired by tea masters for their spontaneity, accidental faults and simple beauty."

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If space permits, homeowners may want to consider outfitting their remodeled kitchens with cooktops that are separate from the oven(s). This breaking up of the traditional one-piece cooktop/oven into its various components allows cooking to become a joint effort between two cooks. While the cooktop can remain in the kitchen work triangle (along with the sink and refrigerator) as the more frequently used cooking appliance, the wall oven(s) may be placed outside the cook's primary work pattern to relieve kitchen congestion. If baking is of particular interest, the oven(s) can become the focal point of a separate baking center, with its own task-specific storage and counter-top. If the wall oven is a combination unit with a microwave, the latter's status as a warm-up appliance can qualify the appliance as the center of a snack area. Regardless of your cooking habits and needs, MODERN KITCHEN & BATH will design and install a beautiful kitchen you can enjoy for many years to come. The Amera line of fine cabinets are ingeniously designed to make the best use of space. Amera offers choices, options and opportunities to create kitchens that reflect the individual you. New Corian kitchen sinks are now available through Elkay. We invite readers to visit our showroom at 819 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, or call us at (810) 546-0660 for quality service and cabinetry. Customer satisfaction is our tradition!

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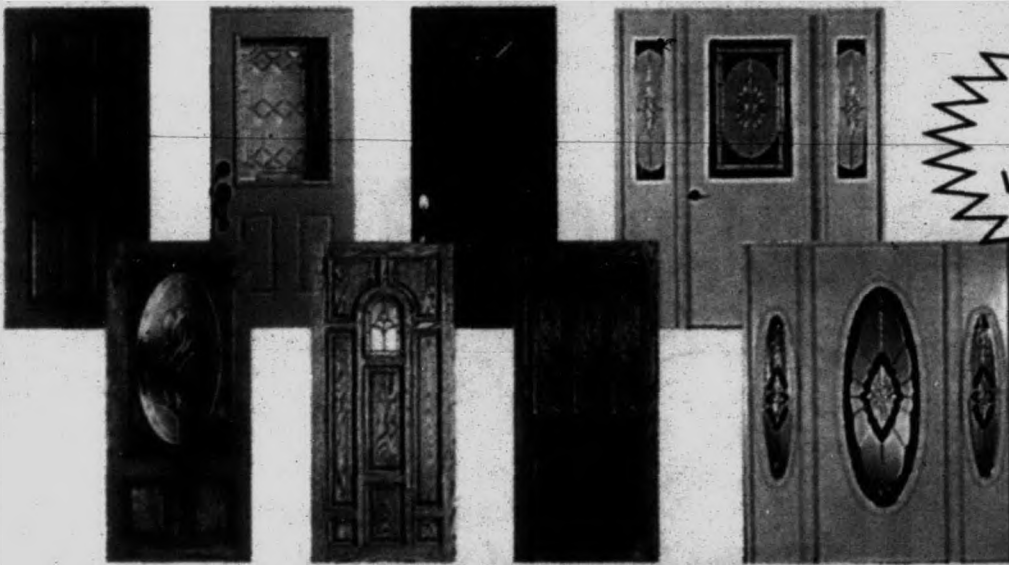


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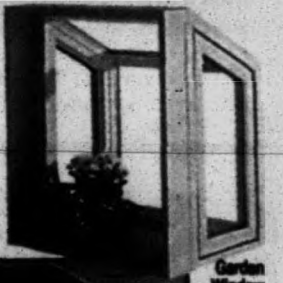
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SUPPLEMENT TO THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1996

Good vents protect from moisture

A hidden problem may be causing slow but certain damage to a part of your house that probably accounts for up to 40 percent of its visible exterior your roof.

When shingles crack, roof deck wood rots or gutters leak, your first impulse may be to blame the individual components. In fact, they have been fine when installed but couldn't stand the silent but steady pressure of the real culprit—attic heat and moisture caused by improper roof ventilation.

"Attic heat and moisture rot wood reduce the effectiveness of attic insulation, damage underlayment and paint and cause cracked, buckled or leaking asphalt shingles," says Dick Lantz, Owens Corning vice president. "The conditions also creates ice dams, which can destroy gutters, damage shingles and cause leaks in walls."

How can you spot attic heat and moisture buildup before damage occurs? "Winter offers telltale signs," Lantz advises. "Toward the ridge or the roof, there will be no snow because attic heat has melted it, but snow still will be present near the eaves, with big icicles hanging from them."

You can prevent these problems, Lantz says, by asking your roofing contractor to include soffit (under-eave) vents and ridge vents in any new roof installation or even a partial shingle-replacement job. Lantz offers a simple three-point checklist to review with

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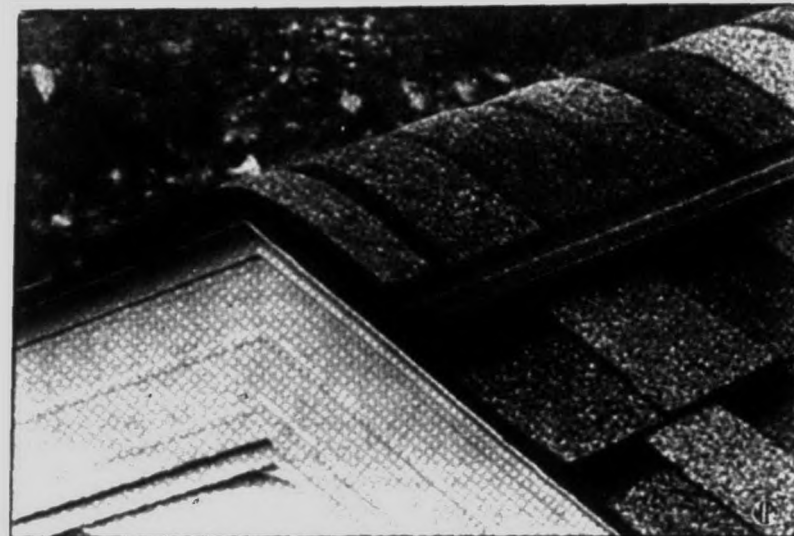
your contractor to ensure effective vent installation.

•Point 1: Strike a balanced, 50-50 ratio in soffit and ridge vents to ensure continuous airflow along the underside of the roof ridge, thereby removing excess heat and moisture.

"When you do this, you allow a free flow of fresh air in winter and summer," Lantz said. "Air enters the attic through a low continuous intake—the soffit vent—and then moves up and out through a high continuous exhaust—the ridge vent. The continuous airflow also helps balance inside and outside temperatures for greater home comfort."

He adds, "With a balanced ventilation system, even when there's no wind, the natural convection action of rising warm air maintains a continuous airflow along the underside of the roof."

•Point 2: "Pay close attention to the quality of ridge vents. Some do a better job than others. Owens Corning is confident enough about the quality of its new line of VentSure Ridge Vents



VENTING HELPS: Proper ventilation increases the comfort and energy efficiency of your house and it preserves the look and performance of your roof.

to give each a limited 20-year warranty," Lantz said. The vents are specially designed with no moving parts and no need for energy, in both embossed aluminum and injection-molded high-impact polypropylene shingle-over versions.

•Point 3: "Check your shingle warranty to make sure your ventilation meets the shingle manufacturer's specification," Lantz advises. "Otherwise, the warranty may be void. Get-

ting shingles and vents from the same manufacturer can help avoid this problem."

Just how much ventilation is enough? "The Federal Housing Administration Minimum Property Standards call for 1 square foot of net free ventilation for each 150 to 300 square feet of attic space, depending on certain circumstances. Your roofing contractor should be able to advise you on what's required."

New book shows pool house plans

Today's pool houses now offer much more than just a place to change clothes. This is clearly illustrated by the world's first catalog featuring a unique collection of designs and floor plans of pool houses and cabanas. This new catalog is now available to swimming pool owners from Coventry Pool & Garden Houses Inc. of Feasterville, Pa.

This one-of-a-kind collection of architectural renderings and floor plans embraces the newest and most innovative design ideas presented in a large 11-inch by 17-inch format.

