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Cable upgrades in the works



Cable TV viewers in the Plymouth-Canton community should see some improvements soon. Omnicom will install fiber optic cable and make other improvements.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Omnicom is spending millions of dollars to upgrade its technology and cable television system.

"These upgrades will bring the enhancements our customers want," said Lisa Boland, Omnicom general manager. "These changes will have a direct effect on our customers."

Omnicom is providing some major

changes for its customers. The first is installation of 15 miles of fiber optic cable that will reduce service interruptions for customers at the end of the line.

The second is a technological change that will change a customer's converter box — used for premium services, such as the Disney Channel — and provide what is called an addressable system that allows commu-

nication between the customer and Omnicom. A third change is Omnicom's decision to rebuild its system to add channels.

Omnicom and local communities — Canton and Plymouth townships and the cities of Plymouth and Northville — are continuing informal negotiations for new franchise agreements. Representatives of the communities and Omnicom are also working on a formal administrative agreement to address why Omnicom should or should not continue providing services. The communities have denied Omnicom's preliminary request for a 10-year franchise.

Installation of fiber optic cable is

designed to improve cable service. If Omnicom is having a service problem, the customer at the end of the wiring will see the problem usually in the form of interrupted service. The fiber optic cable that is being installed will bypass amplifiers — equipment that delivers a certain amount of signal to your home — and reduce the need for them, Boland said.

"When you take the electrical out of the picture, it will improve the picture quality," Boland said, referring to amplifiers.

The fiber optics will be installed throughout Plymouth, Canton and

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'King' actors take to stage

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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Looking through the eyes of children for a future of understanding and respect is a focus of the Plymouth Theatre Guild's upcoming musical production of "The King and I."

"I use the children more than they have been in this show," said director Adam Carey. "This production will focus more on looking through children's eyes at where we can go in the future. It's through them we can make changes."

The Rodgers and Hammerstein production will debut at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 and 25 and 6 p.m. Feb. 26, as well as at 8 p.m. March 3, 4, 10, 11, and 6 p.m. March 5, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile.

"The King and I" is about a British widow, Anna Leonowens, and her daughter, Louise, who arrive at the Royal Palace in Bangkok in the 1860s. Anna has been summoned by King Mongkut of Siam to incorporate Western ideas into the Siamese culture and to tutor his wives and children, especially her to the young Prince Chulalongkorn.

"The kids are important in this show," said Carey, who is the artistic director. Cheryl Bubar is in charge of musical direction and coordination.

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Shall we dance? Katie Beltran of Plymouth, who plays Anna Leonowens, dances with King Mongkut of Siam, played by Dan Gauvin of Canton.

New city attorney appointed

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Donald Morgan has been appointed Plymouth city attorney by Mayor Doug Miller.

Miller made the appointment at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday. On March 6, the commission will likely vote on whether to approve the appointment and the contract that states how the new city attorney would be paid.

"He's got a very extensive background in municipal law," Miller said. "His communication skills were excellent," he added.

"I'm pleased that the search committee and Mayor Miller have seen fit to appoint me city attorney, an office which I look forward to fulfilling with the cooperation of the city officials and citizens that we come in contact with," Morgan said.

Morgan, 54, served as Plymouth Township attorney from 1970-85 and Northville Township attorney from 1972-85. He earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1965, was admitted to the state bar in 1966, and has served on several state bar committees and as president of the Plymouth Rotary Club. He is married with two children.

Morgan and his family have lived in Plymouth since 1974; residence in the city is required for the position. He is with the Plymouth law firm Cameron Miller and Associates.

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Tonquish Manor marks milestone

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Build a federal housing project in Plymouth?

When the project was touted 25 years ago, some folks hated the idea.

Now, "It's a part of the city everybody has adopted," said city Housing Director Sharon Thomas.

Tonquish Creek Manor, which houses low-income seniors, will mark the 25th anniversary of its opening on May 17.

"We're inviting all the people involved with the building the last 25 years, if they're still around," Thomas said.

The two-story brick apartment complex which overlooks Tonquish Creek just west of downtown has 108 apartment units, expanded from the original 60 units when the building

was dedicated in 1970.

The structure cost \$987,000, and the expansion finished in 1981 cost \$1.7 million. The expansion happened shortly after Thomas became housing director in 1978. Not only could more seniors be provided apartments, it also increased the rent roll.

Before the expansion, "We had major structural problems — water leaks in the bottom level and we needed money," she said.

"From being in need a lot of good things can happen," Thomas said. Back then, Plymouth Growth Works volunteers pitched in to paint the complex. But volunteers involvement with Tonquish Manor has long been a tradition.

Plymouth service clubs including

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Home sweet home: Two Tonquish Manor residents, Jean McSpadden and Dorothy Wilhelm, have lived at the senior apartment complex since it opened in 1970.

Shopping center

The R.A. DeMattia Co. of Plymouth has announced plans for construction of a 75,000-square-foot shopping center at Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Plymouth Township.

The shopping center will be anchored by Busch's Valu Land, a 45,000-square-foot upscale grocery store. The DeMattia Co. is also seeking to lease 30,000 square feet of space. Interested retail or restaurant operators should call Kelly Mathews or Gary Roberts at (313) 459-2000.

Members sought

There are lots of activities for new members, now that the Plymouth Community Arts Council's new headquarters is open and programs are in

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full swing.

The first of a series of informal membership evenings will start at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the headquarters at 774 Sheldon. All are invited. The featured speaker is Jim Burnstein, a Plymouth screenwriter who wrote the recent film "Renaissance Man," starring Danny DeVito. For more information, call 416-4ART.

Prison concerns

The Plymouth Republican Club will host an educational forum at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Water

Club Grill on the issue of double-bunking at the Western Wayne Correctional Facility.

The event will open with dinner followed by a program at 8:30 p.m. Prison officials are considering housing more inmates at the facility, which now holds 600 inmates — the maximum decreed when the prison was built.

The prison warden and other local officials will participate in the forum and answer questions.

Spiritual extravaganza

A Festival of Inner Light Extravaganza is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Mayflower Hotel. There will be readers, crystals, jewelry, tapes and books. Admission is \$5, charge for readings is \$10. For more information, call (313) 892-8664.

On the road

New contract gives school bus drivers raise

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

After dozens of bargaining meetings since their contract expired a year and a half ago, Plymouth-Canton bus drivers have a contract. Following a five-hour negotiating session Feb. 16, an agreement was reached that gives employees a 4.5-percent raise over three school years.

The 100-member union, which includes security guards and mechanics, ratified the contract after all-day voting Monday. The Board of Education approved the contract in closed session Monday night.

Employees will receive no retroactive raise for 1993-94 and are accepting a wage freeze for 1994-95. They will receive a 2-percent raise for 1995-96, a 1-percent raise for 1996-97, 1 percent in 1997-98, and another 1 percent in January 1998.

Members of the bargaining unit will receive a \$200 stipend. "It's fair to say the group was comfortable with the tentative agreement," said Dave Ivers, chief negotiator for the drivers and as-

stant business manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 547.

Ivers declined to say how the membership voted, because "everybody surmises things from numbers."

"(Chief steward) Alice Horne deserves a lot of credit. She's the lady who pulled it all together."

The district's security guards, who had a contract when they joined the transportation union recently, will receive a 1-percent raise in 1995-97, 1 percent in July 1997 and an additional 1 percent in January 1998.

Effective July 1, 1995, the prescription co-pay will go from \$2 to \$5 for all members of the union. Effective January 1998, the master medical deductible will go from \$60 per person and \$100 per family to \$150 per person and \$300 per family.

"In 1994-95 and 1995-96, employees will get an additional holiday" said Errol Goldman, chief negotiator for the district. "For bus drivers, there will be a retirement incentive."

Drivers with 10 years of experience who are 60 years of age or older will be eligible for a \$3,000 stipend if they retire by the end of this year. "If they retire at the end of the 1996-97 school year, they will get a \$2,000 stipend, and if they retire in 1996-97, they will get \$1,000," said Goldman.

The negotiators also agreed to form a transportation committee with "four transportation employees and four administrative employees to review the transportation operation and come up with suggestions for improvements in transportation services," Goldman said.

Entry-level pay for new hires was lowered, and security guards' pay was brought up to that of mechanics.

Bus drivers previously started at \$11.10 hourly. Starting pay will now be \$9 per hour.

Top of the scale currently is \$12.93 hourly.

Salary range for security guards and mechanics will range from \$9.57 to \$16.31 after 10 years.

"All current employees are protected; they aren't going to take reductions," said Goldman.

Transportation director Dale Goby, who is leaving the district next month to accept a job overseeing transportation operations for the Oakland County intermediate school district, was gratified to learn of the settlement.

"I think it's a good thing that we were able to reach agreement. It's certainly a benefit for children, for morale, and everything else."

Ivers said employees are less than thrilled with the increases. "They're not real happy with it at all, but they feel it was the best we could do right now, with the governor we have and the mood of the Legislature. We thought we better get in and get out."

The settlement makes Plymouth-Canton a "very competitive transportation system," despite the district's financial situation, said Ivers.

"I think we've all operated on the assumption that this is a wealthy, rich district, and it isn't. People don't realize how efficient the Plymouth-Canton system is. Their cost per pupil to transport students is one of the lowest in Wayne County."

Pothole takes toll on Dodge

A 25-year-old Canton man filed a police report after hitting a pothole large enough to damage the shock absorbers on his employer's 1994 Dodge van. Damage was estimated at \$35. The DPW was notified about the pothole, which is on Wilcox east of Holbrook near Mill. The incident took place at 7 a.m. Feb. 20.

Larceny

A 21-year-old Westland woman said someone drove away from the Shell station where she works on Ann Arbor Road without paying for the \$13 worth of unleaded gas he pumped into his red Mercury Sable.

The woman noted the license plate number as the man drove north on Sheldon. Police attempted unsuccessfully to contact the 69-year-old Plymouth man shortly after the incident at 1 p.m. Monday. The employee was issued a victim's rights card.

Training mishap

Plymouth police personnel were practicing striking techniques in the city fire hall Saturday afternoon when one of them suffered an accidental injury.

The officers were practicing combination palm-heel-closed-fist strikes. One officer was having trouble with his round-house strikes. A lieutenant attempted to demonstrate the proper technique. As he struck a pad the officer was holding, the officer stumbled back, losing his balance and falling through a curtain. The officer struck a parked fire truck.

He was able to finish the training session. But the next day, his elbow was swollen and he had some pain. The officer said his right elbow hit the concrete floor, causing a bad bruise, but no broken bones. "I held the pad and thought he was going to explain first. Instead, he did the strike. I didn't have my right foot planted properly and I went over backwards."

Chamber auction to offer fun for revelers

The Canton Chamber of Commerce wants you to "get lucky" with its annual auction dinner and dance at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

"The commitment and participation have made the excitement contagious," said Ginnie Hauck, auction committee chairwoman. The evening's major sponsor is Blackwell Ford.

The evening will begin with a

preview party of the auction items, which include everything from rubies to romance. The preview will begin with a full service bar 5:30-7 p.m. From 5:30-8 p.m., a major part of the silent auction will be a variety of jewels. Raffle tickets of \$2, \$5 and \$10 buy a chance at many of the raffle items on display during the preview party. From 7 p.m. to midnight, guests will eat, dance and bid on their favorite items.

Some of the auction and raffle items are a cellular phone, one-day trip to Atlantic City with airfare, a 13-inch color television, microwave, CD player, jewelry, lamps, artwork, tool sets and weeklong vacations.

All members of the community are invited to attend the dinner-dance and auction. Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes entry to the auction, preview party, full-service bar, dinner and

dancing. For reservations, call the chamber, 453-4040.

The auction committee is asking for donations of items rather than gift certificates. The items should have a minimum of \$50 value. Sponsorship opportunities are still available to spotlight a business. Sponsorships range from \$200-\$800, which will include various combinations of raffle tickets, dinner tickets, listings and advertisements.

Attorney to speak at Feb. 28 luncheon

Government and individual responsibility are topics to be covered by a guest speaker at the Tuesday, Feb. 28, luncheon meeting of Family First.

The speaker will be Kerry Morgan, an attorney with Pentiuik and Couvreur in Taylor and an adjunct professor at William Tynsdale College in Farmington Hills.

The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. Feb. 28 in Grand River Baptist Church, 34500 Six Mile west of Farmington Road in Livonia. The charge of \$6.50 includes

a lunch of chicken, mostaccioli, tossed salad, roll, dessert and beverage.

People who wish may attend only the lecture, which begins at 1 p.m., for a donation of \$1. Child care is available for \$2.50 per family.

Morgan was an attorney with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in the Bush Administration. He has just written a book titled "Real Choice, Real Freedom in American Education."

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School bus driver cited in accident

BY M.B. DILLON
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An accident that sent eight children and two bus drivers to the hospital Friday occurred when one Plymouth-Canton bus rear-ended another after students became unruly, distracting the driver of the second bus.

Janice Alane Horne was cited for failing to stop within an assured, clear distance after hitting the back of a bus driven by Betty Hoskins. The accident occurred at 3:06 p.m. on Lilley Road at Redfern between Ford and Cherry Hill.

The accident is still under investigation. However a car that turned in front of the first bus onto Redfern isn't believed to have been a factor, said Transportation Director Dale Goby.

"The first bus driver didn't indicate any sudden stop or erratic driving behavior on the part of the driver of the car. The driver of the second bus indicated there was some disruption on the bus. She looked up in the rear-view mirror to see what was going on to monitor student behavior," Goby said. "When she looked back up, the other bus had stopped in front of

her and she was unable to stop in time."

Police ruled out alcohol as a factor in the accident.

The students — all of whom attend East Middle School — and drivers were treated for bumps and bruises and released from the hospital. No one was admitted, and everyone was back to school Monday, said district spokesman Dick Egli.

The district does employ bus monitors, but they ride only the buses for special education students.

Horne and Hoskins are "veteran drivers with exemplary records, as far as their driving is concerned," said Goby. "We believe this was one of those chance events that occurs from time to time. When you're exposed to traffic all the time, it's bound to happen sometime. This was our time, I guess."

With other district administrators, Goby will review the incident and come to a determination, possibly by the end of the week.

"There will be some disciplinary action taken if the investigation shows the driver contributed to the accident," said Goby. The

action could range from an oral reprimand to termination.

Both the buses — one a Thomas 84-passenger MVP safety liner and the other a Thomas MVP 78-passenger coach — will be repaired. "They're fairly new, substantially-built, flat-front buses. They're very good in terms of crash-worthiness and protecting the passenger, which is our primary concern," said Goby, who did not yet have a damage estimate.

Canton fire Chief Mike Rorabacher credited the students for their cooperation. "Things were a little hectic, as you can imagine. For something as bad as this, they were real troopers. The ones who weren't hurt didn't contribute to the problem. A couple were instrumental in keeping things in order."

About 60 students were on each bus. Most of the injuries occurred to those on the first bus.

Rorabacher also credited the schools' transportation department, which quickly sent alternate buses, and emergency personnel from the Westland and Wayne fire departments who assisted.



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bus accident: Emergency medical workers prepare to transport a Plymouth-Canton bus driver to Annapolis Hospital after an accident on Lilley Road Friday.

The situation appeared worse than it was, due to the backboards used, said Rorabacher. "No one had life-threatening injuries. But anytime someone complains of neck and back pain, we use a backboard. It's a precautionary thing we do."

Plymouth-Canton buses aren't equipped with seat belts, nor are they recommended, Goby said.

"The federal government did crash tests with seat belts and found out that head and upper neck injuries are greater with

belts than without them, because of the way seats are built now with the high-seat back. I was a real proponent of seat belts until I reviewed all of that. School buses are still five times safer than automobiles in terms of transporting anyone."

School district voters to decide fate of tax hike

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Charles Little received the vote of confidence he was looking for in surveying the Board of Education Monday on whether the district should seek a tax increase.

Little is recommending that the district ask voters for 3 enhancement mills for two years in the upcoming general election set for June 12.

If approved, the tax hike would mean \$150 more in taxes per year for the owner of a \$100,000 home. Voters also will be asked to approve an 18-mill renewal on non-homestead property and to elect two school board members. The terms of Roland Thomas and Susan Feiten are up. Thomas is not running again. Feiten has not yet decided whether to seek another term.

Little suggested restricting use of the \$16 million

the enhancement mills would raise for the purchase of instructional materials only over seven years.

"We have two years to capture this for Plymouth-Canton, or we will have to share revenues with all districts in Wayne County" (under the state's new school finance system), said Little.

The need for revenue is great, he added. "As I go from classroom to classroom, I see more and more need to purchase the hardware of education. We have equipment that is ancient. It's older than myself, and it's still being used. The equipment we have in classrooms you wouldn't use at home, and we are asking teachers to use it."

Fundamentals such as software, textbooks, maps, computers and equipment are lacking, Little said. Funds also are needed to replace worn out science equipment, buy instruments and train staff.

While the district needs 150 more teachers, "we

aren't going to buy that with any millage," said Little. Millage revenue "wouldn't even begin to do it. We have great needs at all levels."

Trustee Susan Davis said, "I'm convinced this is where we need to put our money. It doesn't make sense not to."

Trustee Jack Farrow said the key to selling the millage is "doing a good job of spelling out where this is going to go, and what you will see in schools as a result."

Plymouth-Canton is at a disadvantage given its per-pupil state funding. "Livonia gets \$16 million more than us," Little said. "Ann Arbor has 240 more teachers and they have the same number of kids we do. We are 30th out of 34 in Wayne County (in per-pupil funding). We're being badly penalized for doing a better job of budgeting than everyone else," Little said.

Trustee Feiten said that as badly as the district needs to hire teachers to lower class size, "it doesn't make sense to increase operating costs with money that's going to go away in two years. This is tiding us over. Our tools of instruction are in bad need of repair and replacement."

Plymouth commissioner Robert Jones, who serves on the district's citizens' advisory committee, cautioned the board not to take the 18 non-homestead mills too lightly.

"There are 2,000 senior citizens in this community. They have to understand that this is not affecting them. Without the 18 mills, you would have to close the schools down." With the proper strategy, "you might get some support," Jones said.

Said Little: "People need to recognize their homes' value is tied to this millage."

At a meeting on Friday, campaign strategy will be discussed, said board president David Artley.

Policy will feather nests of community organizations

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A number of Canton-Plymouth civic organizations will benefit from a new policy that requires companies who receive a tax break from Canton Township to donate 5 percent of their annual tax savings.

"The companies have to agree to this upfront," said Ken Voyles, township supervisor's administrative assistant.

In October 1994, township officials approved a standardized agreement for companies that want tax abatements. The agreement is required by the state, following the closing of the Willow Run GM plant, which had a tax abatement from Ypsilanti. The agreement allows local officials to include whatever requirements they want.

"Anyone receiving a tax abatement is required to give back to the community by giving 5 percent of their savings," said Supervisor Tom Yack, a Canton Community Foundation board member.

Companies seeking a tax break must enter an agreement with the township and are given a list of 15 community organizations to which they may donate. Canton officials approved the list Feb. 14.

Canton resident Gene Daley, Lions Club secretary and Veterans of Foreign Wars member, had

questioned the list, which included nonprofit organizations under a certain tax-exempt category, such as the Canton Community Foundation. That category is known under state law as the 501(c)3 exemptions.

Daley received a letter about the tax abatement agreements. "From what I read this was for the Canton Community Foundation," Daley said.

He contacted Voyles and told him that organizations, such as the Lions, would not be included under that particular exemption.

That led Voyles to review the list of organizations that had been compiled since October 1994 and include organizations that fall under a number of categories in the 501(c)3 exemptions.

"We are not working on behalf of these groups. It is up to the groups to seek out the companies," Voyles said. "I wouldn't call this blackmail. I would call it a way to develop an incentive. We are saying we want the businesses here. This is a neat way for them to show they are community players."

The supervisor's office is expected to monitor the agreements and ensure that the companies annually make their 5-percent donation. "They do that by receipts," Yack said.

Only Mucci Foods so far falls under this new agreement, as will

any other new tax abatement. Company officials apparently are interested in donating their 5 percent to the Canton Community Foundation, particularly the winter ball held in January.

Daley was also concerned because initially organizations whose members — residents or businesses — were required to be members of the community. "Some of our members don't live in the community," Daley said.

The list and criteria approved by Canton officials Feb. 14, however, now covers organizations that are located in Canton or predominantly serve Canton residents, or whose members are predominantly Canton residents or business owners. The organizations also must benefit Canton residents or groups.

The organizations available to companies include: Canton Community Foundation, Canton Goodfellows, Canton Historic District Commission, Canton Historical Society, Canton Lions, Canton Rotary Foundation, Canton Veterans of Foreign Wars, Child and Family Service of Washtenaw, Family Service Detroit & Wayne County, First Step, Friends of the Canton Public Library, Growth Works, Plymouth Canton Substance Abuse Task Force, Project Arts and Salvation Army.

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ford Township.

Comprised of women from 41 communities in metropolitan Detroit, Spirit of Detroit is the only Sweet Adelines barbershop chorus on the west side. Women from all communities are welcome.

The non-profit chorus will serve refreshments and delectable edibles, and treat potential new chorus members to a sample of the four-part harmony, barbershop music. The regional champi-

on Spirit of Detroit chorus stages concerts locally, and has entertained at Tiger Stadium and at competitions across the country.

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Cable from page 1A

Northville. The first phase of installation should be completed by July, reducing the number of amplifiers from 43 to 16. The second phase should further reduce the number of amplifiers.

New system

Right now if a cable customer wants to see Showtime, Disney or PASS, for example, a converter box is needed, as well as a descrambler, in order to receive the signal.

The addressable system Omnicom is working on will allow customers to get rid of the black converter box and the beige descrambler box. They will be replaced with a single new box. "This system will allow us to control services in a customer's home via a computer," Boland said.

If you don't have any of the premium channels, the regular black converter box can stay. If you have premium channels or want to participate in pay-per-view programming, you'll need the new addressable system.

The change won't be free to customers. The new converter will cost \$3.11 per month compared to the current 60 cents per month for your converter box. The remote

that accompanies the new converter will cost 18 cents a month. Omnicom's equipment is regulated by the Federal Communication Commission and its costs can be passed on to customers.

The change will begin in Plymouth, followed by other Omnicom communities. "A lot of these features are what have been requested by our customers," said Ruth Stropes, Omnicom marketing manager.

New services

With the addressable system and the new remote, customers can lock out channels they don't want their kids to see. They will have volume control from the one remote, as well as a timer for the VCR — channels can be changed for the VCR — as well as providing viewers with a menu of their favorite channels.

"With any lockout, it automatically will go to Nickelodeon," Boland said.

The addressable system also will allow customers who want a premium channel to have it activated through the system and upgraded computers at Omnicom. "No one will have to come out to the house," Boland said.

The addressable system also

will allow Omnicom to provide customers with messages about rates, changes, events and how to read their monthly cable bills, Boland said.

