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School election request nixed



The Plymouth-Canton schools will have to go back to the drawing board to pick a new date for a millage election. Wayne County has said no to a March 29 millage election.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County has nixed the plans of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to hold a millage election March 29. The district wanted to place on the ballot that day a proposal to renew 18 mills on non-homestead property for 10 years.

The Wayne County Election Scheduling Committee decided against granting the district a waiver, which would have enabled it to hold an election within 30 days of an already scheduled local election.

Canton Township has scheduled a March 7 primary to elect a new clerk. On April 18, voters in Canton are

being asked to approve bond proposals for road and library improvements, in addition to choosing a clerk.

"We tried to schedule between the two township elections to avoid any conflict and still meet the needs of the schools. We have our own voting materials and we didn't feel we would create problems with the township," said Superintendent Charles Little.

"Unfortunately, because of the practice of not scheduling elections within 30 days of each other, the committee felt there would be a conflict and decided against permitting us to

vote on any day between the two township elections.

"Now, we will simply have to reconsider what would be the best course of action. We wanted this non-homestead renewal in March in order to know our revenues and have adequate time to budget for the upcoming school year. Now, we'll have to look at our options and decide what the best course of action will be."

The school board is expected to discuss the issue Feb. 13.

One option is to seek the 18-mill

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Ex-football player loved life, family

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Anthony Vitale thought the best thing he could do for his children was to love their mother.

"He always said that. They saw that he loved me," said Canton's Kathy Vitale, who lost her husband Jan. 22 after an asthma attack. Vitale — who played football for the Green Bay Packers and the Michigan Panthers for three years after distinguishing himself at Central Michigan University — was 35.

"He always told me, 'You are my destiny.' He made me feel cherished," said Vitale, mother of Giovanna, 7, Gabrielle, 2, and Anthony John, six months.

Vitale supervised a department of 49 as sales manager for Mt. Clemens' Temo, Inc., which sells sunrooms and spas.

He was on a business call in New Baltimore when he became short of breath. "He was doing what he loved," said Vitale. "He must have known it was bad, because he asked that they call an ambulance. We still don't know why he had such a severe attack. He'd just been to the doctor in October for an annual check up, and everything was fine."

Vitale was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Clinton Township.

"He took care of us very well," said Giovanna.

"He was the best dad anyone could have. I remember all the fun times we had. We used to go out to get ice cream," said the Erikson Elementary School student. "He takes us out to the movies, to golf and on mystery trips."

Vitale often invited his daughter's friends along, visiting Metro Airport

to watch planes take off and land, putt-putt golf courses, McDonald's, Kids' Kingdom, and bowling alleys. "He let me have sleep-overs, and he would play with us and make us laugh," said Giovanna. "Sometimes he asks if he can leave work early, just to be with us for a little while."

There were so many floral orders for Vitale's funeral Friday at the McCabe Funeral Home in Canton that three local florists sold out. More than 100 arrangements arrived, even though the family asked that memorials be made in lieu of flowers.

Vitale's friend Doug Harris, a reserve Belleville police officer, gave his softball and hunting buddy a police escort, leading a mile-and-a-half-long funeral procession to Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi, going by the Vitale home en route. "I was the lead car, and on a hill I looked behind me," said Harris. "I saw nothing but cars."

"You couldn't help but like Tony," he added. "He always had a smile on his face. He was a lot of fun. Tony was a person you could depend on in a need, no matter what the situation was."

Born in Italy, Vitale moved with his family to Detroit when he was 8. He graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1978 and attended CMU on a football scholarship.

Vitale, 6-foot-4 and 280 pounds, played on Mid-American Conference champion teams in 1979-80, and was honored by CMU head football coach Herb Deromedi as the team's most consistent lineman. Vitale also was named to the All-MAC first offensive team. A CMU team-

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Fallen champion: Tony Vitale was loved and respected as a champion friend, father, husband and athlete.

Honored for service



BILL BREBLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Township employees: Thomas Hollis, Marilyn Massengill, Fredrick Honke and Larry Groth were lauded for 25 or more years of service to the township. Retiree Fred Knupp was also recognized.

Gavel switch

In keeping with true Jaycee style, Plymouth Canton Jaycees member Ron Lowe had his gavel taken by fellow Jaycees early last month, as he was sworn in as 35th District Judge.

The Jaycees replaced the gavel with a new one, handmade and inscribed by the maker. Lowe was presented with the new gavel Jan. 26 at the Jaycees' monthly meeting.

The Jaycees also congratulated Lowe for being sworn in as judge.

Rezoning approved

Plymouth Township trustees at their Jan. 24 board meeting approved rezoning of the southwest and southeast corners of Beck

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and Five Mile roads from single family residential district zoning to general commercial district zoning.

"This is consistent with the master (zoning) plan," said Trustee Ron Griffith as trustees prepared to vote on the matter.

While they did approve the rezoning, the board has yet to approve actual businesses for the sites. Officials speculated a strip mall could be likely for the southwest corner and a gas station for the southeast corner.

Library looking for temporary quarters

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plans to build the new Plymouth library approved by voters in November are being fine tuned as a library building committee looks for a site to house books during construction.

Library Director Pat Thomas said a building committee appointed by the Plymouth District Library Board is reviewing plans once or twice each month. "They're trying to map out parking, so we can do 38,000-39,000 square feet (in building space)," Thomas said.

Plans also call for removing four houses on Union Street, just east of the current library. Thomas said the affected homeowners should be notified soon.

Meanwhile, 13 Plymouth city and township residents have submitted letters to signal their interest in the library board vacancy created in December when board member Judy Morgan resigned.

A candidate will be chosen to serve the rest of the term, which runs through 1996. The library board is scheduled to interview candidates at a special meeting at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the city commission chambers at city hall.

The library board will select a candidate from the group to fill the vacancy at their regular meeting Feb. 21.

The candidates are Kevin Albaugh,

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Drill team honored

The Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team was recently honored as "Most Outstanding Specialty Unit" at the Fiesta Bowl Parade in Tempe, Ariz., as inscribed on a plaque sent to "the general" himself, Fred Hill.

"It's a beautiful plaque, one of those wooden-etched kind of things," Hill said. "There's a photo on there, it's a brass plaque. We had an absolute blast out there."

"The response was awesome, the screams and yells and cheers," Hill said. Introducing themselves to the drill team prior to the parade were Arizona's governor and the commander and crew of a recent space shuttle mission.

The drill team also appeared on a morning TV show, was invited to perform at a Phoenix Suns halftime show and was asked to return to the Fiesta Bowl next year, Hill said.

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Project to focus on youth

BY KEVIN BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

Renovation work on the recently dedicated St. John Center for Youth and Family is going slowly, and the youth groups expected to visit by this month won't be visiting until April at the earliest, church officials say.

But Bud Ozar, director of the Archdiocese of Detroit's family life and youth ministry, said a stronger emphasis will be placed on youth training at the former seminary site in Plymouth Township.

"It's just that some of the remodeling and reconstruction work is taking longer than anticipated," Ozar said of the delay.

He said Cardinal Adam Maida has in the meantime directed church staff to develop plans for a youth "formation center" which Ozar said will be unique among American Catholic church facilities.

"It's a place where young people can come and acquire forma-

tion and leadership skills," Ozar said.

Church staff will seek to examine "how young people can come to this place and acquire their own personal formation in the faith, and bring that message to others in schools and their workplaces, to become real disciples," Ozar said.

The youth program or institute would be geared to young people in their late teens and early 20s.

"For example, every single week there would be Bible prayer groups that would meet there. They would get youth evangelical training, and we would help young people to acquire skills and the motivation to be disciples, see how young people can be agents of transformation in an age of hostility, violence, drugs and consumerism," he said.

Family and married couple retreats "would fit into this as part of a bigger picture," Ozar said. "There will be retreats for family parenting, we haven't

worked out the details right now."

Through the youth institute, "Young people would acquire the skills to become real agents of change, of youth being of service to their community," Ozar said. "It's their kind of a peace corps, but they're not calling it that."

"The cardinal wants all young people to recognize the call to baptism, to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to all the people they encounter," Ozar said.

On renovation at the former seminary, at Sheldon and Five Mile roads, "Some major things have to happen, an elevator has to be put in, another staircase, rooms have to be developed into suites for families. Much of the things have been ordered: towels, sheets, bedding, the furniture has been ordered," he said.

"We don't want them to have a poor experience. In the cardinal's mind he wants it to be a first-class place where people can come and renew their lives; as parents, as youth, as families," Ozar said.

Plate tag prompts questions

A Detroit woman, 21, was charged by Plymouth Township police on Monday with receiving stolen property after police found she had a license plate tag not issued to her.

According to the report filed by police, a patrol officer noticed a 1988 Ford Escort parked on Massey Drive off of Ann Arbor Road, blocking the roadway.

A woman returned to the car,

told police she was seeking help to get it started, and police pushed it off the street and into a nearby parking lot. A license plate check showed the license tag had not been issued to her, the report continued.

The woman told police she got the tag from an uncle. He told police he got the tag "from a guy that didn't need it no more," the report stated. She was arrested then released after posting a

\$48.50 bond.

Man cited

Police on Monday cited a Plymouth Township man, 34, on a sex offense charge after a neighbor said she saw him standing naked at his front window, watching her as she scraped the windows of her car parked on the street.

According to the report filed by the woman, 21, the incident happened at 4:40 a.m.

Police investigate girl's hanging

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
 STAFF WRITER

A 6-year-old Canton girl died after she apparently hung herself on her bunk bed, Jan. 28.

Police are investigating the death of Chelsea Solomon, who attended Farrand Elementary, as standard procedure. "There is nothing suspicious at this time," said Lewis Stevens, Canton community relations officer.

The girl's mother called Canton emergency personnel shortly after 7 p.m. as she performed CPR on her daughter. Canton firefighters

transported her to Oakwood Health Center, Canton, from where Chelsea was taken by helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor.

According to police, the mother said she spent most of the day in the apartment with her daughter though spoke only occasionally. The mother said she heard her daughter singing and playing, as well as bumping and banging noises coming from her bedroom. The mother told police that she later went to her daughter's bedroom — she thought then she

must have been napping or resting — to ask if she wanted some pasta. The mother opened the bedroom door and found her daughter. The mother said she pulled off whatever was around her daughter's neck, lifted her up and off where she was hanging and put her on the lower bunk bed mattress.

The mother told police she began CPR then called 911 for help while continuing to try to resuscitate her daughter. The mother said she then moved her daughter to the living room.

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Farmer cared about community

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Lifelong Canton resident and farmer Dick Palmer, 65, was the kind of man who would put his arm around you to let you know he was there just for you.

"He was very thoughtful, caring and considerate. He would put his arm around you and give you a kiss," said friend Elaine Kirchgatter, Canton treasurer.

Mr. Palmer, whose family helped settle Canton and filled the pages of local history books, died Jan. 27 in Tulsa, Okla., while he and his wife, Joan, a local historian and author, were on their way home from out west visiting family and friends.

Mr. Palmer was a fifth-generation farmer. He was the son of Warren and Esther Palmer, who in the 1920s bought a farm on the corner of Beck and Hanford roads. Mr. Palmer's older brother, Russ, now lives there. In about 1940, the family bought a large home on Warren Road. He attended the historic Hanford School. Following his wife's death in 1956, Warren Palmer married Alice McClumpha. Dr. Clifford McClumpha is Mr. Palmer's stepbrother.

Mr. Palmer lived in the Warren Road house on land that belonged

to his father and grandfather. He sold land for what became the first Sunflower subdivision. In recent years, the Royal Pointe subdivision has been under construction on former Palmer farmland.

"He was like a little history book," said planning commissioner Cathy Johnson. "It was amazing the history he had of the township. He was a wealth of knowledge."

A lifelong farmer, Mr. Palmer served two terms as a Canton Township trustee in the 1960s, as well as on the first-ever township planning commission, a position he continued until his most recent term expired in December 1993. He also served 17 years on the Property Tax Board of Review, and was a founding member of the Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Palmer was in the Canton Hall of Fame for his lifelong contributions to the community.

"He was a longtime contributor in many ways," said Supervisor Tom Yack. "But the true test of his service to the community was in later years behind the scenes with the board of review, EDC and planning commission. To me that is a real test of true commitment to the community."

Considered a man of high principles, Mr. Palmer represented

Canton and its long history. "Dick was staunch Canton. He would get angry with people who got negative about it," said good friend John Hoben, former Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent. "I think he had a good feel for the community."

Hoben recalled his friendship with Mr. Palmer, who with his wife, Joan, was there to help when Hoben lost his wife. "They took care of us," Hoben said, referring to himself and his children.

Friends often spoke of Mr. Palmer's sense of humor and his desire to help those around him, particularly youths, by putting them to work on his farm.

"He certainly had a good sense of humor. He liked to have a good time," said friend Dr. Dick Kirchgatter, who received help from Mr. Palmer with his own farm.

During the corn season, Mr. Palmer hired youths to help harvest. "I remember the way he was able to have an impression on young people. He gave them a good work ethic. He would be out there right along with them, singing along with them," said Hoben, who first met Mr. Palmer in 1955.

Friends and colleagues also spoke of Mr. Palmer's common sense, something that came in handy while on the planning com-

mission. "He was always concerned about the community and trying to balance the community's needs with individual rights and responsibilities," said Canton associate planner Judy Beckings.

Dr. Kirchgatter recalled Mr. Palmer as a hard worker who was well-organized. "I think he had a lot of good common sense. If you disagreed with him, you should listen to him. You could learn something."

Unanimously, his friends called him a good Samaritan. They recalled when he helped someone in a car out of a ditch in front of his house in late 1992. While helping, a pickup truck ran into the car. "I don't think he ever really recovered from that," Hoben said.

Services for Mr. Palmer were Wednesday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Shank officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Historical Society.

In addition to his wife, Joan, survivors include daughter Wendi of Colorado; sons Rick of Kalamazoo and Rob of Canton; brother Russell of Canton; stepmother Alice Palmer of Canton; stepbrother Clifford McClumpha of Canton; and three grandchildren, Lou, Aaron and Lilli.



Dick Palmer: Lifelong resident Dick Palmer was a farmer.

Health service officials consider Canton land buy

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Representatives of Mission Health — a joint operating agreement of McAuley Health Centers and Providence Hospital — are negotiating with Canton Township officials to buy township-owned land for a health center near the Canton Public Library.

Mission Health is evaluating 15 acres, south of the library, for infrastructure improvements, such as sewers. It's unknown whether

the McAuley Health Center on Ford Road would be maintained if a new health center is opened west of Canton Center Road, said Supervisor Tom Yack.

"They are interested in community health and wellness. Facilities like this are beginning to take over more and more of the health care," Yack said, referring to outpatient services.

Jim Frenza of McAuley Health Services confirmed the discussions. "There is mutual interest," he said. "But it is really prelimi-

Despite rumors in the community that the potential project could include a performing arts center or theater on the property under negotiation, neither side would confirm it is part of the continuing discussions. The proposed and updated master recreation plan includes a performing arts center.

nary. We're a long way off from a decision."

The acreage is on the north side of the Summit Parkway Boule-

vard, which leads to the Summit on the Park community center. On the south side, Robertson Brothers developers are planning

to build condominiums. Robertson Brothers has completed an agreement with the township for purchase of more than 50 township-owned acres.

Township officials worked with the developers for about two years to buy the land and develop condominiums on the acreage. The total sale is about \$1.75 million, and developers are required to make a \$100,000 down payment when planning commissioners and township trustees approve a site plan for the development.

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Yack was expected to announce the negotiations at the annual State of the Township Address, hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday morning.

School secretary earns kudos

Joan Curreri, secretary for the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Tanger Center, was honored by the Board of Education at the meeting on Monday, Jan. 16, as a District "Extra Miler."

Curreri began her career with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in August 1977, as a paraprofessional in the Infant and Preschool Education Program (IPSEP). She was promoted to an office personnel position in the program six months later. She is now the secretary in the IPSEP Program.

Curreri is known for her consci-

entious efforts and productivity under sometimes stressful conditions. She is well-regarded by staff, students and parents. She assumes responsibility whenever needed and is always eager to help.

"Joan Curreri is the warm friendly face that greets the concerned and sometimes weary families of IPSEP each day," said IPSEP parent Carol Pisarski. "In her professional, yet caring way, Joan gives each family respect and understanding with the challenges they face."

Some of the comments from the IPSEP staff include "Curreri

looks for ways to improve services to staff and families," and "She is always willing to help, even if it means stopping what she is doing or staying a little late."

When presenting Curreri with her award, board member Sue Feiten said that "... Curreri will always go 'the extra mile' when necessary."

Curreri was given a cloisonne pin of the Flag of Learning and Liberty and a gift certificate to the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton for her special efforts that make her stand out as an "Extra Miler."

Catholic education highlighted

Our Lady of Good Counsel School this week joined with other Catholic schools across Michigan and the United States to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Schools You Can Believe In."

Students began the week by writing letters of thanks to the parishioners voicing appreciation for their continued support of Catholic education. Many parishioners either do not have children at the school or have seen their children graduate long ago from OLCG. Yet, through their generosity

OLGC continues to thrive — now with an enrollment of 572 students.

In school, the week began with Student Appreciation Day. On Monday, each student received a special token of love from teachers to remind them how very special they are not only this week but always. The treats continued throughout the week.

School pride was celebrated on Tuesday as students topped their uniforms with the Green and the Gold. A special luncheon took place on Wednesday. Students randomly selected from each classroom had a special lunch

with Ted Behn, the principal, and Rev. John Sullivan, the Pastor.

The school volunteers, who unselfishly give their time so that the various programs of the school continue to run, were acknowledged at an all-school Mass on Thursday. A continental breakfast in their honor followed in the school gym.

Things got a little looney on Friday as students dressed in their favorite Disney-Looney Tunes clothes. A serious note, however, was added as students attended an assembly concerning the dangers of drugs.

Jaycees sponsor student contest

The Jaycees are sponsoring a picture-essay scholarship contest for students in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

Contest winners in grades K-8 will receive a \$100 savings bond.

The contest winner for the ninth and 10th grades combined will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the school, college or university of his or her choice. The contest winner for the 11th and 12th grades combined will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for the school, college or university of his or her choice.

Students in the 11th and 12th grades must submit a photo-essay, double-spaced with one-inch

margins in 12-point type. The essay may not exceed five pages, including photographs. The essay must discuss a current topic or event conveying the environment theme and, if appropriate, suggest possible solutions or courses of action to resolve issues.

Entries shall not be folded or bent. Each item submitted will be judged based on the thoughtfulness, content and clarity. A restatement of known facts is discouraged. Pictures may be in pencil, crayon, marker, paint or any other material. Photographs may be in color or black and white.

All entries must include the entrant's name, address, phone number, school name, grade and

teacher's name printed on the back of the entry itself. All entries must be postmarked, or received no later than Feb. 17, and should be submitted to: The Community Crier, Jaycee Scholarship Contest, 821 Penniman, Plymouth 48170.

Decisions of the judges are final and all items submitted become property of the Plymouth/Canton Jaycees. The Jaycees will host the awards ceremony at Canton Little Theater in Canton High School at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7; emcee of the program will be Jaycee member Ronald W. Lowe, judge of the 35th District Court. For additional information on rules, call the Jaycee Hotline, 453-8407.

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renewal at the regularly scheduled June 12 school election. Voters on that day will elect two school board members and decide whether to approve 3 enhancement mills for two years.

The increase would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an added \$150 per year.

District spokesman Dick Egli said neither the administration nor the district's finance committee has come up with a recommendation since the county's decision last week.

"The finance committee is going to be meeting. I expect they will have some thinking to add to what the board will consider."

said Egli. "It's a matter the board is going to have to discuss. We did make an in-person appeal, and the board will have to respond to the fact the appeal was not successful."

The county's decision was an unexpected disappointment.

"It certainly is something we would like to have been able to accomplish," said Egli. "It would have enabled us to plan more effectively. We will simply have to work within whatever time we have available."

It costs the district, which owns its own election machines, \$15,000-\$19,000 to stage an election.

Trustee Roland Thomas has decided not to run for school board again. Trustee Susan Feiten has not yet announced whether she will seek another term. Both are four-year seats.

No school board candidates have taken out election petitions thus far. School district residents at least 18 years of age may vote if they register by April 10. Prospective voters may register at the Secretary of State's office, their local clerk's office, or at the board office, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Canton voters are filling the seat of former Clerk Loren Bennett, who was elected to the Michigan Senate.

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mate once said, "It was pretty cool to see a guy like Tony Vitale playing in front of you. When you see a guy like that, you know you're playing with the best."

An offensive guard and tackle, Vitale played with NFL's Packers in 1982 and with the USFL champion Michigan Panthers in 1983-84.

Kathy Cowell met her future husband through a mutual friend at Central in July 1983. They were married a year later. Vitale was drawn to her husband-to-be's eyes and his smile. "He had a smile that could melt you. And he was really good to his mother. He

was a really good son," and an excellent cook, she said.

"He was a naturally laid-back guy," she added. "He made friends with all his customers."

And neighbors. "He loved Canton. He drove an hour to work so we could live here," Vitale said. "He had a lot of good friends in the neighborhood and at church."

Vitale was buried next to his son, Jordan Michael, who lived just one day. The Vitales adopted their two youngest children after the infant's death.

Giovanna says she has many good memories. "Me, my dad and my sister cuddled together in front of the fire and watched mov-

ies. He was a very fun man," she said.

He was a wonderful husband, Vitale said. "He was a big mountain of a guy, but soft as a teddy bear. The kids had their own personal mountain."

Vitale also is survived by his parents, Pietro and Vita Vitale, owners of Vita Homes of Northville, and sisters Rita Amalfi and Joanne Vitale. Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Family Services, 17105 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, 48076, or First Baptist Church of Canton Building Fund, 44500 Cherry Hill, Canton 48187.

LUNCH MENU FOR SENIORS

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals for the week of Feb. 6. Meals will be served at noon at Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan in Plymouth, (453-9703) and at 11:30 a.m. at Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. (397-5444).

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

Monday
Baked chicken gravy, sweet potatoes, cucumber salad, sandwich cookie, white bread with margarine and milk.

Tuesday
Steamed rice over kidney bean chili, cole slaw, saltine cracker, fresh banana, and milk.

Wednesday
Beef stew with vegetables, wax beans, hobo bread with margarine, strawberries and pineapple sponge cake, and milk.

Thursday
Manicotti shells, tomato sauce, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, tropical fruit, garlic bread with margarine and milk.

Friday
Swedish meatballs, whipped potatoes, asparagus, peach slices, wheat bread with margarine, and milk.

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Brian Barbuto, Robert Cohen, Karl Dalal, Jon Gutek, Hugh Harsha, Joseph Koch, William Mosher, Michael Pappas, John Ronayne III, David Russell, Brian Stacey and Jean Weishaar.

Once the new board member is sworn in, "We should really start to move," said Thomas, on plans to build the new library and on efforts to find a place to temporarily house library services during construction.

The owner of the former Farmer Jack supermarket on Main Street — it's empty — said the building would not be available for temporary library use, city officials said.

"All along we've talked about the possibility of getting something in one of the industrial parks," Thomas said, adding such a site remains a possibility.

The present library is 12,000 square feet, and Thomas said the board will likely seek a site close

to that size or bigger for a temporary site.

"We probably could squeeze it a little tighter for a year and a half," she said. "It's just looking for the best of what's there, and finding something we can afford."

They're also seeking a site with reinforced floors suitable for holding book stacks.

The library board's timetable calls for the library moving at the end of the summer.

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION
Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for
the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth,
Wayne County, Michigan**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency
ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY
Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed base (100-year) flood elevations shown in the preliminary Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the communities located in Wayne County, Michigan, listed below. The base (100-year) flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES
The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of these proposed rules in a newspaper of local circulation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
The Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice of the proposed determinations of base (100-year) flood elevations, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 980, which added Section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-448)), 42 U.S.C. 4901-4128, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These elevations, together with the floodplain management measures required by Section 60.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time meet stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for the new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 606(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, hereby certifies that the proposed flood elevation determination, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for the new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe how high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement, of itself it has no economic impact.

Lessors and owners of real property in the following communities, are encouraged to review the preliminary Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps and to submit comments to the appropriate community representatives as listed below. Proposed base flood elevations along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the flood profiles in the study. The flood sources studies in detail are:

| Community Name and Source of Flooding | #Depth in feet above ground. | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Existing | Modified |
| Plymouth (City) | | |
| Middle River Rouge | None | *671 None *709 |
| Maps available for inspection at the City Hall, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan | | |
| Send comments to The Honorable Douglas Miller, Mayor of the City of Plymouth, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-1688 | | |
| Plymouth (Charter Township) | | |
| Middle River Rouge | None | *667 None *731 |
| Maps available for inspection at the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan | | |
| Send comments to Ms. Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Charter Township of Plymouth Supervisor, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 | | |

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McNamara gives in, agrees to build youth home

BY RALPH E. ECHTENAW
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in two years Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has agreed to establish a new detention center for juvenile offenders.

With pressure from county commissioners, area mayors and township supervisors and the U.S. Department of Justice, McNamara is now ready to build a replacement for the dilapidated Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility, which now houses about 150 juveniles.

"One way or another we're going to build it," said deputy county executive Michael Duggan.

A Department of Justice investigation of the youth home, located in Detroit, was conducted in 1994.

Federal authorities released a report in December with accounts of physical abuse, overcrowding and food containing worms, roaches and rocks. Wayne County was given seven weeks to solve the problems or face a lawsuit.

The new youth home will be built on the site of the existing youth home, Duggan said. No cost estimates are ready yet, he said, but a design contract will be presented to the county commission in February.

The county commission has estimated the cost of a new youth home at about \$14 million.

Commissioner Michelle Plawewski, D-Dearborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township, said "it's about time" that a new youth home be built, but she's skeptical that it will be.

"I don't have a lot of faith in their promise that they're going to build a youth home," she said. "I'm very pessimistic."

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City, agrees. "Talk is cheap," she said. "Action is what counts. And they talk about a lot of stuff that never happens."

Deja vu

The first time McNamara said he would build or buy a new youth home was in May 1993.

At the time he was under pressure from the county commission and an alliance of mayors and township supervisors called the Conference of Western Wayne.

McNamara decided to renovate the existing youth home instead of building or buying a new one.

Then came the federal investigation and the renewed resolve to build a new youth home.

The root of the controversy lies in a ballot proposal county voters approved in 1988. Voters permitted the county to increase property taxes by 1 mill per year for 10 years, mostly to run a new jail in Hamtramck.

However, the ballot proposal said one-tenth of that mill would be used to "build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution."

Commissioners believe that voters approved the construction of a new youth home when they passed the millage levy in 1988. But McNamara never built anything with the money (\$2.7 million a year). Instead he pumped it into programs for juvenile offenders.

Saul Green, the former corporation counsel attorney who worked for McNamara, authored a legal opinion that said the word "institution" was a synonym for "program," and therefore it was legal to spend the 0.1 mill money on



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Might build: "Talk is cheap. They talk about a lot of stuff that never happens," said commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.



Pessimistic: "I don't have a lot of faith in their promise that they're going to build a youth home," said commissioner Michelle Plawewski, D-Dearborn Heights.

programs. Green now heads the U.S. Department of Justice in the Detroit district.

The 0.1 mill money will now be used to build the new youth home, but it won't be enough,

Duggan said. Additional money will have to be found elsewhere in the budget.

More money needed to house prisoners, officials say

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

It's not that more bad guys are going to prison. It's that judges are giving longer sentences, the parole board is letting them out more slowly and parole violators are being clapped behind bars faster.

That, said Corrections Director Kenneth McGinnis, is why Gov. John Engler is asking the Legislature for a \$200 million special appropriation to expand state prison capacities.

It's very bad news for 15 state universities. They have been hoping for a big appropriations increase after years of barely keeping pace with inflation.

The Corrections budget has swollen to \$1.2 billion as the number of inmates leaped from 13,000 in the early 1980s to 40,000 currently. The department has gone from a 1980 level of 11 prisons and 11 camps to a current level of 39 prisons and 16 camps.

Putting his fists together like two bull goats butting heads, State Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, who chairs the appropriations subcommittee on higher education, said the 1995 money battle will be universities versus prisons.

employees works in the Department of Corrections," Engler said in his state of the state address. "We can foresee a time — and it is not too far distant — when it will be one in three."

Last week prison chief McGinnis was asked by the House Judiciary Committee what will happen if Engler's request is turned down?

"There are no other plans if this doesn't fly," McGinnis replied. "We've been saying this for the past two years."

During nearly two hours of testimony, McGinnis said 1,200 more prison beds are needed by mid-March, 5,000 more by the end of 1997, and 10,000 more by the year 2000.

"The good news is that our intake has dropped in 1993 and '94. It reflects our putting short-term, non-violent felons in jails locally. And there has been a slight drop in court dispositions."

"The bad news is that this

'Today one in four state employees works in the Department of Corrections. We can foresee a time — and it is not too far distant — when it will be one in three.'

Gov. John Engler

hasn't translated into a drop in the prison population," he said, because:

- Drug offenses, seven percent of the total in 1979, now are 20 percent.
- A restructured parole board has been "more conservative" about granting paroles, particularly since Leslie Williams' murder spree in Livingston and western Oakland counties in 1992-93.
- More sex offenders are being nabbed and getting longer sentences.
- Probation violators are being put back behind bars — "exactly what we want," McGinnis said.
- The female prison population

is up 200 percent since 1980. ■ A court decision won by Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair means more convicts will serve consecutive sentences. "The 5,500 (new beds) is not the end of all this; it's just the beginning," McGinnis said. "We'll have to be back here every year." More of what legislators call "tough new laws" passed in 1993-94 will have their impact. Not only will convicts be unable to earn "good time" for good prison behavior to reduce their terms 15 percent, but they will add to their sentences with "bad time" for bad behavior.

"That's an unknown. It's not in

the projections," McGinnis warned.

The administration plans to convert the former Newberry state mental hospital in the Upper Peninsula to a "punk prison" for offenders aged 14-17. It's planning more double bunking in western Wayne County prisons and expansion of other facilities.

But Western Wayne lawmakers — Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, and Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth — say they're reluctant to vote for double bunking until local officials in the host townships and cities are convinced it will be safe.

The administration's hands are tied by U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen's ruling that three percent of prison beds must be reserved for the mentally ill and one percent for the acute mentally ill. Only half (200) of the available beds (400) for acute mentally ill in Huron Valley Psychiatric Center are needed, McGinnis said.

Operating cost: \$100,000 per bed per year.

Panel chair Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, said he visited New Mexico's prisons, "which are all out in the desert. They have a drug-sniffing dog at the entrance. It's interesting to see how many visitors turn around and go back to their cars when they see that dog."

"We haven't gone that far," said McGinnis. "We use State Police drug dogs on surprise visits to the prisons, and they've been very effective where we've used them. The only limit is the availability of State Police dogs. And it is very expensive."

McGinnis said Michigan's prison drug problem is due not so much to visitors but to the mails and drug dealing by prison employees. "We have three percent of inmates testing positive right now. It's not acceptable, but it (drug usage) is not rampant," he said.

Average inmate has 6th grade 'functioning level'

Here is a profile of Michigan's 40,000 prison inmates:

- "Functioning level" is sixth grade on average. Many went to school longer but test at lower levels. Generally, they have few job skills and bad family backgrounds.
- Some 4,500 to 5,000 complete their GEDs (high school equivalency test) each year. Departmental goal: mandatory GED completion before release.
- Prison industries employ 2,000. The Corrections Department is "very sensitive" about competing with private sector manufacturers and retailers.
- Average age: 32, up from 28 in 1980. Elderly (60-plus) prisoners

have more than doubled since 1986 — from 214 to 569.

- Average minimum term: 8 years.
- Those serving minimums of 10 years-plus have doubled from 5,009 in 1989 to 12,634 currently.
- Non-white: about 59 percent.
- Women inmates: 450 in 1980; 1,900 currently — 5 percent of the total. Source: Presentation of Kenneth McGinnis, director of the state Department of Corrections.

Here is a national profile of criminals:

- "Criminal offenders have average IQs of about 92, eight points below the mean. More serious or chronic offenders generally have lower scores than casual offenders."
- Socioeconomic background "does little to explain away the relationship between crime and cognitive ability" (IQ).
- There is little relationship between crime and unemployment.

"A lack of foresight, which is often associated with low IQ, raises the attractions of the immediate gains from crime and lowers the strength of deterrents, which come later (if they come at all)."

Source: "The Bell Curve," Herrnstein and Murray, 1994, New York. Chapter 11 argues that IQ is a better predictor of behavior than "broken homes" and other factors.

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LIVONIA: 2804 Plymouth 513-9050 In Montgomery Ward in Westland

Area reps split on legislative pay raise

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Veteran state representatives from both parties put up enough votes to keep legislative pay hikes, allowing first- and second-term members to look good by voting to reject it.

Some House leaders, however, called their newer colleagues "hypocrites" for voting Monday to reject the pay increase and then pocketing the money.

Twenty-one Republicans and 21 Democrats voted against rejecting a 3 percent raise proposed by the State Officers Compensation Commission. The tally: 58 to reject (15 short of the needed two-thirds majority), 42 in favor and nine missing.

"It's hypocrisy," said Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, in her fourth term. "The media should go back in six months and ask those who voted to reject whether they kept the pay increase or what charities they gave it to."

Appropriations Committee chair Don Gilmer, R-Augusta, in his 10th term, also was miffed.

"I'm getting a bill ready that would authorize Treasury to withhold the pay increases from those who don't want them," he said.

More forgiving was Speaker pro-tem Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, in his fifth term. Defending freshmen and sophomores who voted to reject the pay hike, he said, "You're likely to get it used against you in your next election. The freshmen are in the very difficult position of voting (on a pay hike) before they serve."

Dolan and others said it was only a coincidence that exactly 21 Republicans and 21 Democrats voted to accept the increase. They denied there was any "pairing" — a technique by which leaders of each caucus put up equal numbers of votes on hot issues so the



Bankes: The Redford Township Republican voted to accept a 3-percent pay increase



DeHart: Westland Democrat voted to refuse a 3-percent pay increase



Kelly: Wayne Democrat voted to refuse a 3-percent pay increase



Law: Plymouth Township Republican voted to refuse a 3-percent pay increase

outcome can't be used for partisan purposes. Many of the Proposal A tax increases of Dec. 23-24, 1993, were passed by bare majorities of 56 votes — 28 from each party.

Those voting to reject the pay hike said their constituents opposed it or that they had done nothing yet to earn it.

The seven-member SOCC proposed a 3 percent hike for legislators (to \$49,155), 4 percent for the governor (to \$116,506) and 3 percent for Supreme Court justices (to \$115,299). A two-thirds vote of each chamber of the Legislature would have rejected the pay hikes. No action would accept them.

The Senate took no action. The House's 58-42 vote defeated a resolution to reject them.

In this vote analysis, the number in parentheses is the number of terms a member has served.

Voting to accept: Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, whose district includes Livonia; Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills.

Voting to reject: Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, whose district includes part of Livonia; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, whose district includes



Dolan: Farmington Hills Republican voted to accept a 3-percent pay increase



Ryan: Redford Township Republican voted to refuse a 3-percent pay increase



Whyman: Canton Township Republican voted to refuse a 3-percent pay increase

Garden City; James Ryan, R-Redford, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

(Law is in his first term after being out of the Legislature three years; earlier he had eight years service.)

The House Tuesday approved a constitutional amendment to re-

quire both chambers to give a simple majority yes vote to keep a SOCC-proposed pay raise. They pay hike would take effect in the following term, so that representatives wouldn't be voting on something that would benefit them in their current terms.

The vote was 84-17 with eight

not voting. Sponsor was Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods.

Voting yes: Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Lyn Bankes, R-Redford; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills; Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

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This program was planned by the Turning Points committee of community representatives and Oakwood Healthcare System employees, co-chaired by Peggy Campbell and Linda Padgett. It is presented in conjunction with the Oakwood Healthcare System Cardiology Center of Excellence.

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LET'S GO! Your guide to suburban entertainment

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2, 1995

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Theaters showcase local talent

Theater groups in metro Detroit are staging plays this weekend and beyond, with casts that include several local players.

The Players Guild of Dearborn is presenting the fast-paced slapstick comedy, "Noises Off," 8 p.m. Feb. 3-4 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 5. "Noises Off," written by Michael Frayne, is a play within a play, performed by an inept troupe of actors trying to get their show to Broadway. The first act shows the play in rehearsal, along with all the mishaps that occur. The second act reveals what goes on behind the scenes during a performance, and the third act details the troupe at its worst after several weeks together on the road.