According to Ed Kahn, president of Coventry Pool & Garden Houses Inc., "The catalog has been designed to present pool house designs to meet the requirements of almost every property and budget. As far as I know, there's nothing like it."

"In addition," Kahn said, "for each pool house design and floor plan, the company is offering a complete set of architectural plans, ranging in price from \$75 to \$325. They include detailed plans and elevations so that all of the pool houses can be built exactly the way they are shown in the catalog."

"Whether you plan to work with a professional architect and contractor

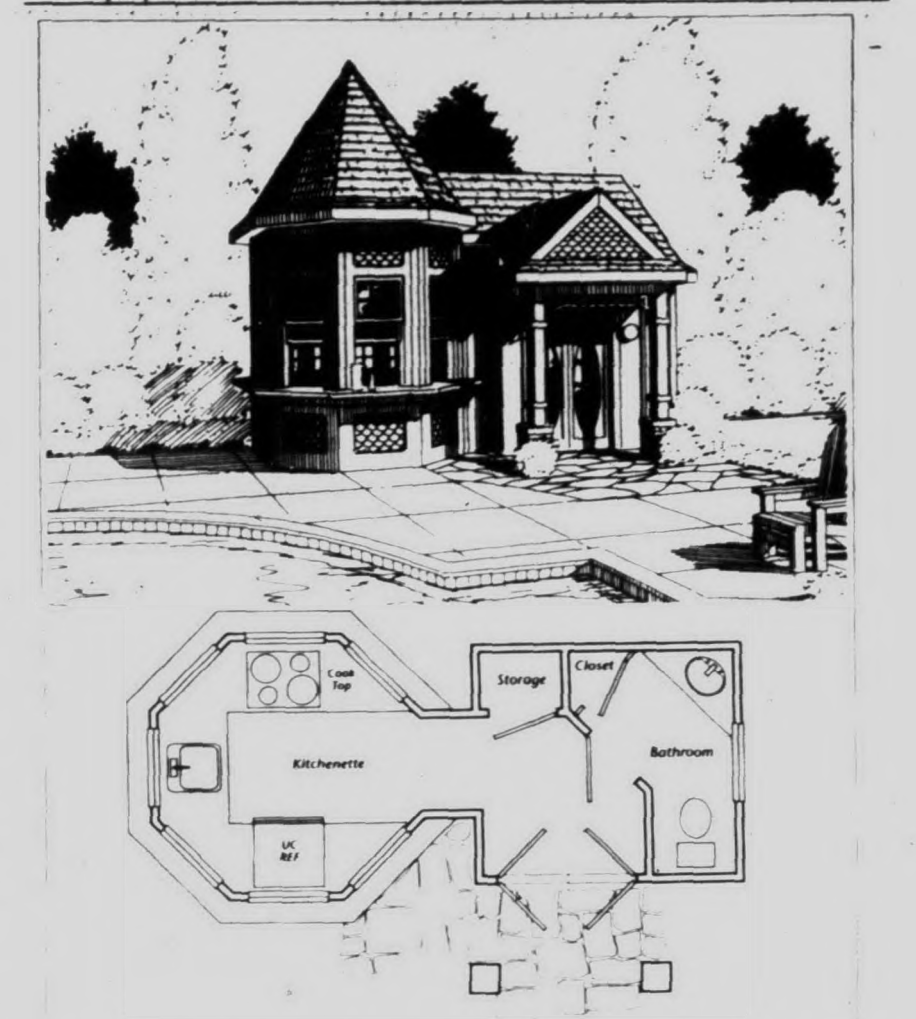
of you're a skilled do-it-yourselfer, this catalog is a place to start," said Kahn. "It contains the best of all ideas for entertaining, serving, recreation and storage."

"Also, by owning this catalog, pool owners can save hundreds, even thousands, in design costs because our architects have already done the hard work."

Of the 55 professionally presented plans, 47 relate directly to pool houses and cabanas and eight are specifically designed for those who are primarily interested in garden houses. "Many of the pool house designs," Kahn said, "can easily be converted to garden houses, thereby increasing the variety of choices."

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the new Coventry Pool & Garden House catalog may order it directly from the company for \$19.95 plus \$3.95 shipping and handling. The company is located at 860 Pennsylvania Blvd., Feasterville, Pa. 19053. The toll free number is 1-800-887-2011.

According to the National Spa and Pool Institute of Alexandria, Va., there are currently 6.1 million swimming pool owners in the continental United States. Of that number, 3.3 million are in-ground and 2.8 million are above ground.



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Proper equipment makes job easier

Before the birds begin to sing in the trees, homeowners already have their spring home-improvement projects planned. Whether it's replacing windows, reshingling the roof or installing new flooring, they're ready to take action as soon as the weather gets warm. Whether people are doing the work themselves or hiring professionals, proper planning is an important part of any home-improvement project. When hiring a contractor, people need to know exactly what they want done, so they can meet with professionals, explain the work and get realistic estimates. Do-it-yourselfers need to plan ahead to ensure they have set aside enough time for the project, have the right equipment and materials and understand the work that needs to be done.

Having the proper equipment means not only having the tools specifically designed for the task at hand but also having tools that are in good condition. It is a good idea for do-it-yourselfers to check that tools are in working order before beginning a project. All handles should be fixed firmly into the tool's working end, and jaw teeth, cutters and blades should be sharp. Any tools that are damaged should be thrown away.

If, when planning a project, do-it-yourselfers find that they don't have a tool they need, they can buy, rent or borrow it. Renting or borrowing allows them to see if they like a particular model or brand, making the decision easier when they finally decide to buy the tool. If people want to buy the tool many home-improvement professionals recommend going to a knowledgeable local dealer. While prices may not be as expensive as those in a catalog, do-it-yourselfers will be able to get a feel for the tool before buying.

After getting the proper equipment, people should follow the manufacturer's instructions when using each tool. Tools should be kept clean, dry and away from excessive heat. Before using a tool near electricity, people should shut off the current. They also should use steady pressure on jaws or cutters, instead of rocking the tool. If they are doing continuous work, it is a good idea to wear gloves or use comfort grips to help avoid getting blisters or calluses.

With the proper planning and right tools and materials, people are well on their way to a successful project and a more beautiful home.

New air conditioning uses natural gas fuel

Natural gas is a well-respected, cost-effective heating fuel. And now people throughout Michigan are being cooled with it.

Jan Wagner, a Shelby Township resident said, "When I had electric air conditioning in my old house I used to look for the surprise in the bill each month. But now with gas air conditioning, my bill is lower and much more consistent."

Today, clean-burning gas air conditioning is the most environmentally sensitive cooling technology available. It offers a two-to-one price advantage over electricity. In fact, according to Consumers Power, the average savings for 650 cooling hours-per-year with a four ton gas cooling system over an electric cooling system can result in an operating savings of over \$200 annually. Plus, it uses no chlorofluorocarbons, hydrochlorofluorocarbons, or other chemicals that are harmful to the Earth's ozone layer.

How does it work? Natural gas cools your home using a time-tested, proven process of absorption. This process utilizes an ammonia/water solution instead of ozone-damaging freon used in electric air conditioners. The ammonia and the natural gas stay in the central unit outside your home.

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Another important reason to consider equipping your home with a natural gas air conditioner is that it has been approved and tested by the American Gas Association.

Gas air conditioning - it really is low-cost, environmentally friendly way to stay cool this summer.

Toro offers users help on lawn care

MINNEAPOLIS, PRNewswire - When's the best time to apply fertilizer? What's the most effective way to eliminate germinating crabgrass? Is it better to apply herbicides in the spring or fall? Homeowners and weekend mowers now can find answers to the usual and unusual at The Toro Company's yard care home page on the Internet.

The website (www.yardcare.com) offers virtually instantaneous professional guidance and tips at a time when most Americans are readying their lawns for spring. In the "What's Your Yard Care Problem?" website, users can "Ask Earl, the Yard Care Guy," about specific information on handling grasses, weeds, leaves and pests. The user may either choose a particular category or search the website's database with select keywords.