How customers get pay-per-view services will change with the addressable system. Events and movies will now be available and can be ordered — without going into the Omnicom offices — over an 800 number. While events vary in cost, the movies will cost \$3.99 each, Stropes said.

"It will take about six months to roll this out to everyone," Boland added.

The new converters will be provided through a special store at Coventry Commons at Morton Taylor and Joy roads. That's where customers will be able to get their new equipment. The store is expected to open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

A third change is a rebuild of Omnicom's system that will provide more channels. Currently 53 channels are now available. The new system is expected to provide 110 channels. "We will try to maintain our underground cable as much as possible," Boland said.

Milestone from page 1A

the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis have donated TVs, Valentine's candy and other items. West Middle School students traditionally plant flowers at the complex in the spring, wash cars and more.

The community has pride in Tonquiah Manor, Thomas explained. "People want it to be clean, they want it to be a nice place," she said.

One feature of Tonquiah Manor is the mini-library, complete with magazines donated by local businesses and rows of books.

"This building has evolved into a really nice place, there's a beauty shop, librarian and meals on wheels," Thomas said. "People like it here. Who wouldn't want to live here? It's a prime area."

Kathy Swarthout, a program coordinator, said Tonquiah Manor residents "get a new lease on life here. There's always activities, there's something for everybody if they want to get involved."

Seniors in the building have also performed their own service projects. For several years now, women residents have knitted lap blankets and shawls and socks and underwear have been collected at Tonquiah Manor for residents of West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth.

Tonquiah Manor residents also participate in the Salvation Army's "Adopt a Family" program each Christmas.

Other community service efforts by the residents have included the Grandparent Reading Pro-

gram, which put Tonquiah Manor residents in schools and brought students to the complex, where the seniors would read to kids.

Until nine years ago, the complex relied on subsidies from the federal government. But the program has expanded to include senior housing outside the complex, and collected administrative fees now allow officials to pay for the programs without federal help.

When Tonquiah Manor opened in 1970 the most a resident could earn annually and still qualify for residency was \$4,800. Now, the maximum is \$28,300 for one person and \$30,100 for a couple.

Residents must be 62 and never pay more than 27 percent of their income toward rent. There is no Plymouth residency requirement.

Actors from page 1A

The cast draws players from Canton and Plymouth, as well as Livonia, Novi, Farmington Hills, Trenton, Garden City, Romulus, Birmingham, Northville, Bloomfield Hills and Whitmore Lake.

The starring roles are held by Katie Beltran of Plymouth, who plays Anna Leonowens, and Dan Gauvin of Canton, as King Mongkut of Siam. Anna's daughter, Louise, is played by Kelli Anderson of Canton, while Prince Chulalongkorn is played by Paul Soranno of Livonia.

With all the children involved in the cast, Carey said the guild has had more families involved, with four or five them intending to stay with the guild for future productions.

The show will offer audiences glamorous costumes — many made by the Canton Seniors Center quilting students — memorable music, dancing and a revolving stage that will show the interior and exterior of the Royal Palace and gardens.

"Right now everything is coming together," said Mary Lynn

The Rodgers and Hammerstein production will debut at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 and 25 and 6 p.m. Feb. 26, as well as at 8 p.m. March 3, 4, 10, 11, and 6 p.m. March 5, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile.

Kuna, production co-producer, who is in charge of costumes, including 50-inch hoop skirts for Anna. The costumes are true to the time period.

The revolving stage has been used before by the guild but never for a musical production. It will revolve seven or eight times throughout the production.

Carey began work on the production in May 1994. Any Rodgers and Hammerstein production is complicated and full of details. "It's like a puzzle how it all fits together. It's been a

lengthy process. I knew it was going to be a beast. It is an incredible production," said Carey, who has a fine arts degree from Wayne State University and years of formal training and experience. This is his directorial debut.

"It takes a lot of mental, physical and emotional preparation to venture into a project like this," Carey said. "There's a lot of responsibilities. The kids have been fun. You have to treat them as adults. We have a wonderful technical crew plus a great cast. That makes a difference. I feel very supported."

Both Kuna and Carey laud the voices audiences will hear when the production opens Friday. "Most of the cast are average people with families. We have several voices in the cast that are incredible. Some of the dancers are looking toward this as a career," Carey said.

Each cast member, Carey said, has brought his or her personality into the production. "Everyone who comes will relate with at least one character."

Attorney from page 1A

Among those recommending Morgan was Susy Heints, state Republican party chairwoman who worked with Morgan when she was Northville Township clerk.

"Don was the consummate professional and had the highest standards. He was always available and would render precise and well-thought-out opinions that would hold up to the light of both court scrutiny and citizen concerns," Heints said.

Morgan was among 11 attorneys or law firms applying for the city attorney job vacated by Ron Lowe in January following his election and swearing-in as 35th District Court judge.

The field of 11 was narrowed to four who were interviewed last week by a city attorney search committee.

By the charter, if the commission does not approve the appointment it is probationary until



Donald Morgan

March 21. If the commission takes no action, the appointment is in effect approved.

Miller said the contract will run

for three years, and Morgan's pay would be similar to Lowe's.

Lowe earned between \$60,000-\$70,000 per year, based on a retainer of \$2,400 for the first 40 hours worked each month, then \$75 an hour for more hours each month.

"I see some opportunity in reducing the costs," Commissioner Bill McAninch said.

"I would like to have some factual information, some comparison data to make a decision," Commissioner Stella Greene said. Miller said commissioners who request them may review resumes submitted.

"As the mayor said, all of the candidates were excellent," said Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, who served on the committee.

"I think the mayor's selection is worthy of consideration of other members of the commission," he said.

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For the 13th time in 16 years the Michigan Friend of the Court Association has led all other states in child support collections.

For 1993 the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives reports that Michigan collected more than \$874 million in child support, an increase of almost \$100 million from 1992.

The state closest to Michigan in 1993 was Pennsylvania with about \$814 million, followed by California at about \$737 million and Ohio at about \$714 million.

In data published in the "1994 Green Book," an overview of entitlement programs published by the U.S. House, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio accounted for 27 percent of all child support collections even though they contain just

13 percent of the nation's population.

The California figure would seem impressive at first except that the population of California is almost equal to the total population of the three combined states of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio (31 million individuals for California compared to 32 million individuals for Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio.)

The Michigan Friend of the Court Association notes that the three best performing states all share in common child support collection systems that are local and court-based.

In Massachusetts, where a centralized collection system is used, collections totalled about \$195 million in 1993 with a population of less than six million.

Education expansion

Greater role for 2-year colleges sought

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Community colleges are "surprised" by a legislative bill that would allow them to offer four-year baccalaureate degrees.

"We're willing to serve the students at whatever level," said Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft College. With 13 years as head of the western Wayne County community college, McDowell knows the pulse of Michigan's 29 two-year colleges.

Community colleges spread across the state in the early 1960s. Nearly all said they had no ambition to become four-year colleges; that serving whoever walked in the door was their chief goal; and that giving older students a "second chance" was their particular niche.

"It (the expansion bill) is an interesting concept," McDowell said slowly. "Four-year universities have offered associate (two-year) degrees for a long time. But I guess we need to investigate what all this means."

"Students come to us for a variety of needs and customized programs. We have 1,200 students



Richard McDowell
SC president

'Students come to us for a variety of needs and customized programs. We have 1,200 students with bachelor's degrees coming here for technical or job-related skills.'

degrees like electronics require three years to complete.

Several community colleges — Macomb, Muskegon and Northwestern (Traverse City) — have invited four-year universities to set up programs under their roofs. But none has openly sought to become a BA degree-granting institution.

The legislative proposal is House Bill 4054 by Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, a small town in Hillsdale County. Nye said he wasn't trying to please any particular college but to address the high cost of four-year university

degrees. "Rising costs are putting higher education out of reach for some families," said Nye. "At the very least, college often must be delayed while students struggle to come up with ways to pay tuition. Those not fortunate enough to earn scholarships are usually saddled with hefty loan payments upon graduation."

Community college tuition for full-time students is roughly \$1,333; the average at the 15 public state universities is \$3,534, according to studies Nye cited.

If adopted, Nye's bill would require community colleges to seek permission from the State Board of Education to offer BA degrees only in specific liberal arts areas. He said it wouldn't change the mission of either community colleges or four-year institutions.

Nye, known as a conservative, was part of a bipartisan coalition that started the ball rolling in 1993 for reform of K-12 finance. A lawyer, he has devoted most of his work to the Judiciary Committee, which he now chairs, and hasn't been publicly active on community college legislation.

Fundraiser features Vinnie

Former Detroit Piston Vinnie Johnson is the honorary chairman of the 14th annual "Evening of Hope" dinner-dance Saturday, March 4, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Proceeds from this event benefit Leukemia, Research, Life Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the elimination of childhood cancer through research at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

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Ice fest drawing: Carol Wagner of Northwest Airlines draws the winner of the grand prize offered during the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular to downtown shoppers — two free tickets to anywhere Northwest flies. The lucky winner was Anne O'Karma of Canton. Helping with the drawing were Sandra Watts, left, who works with her husband, festival director Mike Watts, center. Pat Pulkownik of The Patrician Group Realtors and Kate Rosevear of Carlson Travel Network are also pictured. The group also drew winners of two gift baskets filled with items from various Plymouth merchants. The winners were Lisa Clark of Canton and Margaret Desmond of Redford.

Successories, new retailer, opens at shopping center

Successories, a retailer specializing in motivational merchandise, has opened at Laurel Park Place mall, Six Mile at Newburgh.

Successories carries merchandise designed to enhance personal development and to provide business support. From mission-themed wall lithographs to best-selling motivational books and tapes, the store also carries a wide selection of awards, incentives and gifts.

"Successories' goal is to provide

a one-stop shopping source for all of one's personal self-improvement and business support needs," said store manager Charlene Coyne. "The merchandise we carry is not only motivational but very powerful and positive as well."

For information, call Coyne at 591-2040. The new store is located next to J. Murphy Shoes at the north end of the mall.

Successories was one of 15 new stores to open in Laurel Park Place in 1994. Michigan's first

Parisian department store opened to overflow crowds on Aug. 1. The two-level 150,000-square-foot store joined Jacobson's as anchors for the mall.

Laurel Park Place unveiled a new 30,000-square-foot expansion area in August featuring such new stores as Easy Spirit Shoes, J. Murphy Shoes, The Limited Too, McDewitt's Hallmark, The M-Den (formerly The Rivalry), Ritz Camera, and Travel 2000.

Other stores that opened in 1994 at the mall include the Dis-

ney Store, Northern Reflections, A Pear In The Pod, Park Place Athletic Club, Suncoast Motion Picture Company and Home Window Company.

This year will see further development with openings scheduled for stores such as Talbots Kids, Genghis Khan Chinese Buffet and Mrs. Field's Cookies.

Program to focus on fighting drug abuse

A local social worker will give parents tips on how they can help their children avoid alcohol/drugs in a workshop held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in the auditorium of Livonia Franklin High.

Bonnie Sarnoff, of the Livonia

Counseling Center and the Community Commission on Drug Abuse (CCODA), has extensive training and experience in providing chemical dependency/substance abuse counseling.

The workshop is sponsored by

the Franklin High School PTSA and the Community Commission on Drug Abuse.

Sarnoff conducts weekly groups with adolescents, does individual assessment and therapy, consults

with parents and leads a monthly workshop for parents and teens.

Sarnoff will tell parents the signs or behaviors to watch for if they suspect their children are using drugs.

Psychics plan to meet in city

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

All this spirituality-psychic-new age stuff may seem like hokey to some.

But not to everyone. "It did make sense to me," said Pamela Hamling.

And she's not alone, judging by the thousands who buy books on the subject and items ranging from Tarot cards to crystals.

Hamling brings her second Festival of Inner Light Extravaganza to the Mayflower Hotel from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 4.

"I come from a line of psychics," said Hamling, 27, of Redford, explaining her interest.

"My aunt is an astrologer, my great-grandma was a psychic. She and my aunt would always talk about astrology and spirituality. It made sense to me.

"You create your own life by what you think and what you believe. It gives power to the person instead of saying random events just hit you," she said.

Hamling has organized the events in Rochester and Southfield, and plans a show in Birmingham on March 11.

"There's a variety of different psychics, some Tarot card readers, crystal ball readers, and astrologists," Hamling said.

"They can do their astrological chart for the year or the month and they interpret it for them," Hamling said.

There are also astrological charts available on a computer printout, detailing one's horo-

scope day by day. Admission to the festival is \$5. Cost for readings is \$10.

There will also be people into psychometry. "That means holding an object and picking up the vibration. It's usually something they wear; a necklace, ring — whatever. If you wear an object a lot it can carry your vibration," Hamling said.

New age tapes, which encourage meditation and relaxation will be on sale as will a variety of books on metaphysics, personal growth, angels and spirituality.

There will also be people selling authentic Indian items, including pottery, and dream catchers, and angel-related items.

"The vendors and psychics are into raising the overall consciousness of the American public, that there's more out there than just the everyday belief system," Hamling said.

The festivals draw a variety of people. "There's older couples, young people, women with their girlfriends, people from all walks of life," she said.

Hamling said there was a good turnout for the first Inner Light festival in Plymouth. She plans to continue scheduling the events in Plymouth twice a year.

Realty business closes its doors

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Livonia's oldest business has quietly closed shop, a victim of changes in the real estate industry.

Prudential Wolfe Realty closed offices on Five Mile and Newburgh in early January, said Jerry Wolfe, grandson of founder Harry S. Wolfe.

"The sales were there but the profits weren't," said Wolfe.

"There's a lot of competition and the way things are structured agents can still do very well on commissions but not the broker."

The company has always been one of the top Realtors in Livonia and last year finished third in annual sales, Wolfe said.

The decision to dissolve the firm was made by Wolfe and his two partners, brother Harry L. Wolfe and Kyle Pohl.

Its 32 employees have mostly

been absorbed by other local Realtors.

Jerry Wolfe is now employed at Century 21 Today in the Victor Corporate Park.

"We were there for 70 years and were the oldest surviving business in Livonia. It does say something about the way things have changed," Wolfe said.

The real estate firm was founded by Harry S. Wolfe in the 1920s. Son Harry E. Wolfe, who joined the Realtor in 1942, was a pioneer in Livonia's transition from a farming community to a booming suburb.

Harry E. Wolfe, a former Detroit Tigers pitcher who died in 1985, built the original city hall at Five Mile and Farmington and developed area subdivisions including Livonia Hills and Livonia Gardens.

Wolfe Realty began its affiliation with Prudential Realty in 1988.

OBITUARIES

LAWRENCE E. HARTZ

Services for Lawrence E. Hartz, 71, of Plymouth were held Monday, Feb. 20, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Ohio and died Wednesday, Feb. 15, in Las Vegas, Nev. Mr. Hartz was a tool setter for the Ford transmission plant for 25 years. He moved to the Plymouth community from Dearborn Heights in 1963. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, The American Legion and The Knights of Columbus. Victor J. Renaud Council No. 3292. He served in the Army, anti-tank company 273rd infantry regiment, in World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia M. of Plymouth; children, Denise Ploucha of Canton, Christine Outhowski of Canton, Nancy Glidden of Highland, Teresa Young of White Lake, Susan Harty of Roseville, Sheila Humenay of Westland and Mary Butler of Westland; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Mooney of Traverse City and Alice Treash of Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation or as Mass offerings.

GREGORY MICHAEL VOSS

Services for Gregory Michael Voss, 44, of North Hollywood, Calif., were held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating.

He was born March 10, 1960, in Wayne and died Tuesday, Feb. 14, in North Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. Voss was a paralegal for 15 years at Universal Studios MCA, North Hollywood, Calif. He moved to California from Plymouth in 1975. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1968.

He is survived by his mother, Donna Voss of Plymouth; sisters, Linda Arnold of Plymouth, Tina Voss and Cheryl Voss of Petoskey; one nephew and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

PATRICIA E. CERVI

Services for Patricia E. Cervi, 47, of Canton were held Monday, Feb. 20, at The Church of The Risen Christ, with burial in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. The Rev. Klaus M. Mehrl officiated.

She was born Oct. 20, 1947, in Detroit and died Friday, Feb. 17, at Oakwood Canton Health Center. She was a bookkeeper.

She is survived by her husband, Richard P. Cervi; daughters, Tricia Rochelle Cervi of Canton, Brittany Lynn Cervi of Canton, Laegle Fransch of Dearborn Heights; son, Richard J. Cervi of Wilson; sisters, Linda Oikowski and Paula Rodriguez; brother, Steve Messner; and stepmother, Elaine Cann.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Michigan Humane Society, 37255 Macquette Ave., Westland 48165.

KIMBERLY ANNE FAILING

Services for Kimberly Anne Failing, 24, of Birmingham, formerly of Plymouth, were held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Vermoulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. The Rev. Bernard O'Connor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ypsilanti officiated. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

She died Saturday, Feb. 18, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo. She was a student at Eastern Michigan University.

She is survived by her mother, Paula E. Morris of Birmingham; father, Robert K. Failing of Coldwater, Mich.; friend, Steve M. Hyder of Ypsilanti; grandmothers, Laura McGill of San Antonio, Texas, and Marion Failing of Elkhart, Ind.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 16170 Templar Circle, Southfield 48076.

WILBERT (BOB) ORTON

Services for Wilbert (Bob) Orton, 65, of Plymouth Township, formerly of Livonia, were held Monday, Feb. 20, at Vermoulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Raymond L. Zips of St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland officiating.

He was born Feb. 25, 1929, in Essex, Ontario, Canada, and died Wednesday, Feb. 15, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife, Mary J. Orton of Plymouth Township; daughter, Karen L. Orland of Plymouth; son, Thomas E. Orton of Plymouth; sister,

Ruth Murphy of Mecosta, Mich.; brother, Robert Orton of Mecosta; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Plymouth Branch, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170.

OTIS A. DUNCAN

Services for Otis A. Duncan, 74, of Plymouth were held Wednesday, Feb. 22, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre.

He was born March 10, 1920, in Brazil, Ind., and died Sunday, Feb. 19, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He was a foreman in the automotive industry.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred G.; son, Douglas A.; and three granddaughters.

CHARLOTTE M. McELHERAN

Services for Charlotte Henrietta McElheran, 66, of Plymouth were held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating.

She was born Feb. 20, 1928, in Michigan and died Saturday, Feb. 18, in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her children, James Wray of Redford, Juanita Tankersley of Milford, Harvey Morrow of Plymouth, George Morrow of Canton, Myron Morrow of Plymouth, Robin McElheran of Plymouth and several grandchildren.

Benefit



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fund-raising: Canton detectives Jerry Hardisty (left) and Rick Pomorski wait to get back on the ice at a benefit hockey game Feb. 17 that pitted the Canton police and fire union members against the Red Wings Alumni. Police and firefighters raised \$13,063 to benefit Canton resident Greg Unger who is in need of a double-lung transplant. The alumni association donated \$1,000 to Greg. A second game is scheduled for March 31. The \$5 tickets are available at fire station 1, 128 Canton Center Road, or station 2, 41500 Warren.

School election limits sought

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

School districts would be confined to three election dates a year under a plan being seriously considered in the Michigan Legislature.

"Election consolidation" is the idea of Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joseph, chair of the House Local Government Committee. He is a former Berrien County clerk.

Brackenridge is considering setting election dates in May, August and November under state law. In even years, state elections would be held in August and November; in odd years, municipal elections in August and November.

School districts would hold their board elections in May. If they wanted to hold special millage or bond issue votes, they'd have to pick between August and November.

What prompted the idea was his experience with Berrien Springs School District, which also covers the village of Berrien Springs and Oronoko Township. In one year, officials held nine elections.

Initial reaction from school leaders was that it would tie their hands.

"Illinois got theirs down to five elections in a two-year cycle," Brackenridge told the Senate Local Government and State Affairs Committee last week. "It took them 12 years to get there."

Under his plan, the only ex-

ceptions to the May-August-November dates would be those allowed in the Michigan Constitution: recalls and special elections called by the governor to fill legislative and congressional vacancies.

Brackenridge said the May date is not carved in granite. But he likes May better than the current second Monday in June because it would give new school board members time to learn the job before they had to pass a budget (fiscal year starts July 1) and negotiate labor contracts.

Brackenridge has won acquiescence from other legislative committees on one idea. He wants to take school elections out of the state School Code and consolidate the rules in the Election Code. Thus, small school districts no longer would run their own elections. Cities and townships would run school elections, too.

With just three fixed election dates per year, he said, voter turnout would be increased. Brackenridge is waiting for reaction from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

Justin King, executive director of MASB, said last week that the group's representative assembly hadn't had a chance to discuss the proposal. His first question: "What evidence do we have that it would improve voter turnout? Are fewer

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Cities in focus

Senators consider urban problems

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Gambling, redevelopment of contaminated land and liability for sidewalks are likely to be top concerns of state legislators as they view the local cities and townships they represent.

Local officials are jealous of their home-rule powers and sore at "unfunded mandates" — the Legislature's habit of giving them more jobs but no more money.

"We've sort of abandoned the cities to the federal government," Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, told the Senate Local, Urban and State Affairs Committee he chairs. "Both parties are guilty, but we Republicans are more guilty."

In an unusual move, Honigman last week got his five-member panel to brainstorm a list of urban problems. Typically, committees merely react to lawmakers' bills — specific solutions to narrow problems. Honigman even invited two House committee chairs for the Socratic symposium.

Here are some of the top concerns:

■ **Gambling** — "The horse industry has been decimated in the last 20 years," said Sen. Michael O'Brien, D-Detroit. "We used to make good (tax) money out of horses." The metro Detroit area has three tracks — Ladbroke DRC in Livonia, Northville Downs and Hazel Park Raceway.

But Windsor has gambling casinos, and O'Brien warned that "sometime in the next 14 to 18 months they're going to build a (casino) palace across the Detroit



Sen. Loren Bennett
Canton Township

■ **'The townships were left out when we exempted units of government from liability — for example, sidewalk slips and falls. Counties and cities own sidewalks. Townships don't. But judges are saying somebody has to be liable.'**

"Counties and cities own sidewalks. Townships don't. But judges are saying somebody has to be liable" for falls on sidewalks in townships.

Echoing his point was Pat McAvo of the Michigan Townships Association. "Local units are looked at as deep pockets in liability suits," she said.

■ **Polluter pay** — Public Act 307 of 1990, the so-called "polluter pay" law, has led businesses to look for greenfields and not to redevelop urban property that may be contaminated, it is widely agreed.

"There is increased urban flight from environmental liability," said Bennett. Strongly agreeing was John Niemala of the Michigan Municipal League.

MML, whose members are cities and villages, is pushing a list of 29 changes to foster redevelopment in urban areas.

■ **Tigers vs. Lions** — If state government helps Detroit with a new Tiger baseball stadium, then Pontiac, owner of the Silverdome Stadium where the Lions play, wants to be remembered, said Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. "If we have capital improvements for the Tigers, we certainly want capital improvements for the Lions," said Dunaskiss, vice chair of the committee.