Featured in the cast are Audra Lord of Bloomfield Hills as aging actress Dotty Otley; and Tony Lawry of Garden City as understudy Tim Allgood.

Tickets are \$8, and \$5 for students under 18 during Sunday performances only. Call (313) 561-TKTS for more information. The Players Guild is at 21370 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive.

A young black woman discovers her identity as she struggles through a secretive, soul-searching relationship with a white man in the Bonstelle Theatre's production of Alice Childress' "Wedding Band," which is staged at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday Feb. 3-4 and 2 p.m. Sunday Feb. 5.

The cast includes Rebecca Berdy of Southfield and Russell Anthony Boyle of Redford.

"Wedding Band" is set in 1918 in South Carolina, when interracial marriage was illegal and segregation was mandated. The play centers on the relationship between Julia Augustine, a black seamstress, and Herman, a white baker, and their attempts to move north and get married. The cast also includes Melissa

Oiler of Detroit as Herman's mother; Taras M. Los of Hamtramck as Herman; and Catherine Worth of Detroit as Julia.

Addell Austin Anderson, director of Wayne State's Black Theatre program, is directing the production.

For more information, contact the Bonstelle Theatre box office at (313)577-2960.

The Stagecrafters of Royal Oak's "42nd Street" runs weekends through Feb. 19 at the theater, 415 S. Lafayette in the city's downtown. Showtime is 8 p.m., except for 2 p.m. matinees Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 and a 7 p.m. Feb. 5 show.

The cast includes Ivory McKay of Redford as Andy Lee, Larry Schrock of Farmington Hills as Julian Marsh, a Broadway director in need of a successful show, and Patty Ward of Birmingham as Maggie Jones, the co-author of "Pretty Lady."

For more information, call (810) 541-6430, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and



Local actor: Ivory McKay of Redford plays Andy Lee in the Stagecrafters of Royal Oak production of the popular musical "42nd Street," which runs through Feb. 19.

Thursdays, and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Salem High grad makes 'Les Miz' sound good

The epic "Les Miserables" is in town, and the woman partly responsible for the big show's big sound is from Plymouth. She is Carin Ford, a 1984 graduate of Salem High School.

Ford got started in theater at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. Her first professional job was the Lily Tomlin show, "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe."

In high school, she was in the concert band and marching band. She is head sound operator for the show.

"Les Miserables" returns to Detroit's Fisher Theatre now through Feb. 18. The 1987 Tony Award winner is based on the Victor Hugo novel that follows three turbulent decades in 19th century France.

For more information, call the Fisher at (313) 872-1000. To charge by phone, call (810) 645-6666.

Performances at the Fisher are at 8 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Motown sound: Former Plymouth resident Carin Ford is head sound operator for the touring production of "Les Miserables," which runs at the Fisher Theatre through Feb. 18.

Entertaining Choices

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THEATRE GUILD
"Marvin's Room" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 and continues weekends through March 4 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, in Redford. (313) 531-0554

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"The King and I" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 and continues weekends through March 11. (810) 349-7110

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"What I Did Last Summer," by A.R. Gurney, continues through Feb. 18 at the Player's Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Sat. Feb. 4 sold-out. Feb. 18 nearly sold out. (810) 553-2955

YOUTH THEATRICAL SERIES
Continues with "Cinderella," 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. Tickets \$4 per person. "No One Will Marry A Princess With A Tree Growing Out of Her Head," will be presented Feb. 19. Call for more information. (313) 261-2260

TRINITY HOUSE
"Chorus From the Rock," an original

adaptation in drama and dance opens Feb. 10 and runs Fridays and Saturdays through March 4 at the theater in Livonia. (313) 464-6302

DEARBORN PLAYERS
"Noises Off," written by Michael Frayne continues at the playhouse, 21730 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. Show dates Feb. 3-5. Performances begin at 8 p.m. except for Sunday matinees, 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$8. (313) 561-TKTS

THE GUILDINGS
Players Guild of Dearborn, Youth Theatre production of "Cinderella," opens 7:30 p.m. Fri., Feb. 17 and continues weekend to Feb. 26 at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets \$5. (313) 427-1775

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
Previews for "Change of Life," by Kitty

Dubin, 8 p.m. Wed. & Thurs. Feb. 8-9 and Sat., Feb. 11. Show runs through March 5 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 788-2900

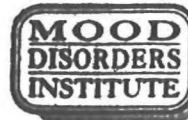
ANDERSON CENTER THEATRE
"The Voice of the Turke," opens 8 p.m. Fri. Feb. 3 and continues through March 11 in the theater located in Henry Ford Museum. Tickets \$10. Combination dinner and theater package for \$29.50 per person is also available. (313) 271-1620, Ext. 383

STAGECRAFTERS
"42nd Street," musical, continues through Feb. 19 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (810) 541-6430

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Dance parties

WEDNESDAY SATURDAY DANCE
Wednesday and Saturday Suburban Singers will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Burton Manor 196 and Inkster Road, Exit 177, Livonia. Age 21 and older, proper attire, no jeans. Cost \$13. (313) 842-0443 or (313) 842-7422

FRIDAY DANCE
Friday nights in February, Westside Singers host a dance at the Burton Manor 196 and Inkster Road, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Age 21 and older, dressy attire. Before 8:30 p.m. admission is \$2. (313) 981-0909

MEGADANCE
Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Dress is sharp, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3. (313) 292-0766 or (313) 425-1430

BENEFIT DANCE
Area single groups including FSP, First Society of Detroit, Ford Singers, Windsor Singers and more are hosting a benefit dance for Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (M.A.P.P.) from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the Troy Marriott hotel, 200 West Big Beaver Road, 175, Troy. Admission is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door and includes music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Attire is dressy and men must wear coat and tie.

VALENTINE DANCE
Tip Toppers Club of Detroit will hold a Valentine Dance 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 11, at Cumberland Village Condominiums clubhouse, Inkster Road, one quarter mile south of 11 Mile, Southfield. Cost \$6 members, \$8 guests. (313) 458-7887 or Barbara (313) 453-4683

VALENTINE DANCE
A Valentine Dance will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Admission \$7. DJ, pizza, pop, raffle drawings. Pat. 277-6083, Julie 421-2687, Marcia 425-0398

BETHANY DANCE
Bethany Farmington will hold a dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at St. Gerald's, Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile, Farmington. Cost \$8. Maureen (81) 478-7841 or Elaine (810) 360-6091

Ballroom dancing

STABILITERS
Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples will come. (313) 525-8913

ANN ARBOR SINGLES
Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7:8 p.m. for a fee. (313) 930-1892, (313) 665-6013 or (313) 487-5322

Single groups

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS
Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. (313) 663-0014

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

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

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
A nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents Active Singles, social group for singles who work after noons, nights and weekends. Events include social, cultural and sports events, and brunches and tours in and around the metro area. Ages 24-44. (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. (313) 422-1854

EXPRESSIONS
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 996-0141

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

ACTIVITIES GROUP
The Activities Group is single adults participating in a variety of 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

EXPLORERS
St. Edith Single Explorers meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. (313) 464-2027

PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD
The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Cadillac Cafe, 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills. 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 Memman, Westland. Meeting is 8-8:30 p.m. Admission 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

CATHOLIC ALUMNI
The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to marry in the Catholic church. (313) 561-7564, (810) 939-1558 or (810) 647-7076

VOYAGERS SINGLES
Voyagers Singles is a non-denominational singles group for adults 45 years and older which meets at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia, Friday, Feb. 10, they will meet at the church at 7:15 p.m. for car pool to attend travel film program, "Austrian Odyssey." Cost \$1. 422-3091

Sports Recreation

SKIING
Farmington Single Professionals will go downhill skiing 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Mt. Brighton, 1-96 exit 145, Brighton. Novice to experts are welcome. To carpool, meet in D. Dennison's parking lot, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake at 6:30 p.m. The evening all area pass is \$16, equipment rental \$16. (810) 478-9181

ARCHERY
Farmington Single Professionals meet Saturday, Feb. 11, at Starlight Archery, 3001 Rochester Road, Royal Oak. Cost is \$8 and includes bow rental and lessons. Novice to expert. Check payable to F.S.P. 30739 Shawwassee, Apt. 38, Farmington 48336. Reservations by Feb. 9. To carpool, meet in D. Dennison's Parking lot (12 Mile and Orchard Lake) at 7 p.m. or at Starlight Archery 7:45 p.m. After archery, we'll go out for a late dinner or munchies. (810) 478-9181

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Bimay Middle School in Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and 11 Mile Road. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 non-members. (810) 682-1807

VOLLEYBALL
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia, has free Volleyball 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Knox Hall. (313) 422-1854

VOLLEYBALL
Friday Night Volleyball will be 9-10:30 p.m. Jan. 27, at Northville Recreation Center, 303 West Main Street, Northville. \$3 per person. (810) 349-0911

BOWLING
Voyagers Singles mixed bowling league bowls 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Mem-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Memman roads, Livonia. The league is open to those ages 40 and older. Regulars and subs needed. (313) 591-1350 or (313) 278-9717

BOWLING
The Activities Group, comprised of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural events, meet at 7 p.m. every other week at the Northwestern Bowling Club in Farmington Hills. No partners are needed, teams are arranged by group. A nearby restaurant visit follows. (810) 624-7777

BRIDGE
Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Lessons are offered 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. (313) 349-9104 or (313) 420-3177

WALLEYBALL
Farmington Single Professionals play walleymat at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake Road, Farmington. There are courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4 for FSP members and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181

BUNNERS/WALKERS
Farmington Single Professionals meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot by the tennis courts at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Road just south of I-696. (810) 478-9181

BUCHEE NIGHT
Farmington Single Professionals sponsors a regular Buchee game night 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, at the Historic Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile

Showcase
Showcase and dinner will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Knox Hall, Six Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Dinner will be followed by John Fischer at 8 p.m. Cost \$5. (313) 422-1854

CURLING AND DINNER
FSP sponsors dinner, curling lessons and curling at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at the Detroit Curling Club, 5600 Drake Road just north of 15 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Cost for dinner, lessons and curling is \$18/FSP members and \$20/non-members. RSVP by Saturday, Jan. 28; mail check to FSP, 30739 Shawwassee, apt. 38, Farmington 48336. Bring tennis shoes or sneakers to wear on the ice. (810) 478-9181

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
Cross Country Ski instruction will be offered at 12:15 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4 at Heritage Park Ski Center, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, keep to your left at the first road upon entering the park. Cost \$15 with ski rental and \$8 without. Pre-registrations required. Checks to FSP, 30739 Shawwassee, Apt. 38, Farmington 48336. (810) 478-9181

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LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Short lines, plenty to do in D.C. during winter

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER



If you're looking for an excuse to explore the nation's capital, President's Day is a good one.

How about the urge to peek at newly elected Congressional members? Washington, D.C. buzzes with activity year round, but the winter months bring shorter lines and fewer crowds.

Before joining the free, 45-minute Capitol tour, have the kids check outside to see if Congress is in session.

Look at the chamber to the north side of the Capitol. If an American flag is flying, the Senate is meeting. A flag above the south chamber means the House of Representatives is at work.

Seating is limited in the public galleries. For further details on Capitol tours (self-guided included) call (202) 225-6827.

Tours of the president's "working home" are free. If you visit during tourist season, plan to stand in line for several hours.

James Smithsonian, a British scientist, never set foot in America but willed his estate to Washington, D.C. under the name of the Smithsonian Institution. Today, the Smithsonian houses 14 museums, galleries and a zoo.

Full-size planes, missiles, satellites and spacecraft line the halls of the National Air and Space Museum, a favorite family attraction.

Ever hold a Madagascar hissing cockroach? Do bees and tarantulas interest you? Then, the Insect Zoo in the National Museum of Natural History will surely satisfy.

Perhaps the letter carrier uniform worn by Cliff Claven for the television show "Cheers" or a Model T fitted with skis for mail

Advance tickets available

If you're planning a President's Day trip to Washington, D.C. visitors may obtain advance tickets from their congressional representative's office for the following attractions: The White House, Supreme Court, Capitol, Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In the Detroit area call Sen. Carl Levin, (313) 226-6020 for all of the above except the House Gallery.

Contact your U.S. representative for the House Gallery.

Advance tickets are not necessary. The White House and

Bureau of Engraving and Printing tickets may be obtained the same day as visit.

The other attractions may be toured without any type of advance or same-day tickets.

Looking for a photo of President Clinton? Or perhaps your youngster wants a picture of Socks. Surprise a grandparent or friend who is at least 80 years young or a parent celebrating a landmark anniversary by requesting a White House greeting. Write to: Greetings, Correspondence, The White House, Washington, D.C. or call (202) 456-1111.

delivery sounds more appealing. Then check out the National Postal Museum collection.

For an overview of the awe-inspiring Smithsonian, begin at the Castle, the institution's first structure and information center (202) 357-2700.

A 186th birthday celebration at The Lincoln Memorial Feb. 12 features a dramatic reading of the "Gettysburg Address."

Stretching 555 feet above ground level, the sleek obelisk Washington Monument honors the country's first president. An elevator whisks visitors to the top level in 70 seconds for panoramic views of the bustling town and neighboring states. Count the steps on your way down — only 897!

Wreaths will be laid at the foot of the monument on Feb. 22, in commemoration of the 263rd birthday of George Washington.

The three presidential memorials are open seven days a week.

One of Washington's most vis-

ited spots, the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, pays tribute to the 58,156 men and women who served and died during the war. The impressive polished black granite wall forms a "V" with one arm facing the Lincoln Memorial and the other pointing toward the Washington Monument.

Ever wonder about the inner-workings of a forensic lab? At the Federal Bureau of Investigation center blood-drenched clothing and firearms are a common sight. Visitors gaze through windows observing agents at work. Telephone first (202) 324-3447 for information on the free tour.

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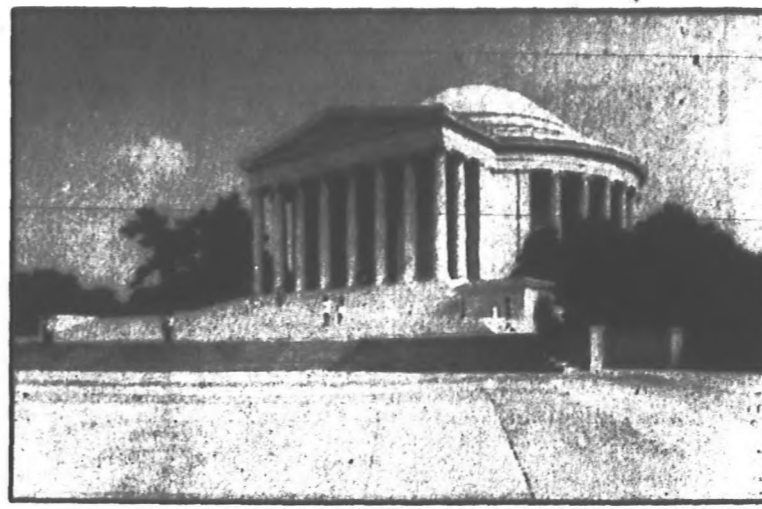
Don't leave home (535 miles from Detroit) without a Washington, D.C. map — you'll need it. The city is divided into four parts: northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest. Avenues, drives and streets crisscross the city and create oddly shaped intersections.

Pat and Tony Latarski, Livonia residents who enjoy family trips to the nation's capital, strongly urge travelers to use the "clean, convenient and punctual" subway system due to the scarcity of parking.

"The Metrorail gets you anywhere in the city. And there really is something for everyone — museums, parks and national monuments," said Tony Latarski.

The Tourmobile, a narrated sightseeing bus service run by the National Park Service, stops at all major attractions.

For more information on the Washington area, contact the Washington, D.C. Convention and Visitors Association, 1212 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 789-7000.



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Washington sight: Thomas Jefferson was partial toward Roman and Palladian architecture, and it shows in the Jefferson Memorial, which was built following a 1934 Act of Congress. The memorial is located on a sliver of land known as East Potomac Park and overlooks the Tidal Basin and the western half of the National Mall.

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Restaurant Specials

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Festive events

CAPE CORTINA
Locust Manor Bed and Breakfast and Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills are offering a sweet package for a Valentine's Day escape. The package includes an evening at the 1842 Bed and Breakfast dinner at Cafe Cortina and gourmet breakfast. (810) 471-2278

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Mardi Gras Celebration, featuring the Red Garter Band, and New Orleans cuisine, offered 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Waterman Center on Campus. (313) 482-4417

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Mardi Gras Masked Ball, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, third floor of Tirell Hall (J Building), 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$40 per person.

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Homeless Township should drop case

The fight between Plymouth Township and a Methodist church which has been housing the homeless has gone on long enough, and, as a church spokesman said, it shouldn't be in court.

For more than a year Plymouth Township has been at odds with First United Methodist Church over the housing of homeless people in the church building on weekends. The case is in district court.

Plymouth Township should drop the case and save township residents the cost of legal fees and embarrassment.

The township has cited the church, contending that the homeless shouldn't be allowed to stay in the church for health and safety reasons.

Such a contention on the part of township officials is silly. Apparently township officials think it's safer for them to live in cardboard boxes or sleep in an alley than stay in a church.

And as the case drags on in district court, the legal fees for the township pile up. It's interesting to note that local lawyers are helping the church fight the citations. But meanwhile, township residents are footing the legal bills to keep the homeless out of the church.

Former Plymouth-Canton school board member Dean Swartzwelder said it best when he recently addressed the Plymouth Township board. "Why tie this case up in the courts and spend taxpayer money? Other communities allow this; these communities are concerned about health and safety."

The church has argued, and rightly so, that

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church youth groups traditionally use church buildings for sleep-overs and that they have never been challenged in court.

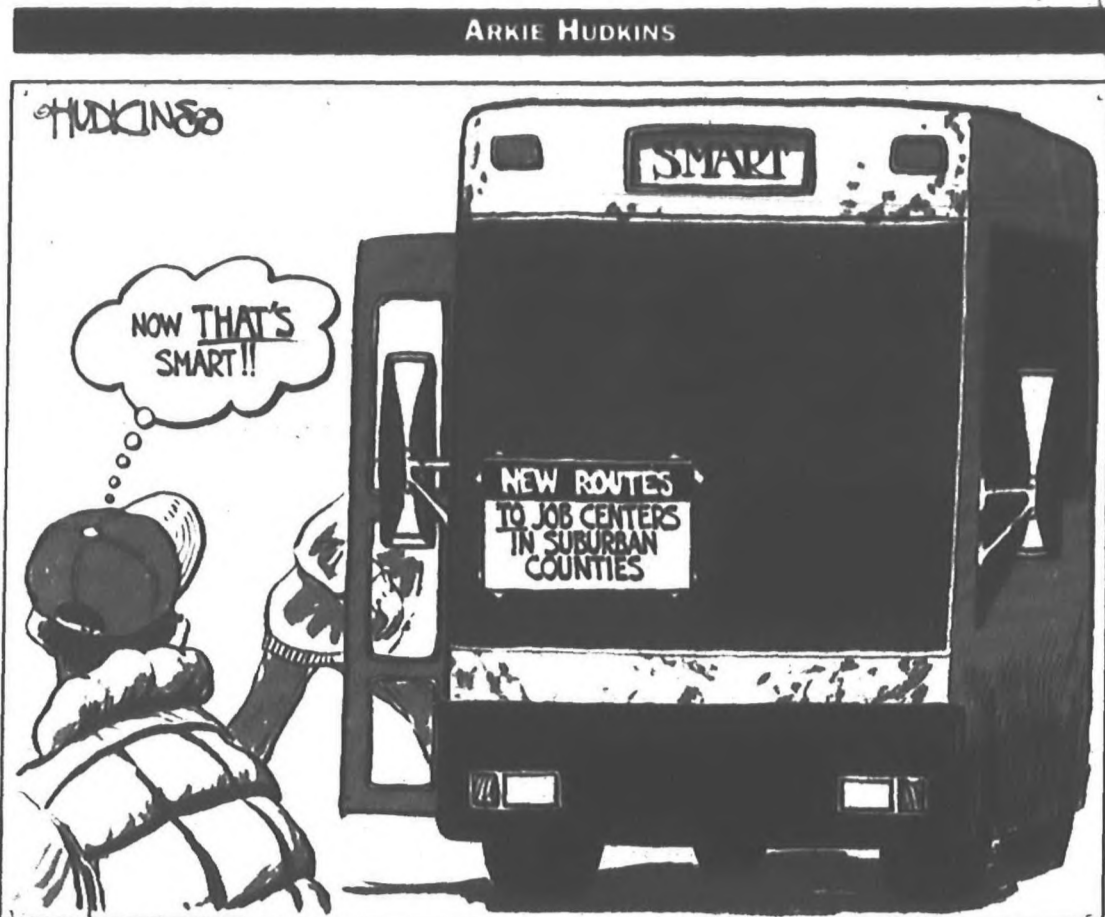
The church is fighting six tickets issued on charges the church violated ordinances that require occupancy certificates and adequate toilet facilities.

It's ironic that there aren't township enforcement officers out on Sunday mornings checking to see if the toilet facilities are adequate for the people who worship at the church.

Barring an out-of-court settlement, the case could go to trial.

Apart from the expense, such a trial would give bad publicity to Plymouth Township, casting it in the role of tossing a few poor, harmless souls out into the cold.

However, the Plymouth Township Board can change all that right now. It can drop the case. It would be the smart thing to do before it wastes more money on a case that would most likely be eventually lost.



LETTERS

King teaching opposed

This letter is a response to the story which appeared in the Jan. 19 edition of the Canton Observer describing the activities which took place at CEP in honor of Martin Luther King.

I want to go on record as being opposed to the use of class time for the forced indoctrination of our children to a particular viewpoint.

The opinion and sentiment expressed about Dr. King is not a universally held notion; there are some very questionable parts of his life and these were totally ignored.

The explanation that discussions of dignity and respect tied in nicely with Dr. King's life seems to be a thinly disguised attempt to justify the use of class time at taxpayers' expense.

I am in full agreement with people having heroes and remembering them with honor, but this should be done in a way which does not use the public funded school system to assemble students and force them to submit to the propaganda of a particular group's ideology.

I would be willing to bet that if a similar day were planned for David Duke the minority members of the student body would be outraged and their parents would be writing this same letter.

The damage is already done in this instance, but I hope that it will come to the attention of the school board and other parents in the district that this is inappropriate.

Robert C. Malchow, Canton

boxes are prehistoric and make awful sounds when changing from one station to another; price per month is too high considering the limited choice in channel selections; MetroVision and Continental Cable companies provide state of the art cable boxes and remote control units; Omnicom has too many home shopping and community service channels. The same programs can be viewed on multiple stations; standard channels with Continental Cable such as "E" and the Cartoon Network are not even an option with Omnicom; Omnicom charges for installation, MetroVision doesn't; Omnicom does not offer the phone-in movie service as offered by MetroVision.

As you can see, the negatives outweigh the positives. One suggestion would be to offer the Canton and Plymouth communities the choice of another cable company. Some choices are Continental Cable that is now offered in Westland or MetroVision.

Or, require Omnicom to address each of these negatives and come up with an action plan with reasonable timing to correct these problems.

The people in Canton and Plymouth need to be aware of what is being offered such as channel selection and type of hardware used and considered standard equipment with other cable companies. It would be a big mistake if Omnicom were given the contract, yet was not required to make changes in what they offer the public.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, as I am concerned that the residents in Canton and Plymouth who have been living here a long time may not be aware of what is being offered in communities that surround us.

John Wohletz, Canton

Cable complaint

Should Omnicom be allowed a 10-year contract? As the pros and cons are summarized with the Omnicom franchise, one can notice that this company needs to address some very basic, yet very important issues prior to any type of contractual agreement.

The pros: Fast service, friendly staff.
 The cons: Poor choice in channel selection when compared with other companies such as MetroVision and Continental Cable; cable

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Arts program plays special role

One picture is worth 10,000 words, the saying goes. That applies to the brochure for Very Special Arts Michigan — and, to a greater extent, to the non-profit organization's purpose. VSAMI is one of southeast Michigan's artistic treasures.

The brochure is an example of how art works, and how Very Special Arts Michigan works in a very special way. The publication is printed on paper covered with a richly colored, abstract design painted by youngsters in wheelchairs. The young artists painted with the wheels.

VSAMI, based in Royal Oak, is an affiliate of Very Special Arts, a program of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to advocate for and help with the establishment of art programs for people with disabilities. Classroom workshops, art shows and art festivals have broadened horizons. The elderly as well as young people have benefited from the programs.

Art is important to everyone. It isn't always just for observation. Art "works" in ways we take for granted. Signage, brochures, the basic design of large and small items used every day (from furniture to vehicles to implements) — all these and more are related to art.

Art is a means of communication, of improving skills, of emotional release.

These qualities of art are especially important when applied to physically and mentally challenged people of all ages.

For them, as for everyone, art is a way of opening communication and inviting understanding. Art reminds us that we all are part

of a universal family, yet each of us has a one-of-a-kind individuality. The accomplishment of conveying expression through art, or recognizing that expression, improves self-esteem.

For just one example of the benefits of art, VSAMI President-elect Virginia Rodgers of Franklin has seen the pleasure and excitement Oriental brush painting gave to youngsters who had Down syndrome or who were hyperkinetic.

"I feel that arts are for everyone and I think that any art program — dance, theater, mime, whatever — certainly enhances their self-esteem, gives great pleasure," Rodgers said. "That in itself is a wonderful thing."

VSAMI is involved with several projects that bring the arts to children.

Places for these projects include the Easter Seal Society of Southeast Michigan, Oakland County Children's Village, and the Oakland County Schools Autistic Program.

VSAMI is working with the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts in Birmingham for some upcoming programs and projects. These include a show of artwork from the tri-county area at the Urban Park Detroit Art Center in Trappers Alley, scheduled for March 10 to April 9, and the VSAMI Southeast Regional Annual Arts Festival at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, scheduled for April 28-29.

What's special about VSAMI? "Everything," responds director Lora Frankel.

That isn't an exaggeration. Art means everything to somebody, and something to everybody. Support of VSAMI projects boosts everyone.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
 O.J. Is he guilty or innocent?



'Guilty.'
 Sue Nisch
 Plymouth



'I'm not sure.'
 Kimberly Lovelace
 Canton



'I think he's going to get off. He has the right lawyers.'
 Lisa Ritchie
 Works in Plymouth



'He's as guilty as sin. They should hurry up and fry him.'
 William Reamer
 Plymouth Township

We asked this question at the Plymouth post office.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Yes, even the unbearable merit valentines

Egads — there's a storm in my brain. While carving crude valentines I found myself serenading the cats with "You're nobody 'til somebody . . . loathes you."

Could there be a market out there for such sentiments in the painfully maudlin greeting card business? When I moved to Plymouth from Salem, Mass., a few years ago, a crippling bout of homesickness had me not only pining for my family and friends, but even missing people I considered unbearable.

Those ever-flappable, highly-slappable folks provide valuable contrast by being snags in the fabric of daily life. We all might come up with our own cast of contemptible characters who deserve a valentine just for reminding us how fortunate we are not to be them. I shudder to think of the unbelievably bitter bus driver who, if he chose to

stop at all, would scatter us like chickens as he swerved up and onto the sidewalk, screeching to a halt that only lasted long enough to catch some slowpoke's coat in his slamming doors.

Surly young toughs and smarty-pants school kids alike were paralyzed with fear after falling victim to his mastery of sudden stops and manic starts that sent them foolishly flying about.

As crowded as it got, I could always be sure of the seat next to him being free while most covered in the back. I sat enthralled at his snarling tirades on everyone and everything while he drove that big old bus with the terrifying speed and skill of a bodysnatcher.

My head would be bobbing in assent like a balloon on a stick as he screamed up to my stop, never quite braking, just letting me leap off as if it were a cable car.

I wondered if humoring his fury was

GUEST COLUMNIST



DOROTHY MATSU

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the only thing keeping him from busting a blood vessel in his brain and careening off a cliff with all of us into the ocean.

He would not be there on the return trip, but for all my clever maneuvering I would often be smothered by the great box of a woman forever on her way to meet Arthur Fiedler of Pops fame for lunch — even after his death.

She was a gregarious lunatic whom other riders shunned but I endured, being something of a jerk myself.

Am I simpatico, or equipped with a homing device for nuts?

Less extreme are unavoidable acquaintances who try your patience being tiresome sadsacks. They crash any happy hen party and dredge up everyone's saddest affairs, ripping out hearts and doing flamenco dances all over them until most flee weeping and wailing.

Just in passing are various wimps

and weasels, a crab at the bank, that swine at the market, the synchronized psycho who always seems to be getting the bum's rush, hurtling past me into the gutter from the smelly pub I pass on my trudge home.

Since my move, I've only come up with one fellow I love to hate. I suspect he hails from another country that worships the bust. He is never lowly, just wistful, admiring with a few old-fashioned terms and gestures despite my good-natured protests.

He would not notice if I had venomous snakes hissing out from my head, so I am resigned to feeling like the prow of some great ship if I stop in. Be kind. Don't forget those who desperately need a valentine.

Dorothy Matsu is a Plymouth Township resident. Those interested in writing a guest column should contact Jeff Counts at 459-2700.

Engler changes course with 'parents' code word

God isn't the problem. A handful of people raised eyebrows at the State Board of Education's mentions of God, religion and prayer in the new, Clark Durant-drafted, vision, philosophy and mission statements.

What's troubling is the frequent use of the code word "parents." It's a code word because it communicates a hidden agenda — authoritarianism; the overruling of schools by small but shrill congregations led by louts from Appalachian theological seminaries; the gutting of state curriculum, testing and accreditation standards, followed by the raiding of the treasury on behalf of parochial schools.

Gov. John Engler is nervously riding a Republican elephant that increasingly kowtows to the Religious Right. Abandoning the School Code he helped formulate, Engler changed course 180 degrees and genuflected six times to "parents" in his Jan. 17 message to the Legislature.


The purpose of schooling, since the medieval days of the monks, has been to raise kids above the level of their surroundings. When Republicans espouse their Lincoln Day oratory,

they need to reflect that Abe would never have made it beyond the New Salem farm if Tom Lincoln had had his way about book learning.

There's a fascinating Minnesota study about the attitudes of American, Chinese and Japanese parents in the 1990 work by Harold Stevenson and associates on math achievement in Child Development. It seems the Asians scored considerably higher on math tests than did the Americans. Yet 91 percent of American parents said their school is doing an "excellent or good" job while only half the Taiwanese and Japanese parents give such good marks to their schools.

Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray, in their 1994 blockbuster "The Bell Curve," agree. "It has become a truism in survey research: Americans tell interviewers that American education in general is going to the dogs, then in the next breath give high marks to their children's own school. In surveys, many American parents are either apathetic about school or hostile toward more homework and tougher grading."

In a society with a 22 percent out-of-



TIM RICHARD

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wedlock birthrate, highest in the industrialized world, it's sort of silly to worship at the shrine of apathetic and hostile "parents" — unless you understand that it's a Religious Right code word.

To liberals, John Engler is the tool of corporate interests. No more.

Much of the current redesign of Michigan public schools has been done at the prodding of MBLER, Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence. They are CEOs and presidents of firms like Ameritech, Chrysler, Comerica, Detroit Edison, Dow, Ford, General Motors, Kmart, Mead Paper, Whirlpool, Upjohn — outfits like that.

MBLER intends to be a "catalyst for systemic changes in the way teachers teach and children learn." Last week, MBLER issued a report on the state of Michigan public schools — with almost no mention of parents and no religiosity.

It advocated "development of an ambitious, challenging core academic curriculum," not junking the School Code; regular assessments of student performance; and extra supports for kids in poverty and at risk. You won't find any of that in Engler's speech and Durant's diluted mission statement.

It did "good progress" in improving the MEAP tests and "significant

progress" in developing a core curriculum. There was no yahoo rhetoric about ripping up the Department of Education.

It urged employers, when they hire, to begin looking for the state endorsement on a high school graduate's diploma. "Business and industry must become informed about the high school proficiency test, what the endorsement signifies, and other student information that is available." You don't find big business supporting Engler's "local education code that . . . puts parents back in charge."

MBLER speaks in the context of state-led professional development for teachers and competition in a world economy. Engler, in contrast, wants to turn back the clock to the 1800s and "start transferring full authority to parents." In contrast, the Durant mission statement is so busy sounding humble, inspirational and prayerful that it never mentions proficiency tests, professional development and the world economy.

God isn't the problem. Yahoos are.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Engler speech: Good on politics, terrible on policy

The Engler Administration's market-based model for fixing Michigan's public schools is perfectly clear:

- Do whatever possible to increase choice; encourage charter schools, promote cross-district enrollment, empower local schools;
- Encourage parents to vote with their feet, moving their children from schools they don't like to those they do.
- Let the market do its work, with poor schools losing enrollment (and, hence, funds) while good schools thrive.

It's this philosophy that led Gov. John Engler to call, in the state of the state speech, for repeal of the School Code and a top-to-bottom review of the Michigan Department of Education. It's also the vision behind newly-elected State Board of Education president W. Clark Durant's controversial new mission statement for schools.

All in all, it's a powerful mix of good institutional transformation theory (use market forces to drive change) and terrific politics (empower voting parents and local school boards while demonizing nasty teachers unions and educational bureaucrats).

There's only one problem: It could be terrible public policy.

Why? Because it ignores entirely the question of what educational standards our schools should be held to as they undergo change. Putting responsibility in the hands of parents and local school authorities is a great idea, but doing so with no standard of accountability is sheer folly.

I can't imagine a better recipe for full-blown dumbing down of our schools than a system in which parents choose between "good" and "bad" schools without any system of assessing school-by-school learning performance and where kids leave school for the job market without the discipline of minimum standards for learning.

Yet these are exactly what Engler wants to do away with. He wants to throw out the new core curriculum which has been under development for years. He wants to scrap the new high school proficiency tests, made public last November and due to come on stream in 1998.

What's he for? That's not at all clear. Engler's spokesman, John Truscott, told this newspaper's Tim Richard that the governor fa-



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vors "a national test that allows Michigan's student to be compared to other states." But Robert Schiller, Michigan's top school official, told me last week that Engler "has never favored a national test or system or assessment."

The main pressure for solid performance standards is coming from the business community. Nearly every employer I've ever talked to has complained bitterly about having to hire from a pool of kids who can't write, don't know how to add fractions and won't think through complex problems.

In fact, one of Michigan's most powerful business groups, the Michigan Business Leaders for Educational Excellence last week released a new analysis of the state of our schools. The business leaders called again for "ambitious and challenging standards for curriculum content" that would be standards for what all Michigan schoolchildren would learn.

"As a businessman, I think it (a core curriculum) has to be mandated," said Kmart President Joseph Antonini, who heads MBLER. "We have to get serious and give them the right curriculum."

The governor's got a contradiction between his politics and his public policy. One of his key constituencies, the business community, is insisting on precisely the kind of statewide educational standards that his conservative ideology rejects.

He'd better resolve it pretty soon, because the matter of learning standards could sink his otherwise admirable attempt to improve our schools.

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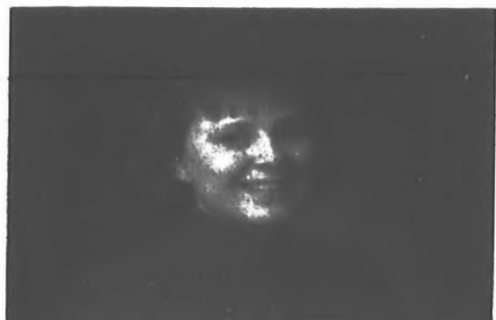
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ON THE MARQUEE



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Dance the night away with Farmington band

Farmington Community Band is offering a sweet deal — a dinner dance at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills on Friday, Feb. 10. Don't miss this annual event which features the FCB Dance Band. You'll begin this "enchanted evening," with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by a fabulous buffet feast and dancing. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call (810) 476-5014 or (810) 489-3412. Tables of eight may be reserved, however, seats are limited so early reservations are suggested by Feb. 3.

Glen Oaks Country Club is on 13 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads.