The yard care website also is interactive, allowing visitors to ask their own questions via online e-mail. Toro, the leader in lawn and yard care products, is the first in its category to employ a searchable website. Its yard care home page, written in familiar, consumer language, is considered to be the most extensive database on lawn care available on the Internet, and may be accessed by the 24 million people in the United States and Canada who today search hundreds of thousands of websites.

"We're addressing lawn care questions most often asked by consumers,"

says Jim Wallace, marketing manager for The Toro Company. "And we tackle very specific and technical issues. This allows anyone on the Internet to quickly solve a lawn problem, whether it's weed control or disease management - a real convenience for those who enjoy spending time in their yards and gardens. The site also offers information on selecting lawn and yard equipment and suggestions for its general care."

Additionally, Toro has launched a company site (www.toro.com) with visuals of, and information about, its range of consumer products, including lawn mowers and tractors, snow throwers, trimmers, blowers/vacs and outdoor lighting. The site provides shoppers with model specifications, product feature comparisons, and a glossary of yard care equipment terms. Consumers can learn the locations of the nearest Toro dealers simply by entering their home ZIP code.

In addition, the site's Hot Stuff section contains new product information and current promotions. Both sites offer audio-on-demand, designed to enhance the user's experience. The soundtracks, based on recently introduced technology, are already incorporated into the site's design providing instantaneous audio. The Toro Co. (NYSE: TTC), based in Minneapolis, Minn., is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of lawn and garden products.

April designated as lawn care month

As winter's chill and drab colors recede, among the first plants to reflect the hues of spring are lawn grasses. To celebrate the arrival of spring and the nation's focus on outdoor activities, the Professional Lawn Care Association of America has designated April as National Lawn Care Month.

According to the association, the North American lawn care season officially starts in April when more than 25 million acres of lawns are turning green just about everywhere. It's estimated that North Americans spend about 1 billion hours tending to lawns every year.

"A recent Gallup survey noted that consumers spent \$25.9 billion on do-it-yourself lawn and garden activities in 1994, and an additional \$13.4 billion on professional lawn and landscape services," said Ann E. McClure, the association's executive vice president. "National Lawn Care Month honors Americans' pride in beautifying their homes and community landscapes."

There are many reasons why Americans value their lawns. Gallup survey

respondents said well-maintained lawns and landscapes:

- Increase real estate values.
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The environmental benefits of a healthy lawn - helping to purify and cool the air and filtering water that drains into the ground - were recognized by 23 percent of U.S. households. While still not high on the list, recognition of the environmental benefits of a healthy lawn did increase by 11 percent over 1993. In fact, healthy turf helps lock nitrogen and phosphorus in the root zone and prevents them from reaching the groundwater, explained McClure. A Cornell University study shows that a healthy, properly maintained lawn is an effective filter for protecting groundwater quality.

With the economic, aesthetic and environmental benefits a healthy lawn brings, it's no wonder we consider lawn care a priority, said McClure. "It's fitting that we celebrate our lawns in April when we begin to spend more time outdoors," McClure said.

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Sunroom style adds creativity and flare

MACEDONIA, Ohio, PRNewswire
Be imaginative when it comes to decorating your sunroom. This unique living space is different from any other in your house, and it deserves special treatment. Go beyond furnishings that give a part-time look. A sunroom's ambiance changes with the time of day and the season. Homeowners can use that to their decorating advantage with these special tips from Patio Enclosures, Inc. the nation's largest sunroom manufacturer.

Create Moods With Vertical Blinds and Pleated Shades. At night time pulled shades and a softly lit lamp create a cozy, candlelight effect. On a hot, sunny day blinds turn your room into a cool oasis while still providing the feeling of being outdoors. With window treatments, you can block out the neighbor's picnic on one side and still enjoy the view on the other. Vertical blinds and shades come in hundreds of colors, patterns, textures and styles. Consider new, easy-care vinyl options which contain textures for the look of linen or heavy cotton. Consider leaving high windows bare for an open-air feeling.

Select Indoor-Outdoor Materials. Wrought iron, wicker and rattan are extremely popular among sunroom owners. These materials are perfect for the transition between indoor and outdoor. You can find beautiful furniture and accessories made of these

materials in traditional to contemporary styles. Also, consider wooden Adirondak chairs with different cushions to match the seasons. Today's indoor-outdoor fabrics look like indoor upholstery but are stain fast, water resistant, fade-proof, and will last a lifetime in a sunroom.

Add Cheer With Hanging and Potted Plants and Flowers. Plant lovers can create a tropical oasis in their sunrooms for a mid-afternoon escape to their very own "rain forest." Hanging flowers and potted plants can create a winter garden in dreary months when we're craving springtime. Try flower boxes on the floor around the perimeter of the room. Or use multi-level plant stands. Plants are a great way to fill a room before you can furnish it completely.

Don't Overlook The Floors. Today we have many practical floor covering options for a beautiful indoor-outdoor look. Plastic green outdoor carpeting is out. Slate, ceramic tiles with patterned borders, natural weave mattes and sturdy Berber carpeting are practical and attractive options. A word of advice, stay away from light colored grout on tiled floors. It is difficult to keep clean in high traffic rooms. Patterned flooring with slight speckles will hide dirt better than solids.

Create Atmosphere! Hang framed stained glass to add color and beauty. It's also a great way to hide less



SUNNY VIEWS: Sunlight and a feeling of openness are making sunrooms more popular. With imagination they can be decorated in a variety of exciting ways.

attractive outdoor views while still letting in light. Light candles at night. The reflection off the glass is mesmerizing! Use white Christmas lights around the ceiling for a romantic look.

Decorate The Yard, Too. Lanterns dangling around your sunroom will make the yard glow. Bamboo citronella torches create mood. Bird baths and

flower gardens, designed for sunroom viewing, also add to enjoyment. Sunroom owners are invited to submit photos of their sunroom ideas to Patio Enclosures, Inc., P.O. Box 186, Macedonia, Ohio 44056. For a free booklet on sunroom types and how to select a sunroom contractor, write to the address above or call 800-480-1966.

Hardwoodology: These terms will have you talking like a pro

PITTSBURGH, — Bird's-eye. French dovetail. Rabbits. Ah, the signs of spring ... spring home improvement. As the blizzards of '96 melt into memory, homeowners already are springing into action on home improvement projects, the Hardwood Manufacturers Association said today. To help jumpstart projects involving hardwood flooring, cabinetry or millwork, here's a handy primer from the Hardwood Manufacturers Association guaranteed to impress your contractor (and your spouse).

All-wood — A term applied to a wide range of construction materials, including veneer bonded to plywood, oriented strand board or particle-board.

Baluster — One of a series of vertical supports for a handrail. Bird's-eye — A decorative natural marking with small circular or elliptical figures occasionally found in maple. Rare in other hardwood species.

Burl — A curly, irregular, decorative woodgrain figure. Also a natural swelling on a tree trunk that produces such a figure.

Character mark — A distinctive feature in a hardwood surface, produced by minerals and other elements absorbed as the tree grows. Dado —

The lower portion of the wall of a room, often decorated differently from the upper portion. Also, a rectangular groove cut into a board so another piece may be fitted into it.

French dovetail — A joint with single, long, dovetail-shaped tenon slipped into corresponding mortise, often used to connect drawer fronts and sides.

Grade, grading — A designation the quality of logs or sawn lumber based on the amount of usable lumber in the piece, or on features that affect strength, durability, utility or appearance. Standards are established by manufacturing associations.

Hardwoods — The botanical group of trees that bear broad leaves, in contrast to conifers or softwoods, which bear needles. The actual hardness of the wood varies among the species.

Inlay — A surface decoration composed of small pieces of contrasting woods or other materials set flush with a wooden surface.

Moisture content — The amount of water in wood, usually expressed as a percentage of weight. In manufacturing, controlled drying stabilizes wood dimensionally, increases its strength and improves its capacity to hold finishes. All solid hardwood products

vary slightly in moisture content in response to their surroundings.