■ **Residency** — Honigman wants to end municipal residency rules, which he considers an imposition on married couples where both work. Detroit, which has a strong residency rule, is just as determined to keep it. The MML backs Detroit, calling Honigman's bill a threat to the home rule principle.

■ **Empowerment** — Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, chair of the House Urban Affairs Committee, told senators his panel is interested in urban empowerment or enterprise zones, which would attract employers with lower taxes.

■ **Parking lots** — Sen. Bennett said local units need a method of enforcing speed limits on school parking lots. "There's no enforcement mechanism now. You can't issue a ticket," he said.

■ **"Sunshine laws"** — Honigman wants to rewrite Michigan's two 1976 "sunshine laws" — the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act — to make the public's rights stronger rather than weaker. "The Legislature has tended to nip away and bring more closure," he said.

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Madonna teachers get awards

Chosen by their peers for being good teachers, the following faculty members at Madonna University are the 1994-95 Faculty Excellence Award winners.

■ Anita Herman of Farmington Hills is an associate professor of gerontology. She has been with Madonna for 18 years and has been described by students as supportive, reassuring, student-oriented, challenging and respectful, according to a Madonna press release.

■ Miriam Long of Westland is an assistant professor of mathematics. Her contributions include developing a contemporary math course, introducing graphing calculators as learning tools and co-directing a series of mathematics workshops for elementary school

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teachers called "Problem Solving with Mathematical Models and Manipulatives."

■ Michael Meldrum of Livonia is an assistant professor and director of Madonna's educational support services. He is credited for developing workshops for faculty members to learn about the challenges facing hearing-impaired students.

■ Mary Bailey of Ann Arbor is a professor in the College of Nursing and Health. She has more

than 20 years of teaching experience, the last six of them at Madonna. In 1982 she was commissioned in the Naval Reserves and attained the rank of commander in 1984. From 1967 to 1968 she served in Vietnam with the Army Nurse Corps. She lived in China for two years and is currently on leave to teach in Poland.

■ Jessie Namikas of Windsor, Ontario, started at Madonna in 1982 as a part-time teacher and became full time in 1985. She was

the first at Madonna to teach only psychology classes and is largely responsible for the development of a psychology major, according to a Madonna press release.

■ Douglas Dent of Dearborn is a part-time assistant professor in the history department. "During his 15 years at Madonna, he has always worked hard at communicating the discipline of history with enthusiasm and excellence," said department chairman Randal Hoyer in a press release.

■ Betty Dornbrook of Great Pointe Woods has been a part-time teacher in community health nursing for six years. She is "dedicated to teaching and committed to the profession of nursing," said assistant nursing chairwoman Sandra Waitera.



Award winners: In the back row, from left, are Michael Meldrum, Douglas Dent, Miriam Long, Anita Herman, Betty Dornbrook and Mary Bailey. In the front row, from left, are Jessie Namikas and Sister Rose Marie Kujawa.

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elections worth the loss of flexibility?

"It's curious," King went on, "that the same Legislature that wants to remove rules and regulations (by repealing the School Code) now wants to control the times we hold elections."

Kay Williams, MASA's immediate past president, said timing of school plans could be thrown off if districts were confined to three dates. "What if a bond issue failed in November? You wouldn't be able to ask (voters) again until May. You lose a lot of time when you are unable to choose a date," said Williams,

who serves on the Bedford school board in Monroe County.

Gail Braverman, MASA's director of communications and public relations, voiced a problem raised over the years by many school board members. "If you put a school election on with other elections (August and November), you cast them (schools) into the partisan election circuit. It's better for education not to be in the partisan arena."

Brackenridge and the MASA officials didn't say yes and didn't say no to an idea offered by University of Michigan Regent Phil Power. Frustrated by the lack of

media attention on state education board races, Power, chairman of this newspaper, suggested a single spring election date for every education post: State Board of Education, U-M Regents, trustees of Michigan State and Wayne State universities, community college boards and local K-12 school district boards.

All promised to think about it. MASA's King had a problem with electing the eight statewide offices (State Board and universities boards) at the same time as community college and local boards. The state boards are par-

tisan; the others nonpartisan.

"It would be an absolutely great idea if the state boards weren't partisan," said Williams. "I concur," said King. "We proposed (in 1993) that there be an odd number on the State Board of Education, that members run from districts (rather than statewide), and that candidates would run on a nonpartisan ticket."

Gov. John Engler briefly floated that idea in his October 1993 special message on school reform, but legislators dropped it without discussion.

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Honigman said his panel will have jurisdiction over all amendments to the OMA and FOIA except for two affecting presidential searches by state universities. Those will go to the Senate Government Operations Committee. The University of Michigan, loser

of a major lawsuit over its secretive hiring, is seeking to shut down the presidential search process.

■ Water board — Honigman softened his approach to regionalizing the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which serves 100

or more communities but whose board is controlled entirely by the Detroit mayor. The senator said he's thinking about making the board subject to oversight by the state Public Service Commission.

Commented Sen. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit: "Na-a-a-a-ah!"

■ Unfunded mandates — Both the Townships Association and the Michigan Association of Counties complained that the Legislature gives local units more work without more revenue, but they provided no specific examples.

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Messages lack human touch

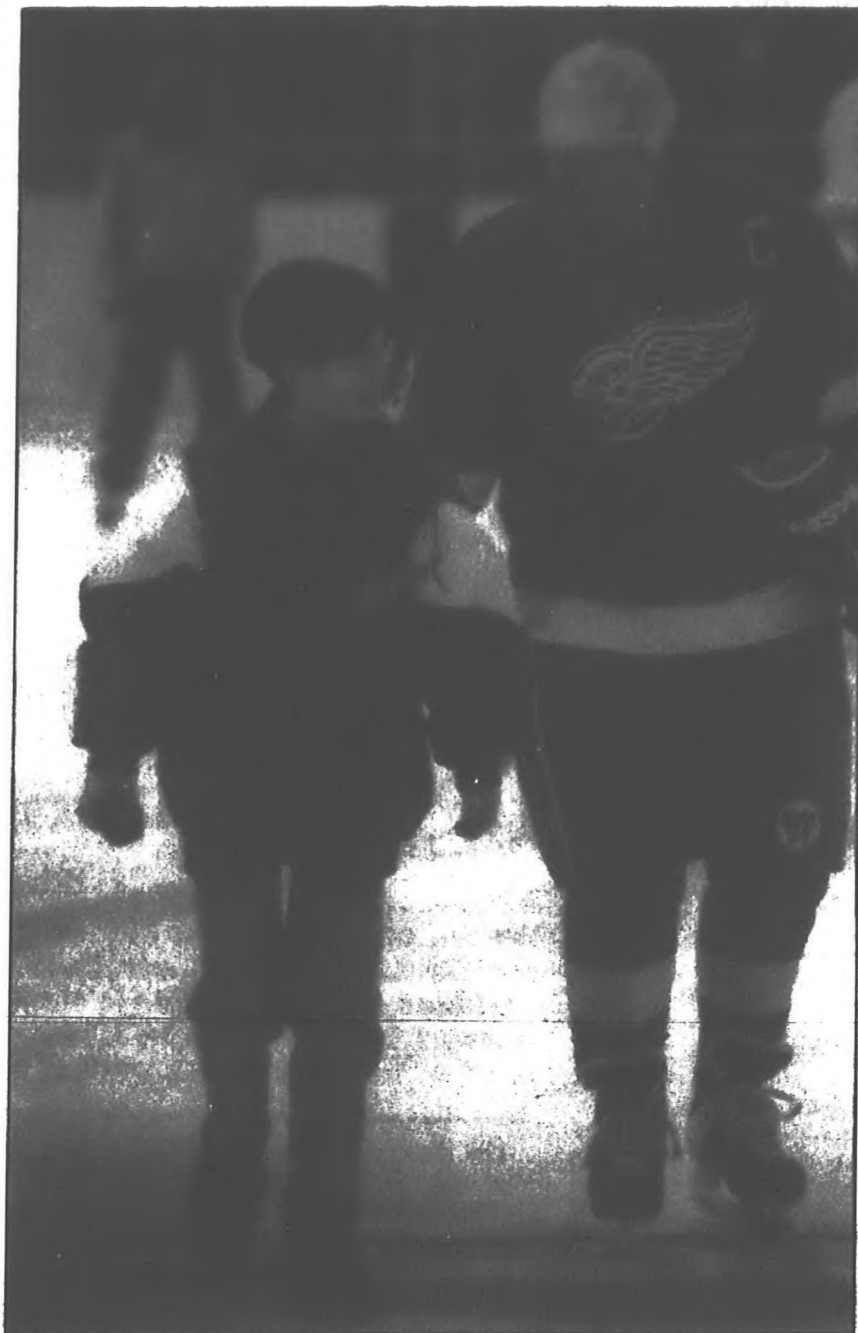
I placed a call yesterday. A preprogrammed Guy (P.P. Guy for short) answered. "You've Reached 4 5 6 7 8 9 0. Please. Leave. Your name. And. Number. At the. Tone."

"What about my message?" I pleaded. P.P. Guy ignored me. He'd meant what he'd said. Name and number only. No messages. Period. End of discussion.

How impersonal. How unreasonable. I've got big, important messages to leave, very long and detailed ones, I might add. How could I possibly comply with this irrational, digitized order? Just my name and measly phone number? Honestly! What a nightmare.

Now the answering machine message that says, "Leave your name, number and a short message at the tone" is almost as bad as P.P. Guy's preposterous command. It's the length thing. When a woman with young children like me gets an opportunity to make a phone call, the phone call is the same to her as an oasis would be to a dying man in the desert. She needs to make that phone call, she needs it baaaaad. And just as you wouldn't give a dying man in the desert a half teaspoon of water from the oasis, you wouldn't command anyone to leave a "short message." I know I need more, a lot more. I need huge gulps of conversation that make sense and have nothing to do with the one knock-knock joke that ends with "orange you glad I didn't say apple." Leaving a long message is a matter of life

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Great job: Detroit Red Wing great Alex Delvecchio escorted Greg Unger to center ice for a ceremonial faceoff before his team drubbed the Canton Police and Fire Department team 8-4 in a game that included a near score by Police Det. Jerry Hardesty.



Hockey 'greats' score for Greg

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Besides scoring eight goals against the Canton Fire and Police Departments hockey team on Friday, Feb. 17, the Detroit Red Wings Alumni helped score \$12,329 for Greg Unger, a 14-year-old Canton boy suffering from cystic fibrosis who needs a double-lung transplant.

"(It) was really beyond all our expectations and I guess they're not finished counting yet," said Bill Unger, Greg's father. "They still have to add in some raffle money that they had collected. There were a couple \$1,000 donations."

"I'm not sure what the final tally is but it's exceeding the check that they submitted to us." The frail young boy from Canton stepped out on the ice at the Plymouth Cultural Center/Ice Arena prior to the game to drop the puck

during a ceremonial faceoff. At half-time, he took a shot at the goal, then returned to his center-ice seat bundled in a Red Wings winter coat that buried his 4-foot, 10-inch, 60-pound frame.

"He was a little embarrassed; he didn't want to drop the puck. (But) he's been very mature in what he's doing," Bill Unger said.

The avid Red Wings fan preferred to watch Red Wings Alumni, including Alex Delvecchio, Dwight Foster, Eddie Mio and Dennis Hextall, play against Canton's Fire and Police Departments, who managed just four goals.

Hockey great Gordie Howe, who isn't on the alumni roster, made a special appearance. Once his participation was announced, most of the 1,300 tickets were sold. By game

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time, it was a sellout and patrons unable to get in could watch the game on TV tape delay d at area restaurants.

The home team included organizers and Canton firefighters Mike Caruso and Jim Davison, and police officer Rick Pomorski. Officer Katherine Mortier lent a different kind of support by singing the national anthem.

To supplement the money made from tickets, hockey memorabilia, including autographs from current and past Red Wing players, was raffled off.

Greg Unger was diagnosed at 6 months of age with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that primarily attacks the respiratory and digestive systems. Cystic fibrosis produces an abnormal accumulation of mucus in the lungs and other organs that can suffocate and starve the sufferer.

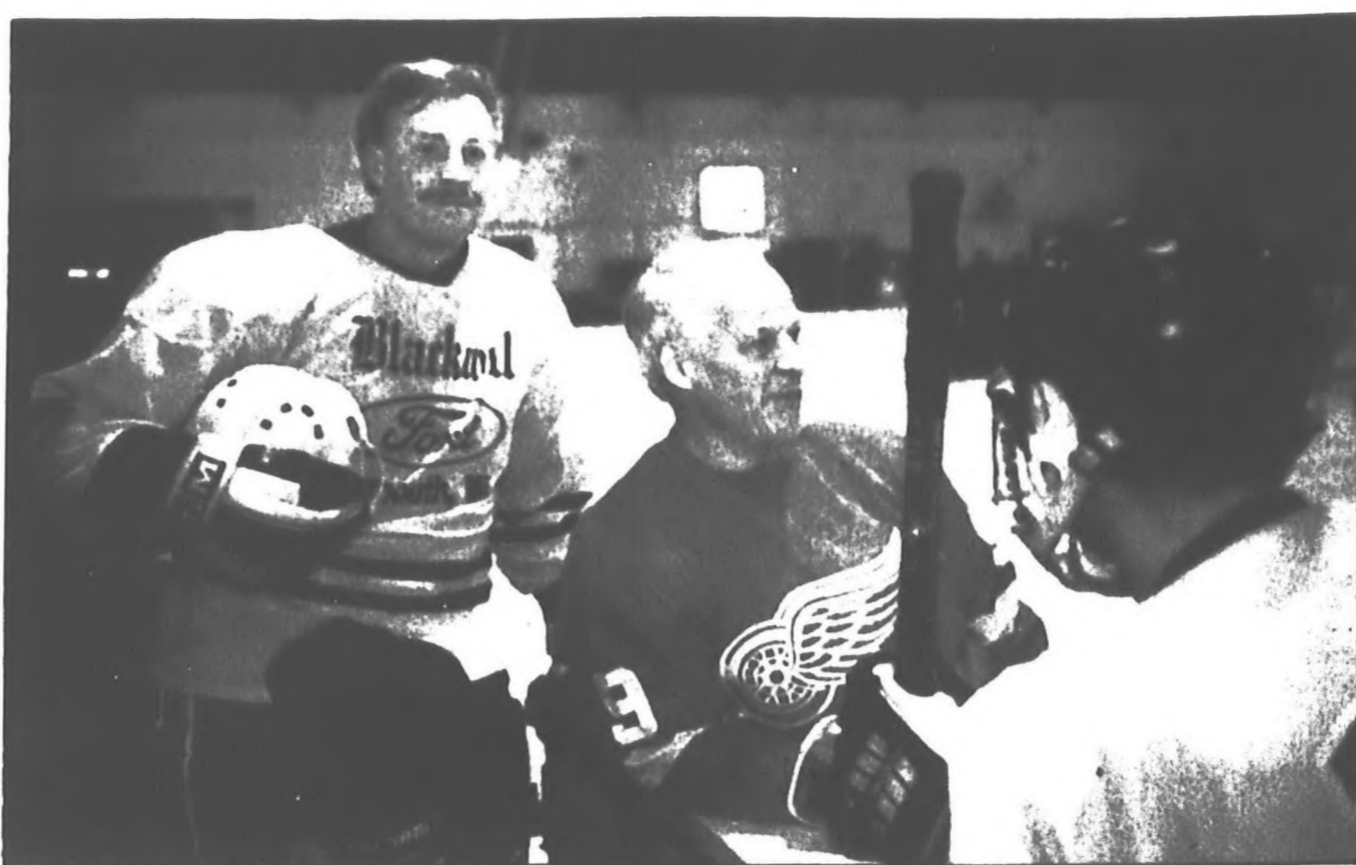
The Ungers and Children's Organ Transplant Association Inc. (COTA) are hoping to raise at least \$100,000 to ease the out-of-pocket expenses associated with Greg's transplant. The surgery is expected to occur after Greg and his father move to St. Louis, Mo.

in July to be closer to Children's Hospital and to await the availability of lungs. Greg's mother, Barbara Unger, is scheduled to join them after the organs have been found.

So far, the friends and family of Greg have raised about \$77,000. Greg's cousin Brian, of the local band Brave New World, pitched in by holding the "Breath for Life Charity Benefit Concert" Jan. 25 at Industry nightclub in Pontiac. The show was to have featured performances by his band, HAL, Dorothy, Bukimi 3, R World and Charm Farm and even though Charm Farm, one of the more popular bands of the bunch, didn't perform as scheduled, the benefit raised about \$1,500.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, Greg will fly to St. Louis to undergo required testing. His mother and father will be going with him.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can send a check payable to "COTA for Greg" and include the account number 215080176914 to any branch of the National Bank of Detroit or to NBD, 45345 Ford Road, Canton, Mich. 48187.



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death. And what do you do when an answering machine says, "Leave your name and number after the beep," and then you immediately hear one continuous beeeeeeeep noise that won't ever quit? Are you supposed to leave your message on top of the beeeeeeeep? This is a dilemma.

Another dilemma is the "menu." "Press 1 if you want the billing department." (Who would ever want the billing department, anyway?) "Press 2 if you are reporting a pothole. Press 3 if you are wearing a green shirt. Press 4 to record a brief message. Press 5 if you've hung on the line this long because you win a prize for that." What if you're wearing a green shirt and reporting a pothole?

And here's another terrible answering machine dilemma: somehow you leave a brief message and P.P. Guy comes back on the line and says, "If you want your message marked urgent, press 'U.' If not, press 'N.'" This is cruel. You're forced into conducting a gut-wrenching, embarrassing, on-the-spot examination of your self-worth.

Not long ago, I called an Enormously Important Person. It had taken weeks to find the courage to even dial his number. I'd practiced my phone speech. Several times. And then this "U" or "N" thing came up. This was a test, I just knew it. If I pressed "U," I'd probably be judged "pompous." I'd prefer "confident." And if I pressed "N," would I be "humble" or just hopelessly "spineless"? I was petrified.

My life hung in the balance. My message would be eventual-

ly — be retrieved by this Enormously Important Person standing in his tall skyscraper looking out over the big city. I, on the other hand, stood ankle-deep in Legos in my two-story house in a small town. "U" or "N," Karen? What's it gonna be? Suddenly, I felt lower than the slimy stuff on the bottom of the ocean. I panicked. And pressed "U."

Enormously Important Person never called back. Life went on. I recovered.

People skills — that's what answering machine messages lack. Messages should convey three things: 1) the caller is really, truly important; 2) no one on earth is more important; and 3) that's the honest-to-goodness truth. Example: "Hi, dear friend. I'm really, really sorry I can't talk to you just now, but something's come up. I'm not home. I'm in a mosquito- and snake- and bat-infested faraway land conducting scientific research. I'm close to finding the cure to all disease, so, you see, I am doing something useful and not just painting my toenails and avoiding the phone so I won't smudge. I'll call you as soon as I get back. I promise, cross my heart, and then you can tell me all about your good news and we can talk for hours. But first leave me a really long message on my machine. Use up the whole tape if you need to. You're the best, I mean it. Talk to you real soon." Now that's more like it!

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meyer, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at the Observer Newspapers, 35251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Program focuses on organ donations

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Those interested in learning about organ transplants — donating and receiving organs — should plan on attending an informational meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Garden City Hospital.

Entitled "Give the Gift of Life," the program is being sponsored by the hospital's Community Services Department, the Transplant Society of Michigan and Michigan Eye Bank and Transplantation Center.

"We're doing this to make people more aware of the organizations and about transplants," said Shirley Briel, nurse educator. "There are a lot of rumors going around that the family has to pay to have the organs removed and the bottom line for this program is to educate people about the whole process."

The most sought-after organ for transplant in the United States is the kidney. Of 37,000 people waiting for transplants, 20,000 are waiting for kidneys. The situation is similar in Michigan where 1,100-1,200 of the 1,700 patients in need of transplants are waiting for kidneys.

The two-hour program will start with a discussion by the first person the family meets after deciding to donate organs, a nurse who works with the family, the hospital and the surgeons in getting "the ball rolling," Briel said.

There also will be a panel discussion, featuring three transplant recipients, a presentation about transplant surgery by Dr. Robert Higgins, heart-lung transplant surgeon from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, and a donor family to discuss the donation side of transplants.

The transplant recipients are youngster Patrick Mallon and Sharon Mackovkac, both kidney recipients, and Jerry Dorr, a heart recipient.

Rounding out the evening will be "Kids on the Block." The short skit is designed to be presented in schools to provide child with information about transplants.

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The situation is similar in Michigan where 1,100-1,200 of the 1,700 patients in need of transplants are waiting for kidneys.

In addition to kidneys, heart, lung, liver and pancreas, other body parts that can be used in transplantations are corneas, skin, bone and heart valves.

"There's always a waiting list for organs, and unfortunately, fairly frequently the patient dies while waiting for an organ," Briel said. "We have a lot of people who agree to organ donations, but when we do the assessment, we find the organs aren't suitable, sometime because of the disease they die from like diabetes which can affect other organs."

The presentation will be in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. People interested in attending for transplants, 20,000 are waiting for kidneys, Briel said.

Annual fair surveys summer camps

If you're a parent, mark your calendar for Sunday, Feb. 26. That's when the sixth annual Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair will be at West Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills.

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Participating programs include sports camps, biking trips, horseback riding, wilderness adventures, co-ed teen programs, music, art and drama programs, academic enrichment and tutoring programs as well as day camps, traditional residential camps and student employment opportunities for teens and college students.

Among the participating camps and programs are Actionsail/Actiondive, Actor's Alliance, Camp Agawak, Camp Arowhon, Living Science Foundation, Howe Military Summer Program, Nacel Student Exchange, North Ameri-

can Trails, Summer Impressions Day Camp, Where There Be Dragons, YMCA Storer Camps, YWCA Camp Cavell, Trailmark Outdoor Adventure, Camp Wakikon and Camp Westminster to name a few.

Parents and children will have the opportunity to meet with rep-

representatives from each program, ask questions and receive information. Those attending the fair also will receive a free reference directory with a complete description of each program.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Cousino-Greening

Robert and Jane Anderson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lee Cousino, to Paul M. Greening, son of Martha Greening of Clawson and Robert Greening of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and received her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and her master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Royal Oak Kimball High School and Central Michigan University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in business administration.



He is employed by United Capital Financial in Bingham Farms.

A June wedding is planned in St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Helzerman-LaVeck

Betty and Chet Jones of Ypsilanti and Thomas and Patsy Helzerman of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy L. Helzerman, to William T. LaVeck, son of Phillip and Joyce LaVeck of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ypsilanti High School. She is employed by Federal Express in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University with a degree in aviation management technology. He also is employed by Federal Express in Ann Arbor.



They plan to live in Memphis, Tenn.