■ Congratulations to Schoolcraft College's Joseph Decker, a master pastry chef and instructor in the Culinary Arts Division, who won third place, along with his two team members from the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles, and the Essex House in New York City, in the World Pastry Cup Competition in Lyon, France on Jan. 23. Eighth was the highest an American team has ever placed in this competition. Decker was one of 1,000 chefs who competed for a slot on the American team. Belgian chefs took first place and Japanese chefs won second.

■ Fifteen chefs from some of Michigan's finest restaurants are competing today in the sixth annual Taste of Elegance contest in the Capitol Ballrooms of the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. The grand champion chef becomes eligible to represent Michigan at the National Taste of Elegance in Chicago. Peter Veach of Westland, executive chef and food service manager for the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, is one of the chefs competing.

The competition challenges chefs to develop a new boneless pork entree suitable for inclusion on the menus of their establishments.

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WILLIAM HANSEN

Musical couples: The Farmington Area Philharmonic's ranks include six husband/wife musicians, including (from left) Larry and Connie Hutchinson, and Bruce and Linda Smith.

Noteworthy concert:

Farmington Area Philharmonic: "Love Stones," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 11 Mile Road, (corner of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills Complimentary Valentine's Day reception, 7 p.m. in the lobby. Features guest artists Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson.

Tickets: Reserved seating, \$20, \$12 and \$8. Call (810) 478-2075. Tickets also available at all Metrobank locations, and the Farmington Area Philharmonic office, 23290 Farmington Road.

Love Stories

Couples will play their hearts out

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT
STAFF WRITER

Some Farmington Area Philharmonic musicians will be wearing their hearts on their sleeves during the orchestra's Valentine's Day concert.

Six married couples are orchestra members. In addition, two husband and wife teams will perform as guest artists.

Why do so many symphony musicians marry other musicians?

"Frankly I don't think anyone else can get along with a musician," joked Bruce Smith, who, with his wife, Linda, are Farmington Area Philharmonic and Detroit Symphony Orchestra members. They met as students at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

More seriously, he added, scheduling is a consideration. "People in the entertainment business have a completely different schedule than people who work nine to five in an office," he said. "Weekends and evenings are standard working hours for entertainers."

During the concert, baritone, Ron LaFond, a doctoral student at the University of Michigan's

School of Music, will sing the part of Papageno, the lonely bird catcher in Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute." His wife, soprano, Lisa Romero, will appear in the role of Papagena.

"The entire comic sub-plot of 'The Magic Flute' will be presented to the audience, but removed from its usual operatic surroundings and sung in English, instead of German," said music director Karen Nixon Lane. "By the time the concert is over, the audience will know the story of Papageno."

Lane's brother, Curt Nixon of Livonia, a Farmington Area Philharmonic board member, will be the narrator.

The program also includes three different tributes to Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers: Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet," the overture from Rodgers & Hammerstein's 1953 musical "Me and Juliet," and selections from Bernstein's "West Side Story."

There also will be a medley of love songs from the movies arranged by Tony Esposito, entitled "Hollywood Themes," which in-

See LOVE, 2AA

Farmington Players shine in A. R. Gurney drama

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

"What I Did Last Summer," is a charming trip down memory lane, and the Farmington Players do a splendid job with A.R. Gurney's play about a young man's first fitful steps into adulthood.

The time is the summer of 1944 — imaginatively created with slides of World War II projected on the curtain. When it opens, we meet our young hero, Charlie, age 14, and eager to have another summer of fun at the family cottage on Lake Erie in Canada.

But this summer will be different. Hormones are raging inside. It's time to date girls, get a driver's license, fix cars, be more independent, cut mom's apron strings, (Dad's off fighting the war) and well, become more of a man.

Kirk Hanely is amusing and appealing as Charlie, coping with the frustrations of stumbling into manhood. He is especially good at comedic glances to accent a scene.

Sensing there is more to life than dances and sailing regattas, Charlie wants a job. Any job. And where better to work than for the local iconoclast, Anna, jokingly referred to as the "pig woman" because she lives on a run-down farm.

Margaret Gilkes gives a convincing and earthy performance as the candid and free-spirited, Anna. She gives Charlie art lessons and indoctrinates him with new ideas. Thoughts like, "behind every great fortune is a great crime."

Charlie appears to have little artistic talent, but he absorbs everything Anna has to say. He no longer wants to study Latin because — "it's the language of the leisure class."

Charlie's mother, Grace, doesn't understand what he sees in Anna. He seems to be abandoning the conventional road to success. Of course, it's the opportunity to explore, to find his niche in life.

Cynthia Tucker turns in a sympathetic performance as Grace, but her opening night performance had a rehearsed quality that detracted from her otherwise excellent interpretation. Slight pauses or changes in voice inflection would do wonders for her character.

Eventually, Grace confronts Anna in an attempt to work out their differences. Charlie survives wrecking a car — and we learn that he does have some talent — he is playwright A.R. Gurney.

Steve Nelson gives a strong performance as his

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A lesson: Steve Nelson of Farmington Hills, as Ted, learns from Margaret Gilke of Farmington, as Anna, in the Farmington Players production of "What I Did Last Summer."

"What I Did Last Summer"
▶ **Times:** Farmington Players, 32332 W 12 Mile Road, (between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads), Farmington Hills
▶ **Current times:** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5; 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12; 8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 9 & 16.
▶ **Tickets:** \$8, call (810) 583-2955.



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Canadian friend, Ted Debbie Goswami is delighted as Charlie's feisty sister, Elsie. Elizabeth Mack is engaging and luminous as his would-be girlfriend, Bonny.

The Farmington Players production of "What I Did Last Summer" closes on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 583-2900 for ticket information.

The Tony Award-winning musical by Abe Burrows and Frank Loesser, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 28.

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



On stage: Ted (Steve Nelson of Farmington Hills), and his mother, Grace (Cynthia Tupper of Farmington Hills), have a conversation about manhood in the Farmington Players production of "What I Did Last Summer."

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cludes "The Man That Got Away," "If You Could Read My Mind," "All the Way" and "They Can't Take That Away from Me."

Karen Nixon Lane, has called upon her husband, Bill Lane, the orchestra's principal trombonist to sing, act and narrate during previous concerts.

"At our holiday program last December he played the part of Ebenezer Scrooge, which I find sort of ironic since he has been the orchestra's financial guarantor since its founding in 1991," she said.

Another Farmington Area Philharmonic couple is Larry and Connie Hutchinson of Farmington Hills. They met while teaching music at Western Michigan University and married in 1978.

"We know lots of musicians

who are married to musicians," said Connie Hutchinson. The couple made headlines when Larry Hutchinson delivered the couple's now four-year-old daughter, Ashley, on the front steps of their home after Connie's particularly last labor. They have one other child, Christopher, 7.

Larry plays bass for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Connie plays French with the Toledo Symphony.

They arrange and play music together at their church, Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington.

But Connie noted, "Horn and bass are not exactly the most compatible instruments."

The Farmington Area Philharmonic couple with the most frequent Flyer Miles must be Darin

and Michelle Kelly, who moved from Ann Arbor to Philadelphia last year, but still fly in to perform concerts. She plays piccolo, and he plays trumpet.

Chris (violin) and Diane (cello) Will first saw each other in New York, where they were studying, she at Juillard and he at the Manhattan School of music. They were members together of the National Orchestral Association orchestra for about two years but didn't know each other.

When he moved to Ann Arbor to study at the University of Michigan, where her sisters were students, they met and eventually began to date. They have been married 18 years.

She said that musician marriages are common because the

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Veach is also busy getting ready for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary 1995 Cuisine Extraordinaire, an elegant evening of dining presented by top chefs from the Chef de Cuisine Association and some of metro Detroit's best restaurants. The event will be 5-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at the Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$200 (benefactor), \$150 (patron) and \$100 (patron). Call (313) 745-5373 or (313) 745-0962 for information.

Trinity House Theatre is presenting T.S. Eliot's "Choruses From The Rock," an original adaptation in drama and dance, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 10 to March 4. Tickets are \$7. The theater is on the northwest corner of I-275 and Six Mile in Livonia. Call (313) 464-6302.

A multi-media exhibit in the theater lobby will feature works by local artists. The artists were commissioned to create works in response to Eliot's drama.

The Theatre Guild continues its season with "Marvin's Room," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile. Shows Fridays and Saturdays through March 4. Tickets \$8, senior citizens and students, \$6. Call (313) 531-0554.

Culinary Arts students from Oakland, Macomb and Schoolcraft community colleges are working together to prepare for the Junior Chefs Hot Food Competition in Lansing on Feb. 4. The students comprise two teams of four. During the competition, all teams will be given identical "mystery baskets" of items which

they must use to produce a four-course meal for 15 people. Teams have 30 minutes to create a menu, three hours and 15 minutes to prepare the meal and 15 minutes to present it. Sponsored by the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, the teams will also travel to New Orleans in March for a similar challenge at the Junior Member Competition for the National Culinary Federation's Central Region.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Let's Go! sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments, 953-2105, fax 591-7279, E-Mail keely@econline.com or write: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Playful concerts make classics fun

By making the classics fun, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Farmington Area Philharmonic, and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra hope to attract new listeners.

The musical mix brings new listeners into our audience while giving our regular classical music listeners a chance to let their hair down," said Karen Nixon Lane, music director of the Farmington Area Philharmonic, which will head south, musically speaking, to warmer climates for the "Winter Fantasies" concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. See chart for ticket information.

Farmington Area Philharmonic tickets are also available at all Metrobank locations, and the Philharmonic office, 23290 Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington, corner of Orchard, one block south of Grand River. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Preview
7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Lane said she wants listeners to discover orchestral music as a source of family entertainment.

The annual concert is designed to soothe the mid-winter blues with music that calls to mind sunshine and tropical breezes.

The program includes Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" medley of Beach Boy songs, and a suite from Walt Disney's "Aladdin." There will also be music from Beethoven's "Pastorale" Symphony and Ravel's "Bolero," sometimes known as the theme from the movie, "101."

Concert highlights include extensive decorations, created to go with the theme, and complimentary refreshments provided by

Upcoming family concerts

Livonia Symphony Orchestra "A Family Affair" 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. The James P. Clark Auditorium, Churchill High School, 4900 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets \$12 (senior citizens, age 60 and over \$8, and students, 21 and under \$6. For information call (313) 421-1111.

Farmington Area Philharmonic "Winter Fantasies" 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Farmington Hills Activities Center, 29600 11 Mile Road, 1.2 mi. east of Middlebelt. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 senior citizens, \$5 (13 and under) children. Call (313) 476-2075.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra "Family Concert" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Plymouth Center for Music, 4415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 senior citizens, \$4 children. Call (313) 451-2112.

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Also of note

Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present a "Family Affair" concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at Churchill High School.

The program includes "Theme from 2001: A Space Odyssey," selections from John Williams' "Star Wars," with a spectacular high-tech, computerized light show, and an animated Bugs Bunny film to be shown while the orchestra plays Rossini's Overture to "The Barber of Seville."

Tumble Bunnies, an acrobatic dance group, will accompany the orchestra as it plays Henry Mancini's famous "Pink Panther."

LSO concert tickets are available by calling the number listed in the chart, and at Hammell Music in Livonia, Livonia Civic Center Library, Kelsey Advertising (Newburgh at Schoolcraft, Livonia), Jacobson's (Laurel Park Place), Evola Music on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, Dearborn Music on Ford Road in Canton, and the Gitfiddler in Northville.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra family concerts on March 11 in Canton and March 12 in Novi will showcase then talent of 8 year-old violinist Ai Takeuchi, and Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter & The Wolf." See chart for concert times and ticket information.

Westland celebrates winter with festival

Westland is celebrating winter this weekend with dozens of events for kids and adults. Winterfest '95 kicks off Saturday morning and runs through Sunday evening.

"We're trying to give the people something fun to do in the winter time when things get kind of slow," said Mayor Robert Thomas.

The event, which organizers have been planning since last fall, is a first for the city. If successful, it will be come an annual event, a counterpart to the city's summer festival.

The activities will be centered around Bailey Recreation Center and City Hall, where schedule and other information will be available. Some events will take place at the city golf course, the Wayne-Ford Civic League and the city arena.

"The city is trying to provide activities for all ages, kids and adults," said parks and recreation director Chuck Skene.

Among the highlights:

- A five-mile run starts at 9 a.m. at the rear of city hall.
- The \$15 fee includes a T-shirt and a pancake breakfast.
- A hockey game at 2:30 p.m. Sunday between the Red Wings Old Timers and the Westland Hockey Association at Westland Sports Arena, Wildwood at Hunter. Admission is \$5.
- A 20-minute laser light show to be held behind Bailey Center at 8 p.m. both nights.

For senior citizens, there's a card party at the Wayne-Ford Civic League 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and a dinner there at 2:5 p.m. Sunday. The latter features the music of the Avalons and requires advance tickets. Call 728-5010. The card party costs \$2.

For kids, there's plenty to do. There's a free activity center at

Bailey Center for kids 10 and under both days that will include mazes, jumping and running areas.

For older kids on Sunday there are art activities, noon to 4 p.m., also free and at Bailey.

It's called the WinterFest so there are plenty of winter activities as well. There's a snow sculpture contest at Central City Park with prizes. Contestants will be provided colors to make their sculptures in interesting hues.

Sleigh and carriage rides will be running around the Central City Park for a fee of \$3.

There will be a skating exhibition at Westland Sports Arena noon to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, free to anyone who brings a can or box of food, free ice skating at 3-7 p.m. Saturday at Wayne-Ford Civic League's outdoor rink and skating (50 cents with a canned of food) at the civic arena 1-2:45 p.m. Saturday.

Did I mention food? A food tent will be set up with food from local community and high school groups.

"The one thing we don't know is how many people are going to come. I'm cooking chili Sunday and we're trying to decide how much chili to make. We just don't know," Thomas said. There's also a pancake breakfast Saturday morning, a spaghetti dinner Saturday night.

There's also plenty of music both days. The Joe Syrian Quintet and Koltex will provide jazz; No Limit from Westland and Golden Breeze will offer rock; Night Train Express and Waco Country Band provide country; Patton and Russo will sing the blues; and Golden Breeze will play Top 40 and classic rock.

For more information on any of the activities, call 722-7620.

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Wish you were here



That's not Plymouth: It's Baja California. Bev Dinkins celebrated the New Year traveling in warm climes with the Nomads. She writes that enjoyed the beauty of the country, fine food and the outstanding hospitality of the people of Los Cabos.



Go in' to Graceland: Pauline and Bennie McQueen of Redford recently spent a month traveling through the South. One stop was Graceland in Memphis, TN., Elvis Presley's home and burial place. The McQueens also visited Nashville, Davey Crockett's home in Humboldt, Tenn. and Shiloh National Park.

LET'S GO! DINING

Muer restaurant offers lots of choices

By ETHEL SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

When restaurateur Joe Muer of Bloomfield Hills opened Joe's Bar & Grill in Southfield back in March, he planned to serve traditional American food. As the owner of Detroit's most prestigious fish and seafood restaurant, bearing his name, he didn't want to compete with himself. But his customers at the new restaurant demanded the kind of dishes that have made Joe Muer's so popular — and even the side dishes.

So what's a guy to do? Muer is still dealing with the backlash. But he has made many changes in the menu at Joe's Bar & Grill. Now, there's a large variety of fish and seafood dishes, 15 in all at dinner. He reeled off some of them — Maine lobster, Florida stone crab, pickerel, Great Lakes Erie perch, finnan haddie, stuffed flounder, fillet of flounder and oysters on the half shell. He doesn't want anyone to forget, however, that he has "great chargrilled steaks and baby back ribs."

brought to the table before dinner. Other familiar side dishes are his cole slaw and creamed spinach.

Muer chose the site of the former, sophisticated Bijou Restaurant on Southfield Road near 13 Mile Road for Joe's Bar & Grill. Although it is simply named, "I don't pretend to be a hamburger place. We are an upscale bistro in style, with prime products," he said. Dinner entrees range from \$13.50-\$21.75.

Seating 160 (20 in the intimate bar area), the restaurant has cherrywood tabletops, some cozy booths and the atmosphere of the 1920s and '30s.

Grandson of the Joe Muer who opened the Detroit restaurant 65 years ago, Muer has been in the business for 36 years. "I'd been planning for a few years to have a restaurant in the suburbs," he said. "I thought I would venture into the marketplace serving great American food — plain, simple, fun."

"Then my public — they've been beating me to death, demanding that I do what I do downtown. That's impossible. It's an institution of Detroit that cannot be duplicated. You couldn't replace that aura."

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Muer has brought some special touches to the decor of Joe's Bar & Grill. One area of the restaurant has murals, "original oil scenes I wanted depicted that represent the city of Detroit and automobiles," Muer said. "I'm one of the bald-headed men in one of them," he joked.

Muer divides his time between the Detroit and Southfield restaurants. "I'm downtown every day and here maybe twice a day, more in the back of the house. I literally work in the kitchen with the chefs (Joe Crowell is chef and general manager), and coordinate," he said.

Besides the appetizers, soups, salads, side dishes, sandwiches at

lunch, and entrees, Joe's Bar & Grill has some sweet offerings including Joe Muer's Famous Hummer, with vanilla ice cream, Kahlua, and rum.

Among the scrumptious desserts are Creme Aaron (Grand-Marnier-flavored custard with fresh medley of berries), Chocolate Pecan Pie with chantilly sauce, and Cappuccino Brownie served with chocolate peanut butter sauce and French vanilla ice cream.

Muer is trying especially to improve the luncheon trade, and he is working on a children's menu for the restaurant.

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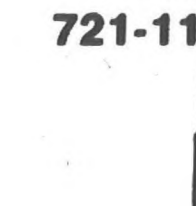
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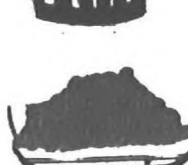
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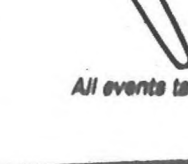
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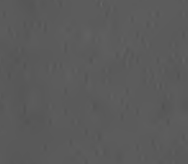
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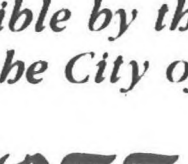


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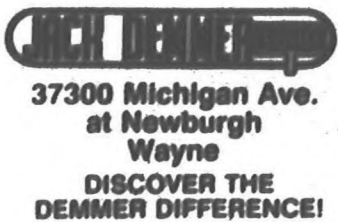
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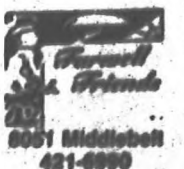
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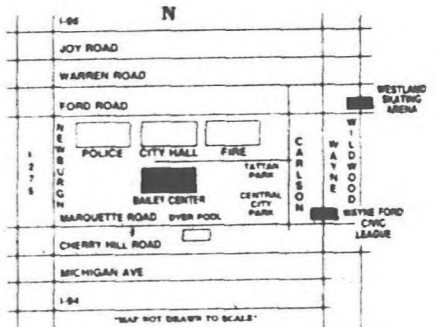
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953-3130**STREET BEATS****Mississippi**
— Spell

Art flourishes in a number of packages allowing patrons to develop their own conclusions. Spell's "Mississippi" (Island) is one release that just may fall into that vague category.

The Denver-based trio (comprised of drummer/vocalist Garrett Shavlik, guitarist/vocalist Tim Beckman and his wife bassist/vocalist Chanin Floyd) has created a stern musical potpourri which is sure to put Denver on the 1990s musical map and hopefully erase any preconceived musical notions that John Denver may have tagged on the city.

To say "Mississippi" is a spinoff of grunge-based rock is a misrepresentation of the band's intention. Instead, "Mississippi" is very simply, guitar-driven rock 'n' roll plain and simple. Spell that anyway you want.

Loud is one descriptive adjective for the band's sound which has seen some radio airplay with "Superstar," but also noticed with the ear-piercing "Straight to Hell" and "Mom."

The song's lyrics are easily ignored as more emphasis is placed on aggressive guitar and bass riffs which overshadow the planned verses. The material was written more for a live show feel than the studio which is easily noticed. You can see their live show on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 996-8555 for more information.

"Mississippi" is spelled forceful, but not tasteless.

— Kyle Green

Kyle Green is a freelance reporter from Lake Orion.

Five Card Stud
— Buckwheat Zydeco

Stanley "Buckwheat Zydeco" Dural has been the reigning King of Zydeco almost since the day his mentor, and the music's founder, Clinton Chenier, died nearly a decade ago. Indeed, it might well be argued that Buckwheat's classic "100 Percent Fortified Zydeco" (Black Top, 1985) was the vehicle that brought this rocket-fueled creole dance music to the masses.

There are those who would call his music predictable and formulaic, and that his albums will be, as "Five Card Stud" (Island) most decidedly is, partying affairs of the first order.

Opening with one of the most predictable elements of his musical persona, Buckwheat launches into a heavy handed and rock-steady take on Bruce Channel's "Hey Baby." A pacesetter for what is to follow, it highlights his accordion mastery wonderfully.

Winding down from there, he become officially the last man in America to finally record a duet with Willie Nelson, on Nelson's superb "Man With the Blues," one of the highlights of the set. That the following song is called "I.R.S." is, I'm sure, just a coincidence.

His duet with Mavis Staples on Woody Guthrie's classic "This Train" is a stunner. Staples has the kind of voice that can fill a hall without the aid of a microphone, and she's spectacular here.

It's not all amazing. His take on Van Morrison's lyrically weak (embarrassedly so) "Bayou Girl," is less than inspired, but the title cut is a booty shaker of the first degree, as is "Baby Doll," making up for any weak moments.

He's taking over Sully's, 4758 Greenfield Road, Dearborn, on Friday, Feb. 3, (313) 846-1920; and the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, on Saturday, Feb. 4, (313) 996-8555.

— Mark E. Gallo

Mark E. Gallo is a freelance critic from Farmington Hills.

Blue-Green
— Sister Seed

Acoustic guitar. Folk sounds. Love melodies.

Stereotypical name calling of musical intention is more often easier done than considered which leaves many acts pigeon-holed into unescapable titles.

Sister Seed is one area act that will not allow itself to be typecast. Higher grounds are exposed with its latest release "Blue-Green" (Trampoline Records). The band's duo sets of Christine Kerwin and Alicia Gbur and Benjamin Ridley Jr. and Michael Puwal Jr. transform the typical idea of what guitars backing strong vocals based genres can do.

The 12-track release opens with "Don't Look Back," a folk-based tune that is not a flashback to the original Woodstock groupies, but simply a fresh installment in a movement that has altered modern musical history.

The release continues with strong-willed melodies pertaining concealed subject matter that not only allows individual work interpretation, but enhances the act's firm vocal ranges.

"Blue-Green" is packed with strong vocals by both lead female vocalists which not only flow over simple but effective guitar-based riffs, but some minor drums blend itself into a solid musical piece.

(Sister Seed performs Saturday, Feb. 11, at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Call 313-876-6556 for more information. Sister Seed can be reached at P.O. Box 644, St. Clair Shores, MI 48090-0644.)

— Kyle Green

Kyle Green is a freelance reporter from Lake Orion.

Heavy, heavy**Bands say metal is still flourishing**

■ Critics have steadfastly argued that heavy metal music is dead, but metal stalwarts Megadeth, Type O Negative and Slayer say otherwise.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Now that alternative music has melded into the mainstream, heavy metal has taken a back seat to modern rock acts like Pearl Jam and Live and Alice in Chains.

Album-oriented rock stations who once thrived on metal are now spinning songs from card-carrying members of the Brit Brat Pack like the Stone Roses and Oasis.

Once the bastion of heavy metal, The Ritz in Roseville is even easing away from that reputation by booking alternative acts and death metal bands. That move leaves Harpo's in Detroit at the forefront of the metal scene.

"We're booking a lot of modern rock acts," said The Ritz' Michael Rand. "We're dabbling in death metal just because I think it's important."

This, he said, is a big diversion from the bands that the previous manager, Joe Nieporte, now of the State Theatre, booked.

"It was big hair metal; I'm talking about something more along the lines of shaved hair and tattoos," Rand said. "The hard, hard, hard, hard, hard stuff that's not glam at all. Those are the bands liked by kids who hate their parents. That's what I want to do."

Regardless, members of Megadeth, Type O Negative and Slayer say that metal is still flourishing. Case in point, on Megadeth's first date of their U.S. tour — Friday, Jan. 13 — they were awarded a platinum record for selling more than a million copies of its latest album "Youthanasia." It had only been released on Halloween.

Slayer's latest album, "Divine Intervention," just went gold, marking sales of 500,000. And Type O Negative, whose album "Bloody Kisses" is approaching gold status, has been a popular opening act, having gigged with Danzig, Nine Inch Nails and Jackyl.



Mellowing out: Even though Type O Negative believes heavy metal is still alive, they took a mellower approach with "Bloody Kisses," partly because "we're getting old," according to guitarist Kenny Hickey.

Next example. Take a look at ticket sales for three important Detroit-area metal shows in February. Megadeth's show with Corrosion of Conformity at Cobo Hall in Detroit on Tuesday, Feb. 7, is selling briskly. Biohazard, Machinehead and Slayer, which hasn't toured in three years, sold out two shows (Feb. 9-10) at the State Theatre in Detroit. Pantera and Type O Negative booked the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit for Friday, Feb. 17, and that show is expected to be a near sell-out.

Facts like that, all three bands agreed, show that metal is still a viable artform — regardless of trends.

"Music has definitely changed a lot," said bassist David Ellefson of

Megadeth. "But we're still able to play Cobo Hall, which is a pretty good-sized venue."

"Megadeth has become a band where we have such a devoted legion of fans and following that we've superceded the trends of the music."

If metal was going to rest in peace any time soon, Type O Negative wouldn't be slowly making its way onto regular radio, said Kenny Hickey, its guitarist.

"We've been breaking into regular prime-time airplay on a lot of stations across the country," he said. "For instance, Q104, one of the biggest stations in New York, plays us constantly."

Slayer guitarist Jeff Hanneman

knows that metal is still alive and kicking by looking at the energy level of the kids who go to Slayer shows. Some of their fans get into Slayer's music so much that bodily harm doesn't faze them.

"I had this one show where the guy jumped off the balcony and he went right through the stage floor," Hanneman said. "Then he stuck his head out and started headbanging. He was just sitting there in this hole."

As long as there is anger, Hanneman said, metal will be around.

"Heavy metal is always gonna be there; people are always gonna be (ticked) off about something very crazy."

Frusciante: Music after the PeppersBY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

A few years back, when the Red Hot Chili Peppers played two sold-out shows with Pearl Jam and Smashing Pumpkins at the State Theatre in Detroit, I had the opportunity to go backstage and meet them. As we were walking up the dangerously steep stairs, someone suspiciously peeked out of a closet.

As we got closer we realized that the guy in the closet was the Chili Peppers' guitarist John Frusciante. Known as kind of an odd duck, or as musicians say "one of those weird, creative geniuses," it was no surprise to find him there. Rumors swirled around the music industry that touring had taken a toll on Frusciante.

"It's unnatural and unhealthy going from one town to another town," Frusciante said.

A fan of reading interviews with famous musicians, Frusciante said he knew what he was getting into when he joined the Chili Peppers and was prepared to deal with it.

"I was reading interviews with musicians I loved who didn't speak too highly of touring; they said it made you crazy and stuff so I was prepared for it," he said. "Touring is a serious detriment to your existence."

Midway through the world tour supporting "Blood Sugar Sex Magik," Frusciante couldn't handle it anymore and quit.

"It was hard in the sense that I wanted to do it a

year before I did it," he said. "The only reason I wanted to (stay) was because I loved playing with (bassist) Flea so much. It was a bad thing psychologically to have something I loved so much, Flea, on one side, and then looking to the left and seeing somebody (singer Anthony Kiedis) I really didn't like."

"That's just a really bad thing to have that dislike combined with that love I have for music."

Frusciante has continued with his music, recently releasing his first solo effort, "Niandra Lades and Usually Just a T-Shirt" on American Recordings. The 70-minute, 24-song album of mostly screeching and whining isn't going to get him a Grammy, but it's interesting to peer into Frusciante's creative mind. With the exception of the "Breaking the Girl"-type guitar in Frusciante's "Big Takeover," there isn't too many Chili Peppers-esque music on "Niandra Lades."

"This is the kind of music that I played ever since I was 14, as far as recording on my four track; I like hearing the music that I'm satisfied 100 percent with," he said. "I'd much rather hear my voice than Anthony's voice."

His relationship with the Chili Peppers wasn't all bad. Drummer Chad Smith, formerly of Birmingham, was "a cool guy," and even though he considers most people from this area "Midwestern geeks," he thinks Smith surpassed that by "getting coolness training in secret."

Bassist Flea became one of his closest friends. He, Frusciante and Porno for Pyros drummer Stephen Perkins will soon release an album under the name "Three Amosbas."

But to him the most profitable result of the Chili Peppers was his relationship with Flea's daughter Clara, to whom his album is dedicated.

"Clara, that's my favorite person in the world; I'm the first person she ever had a crush on," he said. "It's beautiful. That's who I was friends with in the band. I haven't seen her in a little while. It doesn't matter. We're together all the time (spiritually)."

The 6-year-old, he said, is his favorite person to paint with.

"Clara was really into painting at the same time I was into painting," he said. "She was really good. I was into her ever since she started. We did a lot of good collaborations."



John Frusciante without the Peppers

Even though it goes "against the whole nature of doing it," Frusciante once had a showing of his works, but it didn't pan out like he expected.

"I did a show once but I didn't have anywhere to live then, so I lived at the gallery while the show was going on," he said. "I slept on the floor with no pillow or blanket or anything. I didn't let people in the door. I thought it was supposed to be open at night and it was supposed to be open during the day."

Ah, the minds of "creative geniuses."

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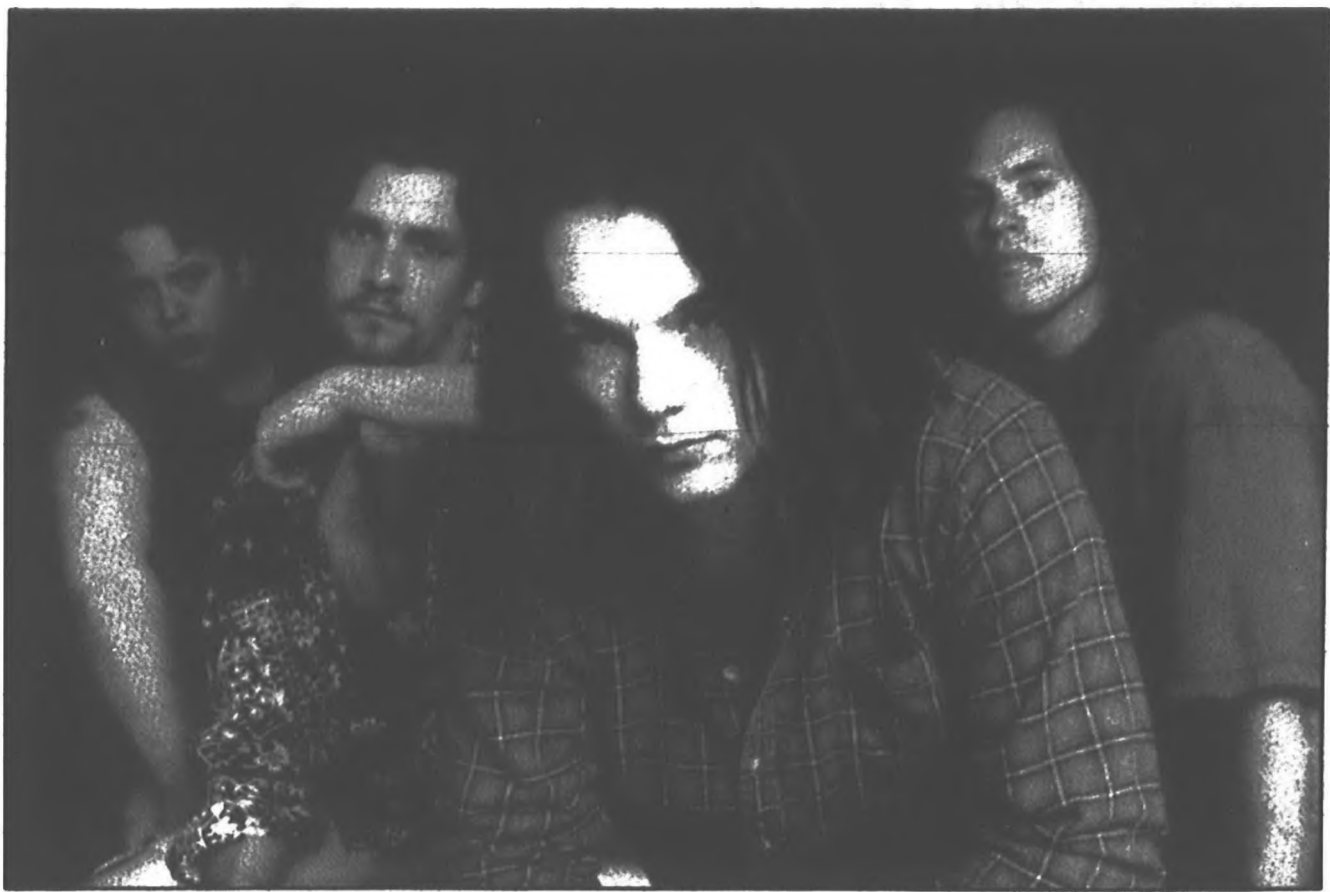
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JOHN MONAGHAN

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There's trouble brewing in Windsor Castle. The King, whose fits have increased in recent months, runs outside in his nightgown. He tries to jump the Queen's gentleman. His urine has turned blue.

In public, he sits in with the court musicians and plays an 18th century version of "Chop sticks" on the harpsichord. He soils himself. And, like a spoiled child, he more or less gets away with it.

Such is the story of "The Madness of King George," a cleverly-acted tale of courtly intrigue and wry humor that makes a fairly effective leap from stage to screen. It plays exclusively at the Maple and Main Art Theatres.

Nigel Hawthorne plays King George III as a man who was probably pretty peculiar to begin with. He was, after all, the king whose mishandling of foreign policy with American colonists led to

REVIEW

the formation of the United States. In one of the movie's best moments, he laments not his own bungling of the situation but the loss of exotic foliage and land that he once controlled, though never would have had a chance to actually see.

Standing by him are his wife (Helen Mirren) and Prime Minister Pitt (Julian Wadham), who try to paint the king's condition as a passing fever. They hire a radical doctor (Ian Holm), an expert in mental illness, to try a tough love approach to curing England.

Waiting in the wings is the foppish Prince of Wales (Rupert Everett), who would like nothing more than to lock daddy away and take the throne for himself.

The supporting performances can seem almost like cameos. Holm is always good and while the relationship Rupert Graves and Amanda Donohoe relationship adds some "Masterpiece Theatre" style heavy breathing, both characters could use a little fleshing out.



Royalty: His majesty was all powerful and all knowing. But he wasn't quite all there. Greville (Rupert Groves, left) and the royal pages chase after a distressed King (Nigel Hawthorne, center) in "The Madness of King George," presented by the Samuel Goldwyn Company

Overall, "The Madness of King George" fits the bill for a popular costume picture. I'm not sure how much actual history it teaches, but it offers another memorable lesson in royal madness amidst detailed costumes and sets.

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at 953-2047, mailbox 1866, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

'Death and the Maiden,' better on stage

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

REVIEW

When a movie opens on almost a dozen screens after an exclusive engagement at the Maple, you assume that it was a runaway hit. Not so with Roman Polanski's "Death and the Maiden," another play adaptation that should have remained on the stage.

You probably know the story already: Sigourney Weaver believes that the doctor her husband

invited in for a drink is actually the man who raped and tortured her almost 20 years ago. She straps the man to a chair and interrogates him, trying to force a confession.

As fine as Weaver is in her depiction of justifiable paranoia, it's Ben Kingsley's imprisoned stranger (where does he get these

accents?) who really keeps you guessing. You see neither the husband or we are a hundred percent sure that this man's true identity isn't a figment of her imagination.

The premise is a good one, but Polanski rarely inserts the kind of dark humor that made last year's equally nasty "Bitter Moon" a bit easier to swallow.

"Maiden" is set in a recently Democratized South American

country struggling with a brutal past of torture and intimidation. How survivors deal with the past is at the movie's core, which could just as easily revolve around the Holocaust.

Polanski, who barely escaped the Nazi death camps himself, ends the movie on a surprising (and controversial) note, but getting there may seem like you too have undergone torture.