Moulding — A decorative strip of hardwood or other material, usually having a curved or projected surface.

Some common moulding terms: Chair rail — A moulding applied along a wall for protection against chair backs, or as a design element between wall treatments such as paneling, wallpaper or paint.

Crown moulding — The decorative moulding that conceals the joint between the wall and ceiling.

Dentil moulding — A moulding carved with interlocked triangles.

Fillet — A thin, flat moulding used to separate or decorate larger mouldings.

Newel — The post that supports the handrail at the bottom of a staircase; the central vertical support of a spiral staircase.

Rabbit — A rectangular cut or groove in the edge of a piece of wood that interlocks with another grooved piece.

For free information on solid hardwood furniture, flooring, cabinetry or millwork, contact the Hardwood Manufacturers Association, Dept. PRN3-96, 400 Penn Center Blvd., Suite 530, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235, 1-800-373-WOOD.

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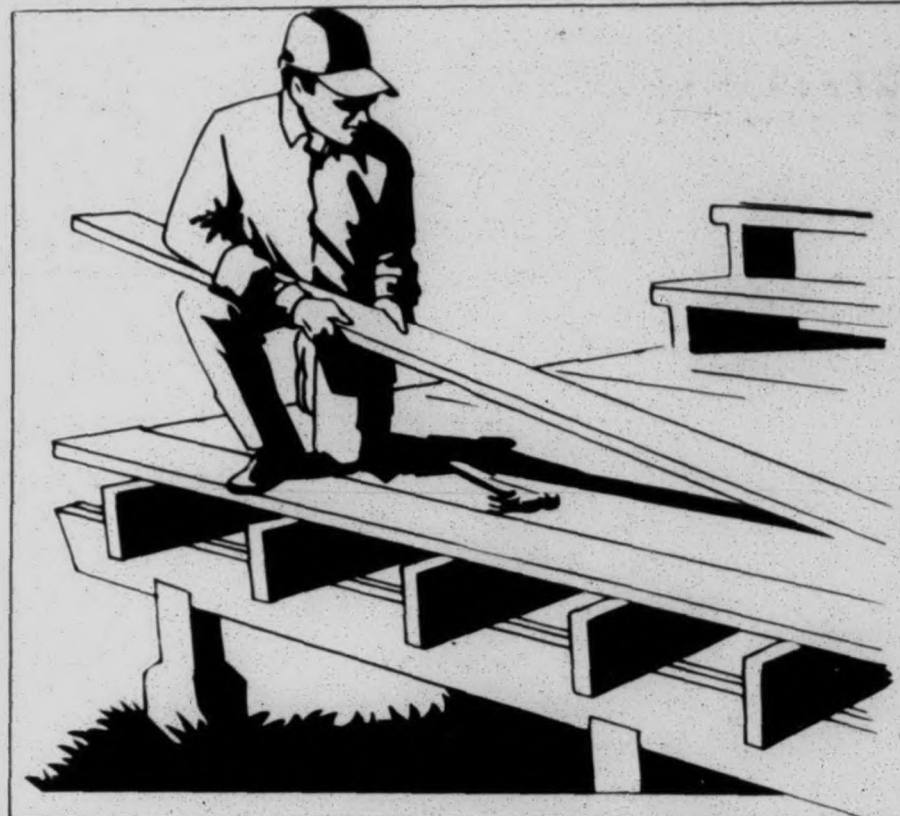
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It's checkup time for healthy home

BY JOANNE LIEBLER
SPECIAL WRITER

(NAPS) An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure when it comes to keeping your home healthy. Your doctor would probably tell you it is a good idea to get a quick check up before engaging in strenuous summer activities and the same common sense applies to your home. Here is a checklist that can help:

- Clean out your gutters and downspouts. Seal any leaky joints and make sure that rain water is directed well away from the foundation.
- Storms can be tough on roofs. Check the flashing around your chimneys and roof vents and look for broken or missing shingles.
- Leaky windows and door seals can waste a lot of the money you spend on air conditioning. Replace missing or damaged caulk and weather stripping.
- Have any cracks in your home's foundation and exterior facing repaired as soon as possible.
- Decks and porches need special

attention. Clean out debris between the boards and above the joists. Replace warped or splitting wood and reseal, restain or repaint the deck before humid summer weather does more damage.

- Rake leaves away from the side of the house and clean out basement window wells, clear away debris on or around your air conditioner.
- Trim shrubs and trees so they don't touch the house. This also helps eliminate hiding places for any would-be burglars.
- Patch or replace any window and door screens that have holes.

• Too many people forget about cleaning or replacing furnace filters during air conditioning season. Whether you have central air or a room air conditioner, keep those filters clean.

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High tech bird feeder offers sights and sounds of spring

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, Ohio, PRNewswire — Birdwatching for gardeners. It's no surprise that gardening is America's most popular pastime. But did you know that bird watching and feeding is the nation's number two leisure time activity? For the 65 million Americans who actively watch and feed birds, County Line Limited offers a new concept in bird feeders that utilizes wireless technology to bring the sounds of nature directly into the home.

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Making the summer house attractive to vacationers

(MPS) While some of us are still wondering why last summer's renters left the wok in the backyard shower, homeowners with rental property in vacation communities should be planning for the "next season." Whether you occupy your property in the summer and rent it out in the winter or vice versa, it's never too soon to plan the renovation projects that attract tenants and enhance your own enjoyment of the property. The myriad ways to update a rental property easily and inexpensively to charm prospective tenants and command a higher fee.

• Fresh paint — The easiest redecorating job comes in a gallon can of paint. Experiment! While some people swear by white walls, others recommend very pale pastels, especially when light is limited. Rooms with dark, ordinary paneling. Be sure to prime the surface first so that the paint adheres to it. You'll see how cheerful the room becomes!

• Mint-condition floors — Floors are critical to a sense of spaciousness and ease of care. For this purpose, the best floors are resilient (vinyl) flooring, which is available in a wide range of styles and prices. Resilient flooring can replicate hardwood, marble, ceramic and saltillo tile. According to



RESILIENT FLOORING: Tiling like this "Marblesque" vinyl tile improves the look of your summer rental property.

Leonard Ludovico, vice president of styling and design for Congoleum Corp., "A great floor that helps unify space instantly improves any property and resilient flooring eliminates time-consuming upkeep."

• Style is everything — Nothing helps a vacation house rent faster than a sure sense of style. Before you invest in expensive decorative items, take a look at what you already own.

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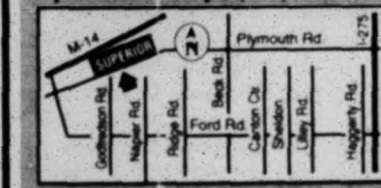
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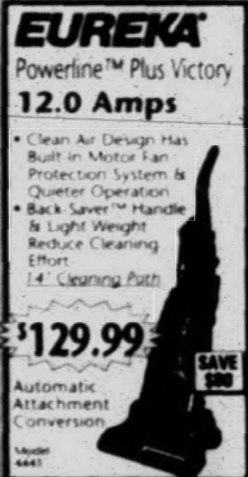
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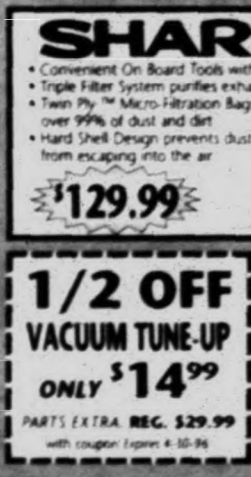
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Matthaei Gardens has perennial sale

The most appealing gardens are those that complement your home. They have color, texture, shape and perennials which play a big part of the overall picture. Fine Gardening magazine advises would-be gardeners to think of garden plants as part of a big picture. Include a pleasing background of lawn and flowering plants, create a sense of enclosure by bordering the garden with a hedge or carefully placed trees, and use paths and views to link the garden to other parts of the grounds and the house.