March-Karolak

Jerry and Cheryl March of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Elaine, to Jeremiah John Karolak, son of John and Kathy Karolak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is enrolled in Eastern Michigan University's nursing program and plans to graduate in April 1997. She is employed with Orthopedic Surgeons in Livonia.

Her fiancé is attending the Eastern Michigan University Business School, where he is majoring in finance. He plans to graduate in April 1996. He is employed with PaineWebber in Livonia.



A December 1996 wedding is planned.

McCulloch-Thomas

Marci Lynn Thomas and Richard Dugald McCulloch were married Oct. 8 in First Presbyterian Church of Northville by the Rev. Martin R. Ankrum. She is the daughter of Chester and Linda Thomas of Canton and he is the son of Donald and Dianne McCulloch of Northville.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1993 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Ford Motor Co. in electronics operations as a communications assistant.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Northville High School and a 1991 graduate of Mississippi State University. He is employed

by Arthur Andersen and Company as a certified public accountant.

Julie Thomas served as her sister's maid of honor with Kristin Kossak and Renee Graff as bridesmaids.

Jim McCulloch served as his brother's best man with John Anderson, Matt DeMattos and Scott Wolfe as groomsmen. Sgt. William McCulloch and David McCulloch, brothers of the groom, served as ushers.

The couple received guests at Madonna University before leaving on a southern Caribbean cruise. They are making their home in Plymouth.

Sinclair-Olender

Chris Sinclair of Midland, Mich., and Robert Sinclair of Duluth, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn, to Douglas James Olender, son of Tom and Cathy Olender of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grand Valley State University, where she received a bachelor of science degree in business. She is employed by EBI Companies of Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Grand Valley State University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He is employed by Ameritech Paging.



A March wedding is planned in Grandville, Mich.

Armstrong-Robbins

Julie Alaina Robbins and Orrin Andrew Armstrong were married Jan. 7 in The Golden Rings Wedding Chapel of Livonia. She is the daughter of Jerry Robbins of Westland and Betty Jean Crandell of Canton and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong of Florida.

Renate Eberhart served as maid of honor with bridesmaid Paula Lara. Laura Lara and Jennifer Clark served as flower girls. Ernie Gobin served as best man with Tommy Smittle as usher.



Steven Lara served as ringbearer. They are making their home in Canton.

Heilman-Macika

Jay and Peggy Heilman of Heron, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy J., to Raymond E. Macika, son of Raymond and Martha Macika of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts and is attending Kellogg University in Illinois.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School and the University of Michigan and received his master's degree from the University of Southern California. He is employed by Williams Electronics Games in Chicago.

A June wedding is planned in Michigan City, Ind.



Balhorn-Harkness

Barbara Balhorn of Comins, Mich., announces the engagement of her daughter, Katherine Ann, to Kevin Harkness, son of Vera Harkness of Garden City and the late Robert Harkness.

A late fall wedding is planned.



Rekuc-Laubernds

Edward and Irene Rekuc of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie Bernice, to Thomas Gerard Laubernds, son of Herman and DeLore Laubernds of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton schools and the University of Michigan. She received a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Garden City schools and is employed as a fence installer for Canton Fence & Supply Company.



A July 1996 wedding is planned in St. Richard Catholic Church.

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NEW VOICES

TOM and KIMBERLYN BENJAMIN of Westland announce the birth of twins NATHANIEL PATRICK and MORGAN JULIA born Jan. 27. They have two sisters, Christine, 5, and Sahnon, 2, and a brother, Zachary, 3. Grandparents are Rex and Dianne Biddle and Phyllis Benjamin, all of Mishawaka, Ind. Great-grandparents are Dick and Della Schnitzer, also of Mishawaka.

DAVID and CAROL GRIMMER of Canton announce the birth of BRIAN CHRISTOPHER Nov. 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has three sisters — Michelle, 8, Angela, 5, and Natalie, 1 — and two brothers — Daniel, 6, and Stephen, 3. Grandparents are Mrs. Philip Grimmer of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. John Yenc of Leroy, Ohio.

ROB and BRIDGETT WYSONG of Wyandotte announce the birth of SHELBY KATHERINE Dec. 23 at Grace Hospital in Detroit. She has a sister, Molly Elizabeth, age 20 months. Grandparents are Don and Joann Earhart of Romulus; Richard and Patricia Wysong of Decatur, Ala., formerly of Allen Park; and Billy Reed of Westland. Great-grandparents are Vera Reed of Westland and Mary (Lucille) Wysong of Southgate. Great-grandmother is Florence Jungerman of Cordova, Ala.

SCOTT and JENNIFER STILL of Garden City announce the birth of MADISON ANGEL Dec. 25 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Mary and Charles Denning of Garden City and Dennis and Margaret Still of Dearborn Heights.

MIKE and LAURA WILLEY of Canton announce the birth of ADAM JAMES Jan. 24 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has two brothers — Mike Jr., 5, and Ben, 3. Grandparents are Phil and Sharon Longley of Canton and Clarence and Sherrie Willey of Negaunee.

DANIEL and THERESA ROGALA of Garden City announce the birth of BRITTANY MARIE Nov. 30 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two sisters, Tiffany and Heather. Grandparents are Daniel and Mary Rogala of Westland and the late Arthur and Eleanor Carter.

DONOVAN SHERMAN and LAURA STALKER of Westland announce the birth of KALA NICOLE Dec. 29 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a sister, Marissa Ann. Grandparents are Sidney and Barbara Hutcherson of Westland and Kathleen Sherman of Inkster.

DAVID and TERI PANEK of Canton announce the birth of TIFFANIE AMBER Jan. 7 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a sister, Samantha, 5, and two brothers — Jake, 3, and Brad, 2. Grandparents are David and Lois Clark of Utica and Agnes Panek of Royal Oak.

JAMES and CRYSTAL BROWN of Canton announce the birth of HARRISON MITCHELL Jan. 27 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Ivan and Sarah Woodbury of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Duane and Nancy Foster of Livonia.

JOSEPH and KIMBERLY CALZADILLAS of Westland announce the birth of KEVIN WINN Dec. 18 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has three siblings — Jamie, Chad and Katlyn. Grandparents are Ernest and Lillian Combs of Westland and Alfonso Calzadillas of Redford.

TOM and LORI JOHNSTON of Garden City announce the birth of KELLY CAROLINE Jan. 2 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two sisters, Beth Ann and Katie Marie. Grandparents are Don and Vi Kloko of St. Joseph, Mich., and the Rev. Robert Johnston of Beverly Hills, Fla.

JASON and RENEE BIELEC of Canton announce the birth of ALEXANDRIA BRIANNA Jan. 23 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Suzanne Bradley of Plymouth, Bill and Maureen Bielec of Canton, and Linda Nielec of Scottsboro, Ala.

SEAN and SUSAN GRADY of Wayne announce the birth of CONNOR DILLION Dec. 22 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Diane Abbott of Westland, Pat Grady of Grand Rapids, Harold Abbott of Wayne and Dennis Grady of Grand Rapids.

Writer has a serious outlook on life



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene, I read your column every week and find it quite interesting. It's amazing how much a person's handwriting can reveal.

I am 61 years old, right-handed and recently widowed. My five children and I are very anxious to see what my handwriting will tell about me.

Thank you again for such an interesting column. I hope my letter will find its way into it.

G.M., Plymouth Township

As we study today's handwriting the first thing we observe is the downslope to the lines. From this, we realize the writer was discouraged and self-critical when she wrote the letter.

In view of recent events in her life, it is quite understandable. Encouragement and visible signs of love and support from those around her would be most helpful.

Our writer appears restless and may have nervous energy, too. Activity is good as it can help her release some of this energy. A schedule of walking and enjoying the wonders of nature would also be rewarding for her.

Our writer tends to have a serious outlook on life and living. Seemingly, she relies on an analytical approach to most things and she does not trust intuitive flashes. Intense scrutiny is applied as she probes and analyzes at length.

Past experiences have her on guard so she won't be vulnerable any longer. Old resentments often influence her. When involved in areas of importance to her, a little aggressive behavior can surface. She is able to handle both the important as well as the details. When she feels sure of herself or the position she has taken, she can be unyielding, possibly stubborn.

There is a practical side to this woman. She often feels that charity begins at home. Before venturing out to help others, she must first take care of the home front. Then she will make conscious choices regarding how to spend her time and with whom.

In social situations, she can be a little reserved. She is the one who decides how close a relationship will become. She sets a priority on her privacy and may be careful about confiding in others. There is also a tendency to look at people in a critical way at times. However, once a friendship develops I feel she would be a good and loyal friend.

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

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'Evening of Hope' aims at cure for childhood cancer

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When the fledgling Leukemia, Research, Life held its first dinner-dance in 1981, the location was a bar and 100 people showed up.

It will be a bit different on Saturday, March 4, when more than 1,000 people gather at Laurel Manor in Livonia for the 14th annual Evening of Hope dinner-dance.

Co-chaired by Sharon DeVore of Farmington Hills, the original founder of LRL, and Karen Borowy of Troy, the dinner-dance will have former Detroit Pistons star Vinnie Johnson as its honorary chairman, and Rich Mayk of WDIV-TV and Colleen Burcar of WKQI-FM as the masters of ceremonies.

This year's theme will be "One Moment in Time," based on the Whitney Houston song of the same name. The song will be played throughout the evening and LRL photographs from the beginning to the present will be used as centerpieces on the tables.

The evening will start with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner with filet and chicken picata as the entrees, and a dessert table. Dancing will be to the music of the Take Five Band.

There also will be a raffle and a silent auction, featuring sports memorabilia from the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Red Wings,

jewelry and handmade items. Last year's auction, featuring Detroit Red Wing autographed jerseys and souvenirs from the 1994 Winter Olympics, raised \$14,000.

"Vinnie has really come through for us; he's bringing a lot of Pistons items signed by players... jerseys, basketballs, shoes," said Mary Nowak of Bloomfield Hills, this year's publicity chair. "He also will be signing autographs."

The city of Detroit has donated baskets filled with tickets for tours and special events throughout the city, and the news media has donated lunches and time with them at work.

Normally a sellout, the event has tickets priced at \$50 per person or \$75 per person for benefactor tickets. They may be ordered by March 1 by calling the development office at Children's Hospital at (313) 745-5373.

The dinner-dance is the largest of benefits put on throughout the year by LRL. This year the group hopes to raise \$60,000. Its other activities include the Grand Sprix, a race outing tied in with the annual Detroit Grand Prix, a Christmas card featuring artwork by the patients and sponsored by Jacobson's, and an auction put on by the Detroit Yacht Club.

LRL got its start in 1981 when DeVore and her former husband, Paul Dragon, began the parent support group at Children's Hospital of Michigan when their son

P.J. was being treated for leukemia.

At that time, there were no funds devoted to research childhood cancer.

"Sharon, being the determined person that she is, went out and set up groups to raise money for research," said Nowak. "She started with a core group and it blossomed."

DeVore and her husband Eric serve on the LRL Board of Directors, and in past years, she has served on the decorations, publicity and entertainment committees for "Evening of Hope."

More than 50-60 people are involved with LRL. Most have been affected by cancer like DeVore (P.J. died in 1983) and Nowak, who lost a stepson, Michael, in 1990 and her husband, Ed, in 1993, both to cancer. Their ZIP codes cover the metropolitan area — Lake Orion, Livonia, Grosse Ile, Farmington, Warren, Novi and Grosse Pointe, to name a few.

And they are all dedicated to LRL's goal: the elimination of childhood cancer. To accomplish that, LRL raises money for the much-needed research and has collected nearly \$2 million since its inception. In fact, the organization is the largest single contributor to cancer research at Children's Hospital, Nowak said.

All funds raised by LRL pay for a full-time researcher, Dr. Mark Stout, a part-time assistant, related research activities and equipment for Children's Hospi-

tal. "What is great is the working relationship LRL has with Children's Hospital," Nowak said. "It has a board and the hospital has a representative on it. LRL works directly with the hospital on what is needed; it doesn't just hand the money over for the hospital to spend as it sees fit."

LRL is always looking for people interested in volunteering a lot of time or a little time, said Nowak, who "has just gotten involved this year to where it's a true commitment — 20 hours a week."

A recruiter for Resource Solutions Group in Southfield, Nowak became involved with the group through her friendship with DeVore. Their husbands worked together at Robert Bosch Corporation.

"I was looking for a way to help in the fight to find a cure for cancer through research," she said. "Leukemia, Research, Life is an interesting organization and a worthwhile organization that people don't know about and I want to change that. This is a neat group where you can share and hope in the dream of a cure."

"Without research there won't be a cure and that's why this is so important."

For more information about the organization, write to Leukemia, Research, Life Inc., P.O. Box 32783, Detroit 48232-2783; or call (313) 884-0931.



Superstar: Former Detroit Pistons star Vinnie Johnson will be honorary chairman of the fund-raiser.

Swanborg is AAUW Woman of Year

When members of the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women gathered in December for its Salute to Women Luncheon, Nancy Swanborg was there.

The director of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, she was there to be honored as the group's 1994 Woman of the Year.

Swanborg was nominated by a WRC volunteer who pointed out that kindness and courtesy are watchwords at the center, and Swanborg sets the tone.

"She constantly expresses these qualities with her staff, with her clients and with us volunteers," the nominating letter noted. "She brings out the best in everyone."

According to Nancy Sannar, chair of the annual luncheon, "Nancy is a positive influence in our community and exemplifies the AAUW vision for women."

At one time a licensed medical technologist, Swanborg changed careers in 1984. Armed with a graduate degree in pastoral ministry, she worked with campus

ministries at Macomb Community College, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Henry Ford Community College before joining the Resource Center as director in 1989.

She has been instrumental in setting up the annual Women's Health Conference in conjunction with the Schoolcraft College Health Services and Oakland Community College's Women's Center. This year's conference will be Saturday, April 1.

She also has implemented several programs for the college's staff and students on such subjects as rape and sexual harassment, and a child abuse/domestic violence seminar, and began an annual two-day inservice to provide support, information and networking for the resource center's staff and volunteers.

Swanborg has received several

awards for her work, including the Susan B. Anthony Award from the UM-D Women's Commission in recognition of "leadership, service and promotion of equal rights for women," and the Athena Award in 1990 for "support of goals of professional women and providing unselfish assistance in their behalf."

She also is active in many professional organizations, including United Community Services and the Out-Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, that provide and work for equal rights for women and others seeking assistance.

Swanborg was the "unanimous choice" for Woman of the Year by members of the selection committee — chair Harriet Larson, Laura Callow, Vickie Kehais and Sannar.



Nancy Swanborg

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Participating programs include sports camps, biking trips, horseback riding, wilderness adventures, co-ed teen programs, music, art and drama programs, academic enrichment and tutoring programs as well as day camps, traditional residential camps and student employment opportunities

for teens and college students.

Among the participating camps and programs are Actiontrail/Actiondrive, Actor's Alliance, Camp Agawak, Camp Arowhoun, Living Science Foundation, Howe Military Summer Program, Nacel Student Exchange, North American Trails, Summer Impressions Day Camp, Where There Be Dragons, YMCA Storer Camps, YWCA Camp Cavell, Trailmark Outdoor Adventure, Camp Wabi-

kon and Camp Westminster to name a few.

Parents and children will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from each program, ask questions and receive information. Those attending the fair also will receive a free reference directory with a complete description of each program.

Admission is free. For more information, call Sandy Schwartz at (313) 872-1790.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to State Law 257.252, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public sale at Mayflower Towing, 42300 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, on the date and time listed below:

Tuesday, March 7th, 1995 at 4:00 p.m.

YEAR	MAKE	STYLE	VEHICLE ID NUMBER	CASE NUMBER
1976	Chev	SW	CGL368U109251	95-0730
1977	Pont	4D	2N69Y7P23220	95-0653
1985	Olds	4D	1G3BN60A6F0099548	95-0745

Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Ron Bianchi, City of Plymouth Police Department, at 453-8600.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to State Law 257.252, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public sale at B & B Towing, 994 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, on the date and time listed below:

Tuesday, February 28th, 1995 at 4:00 P.M.

YEAR	MAKE	STYLE	VEHICLE ID NUMBER	CASE NUMBER
1988	Chev	PU	1GCBS14E6J111219	94-0445
1988	Volk	4D	9BWGA0301JP060622	95-0780
1978	Chev	SW	CKL188F111531	95-0434
1982	Plym	2D	1FBP21BOCG170256	95-0576

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE
1995 CDBG FUNDS: PROPOSED USES AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using 1995 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income, and/or to areas in which at least 44% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits to handicapped citizens.
- To perform long-range planning for the development and maintenance of the City.
- To fund the City's administrative costs related to operation of the CDBG program.

PROPOSED 1995 PROJECTS:
The City anticipates receiving approximately \$60,000 in CDBG funds for 1995, and has identified the following potential projects for use of these funds:

1. Senior Programs:	
a. Senior Citizen Van Driver	\$30,000
b. Senior Citizen Van Dispatcher	5,000
c. Reserve for Senior Van Replacement	20,000
d. Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Delivery	4,000
e. Senior Citizen Chire Service	4,000
f. Senior Citizen Newsletter	2,000
	\$65,000
2. Old Village Historic District Study	15,000
TOTAL	\$80,000

PUBLIC HEARING:
Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 1995 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held by the Plymouth City Commission on Monday, March 6, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 303 S. Main Street.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF HEARING
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Canton Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, call 961-1211 between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for appointment from February 27, 1995 thru March 3, 1995.

Tuesday March 7, 1995 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ONLY
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HEARING DATES BY APPOINTMENTS

Friday March 10, 1995 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday March 13, 1995 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 14, 1995 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HEARING DATES ON A FIRST COME BASIS (WALK INS)

Saturday March 11, 1995 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday March 18, 1995 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be schedule as needed.

You may call 961-4400 for further information on the hearings, dates, and times.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required.

The Board of Review will be held in Township Hall Meeting Room of the Canton Township Hall, 1180 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared, as a 10 minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Tracy Hayley, Secretary of the Board of Review, at 961-6400.

Published February 10 and 20, 1995 and March 3, 1995

NOTICE
1995 CITY OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF REVIEW ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING AND SCHEDULED APPEAL
MEETINGS

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 1995 at 12:00 Noon.

The Regular Board of Review session will begin after the Organizational Meeting is adjourned on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1995	12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1995	8:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1995	12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995	8:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1995	12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1995	3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

COMPLETED 1995 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY

A WRITTEN PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE before an appointment can be made to appear before the Board of Review to protest your property's TAXABLE VALUE. Petition forms can be obtained at the Treasurer's Office located on the first floor of City Hall beginning Wednesday, February 22, 1995.

Persons wishing to APPEAR IN PERSON before the Board of Review must file a petition with the Treasurer's Office by 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 1995.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of additional meetings of the Board of Review will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City as soon as the additional meetings are scheduled, and also in the local newspapers. The City bulletin boards are located at: City Hall, Kallings Park, Central Parking Lot and Starweather at the corner of Liberty Street.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the status of the 1995 Board of Review.

For further information regarding appeals, please call 453-1204 x 223 or 224.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

Published February 23, 27, 1995 and March 6, 1995

Teachers' union Grievance will hurt education

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association's threat to file a grievance or lawsuit over increased graduation requirements in math and science for the class of 1999 is unjustified and can only hurt the image of teachers in the community.

The setting of graduation requirements is a function of the school board and administrators, not the teachers' union.

The union contends that under its contract, teachers have a right to approve building-wide changes that affect working conditions. Making graduation requirements tougher affects the working conditions of students, not teachers.

If a grievance or legal action were successful, the school board would be powerless to make educational changes.

We agree with board member Roland Thomas, who said: "I'm not willing to relinquish the right of the board to adopt curriculum. I am willing to empower people, but it's our singular purview to adopt graduation requirements that necessitate a curriculum change."

Also, the teacher union's stance at this time places two school millage elections set for this spring at risk. The schools are seeking the renewal of an 18 mill non-homestead property tax and a 3-mill enhancement question. The non-homestead tax would not increase taxes

on homes, and is levied on commercial, industrial and rental property. The 3 mills would increase residential property taxes.

Voters, parents and industry want more from schools, not less. The union's position sends the wrong message to taxpayers.

The grievance threat came without warning following a school board decision to increase the graduation requirements in math and science from two credits to three. The school board should be lauded for making such a decision.

Chuck Portelli, teacher union president, said the union doesn't necessarily disagree with the changes, but contends teachers are entitled to a vote on the matter. According to the contract, staff has the right to vote on building-wide changes.

Canton High School principal Tom MacKenzie said the process "involved more teacher debate and discussion than has taken place on any other issue in 22 or 23 years at the high schools."

Increased graduation requirements are only one step. Schools will be asked to do more in the future, and rightly so. Teachers should be involved in those decisions, giving the board and administration advice. However, the school board can not and should not give up its power to set the direction of education in the district.

Budget amendment: bad policy

The U.S. House of Representatives frequently approves "feel-good" resolutions that make voters think something positive has been done but that really mask serious public policy problems.

With a Republican majority for the first time in 40 years, the House recently passed a constitutional amendment which would require balanced federal budgets. Before it can be made part of the 206-year-old U.S. Constitution, the amendment needs to be approved by the Senate and 36 of the state legislatures.

Let's hope the Senate will refuse to go along with the flawed thinking of the House and reject the proposed amendment.

There are many reasons for the amendment to be defeated or shelved, either in the Senate or the state legislatures — if it gets that far.

One problem is the amendment, if enacted into law, would certainly force federal judges to get involved because of expected appeals. In effect, the federal judiciary — unelected and unaccountable — may end up setting economic policy which was properly directed by the framers of our Constitution to the two other branches of government.

If that happens, members of Congress can tell their howling constituents whose financial oxes are being gored that "we didn't do it — the courts did it."

Another major problem is that Congress, in its zeal to cut spending, would simply transfer many federal responsibilities to states which have their own constitutional requirements to balance their budgets.

Even in the wake of passage of legislation by both the House and Senate to limit unfunded mandates being imposed on the states, a balanced-budget amendment could lead to new financial burdens for the states.

In that scenario, state officials would be faced with the problem of raising taxes or making massive cuts in public services and programs.

As passed by the House, the balanced-budget amendment would establish an absolute ban on deficit spending. Although deficits are a long-term problem, it's not clear that the current deficit — far less than in many other industrialized democracies — is such a threat as to warrant tampering with the Constitution.

Balanced budgets are a good idea but using the Constitution to achieve the goal is not.

It's time for Congress to step up to its responsibilities and make tough decisions on entitlement programs, which now represent the single largest slice of the federal budget "pie," followed by the Defense Department and the interest on the national debt.

Congress already has the power — if not the political fortitude — to balance the federal government budget.

There are enough problems for Congress to consider in acting on economic issues without throwing in the balanced-budget amendment.

If Congress is so concerned about the problem of deficits, then let members make the tough decisions on programs and taxes. That's what we elected them to do.