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, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information.

"Ladybird, Ladybird" (Britain 1994). 7, 9:30 p.m. Feb. 3-4, 4, 7 p.m. Feb. 5. Director Ken Loach created this often shocking story of an irresponsible but loving mother who whose fate is at the mercy of both British social services and her own defiant temper.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$4)

"Clerks" (USA 1994). Doors open at 9 p.m. Feb. 2. Kevin Smith's hilarious account of life behind the counter at a New Jersey convenience store was made for only \$23,000. The acting is sometimes amateurish, the jokes typically crude, but the movie

sheds light on an occupation where the only way to vent frustration is to "rip into the occasional customer."

Black Film Festival. Feb. 3-4 (call for show times). Dorothy Dandridge and Sidney Poitier star in four films to kick off Black History Month. Among the titles screened: "The Defiant Ones," "Carmen Jones," and "A Raisin in the Sun."

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 show times. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Immortal Beloved" (USA 1994). Gary Oldman stars as Ludwig Van Beethoven in this cinematic search for the woman who inspired one of the composer's masterpieces.

"The Madness of King George" (Britain 1994). A tragic comedy

based on Alan Bennett's play about the life of King George III, who apparently lost his sanity and was ill-equipped to deal with his evil son. Nigel Hawthorne and Helen Mirren star. Opening Jan. 27.

"To Live" (Japan 1994). Reduced to poverty by her husband's excessive gambling, a family narrowly escapes the horrors of China's "cultural revolution." Director Zhang Yimou delivers another controversial epic in the tradition of "Raise the Red Lantern" along with another highlight performance from Gong Li.

"Red" (France/Poland 1994). Opens Friday. The last in a director Krzysztof Kieslowski's colors trilogy about the chance encounter between a young model and a retired judge.

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call

(810) 855-9090 for information. (\$5.75; \$3.75 students and matinee; \$2.95 twilight)

"Little Women" (USA 1994). Yet another screen treatment of Louisa May Alcott's 19th-century American classic about a widow and her four daughters. Susan Sarandon, Wynona Ryder, and Gabriel Byrne star. Directed by Gillian Armstrong ("My Brilliant Career").

"The Madness of King George" (Britain 1994). See Main Art Theatre listing above. Opening Jan. 27.

STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 961-5450 for information. (\$1)

"Kalifornia" (USA 1993). 9 p.m. Feb. 6. Brad Pitt and Juliet Lewis are unforgettable as a white trash couple who accompany a fashionably cynical young writer and photographer on a tour of serial murder crime scenes. Unfortunately, the movie turns into its own repulsive bloodbath.

Coming Attractions

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

Opening Friday, Feb. 3
"Miami Rhapsody" - Charming romantic comedy about a young woman forced to confront the true essence of marriage when her boyfriend pops the question. Stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Mia Farrow, Antonio Banderas, and Paul Mazursky.

"The Jerky Boys" - The secret identities of "recording artists" whose instrument of choice is the telephone, which they use to make crank calls, are revealed on the big screen. Stars Johnny Brennan, Kamal, William Hickey and Alan Arkin.

"In the Mouth of Madness" - A psychological horror film about an insurance investigator who must find a missing writer whose latest novel wrecks havoc on anyone who reads it. Stars Sam Neill, Julie Carmen, Jurgen Prochnow, Charlton Heston.

"Before Sunrise" - Romantic comedy about two strangers who find themselves spending a night together wandering through Vienna.

"Johnny Mnemonic" - High-tech thriller about a courier who carries information in his brain and winds up with a price on his head. Stars Dolph Lundgren, Ice-T and Takeshi.

"Billy Madison" - Comedy about a wealthy young man who goes back to school to prove to his father that he's neither dumb nor lazy, but smart enough to take over the family business. Stars Bradley Whitford.

"The Quick and the Dead" - The town of Redemption hosts a murderous quick-draw tournament which draws gunfighters from all over the West, including a dangerous young woman seeking revenge. Stars Sharon Stone.

"Just Cause" - A lawyer is drawn into an intricate and dangerous web of deceptions that threaten his personal as well as professional life when he undertakes the defense of a death row

inmate who now appears innocent. STars Sean Connery, Kate Capshaw and Ed Harris. Based on best-seller by John Katzenbach.

Opening Friday, March 3
"Nina Takes a Lover" - A romantic comedy about a married woman who begins an affair with a Welsh photographer, and hopes to use the passion of her dalliance

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"Highlander: The Final Dimension," stars Christopher Lambert for the last time as Connor MacLeod, reprising the character made popular in the films "Highlander" and "Highlander II: The Quickening," in the last chapter of the series, "Highlander - The Final Dimension." He will retire the sword and the character forever with the dramatic conclusion of this film.

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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

What's right with America 2

For her, the glass is never half empty. Instead, it's half full. For her, the grass is just as green right here as it is over there. And for her, even the storm clouds poking jagged fingers of lightning at the earth always have that silver lining.

Vicki Martin, a resident of Westland and a winner in the Family Room contest, is what's right with America this week.

Vicki's contest entry was sent to me on a piece of her personalized writing paper. Her name, with her middle initial, E, flowed across the top of the sheet in some sort of lovely typeface. And the paper itself was the color of the sky right after a summer rain, or the ocean early in the morning, wisps of white mixed with blue.

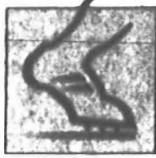
As it turns out, Vicki's personalized writing paper is rather symbolic of her. She is one who quietly acknowledges the passing storm, but what she celebrates is the resulting rain washed sky because it is that which holds great promise.

For nearly 20 years, Vicki has been married to the same man, Rick. When Rick and Vicki grew up on the east side, they didn't meet until they were in high school. After they were married, they moved to Ann Arbor and she enrolled at EMU just up the road. Not only was she a part-time student, she worked full time, while her husband pursued his degree as well.

Three years after he reached his collegiate goal, Rick watched Vicki reach hers. She graduated with honors the same year their child, "their miracle baby," was born. Instead of the

See FAMILY ROOM, 6B

Stepping up to the challenge



It's a formidable challenge, but Mike Unwin and Julia Jarzembowski are up to it. They'll be joining other athletes at the Westin Hotel this weekend to benefit the American Heart Association.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Running up 8,822 steps doesn't sound like a lot of fun, but it does to Plymouth's Mike Unwin.

This weekend the marathon runner will participate in the "Vertical Mile" portion of the "Summit Step Up, Stair Climb & Race" at the Renaissance Center in Detroit to benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan.

"I'm going to attempt it," he said with a slight laugh. "I've never done a stair climb but I have confidence. I've done five marathons; I'm not afraid of it."

The two-day event is Feb. 4-5. In its seventh year, it consists of three separate stair-climbing events: the aforementioned Vertical Mile in which participants run up the Westin a total of eight times or 566 floors; a "To the Top" one-time walk or race up 72 floors, and the Team Relay during which teams of four sprint up 18 floors.

Sponsored by radio station WLLZ, the Vertical Mile has been labeled "North America's toughest stair climbing event." And the "Summit Step Up" attracts participants from throughout Michigan, Canada and several surrounding states. The entry fee for the event is \$25.

Last year, \$13,000 was raised, according to Randy Maiers, AHA spokesman. Funds raised benefit the efforts of the American Heart Association in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Interested people can call (810) 557-9511.

The grand prize for the top pledge-raiser is a professional model stair climber from American Ex-

ercise. Additional prizes include a Sony Sports Walkman, Timex Stealth Watch, event sweatshirt, T-shirt, or sports towel for those who participate out of the goodness of their heart (and raise \$50-\$1,000).

Livonia resident Julia Jarzembowski, 26, signed up for the 1,164-stair "To the Top" race for a third year.

"It's not as bad as it sounds, I guess. There's signs all the way, made by kids I think, that say '52 more floors to go' and things like that little motivators along the way," she said.

She has reasons close to her heart for participating in the "Summit Step Up."

"My dad had open heart surgery about eight years ago. I kind of had a little connection there with the heart thing," said Jarzembowski, who prepares for the race by using, appropriately enough, a Stairmaster.

Unwin likes the family aspect of getting involved with events like this.

"It is so much fun for the family. It's something that brings a family together," said Unwin, who recently ran in a marathon at Walt Disney World. "You see children get a gleam in their eye when they get a trophy."

"I give a lot of my shirts away to inspire them."

Both Unwin and Jarzembowski agree that this one is especially fun because of how well the runners are treated and the beautiful view at the top.

"The last two times it's been really sunny out," Jarzembowski said. "There's juice and you have a nice finish line."



BILL HANSEN

In training: In addition to using a Stairmaster, Julia Jarzembowski of Livonia is getting in shape running the bleachers at a high school football field.



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Sign here: Author and book critic Ruth Coughlin takes time to sign a program for Carol Sullivan of Westland following her recent Livonia Town Hall lecture.

Ruth Coughlin: On life, love and writing a book

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

She describes herself as "a loner pretty much and kind of shy," but book critic and author Ruth Coughlin is anything but shy when she talks of her love of and life with books.

The Grosse Pointe resident was the lecturer for Livonia Town Hall Jan. 18, sharing her perspective of life in New York and Detroit and life with and without her husband, William Coughlin, an author and federal judge.

"My career has been monochromatic," the author of "Grieving: A Love Story" told the audience. "This year marks my 30th year of dealing with books, but my feeling is what better thing to do."

Dealing with books may be a simple way of explaining a career that has included reading, editing, selling, critiquing and writing books. Her introduction to books came at an early age: her father "had a great library." After graduating from college with a liberal arts degree and a major in English, she landed a job as an editorial assistant at Harper & Row.

"It was a highfalutin' name for secretary," Coughlin said. "In those days, everything was entry level for women and entry level was typing. The salary before taxes was \$60 a week."

Thrilled with being around writers and with how books were published, Coughlin "looked for crumbs," the first coming in 1967 when she had to write to Truman Capote about use of one of his short stories in an anthology. His was a handwritten response that she still cherishes.

Coughlin worked her way up the publishing ladder. She was a reader or screener, assistant editor, associate editor, editor and senior editor. In between, she sandwiched in an afternoon shift at a bookstore which rounded out her experience "of how books get published and read."

Close encounter

She left Harper & Row and went to Delacorte Press and it was there that she read a manuscript for a spooky thriller, written by Bill. She offered

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Rothermel-Weber

William and Doris Rothermel of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Anne, to Craig Daniel Weber, son of Daniel and Judy Weber of Wayne.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and attended Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Gordon Chevrolet.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and is employed by Architectural Exterior.

No wedding date has been set.



Tidmarsh-Klatt

Julie Ann Klatt and Neil Andrew Tidmarsh were married Aug. 13 in Newburg United Methodist Church by the Rev. Gilson Miller. She is the daughter of Thomas and Florine Klatt of Garden City and he is the son of Jack and Marion Tidmarsh of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Garden City High School and Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Comerica Bank.

The groom is a graduate of Seaholm High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Ford Motor Co.

Janice Broniak served as her sister's matron of honor with bridesmaids Roberta Wilkins, Linda May and Monica Chodun. Rachael Tidmarsh and Lisa Tidmarsh served as ushers. Emily Wilkins served as flower girl.

Brad Beers served as best man with groomsmen Roy Tidmarsh, Ian Tidmarsh and Rob Blakeslee.



John Tidmarsh and Peter Tidmarsh served as ushers. Ryan Tidmarsh served as ringbearer.

The couple received guests at the Dearborn Inn before leaving on a trip to Traverse City. They are making their home in Dearborn.

Schucker-Donahey

Susan Joan Schucker of Grosse Pointe Shores and William Kelly Donahey of Livonia announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and attended Penn State University. She is employed by Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau in the services department. She is the daughter of the late Roy and Joan Schucker.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stevenson High School and the Center for Creative Studies. He is employed by Northwest Advertising as a systems administrator.

A March wedding is planned in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Grosse Pointe Shores.



Stewart-Frank

John and Anna Stewart of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to James Richard Frank, son of James and Kathleen Frank of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is attending Madonna University.

Her fiancé is attending Henry Ford Community College.

A fall wedding is planned in St. Raphael's Catholic Church.



Hohner-Vinitski

Robert and Barbara Hohner of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Lee, to Abraham Michael Vinitski of Kalamazoo, son of Mike and Jackie Vinitski of Lewiston, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Crestwood High School. She is employed as a customer service representative with Harry Holland Co. in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Johannesburg Lewiston High School and will graduate from Western Michigan University in April with a degree in secondary education.

A July wedding is planned at



St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

Khalaf-Sharon

Stacy Sharon and Maher Khalaf were married Nov. 19 in S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church by the Rev. Gerald Bachord. She is the daughter of Robert and Paulette Sharon of Westland and he is the son of Naim Khalaf of Dearborn and Almaz Khalaf of Detroit.

The bride is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and works in day care.

The groom is a graduate of Fordson High School and is employed by Young Pioneers Inc.

Kim Tripp served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Teresa Campbell, Toyna Sampson, Iram Sadia and Rochelle Syniewski. Megan Tripp served as flower girl.

Ken Zimmerman served as best man with groomsmen brother of the groom Zuher Khalaf, brother of the groom Hisham Khalaf, and brother of the bride Bob



Sharon. Mark Tripp and Ayman Nassar served as ushers.

The couple received guests at Crystal Gardens before leaving on a cruise to Mexico. They are making their home in Westland.

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Residents of Livonia, Redford, Garden City and Westland should send their wedding, engagement or anniversary information, along with a photograph, to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Residents of the Plymouth area and Canton Township should send information to The Observer, 744 Wing St.,

Plymouth 48170.

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

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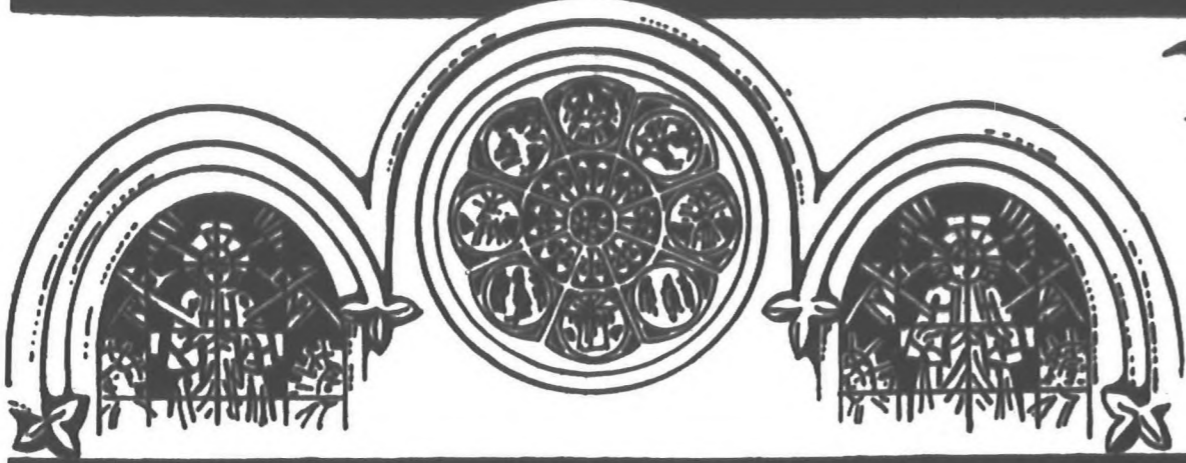
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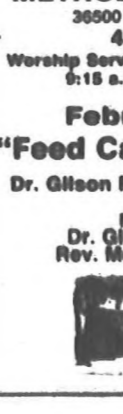
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Livonia
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"Jesus Calls His Disciples"**
Luke 8: 1-11
Pastors Bob & Diana Goudie

3 alumni picked to get seminary's annual awards

Three priests who have served parishes and schools in western Wayne County have been named as 1995 Alumni Award recipients by Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

The honorees were selected according to their achievements in their fields, spiritual leadership and community service. Recipients will receive their awards at SHMS Alumni Awards Dinner Sunday, Feb. 5.

Selected to receive the Bishop Henry Donnelly Award for Out-

standing Clergy Alumnus is Monsignor Thomas Finnigan, a 1961 SHMS graduate.

Ordained in 1965, he has served at several parishes, including Robert Bellarmine in Redford and St. Francis DeSales in Detroit. He also has served as pastor at several Detroit parishes and as vicar of the Grand River and West Side Inner City Vicariates, where he currently serves.

In 1976, Finnigan received the John Farrell Award and, since 1990, has served as a Prelate of

Honor to Pope John Paul II. He holds a bachelor's degree from SHMS and a degree in theology from St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth.

Alex Michael Gajewski, a member of the class of 1969, is the recipient of the Walter Romig Award for Outstanding Lay Alumnus. Gajewski has more than 20 years experience in education, beginning in 1969 as teacher of religious studies at Regina High School in Harper Woods.

He also has taught at Gabriel Richard in Riverview, St. Agatha in Redford and St. Mary of Redford in Detroit, where he also served as assistant principal. He currently is the principal at Bishop Foley in Madison Heights.

Gajewski is a member of the National Association of Student Activities Advisors, Michigan Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Catholic Educational Association. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and

social science from Sacred Heart and a master's degree in teaching from Wayne State University. He currently is pursuing an education specialist's degree.

A 1938 graduate of SHMS, the Rev. James Hayes has been awarded the Monsignor Daniel Ryan Award for Outstanding Former Faculty. Since his ordination in 1938, Hayes has been a spiritual leader and educator for more than 50 years in many parishes throughout the Archdiocese. He has served as assistant pas-

tor, associate pastor (at St. Valentine's in Redford) and pastor at several parishes in Wayne and Oakland counties. Hayes' other responsibilities included presynodal judge and auditor for the Archdiocesan Tribunal.

He received degrees from SHMS and Norwood, Ohio, and taught at Sacred Heart in the 1950s.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary has been honoring outstanding alumni and former faculty members with the awards since 1977.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

CHOIR MEMBERS

St. Maurice Contemporary Choir in Livonia is accepting singers and instrumentalists to accompany the 10 a.m. Sunday service. No experience is required, and singers and musicians need not be Catholic to apply. It is open to all ages.

The choir sings a variety of styles including gospel, contemporary, traditional and ethnic music. Rehearsals are 7-9 p.m. Thursdays in the church hall, 32765 Lyndon, near Five Mile and Merriman roads. For more information, call Joe Podorski, director, at (313) 522-1616 (at the church) or (313) 534-8500 (work).

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church's Showcase will feature John Fischer at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in Knox Hall. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 and is first come, first served. Ward Church is at Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit West will have an International Student Day when it meets for a carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Students from other countries, visiting through the Rotary Friendship Exchange, will share their experiences.

Participants are asked to bring a casserole to pass for three persons. Paper products for First Step also will be collected. For reservations, call Betty Haines at (313) 535-8355. Babysitting is also available by reservation.

BETHANY WEST

Bethany West, a nonprofit Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer ministry, will have a Valentine's dance at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, on West Chicago east of Inkster Road, Redford. Cost is \$8 and includes pop, beer, wine and munchies. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 584-1158 or Karen at (313) 261-3602.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church, a mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, celebrates its third formal worship service Sunday, Feb. 5, with communion and a visit by the senior choir from Trinity Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor. The congregation worships at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, on the park in downtown Plymouth. Interested people are encouraged to

stop in. For more information about New Life Lutheran Church, contact the Rev. Ken Roberts at (313) 420-1023 (office) or (810) 442-7243 (home).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples with strong marriages can improve and deepen their relationship through a Marriage Encounter weekend Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10-12. For more information, call (810) 349-8195.

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a theater outing at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Jewish Community Jet Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, to see the play "Change of Life." For more information, call (810) 476-8940 or (313) 425-9041 after 7 p.m.

HUMAN ISSUES

St. Mary Catholic Church of Wayne will sponsor a presentation on AIDS by Sister Marilyn Bergt, executive director of AIDS Interfaith Network, at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the church, 34530 Michigan Ave. It is part of a series, Insight into Human Issues, being sponsored by the church.

MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

St. Damian Catholic Church will hold the second part of a marriage enrichment workshop 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, in the Activity Hall, 29825 Joy Road, Westland. The Marriage Growth Center of Troy will cover such topics as communication with your partner, making your marriage more alive and growing together, through conflicts in your marriage.

'HEART TO HEART'

Family advocate Marcia Heckman, a mother of 12, will speak during the Metro West Christian Women's After 5 organization's "Heart to Heart" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Holiday Inn and Holiday, 1-275 and Six Mile, Livonia.

The event, which costs \$11, also includes "Heart Smart" tips for a stronger heart by Moon Ja Yoon and music by Kim Mazur. Dinner reservations are required by Thursday, Feb. 16. For more information, call Jan Paver at (810) 349-7404 or Gerry Johnson at (313) 464-6433.

'DAY OF REFLECTION'

The Rev. Stephen Valenta, founder of Mount St. Francis Hermitage retreat center in Maine, N.Y., will present a one-day conference, "How To Pray With the Heart," in Madonna University's Founders Room, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

The event is sponsored by the Medjugorje Peace Center of Detroit. The \$20 fee includes lunch, Mass, rosary talks and Divine Mercy Chaplet. To attend, send a check, payable to the Medjugorje Peace Center of Detroit, to the center, P.O. Box 721248, Berkeley

48072-0248. For more information, call (810) 559-4544.

MARDI GRAS DANCE

St. Michael's Orthodox Church will have a Mardi Gras dance 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the church, 26355 W. Chicago, Redford. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. There will be hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and dancing to the music of the Blu Tones. For tickets, call (313) 937-2120.

BIBLE CLASS

A community Bible class meets Tuesdays at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. The classes are for both men and

women and 21 denominations and 77 congregations are represented. Small groups meet 9:30-9:55 a.m., with a lecture in the sanctuary 10-11 a.m. Nursery is available for infants through kindergartners. For more information, call (313) 348-1209.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, has a new 7 p.m. Wednesday service open to all people, especially those who cannot attend regular Sunday worship services. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1470.

NEW CHURCH

Crossroads Church of Livonia, a

new church of about 70 adults and children, is looking for people to be part of its nucleus. If you are searching for a church home and enjoy contemporary worship, relevant Bible teachings and small groups, call Rob Eddy at (313) 981-7163.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia. For more information, call Shawn at (313) 464-9057 or Julie at (313) 464-4566.

A group also meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays for praise Scripture

and singing at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The group meets in the church meeting room. (Use rear entrance 2.) For more information, call Sandy at (313) 463-2243.

ALCOHOLICS

The Alcoholics for Christ, Meet Your Needs Group, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Tri-City Christian Center, Michigan Avenue at Hannan in Canton. Alcoholics for Christ is a nondenominational, nonprofit Christian fellowship for alcoholics and their families. The group's chief goal is to direct alcoholics, family members and other concerned people to a dedicated, sincere relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information, call (313) 326-0330.

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Coughlin *from page 1B*

him a contract for "Stalking Man," based on a real aerial killer in Michigan, and went on to be his editor for many of the 15 books he wrote.

Much of their correspondence was by letter and on the telephone, but they did eventually meet in 1978, drawing queries from her friends of "Is he as weird as his books?" When they married in 1983, the notes from friends were more along the line of "You married that man?"

"He had a very vivid imagination," Coughlin said of her late husband.

Coughlin moved to Detroit, a giant step for the native New Yorker who admits she subscribed to the theory that there was "nothing west of the Hudson River" and even asked her new husband if Detroit had an airport.

She came to Detroit "penniless" and found it embarrassing having to ask her new husband for money, so she immediately began looking for a job. She answered ads in the newspaper and to

her chagrin, "nobody answered." "I was still Bill's book editor, but I wasn't getting the pay; I was burning the midnight oil but that wasn't paying for my cigarettes," she said.

It was through a "connection" that she learned of a new magazine, Metropolitan Detroit, and landed a job there, moving to The Detroit News in 1985 to become the book editor.

"After spending 20 years on one side of the fence helping authors get published, now I was on this side critiquing books," she said, admitting that her sole qualification for the job was being in and around books for so many years. "Your opinions are as important as my opinion, only I get paid for my opinion," she added.

But Coughlin's world began to crumble in 1992 when her husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given four to six months to live. She spoke of never seeing such courage on Bill's part or such devastation and that it was a "natural progression" for

her to turn to the written word and write about her experiences.

"It was not a means of therapy; I was in therapy and bereavement counseling two times a week," she said. "I was compelled to write this beyond commemorating Bill and what I learned was that there's a universal language of loss. It's like a foreign language, but you don't need a dictionary; it's something that just connects."

'Going crazy'

Even with a bereavement counselor, Coughlin felt she was going crazy. Her behavior was erratic. She would stay home for a week at a time, forget to wash her hair in the shower and when she did leave, she'd forget to take her pocketbook to the store.


One friend even asked Coughlin when she would get her old personality back.

"Until you experience something like this, everything else is amateur night," she said. "I felt out of control, but I came to see that it was not just me. Every section I wrote I began to think, 'Other people must be experiencing this.'"

Coughlin was right in her thinking. Almost immediately after "Grieving: A Love Story" was published, she began getting letters from women, thanking her for being honest and "not sugar coating anything." It was gratifying, she said, that "mostly women felt they could connect." "If there's something I tried to do with the book it was to connect with people and let them know that they're not going cuckoo and to remember that it's real important to do it now," she said. "You have to try and remember that life is short and you don't get another shot, so do it now and say it now."

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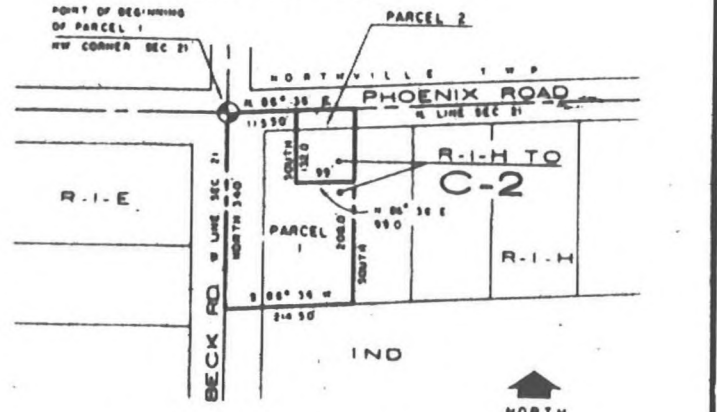
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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.67

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 75, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 1
Situated in Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan
That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 21, proceeding thence North 86 degrees 36 minutes East along the North line of said Section 21 115.00 feet; thence South 133.0 feet; thence North 86 degrees 36 minutes East 99.0 feet; thence South 208.0 feet; thence South 86 degrees 36 minutes West 214.00 feet to West line of Section 21; thence North along said West line 340 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.34 acres more or less.

PARCEL 2
Township of Plymouth.
The East 60 feet of the West 214.5 feet of the North 133 feet of Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 5 East, Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, containing 0.39 acres, more or less.

ORDINANCE NO. 83.67
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 75
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on February 24, 1995.

Part IV. **ADOPTION.** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 194 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1990, at a meeting duly called and held on the 24th day of January, 1995, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 24, 1995.
Effective Date February 24, 1995.
Publish February 2, 1995

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE C-95-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 60 PURSUANT TO ACT 63 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1990 AS AMENDED (MCLA 257.951 ET SEQ. MSA 9.3651 ET SEQ.) PROVISIONS REGULATING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; AMENDING AND ADDING A PROVISION PROHIBITING A PERSON LESS THAN 21 YEARS OF AGE FROM OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH ANY BODILY ALCOHOL CONTENT; AMENDING A PROVISION AND PROVIDING FOR ARREST FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, CHEMICAL BREATH ANALYSIS, ADMISSIBILITY, TESTS, TAKING OF SAMPLES AND PRESUMPTIONS; AMENDING A PROVISION AND PROVIDING FOR ARRAIGNMENT, PRETRIAL AND ADJUDICATION TIME LIMITS, SENTENCING, PLEA RIGHTS AND LICENSE SANCTIONS; AMENDING A PROVISION AND PROVIDING FOR IMPLIED CONSENT TO CHEMICAL TESTS; AMENDING A PROVISION AND PROVIDING FOR CHEMICAL TESTS, REFUSAL AND REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AMENDING A PROVISION AND PROVIDING FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF HEARING REGARDING CHEMICAL TEST REFUSAL AND SUSPENSIONS; AMENDING A PROVISION AND PROVIDING FOR HEARING TIME LIMITS, FINDINGS AND LICENSE SUSPENSIONS; AMENDING A PROVISION AND PROVIDING FOR REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE, CONFISCATION OF LICENSE AND TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR REFUSAL OF CHEMICAL TEST; AMENDING THE PROVISION FOR POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A MOTOR VEHICLE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendments and Additions to the Code.
Sections 5.18, 5.18a, 5.18b, 5.18c, 5.18d and 5.18e of Chapter 60 of the Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth are hereby added and/or amended to read as follows:
Section 1 contains various amendments to and additions to the Uniform Traffic Code for cities, townships and villages as adopted in the Township Code. Added are definitional sections and various sections of the drunk driving law, arrest procedure, and a section making the offense of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle a moving violation. Amended are sections of the driving under the influence of liquor, unlawful blood alcohol level and impaired driving provisions of the Uniform Traffic Code, as well as related rules, license sanctions, and penalty provisions. Further added are provisions prohibiting a person less than 21 years of age from operating a motor vehicle with any bodily alcoholic content.

Section 2. Severability.
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repeal.
This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Savings Clause.
This section provides that the adopting of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings or prosecutions for violations of the laws, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Penalty.
This section provides for penalties for violations of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Publication.
This section provides for publication of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date.
This section provides that this Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance C-95-02 considered for first reading at the January 24, 1995, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. It will be submitted for second reading on Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at the regular Board meeting. The ordinance in full is available for public perusal in the Clerk's office at 42950 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 480-3840 X 224.

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LORENE GREEN

Would you please analyze my handwriting. I am right-handed although my writing slants to the left. I am a 25-year-old married female and I work as a loan counselor at a mortgage company.

My handwriting has always been extremely sloppy and illegible, no matter how much practice I put into cleaning it up.

T.P.,
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Seemingly, she has learned through past experiences that not everyone can be trusted, so she is inclined to hold back on her true

feelings. She is careful about taking risks and probably sticks with what she has learned will work best.

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She tends to worry and cross bridges before she comes to them. Tension and guilt seem to follow her. At times she feels she is marching to a different drummer than others.

Her large illegible signature suggests a need for privacy. It also points up a difference between the image she wants others to see and the one she lives.

Currently fulfillment is eluding her. She would like to separate herself from the early deprivation she feels, but it is not easy for her to do. The start of a new year would be an ideal time to talk with a counselor or religious leader to help her bring out the beautiful person she longs to be.

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usual nine months, it took nine years for Nathaniel (which means "gift from God") to enter this world.

Vicki recounted the years of fertility testing, the years of taking fertility drugs, the years of longing to touch the pudgy hand of a new baby, their baby. And then it happened. Three months after the drugs were no longer in Vicki's regimen and she still a part-time student and full-time employee, and Rick between jobs, the Martins discovered they were, at long last, going to be a family of three.

During my phone interview, Vicki beamed whenever she mentioned Nathaniel's name. I could tell she was beaming. I can always tell someone is beaming on the phone by the sound of that smile in the voice. Nathaniel, she said, is now 6 years old and a first-grader. He is Superman's No. 1 fan. He has pajamas and comic books and Clark Kent glasses. He will overcome evil in Metropolis someday.

And that's the glass half full part of the story. But Vicki mentioned, almost as an afterthought,

another aspect of her miracle baby's life, an aspect that to most other people would make the glass half empty. Nathaniel in his six years has been to the doctor more than most people 10 times his age. Pneumonia has plagued this little boy a total of 10 times in his short life. And just last year, through Vicki's urging, he was tested for, and then diagnosed with ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and hyperactivity.

Vicki said that looking at it in retrospect, she should have known something was different. During her pregnancy, the baby was on the go inside her all the time. And during Nathaniel's first 18 months, Vicki never had a chance to actually sit down for a meal. She had to constantly rock, standing up, with her son cradled in her arms.

She chuckled when she recalled the countless crumbs and sloppy spills dropping from her fork and landing on poor Nathaniel as she tried to navigate supper from the table way down there to her mouth way up here. Imagine, looking at the lighter side of this.

The ADD, she told me, is a con-

trollable disorder. A daily regimen of medications and unconditional love is how it's done. And Vicki and Rick just do it. And Nathaniel will learn skills to cope with the disorder as time goes on and maybe someday the medication will no longer be needed.

But for now, it keeps things in control. And because of that control, little Nathaniel doesn't get pelted as often by strangers' harsh and demoralizing words. He is not "stupid" and he is not a "troublemaker" and he can focus and concentrate. It just takes more effort.

And who knows, with all that effort and sweat expended at such a tender age, he just might be ready to fill Superman's shoes one day. And he just might be the one to fly across the just-washed summer sky.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 963-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160.

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PCJBA division champs

The 76ers emerged with the American Division regular-season title in the Boys A League of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association, posting a 9-1 record — one game better than the Lakers and the Rockets. Team members are: Patrick Griffin, Ross Huff, Paul Hurst, Chris Longpre, James McCaffery, Matt McCaffery, Jason Meininger, Tim Morrow, Scott Staeb, Bill Stewart and Nick Szczechowski. The team is coached by John Griffin.

Salem Koufax meeting

An organizational meeting to start a Plymouth Salem Sandy Koufax-level baseball team will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Salem library. The team is being organized by new Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger. Any players 13 and 14 years old (before Aug. 1, 1996) who will attend Salem are encouraged to attend and sign-up for tryouts. Parents are welcome. For further information, call Joe Bonnett at (313) 455-0178 after 5 p.m.

Salem soccer

There will be a meeting for girls interested in playing soccer this spring at Plymouth Salem at 4 p.m. Friday in room 2703 at Salem.

Ski trip

The Canton Parks and Recreation services are sponsoring a teen ski trip, this one to Alpine Valley Friday, Feb. 17. Cost is \$21 for teens with their own equipment, \$29 for those who must rent. The bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building at 5 p.m. and returns at midnight. For further information, call 397-5110.

Anyone wishing to submit items to Sports Scene should send them to sports editor C.J. Ribak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Canton misses its chance



On the move: Ted Docks got his hands on all sorts of errant John Glenn passes, leading to several fast-break opportunities for Canton.

In a game with far-reaching implications, Plymouth Canton let a golden opportunity slip through its fingers. The result: The Chiefs almost certainly cannot win the Western Lakes Activities Association crown, although the Western Division and league playoff titles are still possible.

BY C.J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER

Two plays decided Plymouth Canton's basketball fate against Westland John Glenn Tuesday, and both occurred in the second quarter. Both came following brilliant steals by senior point guard Ted Docks. On the first, Docks beat the Rockets down the floor, put the ball up and — watched as it rattled around the rim. Teammate Ron Hunter did more than watch, however, he jammed it through. Whistle, offensive goaltending. No basket. A few minutes later, Docks made a backcourt steal and again beat the Rockets to the hoop. But instead of laying it in, Docks tossed it off the backboard, envisioning one of his teammates swooping in from behind for the dunk. Oops — didn't happen. Instead, Glenn rebounded the miss. Four far-see points forfeited. Redemption for the Rockets. And against a team that is leading the league, a team that has a player the stature of 6-foot-11 Guy Riches, you can't give second chances. The Chiefs did, and it cost them: 62-54 Glenn, at Canton. The Rockets improved to 10-2 overall, 6-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton fell to 8-4 overall, 4-2 in the WLA. "We didn't take 'em when we had 'em," summarized Canton coach Dan Young. Right you are, coach. The game figured to be a battle of Glenn's size against Canton's quickness, the Rockets' inside game versus the Chiefs' passing and superior shooting. It turned out differently. For most of three quarters, Canton was able to neutralize Richer. He finished with 17 points and six blocks, but had just six rebounds. The Chiefs rebounded Glenn 37-21, and had a commanding

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Up, then down

Chiefs can't maintain momentum

BY C.J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER

The trip to the top didn't last long for Plymouth Canton's volleyball team.

All season, it seemed as if the Chiefs had been searching for recognition and respect. Finally, both arrived last Saturday when they outlasted 39 other teams to capture the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

Unfortunately, they didn't stay very long. On Monday, Canton visited Livonia Franklin for a Western Lakes Activities Association match. The momentum gained from Saturday's title

didn't carry the Chiefs far — they lost in straight sets, 15-1, 15-7, 15-5.