Choosing perennials to complement your home or landscape can be a daunting proposition. The varieties to choose from are many and site selection is critical. The Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens can offer relief to the novice or experienced gardener searching for that perennial gem. For a one-stop shopping perennial experience, loads of advice from knowledgeable plant experts and more than 30,000 perennials ranging from rock garden plants to wildflowers, visit the Botanical Gardens' Spring Perennial Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4 and 5. Some quantities are limited. A special Friends sale will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 3 which offers a first selection and a 10 percent discount. Memberships will be available at the door. The following are some of the choice plants available at the sale.

Crococsmia X Curtonis 'Lucifer' (Crococsmia 'Lucifer'). This unusual hardy cornus plant has coarse, sword-like

foliage 2.5 feet tall that is similar to the gladiolus. The long arching flower stalk has bright red flowers which are arranged in a similar way to the freesia. It prefers a moist well-drained soil and sun to partial shade. Winter hardiness is a bit controversial. Some information suggests lifting the corms in zones 5 and 6 and storing them in a dry frost-free place. Others suggest planting in the proper location and mulching well to ensure success.

There are over 32,000 named varieties of daylily. Among the more unique cultivars chosen for sale are the Hemerocallis 'Prairie Blue Eyes.' This lavender daylily was developed in 1970 and is still sought after for its bluish halo or eye. It is considered to be the best blue daylily and its heavy bud count make it very desirable. Sun to light shade and well-drained soil are recommended.

Hemerocallis 'Prairie Moonlight.' Also on the top 100 list is this extra large (8 inches) fragrant yellow daylily that stays open into the evening.

This year's presale will also offer Pre-Sale Savvy Sessions Sunday April 21 at 1 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, at noon. What is new and unique will be highlighted.

The Spring Perennial Sale and Pre-Sale Savvy Sessions will be held at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Take US-23 to the Geddes Road exit, head east to Dixboro Road. The address is 1800 N. Dixboro Road. For information, call the gardens 313-998-7061.



When creating lawn environment is issue

Environmental impacts and benefits are important points to consider when determining whether to establish a new lawn with sod or seed, according to the Turf Resource Center, a not-for-profit educational group in suburban Chicago. Pesticide usage and erosion control are just two environmental factors the organization says can make a major difference in the decision making process.

In years past, before the age of environmental awareness and concern, cost versus value was most often the basis for deciding between sod or seed to establish or renew a lawn. Proponents of each method would argue long and loud. One group would point to the low cost of seed versus the cost of mature sod, while another group would point out the amount of continual labor and lack of use the seeded lawn would require compared to the sodded yard. Higher management and maintenance costs of seeded lawns were acceptable to some homeowners, while others insisted that the cost of sodding was more than returned when visual appeal, uniformity and other factors were considered.

Today, lawn-establishment decisions are being made with a greater concern for the environment. While some people may still make their decision based on a seed-only price compared to installed sod, more and more homeowners and landscape professionals are very concerned about the following environmental factors.

While turfgrass can be successful whenever sod is available (practically year-round, even when the soil is frozen), recommendations for seeding are usually restricted to the fall or perhaps the spring in some areas and it's to be avoided during the winter or summer. Seasonal delays in establishing a lawn with seed will prolong and

perhaps even worsen outside environmental factors while certainly creating indoor environmental havoc with tracked-in mud.

Although seeding and sodding both require deep tilling, proper soil amendments and adequate drainage, sodding immediately over properly prepared soil will ensure that the effort is not wasted or damaged by untimely rains, wash-outs or other disruptive factors. Delay between seeding and adequate establishment usually require multiple repairs, reseeding and still further delays.

Seeded or even hydroseeded lawn will require considerably more water than a sodded lawn, regardless of the time of year it is planted. Sod, as a mature plant with an intact root structure, will shade the soil, reduce evaporation and subsequent drying out, as its roots probe deeper and deeper into the soil for the water it needs. The water conserved by using sod will of course reduce water bills, but it will also permit that unused amount of water to be available for other purposes.

Turfgrass sod is delivered as a weed-free thick and mature piece of grass that is able to choke out weed seedlings that may be present in the yard. Thus weed control is seldom an issue for many years with a sodded lawn.

For additional information on the environmental and cost/value factors homeowners should consider when creating a new lawn, a complimentary copy of the brochure "Self Scoring Method - How to Establish A Lawn," can be obtained by writing to Turf Resources Center, Dept. HI-2, 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

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Stoler certified



Pam Stoler, a Realtor with Max Brook Realtors in Birmingham, has earned the professional designation Certified Residential Specialist.

Stoler, a Bloomfield resident, is a 10-year sales veteran who also has acquired the Graduate Realtors Institute designation.

Snyder designated



Marilyn Snyder, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Northville, has attained two designations — Graduate Realtors Institute and Certified Buyer Representative.

Snyder, a Northville resident, also is a member of Real Estate One's prestigious President's Council of Excellence.

Cox named director



Michael L. Cox has been named sales director for the Links at Pheasant Run, a Robertson Brothers Group condominium development in Canton.

Cox graduated from Michigan State University and has more than seven years experience in sale

Williams promoted

David C. Williams has been promoted to community bank president for Republic Bank-Southeast. He will be responsible for all retail, commercial lending and mortgage lending activity in this part of the state.

Previously, Williams was senior vice president and senior credit officer for Republic Saving Bank in Cleveland.

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JIM JACGFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plant man: Howard Stine, a Realtor with Century 21 Suburban, gets all kinds of enjoyment caring for plants in the office.

Agent creates goodwill with plants

BY DOUG FUNKIE
STAFF WRITER

Spike, Jade, Gloria and Frank are in good hands with Howard Stine, a Realtor with Century 21 Suburban in Northville.

Charlie, Diana, a slew of Harrys and Sweetheart also draw regular attention from Stine in the office.

They aren't clients and Stine isn't exactly the social director for his colleagues.

What he is is a self-taught plant expert who's nurtured and named more than two dozen plants on display in the office.

"They do a lot for decoration," Stine said. "They're a natural filter. They take in nasty stuff and give you moisture. They're cheap, too.

"A lot of people who come in here are amazed," Stine said of the collection. "People walking by, the lobby attracts them and they come in and inquire about the plants.

"Other agents in this office like the plants. They think it makes for a nice working environment."

The plants generate a lot of goodwill.

"Morale in that office is one of the highest I've seen," said Timothy J. Reilly, manager. "I think the plants

An area Realtor has found a way to use nature to liven up the office where he works. Clients and colleagues like what he does with plants.

being as vibrant as they are have something to do with it.

"We get a lot of compliments and observations from our customers when they come in," Reilly said. "Customers come in and talk to or stroke the plants."

"We've had people walk in looking at the plants not even looking for a house," said Jan Nickerson, receptionist. "One day, when we had problems with the heat, we moved all the plants to one area. The office was bare. It looked like there was no life in it. It was blah."

Stine, who turns 70 today, took on the responsibility shortly after joining Century 21 Suburban about five years ago.

"There was a certain amount of plants on board and a handful weren't doing very well," he said.

"When we moved to this office, a lot of well-wishers gave us plants. We have an office in Plymouth and they sent some over. Agents would bring them in and give them to me to nurse

them back to health. Not all of the plants I take care of stay here. Some go back home.

"I grew up on a farm," Stine said. "When you're a farmer, you're in close communion with animals and plants. When I was living in California, I acquired a great interest in plants because they do so well out there."

While Stine said he's never promoted himself as your real estate/plant professional, he never really knows when his hobby results in business for himself or others in the office.

"Obviously, real estate is a process where you start out as a stranger. You become intimate and part of the team," Stine said. "Everyone I meet here, I show them the plants. Maybe it gives them an idea what kind of guy I am."

Stine said he generally waters plants weekly, fertilizes every two or three weeks and rubs vegetable oil on the exposed side of leaves on corn stalks, rubber tree plants and jade — "it not only makes them look decorative but keeps them clean" — monthly.