SMART money



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tax proposal: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county officials will decide by the end of the month which millage request voters will decide on — one-third or one-quarter mill — to keep SMART buses on the road after the system runs out of money in mid-March. Wayne County officials are promising an increased local transportation subsidy if the higher millage plan is approved.

LETTERS

A thanks

The family of Harriett and Walter Ash would like to thank Kevin Brown for the article he wrote about their sudden deaths on Saturday, Feb. 11. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to all of our family and friends who helped us to get through this difficult time. We will always miss our loved ones but the love and concern of family and friends makes it easier to bear.

Donna Barnes, Laufa Barnes, Jennifer Barnes and Megan Leigh Barnes, Plymouth

fare of the residents of and visitors to the township of Canton any longer.

Thereafter, I'm considering an effort to seek passage of a County Commission resolution to reimburse Canton Township for the dollars its property taxpayers had to pay to ensure the quality of life in the township; and if that fails, to consider institution of a taxpayer's lawsuit for recoupment.

Bruce Patterson, Canton

Program needs

I spent two days last week in Muskegon visiting past president of the Canton Community Foundation Bill Myers. I had the good fortune to share with him the continued good work of the foundation, especially the continuation and support of human-service programs. He was so pleased to hear of the efforts on behalf of human services, especially those that he worked so hard at implementing.

It was during the Myers administration that we worked to firmly establish the need for human service programming. During his year as president, I undertook to establish Canton Family Services, to provide counseling to Canton families in a time of need. After the program was off and running I had the pleasure of hiring for the foundation the first-intake worker, Joan Noricks, the current foundation executive director. I enjoyed training Joan and especially enjoy now seeing her success in continuing the programs we started in 1989. Some of the programs may change, but the mission of service to the community remains the same.

To see Canton Family Services continue is very gratifying to those of us who worked so hard to design the programs in the first place.

On a personal note, I was most pleased to be able to attend the first Canton Winter Ball. With nearly 900 people in attendance, the Board of Directors of the foundation and President Bob Paciocco should be commended for expanding on the concept of pulling people together in a social setting to celebrate all that is good about the Canton community. Having organized the five annual Celebrate Canton Dinner Dances, I full well know the benefit of having a large banquet hall to accommodate the hundreds of people who want to be part of the community. Just wait until the Summit on the Park opens. The Yack dream continues.

Keep up the great work, Canton Community Foundation. Those of us who were a part in conceiving and implementing this great organization are proud of your continued good work.

Bill Joyner, Plymouth

Road action

Canton Township's roads need to be improved. They must be fixed now, not later. Wayne County is primarily responsible for the township's roads. These are facts.

As a newly-elected Wayne County Commissioner I support the Canton Township administration's decision to place a \$12 million general obligation bond ballot issue before the voters of Canton Township this spring.

Tom Yack is as fine an elected official as I have ever met and Elaine Kirchgatter is a very competent and respected public servant, who with their colleagues on the board of trustees (Shefferly, McLaughlin, Burdziak and LaJoy), have again demonstrated courage, commitment and vision by making the tough choice to present a tax increase proposal to the township's voters.

I commend them for their leadership, as theirs was not an easy decision for fiscally responsible individuals to make knowing that road maintenance and improvement is a county responsibility.

I acknowledge that the maintenance, design, engineering and construction of most of the roads targeted by the Canton Township administration for improvement if the bond issue passes are legally the obligation of the county of Wayne because it receives the fuel and weight revenues from the state of Michigan pursuant to the formula ordained by state statute, (Act 51 of Public Acts 1951). I'm sufficiently aware of what is going on and astute enough to know that those roads have been neglected by the Wayne County Executive's administration for years, despite the very able efforts of prior commissioners Mack and Amann.

Therefore, on account of the political agenda the county executive seems presently to be pursuing, the people of Canton need to take matters into their own hands, rather than jeopardize the health, safety and general wel-

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
 What should be done with the vacant Farmer Jack building on Main Street?

We asked this question at the Penniman Dell in Plymouth.



"Maybe a teen center. Somewhere for them to go. For 12-17-year-olds with adult supervision."
 Maria Bazzide
 Canton



"A supermarket would be very convenient."
 Gari Jeamentas
 Plymouth Township



"Some type of family entertainment center."
 David Mullins
 Plymouth



"I think the post office ought to rent it and put machines in."
 Nancy Ross
 Works in Plymouth

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Boondoggle?

Efforts to preserve house lack common-sense foundation

Once upon a time, in the Kingdom of Yack, there was an astute real estate person who had a dilemma. He had an interest in a parcel of property that was zoned commercial but had an old house on it that was in need of major repair. The porch was falling off, windows rotted, roof leaked, floor sagged, etc. Now, he could fix it up (very expensive), demolish it (also expensive), but he did not think anyone would want to move the dilapidated wreck of a house (also expensive).

Well now guess what? Uh huh, that's right. Someone heard about this old house and thought that it would make a great addition to the community's historical district.

A proposal was made to the rulers of

the kingdom who unanimously voted to accept the house and have it moved to the historical district at a cost of thousands of dollars (taxpayers', naturally). The rulers had spent a few thousand more for a basement to set this historical house on. The house was moved, with great fanfare by the rulers of the kingdom, the news media, and by members of the Historical Commission, to which one of the rulers belonged, along with the wife of one of the rulers.

Now this so-called historical house has languished for a few years during which time the interior has been gutted, some windows have been replaced, but not of the original style, and a railing has been added instead of replacing the covered porch that used to wrap

■ This historical house is to be a focal point for something, but none of the rulers had any idea what to use it for when they decided to spend thousands of dollars to have it moved, and they still have no idea what to use it for, but are ready to spend thousands more on it.

around two sides of the house. This was done after hiring an alleged expert architect, at added expense. This house no longer resembles what it looked like

before, inside or out.

It seems that the ruler, who also is a member of the Historical Commission, thinks that a quarter of a million dollars (that's \$250,000) isn't too much to spend on this boondoggle. But then again it's only taxpayers' money, and they didn't get to vote on it. After all, the rulers know what's best for the people.

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I understand that the house sits on a

20-acre site that could be used as a demonstration farm. I know where some long-eared critters can be found to stock it, and they are not jack rabbits.

There seems to be no end to this Travis(ty) Tale. An announced candidate for a ruler's vacancy is all in favor of continuing the saga.

What ever happened to the Hasselback barn that was dismantled by the numbers for reconstruction by this "Historical" Commission? How much did that cost the taxpayers?

Gene Daley is a former member of the Canton Planning Commission.

Business sleeps at the switch; education gets derailed

Listen, all you leaders of Kmart, GM, Ford, Chrysler, Dow, Upjohn, Kellogg,

And especially you, A. Alfred Taubman, the shopping mall magnate.

You've been trying since the mid-1980s to improve public education. Your goal has been to make all graduates employable.

Here's a good swift kick on the bottoms of your feet. That's to wake you up.

A reactionary element in our state is about to rip up your work. And neither you nor your spokesmen are lifting a finger to stop it.

I pick on you, Al Taubman, because of the "rare" interview you deigned to grant Jon Pepper of The Detroit News last Sunday. "I feel a need for business leaders to try to change public education to build a better, more intelligent, more competitive workforce," you said. "The new State Board of Education has taken it (improving public schools) seriously, and that's really new."

Pepper credited you with launching the Michigan Partnership for New Education. He flattered you too much and too early.

Business has been behind the push for a state-endorsed diploma, so that an employer knows what the company is hiring. Business has been behind the rewriting of statewide proficiency tests, to find out a kid's problem-solving ability and ability to achieve results with others.

You haven't been happy with local diplomas that meet local standards. You want to hire something smarter than a human robot who learns by rote.

First, state Senate Republican leader Dick Posthumus announced they will repeal the state School Code. They're going to junk the idea of a single state proficiency test. Funny, they didn't mention it during the '94 campaign so we could debate it. They sprung it on us afterward.

Not a peep out of Al Taubman and the captains of industry.



TIM RICHARD

Second, the Senate Education Committee last week approved a bill to allow two dozen school districts to write their own local proficiency tests. One superintendent baldly asserted his district's standards were higher than the state's without showing a shred of evidence.

Posthumus' hand-picked cronies ran the bill through committee in an hour. Not a peep out of Al Taubman and the captains of industry.

Posthumus' notion is to "allow

school districts to pick from a menu of six or 10 tests already out there." That's not what you were after, was it?

If every district is to pick a high school proficiency test to suit itself, how will business personnel officers judge a graduate's employability? How will parents, in the much-ballyhooed "marketplace," be able to choose one school over another?

Ripping up business's handiwork is precisely what the Religious Right wants. The RR wants a babel of tests so that comparisons are impossible.

I have their pamphlets in front of me. They want to blame everything that has happened since the 1960s — illegitimacy, AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, crime, declining test scores, drug addiction, the works — on public schools. Then they will publicly push their plan, quietly introduced in the Senate last week, to alter the Michigan Constitution. They want state money for private and parochial schools.

Last week, Posthumus hosted a legislative day for Citizens for Traditional Values (CTV). It just so happened their meeting room was across the hall from the Senate Education Committee room on the same afternoon. I quote from one of CTV's pamphlets:

"Christianity has taught us to value democracy. Protestantism, in general, and Calvinism, in particular, eschewed the hierarchy of a centralized church in favor of a priesthood of all believers in control of local congregations."

Translation: If local congregations are the way Calvinist churches are run, then that's the way everybody's school district should be run. Michigan's history of strong state standards be damned! Michigan's Constitution, placing "leadership and general supervision of all public education" with the State Board of Education — to hell with it.

Al Taubman, you and your industrial pals talk a good game. But when your game is about to be stolen, you're dozing off.

Handling crime and punishment needs a new, creative approach

Last week, I argued in this space that state spending to warehouse criminals in prisons has three main characteristics:

- 1) It's going up far faster than any other item in the budget.
- 2) It doesn't seem to be having much effect on the crime rate.
- 3) It's threatening to crowd out literally all other spending priorities.

Can we do better? Sure we can.

Here's a mixed bag of ideas, freshly minted for prompt legislative consideration. (Don't, however, hold your breath.)

■ Redesign prisons. One reason it costs so much to jail an inmate for a year (ranging from an average of \$18,000 for all Michigan prisons to nearly \$40,000 for maximum security) is that the prisons are so labor-intensive.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara once speculated that the county's Andrew Baird Jail was designed to be labor-intensive, and he may have a point. The Department of Corrections hires one employee to handle each 3.4 inmates across the entire state system, with the ratio dropping to 1.4 FTEs per inmate for maximum-security prisons.

I suspect prison design today exhibits the same kind of mindless inertia that infects so much of government. Gov. John Engler should sponsor an architectural competition for the most labor-saving design and insist the folks at Corrections use the winners in building the four new prisons they want.

■ Use sense. Should every person convicted of any crime go to an expensive, full-blown prison? Of course not.

There are nearly 800 admissions to prison each year for offenders whose maximum sentence is less than 12 months. There are more than 4,000 annual admissions for non-violent and property crimes, not to mention the 2,000 jailed for crimes involving the sale and use of drugs.

Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, who was the Legislature's leading expert on prisons until he retired Dec. 31, last year introduced a bill to "lock out" short-term offenders from state prisons. It was defeated in the House. His bill to send more minor offenders to inexpensive boot camps was defeated in the Senate.

Gov. Engler should convene a conference of prison and police officials and legislative leaders to consider how sentencing laws could be improved to help make the method of imprisonment fit the crime. The conference would also



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help give the governor and legislators some political cover if they're going to change sentencing rules.

While everybody is at the conference, they might give some thought to privatizing some or all of our prison operation. I suspect that featherbedding is one factor behind the labor-intensity of prisons, and privatization would establish a competitive standard for costs, too.

■ Rethink punishment. These days, it's pretty much axiomatic: You do the crime, you do the time.

Why just time behind bars? Are there methods of punishment less costly and more deterrent than time in prison?

Sure. Some offenders could be caned on the butt, for example, the way Singapore authorities dealt with the young man who liked to vandalize cars. Others could be required as part of probation to wear a distinctive uniform that indicates they have served time. Why not put a big red "D" on the license plate of anybody convicted of drunken driving? At least other drivers would be warned to keep their distance.

There are four (count 'em, four!) law schools in the state. They should be asked to do something useful and convene a conference on alternative methods of punishment. Ask the judges and state lawmakers to participate.

Surely smart people can come up with some unconventional punishment strategies that would withstand legal challenge.

The point here is that in our prisons, as in so much of life, if we keep on doing what we've always done, we keep getting what we've always got. It's time for a change.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 963-9047, Ext. 1890.

Please step outside and read this.



The cold you feel right now is how thousands of families feel 24 hours a day.

This year, thousands of men, women and children will be cold due to a financial hardship. For them, the thought of winter's cold only brings doubt and fear. Whether they are unexpectedly unemployed or the working poor, they will endure the chill of winter without the protection of a warm home. You can help prevent this by contributing to The Heat And Warmth (THAW) Fund.

THAW is a non-profit organization which helps struggling families in 11 Southeastern Michigan counties keep their heat on. It is the last resort for families who have exhausted all other possible resources. Since 1986, THAW has assisted over 15,000 families, more than half with children. Yet, THAW is not considered a handout, but a helping hand, for less than 10% of the recipients are repeat cases.

Once again, Detroit Edison is supporting THAW's efforts. Every dollar you donate will be matched by Detroit Edison and will go directly to help those in need. So, as the nights grow longer, please remember the families who grow colder.

Donations may be made using a VISA or MasterCard by calling 1-800-866-THAW (or 8429) Or send contributions to: The Heat And Warmth Fund, PO Box 1000, Plymouth, MI 48170



1995 camp fair set for Sunday

BY CATHERINE M. PACINI
STAFF WRITER

Now is the time to start thinking about how to keep the kids occupied, entertained and motivated during the long, lazy days of summer.

This year's Camp and Activities Fair, sponsored by The Merrill-Palmer Institute, promises a super summer for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 in West Bloomfield, parents will have an opportunity to meet camp representatives who will help them select the right program for kids ages 3 to 18.

Parents and kids can meet with representatives from 60 local, national and Canadian programs to ask questions and receive information. Participating programs include: sports camps, biking trips, horseback riding, wilderness adventures, co-ed teen programs, music, art and drama programs, academic enrichment and tutoring programs, as well as day camps, traditional residential camps, and student employment opportunities for teen and college students.

Participants can expect to see camp exhibitors, and meet the director or a representative of each camp for a one-on-one discussion. Also available at camp booths are videos, photographs, brochures and other information.

"Many camps offer programs for teens, too. There are over 50 jobs for high school seniors and college students," says Sandy Schwartz, fair coordinator.

This year's fair, co-sponsored by the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine, will take place at West Hills Middle School, 2601 Lone Pine, in West Bloomfield, between Inkster and Middlebelt.

Elizabeth Palms of Bloomfield Hills attended last year's camp fair. "I thought the fair was very well organized with an extensive selection of quality camps from all over."

"There was a wide variety of camps with a good mix of types of camps and costs. We plan on attending again this year," said Alison Pikur of Redford.

Camp selection is diverse, from traditional day camps to teen travel or adventure camps. The Gibson Summer Adventures Program in Redford offers enrichment day programs

from preschool through 15 years. A variety of programs are available, from cooking to computers. Carol Green, admissions and development director at Gibson, says, "We offer over 100 classes in our summer enrichment program that are fun for students and motivate their curiosity. What makes our program unique is that parents have the flexibility to enroll their child in one class for one week or a full summer program."

The Nacel Cultural Exchanges in West Bloomfield offers teens an opportunity to go to Europe, primarily France, Spain or Germany, to live with a host family and absorb the language and culture of that country. Ann Marie Ott, local representative, says, "The Nacel Cultural Exchange program has been in the United States since 1952. Michigan sends 100 students to Europe and receives 300 to 350 students. Nacel also offers a soccer camp in Germany and a tennis camp in France — both camps include language classes."

Available at the fair is a camp directory complete with a checklist of questions parents should ask camp representatives when trying to select a camp for their children.

The Michigan Camping Association will be represented. It publishes a directory of all the camps that are licensed by the state. Parents can inquire about the criteria for licensing of camps directly with a representative of the association.

The Michigan Department of Social Services also publishes a directory of licensed camps by the state.

The Merrill-Palmer Institute is a center for educational programs and services in the area of human development and family interaction at Wayne State University. The Institute has sponsored the camp fair for six years, growing from 30 camps to more than 60 camps. "The best part of the camp fair is being able to talk one-on-one with camp directors and the ability to compare programs. Parents really seem to appreciate the camp fair — that's why we keep growing every year," says Schwartz.

For more information, call Sandy Schwartz: (313) 872-1790.

Beech tree nuts are good eating



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

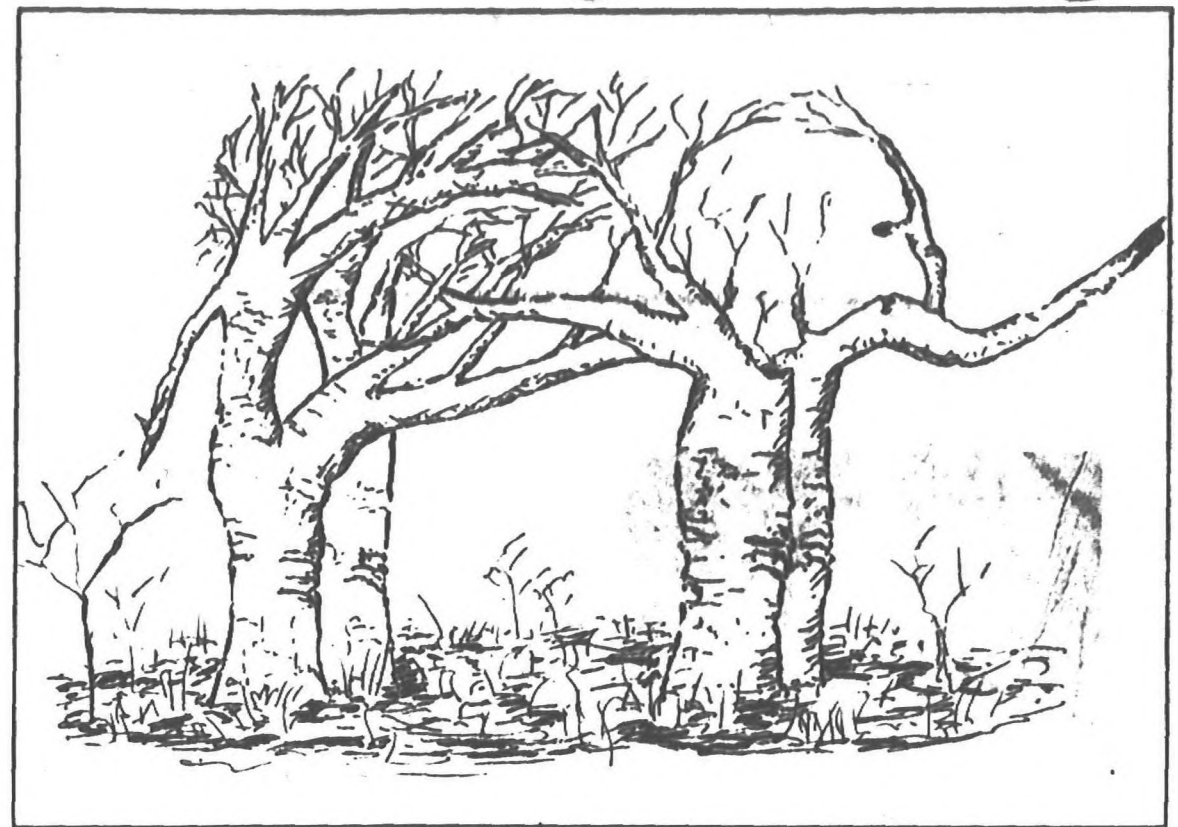
A walk through a hardwood forest in winter reveals the delicate branching of those trees that lose their leaves. When those branches are coated with ice or topped with snow, they create a striking pattern against the sky.

In hardwood forests with oak and beech trees, there will be some individual trees that still display their leaves. Not all oak and beech trees demonstrate this phenomenon, and only a few leaves remain. Those few are enough to attract our attention because they seem so incongruous against the winter landscape.

Young beech trees tend to retain their leaves more than the older adult trees. This is one easy way to identify them even in winter. Adult trees devoid of leaves can be identified in winter by their "elephant leg" trunks. Beech trees have smooth gray bark with marks that resemble the knees and wrinkles on the legs of an elephant.

Both young and old trees have characteristic long, pointed, sandy colored buds. Buds ultimately give rise to leaves and flowers. Three-sided beech nuts grow from the pollinated flowers.

Beech nuts are very tasty and can be eaten directly from the tree. They are sweet, not bitter like most acorns. In colonial times settlers extracted oil from the nuts to be used in lamps and for cooking. Pulp remaining after



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the extraction of oil was used to make a sweet flour. Birds, like the passenger pigeon, descended by the thousands in beech forests to eat the sweet nuts. Deer and other animals relied on them as a fattening food for winter, too.

Wood from beech trees was often used to make barrels, or food containers, because it did not impart a flavor to the food stored in-

side. Beech wood is very heavy, but its tendency to shrink and split easily when dry caused it to lose favor among carpenters. Today it is used mostly for tool handles, flooring and crates.

A beech-maple forest is a beautiful place to visit in spring. These trees grow well in rich forest soil, as do many other plants, like spring wildflowers. Early set-

tlers recognized this relationship and quickly cleared beech-maple forests for the purpose of farming. Fortunately for Michiganians, Mr. Warren chose not to cut his forest down. Warren Woods State Park near Benton Harbor has beech and maple trees that are 300 to 400 years old.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message at 953-2047, Mailbox 1874.30 N6186

Senior softball tournament set

The fifth annual Senior Citizen Open Invitational Softball Tournament has been scheduled for June 8-11 at Quandt Park in Lincoln Park.

The Wayne County Office on Aging will coordinate the tournament with the assistance of the Parks Division.

Men's play will be divided into four age divisions: 55 and older, 60 and older, 65 and older, 70 and older.

Women's competition will consist of one division of women 50 and older.

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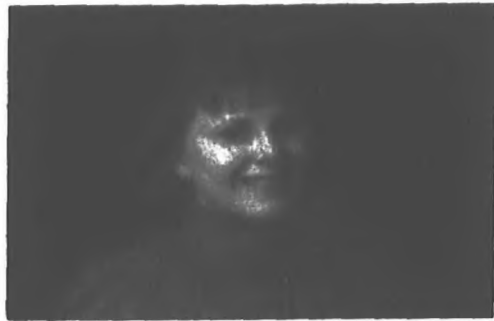
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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Loosen your belt, celebrate Paczki Day!

One of my favorite holidays, Paczki Day! is Tuesday, Feb. 28. It's the Polish version of Mardi Gras. On Paczki Day, which is also called, "Fat Tuesday," people of all nationalities, not only Polish, eat paczki, pronounced "POONCH-key." These luscious, jelly-filled doughnuts, called the "Cadillac" of doughnuts, are richer than ordinary jelly doughnuts.