"It was a very disappointing loss considering we played them in the semifinals at the Michigan-Dearborn Tournament and beat them in two games," said Canton coach Melinda Cain. "It was probably more of a mental let-down that hurt us."

"Not to take anything away from Franklin, but we did not play well. They were gunning for us, you could tell. They were out to get us and they did."

The Patriot who did the most damage was senior middle hitter

Jaelyn Dean. "She was outstanding against us," said Cain. "We could not shut her down. We could not get a hand on anything she hit."

That was not the case at UM-Dearborn. Canton started with wins in six-straight games in pool play, beating Detroit Domjnic 15-2, 15-0; Warren Mott 15-9, 15-5; and Saline 15-3, 15-6. The Chiefs started the playoffs against Tecumseh; they won 15-11, 15-6.

Next up was Birmingham Seaholm, which they defeated in three games 8-15, 15-11, 15-8 (final game rally scoring). That was followed by a quarterfinal match against Dearborn Divine Child, which Cain said was her team's toughest challenge of the tournament. The Chiefs survived it, 6-15, 15-10, 16-14 (final game rally scoring).

That put them into the semifinals against Franklin. This time it was Canton that dominated up front, with Jessica Orleman, Laura Logsdon and Beth Ostach controlling play in a 15-11, 15-8 triumph.

In the championship, Chelsea was the opponent. Trailing 11-1 in the opening game, the Chiefs battled back — as they had throughout the tournament. They emerged with a 15-13, 15-3 victory, with Michelle Moreno serving eight-straight points in the second game.

It was the fifth time during the tourney Canton had fought its way back. Against Divine Child, the Chiefs were behind 9-6 in the third game when Ann Alioto served three-straight aces to tie it up. They were also down one game and losing in the second against Seaholm before rallying.

And against Tecumseh, they were down 11-4 in the first game but came back, and in pool play against Mott they trailed 9-0 in the first game before turning it around.

"I was very, very pleased," said Cain. "A lot of times all season, we'd get behind and it was like



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Put away: Karen Gundry knocks a shot past Harrison's Jenny Myelinshi in a match won easily by Plymouth Salem Monday.

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the kids would give up. I could see it in their faces.

"On Saturday, I never saw that look." Orleans, the 5 foot 7 sophomore, led the attack with 44 kills for the tournament. Logsdon had 32, Ostach contributed 20, and Kristie Drinkbain and Amy Price had 11 apiece.

Price also led Canton with 11 service aces. Setter Amber Wells totaled nine (to go with 65 assists to kills), same as Nicole Kovachovich. Katie Ray sparked the defense with 57 digs.

In comparison, against Franklin Monday Orleans led Canton with five kills. Ostach provided the only true lift with four kills, five solo blocks and seven block assists. Wells totaled 10 assists.

"We never, never got our of fence on track," said Cain. "It doesn't get easy for the Chiefs—they have a difficult pool at Saturday's Schoolcraft Invitational, going against Walled Lake Central, Monroe St. Mary's, Grosse Ile and Fenton."

Plymouth Salem

Plymouth Salem swept host Farmington Hills Harrison 15-2, 15-3, 15-7.

Shellye Sills had 11 kills and four solo blocks for the Rocks, 5-0 in the WLAA and 21-5-1 overall. The Hawks dropped to 2-3 and 12-8-5.

Best invade tourney

Five state-ranked teams highlight the Saturday's 22nd annual Schoolcraft College Invitational volleyball tournament for high school teams.

Action begins at 3:30 a.m. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Defending champion Temperance Bedford, led by 5-foot-11 senior setter Liz Renius, will again be the favorite in the 30-team field.

The Kicking Mules are rated No. 2 in Class A.

They will be joined in Pool C (Court No. 3) by Burton Atherton, the No. 1 rated team in Class C; Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Stevenson and Wayne Memorial.

The top two teams in each pool will advance to the elimination round, which begins at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Paula Dombrowski (three blocks) and Kelly Johnston (four aces) added four kills apiece for Salem.

"Our kids are playing well right now," Salem coach Allie Suffety said. "The team is maturing and playing with some confidence."

"It's a good time of year to be doing that, because we're coming to that time of year when everything counts."

Ladywood tops Cabrini

Anne Poglita's seven kills and four blocks carried Livonia Ladywood to a 15-4, 15-8 Catholic League victory Monday at Allen Park Cabrini.

Teammate Erin LeSage added five kills, six digs and six aces.

Other contributions for the Blazers, now 13-6-1, came from Stacey Judd (three kills) and Renae Rozell (12 assists).

Plymouth Agape

Plymouth Agape Christian collected two match victories to improve its overall record to 8-2.

The latest came Monday against visiting Roseville Calvary. Agape prevailed, 15-13, 15-4.

Last Friday was homecoming for Agape, and the home team bounced back to beat West Highland 9-15, 15-0, 17-15 at Agape.

Gretchen Baisch led the winners with nine kills. Jaci Ther served 14 points.

Observerland's top two ranked teams, Livonia Ladywood and Plymouth Salem, will headline Pool F (Court No. 6).

Last year's runner-up, Livonia Ladywood, is rated No. 8 in Class A. The Blazers are led by 6-foot-4 middle hitter Anne Poglita and veteran senior setter Renae Rozell.

Salem, paced by Shellye Sills, Paula Dombrowski and Erin Koch, will be joined by L'Anse Creuse North, Woodhaven and Ypsilanti.

In Pool A (Court No. 1), East Kentwood (No. 7 in Class A) will be joined by Farmington Hills Mercy, Farmington, Livonia Franklin and Dearborn.

In Pool B (Court No. 2), the teams include Plymouth Canton, Walled Lake Central, Monroe St. Mary, Fenton and Grosse Ile.

CC, Stevenson are top choices

Redford Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez made a prediction about Saturday's fourth annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational at Garden City High School.

"I think you'll see a lot of blue in the finals," Rodriguez said.

He's referring to the color of the jerseys CC and Livonia Stevenson wear. Defending-champion Stevenson and CC, the 1993 champ, are expected to battle to the wire for first place this season.

But Rodriguez also said to expect some different shades of blue worn by wrestlers at Farmington, Redford Thurston and Garden City to appear in the finals.

The double-elimination 16-team tournament, featuring for the first time Livonia Clarence-

WRESTLERS

begins at 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$3.

Stevenson and CC have met twice this season, both times at tournaments. The Spartans finished one place ahead of the Shamrocks each time, taking first place at the Plymouth Salem Tournament, and second at the CC Invitational.

The CC Invitational finish was a bit misleading since a disqualification cost CC a chance to surpass Stevenson and eventual champion Temperance Bedford.

The Shamrocks continued to build momentum with three wins at their Super Dual on Saturday against Hazel Park (43-25), Traverse City (41-31) and Howell (33-29). Heavy-weight John Spolaky was the most impressive Shamrock,

pinning Howell's Rob Pawloski in one minute, 10 seconds.

"The kids are just starting to show their conditioning," Rodriguez said. "This could be almost like a dual meet (between Stevenson and CC), it depends on the strengths of the other teams."

The Spartans are led by senior Craig Martin, the defending state 198 pound champion who now wrestles at 215, and four other seniors, Ben Lewis (172), Chris Mullett (151) and Scott Goldman (142).

The four are a combined 98-3 overall, with Martin and Mullett being undefeated.

But to win, Stevenson coach Don Berg believes the Spartans need some points out of the 112, 119, 126 and 134 classes.

"We have to keep as many wrestlers alive as possible and score some points," Berg said. "We can't go out in the first

What: 4th annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational. When: 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Where: Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road (1/4 mile south of Warren Road). What: 16 teams (Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran Westland, North Farmington, Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Redford Catholic Central, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn). Admission: \$3. Defending champions: Stevenson — Craig Martin (215); Scott Goldman (142); Chris Jaztrembald (151); CC — John Spolaky (heavyweight); David Gardner (134); Farmington — Matt Michael (100); John Glenn — Brian Kolb (160).

round. CC is up, I'm sure. They have four outstanding wrestlers as well. Every school has a kid that expects to be a champion."

Canton, Salem seeking improvement

BY NEAL ZIPSER STAFF WRITER

Whoever knows Plymouth Canton wrestler Dan Gruenwald knows the 100-pound grappler doesn't have a malicious bone in his body, according to his coach Ray Givens.

At Saturday's Belleville Invitational, Gruenwald lost his first match of the year after being disqualified for making an illegal slam. The decision gave Gruenwald a third-place finish in the 16-team meet.

That was the type of day it was for the Chiefs, who finished near the bottom of the pack in the tournament won by Adrian.

Gruenwald, now 18-1, was whistled for the illegal slam while he was leading 8-2 in the match. The opponent refused to continue after the slam, saying he was injured. The injury meant automatic disqualification for Gruenwald.

Canton, wrestling eight freshmen, also received good outings from senior David Kline and junior Doug Cooper.

Salem sixth at Holt

A shorthanded Plymouth Salem team finished a respectable sixth out of 16 teams Saturday at the Holt Tournament.

The Rocks would have finished in the top three if they had the services of Phil Mitchell (132 pounds), according to coach Ron Krueger. Mitchell couldn't make the trip because of a rash on his neck.

The highlight for Salem was the second-place finish of Scott Hughes at 119 pounds. Hughes

lost in the finals 15-10, but did win four of his five matches.

Also winning four matches were Eric Colburn, who finished fifth in the 112-pound class, and Nate Morland, who took third in the 215-pound category.

Other Rocks who placed were: Sean Hughes, sixth at 100 pounds; Justin Viau, eighth at 126 pounds; Dave Popeney, sixth at 144 pounds; Jeremy Breithaupt, sixth at 151 pounds; and Clayton Walker, seventh at 185 pounds.

Rocks stay unbeaten; Chiefs tumble

The majority of the firsts went to the visitors from Dearborn, it's true, but the dual-meet swim win belonged to Plymouth Salem Tuesday by a 105-80 count.

The victory kept the Rocks unbeaten through six meets.

Andy Dettling paced Salem, finishing first in the 200-yard individual medley with a personal best time of 2:08.47 and winning the 100 breaststroke in 1:05.95.

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Dettling also teamed with John McLenaghan, Tim Buchanan and Dave Bracht to capture the 200 medley relay in 1:44.49.

Salem's other firsts came from Eric Seideman in the 100 freestyle (49.76) and Brent Mellis in the 100 backstroke (59.02).

Stevenson 111, Canton 75

Plymouth Canton's dual-meet record dipped to 1-4 with a Western Lakes Activities Association loss suffered against Livonia Stevenson Tuesday at Livonia Bentley.

The Chiefs managed just two first-place finishes: from Darryl Barrios in diving (256.60 points) and from the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Jason McMann,

Jason Nalepa, Scott Mulder and Jason Stirling (1:35.80).

Stevenson (4-5) got double wins in individual events from Jeff Buckler, in the 50 (23.07) and 100 (49.92) free; from Ted Burmeister, in the 200 individual medley (2:12.18) and 100 breaststroke (1:07.71); and from Chris Teeters, in the 200 free (1:54.14) and 100 backstroke (54.49).

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| Bucks | 5-1 | Kings | 0-3 |
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| 76ers | 3-3 | Hawks | 3-0 |
| Hawks | 3-3 | Knicks | 3-0 |
| Kings | 2-4 | Bulls | 2-1 |
| Nets | 2-4 | Rockets | 2-1 |
| Rockets | 1-5 | Celtics | 1-2 |
| National Division | | Jazz | 1-2 |
| Celtics | 5-1 | Nets | 0-3 |
| Pistons | 5-1 | 76ers | 0-3 |
| Jazz | 5-1 | Results: Jazz 93, 76ers 84; Knicks 90, Bulls 76; Spurs 77, Bucks 70; Hornets 88, Lakers 85; Hawks 92, Rockets 72; Celtics 86, Nets 71; Pacers 96, Sonics 83; Pistons 104, Kings 102. | |
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| Pacers | 3-3 | MEN'S DIVISION | |
| Bulls | 1-5 | Midnight Mauladers | 6-0 |
| Hornets | 0-6 | Ludwig & Karas | 5-0 |
| Knicks | 0-6 | McAuley Pharmacy | 5-1 |
| Results: Rockets 52, Knicks 51; 76ers 58, Bulls 56; Spurs 50, Kings 40; Lakers 56, Pistons 49; Sonics 43, Hornets 31; Pacers 44, Nets 32; Celtics 49, Hawks 37; Bucks 41, Jazz 39. | | | |
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| 76ers | 9-1 | Dick Scott Dodge | 3-3 |
| Rockets | 8-2 | Lakers | 2-3 |
| Lakers | 8-2 | Z/F Lamford | 2-3 |
| Jazz | 5-5 | Yazani Ed's | 2-3 |
| Hornets | 4-6 | Midway Welding | 1-5 |
| Knicks | 3-7 | St's Therapy | 1-4 |
| Nets | 2-8 | Green Hornets | 1-5 |
| Celtics | 1-9 | Durocell | 1-4 |
| National Division | | WOMEN'S DIVISION | |
| Hawks | 8-2 | Mr. B's | 6-1 |
| Pistons | 8-2 | T-Rex | 5-2 |
| Results: Pistons 60, Bulls 54, Hawks 58, Bucks 57, Kings 37, Kings 28, Lakers 28, Celtics 28, Hawks 27. | | | |
| Pistons | 3-0 | Servo | 5-2 |
| Pacers | 3-0 | Six Corns | 3-4 |
| Hornets | 2-1 | Senior Gym Rats | 1-6 |
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16-4 edge on the offensive end. Unfortunately, they lost eight of the ultimate goal — winning. Canton led 13-8 after one quarter and it could have been a wider margin if not for seven careless turnovers (including four in four possessions).

In the second quarter, the Rockets proved they could do more than toss the ball inside to Rucker; they nailed four 3-pointers. Combined with six additional Canton turnovers and those two silly giveaways, the Rockets outscored their counterparts 20-11 to open up a 28-24 halftime lead.

After that, Glenn trailed just once — for 10 seconds. Canton ran out of steam in the fourth quarter, hitting just one of its first six floor shots to allow the Rockets to extend their 41-38 lead after three quarters to 50-40 with 5½ minutes left.

The Chiefs never got closer than six after that. "We wanted to lay off their perimeter shooters and concentrate on Rucker," Young explained. "But they hit their perimeter shots. They were the better team."

What aggravated Young was that his Chiefs "did everything we told them to do," but it wasn't enough. Rucker had just 11 points and two rebounds through three quarters.

Unfortunately, the offensive scheme — to draw Rucker away from the basket — blew up when Glenn coach Mike Schuette switched his team from man-to-man to a 2-3 zone.

"We switched to a zone in the

second half because they were so quick against our man-to-man," Schuette explained. "We did it just to see... we didn't plan on doing it, but when you gamble and it works you stick with it."

It worked. Forced to the perimeter, Canton managed to make just 12-of-36 second-half shots (33 percent) after converting 10-21 (47 percent) in the first half. And Glenn? The Rockets were 12-of-24 in the first half (50 percent) and 12-of-20 in the second (60 percent).

Against Canton's quick-handed defenders, Glenn committed just 15 turnovers. The Chiefs had 19.

Hunter led Canton with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Docks added 12 points, four assists and four steals, and Rob Johnson scored eight points.

Glenn, forced to go without 6-8 senior forward Eric Reppke (out with the flu), was given a major lift from Albert Jones, who scored 18 points. John Albrecht chipped in with nine points (including two second-quarter triples) and Savon Hubbard totaled eight points, eight assists and four steals.

Although the Rockets have five WLAA games remaining, there's no doubting they're in the driver's seat. They have faced the four toughest teams in the league on the road — Plymouth Salem, Canton, Walled Lake Central and Northville — and have won all four.

The games they have remaining are at home against Livonia Stevenson Friday and Livonia Churchill Tuesday, followed by road games at Farmington and Livonia Franklin, with a final



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Full-time battle: There were few uncontested moments during Tuesday's John Glenn-Canton game. Albert White (left) led Glenn with 18 points; Ron Hunter (right) topped Canton with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

home date against North Farmington. Still, it might not be over quite

yet. Glenn could still meet Canton, Salem and Northville in the WLAA playoffs.

Salem trips Pats

BASKETBALL

With all five starters reaching double-figures in scoring, Plymouth Salem had no trouble pulling away to a 78-55 win over Livonia Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game Tuesday at Franklin.

The win kept the Rocks in the hunt for the WLAA championship at 5-1 (one game behind Westland John Glenn); they are 10-2 overall. Franklin fell to 2-8 overall, 0-5 in the WLAA.

James McDonald's 19 points paced Salem. Dan McKian had 15, with both Andre's Lopez and Doug Herriman getting 11 apiece and Justin Marcis 10.

The Patriots were led by Mike Aubuchon's 17 points and Matt Bauman's 11.

Salem led 21-15 after one quarter and 38-28 at the half. By the end of three quarters, the Rocks' lead had been stretched to 56-39.

Redford CC 72, U-D Jesuit 83: Redford Catholic Central kept its hopes alive Tuesday for a Catholic League boys basketball playoff berth by knocking the University of Detroit-Jesuit out of first place in the Central Division.

The host Shamrocks improved to 3-4 in the Central, 7-5 overall. U-D Jesuit fell to 5-2 in the Central, one game behind first-place Warren DeLaSalle.

Senior guard Mike Ridley made six shots from three-point range and finished with a game-high 27 points. Junior guard Chris Misiak added 20 points for the Shamrocks.

U-D Jesuit senior guard Julian Bonner, who has committed to Northwestern, finished with 25 points. Jerome McMillan added

11 points.

The Shamrocks jumped to a 19-13 lead after one quarter and led 36-24 at halftime. A 20-15 third quarter built the lead to 55-39.

B.H. Roper 81, PCA 67: A fourth-quarter surge carried Bloomfield Hills Roper into sole possession of first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Tuesday at Roper.

The Roughriders, 9-2 overall and 6-0 in the MIAC, trailed 59-51 after three quarters, but then put on a clinic in the fourth. They outscored Plymouth Christian Academy 30-14 to roll to an easy win.

The Eagles (8-4 overall, 6-1 in the MIAC) got 19 points apiece from Jamie Neil and Mike Roosa. Ryan Thomason had 11.

Roper was led by Rashad Ferguson's 22 points and Robert Conner's 17.

The two teams meet again Feb. 24 at PCA.

Agape 63, Roseville Calvary 56: Plymouth Agape Christian had to fight all the way, but was able to hold on for a non-league victory Monday over visiting Roseville Calvary Christian.

Agape (11-3 overall) led 35-32 at the half and 52-46 after three quarters. Paul Salah led Agape with 27 points and 12 rebounds; Matt Major added 16 points.

Roseville Christian (6-7) got 18 points from Matt Bosanic and eight points and 17 rebounds from Geoff Lee.

Poor shooting leads to Crusaders' losses

The offense was a no-show for Madonna University's men's basketball team Monday, when it played Michigan Christian College at Oakland University.

The result was an 80-61 defeat, a loss that dropped the Fighting Crusaders to 3-19.

Last Saturday at Aquinas College, the bright spots were few for Madonna. The Crusaders converted 43.3 percent of their shots while allowing Aquinas to hit 53.3 percent of theirs; they were outrebounded 41-33; they committed 22 turnovers to the Saints' 15; and they were 10-of-17 from the free-throw line (58.8 percent) to Aquinas' 27-of-32 (84.4 percent).

Which is why Madonna lost 95-73.

Brandon Slone (from Plymouth Salem) was among the few bright spots. He continued his steady play, making 10-of-19 from the field and 6-of-7 from the line, scoring 27 points and grabbing a team-best nine rebounds. Jay Dimes was also solid, making 7-of-15 from the floor to score 15 points; he added three assists.

Christian Emert contributed 12 points, four assists and four steals, and Jason McNab chipped in with 10 points.

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Aquinas got 20 points and eight boards from Brian Zawierucha, 16 points from Paul Ulfig, and 10 each from Derek Donnelly and Myron Guyton.

Spring Arbor 78, Madonna 71 (women): The Lady Crusaders turned up the defensive pressure in the second half, allowing Spring Arbor to hit just 12-of-32 shots from the floor (37.5 percent) after the Lady Cougar made 18-of-31 (58.1 percent) in the first.

Problem was, Madonna's shooting went in the same direction — from mediocre (16-of-35, 45.7 percent in the first half) to bad (9-of-32, 28.1 percent in the second). Which is why the Cougars were able to improve upon a 41-39 halftime lead.

In all other facets of the game, Madonna — which lost for the eighth-straight time to finish 0-for-January — outplayed Spring Arbor. The Crusaders had more rebounds (32-29), fewer turnovers (21 for the Cougars, 19 for Madonna) and matched their foes at the line (both teams were 16-of-22).

Defense sparks Ocelots' victory

This was certainly something new and different.

Schoolcraft College has had more than a few problems trying to win games this season. Thing is, when the Ocelots have won, it usually was by "outscoreing their opponent."

Last Saturday, they found a different route to victory. They won with defense, and they won it early — in the first half.

SC built a 20-point lead by the halftime break, surrendering just 24 points to Henry Ford CC, then kept up the pressure throughout the second half in posting a 75-65 triumph at SC. The win boosted the Ocelots' record to 2-9 in the Eastern Conference; they are 3-18 overall. Henry Ford slipped to 3-8 in the conference.

"That was the best half of defensive basketball I've seen from any team this year," said SC coach Dave Bogataj. "Our first half defense did it. I think the kids came out and really played hard. I don't think (Henry Ford) had any second shots in the first half."

The Hawks did make a bit of a comeback in the second half, but they were never able to trim the SC lead to less than seven. Fadi Bazzi continued his strong play, collecting 21 points on 8-of-11 floor shooting and dishing out nine assists. Tory Stewart added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Tony Maciejewski had eight points and six boards.

Henry Ford got 16 points apiece

SCHOOLCRAFT

from Aaron Bailey and Raymond Ellison.

Bogataj is still hoping his team, which was winless through the first half of the conference season, will continue its turnaround (the Ocelots are 2-1 in the second half) and reach the state playoffs. "It's better late than never," Bogataj reasoned.

Henry Ford CC 50, SC 38 (women): With the worst offensive performance of its season, Schoolcraft

College's women's team fell to 9-10 overall, 3-7 in the Eastern Conference Saturday at SC.

The Lady Ocelots surrendered just 24 points to Henry Ford in the first half, but could manage just 16 in that span themselves. It never got any better in the second half as SC's offensive woes continued.

The game was decided, however, at the free throw line. SC had 18 baskets (all two-pointers) to Henry Ford's 15 (one triple), but the Lady Hawks converted 19-of-28 free throws; the Lady Ocelots

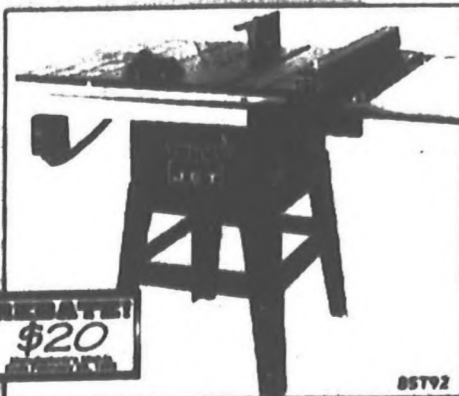
were 2-of-7, missing the front end of three one-and-ones in the second half.

Leandra Hoffman (from Livonia Clarenceville) led SC with 10 points; Dawn Newlin was next highest with seven (1-of-4 free throws). Henry Ford got 12 points apiece from Erica Anderson (Plymouth Canton) and Erica Disenze.

The Lady Ocelots played at Highland Park CC Wednesday; they have three more games remaining on their regular-season schedule.

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Stevenson's only football coach retires

BY BRAD EMMONS
STAFF WRITER

The book is far from closed on Livonia Stevenson football, but the biggest chapter was completed Monday when Jack Reardon, the school's one and only varsity coach, announced his retirement after 30 years.

The 64-year-old Reardon, dean of Observerland coaches, is stepping down after compiling an overall record of 168-97-1. He also guided the Spartans to 13 divisional or league titles, two state playoff berths, not to forget two undefeated seasons.

"This is one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," said Reardon, who retired from teaching three years ago, but stayed on to coach. "Stevenson is a great school to teach and coach at. I feel I've been lucky."

"Actually it was easy at Stevenson because I felt I coached a lot of kids who came from nice families. I felt fortunate."

Close ties to his wife Rosemary and his daughter Mary ultimately played a role in his final decision.

Contemplates move

"I'm thinking seriously about moving to Ohio," Reardon said. "My daughter has twins now with a new-born on the way. I'd like to be a little closer to her. She lives in Stowe, Ohio, which is about 40 miles northeast of Cleveland."

"Plus, I've always spent my summers here because of the weights and the passing leagues three days a week where I'm working with the quarterbacks, wide receivers and centers."

"A number of years over the summer we didn't go anywhere. If you talk about a wife, you couldn't ask for anybody better. You have to have someone and she's just been super."

Stevenson athletic director

Roger Frayer said, "When you lose a Jack Reardon, you lose a part of Livonia high school football."

"He was out of the mold of a George Lovich, Armand Vigna, Bob Bentley and Kenny Kaestner," said Frayer, referring to past Livonia grid coaches. "They respected him all over. He was Livonia Stevenson football."

"His trademark was discipline, his honesty and straight-forwardness. They don't make guys like that anymore."

Played for Allen

Reardon was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Detroit Southeastern High School and played football under the late George Allen at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

Allen went on to coach the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins, and also won a USFL title with the Arizona Wranglers.

"George was an absolute genius, a young guy at the time when I played for him," Reardon said. "He was very knowledgeable. I saw him later at a couple of football clinics."

After a tour of military duty, Reardon took a job as an assistant football, basketball and track coach at Marmion Catholic, a military academy in Aurora, Ill.

"I was making \$3,200 a year and also teaching three physical education classes and two history classes," recalled Reardon, who spent five years there. "I took a big jump in salary when I came to Livonia."

Reardon returned home to take a teaching and coaching position at Bentley High School. He served three years as an assistant under Larry Joiner.

Comes to Spartanland

In 1965, Reardon was asked to

'What I remember about him is the mental toughness he instilled . . . he was one of the best coaches I ever had, no matter what sport. Everybody thought highly of him. He did what it took to win but believed in the team concept. It didn't matter if we won or lost, if we executed he would be happy.'

Dave Hall
former Stevenson all-stater

take over the new Stevenson program.

Playing a JV schedule, Reardon's first Stevenson team finished 6-1.

In 1966, Stevenson joined the Inter-Lakes League and finished 2-6 overall.

Reardon's first unbeaten team was 1968. The Spartans finished 8-0 and were ranked 10th in the state. That team consisted of all-stater Dale Danver, Ron Ochala, Mark Hulet, Jerry Detter, Nick Exarhos, Ray "Bubba" Daniels, Dave Loewe and Bob Hood.

The Spartans' 1976 team, led by the all-state quarterback/wide receiver combination of Jim Dolmetach and Ron Colone, went 9-0, but missed the state playoffs by 1-hundredth of a point.

Reardon's first playoff berth was realized in 1979 when All-State quarterback Dave Hall, who later played at Michigan, led the Spartans to a 9-2 record and a berth in the state semifinals (ending in a heartbreaking 28-26 loss to Escanaba).

"What I remember about him is the mental toughness he instilled, he was one of the best coaches I ever had, no matter what sport," said Hall, now a consultant in Littleton, Colo. "Everybody thought highly of him. He did what it took to win but be-

lieved in the team concept. It didn't matter if we won or lost, if we executed he would be happy."

1994 memories

Stevenson's other playoff season occurred last fall when the Spartans finished 8-3, losing a pair of one-pointers (to Class A champ Farmington Hills Harrison and Westland John Glenn (in the Class AA-Region II championship final).

In both losses, Reardon elected to go for the game-winning two-pointer late in the game, but Spartans came up short.

"Of all the games we played, the Harrison game (for the Western Lakes championship) sticks out," Reardon said. "I thought the kids played so well, and with the kind of football game they played, they kind of deserved to win. I thought they came out and hit so hard. I was very impressed with our football team that day."

Reardon had other memorable wins during his career — Walled Lake Central in the late '60s (after absorbing a 50-point loss to the Vikings the year before); the 1975 upset of Class A champ Livonia Franklin; the 1979 win over a talented Flint Northwest team; and the 1987 upset of John Glenn (spearheaded by



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

End of an era: The retirement of Jack Reardon ends a 30-year career as coach of Livonia Stevenson football — the only man to ever lead the Spartans.

tackle Mike Nettie, who later made All-Mid-American Conference at Central Michigan); and two final-play TD tosses by quarterback Kevin Szczembara to beat Franklin and Salem in 1993.

Thanks administration

Reardon also attributed his success to the Stevenson administration.

"Jay Formosa was just super

to me," Reardon said. "And (Dr.) Dale Coller has been great to me. He's a super person. You do your job and there was no complaints. He's always been supportive."

Reardon's successor could well be Tim Gabel, who coached the varsity offensive and defensive lines the past two years. Gabel's father Jack was a longtime assistant under Reardon.

Brother Rice gains revenge against CC

Birmingham Brother Rice won round one with arch-rival and defending state Class A hockey champion Redford Catholic Central, 5-0 in a Michigan Metro High School encounter Saturday at the Redford Ice Arena.

The Warriors scored twice in the first period and that's all they really needed in maintaining their perfect (14-0) season record. The rematch is scheduled for Feb. 17 at Oak Park Compuware Arena.

Scott Walosin, from Jeff Wojcik, and Andrew Powrie set the tone early for the Warriors with a pair of first-period goals. Owen Townsend, Mike Jalaba (short handed) and Mike Abella tallied third-period goals for the winners. Rice goalie Casey Osting made 22 saves.

"It was an old-fashioned beating," said CC coach Gordie St.

HOCKEY

John, whose team is 6-3-1 in the league and 8-3-1 overall. "We didn't play well in the defensive zone and they beat us in very phase of the game. You just have to put it behind and see what you do next time."

Jalaba's short-handed goal came on a breakaway after CC misplayed the puck in Rice's zone near the point.

"I'd be very surprised if there's a better player in the state (than Jalaba)," St. John said. "He is like (Jon) Heady was for us last year."

CC defeated Rice, 2-1, for the regional championship last season and went on to capture the state title.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ARCHERY

3D SHOOT
 Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Rd.), (810) 661-9610.
 Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion, (810) 693-1369.

FISHING CLUBS

FOUR SEASONS
 The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.
MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
 The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, (810) 478-1494.
METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
 Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School, 420-2965.

SHOWS/SEMINARS

DETROIT BOAT SHOW
 The 37th annual Detroit Boat Show, featuring more than 800 exhibitors with all the latest boats and boating equipment, will be held Feb. 4-12 at the Cobo Center.
DEER SPECTACULAR
 Bloomfield Hills resident Chef Milos Cihelka (Golden Mushroom) will be one of the featured speakers at the 1995 Michigan Deer Spectacular, Feb. 17-19, at the Lansing Center. Cihelka will present a seminar on venison cooking. Other show highlights include 50 percent more exhibitor space, a trophy deer/elk/bear display, seminars, interactive (video) archery, an outdoor photo contest, archery trick shooting and more.
OUTDOORAMA
 The Michigan United Conservation Clubs' Outdoorama, featuring exhibits and merchandise booths, seminars, displays, outfitting, contests and more, will be held Feb. 24 to March 5 at the Novi Expo Center.
ICE FISHING SEMINAR
 Southfield resident Bob (The Hangman) Mitchell will conduct an ice fishing seminar beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Flat Rock.
SPORTFISHING EXPO
 The seventh annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing Expo, Michigan's premier pure fishing show, will be held March 2-5 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION
 The Wayne County Sportsman's Club will offer a class on pistol safety and marksmanship beginning Feb. 27, (313) 592-0285.
DEER HUNTING ISSUES
 The Michigan DNR will conduct a citizens input meeting on various issues related to deer hunting including baiting. The meeting will run 3-5 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 Telegraph Rd. in Pontiac, (810) 873-2982.

SEASONS/DEADLINES

RABBIT
 Statewide through March 31.
GOOSE
 A special 30-day Canada goose season runs through Feb. 5 south of a line from Port Huron to Grand Rapids, excluding the Allen County Goose Management Area.

SHOOTING RANGES

PONTIAC LAKE
 The shooting range at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, 10 miles west of Pontiac off M-59, is open Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., (810) 666-1020.
BALD MOUNTAIN
 The rifle and handgun range at the Bald Mountain Recreation Area, three miles north of The Palace in Lake Orion, is open 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. The shotgun and archery ranges are open noon to sunset on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, (810) 814-9193 or (810) 693-6767.

METROPARKS

MISSING GROUNDHOG
 Join the Furry Tale Theater animals and "Eyewitness" news reporter Barbara Busybody in finding out what happened to Gary Groundhog during this special program about groundhog Day, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.
PIONEER CRAFTS
 Learn how pioneer families made some of their own toys and necessities from materials they had on hand in this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.
PANCAKE WALK
 Spend a fun-filled morning exploring the nature trails for tracks in the snow, a glimpse of a deer, snow fleas and other winter wonders, then return to the Nature Center for a pancake breakfast in this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.
ANIMAL TRACK T-SHIRTS
 A short discussion on the basics of animal tracking followed by an opportunity to decorate a t-shirt with animal tracks, begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs. There is a \$1 fee per person and participants should bring a white t-shirt or sweatshirt.
LET IT SNOW
 Learn how snow affects various animals and plants during this nature hike, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.
METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
 Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective park, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC SKI SCHOOL
 Learn the fundamentals of cross country skiing in this program, which will be held (weather permitting) Feb. 5, 12 and 18. The classes begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day at Addison Oaks and Independence Oaks.
HERBAL CANDIES
 Participants will learn to make herbal candy in this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks. Cost is \$10 and all supplies will be provided.
WOODCHUCKERS HOLIDAY
 Join in the friendly lumberjack competitions of nail pounding, seed spitting, dinner calling, log rolling, match splitting and log sawing in this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
 Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
 Friday, Feb. 3
 Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
 G.P. Liggett at Clawsonville, 7 p.m.
 Taylor Truman at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 D.H. Crestwood at Red. Thurston, 7 p.m.
 L.V. Stevenson at Westland Glenn, 7 p.m.
 L.V. Churchill at F.H. Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Ply. Canton at L.V. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
 Farmington at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
 W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
 Blm. Bro. Rice at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
 Bishop Borgese at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
 Immac. Concept. at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.
 Ry. Christian at Oak. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING
 1. Livonia Stevenson.
 2. Redford Catholic Central.
 3. Garden City.
 4. Plymouth Salem.
 5. Farmington.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
 1. Plymouth Salem.
 2. Plymouth Canton.
 3. Westland John Glenn.
 4. North Farmington.
 5. Farmington.
BOYS HOCKEY
 1. Redford Catholic Central.
 2. Livonia Stevenson.
 3. Livonia Churchill.
 4. Livonia Franklin.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

| SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (as of Jan. 31) | | | | | | LEADING SCORERS West Division | | | |
|--|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|----|
| W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA | Player | Points | Assists | |
| Stevenson | 11 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 122 | 28 | Johns (B. Rice) | 17 | 20 |
| Churchill | 10 | 2 | 0 | 308 | 74 | 28 | Wojcik (B. Rice) | 15 | 19 |
| Birmingham | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 63 | 43 | Ottoboni (Trenton) | 10 | 18 |
| Franklin | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 39 | 36 | Turner (Trenton) | 8 | 16 |
| Wyandotte | 7 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 101 | 48 | Wolcott (B. Rice) | 13 | 20 |
| Royal Oak | 4 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 62 | 49 | Lamb (Trenton) | 9 | 11 |
| Andover | 2 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 47 | 32 | Durlin (Trenton) | 11 | 7 |
| Lahser | 2 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 117 | Puller (Trenton) | 7 | 10 |
| Southfield | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 168 | Colvins (CC) | 6 | 11 |

| MICHIGAN METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (as of Jan. 30) | | | | | | LEADING SCORERS East Division | | | |
|--|---|---|-----|----|----|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|----|
| W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA | Player | Points | Assists | |
| G.P. South | 8 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 46 | 32 | Arthur (B. Rice) | 11 | 14 |
| A.P. Cabrini | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 46 | 36 | Osting (B. Rice) | 10 | 13 |
| Gap. Richard | 4 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 35 | 40 | Greene (Trenton) | 10 | 12 |
| Southgate | 4 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 32 | 48 | Gary (Trenton) | 9 | 11 |
| Dive Child | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 40 | 46 | Pomies (Cabrini) | 7 | 10 |
| G.P. North | 1 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 52 | Huenschmidt (CC) | 6 | 11 |

| MICHIGAN METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (as of Jan. 30) | | | | | | LEADING SCORERS West Division | | | |
|--|----|----|-----|----|----|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|----|
| W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA | Player | Points | Assists | |
| Bro. Rice | 10 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 71 | 13 | Arthur (B. Rice) | 11 | 14 |
| Trenton | 10 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 75 | 18 | Osting (B. Rice) | 10 | 13 |
| Redford CC | 6 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 49 | 23 | Greene (Trenton) | 10 | 12 |
| A.A. Rinker | 3 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 23 | 45 | Gary (Trenton) | 9 | 11 |
| A.A. Huron | 1 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 72 | Pomies (Cabrini) | 7 | 10 |
| Notre Dame | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 15 | Huenschmidt (CC) | 6 | 11 |

RANKINGS

These unscientific rankings are prepared by the Observer sports staff. Schools in Redford, Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington are eligible to be ranked.