"I think plants respond to care," Stine said. "I don't want to get off into a strange guy thing, but if you do things to plants on a regular basis, they respond.

"You have to love them. You've got to touch them, prune them. When you prune, don't just yank leaves off. That hurts. Gently pull.

"Find where a plant wants to live," he said. "Set it in a spot and watch it. If it's not thriving, don't be afraid to move it. Not every plant has to be near a window.

"You want to water a plant only if it needs it. I use a dissolvable fertilizer (Miracle-Gro) and water.

"Touch your plants — they respond to that," Stine said. Let them know they're part of the family. Plants respond to music. I think it's just the general atmosphere."

Stine said he doesn't always know the formal names of plants he takes care of and doesn't really care. "They're all my favorites," he said.

There's no science to coming up with monikers.

"It's just a fit," Stine said. "After I look at a plant for awhile, a name just pops into my head.

"I get great satisfaction seeing plants grow," he said. "Some people go fishing. Some ski. I work with plants."

Warranties determine builder's responsibility

Q. Can you tell me how long a builder is held responsible for a new home that he built? Our home was built and completed in November of 1991. The last rain storm we had, we saw water stains on the drywall of the ceiling. There was also water in the attic.

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A. First, you should review your purchase agreement to determine whether any express warranty was provided to you by the builder. Generally, most builders provide, at the least, a one-year warranty on labor and materials from the date of closing.

On the other hand, there may be additional warranties that are provided, both by the builder and the manufacturer of some of the component parts which go with the home.

In addition, the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation, normally entertains complaints by purchasers of homes for a period of at least 18 months from the date of closing.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, there is an implied warranty of habitability in a home which is

not necessarily limited to one year.

The implied warranty of habitability would include a right given to the purchaser to pursue defects which impinge upon the habitability of a unit, including water in the attic and/or ceilings.

You are best advised, however, to consult with a real estate attorney of your choosing.

Q. I own a trailer and am renting a lot in a trailer park. Most of us are senior citizens who have lived there for a number of years.

Last year, the owner hired a new park manager who is making new rules as he sees fit. He is making it hard on all of us.

I put grass seed down every year, mow my lawn, rake it and pick up leaves. I plant flowers and tomatoes and am wondering what rights the new park manager has with respect to my trailer.

He made the person across the path put a porch and an awning over his front door.

A. Generally, the terms and conditions of the rights of the park manager are set forth in the lease arrangement which presumably has been signed between you and the trailer park.

The lease may reserve the right, on the part of the park manager and/or landlord-owner, to promulgate

rules and regulations.

However, the rules and regulations must be reasonable and cannot be in violation of any rights that the tenants may have under the lease arrangement or common law.

It would be necessary to review the lease which you have entered into, together with the rules and regulations, which have been promulgated by the park manager, before one could answer your question with specificity.

To the extent that the park manager is attempting to exceed rules and regulations which have been promulgated, that is beyond his authority.

You should have your lease arrangement and these other rules and regulations reviewed by competent legal counsel to assist you in determining your rights and the rights of other trailer park tenants.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the area of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Meisner at 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025. This column provides general information and shouldn't be construed as legal opinion.

Schweitzer honors '95's top achievers

Nearly two dozen sales associates from local Coldwell Banker Schweitzer real estate offices were honored as top achievers for 1995 during a recent awards celebration.

"For a sales associate to be a success or a top producer, they understand the real estate industry as their own business," said Paul Schweitzer, president of the company headquartered in Sterling Heights.

"They have to have organization and provide exceptional service to customers and clients. It's an honor to have these sales associates as part of our organization," Schweitzer said.

Here are the honorees:
Birmingham office - Rosalee Hill was honored as the top sales associate in Birmingham for listings sold, buyer-controlled (not the listing agent) sales and gross commission income.

Hill was named a member of the President's Top 30 Club and was fifth in sales of 500 sales associates company-wide.

Del Moore and Jean Colby were recognized as members of the President's Top 30 Club. John Comenos was named Coldwell Banker Schweitzer's Rookie of the Year.

Other top producers in the Birmingham office were Phil Davis, Margo Kory and Dorothy Harrington.

Bloomfield Hills office - Helga Nisonger, the gross commission income leader in the office and a member of the President's Top 30 Club, was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

Mary Parkes was the office leader in listings sold and buyer-controlled sales, as well as a President's Top 30 Club member.

Catherine Atesian and Donna Lee also were identified as top producers in the Bloomfield Hills office.

West Bloomfield office - John Delaney, who led the office in gross commission income and buyer-controlled sales, was recognized as a member of the President's Top 30 Club.

Jacqueline Steuer was top sales agent for listings sold in West Bloomfield.

Troy office - Patrick Carolan was recognized as the office's number one sales associate for listings sold and gross commission income. A member of the President's Top 30 Club, Carolan was sixth in the entire company of 500 sales associates.

Dan Murphy, a President's Top 30 Club member and ranked eighth overall, was the office leader in buyer-controlled sales.

Jean Bechler and Charles Page were named to the President's Top 30 Club.

Other top producers included Paul Louchart, Dannelle Hansen, Karen Phillips and Patricia Morris.

Plymouth office - Chris Knight, a President's Top 30 Club member, led Plymouth in gross commission income, buyer-controlled sales and listings sold. His sales volume was the third highest in the entire company.

Frank Julian, who finished seventh overall, also gained membership in the President's Top 30 Club.

Other top producers were Michael Schneider, Donna Meyka, Sandra Pattock and David Cassin.

Livonia office - The sales team of Rick Borowiec and Neil McCloskey were named tops in listings sold, buyer-controlled sales and gross commission income. They are also members of the President's Top 30 Club.

Harry Brandt received the President's Service Award.

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer has 17 offices throughout the metro Detroit area.

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Easter egg hunt

Century 21 Suburban hosts a free Easter Egg hunt with candy and prizes for children 3-12 years of age at its two offices this Saturday, April 6.

The festivities run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Northville office, 130 Main Centre, (810) 349-1212, and 2-4 p.m. at its Plymouth office, 188 N. Main, (313) 455-5880.

Home financing workshop

Ross Mortgage presents a free financing workshop for home buyers 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen south of I-696.

By the end of the seminar, people should have a good idea whether they can qualify for a mortgage and, if so, for how much.

Steps in obtaining mortgage financing and suggestions on what to look for when shopping for a house also will be discussed.

For reservations, call (810) 958-1800.

Pool and spa show

The Michigan Pool & Spa Association presents a backyard pool and spa show April 12-14 at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road.

Exhibitors will showcase decks and gazebos, playscapes and sports courts, outdoor furniture, lighting, landscape design and storage buildings in addition to spas and pools.

Show hours are 3-10 p.m. Friday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 13, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

Admission is \$6, \$3 for children 6-14 years of age. Discount coupons are available at area Amoco stations.

Fair housing compliance

The Apartment Association of Michigan and its Property Management Council hosts a workshop on fair housing compliance 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April

16, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Troy.

Presenter: Thomas Harris, Fair Housing Compliance Services, Dallas, Texas.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast and lunch, is \$25 for AAM, PMC and Building Industry Association of South-eastern Michigan members, \$50 for non-members.

To register, call (810) 737-4477.

Energy efficiency seminar

The Building Industry Association hosts an energy efficiency seminar 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 16, at its headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Michael Foerster of NCI Associates in Madison Heights will suggest ways for builders and remodelers to incorporate energy efficiency in both existing and state-of-the-art homes.

Cost is \$20 for BIA members, \$35 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

Technology conference

The Greater Detroit Chapter of the Associated General Contractors hosts a construction technology conference 8 a.m. to 1

p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Topics include Megatrends Impacting the Construction Industry, Computer Integrated Construction and Controlling Your Computer Development.

The conference is geared to owners, architects, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and related professionals.

Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$5 for students. To register, call Joe Nuessendorfer at (810) 948-7000.

Meals for deals

Harry Wolfe, Realtor at Century 21 Hartford South in Livonia, recently created a marketing program, Meals for Deals, in which any seller who lists with him receives a dozen \$50 restaurant gift certificates, a \$600 value, at the closing of the sale.