According to legend, the first paczki were made to use up all the fat and jam in the house so no one would be tempted to indulge during Lent. Ash Wednesday signals the start of the Lenten season of fasting and penitence. It ends Easter Sunday.

Hamtramck will host its annual Fat Tuesday Parade, 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27. The parade commences on Jos Campau near Holbrook at Woody Pontiac, and proceeds south to Farmer Jack on the corner of Jos Campau and Caniff.

Michigan Bach Festival is hosting a Paczki Party 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Ramada Heritage Center, 1-75 at Northline Road in Southgate. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call (313) 246-0056 or (313) 271-1939.

The National Paczki Committee, a coalition of Michigan-based retail bakers nationally supported by manufacturing principals and the Metro Baker's Association trade group, will be presenting their Paczki King and Queen.

Flutists Alexander Zonjic, and Ervin Monroe of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will present a concert of Bach and Pop!

And don't forget the bakers who will be working round the clock making those little doughy, powder sugary delights filled with raspberry, strawberry, lemon and custard fillings to name a few.

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Review of Plymouth Theatre Guild's production, "The King and I," which opens this Friday.

What's new at the movies.

Powerful drama will warm your heart

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

"Marvin's Room" is a powerful drama by Scott McPherson, ably performed by the Theatre Guild. Produced by Blanche Graham and directed by Christopher Bremer, it opens with one of the most hilarious scenes in memory. An inept Doctor Wally, played splendidly by Dale VanDorp, is a laugh a minute as he attempts a blood examination.

Poor Dr. Wally cannot remember the name of that thing you put around your arm (a tourniquet?), happily locates a package of sterile cotton balls (then promptly opens them with his teeth) and chases down a cockroach (kills it with a magazine, then asks, "Would you like something to read?")

It soon becomes apparent that the riotous opening, and the many funny scenes that follow, are galleys humor. They're designed to offset any sentimentality for the tough life of the play's protagonist, Bessie. Test results show she has leukemia.

Cheryl Roy is superb as the saintly Bessie, whose love for people dissipates any resentment for the bad cards she has been dealt. Bessie just keeps motoring on, taking whatever life has to offer in stride.

Single and nearly exhausted, Bessie has spent most of her life taking care of her bedridden father, Marvin, a stroke victim. We never see Marvin, but he has shaped Bessie's life.

"Dad's been dying for about 20 years. He's doing it real slow so I won't miss anything," she says.

Bessie also cares for her sweet, be-fuddled aunt. Pat Varga is delightful in the role of Aunt Ruth, a little



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Acting: Bessie, (Cheryl Roy), and Hank, (Ryan Carlson), in a scene from "Marvin's Room."

old lady suffering from assorted ailments. Auntie is almost oblivious to the reality of misery around her.

Bessie's estranged sister, Lee, and her two boys arrive for bone marrow transplant testing. Cynthia Szczesny, as Lee, skillfully portrays a bitter divorcee, with guilty feelings for never having helped care for her father.

Ryan Carlson is very good as Lee's angry older son, Hank, who has a temporary pass from a mental

institution. It seems he has burned down a house. Considering the way his mother treats him, it's a wonder he hasn't done worse. No matter what, Hank, isn't in the mood for bone marrow testing.

Bessie, however, treats Ryan with love and respect. He's not as bad as it appears. He eventually agrees to the testing.

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"Marvin's Room"

THEATRE: The Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, (across from Redford City Hall).

CURTAIN TIMES 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 24-26; March 3-4.

TICKETS \$8, senior citizens and students, \$7. Call (313) 531-0554.

DOZEN DISCS

Mark Gallo's picks for the best CDs of 1994:

- **Specialty:** "The Specialty Story" (5 CD set)
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- **Dan Crary:** "Jammed If I do". Sugar Hill
- **Roomful of Blues:** "Dance All Night". Bullseye Blues
- **The Blazers:** "Short Fuse". Rounder
- **Bonnie Kates:** "With You on My Side". Flying Fish

Mini festival features legendary blues stars

BY MARK GALLO
SPECIAL WRITER

Blues News: The 7th House, at 7 N. Saginaw in downtown Pontiac, has a great looking mini-blues festival on tap for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25. That's when, in cooperation with the Detroit Blues Society, they offer the Legends of Detroit Blues. The Friday night performance spotlights Mr. Bo, who will be presented with the blues society's Lifetime Achievement Award, along with Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett (a veteran of Fortune Records, perhaps the first nationally recognized record label out of Detroit) and drummer R.J. Spangler & The Blues Insurgents.

The best reason to go, though, is to see the incomparable Eddie Burns. Burns played guitar with his friend John Lee Hooker on the classic "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer" in 1966, cut his original version of "Jinglin' Baby," which Hooker later recorded, in 1966, and ruled the Detroit blues scene, when he wasn't touring the world, for the remainder of the '60s and through the '70s. As he told me a few months back, the blues scene now "is a joke."

Certainly undue attention has been lavished on a handful of rock-oriented blues bands and

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Musica Viva features Bulgarian musicians

Musica Viva and Oakland Community College will present "Musical Treasures from Bulgaria," 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts on the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27065 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call (810) 471-7700.

The concert will feature three young Bulgarian prodigies from the Julliard School of Music: Mila Georgieva, violinist, Anna Stoytcheva, pianist, and Christo Tanev, cellist.

Among the best of the younger generation of Bulgarian musicians, all are first prize winners of international competitions. The trio will perform selections from standard classical artists like Brahms and De Falla as well as treat audiences to the U.S. premiere of music of Bulgarian composers including Kazandzhiev, Goleminov and Vladigerov.

All three of these young musicians are sponsored by the St. Cyril and St. Methodius International Foundation. The foundation was established as the first non-governmental foundation for education and science in Eastern Europe. Its purpose is to support gifted and highly motivated young people in their studies and professional training.

Here are some other noteworthy events:
 ■ WQRS presents "Brunch with the Classics," noon to 2

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Branch will be prepared by Sebastian's Grill.

The concert "Music from around the World," will feature Ginka Gerova-Ortega, flute; Alfonso Lopez, violin; Gabriel Bolrosky, viola; and Angelina Pashamakova, piano. The program includes music by Telemann and De Falla, and the world premiere of "The Wild Geese," a hauntingly beautiful work for flute and piano by Chinese composer Wang Shu. The work is dedicated to Ortega who will be performing it on her tour of China this fall. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call (810) 643-7440.

■ On Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m. the Lyric Chamber Ensemble will present the Moscow String Quartet in "Great Russian Romantics," hosted by Congregation Shaarey Zedek on Bell Road in Southfield (off 11 Mile Road between Lahser and Telegraph). Tickets are \$18 and \$15 with a \$2 senior citizen/student discount. There will be an afterglow with the artists immediately following the concert at the Franklin home of Marjorie and Saul Saulson, with proceeds benefitting the Lyric Chamber Ensemble. For tickets, and information, call (810) 357-1111. This concert is sponsored by Franklin Bank.

Recently immigrated from the former Soviet Union, the members of this all-female quartet are graduates of the Moscow



Mila Georgieva



Christo Tanev

Conservatory and have been concertizing since 1975. They have performed all over the world and are currently serving as artists-in-residence at the University of Denver.

Their concert will include Borodin's Quartet No. 2 in D for strings, the piano quintet by Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence" for string sextet. They will be joined by DSO assistant principal cellist, Marcy Chanteaux, and Machin Zhang, DSO violinist, with Fedora Horowitz, artistic director of the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, on piano.

■ Brass! Brass! Brass!, a performance highlighting the Detroit Chamber Winds brass choir will be presented at Christ Church Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19. It will feature four trumpets, four horns, four trombones, one tuba, two percussion, and three centuries of masterpieces.

Tickets are \$18, students and senior citizens \$12. Call (810) 362-2622. Christ Church Cran-



Anna Stoytcheva

brook is one the corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads in Bloomfield Hills. The audience will be invited to meet the artists at an afterglow following the performance.

The program includes Bach's "Three Chorale Preludes," Hindemith's "Sonata for Four Horns," works by Boehme, Mendelssohn and others.

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nored. This soiree intends to make some amends in that direction.

■ On Saturday, Feb. 25, Peter "Madest" Ruth, the superb harmonica man out of Ann Arbor who does his best to keep the tradition alive, shares the stage with the host of WDET's vital "Blues From The Lowlands" program, Robert Jones, and the Armstrongs, who trace their heritage in Detroit back half a century. On this second night Howard Armstrong will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. Call (810) 335-8100 for more info.

■ Buddy Guy, the hottest name in blues circles for decades, has finally seen his star rise beyond the confines of the blues community. His latest album, "Slippin' In," is the odds-on favorite to win him his third Grammy this year, and he seems to be just getting his wind.

The maestro shares the stage with the hottest guitar alinger to come down the road this year, Chris Duarte, on March 11 at the Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty in Ann Arbor. Call Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666 for tickets.

■ While we're on the subject: A great taste of what the Detroit blues scene was about 20 years ago can be found on the superb new Schoolkids Records disc, "Please Mr. Foreman: Motor City Blues at Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Fest 1973." Culled from the private collection of festival producer and former impresario about

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Feb 25: Rockabilly legend Robert Gordon at Sully's

March 8: Bluegrass/Jazz fiddler Mark O'Connor at the 7th House, Pontiac (810) 335-8100

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town John Sinclair, and earmarked as the first of a proposed 5 CD series, this wonderful collection features the likes of Bobo Jenkins, the founder of the Detroit Blues Club and owner of Big Star Records, one-man band Dr. Ross, Eddie Kirkland, One-String Sam, Washboard Willie, Baby Boy Warren, Boogie Woogie Red, who sat at the piano bench for a dozen years with John Lee Hooker, and the aforementioned Eddie Burns. No self-respecting local music supporting blues fan should be without it!

If you have a comment or information for Mark Gallo, call (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1898, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to his care of Let's Go!, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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I'll see you in line at the bakery on Tuesday, and at the gym on Ash Wednesday!

Tickets \$6 adults; \$3 students (through 12th grade). Call 422-0494.

■ There's no finer way to begin the Lenten season than to treat yourself to a fish dinner at St. Agatha Church in Redford. The annual dinners prepared by pastor Rev. Chef Thomas Slowinski, and his talented crew, will resume on Ash Wednesday, March 1 in the grade school lunch room, 19800 Beech Daly Road. Dinner will be served 3-8 p.m., and on all the Fridays of Lent, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 and 14. If you don't have time to stop and eat, carry-out dinners are available.

The menu includes Fish & Chips, \$4.25, shrimp, \$4.75; baked cod, \$5.50; macaroni & cheese, \$3; or clam chowder, \$1.75. Dinners include choice of French Fries or potato salad, cole slaw or tossed

■ Joyous Noise String Band will provide live music for the Westland Parks and Recreation Department's "Second Friday" series of old-time Square and Contra dancing, 8-11 p.m. Fridays, March 10, April 21, May 12. Caller Tom Allen will teach, walk through and prompt all dances. No partner or experience is required. The cost is \$6. Dancers are at the Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, between Newburgh & Wayne Roads. For more information, call Margaret Martin, (313) 722-7620 or Dorothy Decker, (313) 464-1746.

■ Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Players of Livonia, will present the musical "Carousel," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 3-4 and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5 in their Fellowship Hall, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia.

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@oeonline.com or write: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Unfortunately, none of the family members match Bessie's blood style. Even as Bessie is in the midst of coming to grips with her fate, Marvin calls out once again for help. And once again, Bessie, shoulders the burden for the life she has chosen.

"I've had such love in my life," says Bessie. Cheryl Roy radiates Bessie's love for her family with no traces of self-pity. One is left with a sad but warm feeling for a remarkable woman.

Also turning in good performances in supporting roles are Tim Szymanski, Nicole Lowery, Ronnie Jett and Dan Jaroslaw.

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



Talented cast: Here's the cast of "Marvin's Room." (left to right) Cynthia Szczesny, Pat Varga, Dan Jaroslaw, Cheryl Roy, Ryan Carlson, Dale VanDorp, Ronnie Jett and Nicole Lowery.

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'Dead' movies show signs of life



JOHN MONAGHAN

TICKETS PLEASE
You all know the set-up: The final showdown in the dusty Western street where two gunfighters put their hands to their sides and prepare to draw. Only one will be left standing when the clock strikes high noon.

In "The Quick and the Dead," cult director (and former Southfield resident) Sam Raimi is given the task of shooting at least 10 Western showdowns and keeping them interesting. Perhaps no other director could have done as much with so little.

Which isn't to say that the movie is any good. It's not, but if tricky camerawork is something you go to movies for, then this is definitely worth catching on the big screen.

Casting Sharon Stone as a gunfighter is not only a mistake, it's far from cutting edge. Roger Corman, that other former Detroit-made-good-in-Hollywood did the same thing 40 years ago with Beverly Garland in "Gunfighting."

The script hasn't changed much. Where Garland was out to avenge her husband's murder, Stone's out to squash the man who years ago hung her sheriff father (Gary Sinise in a cameo). That man (Gene Hackman) now heads the annual quick-draw contest, a duel to the death in the streets of downtown Redemption.

Some of the many showdowns are as over-the-top as you'd expect from the director of the "Evil Dead" movies and "Darkman." There are quick zooms, shots through holes left by bullets (including one through a fellow's head), and extreme close-ups of squinty eyes and spurs a la Sergio Leone.

Stone, who looks great in leather pants and duster, thinks those squinty eyes and stubby brown cigarettes can turn her into Clint Eastwood. Gene Hackman overacts shamelessly. Only Leonardo DiCaprio as the cocksure "Kid" holds his own in this mess. Raimi should recover too. Without his prowess behind the camera, "The Quick and the Dead" wouldn't be half as watchable.

"The Walking Dead"

"The Walking Dead" sounds like the name of another Raimi picture. Actually, it's an ambitious new movie about the African-American experience in Vietnam as told by debut director Preston A. Whitmore II.

Whitmore grew up in Detroit, dropped out of high school, then joined the Marines. While in service he discovered his affinity for writing, especially about his experiences in Vietnam, which led to his work on "The Walking Dead." Set in 1972, near the end of the Vietnam War, the story tracks four black Marines into the jungle on a supposedly simple mission to evacuate remaining survivors from a P.O.W. camp.

More interesting than their derring-do in the field is how they got here in the first place.

For one soldier (Eddie Griffin), enlisting was a way out after being fired from his job in Detroit. For another (Allen Payne), it was a way to make a decent living for his family. A mystery surrounds Barkley (Joe Morton) and the reason why a preacher would be serving in the front lines.

The movie's low-budget efficiency allows you to forgive any of the script's hokiness — the same way you did for the early Raimi pictures. And, in a tribute to his hometown, "The Walking Dead" is full of early '70s Motown music.



MURRAY CLOSE



STEVE SANDS

Action film: Preston A. Whitmore, II (center) directs Vonte Sweet (left) and Allen Payne in Savoy Pictures' action packed Vietnam drama "The Walking Dead," which tells the story of four black Marines dropped perilously into a hot landing zone.

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Screen Scene

Contest winners

Eighteen readers entered our "Quick and the Dead" movie trivia contest, but only seven correctly answered all eight questions.

The winners were: Jerry Moore of Canton, Joanna Yates of Farmington, Janice Krause of Livonia, Kerry King of Redford, Michael Jacobson of West Bloomfield, Ann Winfrey of Westland, and Janet Rechkemmer of Farmington.

They won a T-shirt, and pass for two to see the movie.

See the quiz to find out which questions you missed, and thanks for entering our contest.

"The Quick and the Dead" Movie Trivia Contest ANSWERS

1. Sharon Stone may be hot with a pistol in "The Quick and the Dead," but her weapon of choice in "Basic Instinct" was more chilling. What was it? (*Ice Pick*)
2. Leonardo DiCaprio's plum role as Johnny Depp's retarded brother garnered him an Academy Award nomination for what 1993 film? (*What's Eating Gilbert Grape?*)
3. Gene Hackman marshaled up an Academy Award-winning performance in this 1992 western. (*Unforgiven*)
4. "Thanks for the memories." Sharon Stone spaced-out as Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife in the sci-fi adventure. (*Total Recall*)
5. Gene Hackman flipped his wig as what villain in the movie "Superman"? (*Lex Luthor*)
6. "Somebody's watching me." In what high-rise thriller was Sharon Stone the object of a killer's affections? (*Silver*)
7. "Just more than a hunch." Gene Hackman passed up the role of the family patriarch in what 1970s television show? (*The Brady Bunch*)
8. "The quick and the dead's director," Sam Raimi, struck a deal following with his first feature about a chainsaw-wielding hero battling creatures from beyond the grave. What was the film? (*The Evil Dead*)

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. (\$5; \$4 students)

"Diabolique" (France — 1954). 7, 9:30 p.m. Feb. 24-25; 4, 7 p.m. Feb. 26. A restored print of Henri-Georges Clouzot's masterpiece of terror about two women plotting to kill the sadistic headmaster of a provincial boarding school. The final twist — though stolen by countless filmmakers since — is still a shock.

"The Wooden Man's Bride" (China — 1994). 7 p.m. Feb. 27. In this Chinese tale of love, sexual obsession and revenge, a poor worker is enlisted to carry a beautiful woman to her arranged marriage. Attacked by bandits, the woman gives herself up to save her porter's life.

KINOTEK, WINDSOR FILM THEATRE

2135 Wyandotte St. West, Windsor. Call (519) 971-5160 for information. (\$4)

"Fellini Roma" (Italy — 1972). 9 p.m. Feb. 27-28. Some would label this among the director's most excessive works, this is nevertheless a passionate and eye-popping spectacle set in Italy's Eternal City. A fitting kickoff to another series of bizarre and twisted films well worth a trip across the border.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE

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

"Clerks" (USA — 1994). 9 p.m. Feb. 23. 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."

"Sleep With Me" (USA — 1994). 8 p.m. Feb. 24-25. Three different stories of modern love, starring Meg Tilly, Eric Stoltz, and in a wild cameo, Quentin Tarantino. The director of "Pulp Fiction" was only supposed to do a walk-on but instead spends several minutes ranting about the supposedly homosexual subtext of "Top Gun."

MAIN ART THEATRE

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

"Bullets Over Broadway" (USA — 1994). In Woody Allen's bright new comedy, John Cusack plays a young playwright given the chance to direct his own show. The only hitch: he has to cast a mobster's girlfriend in a prominent part.

"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 tragi-comedy based on Alan Bennett's play about the life of King George III, whose lapses in sanity made him ill-equipped to deal with his evil son. Nigel Hawthorne and Helen Mirren star.

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)

"Miami Rhapsody" (USA — 1995). Woody Allen didn't direct it, but you'd never know from this romantic comedy about a young woman forced to confront the true meaning of commitment when her boyfriend pops the question. Sarah Jessica Parker, Mia Farrow, and Antonio Banderas star.

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

MILLENNIUM THEATRE CENTER

15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Call (810) 552-7000 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors, matinees)

"Sankofa" (Africa — 1994). 7, 9:30 p.m. Mon-Fri; 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30 p.m. Sat-Sun through Mar. 17. This epic story of the African struggle for freedom centers on a self-possessed African-American model who discovers the harsh realities of enslavement when she is shipped to a plantation in "the new world."

Film events 'reel' interesting

Here are some local events for film buffs.

Cranbrook Art Museum's film series "After Perestroika: Soviet Women on Film," 2 p.m. Sundays to March 12, in the deSalle Auditorium continues Feb. 26 with "Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears."

The series is concurrent with the exhibition, "After Perestroika: Kitchenmaids or Stateswomen." Films are free with museum admission, \$4 adults, \$3 students, children and senior citizens. Children under 7 and museum members free. The museum is at 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 648-8812 for information.

Women and Work in Contem-

porary Film is the title of the 13th annual Women's Studies Film Festival, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at Oakland University in Rochester.

Cost, which includes morning coffee and a light lunch, is \$3 per person. Registration by mail is accepted up to March 15. You can also register in Room 186 North Foundation Hall on the day of the event, but lunch may not be available.

Send registration to: Natalie Cole, Department of English, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309-4401.

The Cinematic Arts Council will present "An Evening with Siskel & Ebert" 7 p.m. Thursday,

March 9 in the Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance and \$15 for students, senior citizens, and CAC members. Call (313) 833-2323. Discount student and senior tickets are available with identification, in person, only.

Detroit Science Center is featuring "Science for Adults," 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. The center is at 5020 John R, Detroit. Admission is \$8. Call (313) 577-8400 for information.

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MUSIC NOTES



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Verve Pipe deal is in the works

Word has it that The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1993 Band of the Year, The Verve Pipe, has a verbal agreement with RCA Records, with a written agreement set to go down in early March. While they await that, the Verve Pipe is ready for a 35-city, eight-week tour, sponsored by Chicago's Insider magazine, with The Imposters, favorites of L.A.'s The Viper Room.

The Verve Pipe is planning on doing acoustic shows and in-store appearances, and by the time the band returns to the Detroit/Ann Arbor area in mid-April, all the paperwork for the RCA deal should be finalized.

In the meantime, The Verve Pipe will play St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, on Saturday, Feb. 25, with Botfly and St. Louis's Stir. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT. To hear "Photograph," an unreleased song by The Verve Pipe, call the Street Scene Music Sample Line at (313) 953-2025.

Wes Craven fans who see his new movie "The Fear," which starts this Friday, can get a taste of Detroit rap. Area cult favorites Esham, Natas and I.C.P. have nabbed spots on the Warlock Records soundtrack that also includes major-label signees Gravediggaz, Flatliners and Headless Horsemen. Jazz saxophonist Kim Waters offers the song "Sweet & Saxy (A Moment of Calm Before You Die)" to the 13-song LP.

Despite phone line troubles, Dick Purtan raised a record \$268,857 in cash pledges during his eighth annual radiothon on Q95-FM (WKQI) Feb. 17. The money went to help feed the hungry and homeless in metropolitan area through the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread program. The 16-hour radiothon featured comedians Tim Allen, Thom Sharp and special guests Gov. John Engler, Mayor Dennis Archer, Bob Seger, Jeff Daniels, Detroit Piston Joe Dumars and Red Wings hockey great Mickey Redmond.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, you can call her at (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 2130 on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150

SOUND

Tiles

- Members:
- Mark Evans: drums, percussion
 - Chris Herin: electric and acoustic guitars, keyboards
 - Paul Rarick: lead vocals, backing vocals
 - Jeff Whittle: bass, guitar

Release: the CD "Tiles"

Some of our opportunities are not the same as other bands. We get pigeonholed sometimes. On the other hand, we have people tell us that we are doing something unique," explained Tiles member Chris Herin of his band's rock-based sound. "I feel that alternative is an expansion of 1970s music."

With Tiles's self-titled debut, the band members know it is not necessarily making waves in a post-punk musical sea, Herin said.