BOYS BASKETBALL
 1. Wayne Memorial.
 2. Westland John Glenn.
 3. Plymouth Salem.
 4. Plymouth Canton.
 5. Redford Catholic Central.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
 1. Livonia Ladywood.
 2. Plymouth Salem.
 3. Livonia Franklin.
 4. Livonia Churchill.
 5. Plymouth Canton.
BOYS SWIMMING
 1. Plymouth Salem.
 2. North Farmington.

SWIMMING RANKINGS

Following are the Observerland boys best swim times and diving scores. Coaches should call Ken Stark with updates 4-6 p.m. weekdays at Livonia Churchill (523-9231).

| Event | Name | Time | Score |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--------|
| 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY | Plymouth Salem | 1:43.44 | |
| | Livonia Stevenson | 1:43.72 | |
| | Redford Catholic Central | 1:45.54 | |
| 200-YARD FREESTYLE | Jon Carlson (Churchill) | 1:47.77 | 280.00 |
| | Eric Seidelman (Salem) | 1:48.45 | 240.20 |
| | Dan Belanger (Farmington) | 1:52.14 | 233.25 |
| 200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY | Drew Sopha (N. Farmington) | 2:02.89 | 56.72 |
| | Rob Grant (Churchill) | 2:05.50 | 57.49 |
| | Randy Cobb (Franklin) | 2:06.23 | 57.81 |



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CALENDAR

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LOCAL EVENTS

POMPON CLASSES

Cheerleading and Pompon classes will be held Thursdays starting Feb. 2, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Free. Open to public.

FASCHING PARTY

The German-American Club of Plymouth will present a Fasching party (costume ball) 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Those attending will dance to the sound of Enxian. German food, wine, and beer available. Prizes for the best costumes. Cost \$5 per person. For tickets, call Maria at 453-5839 or Edith at 453-8663.

LINCOLN CONTEST

A Lincoln Portrait art contest is open to all elementary and middle school students in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Sculpture, drawings or paintings featuring Lincoln must be accompanied by a student-written paragraph titled, "President Lincoln: An American Hero." Entries will be judged on originality, clarity of expression and ability. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring the contest and awarding cash prizes of \$25 to first-place winners in the following grade categories: kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth, and sixth through eighth grade. Contest rules and entry forms are available at school offices or at the art center and entries should be turned in to the center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, by noon Feb. 6. Winners will be announced Feb. 16 at a Salem High School auditorium concert. Information, 416-4ART.

MRS. WAYNE COUNTY

You could be awarded the title of Mrs. Wayne County and represent your community in the 1995 Mrs. Michigan International pageant. Married women between the ages of 24 and 55 are eligible to compete. Contestants will be judged in interview, aerobic wear and evening gown. Applications are available. The deadline for women to enter is the week of Feb. 26-March 4. Information, (810) 682-7616, or write to Michigan Pageants Inc., 2474 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake, Mich. 48320.

CATASTROPHIC CARE

"How to protect your assets from the high cost of nursing home care." Discussion of the Catastrophic Care Act of 1990, with its accepted alternatives to prevent spousal impoverishment by nursing homes. This will be presented by

Paul Leduc 1-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Free. Open to public.

CIVIL WAR LECTURE

The lecture series "The Battle of Gettysburg" with speaker Bob Zetta, U.S. history instructor and Civil War historian, will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Plymouth Historical Museum in conjunction with the special exhibition, "A Lincoln Portrait" featuring the collection of Dr. Weldon Petz. On display at the museum from Feb. 8 through Sept. 30. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students (5-17), children under age 5 free, family rate \$4.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League holds registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Plymouth Canton High School cafeteria for boys ages 7-15 and girls 7-16. Registration fees range from \$35 to \$45 per player, and a family plan is available for \$100. Birth certificates are required. Playing age is based on age as of July 31. Also, adult help is needed, as are umpires. Register at the above registration times. Information, call Milt Thackaberry at 453-2040; Ray Hanka at 455-3422 for girls softball; and Tom Alberty at 455-1402 for boys baseball.

GRIEF RECOVERY

Vermeulen Funeral Homes is sponsoring grief recovery in a five-week program held 2-4 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. This will be an opportunity to learn the characteristics of grief, to share feelings, and to receive support from others who have experienced similar losses. Registration, 459-2250.

VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is in need of volunteers for the following areas: clerical, 16th annual run, program assistant, and babysitting. To volunteer, call 453-2904.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

A 4-on-4 beach volleyball tournament will be held for players ages 14 and up. Separate divisions will be held in junior varsity, high school varsity, and adult, A, B and C leagues. Depending on number of teams, the format will either be double elimination or round robin with a separate championship in each group. Coed, men's and women's divisions avail-

able based on number of participants. Maximum number of players per team is six. Sign-up ends 2 p.m. June 30. Information or to register, 453-2904.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting scholarship applications through Wednesday, March 1, from admitted students from the 1995-96 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling 591-5036. The majority of awards stipulate that the recipient be an admitted full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, however, there are some exceptions as well as additional requirements.

RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth is conducting its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle. Ticket cost is \$100. This entitles you to a chance at a drawing for \$1,000 each month of 1995. If you are a winner, your ticket is placed back in for future drawings. It is possible it could be drawn again for another \$1,000. Information, 453-7091.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available in Canton, Northville and Plymouth through April 15. This free service is available through the Tax-Aide program of AARP. Volunteer Tax-Aide counselors trained by the IRS will operate at the sites from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave., Canton, 48188. 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursday at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville 48167. 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth 48170, by appointment, 455-6620. Home visits for handicapped and shut-ins: Canton, 397-5444; Northville, 349-4140; Plymouth, 455-6620. Bring last year's tax returns, this year's tax forms and all necessary records.

BREAST AND SKIN CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a Breast and Skin Clinic from 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 and 22, in the Marian Women's Center. A physician will perform a complete breast examination, provide instructions on how to perform a breast self-examination, and perform a skin cancer check. If indicated, a mammogram will be done. Registration is required. Information or to register, 591-3314.

THRIFT SHOP

The Presbyterian Women Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, and is accepting men's, women's and children's used clothing for resale (also small appliances). The profit goes to mission work. 459-1250.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

Preschool has openings in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday preschool for 4- and 5-year-olds. Classes meet 9-11:45 a.m. at New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township. All programs emphasize planning and goal-setting, individualized instruction and active student participation. 420-3331.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings for morning and afternoon sessions for children ages 3-4. Sessions are 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 12:45-2:45 p.m. Classes include storytime, art games, play and musical activities and are held at 5825 N. Sheldon. 451-0213 or 455-6250.

COED VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball registration is under way. Teams are allowed as many nonresidents as they wish. A resident is any player who lives or works full time in the city of Plymouth or Canton Township. There is a limit of 16 teams for the league. \$250 plus \$15 per non-resident player. 455-6620.

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE

Seniors' line dance lessons will be 1-2:30 p.m. every Thursday through June at the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Everyone welcome. \$4 per class.

GIFTED CHILDREN

Gibson School, located near Telegraph and I-96 (Jeffries) in Redford, will offer an open house 2-4

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, in the afternoon. Guests will be given tours of the facility and will have an opportunity to talk with faculty, board members, and current Gibson parents. 537-8688.

JAYCEES

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees are seeking community participation for their annual 1995 Fourth of July Parade. To make this parade a huge success, the Jaycees would like to invite community businesses and organizations to participate by entering a float. The Jaycees are also in need of community businesses to assist in underwriting the cost of this Fourth of July celebration. Donations may be mailed to the Plymouth/Canton Jaycees, P.O. Box 700123, Plymouth, 48170-0942 or 453-8407.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

'95 books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. 100 percent of proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40. Home-delivered. Call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

PREVENT FIRES

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth members will install smoke detectors and replace batteries at no charge through February, for Plymouth city and township residents. For an appointment, call 416-9650.

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT

Community Hospice Services is offering a free Children's Grief Support series. To register, call Vicki Desjardins or Joan Johnson at 522-4224.

CLOTHING BANK

The Plymouth-Canton schools' clothing bank will be open Tuesdays only. Hours are 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179 during open hours. The bank accepts donations of clothing in good condition during open hours.

CLUBS

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of

Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the First Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. The program will be "If It Doesn't Work, Together We Can Fix It." The program is to be conducted by Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor.

CHADD

ChADD of Northwest Wayne County presents "Academic Accommodations for the Student With ADD." Lori Dow, president of the Northwest Wayne County ChADD chapter, will present strategies for the student at all school levels. The meeting will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, two blocks east of the Farmington and Five Mile Road intersection. Registration starts at 7 p.m. (810) 380-0847.

60-PLUS

The 60-Plus Club will meet noon Monday, Feb. 6, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass for the potluck. Program will follow.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will hold its luncheon noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Ernesto's. Reservations by noon Monday, Feb. 6. Speaker Harry Wylie of Hallmark Working Strategies will present "Non-Traditional Sales Strategies." 453-1540.

PWP

Livonia-Redford Chapter No. 130, Parents Without Partners, is meeting at the Cadillac Cafe, 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills. They meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Parent and family activities are planned. New members welcome at 8 p.m. for orientation. General meeting at 8:30 p.m. After the meeting, they go into the lounge for dancing to music played by a D.J. Diane, 464-1969.

AMERICAN LEGION

Plymouth Township Beasley-Zalensky Post 112, of The American Legion, and its newly forming Ladies Auxiliary Unit will hold regular business meetings commencing at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at 344 Elizabeth St. in Plymouth. In addition a Four Chaplains Memorial Service will be held starting at 12:30 p.m. Information, 451-3574.

JAYCEES

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. If you're between the ages of 21-39, come and see the Jaycee experience. Public welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATIONS

"What's on your mind?" will have a special two-hour "Organ and Tissue Donation" program on Sunday, Feb. 5, for the Gift of Life Organization of Michigan. This is an opportunity to learn and give the "Gift of Life" to someone. The program will air on WNJK-AM (690 days, 680 nights) 7-9 p.m. Host Lou Farrell's guest will be clinical supervisor Alfred Bolden and heart recipient Mike Cosgriff. Questions and comments are welcome.

YMCA CLASSES

Step Aerobics Fitness Class: Session II: Feb. 15-March 27 (six weeks); Youth Muscles in Motion: Session II: March 6-April 29 (seven weeks, omit week of April 17); Preschool Indoor Soccer: Session II: week of Feb. 21-April 7, omit week of Feb. 28; Youth Basketball League: Session II: Feb. 20-April 8, omit week of Feb. 28; Floor Hockey Travel League: Session II: Beginning March 2; Basket Skills: Session II: Feb. 21-April 4; Floor Hockey Skills Session II: March 9-April 13. 453-2904.

OPEN SKATING

Open skate time for all those looking to kill a lunch hour or looking to get a little exercise. The ice arena has open skating at the following lunch hours: noon to 1:20 p.m. Monday; 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 11:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Wednesday; 1-2:40 p.m. Thursday; 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Friday. Fees for city residents are \$2.75 adults, \$2 children, \$1.50 seniors; \$1.25, skate rental. For non-city residents: \$3.25 adults, \$2.50 children, \$2 seniors. Open Skate Line, 455-1782.

RENAISSANCE CHORUS

Rehearsals will be held 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. The chorus needs men to sing four-part harmony. Tenors, leads, baritones, and basses.

MALL WALKERS

Twelve Oaks Mall is open for walkers 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. (810) 348-9438.

HANDS-ON MUSEUM

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is offering many winter activities, including exhibitions and demonstrations. 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. (313) 995-5439.

VOLLEYBALL

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is sponsoring adult volleyball, 6:30 p.m. every Sunday or 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Cost is \$1. (810) 349-0911.

| CALENDAR FORM | |
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| The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions. | |
| Event: _____ | |
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| Telephone: _____ | |
| Additional info: _____ | |

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Bridget Moran, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

■ **BRENDA CAREY**, daughter of Mary Ann and Daryl Carey of Plymouth Township, graduated with a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation from Grand Valley State University in December of 1994.

■ **LENN DANIELS HOWELL**, daughter of

Penelope Stokes of Canton, was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester at Winthrop University in South Carolina. She is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

■ **JENNIFER L. HUNTER**, a senior at Albion College, is spending the fall semester in the New York Arts Program as an intern with New Dramatists. Majoring in speech communication and theater, Hunter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Hunter of Plymouth. As a liberal arts college, Albion College encourages students to spend a se-

master off campus studying in their field of interest. The purpose of an internship is to allow students the opportunity to employ their classroom knowledge for practical applications in an ever-changing competitive world.

■ **HEATHER M. BERLIN**, an Albion College senior, has been selected by audition to be part of the college's Boston Singers. This 16-member vocal ensemble is student-directed and performs frequently on and off campus throughout the year. Berlin is also part of the 70-member Albion Col-

lege Choir. Majoring in music, Berlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Berlin of Plymouth.

■ **STEVEN DALE POWELL** of Plymouth serves as an admissions office student support staff member at Taylor University for the 1994-95 school year. Steven, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dale, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School in Canton. A sophomore at Taylor, he majors in business administration. Student support staff members handle information and on-site job responsibilities for professional staff members.

CREATIVE LIVING

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1995

BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

Books to warm winter nights

A literary potpourri apropos of this hearts-and-flowers season: Allow a mystery novel called "The Caveman's Valentine," by George Dawes Green (Warner Books) to warm your February nights. About a gifted homeless musician who lives in a cave in New York, (and who finds a corpse at his "front door") it's a delightfully labyrinthine whodunit illuminated by a central character you won't soon forget.

If you really want to go off in a different direction, try "The Museum of Love." Words like "macabre," "bizarre," "surrealistic," "funny," "fascinating" describe this coming-of-age novel by Steven Weiner (Viking). On the other hand, it's indescribable.

Borders Novi hosted its second Singles Night Thursday, January 12. Multitudes showed up at the store's Cafe Espresso and found free food, door prizes, and fun. Rumor has it that romance was also found among the Estate Java, Indonesian Arabica, and Aspen Blends. Not surprisingly, a third Singles Night is in the works, according to sources at the book and music store in Novi Town Center, probably in March.

Romance novels comprise 60 per cent of mass-market paperback sales, according to Writer's Digest.

No surprises here Department. Last year, the Romance Writers of America (7,000 strong) selected "Gone With the Wind," "The Bridges of Madison County," and "Men are From Mars; Women are From Venus" as all-time favorites.

Moving romance toward the 21st century: Through Genie Romance Exchange, an international computer network, romance novel fans can now communicate online with any one of more than 100 romance novelists. Call 1-800-638-9636, should you own a computer, a modem, and feel so inclined.

Speaking of moving toward the 21st century and high-tech exchanges, try John Lithgow's audiobook of Michael Crichton's blockbuster, "Disclosure," when you're stuck in all that wintry, rush-hour traffic. Lithgow sounds as if he's having the time of his acting life, reading all the parts, especially that of the power-hungry, corporate seductress.

One of my middle-of-the-night thoughts: There, on the New York Times Bestseller List, after 129 weeks: "The Bridges of Madison County." What does this mean?

What-a-guy Department: Long after her death, Robert Browning wrote of his wife, Elizabeth Barrett: "The simple truth is that she was the poet, and I the clever person by comparison."

Who are your favorite fictional couples? Romeo and Juliet? Rhett and Scarlett? Cathy and Heathcliff? Griffin and Sabine? The Old Man and The Sea? Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde?

If you're a genuine romantic, you can identify in a minute the novel that begins, "Last night, I dreamt I went to Manderley again."

Ever hear of Eliza Haywood? Instead of Daniel Defoe, she may have, in fact, been the first English novelist. Her flaming romance,

See DIAZ, 3D

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- Valentine's day is the perfect time to consider a professionally taken photograph as a gift. The latest technology of the digital imaging system makes it a snap. Glamour photography makes it fun.
- Plymouth architect, Erick Carne displays watercolors of the Great Lakes in the American Harvest restaurant at Schoolcraft College.

Your guide to Community Classified

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Building confidence: Kathy Derderian's decorative painting classes instill and encourage self-esteem.

BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SOUND & SIGHT

Hearing impaired artist teaches more than painting

Imagine a day without the sounds of birds singing or children playing, a day when you were unable to communicate your feelings of frustration and isolation to others around you except in disjointed and jagged edges torn from the heart.

This is a story of struggle but it is also a story of courage, stamina, and a fighting spirit. It is the story of hearing impaired artist Kathy Derderian. Using a combination of speech, sign language and lip reading skills to communicate, Derderian teaches the techniques of decorative painting to the hearing impaired at Brellwig's, a Plymouth shop catering to decorative painting needs.

"I try to be positive, do the best I can. I love to paint and I love to teach," said Kathy Derderian at an interview in her Redford home.

Derderian wasn't born deaf. A high fever at the age of 2 1/2 resulted in deafness.

"First off, there are all different kinds of people with different types of hearing impairment, but deaf is deaf," Derderian said.

"I prefer to use the word deaf instead of hearing

Kathy Derderian of Redford is hearing impaired but she doesn't let that stop her from instructing others in the art of decorative painting.

BY LINDA CHOMIN • SPECIAL WRITER

deafness on her life, freeing Derderian from total dependence on family and friends.

Shadow, a collie/shepherd mix from the Michigan Humane Society trained by Paws with a Cause, runs back and forth between the phone and front door to let Derderian know that someone is trying to contact her thus easing a little of the isolation felt by this mother of two in her early 40s.

So has the TDD device which enables her to place phone calls through the help of the Michigan Relay System. Derderian demonstrated the TDD by typing in the 1-800 number of the Michigan Relay System. Once connected, she placed a call to a friend.

"I can reach the hearing people now. I love it. Be

See ARTIST, 4D

Hooked on art: Ralph Redmond of Plymouth displays sculpture rug paintings at the Michigan Art Exchange Gallery.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Watercolors highlight gallery celebration

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Ralph Redmond, a former athletic director and assistant principal at Northville High School, scores winning points with an exhibit of colorful artworks at the Michigan Art Exchange Gallery in Plymouth.

Playing on a range of artistic tal-

ent, Redmond displays watercolors and rug hookings in his first one man show Friday through Sunday, Feb. 3-5 and 10-12 at the 18-member artists' cooperative, the first of its kind in Observerland. A reception to meet-the-artist takes place 3-

See WATER COLOR, 2D

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

MIXED MEDIA SHOW

In honor of Black History Month, the university's art department has scheduled an exhibit by Afro-American artist, Richard Washington Feb. 2-28 in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the Library Wing on campus.

The mixed media works will be on display 9 a.m. to 9 P.M. Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Madonna University is at Schoolcraft (1-96) and Levan in Livonia.

Art Beat

EXHIBITORS NEEDED

Attention all Observerland artists and crafters, Madonna University is now accepting applications for its 11th Annual Juried Spring Arts & Crafts Showcase to be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2 in the Activities Center on the campus at Schoolcraft (1-96) and Levan in Livonia.

The show will feature a variety of hand-made arts and crafts including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space measuring 9 by 6 feet with two chairs

and one 6 or 8 foot table is available for \$45. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces and sell their work for one of the two days. Please note there will be different exhibitors each day. For an application or information call the university at (313) 591-5127.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Detroit Institute of Arts Gallery Service is seeking volunteers to greet and assist visitors in the museum galleries. The next training session is scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Holley Room at the DIA, 5200 Woodward.

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6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 The public is invited.

The exhibit is part of the gallery's first year anniversary celebration. Demonstrations in ceramics, woodcarving, silk painting, watercolor techniques and oil painting along with violin and cello music provided by Laura and Alicia Rove of Plymouth add to the festivities.

A cottage in Gaylord inspires his watercolor landscapes. With a sketchbook and camera he captures the beauty of the area on site for reference later in the studio. His new found fascination with watercolor allows him to transform feeling into form.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"This is exciting for me to have my first one man show. When you have art in a display gallery, the more commissions and works come your way," said Redmond, a Plymouth resident since 1962.

"This is the type of opportunity the Exchange provides for artists besides offering a lot of contact with some very talented people."

After retiring in August of last year, a seriousness became apparent in his watercolor painting and rug hooking. From landscapes to circus scenes, his rug hookings have a sculptured look created through the use of 1/4 to 1-inch hooks. A 40-by 50-inch seascape with lighthouse could serve as a focal piece for many an interior design.

"They'll have a panel all for themselves."

The Michigan Art Exchange Gallery was founded by Frank Kuzak of Plymouth and Clifford Holdampf of Farmington Hills. Co-owners of Frances Jewellers located next door, the two originated the gallery to give Michigan artists a place to exhibit their work.

Basically self taught, Redmond earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from Hillsdale College, and master of fine arts from Wayne State University. He spent the first eight years of a 35 year career in public education teaching art then journalism in Northville Public Schools. As a journalism instructor, he was able to put his art background to use in layout and design, publishing a newspaper and literary magazine.

"Art has always played a role in my life even in the military," said the 58-year-old Redmond.

"The rugs, possibly because of the size, are very dominant. They stand out," he said.

A cottage in Gaylord inspires his watercolor landscapes. With a sketchbook and camera he captures the beauty of the area on site for reference later in the studio. His new found fascination with watercolor allows him to transform feeling into form.

Originally Kuzak and Holdampf, both designers of fine jewelry, juried artists into the gallery. The artists took over directorship in November. Now that a membership exists, they will serve as jurors of artists seeking to take part in the cooperative where members share the work load in order to reduce commission costs.

Stationed stateside in 1961-62, Redmond painted murals featuring military scenes on cafeteria and service club walls for Company B. Even while coaching football and track at Northville High School, Redmond retained dual interests in sports and art.

"They've always been loves of mine. They both involve creative expression. I find both challenging. Both are therapeutic relief, both sports or exercise, and art."

"Watercolor and its transparent qualities allow me to capture and express some of the beauty in God's creation."

Along the way, Redmond's wife of 32 years, Daisy, their four daughters and three grandchildren have encouraged his artistic talents, and he has encouraged theirs. This summer at his cottage in Northern Michigan, Redmond and grandchildren ages 2-11 painted rocks for fun. So it's no mystery that Redmond has chosen to spotlight a separate area of rug hookings for kids only. Clowns and dogs will be the main attraction.

Several of the MAE Gallery artists were members of the former artists' cooperative, The Art Gallery (TAG) in Farmington Hills until it closed. The 1,100-square-foot MAE Gallery displays a wide variety of media including painting, pottery, jewelry, stained glass, fiber art, paper sculpture, collage, woodcarving, weaving, and photography.

Artists demonstrating Saturday, Feb. 11, as part of the anniversary celebration are 10 a.m. to noon, Thalia Shunk of Farmington Hills, ceramics; noon to 2 p.m. Judy Shellhaas of Plymouth, woodcarving and Celia Block of

On display: This watercolor by Ralph Redmond is one of a collection of works exhibited at the Michigan Art Exchange Gallery in Plymouth. The exhibit is part of the gallery's first year anniversary celebration.

Brighton, silk painting; 2-4 p.m. Kay Rowe of Plymouth, watercolor techniques and Nancy Dendy of Redford, oil painting; and 4-6 p.m. Pat Powder of West Bloomfield, ceramics and Janis Madias of Farmington Hills, watercolor techniques.

For more information call (313) 459-1906. The Michigan Art Exchange Gallery is at 470 Forest in Forest Place Mall, one block west of Main, one-half block south of Ann Arbor Trail. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Thomas Wolfe once complained, "I can find plenty of women to sleep with but the kind of woman that is really hard for me to find is a typist who can read my writing."

In a review written in 1912, before they met and fell madly for each

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"Change of Life," Birmingham playwright Kitty Dubin's new comedy will debut Sunday evening, February 12, at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield. About a "loving" couple experiencing the aches, arrows, and outrageous fortune of a mid-life crisis, the play runs through March 5. Call 810-788-2900 for ticket information.

On Valentine's Day, starting at 6:30 p.m., Jim Perkins and Owain Phyte will wend their way through Borders Novi with poems and songs of love, glorious love.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a longtime member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer Newspapers. She has a lifelong interest in reading, "everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a Touch-Tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

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For more information, call (313) 833-0247, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Dana Schutz, a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School featured in a Dec. 15 Creative Living story on young artists, is one of five Hallmark nominees chosen from 160 "Gold Key" award winners in the Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards competition. Hallmark Nominees compete for scholarships sponsored by Hallmark at the national competition.

More than 3,500 pieces of student artwork from junior, middle and high schools in Wayne and Oakland Counties were submitted for judging in the 68th Annual Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards competition. Winning artwork by students from 90 schools will be recognized at the Opening Ceremonies and Art Exhibit

Preview 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at Summit Place Mall, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake Roads in Westland.

Sponsored in part for the first time by Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design, and the Mitch Albom Dream Fund, the Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards winners will be on exhibit Feb. 5-19 at the mall.

The goal of the competition is to encourage and foster confidence in aspiring artists. Judges were professional artists, and art professors and instructors from universities and schools throughout the Detroit area. Media include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, computer graphics, photography, ceramics, jewelry and metalworking, mixed, and textile and fiber design.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

EXHIBITORS NEEDED

Attention all Observerland artists and crafters, Madonna University is now accepting applications for its 11th Annual Juried Spring Arts & Crafts Showcase to be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2 in the Activities Center on the campus at Schoolcraft (I-96) and Levan in Livonia.

The show will feature a variety of hand-made arts and crafts including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space measuring 9 by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6 or 8 foot table is available for \$45. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces and sell their work for one of the two days. Please note there will be different exhibitors each day. For an application or information call the university at (313) 591-5127.

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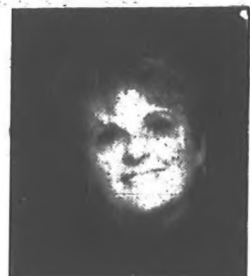
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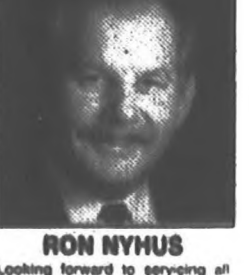
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fore I had to rely on my kids to make a call. I'm self-reliant," she said.

In her early years, Derderian learned sign language from a friend. Her deaf students who neither read lips nor use sign language communicate through notes passed back and forth. For Derderian, the challenge is to help them raise their self-esteem.

A fighter as far back as she can remember, Derderian exudes a sense of humor and upbeat attitude. It has built a world where

dreams and aspirations really do come true with hard work and fortitude to carry them through.

One of her dreams was to attend art school. While a senior at Redford Union High School, Derderian won an art scholarship to Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. But there were obstacles as she began studies in commercial art and advertising design. A notetaking classmate helped her solve some of the communication problems at Kendall where she initiated changes as its

first deaf student. She graduated in 1973.

"Back then there were no interpreters. Some professors have moustaches and beards. You can't see their lips," said Derderian.

"I'm a fighter. If I don't understand, I say so. I ask questions."

With the help of a friend, lip reading came naturally to Derderian.

"When my dad took me to ball games the umpire would say something. He'd ask me what did he say because I could read his

lips." Married to her high school sweetheart, Gary, for 22 years, Derderian has two hearing children, daughter Carrie, 18, and son, Bryan, 15.

"Society doesn't understand deafness," said Derderian.

Deaf people use many different methods to communicate, explained Derderian. Some people use sign language or body language. Derderian uses a combination of speech, lip reading, signing and observing other's body lan-

guage. "For the hearing, it's good to take a sign language course at Madonna University," said Derderian.

Derderian, a decorative painter for 18 years, took her first class in the medium at Which Craft in Livonia. She encourages hearing impaired people interested in learning the art to join her classes at Brellwig's.

"It's fun. Kathy's the best," said Rosalia A. Rubio of Southfield. Rubio joined Derderian's

Wednesday morning class after retiring from a 28 year career as a proofreader.

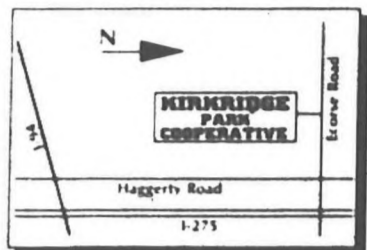
Sharon Meldrum, also a student in Derderian's Wednesday morning class, has taken other arts and crafts classes including basket weaving.

"I enjoy it. It's something I can accomplish at home, something besides work and kids to live for," said Meldrum, who teaches sign language at Madonna University in Livonia.

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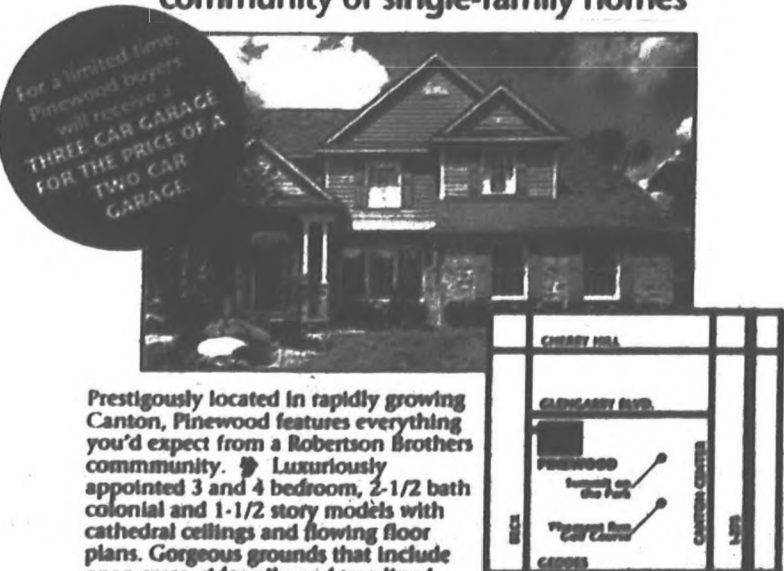
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■ **MICHIGAN ART EXCHANGE**
Through Feb. 10 — Winter Enchantment, an exhibit of paintings and works of art revolving around a snow scene theme continues with media including stained glass, silk, pottery and weaving. The artists cooperative/gallery is at 470 Forest in Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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■ **THE PRINT GALLERY**
Beginning Feb. 1 — An exhibit of signed prints, posters and sculpture of the American diner will continue through Feb. 28. Featured artists are John Beeder, Ralph Goings and David Stravitz. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, to 9 p.m. Thursday, in the Franklin Plaza, 29203 Northwestern Highway, at 12 Mile in Southfield, (810) 356-5454.

■ **THE WETSAN COLLECTION**
Beginning Feb. 1 — Selected works of gallery artists will be shown through March 16 at 132 N. Woodward in Bir-

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■ **THE WOODS GALLERY**
Beginning Feb. 1 — Works by Dubi Arie, a Holocaust survivor who paints 4,000 years of Jewish history in his "The Mission," will be displayed to Feb. 28 on the lower level of the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia. The gallery displays its 5-by-28-foot photographic replica along with other original works. Reception and film 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. Call (810) 543-9720.

■ **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
Beginning Feb. 1 — "For My Best Beloved Sister Mia: An Album of Photographs by Julia Margaret Cameron" will continue to March 12 at 5200 Woodward. The exhibit features 120 photographs from the album Julia Margaret Cameron created for her sister in 1863. It includes examples of Cameron's early experimental work as well as photographs by contemporaries such as Oscar Rejlander's garden portrait of the Tennyson family. Call (313) 833-7900.

■ **MICHIGAN ART EXCHANGE**
Feb. 3-5 and 10-12 — The Michigan Art Exchange, in celebration of its first anniversary, highlights the watercolors and rug hookings of Ralph Redmond, a former athletic director and assistant principal at Northville High School. In addition to Redmond, demonstrations in ceramics, woodcarving, silk painting, watercolor techniques and oil painting take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. A reception will be held the same day from 3-6 p.m. For more information call the nonprofit artists' cooperative at (313) 459-1906. 470 Forest in Forest Place Mall in Plymouth.

■ **CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**
Through Feb. 27 — The Livonia Arts Commission hosts an exhibition of ceramic pottery, jewelry and wall hanging pieces by Lesa Shelton of Westland. She incorporates natural materials like leaves and twigs into the clay pieces. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday in the showcases at Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile Road east of Farmington.

■ **LIVONIA CITY HALL**
Through Feb. 28 — Artwork by Mary

Tomas of Troy is presented by the Livonia Arts Commission. Pastel portraits and printmaking dealing with the traditional subjects of human form and still life, infused with the emotional content of her own feelings are on display in Livonia City Hall. Exhibit hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Livonia City Hall is at Five Mile Road east of Farmington.

■ **MADONNA UNIVERSITY**
Through Feb. 28 — The Madonna University Art Department presents mixed media artworks by Eastern Michigan University Art Department Chairman Richard Washington in the second floor Exhibit Gallery of the Library Wing on campus. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Madonna is at Schoolcraft (I-96) and Levan in Livonia.

■ **GALLERY: FUNCTIONART**
"The Spirit of CCS," the first in the gallery's Design School Exhibition series, continues. The show features works by Matthew Norris, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Dave Gillespie, Jeff Tilley, Jessica Ingolia, Jason Coffey, Greg Hanson and Vincent Tingler. The gallery is at 23-B W. Lawrence in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-0333.

■ **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
To July 31 — "An Evolution of 20th Century Sculpture" continues at 5200 Woodward. The exhibit traces formal and thematic development in sculpture with American and European works from the permanent collection. Call (313) 833-7900.

■ **INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES**
Through October 1995 — A faculty exhibit features a variety of two- and three-dimensional works by the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Art. The institute is in Room 1524 of the Horace Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 763-4438.

■ **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**
To June 25 — "African Art from the Collection" continues at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor. The display is a thematic selection of works from the museum's extensive collection of sub-Saharan African art. Call (313) 764-0395.

Entries sought for art exhibit

The Ann Arbor Art Association Art Center will be accepting entries for the 13th annual juried exhibit, "The Print," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25.

The Print is open to Michigan artists who may submit up to two entries in any original printmaking technique, except photography, completed within the past two years. It will run March 2 through April 2, with the opening reception Friday, March 10.

Artists may pick up a prospectus for The Print at the art center, 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, during normal business hours. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the center at (313) 964-9004.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Know jargon to ease buying, selling

By BECKY BURNS SPECIAL WRITER

Anyone who has ever so much as looked into buying a house knows that sifting through what seems like bottomless barrels of real-estate jargon is all part of the process.

It's like Realtors have their own language, or at least their own dialect.

Keying into even a few phrases can make the difference between happy house hunting and a home-buying nightmare. So, never fear. Your guide to the jargon is here.

Jim Reeves of Century 21 Country Hills in Bloomfield Hills and Ted Martin of Red Carpet Keim of Westland have generously provided their services to help unscramble some real-estate shop talk.

"When you're dealing with a first-time home buyer or someone who is selling their house for the first time,

people ask questions," Reeves said. Martin gets his share of inquiries, too.

"That usually isn't the reason (people will) call, but it'll come up conversation and they'll need to know," he said.

Definitions:

■ Cost: what it costs to build a house.

■ Price: what someone is willing to pay for a house.

■ Market: the specific geographical location a house is in. "It could be your subdivision. It could be your city," Reeves said.

■ Market value: what people are paying for homes in that particular area.

■ Arm's-length transaction: where both parties are informed and neither is coerced. "With no duress on the part of either the buyer or the seller," Martin said.