"It's been a real good promotion," said Wolfe said, who refers to listings as his bread and butter.

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Meisner holds seminar

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will speak at two outstate condominium management seminars this month sponsored by Central Michigan University.

The seminars will focus on legal responsibilities of condominium association officers and directors. The first is scheduled 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 20, at the CMU Saginaw Center, 3037 Davenport, Saginaw. The second is 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27 at the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton, Grand Rapids.

Cost is \$85, \$55 for additional attendees from the same association. Add \$10 for registrations after April 12. To register, contact CMU at (517) 774-7129.

Topics include preventative measures in the face of potential liability and the duties directors/officers inherently accept when elected or appointed to a board.

Also, on the docket is how to take advantage of amendments to condo documents and the board's

responsibility to review the legal, physical and financial health of the condominium complex while analyzing the needs of the association.

The seminar also will address day-to-day affairs faced by directors and officers and how to improve the efficiency in board and membership meetings.

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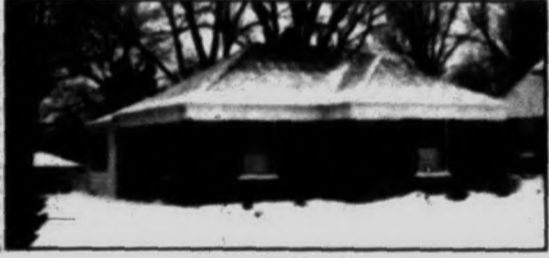
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NEW HOMES

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1996

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Parade of homes features value, quality

Ten houses and a condominium are grand winners this year in various price categories in the Parade of Notable Homes sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

A panel of architects including Robert Bryce, David Lubin, George Erdstein, Karl Greiml and Michael Gordon scrutinized floor plans, photographs and renderings before awarding the blue ribbons.

"They were looking for best value for price, best use of space, innovative design and aesthetic appeal," said Susan Adler, BIA publications director.

Sixty-six models were entered. The winners:

•The Rosewood, Sterling Building.

This Cape Cod, 1,740 square feet, contains four bedrooms, three baths, formal dining room, great room, first floor laundry, two-car garage and basement. Price as entered is \$141,500.

The model, (810) 757-5311, is in the Wildwood Subdivision, enter on Warner off the I-696 Service Drive between Dequindre and Ryan in Warren.

•The Winwood, Cohen & Associates.

This two-story of 1,900 square feet contains three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The house features cathedral ceilings in the great room and master suite and a two-story foyer. Price is \$188,400.

Plans may be viewed in the Hillsborough sales office, (810) 960-0770, on Maple west of Wixom Road in Wixom.

•The Glenhurst, S.R. Jacobson Development.

This colonial of 2,199 square feet in Adams Ridge showcases four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. Both the living room and formal dining room feature bay windows. The master suite has two walk-in closets. Price is \$206,500.

The model, (810) 299-4440, is at South Boulevard and Adams in Auburn Hills.

•The Stratford, Silverman Homes.

This colonial in Lake Waldon Village of Clarkston, contains four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths among its 2,300 square feet of living space.

The house features a dramatic gourmet kitchen, whirlpool tub in master, fireplace, and formal dining room with butler's pantry. Price is \$215,000.

The model, (810) 620-2160, is on Waldon west of Sashabaw.

•The Hillcrest, Heritage Residential.

This colonial, in the Hills at the Vistas of Novi, features 2,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

The house also has a step-up master with separate tub and shower, a step-down family room with tray ceiling and fireplace, plus a formal dining room and living room. Price is \$234,900.

The model, (810) 669-6669 is on Decker Road off Novi Road between 12 and 13 Mile.

•The Mannington, the Richard Group.

This two-story at Miller's Crossing situates four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths over 2,810 square feet.

Impressive elements include great room with fireplace, spacious island kitchen, luxurious master, library, and three-car garage. Price is \$269,900.

The model, under construction, (810) 786-5500, is adjacent to Stony Creek Metropark where Gunn Road and 28 Mile come together in Washington Township.

•The Heritage, Stonewood Corp.

This colonial in Addington Park has 3,118 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

The house features two staircases, family room, dining room, den, exercise room, oversized, two-car garage and a stunning view from the second-floor bridge. Price is \$297,900.

The model, (810) 380-5600, is on Elizabeth Lane off Taft between Nine and 10 Mile in Novi.

•The Meridian, Cohen Associates and the Selective Group.

This 3,009-square-foot two-story has four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The open floor plan features a step-down family room and a master with cathe-



Rosewood winner: This model, constructed by Sterling Building, contains 1,740 square feet of living space with four bedrooms and three baths. Price is \$141,500.



Vito Anthony winner: This 3,950-square-foot house contains four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths. Its price is \$478,400.

dral ceiling, huge bath and double walk-in closet. Price is \$302,400.

Plans may be viewed at the Park Ridge sales office, (810) 669-1070, on Pontiac Trail east of Haggerty in West Bloomfield.

•The Regent, Benivegna Building.

This colonial showcases four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths among 3,467 square feet of living space.

The house has a grand circular staircase, step-up master with cathedral ceiling and two large walk-in closets, gourmet kitchen/eating nook and three-car garage. Price is \$373,500.

Plans may be viewed at the Southwyck sales office, (810) 960-6100, off Maple between Haggerty and Halstead in West

Bloomfield.

•Rose Terrace, Vito Anthony Homes & Building.

This Tudor in Goodison Place Subdivision features 3,950 square feet with four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths.

First floor master has whirlpool tub, two walk-in closets and tray ceiling. Great room has spectacular wall of windows. Library is adjacent to formal dining room. Price is \$478,400.

The model, (810) 650-4742, is on Silver Bell east of Adams in Oakland Township.

•Terrace Home (condominium), Crosswinds Communities.

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The model, (810) 541-8700 is off Chene between Vernor Hwy. and Lafayette.

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the front of their radios.

OK, maybe it took a little longer than a single breath, but radio undoubtedly has been reborn. Of course, radio is on the fast track to a string of rebirths, what with digital audio radio - CD-quality radio - and the promise of satellite radio just around the corner.

Yet, here and now, the Radio Data System (RDS) is changing the way we listen to our favorite

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Radio is with you everywhere you go. What other product can give you the latest news, sports, your favorite songs and disc jockeys, in the car, at home, and on the go? "Of all consumer products, radio is the most prolific," says John Casey, marketing manager, Denon Electronics.

"Radio is with us everywhere - in the home, the car, on our person."

Delco Electronics feels that RDS technology provides a wealth of new features and functions for consumers, as well as the ability to receive greater amounts of information in their vehicles.

Delco and Denon Electronics, both members of the Electronic Industries Association's Consumer Electronics Group, which is in the midst of an aggressive RDS promotional campaign (the goal of which is to get more stations on the air with RDS), have RDS radios on the market.



Screened porch: This outdoor living room provides cool summer living without the distraction of bugs.

Screened patios are easy to build

How can homeowners beat the summer's heat without burning up over air-conditioning bills? Many solve the problem by turning a patio, carport or breezeway into a cool summer living room with the simple addition of screening.

Common hand tools and inexpensive materials make the job easy and affordable for do-it-yourselfers. Here are some tips from the Insect Screening Weavers Association on how it can be done.

You will need: wood beams (2 inch by 4 inch and 4 inch by 4 inch) a saw, hammer and nails, metal framing angles, utility knife, staple gun and screening.

Corrosion resistant aluminum and fiberglass are the two most popular and inexpensive types. Both come in many widths to accommodate various porch panel sizes and can be cut with tin snips or a sharp utility knife.

Building on masonry, you will also need an electric drill with a masonry bit and non-rusting screws in lead sleeves to secure the wood frame.

To build three screen walls around a roofed patio, the following steps are recommended.