"The only way to describe (the sound) is hard rock with a little on the progressive side," he said. "We will do different things with time signature and tempos just to keep us on our toes. We are not alternative."

The band's sound, a mix of 1970s-based rock drive over modern grooves, has found itself on 89X's (CIMX) Sunday night "Home Boy" show. Its music has been played on local college and high school radio stations. Radio station Z-Rock (WDZR, 102.7) chose "Tiles" as the "Best Local CD" at its annual awards show. Now Tiles is looking to distribute their release in Europe and Japan.

Nevertheless, the band is ready to make its own openings, Herin said.

"We are not afraid of being pigeonholed," he said. "We understand that if people want to describe (our work), people have to compare it with other bands or sounds to describe it. We are not making the claim that we are doing anything original anyway. We are just doing what we enjoy doing."

Tiles performs Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Studio Lounge, 6931 Wayne Road, Westland, (313) 759-2540. To hear a sample of Tiles music and find out about other future shows, call their hotline at (800) 878-2884, or write them at P.O. Box 75, Trenton, Mich. 48183.

—Kyle Green

Holy Cows seem to 'Get Along'

The Holy Cows are grazing on success with the debut release of "Get Along" on big-Pop records. It's good news for a band whose sound teeters on the edge of rock and country.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



The Holy Cows are all about mood. Drummer Mike Popovich makes that perfectly clear as he opens the door before a Valentine's

Day interview.

"I've set the mood for Valentine's Day," he happily proclaims. "Barry White and incense."

About 15 minutes later, he dashes mid-sentence over to the record player to replace the R&B crooner with a style of music that heavily influences The Holy Cows — "truck driving music."

With a dash of R.E.M.-style vocals and Replacements guitar, The Holy Cows teeter on the border of rock and country. It seems like a logical progression when they jump from the pure rock/pop of "Thank God It's Wednesday" into the country guitar and draw of "I Hate the Phone" on "Get Along," their bigPoP records debut, released Tuesday. The Holy Cows agree. The country influence comes from bassist/songwriter/vocalist Michael Feeney who is a fan of "the narrative" of artists like John Prine and the perpetually troubled Steve Earle.

Popovich shows how much country has influenced him.

"Here you go," Popovich said flipping up the arm of his T-shirt to reveal his Dwight Yoakum tattoo. "That's where the country comes from. We used to try to play more country."

"It's sort of weeding itself out. Now it's more Southern rock/Allman Brothers, truckin' kind of music. We had a gig in Florida (Super Bowl weekend). All the way down there we listened to this hard-driving truckin' music."

A campaign start

The Super Bowl show on the beach in Florida was the beginning of the campaign to push "Get Along," a remastered and partially re-recorded version of their CD they released on their own three years ago. Although the album has been released nationally, the immediate emphasis is being placed on the Detroit area.

So far, so good. With the gentle persuasion of bigPoP owner Rick Winward, Ann Arbor radio station WIQB



Getting there: The Holy Cows — Scott Salyer (from left), Michael Feeney, John Popovich and Mike Popovich — celebrate the national release of "Get Along" with a party/performance at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor Feb. 25.

is playing the title track four times a day — an unprecedented feat for a local band.

"He wanted to start (here) because of our fan base in Ann Arbor," Feeney said about the campaign. "It seemed like a logical place to start gettin' commercial airplay. It's probably the easiest market to attack."

The Holy Cows hooked up with bigPoP through an ad that Alpha International of Philadelphia placed in Option magazine. It said the label was looking to expand from its R&B base into modern rock.

That never panned out so former Enigma records executive Winward took all his files and started bigPoP. His previous credits include getting the Smithereens on tour with the Pretenders and, Popovich said, "he got Stryper famous."

When The Holy Cows signed, their first priority was to remaster and re-record some of the previous tracks which were originally recorded at Arden studio in Nashville where acts like R.E.M., Steve Earle and Billy Idol recorded.

"We didn't know what we were getting into," Popovich said of the experience at Arden. "We wanted to go there because it's great and we nearly went insane doing it. It was a great learning experience."

"It's great walking into this foreign environment with all the best equipment. It's intimidating but it's great.

Then you go away thinking, it was hard. It was harder than it needed to be."

Doing it again

The Holy Cows — which also includes guitarist/vocalist/songwriter John Popovich and guitarist Scott Salyer — remastered the songs at the Tempermill in Ferndale, and re-recorded at Diagranceland in Chelsea, also known as Feeney's 100-year-old farmhouse.

"I got to sing in the upstairs of the house. There's no heat in the upstairs of the house. I like being in the cold. When I go to bed at night you can see my breath. It's freezing cold and it was really cool," Feeney said.

"Sonically you can achieve CD quality, a digital quality recording without going to 'Joe Bob Cool Studio' in New York," he added. "We recorded the songs for 'Get Along' at my house with just a remote setup. We took this mud room in my house and turned it into a control room. It's really lively sounding. It's not sterile."

Even though in theory it's the same record — with the addition of the previously unreleased "Fell in This Hole" — Popovich said it's not anticlimatic to celebrate the release of an album that's been out three years.

"It feels different. Before, we put the record out, we were responsible for everything. Now we actually know there's going to be people there who

actually appreciate the music instead of going, 'I know those guys. I gotta go. Maybe they'll get me in free,'" Feeney said.

The deal with bigPoP is a long-time coming with The Holy Cows having formed more than eight years ago. The Chelsea High School graduates got off to a good start. Their second show was opening for the Meat Puppets in Mount Pleasant. Since then they've played at CBGB and opened locally for Matthew Sweet, Love Battery, the Dwarves and Killdozer, one of Feeney's personal favorites.

"They were cool; they seemed kind of like hicks," he said.

Based on "Get Along" those seem like unlikely pairings. Taking their live show into consideration, it's not all that strange, Popovich said.

"Our record is tame; it's a pussycat compared to a lion," he said. "That's the thing that's cool about it. People who expect to come see us play and want the record are disappointed. I have no problem saying that. Our songs are good but when we play it live, we get into it. We want to rip the hell out of it."

Holy Cows play the Performance Network 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor, at 11 p.m. Saturday, March 25. The \$10.50 tickets are available at PJs Records and Warehouse Records in Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 663-0681.

Hope Orchestra puts on a 'Detroit Head'

BY KYLE GREEN
SPECIAL WRITER

Bagpipers are not in big demand in a rock 'n' roll-based city like Detroit and the members of The Hope Orchestra have discovered that.

The five-member band has placed ads in area publications seeking other musicians, such as flutists, harpists and trombonists to continue their "Orchestra" tradition. The additional musicians simply spice up the band's already robust rock-based sound.

"We are asking these people to play solos. We don't want these people to play a rhythm part, but we give them a solo and give them room," said rhythm guitarist Gary Sosnick. "(Our sound) is strictly rock 'n' roll, but we try to jazz it up."

"We have a sound that is unique to us and it's great that we are able to cross those boundaries."

Lead guitarist/saxophonist George Schuster added, "We enjoy playing our music, but playing with

other people helps us to expand ours. A lot of bands get big heads... we don't."

The trials and tribulations of The Hope Orchestra continue, but a new chapter to the four-year-old band opens when the members host the record release party for "Detroit Head" at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, Saturday, Feb. 25.

Produced by Geoff Michael and recorded at the Tempermill Studio in Ferndale, "Detroit Head" is the band's second CD. It follows the 1993 debut entitled "Lingo" and the limited edition vinyl single "She's Eastern" and "Bathed in Blue Light" released in January.

"Detroit Head" — which features guest instrumentalists harmonica player Ray Gale, trombonist Frank Schuster and ex-bassist Pete Peltier — is a blend of solid rock-based tunes mixed with bouncing harmonies.

"The last project we recorded in a 16-track studio and we gave it to Geoff Michael and he really

cleaned it up," Sosnick said. "So this time we decided to start from scratch. The first release was a bit raw. We were only together for a year and it reflected it. This time, it all came together right with our live sound. We have not lost that feeling."

In their own words, the latest release will launch them into the next uncharted musical plateau powered by continued hard work and drive.

"There are not many local bands who have put out two releases," Sosnick said.

"I think a lot of bands put out a solid effort for a while," interjected vocalist Asta Jurgutis, who founded the band in 1990 with Sosnick. "I don't know if we have been doing it the longest."

If The Hope Orchestra members have not been working for the longest time in the area, they can certainly be considered the most head-strong. They are so serious about their lyrical and musical content that Jurgutis and Sosnick decided, when The Hope Orchestra was formed, that the group would wear black to keep the music central, not the image.

On the business side, the band is entirely self-managed and promoted which has allowed them to decide their own fate.

Sosnick explained that any management, promotion or recording company will have to pass a stringent audition, like any new member of the band.

Celebrating: The Hope Orchestra — Dave Lyon (from left), Asta Jurgutis, Tom McConnell, George Schuster and Gary Sosnick — is celebrating the release of its follow-up to "Lingo" Feb. 25, at Alvin's in Detroit.



Have a listen

To hear music by Holy Cows (message 1), Hope Orchestra (message 2), Esham (message 3), Loomer (message 4), The Roots (message 5), Verve Pipe (message 6), Toolies (message 7) and Rusty Root (message 8) you can call the Street Scene Music Line at (313) 953-2025 on a touch-tone phone. Fast-forward to the corresponding message by pressing 88. To repeat a message, press 4.

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- SPANK**
With Love Mongers at 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. (altmapop rock)
(313) 589-3344

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St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (hip-hop)
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Play St. Andrew's Hall, while The Murmurs perform in The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (altmapop)
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- HOPE ORCHESTRA**
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(313) 873-4900
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With Liquid Brick at Griffs Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (rock)
(313) 334-9292
- THE STRAIGHT-UP BAND**
Magic Moments, 1158 Fort Street, Lincoln Park. (country)
(313) 389-1684
- BLUE ROSE**
Vickie's, 19172 Grand River, Detroit. (blues)
(313) 535-0495
- HARVEY THOMPSON AND FRIENDS**
Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (jazz)
(313) 662-8310



Verve Pipe: Plays St. Andrew's Hall, while The Murmurs perform in The Shelter below St. Andrew's Feb. 25.

- RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES**
Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. (blues)
(313) 962-4247
 - UNCLE JESSE WHITE**
And the 29th Street Band, The Attic Bar, 11667 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. (blues)
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 - WHIRTAIL**
Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (rock)
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Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (blues)
(313) 334-7411
 - TILES**
Studio Lounge, 6921 Wayne Road, Westland. (rock)
(313) 729-2540
 - THE HOLY COWS**
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance at Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. (altmapop)
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 - MARY MOORE**
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- "HIGH HAT HATTIE"**
7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (tribute to Hattie McDaniel)
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 - SHARON SHANNON BAND**
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (Celtic rock)
(313) 761-1800
 - HARRONICA SHAN**
With Little Meck Collins at The Attic Bar, 11667 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. (blues)
(313) 365-4194
- Monday, Feb. 27**
- THE UNCOMMITTED**
Black Cat, an under-19 club, 404 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (alternative)
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Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (altmapop)
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3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. (313) 589-3344
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Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (313) 996-8555
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(313) 334-1999
 - SPIN DOCTORS**
With Rusted Root at Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. (hippy rock)
(313) 764-8350



Toadies: Which includes Todd Lewis, Lisa Umbarger, Darrel Herbert and Mark Reznicek, opens for Bush at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, Thursday, Feb. 23. The show is sold out.

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Harbor Country beckons for a getaway

BY CAROLE STRONG
SPECIAL WRITER

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Welcome to Harbor Country, an eight-community getaway destination tucked into Michigan's far southwest corner. Besides its natural assets, you'll find an appealing mix of laid-back manners laced with city-chic. And it's all the better for discovery in the crowd-free months of spring, and less than four hours west of Detroit via I-94.

You'd be wise to make early reservations at one of the area's pampering lakeside inns. Word of Harbor country's recent renaissance has made it popular with nearby Chicagoans, although it's just starting to rouse weekend wanderers from southeast Michigan.

The rendezvous point for weekend our foursome (one couple from Farmington Hills, one from Chicago) was the Inn of Union Pier, carefully chosen because of its reputation as a lodging that won't disappoint — only "200

Make plans to enjoy these springtime events

Here are some springtime events in southwest Michigan.

- April 22-23 — Michiana Orchid Society Show, Cook Energy Information Center, Bridgman.
- April 30 — Blessing of the Blossoms, Nye's Apple Barn, St. Joseph.
- April 30 to May 7 — Blossomtime Festival, St. Joseph/Benton Harbor.
- May 2-14 — Flora Festival, Fernwood Botanic Garden,

- Niles.
- May 6 — Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade, St. Joseph/Benton Harbor.
- May 20-21 — Model Trains, Planes & Automobile Show, Cook Energy Information Center, Bridgman.
- May 26-28 — Memorial Day Festivities, Bob-A-Ron Campground; Parade on May 28, Lakeside.
- June 3-4 — Berrien Town & Country Quilter's Show, Cook

- Energy Information Center, Bridgman.
- June 10-11 — Frontier Days, Cook Energy Information Center, Bridgman.
- June 9-11 — Flag Day Celebration, Three Oaks.

For general information and lodging call: Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce, 1-(800) 363-7261; Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council (616) 925-6301.

steps" to the uncrowded Chickaming Township beach. On a lovely spring day at the end of April, we had it all to ourselves: miles of near-white sand banked by a steep shoulder of dunes, easy for treading where the waves had paved a walkway.

Back at the Inn, the look is comfort without fussiness: an echo of the Swedish country style that pervades throughout the three-building complex; built in the 1920s and completely refurbished in the 1980s. Most of the 15 well-appointed rooms are graced by "kakelugns," antique Swedish ceramic fireplaces so masterfully engineered that two wood fires per day can provide 24-hour heat.

Additional inn recommendations: the Pine Garth Inn, Union Pier (the only one adjoining the beach), and the Arts-and-Crafts styled Pebble House in Lakeside.

When it was time to move on to even "sandier pastures," we explored the lively first-class harbor in New Buffalo with adjacent marina and beach, best viewed from a dunes boardwalk. Then a stop at Warren Dunes State Park, about 12 miles north. It's dune-top, 240-foot high, is popular for hang-gliding when the right winds prevail. Only kites were in sight on our visit and lots of dune clifmers.

If time is squeezing your weekend, as it did ours, the venerable

Red Arrow Highway, named for a Michigan World War I battalion, can be your hero. It rolls by, or near, a good sampling of the area's top shopping and dining spots.

Wonderful galleries, and antique shops abound. Don't miss the Antique mall of Union Pier (near I-94's Exit 6) where a one-third replica of the Sistine Chapel painting is in progress.

Favorite food stops include the unpretentious Red Arrow Roadhouse with no sign — look for a red neon arrow above the entrance, which offers a casual but savvy menu. Another tempter: Miller's Country House for innovative fine dining.



Springtime escape: Daffodils and other spring flowers flourish outside the Inn of Union Pier.

Four wineries flourish in the nearby countryside. The hilltop Tabor Hill in Buchanan, offers tours, tastings and excellent food. Spring-flowering "orchard trails" on designated country roads are breathtaking, with the option of bike tour rentals available at the Spokes Bicycle Museum in Three

Oaks. If you're visiting on May 6, don't miss the Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade in St. Joseph/Benton Harbor.

Carole Strong of Farmington Hills is a free-lance writer who specializes in Travel stories.

Wish you were here



At Mickey's: Jennifer and Joshua DeLong visited Mickey Mouse during a January trip to Disney World in Florida, where they posed with the famous mouse inside Mickey's House. They are grandchildren of Judith and Frank Zbikowski of Livonia.

Great Escapes

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Travel films

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"North to the Top of the World," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Southfield City Council Chambers, 26000 Evergreen

Road. Tickets \$4, available at the door. For more information, call (810) 354-4717. "North to the Top of the World," is a showcase of nature photography shot in northern Canada. The film starts in southern Newfoundland and continues north through Labrador and into the High Arctic, only 400 miles from the North Pole.

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Tours

BRITAIN
Join Marty Figley, garden writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, for "A Kingdom in Bloom: The Majestic Splendor of the Gardens of Great Britain," a guided tour of the gardens and manorial homes, May 23 to June 4. Call for more information. (810) 644-2178

POLAND
Jane and Ed Wojtan of Livonia are guiding a 15-day tour of Poland, July 9 to 23. Package includes round-trip airfare, first class hotel accommodations, most meals, sightseeing, transportation throughout Poland in an air conditioned bus, arrival and departure transfers, services of English speaking guide. The cost is \$2,175 per person. (313) 425-2727

Golf

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Cross country skiing

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PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Agape advances

Plymouth Agape Christian collected its regional championship in the Association of Christian Schools International tournament Saturday with a 63-50 victory over visiting Holt St. Matthew's Lutheran. Junior point guard Paul Salah led Agape (15-4), scoring 28 points and grabbing 16 rebounds. Junior center Josh Thompson added 11 points and 10 boards, and sophomore forward Adam Martin chipped in with 11 points. Senior Michael Bunn topped St. Matthew (11-6) with 17 points.

Scholastic All-American

Jeff Gold, a senior soccer player at University of Wisconsin from Plymouth (Salem), was named to the Great Lakes Region Adidas Scholar Athletic All-American team for 1994. Gold was a second-team all-Big Ten selection. He carried a 3.476 grade-point average in pre-med, with his particular program geared toward molecular biology. Gold was also recently drafted by the Milwaukee Wave of the NPSL.

Top Spartan

Although Michigan State's hockey team continues to slump (1-4-1 in its last six games), Chris Smith of Canton isn't. The junior continues to pace all of MSU's defenses in scoring with nine goals and 18 assists for 27 points in 30 games — four more than his career total entering the season. But MSU (18-10-3 overall, 13-7-3 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association) has slipped to fourth in the CCHA.

Golf leagues forming

Golf leagues for juniors and ladies are now forming at Oasis Golf Center, on Six Mile east of Haggerty in Plymouth. Ladies leagues begin April 17; juniors start June 22. For information, call 420-GOLF.

Anyone interested in submitting items for the Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risa, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Canton uses rout as tune-up

The season has been just what Plymouth Canton volleyball coach Melinda Cain expected: full of ups and downs. Considering her team's youth, what could she expect? The Chiefs ended their regular season on an up, rolling over Northville.

BY C.J. RISA
STAFF WRITER



What Plymouth Canton had this season was a strong tournament volleyball season but a weak dual-meet campaign in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs did, however, finish on an upbeat by hattering Northville 15-7, 15-7, 15-8 Monday at Northville. That raised their WLA mark to 5-8. Considering they finished their regular season with a 25-10-2 overall record, that isn't very impressive.

"There were a lot of matches in there we could have won," admitted coach Melinda Cain. "We shouldn't have lost to (Livonia) Stevenson, we shouldn't have lost to (Farmington) Harrison, we shouldn't have lost to (Livonia) Franklin, and I think (Livonia) Churchill could have been a very good match if we'd played well."

Throw in the five-game loss to Walled Lake Central, the regular-season runner-up to Plymouth Salem in the WLA, and Canton could have gone 7-4 or even 8-3 in the league.

Instead, come Saturday's league tournament at Walled Lake Central, the Chiefs could find themselves seeded in the lower half of the league.

"They don't have that (maturity)," said Cain. "They haven't gotten that yet. (Against Northville) the kids realized if they want to do it, they can."

But will they come Saturday's tournament? "Again, they don't have the maturity, they don't have the court leader out there."

That doesn't mean Cain is discounting her team's chances. "I'm looking forward to it," she said. "I hope the kids come ready to play. If we show up and play, we'll make it out of our pool and give some of those teams a run for their money."



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Slamming: Canton's Laura Logsdon knocks one down against Northville. Logsdon finished with eight kills, six solo blocks and 12 block assists.

See CHIEFS, 2C

Rocks fall in team regional

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem's experience in the team wrestling regional tournament Wednesday can best be described as bittersweet.

The Rocks lost to heavily-favored host Brighton 41-21, but Salem — despite what the score might indicate — made the Bulldogs earn the win.

Salem gave up four pins and a technical fall, but the Rocks also lost three close decisions in addition to winning four bouts.

No. 3-ranked Brighton later lost to Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Stevenson in the final, 30-27, when the Spartans voided the last two weights.

"I figured on (beating) Brighton but not Stevenson, so it would have been for naught," Salem coach Ron Krueger said.

"But it would have been nice to beat (Brighton) and be somebody. They're somebody and if we'd beaten them we would have been somebody, too."

Furthermore, Krueger wondered what might have been if he had been able to put his regular lineup on the mats.

Salem's Sean and Scott Hughes didn't meet the weight requirements and had to wrestle up a bracket each at 106 and 126, respectively.

WRESTLING

Plus, the regular 126-pounder, Justin Vias, hurt his back Saturday in the individual district and was unable to wrestle.

Consequently, the Rocks spotted Brighton a 26-0 lead after the 134 bout.

"Take nine away from them and put 12 on our outside," Krueger said. "What does that give you?"

"I told the kids to 'stay even, stay even,' but we couldn't because we were behind. But if it's 12-12 it's a whole other matter."

"I don't blame them for the loss; I don't blame anybody. We made a good showing, and that tells you our conference is pretty tough."

Brighton started the match with two pins, a 4-3 win by Justin Deane over Eric Coburn and a technical fall for a 20-0 score. Matt Griffin rallied from a 5-2 deficit to beat Scott Hughes 9-7, and R.D. Dias edged Phil Mitchell 5-3 at 134 pounds.

"I was wondering if we were going to win a match," Krueger said. "Then all of a sudden (Dave) Popeney got a win."

"I'm happy in one respect and mad in another. I expected to get

shut out by this team, and the kids did a nice job."

Popeney (142) beat Bill Gaets 4-3, and Jeremy Breithaupt (151) pinned Hal Howell at 1:15.

Brighton led 32-9 after Larz Olson's pin at 160, but Salem stayed in the match with consecutive pins. Teono Wilson (172) stopped Chris Wilkie at 1:33, and Clayton Walker (185) was trailing 8-2 when he pinned Jake Finseth (2:57).

"(Walker) just had the will and came back," Krueger said. "So don't say it can't happen in this sport because it can."

"It's hard for a freshman to come in and do well, but (Wilson) has 15 or 16 wins now and that's pretty respectable for a freshman."

The Rocks were down 32-21 and still needed pins in the remaining two bouts, but they lost those by pin and decision.

Krueger knew Salem faced an uphill battle even if it survived the first round.

"Everybody picked Brighton to win everything," he said. "But we don't get a break if we beat them."

"You think it's a great situation, but then what? You've got your foot stuck in the train tracks and here comes Stevenson."

Chiefs' Gruenwald advances

BY BILL PARKER
STAFF WRITER

To an unknowing spectator, it probably looked as if the Spartans were competing in a dual meet.

With just over half of the championship matches completed at Saturday's Class A individual wrestling district tournament at Walled Lake Western, six Livonia Stevenson wrestlers were huddled in the northwest corner of the gymnasium still awaiting their final match of the day.