■ Variable rate: a mortgage interest rate that varies during the term of the

mortgage. It's also known as an adjustable rate mortgage. "It's good for someone who's going to be on a piece of property for only a couple of years," Reeves said.

■ Contributory value: how much an improvement adds to a property as opposed to the actual cost of the improvement. For example, if a seller remodeled her kitchen and it cost \$10,000, it may add \$10,000 or more to the value of the house, or it may add less, Martin said.

■ Home warranty: a contract, starting on the date a buyer closes on a house, that covers the major mechanical components of the house, like plumbing and heating. The warranty generally is good for one year.

And there are some fairly new definitions people ask about. These went into effect in early 1994:

■ Mandatory seller's disclosure: the seller must provide written documentation disclosing the condition of the property he is selling. For example, if he is going to leave the washer and dryer, he must tell what condition it is in. Or, if the basement leaks, that has to be disclosed.

■ Seller's agent: works for the seller and gets paid by the seller.

■ Buyer's agent: works for the buyer and gets paid by the buyer. In the past, real estate agents only represented sellers, Martin said.

Well, there you have it. A handy-dandy guide to scratching the surface of understanding the real estate industry.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call your local real estate agency. The Realtors there will be able to tell you what you need to know — and they're nice, too.

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NEW FRANCHISE

Sam and Bonnie Cherrin bought a Red Carpet Keim Real Estate franchise and set their sites on northwest Livonia to set up their new office.

Their main focus was to accomplish two things: first, to have an office that included every real estate related technology available for consumers and agents to utilize and, second, to create an atmosphere pleasing to both Realtors and customers.

Currently their office, Red Carpet Keim Exclusive, is equipped with a digital phone system including voice mail and three computers, all of which are hooked up with the Multiple Listing Service, including a service that allows customers to view pictures of prospective homes to buy.

The couple say their office offers a contemporary atmosphere, yet offers every convenience for agents and customers alike, including two conference rooms, a reception area with piped-in music, semi-private offices with floor-to-ceiling windows for the top agents, a kitchen and a full cafeteria within the building.

NEW MANAGER

Larry Frey is the new general manager of Century 21 Hartford South Inc. in Livonia. Frey got into real estate in 1968 and was one of the original Century 21 brokers in Michigan in 1974.

NEW ADDITION

Marion Shavers of Farmington has joined her hometown Century 21 Hartford office. Shavers has been in real estate for six years. She is a valuation specialist, a member of the Million Dollar Club and holds a broker's license.

—Compiled by Becky Burns



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Turning the spotlight on brokers, attitudes, dangers

CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am interested in buying a condominium and want to have a broker to represent me, only, I have been told that there are now agreements being promulgated by real estate agents that provide for a buyer paying a part of the commission.

A. If you are a buyer and want to have broker representing your interest only, you should have an agreement setting that forth and ensuring that your rights are protected and that the duties and responsibilities of the broker are clearly defined so that they inure solely to your benefit, and not that of the seller.

You should review your agreement with a competent real estate attorney so that your rights and remedies are clearly spelled out with your "buyer

broker" who may still receive his/her compensation from the seller.

Q. As a member of our board, I am amazed at the non-business-like approach that some of the directors take towards retaining contractors and other professionals.

A. First, you must explain to your fellow members of the board that their liabilities and responsibilities as directors are not any different in a nonprofit corporation setting than would be the case if they were running their own business.

The directors have liability and the operation of a condominium association is analogous to the operation of a business. If the operation of the business is wrong in any context, the association could be held liable.

A pennywise attitude in selecting the most competent contractors and/or professionals is foolish, since there is no direct pecuniary gain to the association or its directors.

Perhaps your insurance carrier can

apprise you of the extent of litigation that is occurring around the country against directors of associations for malfeasance and/or poor judgment.

Q. Our condominium association is near electric high wires. I have read various studies regarding potential health hazards in regard to these wires. Is there anything that the condominium association can do about this potential problem?

A. Assuming there is potential hazard to living near electric high wires, which may not be clearly established, the condominium association may act as spokesperson for residents to attempt to deal with the utility company in question with respect to installation of these high wires.

Obviously, however, the developer, when it developed the condominium project, recognized or knew the location of the condominium was situated next to these high wires.

To the extent the developer has any liability for same, the board should look into that, to the extent it can es-

tablish there is a hazardous condition at the condominium project.

To the extent the condominium association can deal with the applicable utility, it should look into the matter and attempt to do so.

Obviously, this is an unresolved issue that is in the process of being examined at various state and federal levels. You should probably consult with your attorney in regard to the various options the association has available in regard to this issue.

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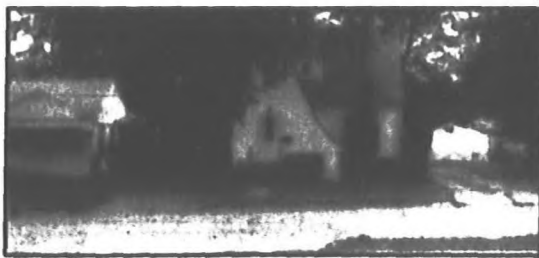
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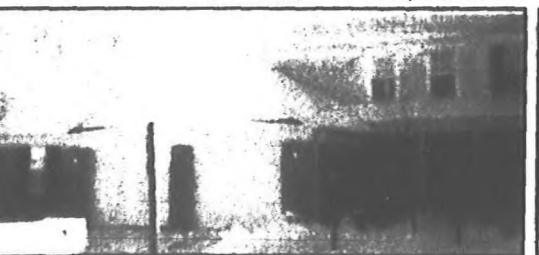
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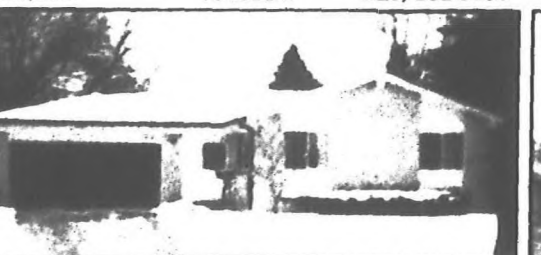
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DOUG FUNKE,
BUILDING & BUSINESS WRITER
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1995

BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

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

Ray Carson was promoted to director of public relations at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Carson has served as assistant director of public relations since 1991. Before that, he spent six years with Southfield-based Casey Communications Management Inc., serving most recently as an account supervisor.



Carson

Julie E. Fershtman, a Bingham Farms attorney, was named Chair-Elect of the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers section. She also was appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan. Fershtman focuses her practice on insurance defense.



Fershtman

Jo Neal of West Bloomfield was named vice-president of programs at Family Service Detroit and Wayne County. Neal had been program manager for Henry Ford Health System's Maple Grove Detroit Center for Chemical Dependency. The agency has offices in Canton, Livonia, Westland, Dearborn and Detroit.



Neal

Thomas P. Bernasconi was promoted to president and a member of the board of directors of Huntington Banks of Michigan in Troy. Bernasconi had been executive vice president for the Oakland/Wayne loan region.



Bernasconi

See STARS, 3F

Greet spring at home & garden show



Head on over to the Spring Home & Garden Show this weekend and let more than 270 exhibitors help you greet sunny spring.

Keeping right in step with the continued upswing in residential remodeling, the third annual Spring Home & Garden Show is back to give homeowners a jump start on their spring projects.

Sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, the show opens today and runs through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center, 1-96 at Novi Road.

Demonstrations and how-to workshops on decorating, home repair and remodeling will be held continuously throughout the show.

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 6-12. Children younger than 6 are admitted free.

Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons were mailed to homeowners in their Detroit Edison bills. Parking is available at the Novi Expo Center for a fee.

"No matter how long we've been in our homes, the occasional need for remodeling and sprucing up comes to our attention," said Janet L. Compo, a Farmington Hills builder and BASM president.

"Showgoers will find excellent values and the convenience of one-stop shopping."

Some of the demonstrations include wood preservation on gazebos by Gazebos Ltd. and the quietest dishwasher you never heard of by Trearrow Inc. of Auburn Hills.

Wing Enterprises will demonstrate a multi-functional ladder system. Home theater systems will be available for viewing at the



Brand names: More than 275 exhibitors will showcase many brand name products during the Spring Home & Garden Show.



Wholesale Builder Supply exhibit. Nordic Track will demonstrate its exercise equipment.

Alice's Promotions will present the making of throw coats, stenciling and faux finish basics, basket weaving with natural materials, uses for baskets, sewing tricks, at-

tracting blue birds and backyard birds and information on amber, dinosaurs and other natural things.

Other exhibits include the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, remodeling, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, appliances, heating and cooling.

Most exhibitors will offer show specials and the ever-popular freebies, which include wooden yardsticks, key chains, expandable sponges, magnets, paper clips, pencils, highlighters, scratch pads, paint sticks, discount coupons and jar openers.

Many exhibitors offer prizes

for the winning.

Consumers Power Co. will give away a natural gas grill. Brass & Iron Beds of Plymouth and Rochester will give away several gift certificates with values up to \$200.

Closet Factory of Farmington Hills will present a \$500 gift certificate toward customized space planning solutions. Complete Protection Alarms will give away a basic security system.

Encyclopaedia Britannica of Southfield offers a set of encyclopaedias. Flame Furnace will award a free high-efficiency furnace. Modern Floors of Walled Lake will present carpeting for a 12-by-12-foot room

See SHOW, 2F



Michael J. Monahan
AGC president

Contractors to build coalitions

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

A new aggressiveness will mark his term as president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Michael J. Monahan told the membership last week at their annual meeting in Southfield.

"You will see AGC as an aggressive facilitator of strategic alliances, a coalition builder for educational opportunities, legislative initiatives, labor skills and costs, and business development," Monahan said.

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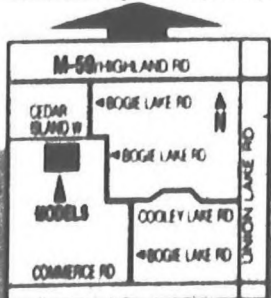


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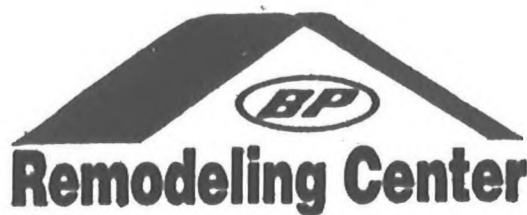
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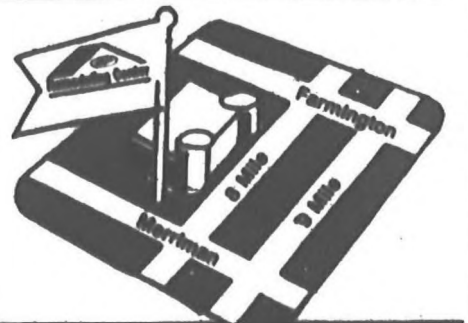
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Show from page 1F

Nordic Track provides a ski machine. Painters Supply & Equipment Co. will offer a \$200 decorating spree. Pro Shot Basketball will give away an acrylic backboard and rim.

Solar Reflective Films of Farmington Hills offers \$200 worth of installed transparent window films. Specialty Satellite Antenna Services will present an 18 inch satellite dish system.

Williams Panel Brick Co. will give away a free fireplace. Window Works of Bloomfield Hills offers custom window treatments. Zimm's Vacuum Cleaner Co. of Livonia will give a central vacuum cleaning system to a lucky winner.

WXYT radio's Glenn Haegle will broadcast "Ask the Handyman" live from the show on Saturday and Sunday. He will be available following the broadcasts

to answer home improvement questions.

Another celebrity to watch for will be at the Home Window Co. of Livonia exhibit. Robo Saah, the robot who enjoys mingling with the crowd.

The Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association members will design gardens to give showgoers ideas from the pros.

Stone and brick paver path ways, indoor and outdoor ponds for water gardening, retaining walls and colorful flowers to delight the senses will be found in these expertly created gardens.

Taking part in the presentation are National Landscape of Southfield, Lazzell's Horticultural Services of West Bloomfield, D & B Landscaping, Structural Landscapes, and Four Seasons Garden Center.

Internet can help you find a job

O&E ONLINE



EMORY DANIELS

Are the Internet and on line services of any use beyond entertainment?

If so, then it's because there is information that can be accessed that will make a difference in our lives. The information should be relevant, it should be current, and easily accessible.

One of my peevish is when I search out specific information and arrive at my destination only to find the information is outdated. As traffic on the Internet increases, which it is by leaps and bounds, information providers can be expected to respond by keeping their data more current.

One good use that can be made of on-line services, especially the Internet, is for a job search. In this instance, digital information obtained on-line should be more current than information found in printed volumes. And so it makes sense to go on-line searching for job leads, tips, and assistance.

One of the major job services available can be accessed through MSEN in Ann Arbor using Gopher. On the Internet menu of SkillSearch can be accessed at the WWW site available through O&E's Lynx. The URL is <http://www.internet.is.com/skillsearch>.

O&E On-line users also can go to TIN and look for job-related USENET groups such as misc.entrepreneurs, misc.jobs.contract,

misc.jobs.misc, misc.jobs.offered, misc.jobs.offered.entry, or misc.jobs.resume.

The misc.jobs.offered group is one that is linked at Career Mosaic. Another helpful site is the Interactive Employment Network (IEN) offered on World Wide Web by E-Span Inc. This site can be accessed through Lynx at <http://www.espan.com>. At this site you will find job listings in a range of professional, human service and technical fields, a resume database, and job advice columnists who will provide interactive practice questions, resume and interview tips.

One site to try is HEART Career Center which lets you search for jobs by company, position or state. Use Telnet to access this site. At the prompt, type `open career.com` or open 157.151.160.1 I have been unable to connect during daytime hours, possibly because this site is extra busy or it is at a business site which is closed during the day so their computers can be used to run their business.

The Career Magazine is a comprehensive, online career resource, free to job seekers, human resource managers, and career-minded professionals on the Internet. Features of Career Magazine include a searchable database that has hundreds of new professional, technical and managerial job openings added daily and that allows you to customize your employment search by location, job title, and key skills.

Carer Magazine also features employer profiles, an area where employers present detailed company profiles on their values, opportunities and locations to inter-

ested job seekers. The career forum section is an interactive discussion group. There also are news and articles and classifieds. For the WWW site available through Lynx the URL is <http://www.jobline.com/jobline>. Your quest will be redirected; just select "here" and then "this menu." Our SLIP users can get a full color view using Mosaic, Netscape or a similar browser.

Another resource is the guide to Employment Opportunities and Job Resources on the Internet. The guide is available through the Clearinghouse of Subject-Oriented Internet Resource Guides at the University of Michigan which allows anonymous FTP access, WWW access, and offers a full-text WAIS index. To FTP at the host prompt enter `una.hh.lib.umich.edu` and for password use your e-mail address. The path is `/inetdirstacks` so change directory (cd) to `/inetdirstacks` and use the command `"get job:riley"` (without quotes) and the guide will be sent to your File Manager on-line for downloading.

The employment and job resources guide mentioned above also can be reached through gopher at gopher://una.hh.lib.umich.edu/11/netdir or through WWW at <http://www.lib.umich.edu/home.html>.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail at emory@oeonline.com, at voice mail at 953-2047 then dial 1910, or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313)591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "Key:" prompt type GL6NY2.

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with AGC as a clearinghouse—a hub, an interchange for other organizations. The one others look to for direct solutions to industry problems.

"We want every potential customer to know that AGC members are the marketplace providers," Monahan said.

The local AGC chapter was founded in 1916 to serve general contractors, construction management companies, allied subcontractors, suppliers and consultants. Some 230 firms currently maintain membership.

Monahan, 45, is president of Monahan Development and vice president of Edward V. Monahan Inc., both headquartered in Eastpointe. He holds civil engineering and business degrees and lives in Grosse Pointe Shores.

During brief remarks, Monahan invited his colleagues to give more attention to their professional association.

"We need broader involvement from more members," he said. "The Greater Detroit chapter has served us well in the past, but it will serve us even better in the future."

"Internally, you may see less committees and more task forces with more interaction between the board, committees and task forces to keep their missions focused and ensure the effective use of members' time."

The current business climate, which includes legal liability problems, low profit margins and worker shortages, paints a "dismal" picture, Monahan said.

But he's not ready to chuck a 22-year career.

"We are still here because this business is challenging and

rewarding," Monahan said. "We take pride in the fact that we're builders and they can't create buildings without us."

Monahan is a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Hidden Valley Ski Club, Grosse Pointe Power Squadron and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

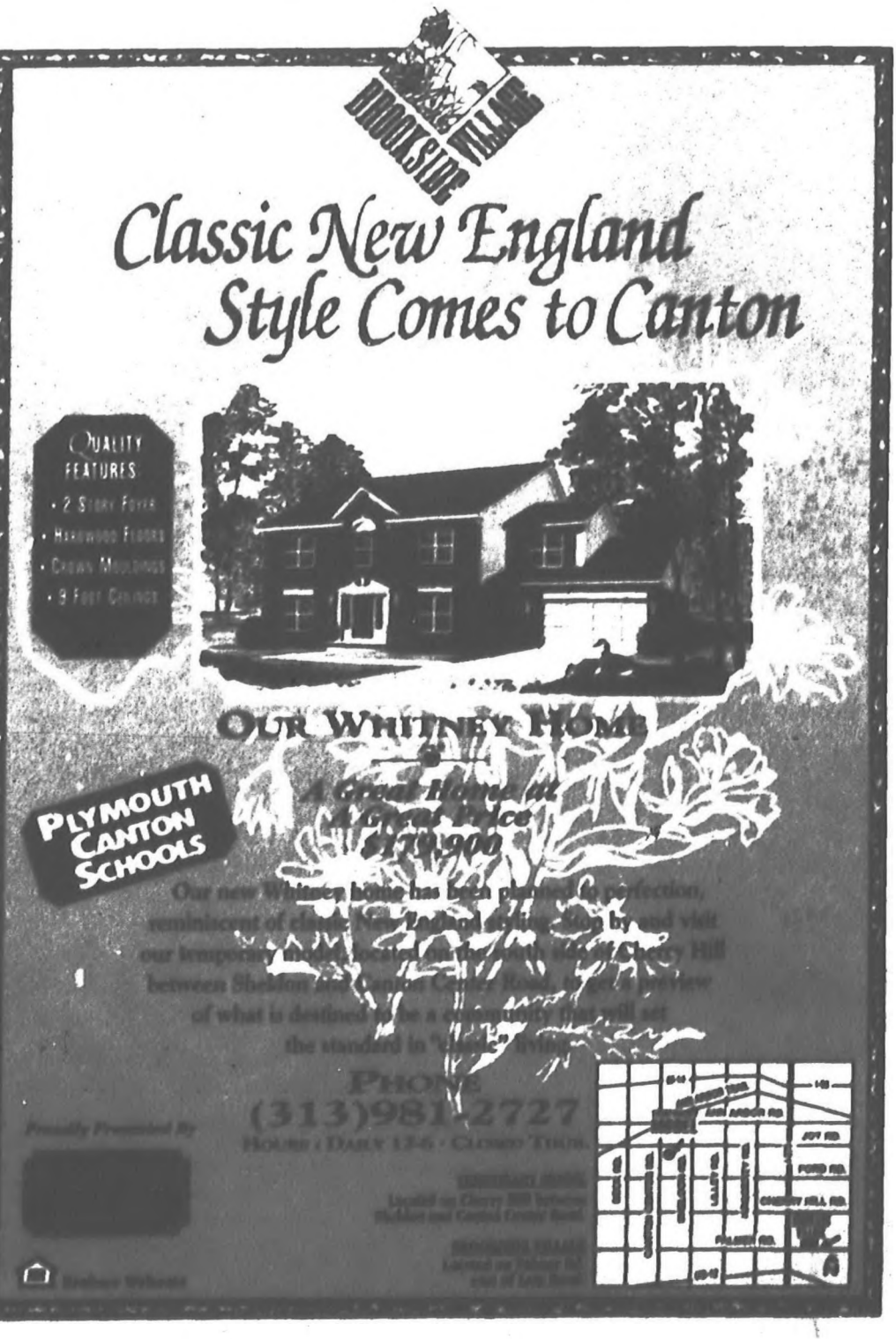
"He has an excellent background in the construction industry. He's a member of a third-generation firm," said John D. Maas, executive director of the Greater Detroit chapter and a Bloomfield Hills resident.

"When you have a president like Mike Monahan and Tom Landry, immediate past president, both knowledgeable about the construction industry and workings of the association, it makes my job easier and more enjoyable," Maas said.

Edward R. Jarchow, Barton Malow Co., Southfield, will serve as vice president and Michael R. Haller, Walbridge Aldinger, Detroit, treasurer.

Other AGC board members this year are:

- Richard DeMaria, DeMaria Building Co., Novi.
- Landry, A.J. Etkin Construction, Farmington Hills.
- Dominic J. Maltese Jr., D.J. Maltese Co., Dearborn.
- John T. Manix, Campbell Manix, Southfield.
- R. Andrew Martin Jr., F.H. Martin Construction, St. Clair Shores.
- William L. Richardson, W.L. Richardson Inc., Detroit.
- Richard Schiller, Schiller Construction, Redford.
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| SATURDAY, FEB. 4 SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services presents a six-week course "Computer Software Technologies for Manufacturers." 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays starting this date on campus in Livonia. Cost is \$118. To register, call (313) 462-4448. | SATURDAY, FEB. 4 pating Change" 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Michigan Cancer Foundation, 110 E. Warren, Detroit. Free for members, \$10 for non-members. For information, call (313) 963-5088. | SATURDAY, FEB. 11 COST CONTROL The Great Lakes Section of AACE hosts a symposium "Looking Ahead: Cost Control" 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Livonia Holiday Inn West at I-275 and Six Mile. Topics include Cost of Developing New Technology, and Diagnostic and Clinical Tools for the Project. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$25. Reservations due by Feb. 8 to Loren Sabrosky at (313) 676-2805. |
| TUESDAY, FEB. 7 DOGS/DIAMONDS The Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications hosts its 11th annual Dogs & Diamonds Awards Dinner to name detractors and boosters of women in the workplace 6 p.m. at Fox & Hounds restaurant, Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$27 for members, \$29 for non-members and \$25 for students. For reservations, call (313) 652-1460. | TUESDAY, FEB. 14 HOME BUILDING Miles Home Services presents a free seminar featuring owner-involved home building for the do-it-yourselfer 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Comfort Inn, Middlebelt at I-96, Livonia. For information, call (313) 453-8583. | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15 MAXIMIZE PROFITS The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts an interactive seminar on how to maximize profits while minimizing overhead 8:30 a.m. to noon at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite, 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477. |
| THURSDAY, FEB. 9 INVESTOR RELATIONS The Detroit Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute presents a luncheon program "How to Justify an Outside Investor Relations Consultant" 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Renaissance Club, Tower 200, 36th Floor, Renaissance Center, Detroit. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. For reservations, call Yvonne Bova at (810) 641-1446. | THURSDAY, FEB. 9 SUCCESSFUL WOMEN The National Association of Career Women Metro Detroit Chapter hosts a panel discussion "Women in Business — Our Challenges and Successes" 5:30-8 p.m. at the Southfield Marriott, 27033 Northwestern. Cost for the semi-annual business connection networking/business card exchange and program is \$20. For reservations, call (810) 268-7770. | FRIDAY, FEB. 10 MARKETING SUCCESS Star Performance Seminars presents a free real estate program "Secrets from the Archives of a Marketing Genius: How to Get More Clients in a Month Than You Now Get in a Year" 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn, 8000 Merriman, |



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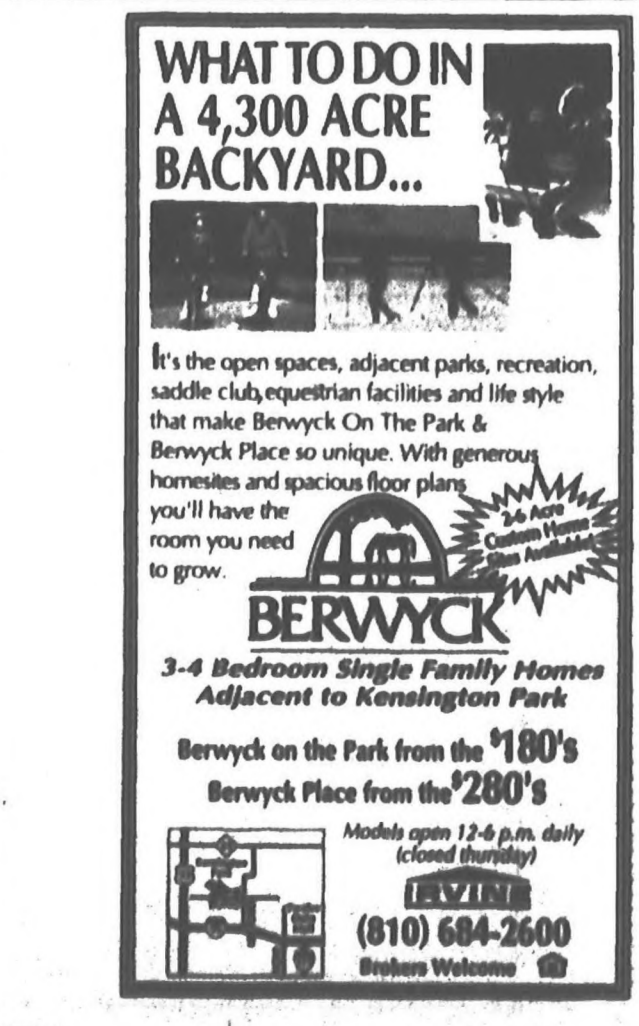
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MARSHALL MARKETING
Marshall Marketing & Graphic Design of Plymouth has been chosen as marketing/advertising agency for Standard Car Truck Co. of Park Ridge, Ill.

DETROIT DIESEL
Detroit Diesel, with production facilities in Redford, has concluded a business agreement to become exclusive master distributor in the U.S. and western Canada of engines produced by MTU Motoren of Friedrichshafen, Germany.

SIGNATURE TO QUALITY
A former 123-room Signature Inn in Plymouth has been purchased by Manor Care Hotel Division in Maryland and renamed a Quality Inn.

TRAINING REFERRAL
Several area colleges and universities have formed a consortium to locate quality training expertise in virtually any topic area.

STONE, AUGUST, BAKER
Stone, August, Baker & Co., a marketing/communications firm based in Troy, has been selected as the advertising/public relations agency for the Acme Group of Detroit.

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LIBERTY BIDCO
Liberty BIDCO in Southfield and Discovery BIDCO in Grand Rapids have become the first business and industrial development corporations in the state to merge operations.

LUCKENBACH/ZIEGELMAN
Luckenbach/Ziegelman and Partners of Birmingham has been appointed as architect for a \$16 million improvement project for the University of Michigan Business School.

BDO SEIDMAN
The Troy office of BDO Seidman has won a Gold Circle Award for Achievement in Client Service by Accounting Today magazine.

COMPLETE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS
Complete Business Solutions of Farmington Hills has won a Leading Edge Technologies Award for its newly-developed Parametric Emissions Measurement System software application.

The application uses advanced mathematical modeling and neural network techniques to accurately predict industrial plant output of various pollutants into the atmosphere.

WORKFORCE EXPANDS
Workforce, a nine-year-old firm supplying temporary help and application search/screening services has opened an office in Southfield at 17250 12 Mile, Suite 104.

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MAINTENANCE VIDEO
Don Booth and Mitch Kuffa of Educational Services Corp. in Rochester Hills have prepared a video "Do It Without Him - Home Maintenance for Women."

Northwestern, Southfield. Both Booth and Kuffa are licensed builders.

SHOWROOM ADDED
Advance Plumbing & Heating Supply has doubled the size of its Walled Lake facility and added a retail showroom complete with working fixtures.

PALMER PAINT
Palmer Paint Products of Troy, a craft paint company best known as the originator of the Paint-By-Number set, has announced a joint venture with Spumco, a Hollywood cartoon studio.

GREAT LAKES STRATEGIES
Great Lakes Strategies, a full-service benefits consulting and strategic human resource services firm, has begun operations in West Bloomfield.

Patsy Pennington, Carol Rita, Farima Asmoudeh and Dick Mitchell. Gary Gabel is president.

MANAGEMENT RECRUITERS
Management Recruiters of North Oakland County has opened new offices at 2530 S. Rochester Road in Rochester Hills, announced Mark R. Angott, president.

DESIGN ADMINISTRATION
A new chapter of the Society of Design Administration, a professional organization bringing together administrative personnel from architecture, engineering and interior design firms to share concerns and experiences, has formed.

WEST HILLS II
West Hills II, a three-story office building in Farmington Hills with 78,000 square feet of space, has been purchased by JFK Investment Co. of Bloomfield Hills.

Purchase price for the building, erected in 1987, was \$3.1 million. The structure had been acquired by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. as receiver for various failed banks in New England.

Stars from page 1F

Stephen J. Beckwith was appointed to the board of directors of Data Communications Corp. (DataComm) in Troy.

Mike Bell, owner of Bell's Landscape Services, won a gold award for landscape construction and design from the Metro-Detroit Landscape Association.

Kenneth R. Whitelaw, son of Robert and Sheena Whitelaw of Rochester, was named a second vice president at the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

Margo Ford of the Modern Insurance Agency in Canton was awarded the designation of Certified Insurance Service Representative by the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents.

David R. Thomas was appointed vice president and general manager of the Detroit local fiber-optic telecommunications operation of Teleport Communications Group.

Maureen K. Karby of Plymouth was named the new director of marketing with Community Hospice Services in Westland (formerly Hospice Services of Western Wayne County).

Gretchen Snow-Ruff of West Bloomfield was promoted to senior vice president, director, regional marketing programs at D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills.

Three architects were appointed with Campbell/Manix Associates of Southfield. Bruce A. Johnson of Walled Lake was named senior designer. D. Scott Wright of Plymouth was named a project architect.

William R. Buesser of Bloomfield Hills was named one of "The Best Lawyers in America" in the book of the same name.

Beverly Williams, vice president of medical underwriting with American Community Mutual Insurance Co. in Livonia, has retired.

derwriting. She became assistant secretary and treasurer and director of underwriting in 1975.

Michael S. Talovich was promoted to senior vice president, group account supervisor on the Pontiac account at D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills.

Joe Day, chief executive officer of Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership in Plymouth, was named executive of the year by Rubber & Plastics News, a trade publication.

Lisa Hudson joined the Southfield-based certified public accounting firm of Schmalz and Co. as a tax specialist.

Dana Hebert of Livonia and Fiona Kuzava joined the sales staff of Grace & Wild Studios in Farmington Hills.

Beth Oliver of Bloomfield Hills attended a communications conference in Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Randy Lippe of Redford was promoted to senior director of concessions at Olympia Arenas Inc. Prior to his promotion, Lippe was director of concessions at OAI.

Robert D. LoPrete, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, was named a partner in the international law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago.

Fazlur M. Rahaman, local representative in the Garden City district office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Co., retired after a 22-year career.

Timothy Longnecker of Farmington Hills, Robert Robinson of Birmingham and Richard Titsworth of Walled Lake were promoted to senior managers in the management consulting department in the Detroit office of Deloitte & Touche.

Christopher A. Frank was promoted to sales manager in the

Garden City district office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. Frank began his career with the company as a sales representative in 1992.

Lisa Rusinok of Troy was promoted to director of sales at Avanti Press in Detroit.

Craig Steele of Livonia was promoted to district sales manager for southeastern Michigan and western Ohio with Superior Coffee and Foods.

Lisa Gale joined SymCon Inc. in Southfield as document production specialist.

Robert J. Nowakowski, project consultant in Plymouth, became a Certified Professional Geologist by the American Institute of Professional Geologists.

Giffels Associates Inc. of Southfield elected its 1995 corporate officers: Richard A. Bither, president and chairman; Harutin Vaporylyan, executive vice president; Loren L. Klevering, executive vice president and secretary; David P. Bourgeois, executive vice president; Gregory L. Nichols, vice president and treasurer; and the following vice presidents: William E. Harrison, Francis A. Murad, James

F. Meredith, Robert J. Kaminiski, Richard G. Krenz, Robert J. Lefebvre, Ram D. Misra, Phillip A. Nicholas, John Solowczuk and Lawrence A. Stein.

Kim Snellgrove joined Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists on Lilley Road in Plymouth.

Robert J. Ballis of Birmingham joined the staff of CDA Engineering Inc. in Troy as engineering manager.

Michael T. Brenner of Farmington Hills joined the law firm of Cochran, Foley & Associates in Livonia as an associate.

Jacquelyn L. Bovee of Troy joined WYCD-FM in Southfield as the radio station's retail marketing manager.

Eric Kosmider of Livonia received the 1994 North Star award for excellence in marketing communications during the Public Relations Society of America Detroit Chapter's annual meeting.

Paul F. Kozowicz, managing partner of Gordon & Co. in Troy, was elected vice president of Professionals Education Network Inc.

Yvette Beausoleil, formerly of Redford, became an office supervisor in the Farmington Hills-

based branch office of Adia Personnel Services. She had worked for Temporary Resources in a similar capacity.

Richard J. Francis of Birmingham was elected vice chairman of the M&A Source, a division of the International Business Brokers Association.

Jonathan Krause joined Lutz Capital Corp. in Southfield as an analyst in the company's research department.

Sean Downer, Jerry Sosnowski and Anne Beechnau joined the Rochester Hills office of Giffels-Webster Engineers Inc.

Jeffrey Ellis of Rochester Hills was promoted to a senior manager in the audit department of the Detroit office of Deloitte and Touche.

Carl Brickman joined First of American Bank Corp.-International Division in Birmingham as vice president-international operations manager.

Colleen Barget was named director, clinical quality, for Kelly Assisted Living, a subsidiary of Kelly Services Inc. of Troy.

Home Health Care in Farmington Hills.

James D. Walker joined Schmalz & Co. in Southfield as a staff accountant.

The following area residents were elected to the board of governors of the International Television Association in Detroit: Rick Appleby of Birmingham to secretary, Ken King of West Bloomfield to treasurer, Joyce Kreger of Southfield as a governor and Lori Jo Vest of Auburn Hills as news editor.

James R. Peardof Troy was given Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Michael P. Metzger was hired as audit manager for Geisinger & Dial, a certified public accounting firm in Troy.

Sally Bean of Bloomfield Hills and Brian Campbell were named account executives with WRIF-Radio in Southfield.

C. Karry Kouvelas joined Grant Thornton in Southfield as a manager in the firm's management consulting department.

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Owning a house can be a very good investment

There are as many reasons to own a home as there are homeowners and potential owners.

Many people cite the security, stability and enhanced quality of life that owning a home provides their family. Others view a home as a good investment.

Some want the freedom to personalize their living environment, and others seek relief from periodic rent increases.

"No matter what the individual reason for purchasing a home may be, most people agree that financial benefits are among the most

compelling," said Janet L. Compo, a Farmington Hills residential builder and president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"For most families in most markets, a home is a sensible, stable investment that increases in value at, or slightly above, the inflation rate, allowing the owners to build a nest egg for college costs, retirement or other needs," she added.

In fact, the home accounts for almost 60 percent of the typical

American homeowner's net worth, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University.

In The State of the Nation's Housing 1993, the Joint Center reported that the median net worth for homeowners was \$78,403. Of that net worth, just over \$46,000 consisted of home equity and slightly more than \$32,000 was in other assets.

Consistent with that finding, 75 percent of the homeowners sur-

veyed in a recent National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) poll said that a home is one of the best hedges against inflation.

Almost as many (73 percent) said that a home's value as an investment was one of the primary reasons that they decided to become a homeowner.

Sixty-eight percent cited the desire to provide security, stability and a positive living environment for the family, while 52 per-

cent wanted the freedom to renovate, improve and personalize their living environment.

Half also said that tax benefits, particularly the mortgage interest deduction, were important factors in the initial decision to become a homeowner.

"A cornerstone of the nation's housing policy for decades, the mortgage interest deduction, has helped millions of American families achieve home ownership since it first came into common

use about 50 years ago," Compo said.

Mortgage interest and property taxes are deductible from federal and state taxes, making homeownership more affordable and easier to achieve.

In fact, 63 percent of those polled in the NAHB survey said that the mortgage interest deduction is very important to them and 21 percent said that it is somewhat important, giving it an overall rating of 4.3 on a scale of 1 to 5.