Each screen wall can be pre-

fabricated as a unit, then secured. Begin by mounting 2 inch by 4 inch wood base strips along the patio floor and main wall of the house - drilling through masonry if necessary - and measure the space within the rectangles formed. You'll build a screen wall for each of these rectangles, then attach screening to the frames. Apply wood stains or other finishes before the screening is installed.

Build the frames separately to fit the three spaces, using vertical beams spaced evenly on 24-inch, 36-inch or 48-inch centers - all three are typical screen widths. A horizontal "rub rail" at chair back height, about 30 inches above the floor, will add stability. Use the metal framing angles on corners where the vertical and horizontal beams are joined.

To provide an outside exit from the porch, use two 4 inch by 4 inch studs to frame a door opening in one wall. You can then install a pre-made door.

An eight-page booklet entitled "Design for Harmony" is available free of charge by mailing a post card to the Insect Screening Weavers Association, P.O. Box 2636, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

Timer saves money

Returning home from a stressful day at work, the last thing you want to find is a light or fan that has been left on all day. The result is not only wasted electricity but the unnecessary increase in your electric bill.

While just about everyone forgets to turn off a switch or appliance occasionally, there's an easy way to make sure that it doesn't cost you any extra money. The solution is called a shut-off timer.

If you've traveled lately, you're probably familiar with the shut off timers used in hotels and motels across the country.

The managers of these facilities have learned that forgetful

guests leave lights, fans and heat lamps on occasionally after they leave the room. Installing shut-off timers in areas that are not occupied continually saves money by automatically turning off electricity after a preset time period.

As a homeowner, you can apply this cost-saving measure to your residence. Designed to replace standard wall switches, shut-off timers are easy to install and operate. Users just turn the timer knob, which activates the light, fan or other power-consuming load. The timer then turns off electrical current after the time period set by the user elapses.

"Shut-off timers are also spring wound, so they do not use additional electricity," says Bruce Oellerich of Intermatic Inc. a manufacturer of energy control products.

Although shut-off timers can be used to control just about any appliance, most are used in the home to manage kitchen and bathroom fans, lights, heaters and air conditioners. They're also ideal for less frequented areas such as halls, closets, attics, storage rooms and garages.

"Because it's used only on demand, a shut-off timer assures that family members don't inadvertently leave lights and appliances on," says Oellerich. "The device gives you peace of mind 24 hours a day."

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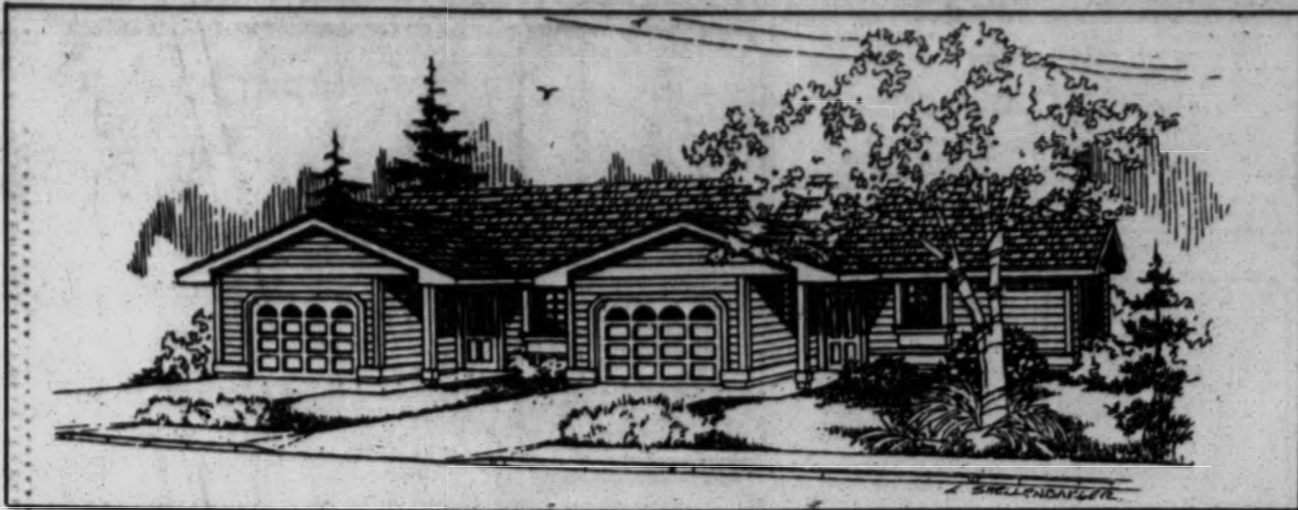
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The floor design of unit one has the kitchen to the front and it features a full range of built-in appliances. The dining room and generous living room are open to each other, with sliding glass doors leading to the back patio. The two bedrooms, separated by a full bathroom, each contain liberal closet space and a large window. Linen storage is available in the hall.

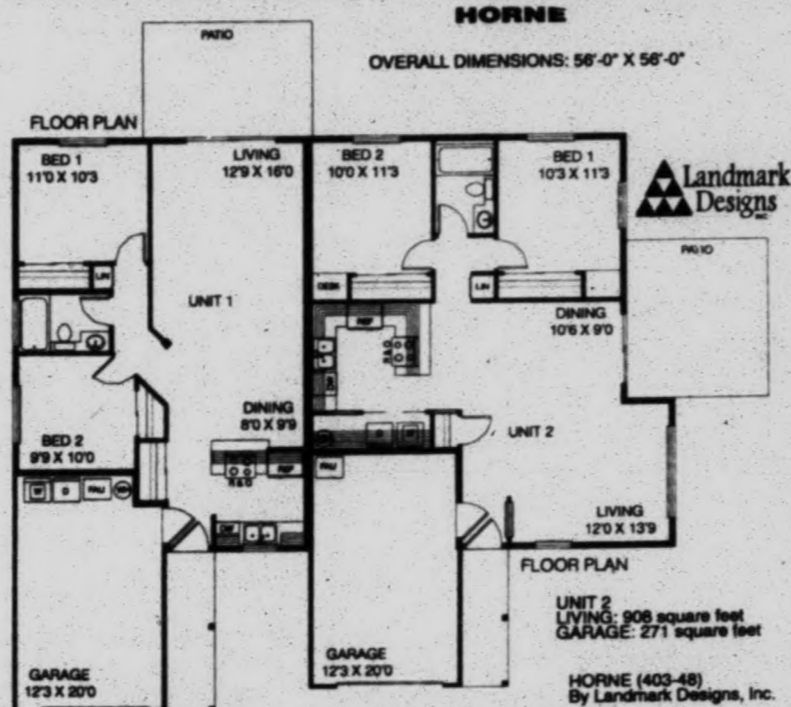
Although unit two has only 908 square feet of living space, it seems much larger. The two good-sized bedrooms are located in the rear of this floor design. They are separated by a full bathroom and each features a handy built-in desk and a big closet. The walk-in kitchen, complete with built-ins, is roomy and has an attached utility closet.

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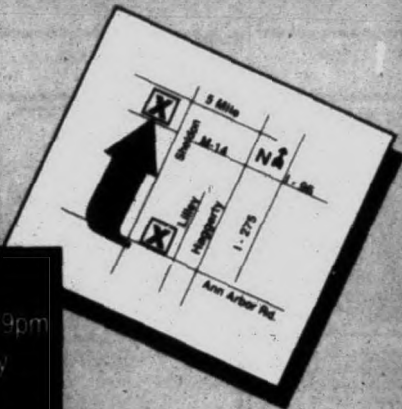


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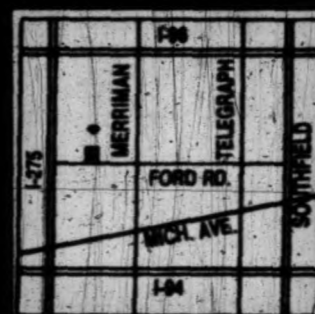
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 '95 COROLLA #S0099530, 10,000 miles \$12,691 or 36 mo. \$267.13*
 '94 TERCEL #RD490064, 16,000 miles \$8,991 or 36 mo. \$204.41*</p> |
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