Ask the right questions to find a good remodeler

With the remodeling season approaching, you may be among the many homeowners who are considering home improvements but are frightened by the horror stories of dishonest or unqualified contractors.

"The good news is that by asking the right questions and looking in the right places, you can find a professional, experienced remodeler to do a job that will not only raise your home's value, but also make the home more enjoyable for many years to come," said L. David Kellett, president of Kellett Construction in Bloomfield Hills.

He's also co-chairman of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM) Remodelers Council.

The best places to find qualified contractors is through friends, neighbors, local Realtors and BASM's Remodelers directory.

Many homeowners enjoy their neighborhoods and don't relish the expense and trouble of moving, but want a change in space or amenities.

Remodeling makes it possible to upgrade and expand without moving and often rewards the investment with a higher sale price when the house is later put on the market.

"The percentage of a remodeling investment which will be returned depends on the job and the number of years until the house is

sold," said Thomas Kellett, vice president of Kellett Construction and co-chairman of BASM's Remodelers Council.

"A minor kitchen remodel can return 100 percent of the initial investment, while a new skylight illuminating a room could return even more," he said.

"A rule of thumb is that any improvement which brings a home up to the level of similar houses in the same neighborhood is a good one," Thomas Kellett said.

In choosing a remodeler, the lowest price is not always the best choice. No two remodelers will do a job exactly the same way.

Be as specific as possible and ask the contractor to specify the materials and brand names on which he is basing the quote. Be especially wary of a quote significantly lower than the range indicated by the others.

With a remodeling project, the lowest price often comes with a sacrifice or compromise of quality workmanship or materials, professionalism, time, supervision, service and follow up.

By the time you decide to hire a remodeler, you probably already have a fairly good idea of what you want the finished job to look like.

A professional remodeler can take your ideas and recommend the most effective ways to achieve the results you are seeking while staying within your budget.

Like any important purchase, a remodeling project is not something to be spontaneous about.

Although it may take some time to find a remodeler with whom you feel comfortable and can communicate, it is well worth the effort.

One of the most important things that can be done to learn about a remodeler is to ask for a list of recently completed projects that are similar to yours.

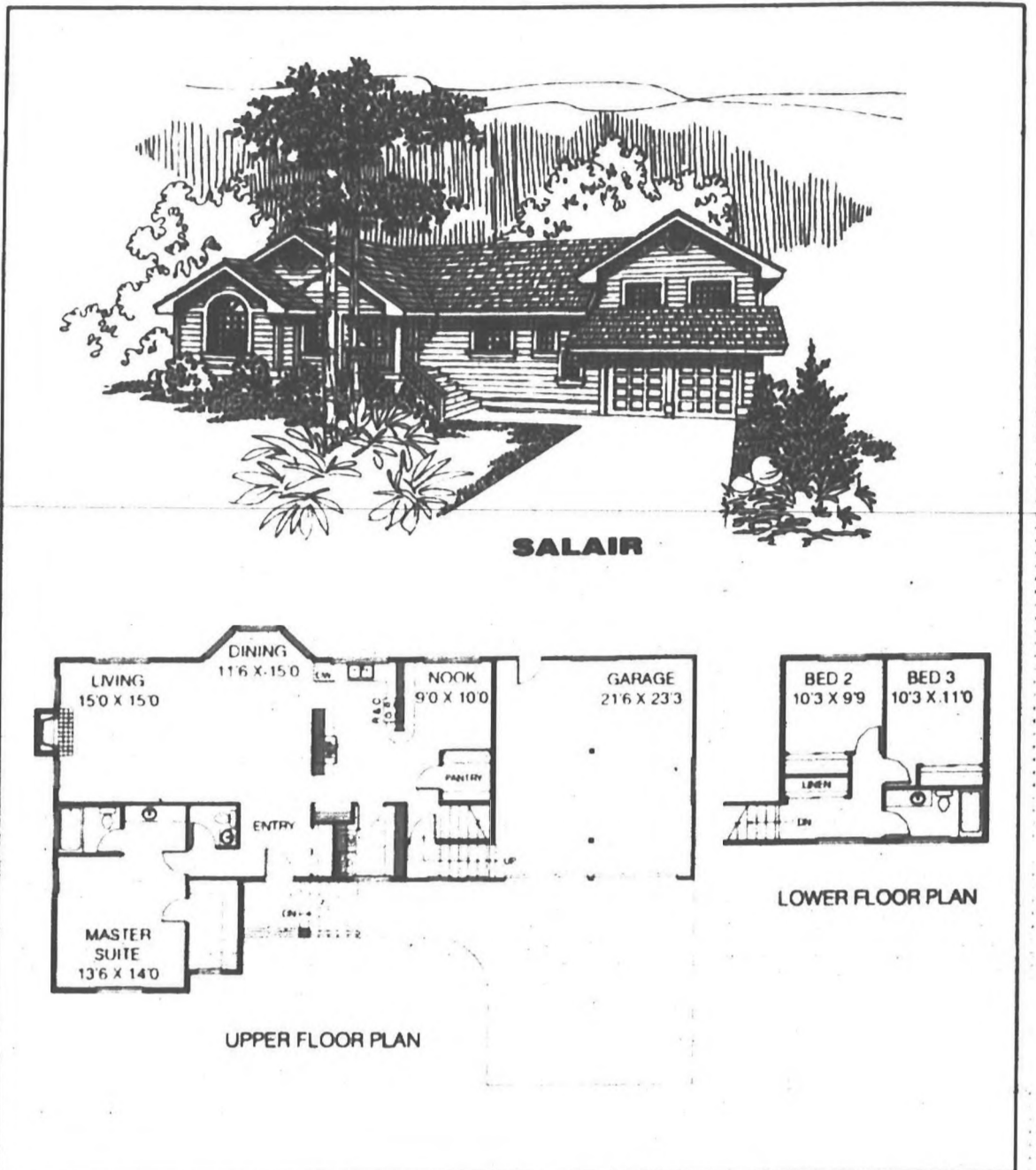
He may have done kitchen remodeling, but that won't be much of an indication of how well he can add an additional level to your home.

Then, call the references and visit the sites if possible.

To be protected from possible legal problems, it's important that you verify that the remodeler has the licenses and permits required to build in your city and is properly insured according to Michigan's regulations.

A good remodeler will want you to do your homework before you sign the contract.

In fact, since so much of a remodeler's business comes from referrals, a good remodeler will do everything possible to ensure that the job will reflect well on his company and add one more customer to his list of satisfied clients.



The Salair: Overall dimensions are 70 feet wide by 39 feet 6 inches deep. The house provides 1,751 square feet of living space. It also has 528 square feet of space in the garage.

How to find right location when you buy a new house

Choosing where to build your new home is as important as choosing the right builder.

Be objective in your evaluation of different neighborhoods' physical locations, character and development regulations.

When making your neighborhood selection, make sure you feel comfortable overall and decide if any location-related compromises are necessary to find a location that meets your needs.

Take into consideration how close you are to the things you will want and need.

Are medical facilities and shopping nearby? Is being close to public transportation important? If there are two wage earners, will the location you choose be close to both of your jobs?

Would you want to be close to a city, or would you be willing to

have a longer commute and live in the country?

Do you want a home with a big yard or an environment with a lot of people?

If you have children or are planning to have children, are the area schools good? Are other children in the neighborhood? Are day care facilities accessible?

"Keep in mind that the desirability of a location will impact the price of the home and that the location is rated by the value of other houses in the area," said Janet L. Compo, a Farmington Hills residential builder and president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"The quality of schools and other public services and the appearance of the neighborhood also impact upon the price," she said.

"Safety, cleanliness and the

quality of life also contribute to the value of the neighborhood.

"Accessibility to expressways and conveniences often add to the cost of the home. You should also focus on the long-range picture when choosing a neighborhood since the future of the neighborhood may affect the value of your home. As the neighborhood becomes more attractive, the value of the homes increase," Compo said.

Enjoyment of your new home may also depend on whether you are close to friends and family.

Do you think you will feel comfortable with the neighbors in the location you choose? If one day you want to expand your home, will the location permit that?

These are all things to consider before making a decision where to live.

Plan offers separate quarters

The 1,762-square-foot Salair has a floor plan that is amenable to many family situations. This two-level design has two good-sized bedrooms on the upper floor.

For a family with older children living at home, or those caring for elderly parents, this second floor can serve as a small apartment.

Each of the bedrooms has ample closet space and a window to sample the view. Extra linen storage is available in the hallway, along with a full bathroom.

Empty nesters that just want to have extra room when grandchildren or old friends come to visit, can seal off the entire second level when not in use.

Railed steps lead up to a covered porch on the main floor. A short hallway to the left of the en-

try takes you into the isolated master suite.

Amenities here include a spacious walk-in closet, vaulted ceiling, private bathroom and vanity. A convenient half-bath in the hallway is available for your guests.

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The walk-through kitchen continues the free flow of movement that is the essence of this home. Here the cook in the house can prepare and serve meals either in

the dining room, the nearby breakfast nook or at the casual eating bar without missing out on any of the goings-on. Features in this modern kitchen include walk-in pantry, built-in appliances and garden window. Close to the kitchen is a small utility room that houses the washer and dryer.

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What first-time buyer wants:

Suburban location, big yard, amenities, low price tag

First-time home buyers want many of the same features in a home that trade-up buyers want — a large lot, a two-car garage, walk-in closets and bay windows — but aren't willing or able to pay a big price, according to a survey by the National Association of Home Builders.

Renters who planned to buy their first home in the near future were surveyed on their housing desires.

"One feature they definitely want in a home is significantly more space than they have in their rental accommodations, a

median of 1,900 square feet versus 1,000 square feet," said Janet L. Compo, a Farmington Hills residential builder and upresident of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

First-time buyers are willing or able to pay a median price of \$87,000 compared to trade-up buyers who could afford a median price of \$120,200.

"The top five priorities for first-time home buyers were energy efficiency, a big lot, less crime, a better neighborhood and less noise," Compo added.

For a newly built home, first-

time buyers said that quality of workmanship, neighborhood, energy features, builder's reputation, warranty, exterior appearance, schools, distance to work and to shopping were all important to them.

Forty percent of renters who plan to buy prefer a two-story home, 36 percent want a single-story home and 13 percent prefer a split level.

Asked whether they were willing to give up space in one part of the house for more space elsewhere, more than half said they want a larger family room instead of a larger living room and more

living space rather than dining space.

Sixty-two percent said they wouldn't be willing to give up bedroom space for either bathroom or group activity space.

Potential buyers want a home filled with amenities, particularly a washer/dryer, linen closet, additional bathroom, central air conditioning, walk-in closets, microwave oven, dishwasher, pantry, security system and fireplace.

Reflecting the current trend toward kitchen/family room combinations, 45 percent said they prefer the kitchen and family room to be adjacent and visually

open but with a divider.

In the kitchen, the most desired feature is a large counter top followed by a walk-in pantry, special-use storage and a bay window.

Cabinets definitely beat out kitchen windows. Nearly three-quarters of the respondents said they would prefer more wall cabinets to additional windows in the kitchen.

The majority of potential buyers prefer two bathrooms (46 percent), although nearly as many (40 percent) want more than two.

Forty-nine percent prefer three bedrooms, while 38 percent want

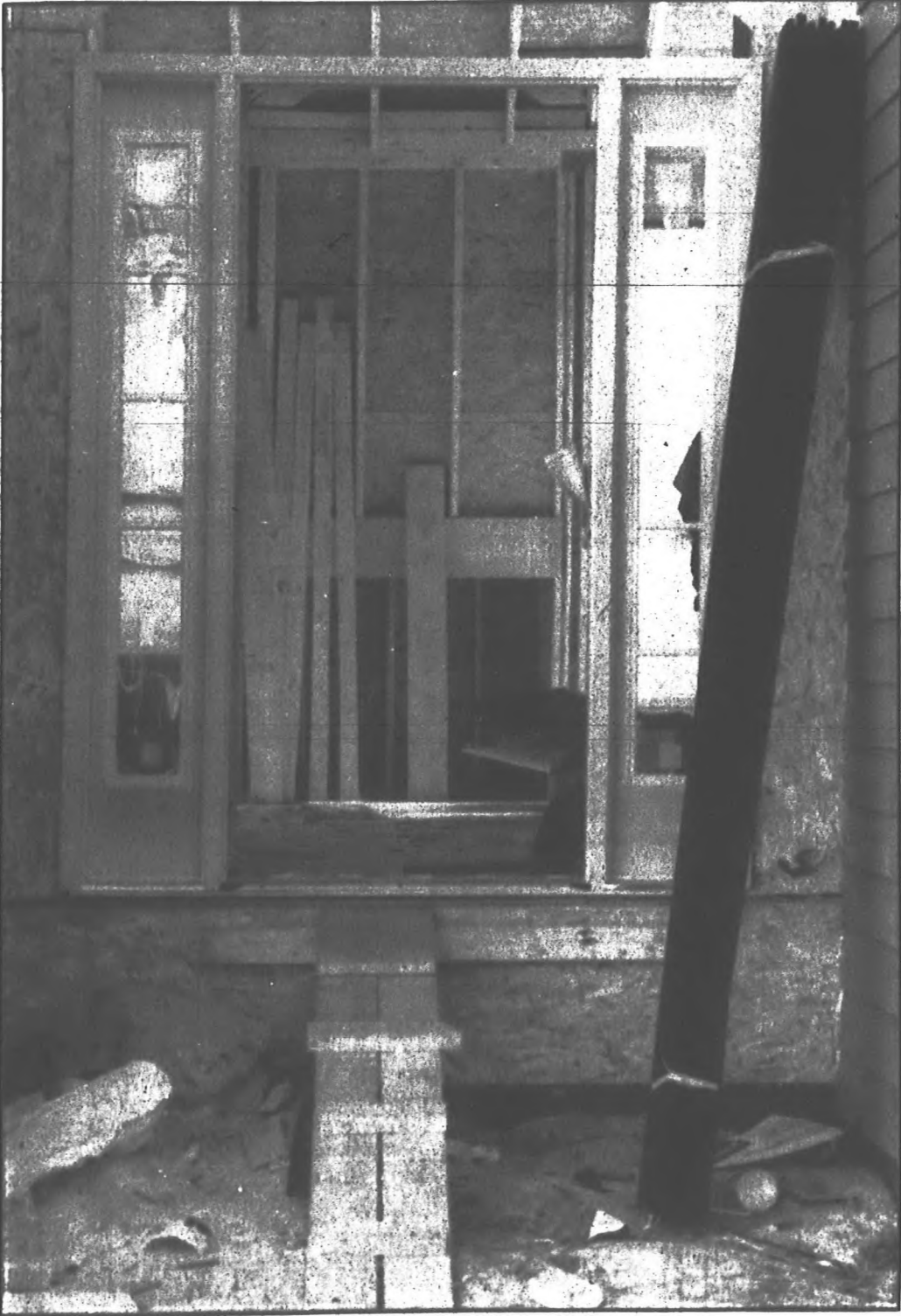
four bedrooms.

For their first home, about 25 percent of the respondents said they weren't willing or able to pay more than \$60,000, 20 percent were willing or able to pay from \$60,000 to \$79,000 and another 20 percent were willing or able to pay between \$80,000 and \$99,999.

Only 18 percent were willing or able to pay \$150,000 or more.

"To make the home more affordable, renters said they would be willing to live farther from work, have a smaller lot, buy an expandable home and accept fewer amenities," Compo said.

New housing offers advantages



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Building new: A brand new house, when completed, offers buyers all kinds of amenities including up-to-date mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems.

Shopping for a home involves a lot of decisions.

Should you buy a traditional single-family home or a condominium-style townhouse or apartment? Do you want to live in the city or the suburbs? How many bathrooms and bedrooms do you need?

Another key question involves whether you should buy a new home or an existing one. New homes cost more on average, but they have numerous advantages. Among these are:

- Better designed kitchens with new appliances.
- More energy efficient heating and cooling systems, resulting in lower monthly energy bills.
- Better insulation.
- More electrical outlets.
- Safety glass in safety-critical areas.
- Warranty protection on the house itself and the appliances and goods within the house.

"Many features of today's new homes were either rare or unheard of a few decades ago," said Janet L. Compo, a Farmington Hills residential builder and president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"For instance in the mid-1960s, there were no home computers. There were no VCRs. There were no microwave ovens. Central air conditioning was very uncommon," she said.

"Houses built in that period have far fewer electrical outlets, because there were far fewer devices to plug in and no safety provisions for ground fault outlets."

"Tastes and needs of homeowners change over time," Compo added. "Successful builders study changes in consumer lifestyle and incorporate features into their new homes which accommodate the changes."

To accommodate the needs of a 1990s household, a house might need two bathrooms off the master bedroom or a bathroom with two sinks to allow both members of the couple to get ready for work at the same time.

Fewer children might mean that the house would have fewer but larger rooms.

Each year about six times as many existing homes sell than new homes.

Tell me:

How do I qualify to buy a house?

Knowing how much house you can afford to buy is one of the most important questions to answer before you start your house search.

It's also one that you are very likely to answer incorrectly.

"In today's interest rate market, a rule of thumb is that you can qualify for a mortgage that is about three times your annual gross salary," said Janet L. Compo, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. "But that doesn't take into account down payment and debt issues."

More specifically, you should spend no more than 28 percent of your monthly gross income on mortgage payment (which includes taxes and insurance premiums) plus utilities.

So, if your annual gross income is \$40,000, you can spend up to \$933 on housing each month.

The other rule of thumb is that your housing payment, plus your other monthly debts — like car payments and credit card payments — shouldn't total more than 36 percent of your monthly gross income.

Continuing the example, that means you can spend \$1,199 on housing plus install-

ment debt. So, if your house payment, plus utilities, comes to \$933, that means your other monthly debt cannot total more than \$266 if you want to qualify for a mortgage.

"The best way to find out if you qualify for a loan is to visit with a lender or real estate agent and have them pre-qualify you," Compo said. "This will give you a good idea of whether you can qualify for a mortgage and for how much."

With mortgages guaranteed by the Veterans Administration or the Federal Housing Administration these percentages, or ratios as they're known in the mortgage business, will be higher, giving you more breathing room when trying to qualify.

Now that you know how much of a house payment you can qualify for, the next factor of the equation is what price range you should be looking in.

For this, you'll need the help of your lender, real estate agent, or an amortization chart or book, which you can find at bookstores.

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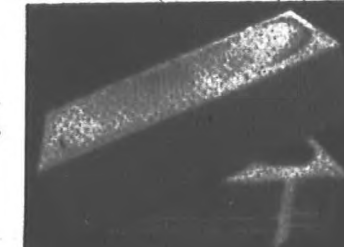
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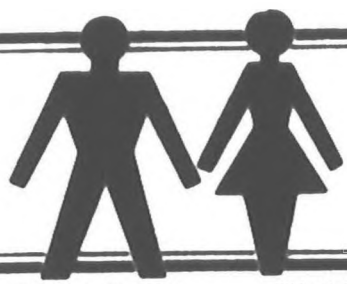
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Many wedding traditions are rooted in folklore

BY LINDA BACHRACK
 SPECIAL WRITER

Customs surrounding the marriage ceremony have evolved through the centuries and transcended many cultures. Some of these rituals are symbolic of the ties that bind us one to the other, regardless of our heritage or religion.

The following customs originated in ancient times and many endure today. Once you know the folklore behind them, you may want to adopt some for your own ceremony. The ethnic customs and family traditions you choose to follow will make your wedding uniquely your own.

The wedding gown

The Romans designated white as a symbol of celebration and started the traditions of wedding veils and attendants who dress alike. They believed that demon spirits were jealous of people's happiness and in order to confuse the devil, the bride wore a veil to conceal her joy. Evil spirits were further confused by requiring the bridesmaids to dress like her.

The white bridal gown as we know it today was first introduced by Empress Eugenie who married Napoleon III of France. However, white is not universally accepted. Chinese brides wear red and Norwegian brides wear green.

Flowers

The custom of wearing a wreath of orange blossoms was introduced in Europe by the Crusaders. Orange blossoms were also carried by brides in their bouquet as a symbol of fertility. "Mamma came before and brought me a nosegay of orange flowers," wrote a bride to be Queen Victoria in her journal.

Instead of throwing your bouquet,

consider the Norwegian custom of giving your headpiece, a wreath of white flowers, to one of your bridesmaids.

The *huppah* is a flower-bedecked wedding canopy used in Jewish ceremonies to symbolize the home the couple will share. It must be large enough to cover the rabbi, the bride and groom, the maid of honor and the best man.

In the Greek Orthodox ceremony, the priest places a crown of leaves and flowers on the heads of the bride and groom. The crowns symbolize both joy and martyrdom.

Music

Though musical selections are largely personal preference, there are some abiding musical customs. The Eastern Orthodox churches allow only vocal music. Quakers allow no music at all. In ancient times it was customary in Jewish weddings for a flute to be played during the processional. Many couples are reintroducing this tradition.

The Rings

The earliest record of the wedding ring appears in Egyptian hieroglyphics, where a circle represents eternity. The use of the wedding ring among Christians has been traced back to the year 500. Though the ring is traditionally placed on the third finger of the left hand, it has not always been so. During the Elizabethan period in England, the ring was worn on the thumb. In Jewish weddings, the ring is placed on the first finger of the left hand.

The engagement ring was originally used to seal any sacred document. Pharaoh gave Joseph his ring when in the book of Genesis he "set Joseph over all the land of Egypt." The Greeks exchanged inscribed rings as early as the fourth century B.C.

Happily Ever After

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— Herman Hupfeld, 1931

When I was falling in love, back in the spring of 1977, I knew I met the guy for me when this note fell out of my mailbox.

"Susan dear, I have this bug. I always want to see your mug."

OK. So it's no sonnet. But, you have to appreciate the fact that it was penned by a nuclear physicist, and just for me.

Words of love written by more literary types can be found throughout this bridal supplement. Coupled with some great feature stories, the issue celebrates a couple's decision to begin a life together.

It's a very special time. So much so, that 50 years down the road, the romance should be recalled to wide-eyed grandchildren the way Bill O'Brien did recently, following the toast at his Golden Anniversary party.

It all started on a warm summer night on Belle Isle when I asked your grandmother, "Helen, do you want to get married... or something?" And she replied, "We'll get married... or nothing."

Susan DeMaggio
 Bridal Coordinator

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A little homework helps before picking patterns

There used to be a time when bridal registry was simple. Today, *simple* is the last word to describe the process of registering!

Engaged couples used to register only for the basics. These days the bridal registry serves as a repository for their gift wish list. As a result, the bridal registry business, once the domain of department stores, has experienced a surge of specialty stores, including everything from tabletop, kitchenware, and giftware merchandisers, to hardware, electronics, and sporting goods stores, offering the service.

Heslop's owner, Barbara Heslop, with eight tabletop store locations, provided thoughts to keep in mind when selecting items for the home.

- 1) Make sure the sales consultant providing assistance is knowledgeable in the business. Has he/she been trained in the gift registry business?
- 2) Looking at hundreds of china patterns at once can be overwhelming. Your sales associate should be able to suggest specific dinnerware patterns based on your personal taste to narrow

down the selection.

- 3) Always select your dinnerware first. Your china pattern is the "foundation" of the place setting. Once this is agreed upon by both partners, you can move into selecting flatware and stemware to complement this china.
- 4) When registering, your sales consultant should also be able to help coordinate the flatware and stemware to your chosen china pattern. If your china and flatware both have a lot of detail, you should select more simple-looking stemware. Second, be consistent with the color of tabletop decor rims. Typically, you would not mix gold-rimmed stemware with platinum rimmed china.
- 5) Purchasing your dinnerware is a major investment. Recognize that you may tire of a trendy pattern, and you'll be eating off this dinnerware for many years to come. Use accessories and linens to liven up your table setting. They can be changed often to create different moods for various special occasions.
- 6) Pay attention to shape. China shapes can differ tremendously among patterns.

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Sweet endings for bright beginnings

BY LINDA BACHRACK
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The beautiful and delicious confection that is the wedding cake is traditionally a symbol of fruitfulness and plenty.

As far back as Roman times, wheat symbolized fertility and a bun was broken over the bride's head during the marriage ceremony. Guests reached for crumbs for good luck.

In the Elizabethan age, bridesmaids baked buns which became the wedding feast's centerpiece. Then, in the 17th century, a French baker frosted the stack of buns creating the first tiered wedding cake.

The cake is one of those cherished traditions that marks your wedding day. It should be delectable, baked with your favorite flavor and filling. Its decoration should reflect your personal taste, keeping with the colors and ambience of your wedding.

Area bakers and decorators share their memories of unique wedding cakes, and offer hints that might inspire you to envision a one-of-a-kind creation for your special day.

The folks at G. M. Paris Bakery in Livonia agree that the cake decorated in cacti instead of flowers tops their

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Classic simplicity guides gown designs this year

BY LINDA BACHRACK
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Becky Welnitz had a vision. The bride-to-be imagined herself floating down the aisle in a sophisticated sheath, classic and elegant. Like most brides, however, her preconception proved less than ideal.

Welnitz ultimately fell in love with a full-skirted silk shantung creation, embellished with silk roses and accented by a wide cummerbund sash and an off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline.

Alvin Steinman, president of Alvin's Bride in Birmingham, sees this scenario repeated every day.

"Women come in with an idea or a picture of the dress they want, but they rarely buy that dress," he said. "It's just not them." The huge selection of styles at Steinman's salon allows each bride to try on as many dresses as she wishes until she gets that indescribable reaction — Mom cries, big sister gasps, her best friend snaps pictures. When she looks in the mirror, she instinctively knows that this is the one. Neither sneakers, nor bra straps, nor stringy hair can mar the look. Fantasy becomes reality.

Thirty-five years ago, when Steinman first got into the bridal business, there were three gown manufacturers — Priscilla of Boston, Bianchi and Fink. Today there are hundreds. The original designers are still held in high

regard, but are joined by such illustrious names as Iliasa, Scaasi, Amale, Eve of Milady, the Diamond Collec-

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Shapely lace: The imported lace and bustle effect make for a most dramatic back in this gown by Marisa, available at Jacobson's Bridal Salons.



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Jewelers offer tips for choosing rings

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Back in 1477, the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, presented his bride, Mary of Burgundy, with a fiery "diamant" on a gold band. He placed it on the third finger of her left hand, believing that the finger's Vein of Love connected directly to her heart. Today, the romance of diamonds endures.

The wedding band and engagement ring are unbroken circles symbolizing lasting commitment. Whether plain or embellished with diamonds, wedding rings seal the betrothal, visually announcing your marriage to the world. It is important, therefore, that the ring you choose is one you will enjoy wearing for the rest of your life.

Ask a jeweler and he will tell you that the four C's — color, cut, clarity and carat, determine a diamond's value. But a family heirloom, still sparkling in its original setting, is irreplaceable, regardless of any tiny flaws or inferior color.

Only you can truly judge the worth of your diamond. If it has sentimental value, is a gift from the heart and seems perfect in your eyes, then it is.

However, if you intend to purchase a diamond engagement ring, there are some tips to ensure that you receive the best quality for your money. Before you buy your diamond, learn as much as you can from a reputable jeweler who you can trust.

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thority on diamonds. Tiffany diamonds are inspected and graded in the company's own diamond laboratory and the settings are crafted by Tiffany artisans.

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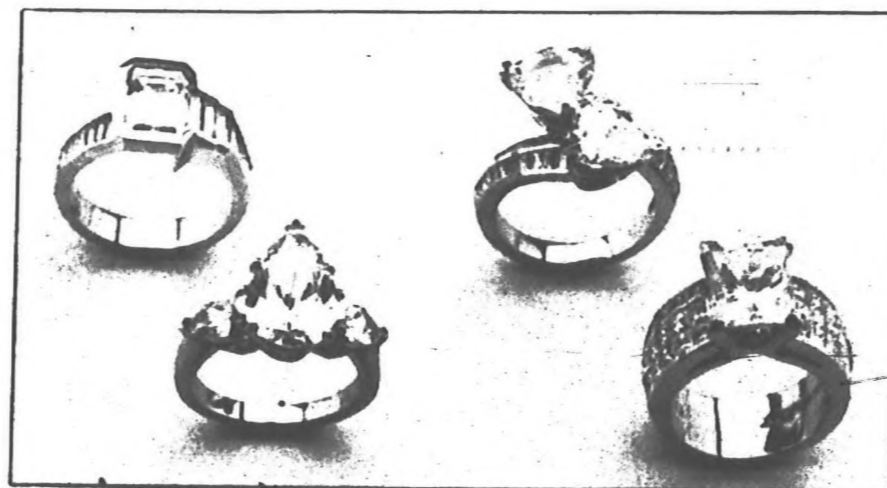
To lessen your anxiety, heed the fol-

lowing tips from Tiffany's product development manager, Richard Buonomo.

The simplest choice that you will make is the shape that you prefer. The majority of diamonds sold are round. Though shape is a matter of taste, round stones are generally the most brilliant because the facets are all equally aligned.

The brilliance, however, is ultimately determined by the cut. Buonomo cautioned that many cutters cut the stone to maximize weight. Remember,

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Dazzling diamonds: A selection of platinum and 18K gold engagement rings from Greis Jewellers in Farmington Hills features (left to right) emerald, pear, a double heart and princess cuts.

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list of unusual requests. But decorators at Old Village Bakery in Troy and Warren, contribute to the out-of-the-ordinary with their recollection of a casino cake with a slot machine and dice, and a tiered western-themed concoction, complete with cowboy boot, rope and a 10-gallon hat. They've also decorated a Hawaiian cake with tropical flowers and an old-fashioned car trailing tin cans.

Most bakers frost in buttercream, but some use a rolled fondant, producing a satiny finish that also keeps the cake fresh. The rolled fondant can not be decorated with buttercream flowers, but can be garnished with white chocolate curls and wired ribbon, according to Paula Christ, owner of The Baker's Loaf in Southfield.

"It's a very European look," she said. Christ pays particular attention to the details when designing wedding cakes. The height of the cake should be in proportion to the height of the ceiling in the reception room. In a massive room, pillars are added between layers so the cake will not seem dwarfed. Fillings can be coordinated to match the wedding party's dresses.

"A strawberry or raspberry mousse is perfect if the girls are wearing pink tones," she said. And the cake itself should be white or ivory depending upon the bride's gown. With the increasing popularity of black and white-hued weddings, Christ does a tuxedo-look cake with white flowers and black

leaves with touches of silver.

Most requested batters include the traditional white and yellow and the newer flavors of banana, carrot, pound cake and cherry nut. Christ likes a half-chocolate, half-yellow cake with a pink filling for a Neapolitan look.

The baker at Machus's Adams Square location is of Danish descent and his cakes often reflect European customs. He does, for instance, an authentic Scandinavian *kransekage*, intricately constructed of 18-layer almond-meringue rings, drizzled with icing and decorated with traditional adornments. You can also get the customary English fruitcake wrapped in royal icing.

The British bride and groom ceremonially crack the icing before cutting the cake, according to Machus decorator, Pearl Thouin. The *Wedelskrans*, named after a duke in Denmark, is a circular cream puff shell filled with custard, whipped cream, strawberries and chocolate and covered with white fondant and flowers. Each *Wedelskrans* is placed on a separate stand for a tiered effect.

Individual tones are another specialty of Machus. The elegant tortes are filled in a variety of flavors, covered in whipped cream and placed on tiered stands. Thouin also likes the look of gift box-shaped cakes stacked and tied with pastillage ribbons. She highly recommends Machus's own homemade raspberry filling.



Silken fantasy: The understated simplicity of the Priscilla Couture gown with sheer bodice and billowing sleeves imparts a refined elegance that transcends its lack of embellishment. Available at Alvin's Bride in Birmingham.

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tion, Christian Dior and Christos. Steinman calls Carmela Suters the most outstanding new American designer. Her gowns are noted for their exquisite simplicity.

Colleen Campbell, bridal buyer for Jacobson's, likes The Marisa Collection for its imported silks, flattering silhouettes and understated elegance with less lace and little train. "The girl wears the dress, not vice versa," Campbell noted.

If there is a trend in wedding gowns this spring, it is toward a simplified, more subtle elegance. "There is still some traditional lace and beading," Campbell said, "but less is more. And no frou-frou wreaths in the hair." Instead, minimal headpieces anchor dramatic cathedral length veils that can be detached for the reception.

Michele Campbell, manager of Lina's Bridal in Plymouth, notes the beautiful shape of the new A-line dresses and the soft, feminine silk chiffons and organzas, tulle and silk shantung. "They're floaty but not fussy," she said.

Campbell also sees a trend toward shorter, chapel length trains and short full veils attached to a chic little pill-box hat. "It's the Jackie-O look. Women don't want to look like a chandelier but they want to express their femininity."

However, if you envision yourself in

yards of tulle with a beaded and jeweled bodice, you're not alone, and many designers are creating the Cinderella ball gown look for spring. Remember May's fantastic tulle wedding dress in "The Age of Innocence?" Opulence is allowed. As Michele Campbell summed up, "It's how you feel in the dress that counts and you should feel like the belle of the ball." Gowns are generally priced from \$600-\$4,200.

While there are hundreds of bridal gown manufacturers, there are few designers of bridesmaid dresses. These are the dresses that often pose the worst dilemmas. How do you find an affordable dress in a color and style to flatter every member of your wedding party?

This spring look for sheaths, classic eveningwear silhouettes, suits and basic party dresses. Watters and Watters is a leading designer of sleek and glamorous dresses that can be worn again. White and ivory are important for spring, as are new shimmering platinum and silver showstoppers. Black and navy continue to be popular and yellow and seafoam green are enjoying comebacks.

Mothers-of-the-bride today are younger and in shape according to Jacobson's Campbell. They're not looking for the typical matronly mother's ensemble. Forego the chiffon and consider a silk satin suit or something in linen.

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bigger is not always better. Only when a diamond is cut to exacting proportions, will the stone's brilliance and "fire" radiate. The cut is what makes the diamond so special, so valued.

Large stones are rarer than small ones, but if a diamond lacks purity, clarity and color, it holds little value. First determine your budget and work within that price range. A carat is 100 points. The smallest diamond at Tiffany's is a 20-point stone and costs \$850. If that fits your budget, know that you will be getting exceptional quality, according to Buonomo.

"Diamond prices are based solely on scarcity. Scarcity drives value," he said.

When it comes to color, less is more. Color, however, is impossible to see with the naked eye. A single increase in color grade can boost a diamond's value by thousands of dollars, so it is essential that your diamond be certified by the Gemological Institute of America. Color grades are marked by letters from D (colorless) to Z (yellowed by impurities). Look for a diamond graded J or better.

Flawless diamonds are extremely rare. Most diamonds exhibit tiny inclusions or blemishes. They are "nature's fingerprint" on the stone. Clarity

can only be determined by experienced laboratory scientists who scrutinize the stones under powerful binocular microscopes.

Look for a clarity grade of VS or better. That means your diamond has very small inclusions that are not visible to the unaided eye. Other acceptable grades are VVS (very, very small inclusions), IF (internally flawless) and FL (flawless).

"A recipient of a gift won't get more enjoyment out of the top grades because the differences aren't evident," Buonomo said. "But connoisseurs care and some clients won't look at anything but the best." You are totally dependent upon your salesperson. Ask questions, demand to see quality standards, and get certification in writing.

Armed with this basic knowledge, what are spring's newest trends in engagement rings and wedding bands? Jason Greisdorf of Greis Jewelers in West Bloomfield, and Orin Mazzoni, Jr. president of Orin Jewellers in Garden City, share their expertise and visions for the coming season.

All that glitters is not necessarily gold. Platinum became popular early in this century and is making a strong comeback.



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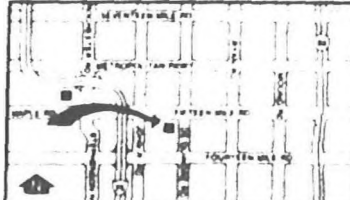
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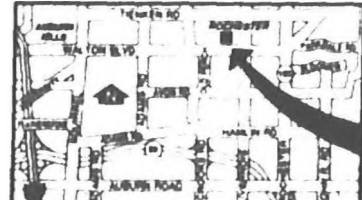


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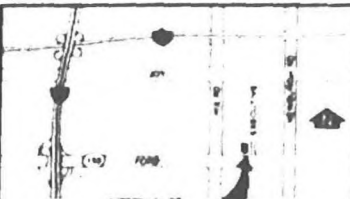
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