Of those six, four won championships as the Spartans dominated the meet. Stevenson also had two runner-ups and two consolation champs (third place) as a total of eight Spartan wrestlers qualified for the regional tournament.

WRESTLING

Plymouth Canton's Dan Gruenwald earned Observerland's only other championship when he surprised Farmington's Mike Michaleki in the championship match at 100 pounds, 8-4.

Michaleki, the top-ranked wrestler in the state at 100, got an early takedown and led 2-0 at the end of the first period. Gruenwald used his superior strength to put Michaleki on his back in the second period and roll up an 8-4 lead. Michaleki was on top to start the third period, but couldn't turn Gruenwald as the score remained 8-4.

"This is the first time we've met this year, but he beat me three times last year so this is

nice," said Gruenwald, who placed third at the district tournament last year. "In the second period I had like a forward half-nelson on him. Once I got him on his back my confidence really shot up because then I knew I could turn him."

Gruenwald, seeded second to Michaleki, stuck Livonia Churchill's Ryan Palmer in 1:44 in his opening match, pinned Northville's Josh Tarrow in 1:36 and pinned Brighton's Nick Dias in 4:57 in the semifinals.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class qualified for this Saturday's regional tournament, also to be held at Western. A total of 19 Observerland wrestlers qualified for the regional tournament.

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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. Livonia Stevenson.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- 1. Plymouth Salem. 2. Livonia Ladywood. 3. Livonia Churchill. 4. Livonia Franklin. 5. Redford Thurston.

BOYS SWIMMING

- 1. Plymouth Salem. 2. North Farmington.

BOYS WRESTLING

- 1. Livonia Stevenson. 2. Redford Catholic Central. 3. Farmington.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

- 1. Plymouth Canton. 2. Plymouth Salem. 3. Westland John Glenn. 4. North Farmington. 5. Farmington.

BOYS HOCKEY

- 1. Redford Catholic Central. 2. Livonia Stevenson. 3. Livonia Churchill. 4. Livonia Franklin.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 24. Clarendonville at Luth. West, 7 p.m. Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Luth. Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m. F.H. Harrison at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Woodhaven at Garden City, 7 p.m. Taylor Center at Redford Thurston, 7 p.m. Wyandotte at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Monroe, 7:30 p.m. B.H. Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Fairlane Christian at Marshall Jr. High, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 23. Liv. Stevenson vs. B.H. Andover at Detroit Skating Club, 6-60 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. Liv. Franklin vs. Royal Oak at B.H. Andover, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Liv. Churchill at Trenton, 7 p.m. Redford CC vs. H.W. Notre Dame at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. Clarendonville at Luth. West, 6 p.m. Luth. Westland at Harper Wds., 6 p.m. Huron Valley at D.H. Fairlane, 6 p.m. Ply. Christian at B.H. Roeper, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Liv. Ladywood at Fraser Inv., 8 a.m. Garden City at Ypsil-AA Inv., TBA. MIAAC Tourney at Ply. Christian, TBA. Lutheran Conf. at Lutheran N'west, TBA. WAAA Tourney at W.L. Central, TBA. F.H. Mercy, Borgess, Red. Thurston at UM-Deerborn Invitational, TBA. TBA — times to be announced.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Table with columns for W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA for various teams. Includes sections for LEADING SCORERS and LEADING GOALIES.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Table with columns for W, L, W, L for various teams in Western Lakes, Metro Conference, Catholic League, and Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

SWIMMING RANKINGS

Table with columns for Name, Time, Name, Time for various swimming events like 50-Yard Freestyle, 100-Yard Freestyle, etc.

WRESTLING

Table with columns for Class, Name, Opponent, Result for various wrestling matches.

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CREATIVE LIVING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1995

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA CHOMIN

Volunteers rescue DIA

When the Detroit Institute of Arts was in its darkest hours nearly four years ago, residents of the Observer area stepped in to the rescue volunteering as Gallery Service hosts and hostesses. Without this core of 382 volunteers which gave 19,501 hours of the time in the DIA's Gallery Service program last year, special exhibitions like the "Royal Tombs of Sipan" would not be possible let alone regular viewing hours for the rest of the artworks in the DIA's collection.



Marcia Homgren
Plymouth

In October of 1991 when there was doubt that the DIA would even remain in operation due to cuts of nearly \$7 million in state appropriations from the museum's budget, residents of Livonia, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Plymouth and Canton Township stepped in to save the day by volunteering their services.

The volunteer Gallery Service program responded to the DIA's funding woes. By January 1992, state cut-backs forced the museum to cut staffing, shorten hours and close galleries for half a day on a rotating schedule.

"The museum couldn't stay open without the volunteers," said Gloria Parker, coordinator of the DIA's Volunteer Services.



Charlene Krygan
Livonia

Greeting visitors

Gallery Service volunteers serve as gallery hosts, greeting and assisting visitors. They work in tandem with security officers in 3 to 3 1/2 hour shifts a minimum of one day a month to give directions, availing themselves to visitors as well as regarding them not to touch the valuable art.

"We're the friendly presence in the galleries," said Cynthia Mies of Garden City, a 34-year-old se-



Bob Downs
Livonia

nior group assistant in the corporate cash management department at the National Bank of Detroit. Mies got involved in the Gallery Service program while participating in a Super Sunday event with her work-mates. She finds the benefits of volunteering at the DIA more than rewarding.

"Everybody should give back to the community. It's a great opportunity to spend time at the museum, to learn about art, to meet people. You meet a lot of interesting people. And it's the satisfaction of seeing people's faces when they see a piece of art they connect with."

Whether volunteers work the galleries once a week or once a month, volunteers like Charlene Bramble of Westland, provide a valuable service to the community in general. They help keep the DIA's more than 100 galleries open for viewing, creating an attractive image for the southeastern Michigan region. That's important when you consider that many of the museum's visitors hail from other parts of the world.

"I was stationed in the Korean Art gallery one day when a Korean exchange student came through. She was set to leave for home the next day. If I hadn't been there, she wouldn't have been able to see our Korean collection," said Bramble, a cash management analyst for AAA.

DIA promotes area
Bramble, 46, is hooked on the value of the

See CHOMIN, 2D

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

■ Plymouth architect, Erick Carns exhibits 29 watercolor paintings spotlighting the shores of the Great Lakes through Apr. 30 in the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

■ Victoria Diaz's Book Break column.

■ Exhibitions, art gallery listings.



At the DIA: Gilded copper warrior holding a war club across his chest, from a royal tomb at Sipan. Aerial photo of the pyramids at Sipan. The small pyramid in the lower left is the source of the royal tombs. Photos by Christopher Donnan and Bill Ballenburg (Ballenburg photo courtesy of National Geographic Society).

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ROYAL TOMBS OF SIPÁN

Art communicates history of ancient civilization



Sponsored in Detroit by United Technologies, the DIA exhibit is the sole Midwestern venue for a five-stop national tour. The display of royal splendors continues through April 30 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward.

The 1987 find of the royal tombs in a small pyramid, considered by "Art & Antiquities" magazine as the greatest archaeological discovery ever made in the Americas, supplies a missing link in modern day knowledge of the ancient Moche.

The final resting place of three high-ranking officials, the royal tombs reveal a culture skilled in fine crafts, and bent on ritual sacrifice. Until this discovery, scholars thought scenes depicting Moche priests and sacrifice ceremonies were merely myth.

"The discovery of the tombs is so important because there was no written language. With the absence of records, this is the only evidence we have. That's what's so terrible when people loot tombs, you

lose information. We had these images on their pottery. Art was a direct sort of language for them, their way of communication, and that's why the discovery appealed to early scholars," said Michael Kan, curator for the department of African, Oceanic and New World Cultures at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"You will be dazzled by the gold. The Inca were sort of the end of the line. One thousand years before, the Moche were the

BY LINDA CHOMIN, SPECIAL WRITER

greatest craftsmen, potters, metal-smiths and weavers. They wove beautiful textiles, interlocking tapestries."

Moche costumes were elaborate works of art in themselves with small metal platelets that resembled armor shimmering in the sunlight. Bells encased in metal work hung from their waists and rattled as they moved. Spiders, owls, and other night hunting

See TOMBS, 4D



Excavated: Gold head reflecting sunlight for the first time in nearly 2,000 years, as it was being excavated from a royal tomb at Sipan. The photo is courtesy of Guillermo Cock.

Bright color: Connie Lucas of Canton Township uses color to lure viewers into this watercolor painting, "The Observer" which speaks about inter-relationships between men and women.



Women artists stage exhibit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Women artists from Observerland, concentrating on themes ranging from confrontational subject matter to representational still life, have been juried into the second Women Artists Exhibition on display through March 3 in the Sisson Gallery at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

HFCC's Focus on Women program sponsored the 35 piece exhibit of paintings and sculpture by

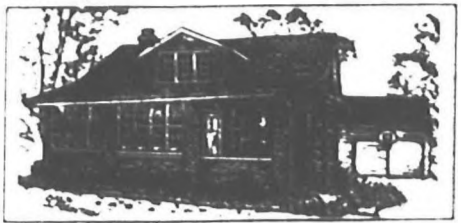
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CANTON SENIORS EXHIBIT
Original pen and ink sketches of historic buildings and homes in Canton Township are on display through Feb. 28 in the Senior Art Exhibit at the Canton Public Library.

REDFORD PAINTER SHOWS
James Pujdowski, a faculty member in the creative and performing arts department at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, exhibits six of his oil paintings 7 p.m. Friday, March 3. The school is located at 1045 Cook Road. The event is open to the public.

In addition to the Redford artist's work, "Step Out for a Night with the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty," includes ceramics, recitations

from Shakespeare's "Hamlet," and vocal, instrumental and dance performances.
Pujdowski, whose teaching credentials include stints at Wayne State University, Henry Ford Community College and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, has exhibited in galleries ranging from the Detroit Artists Market to Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester Hills. He received his master of fine arts degree from Wayne State University in Detroit.

ANTIQUES GALORE
Metro Productions holds its semi-annual antiques and collectibles show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, Six Mile Road and I-275. Admission is \$2 for adults. Children, free. For more information call Barbara Framke at (313) 464-8493.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS
Two \$1,200 scholarships, and three

\$600 scholarships for the 1995-96 academic year to pursue an associate's degree or program in art at Henry Ford Community College will be awarded in early April.
Applicants must have been full-time students at HFCC for one semester prior to application or have 15 accumulative hours. A portfolio of 10 works representing two or more disciplines (drawing, design, graphics, painting, ceramics, etc.) must be presented and set up for display in the Sison Gallery at the MacKenzie Pine Arts Center between 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 27.
Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday, March 23, for application to Chuck Richards in the fine arts department at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, 48128-1495.
Award and scholarship recipients will be contacted before April 1, and will be invited to be recognized during a brief, informal presentation during the opening reception of the Student Show beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

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DIA's role in promoting the Detroit metropolitan area so much so that she's volunteered to chair the fashion show being held in conjunction with the Arts & Flowers festivities taking place April 28-30 at the DIA.

"I do it for the pleasure. It's a nice quiet time."
Their reasons for doing it are as varied as the walks of life from which they come. Among them are such occupations as teachers, scientists, and doctors.

"I get the opportunity to share something I love with other people," said Marcia Horngren of Plymouth. Horngren plans her vacations around seeing special art exhibitions around the country like the "Royal Tombs of Sipan."

As director of fund development for the non-profit United Community Services, Horngren relates to the DIA's financial woes and has an appreciation for its volunteers generosity.

"I get the satisfaction of supporting something I believe in, and you feel like you're making a valuable contribution."

Richard Stump of Canton Township seconds that thought. The 39-year-old project manager for Consumers Power Co. volunteers the 50 hour minimum set for Founders Society members participating in the Gallery Service program. Consumers recently made a \$500 donation to the DIA in his name.

"Our company always encourages

volunteerism, and I've always enjoyed art," said Stump, also a Super Sunday alumni.

David Groen, who retired last June after 33 years as French teacher for the Livonia Public Schools, decided to become a participant in the Gallery Service program by volunteering one day a week.

His retirement has been anything but quiet. As a travel organizer and guide underwritten by Sun Coast Travel in Plymouth, Groen makes his way to such exotic destinations as the French and Italian Riviera this year.

A labor of love
"I feel I'm providing a service in keeping the galleries open. I like meeting people. I like the atmosphere. It's a lot different than working in a classroom," said Groen, 56.

Charlene Krygan of Livonia shares Groen's enthusiasm.

"I love it. If I could I'd quit my day job," said the 47-year-old Wyandotte Public Schools' teacher.

Krygan teaches social studies and math to 7th and 8th graders.

"Nobody talks back to me there," she quipped. "But seriously, the art is something I have an appreciation for. And I love the people. I frequently have to remind visitors not to touch the beautiful frames on the Flemish and Dutch art. It comes as a real surprise to them that the frame is part of the art."

"What I like about volunteering is you get to study the art. It gives you fantastic insight into the world 500 or

5,000 year ago," said Bob Downs, a 44-year-old professor of art history and appreciation at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills.

"I volunteer my time because I was having difficulties scheduling tours for my students to see the works, and it has ended being a full-time job for me for six weeks out of the year," said Downs, a Livonia resident.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is ranked the fifth largest museum of fine arts in the country. Its holdings survey world cultures from ancient to modern times. It is an educational institution providing knowledge about man's past with hopes it will lead to a wiser future.

"We need about 450 volunteers a month to keep the museum open. We're helping people who come from all over the world. We provide a real vital service," said Jean Schneider, Gallery Service Committee chairwoman.

The next training session for Gallery Service volunteers is scheduled 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 4.

If you can free up a few hours a week of your time to volunteer, the DIA would love to have your help. Call the volunteer services department at (313) 833-0247.

Linda Ann Chomin is a free-lance writer specializing in the visual arts. Her Artistic Expressions column appears the last Thursday of the month in the Creative Living section of the Observer Newspapers.

EXHIBITIONS

Send announcements of art gallery exhibitions to: Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; fax (810) 644 1314.

AMERICAN HARVEST DISPLAY
Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant features the art work of Plymouth architect Erick Carne of Carne Associates Inc. Twenty-nine watercolors, ranging from subjects such as the Mackinac Bridge, Niagara River, Port Austin and Lake Superior are on display. The American Harvest art shows are coordinated by Schoolcraft's Institutional Advancement Office. Call 462-4417. The restaurant features gourmet specialties prepared by Schoolcraft's award-winning master chefs and culinary arts students. Call 462-4423 for reservations.

LIBRARY FINE ARTS GALLERY
Through Feb. 19 — Journey — Grand River: Photographs by John Prusak and Dean Cobb spotlights interesting people and places along Grand River Avenue from downtown Detroit to Musegon. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through Feb. 27- The Livonia Arts Commission hosts an exhibition of ceramic pottery, jewelry and wall hanging pieces by Lisa 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.

DIA
Feb. 26 — The Detroit Institute of Art's Celebration of Black Cultures in honor of Black History Month will include drop-in workshops based on works in the African and African-American art collection; for information call (313) 833-4249. Free, half-hour docent tours of the African art collection will be given every Saturday and Sunday in February starting at 12:30 p.m. in the North Court.

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WOODWARD GALLERY
The gallery at 1367 Davis in Birmingham is the only dealer in the United States authorized to sell a limited edition series of photographs of jazz legends Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie. Gallery president and owner Dan Winter took the Davis photos. The Gillespie series spans this jazz great's career. Also available are original prints and paintings by more

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
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DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Fore ARTI Golf, an indoor miniature golf course with 18 holes by 22 artists, has been extended indefinitely due to popular demand. It is at 300 River Place, Jos. Campau at Quoin in Detroit. Call 268-8945 for general information, 866-1623 for groups and parties.

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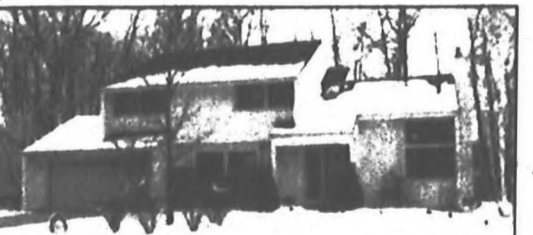
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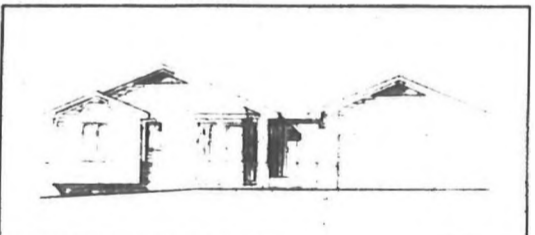
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Exhibit from page 1D

women artists living in Michigan in celebration of the 21st annual Women's Recognition Week. Helen Krysan of Westland, Tony Stevens of Plymouth, Billie Thompson of Livonia, and Susan Fisher and Connie Lucas of Canton Township have paintings in the exhibit. Lucas and Fisher both won Honorable Mentions for their

respective watercolors, "The Observer," and "Ablaze."

An awards ceremony and reception for the artists takes place 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1. The public is invited. Charlotte Stokes, who served as judge for the competition will give a gallery talk at the reception. A noted art

critic and author, Stokes is associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint.

"The whole idea of the show is that women are not given the opportunity to show their work as often as men. It's important to support women and women in the

arts," said Grace Stewart, director of the Focus on Women program and producer of the exhibit.

"Statistically there are more women in art than men, yet women have not had the same opportunities as men to show their art. This exhibit gives women the chance to do that if they so choose."

According to Stewart, some women artists decided not to enter the show "because they want to be seen as artists, not just women artists."

That wasn't the case for Lucas who believes the exhibit gives artists the opportunity to interpret and explore women's issues. Her watercolor painting, "The Observer" speaks about interpersonal relationships between men and women. It is from her series, "Women and Violence."

Initially Lucas, who earned a master's of fine arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, uses color to lure the viewer into the painting. Symbols stimulate thought once attention is riveted.

"I like to use symbols that people identify with like children's toys. The open book is of Otto Dix's work. The German Expressionists did a lot of work on their times and their society. That's what I'm trying to do with the children's toys," said Lucas, a watercolor painting instructor in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' continuing education program.

"The snake is an evil symbol, and a phallic symbol. Different people interpret it differently. Men and women, we don't quite trust each other some times. Philosophically, men and women can look at the same issues but see

different things. I hope that people will use my work to see the violence going on in their own lives."

Krysan's abstract painting deals with an entirely separate theme. The 68-year-old painter, who received her master's of fine arts degree in 1993 from Eastern Michigan University, concentrates on relaying pleasant emotions rather than making a statement on societal values.

"I realize many people do not identify with abstract art, but I hope that I can communicate the feeling I get from painting, the uplifting of spirit, a transcendental feeling from it instead of seeing something representational," said Krysan, who has exhibited at spaces ranging from the Detroit Artists Market to Canton Project Arts Gallery Showing of Fine Arts, and the Ann Arbor Art Association.

"I hope people will come out to see the exhibit. It's a very good thing for women to have a showing of their own so people can follow what we're doing as artists."

According to Stewart, doubt exists as to whether or not this exhibit will see a third year because as of this writing no venue has been found for its display.

Hours for the Sisson Gallery located in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at HFCC are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tombs from page 1D

animals appear again and again on beads, nose ornaments and costumes as well as on weapons.

Spiders embodied the fierce qualities of a warrior. The Moche admired the nocturnal creatures trapped and tied up their prey before consuming their vital fluids. An owl headdress worn by Bird or Blood Priest of the sacrifice ceremony denotes the respect the Moche held for the predatory bird.

The owl, the spider, these were all animals that are predators at night. Warriors went to battle wearing these. There was an identification between the rulers and the animal kingdom. The spider is a hunter and bloodsucker of his victims," Kan said.

Moche pottery sporting fine line drawings depict ceremonies of ritual decapitation and sacrifice. The Moche used pictures and symbols on their objects to tell stories about important characters such as the Warrior Priest or Decapitator, and events in their history.

Ritual sacrifice played a significant role in their religion and lives.

"There were certain rituals that had to do with the ceremony, ritual warfare. Killing was not the object of Moche warfare. Warriors were depicted by clubs and helmets. Prisoners are usually shown with ropes around their necks and hands tied behind their backs.

"Ritual warfare was solely to gain captives for sacrifice. Papayas placed on a banner figure," said Kan motioning to a Decapitator image. "were there because

'Since the Moche buried their rulers with all of their ceremonial objects and jewelry, they employed large numbers of craftsmen to create new objects.'

Michael Kan

papayas keep blood from coagulating."

The presence of inlaid lapis lazuli in an artwork is proof the Moche traded goods such as stone and certain sea shells found in the tombs because these materials were not native to this area.

"The Moche were pretty sophisticated. The metal beads are not cast. They were hammered in molds.

"Since the Moche buried their rulers with all of their ceremonial objects and jewelry, they employed large numbers of craftsmen to create new objects.

"This probably accounts for the discovery of some of the first pots made from molds in the tombs," Kan said.

Exhibition admission to "Royal Tombs of Sipan," including a recorded tour, is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and children. Founders Society members are free. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Throughout the exhibition's run a number of lectures and chil-



Necklace: This gold and silver peanut necklace was excavated from the tomb of the Warrior Priest at Sipan. Photo courtesy of Christopher Donnay.

dren's workshops will be held at the DIA. One of particular interest is a lecture, "Children of Sipan: Native Andeans Today," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19 when Bruce Mannheim, associate curator of anthropology at the University of Michigan, examines how modern Andeans differ from and are similar to their pre-Columbian ancestors.

For more information on these events, call the DIA at (313) 833-3000.

After the exhibit closes April 30 in Detroit, it will travel to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., before returning to its permanent home at the Bruning Archaeological Museum near Sipan.

A 225-page catalog authored by Walter Alva, director of the Bruning Archaeological Museum and Moche scholar Christopher B. Donnay is available in DIA's museum shops for \$37.50.

Antiques show set for this weekend

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will have its 15th year anniversary show Friday-Sunday, Feb. 24-26, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10 1/4 Mile.

Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 with any of the event's ads or listings. \$6 regular, free for children age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show.

The exposition is known as Michigan's most exciting and important antiques show and sale. A diverse selection of fine Ameri-

can, European and Oriental antiques and fine art will be featured. Antiques dealers from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their antiques collections. Dining and free parking will be available.

The exposition not only provides the family with an inexpensive, fun-filled afternoon of historical treasure hunting, but also creates an enchanting weekend shopping mall for the antiques enthusiast, novice to expert, to browse, discover and add to collections of fine antiques.

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NEW ADDITION

Marion Severs of Farmington has joined her hometown Century 21 Hartford office. Severs 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.

AGENCY HELPS CHARITY

Associates and staff at Century 21 MJL Corporate Transferee Service in Farmington Hills presented Phyllis Howard, a volunteer administrator of Neighborhood House in Farmington Hills a check for \$1,070.

The donation was 50 percent of the proceeds from a 50/50 raffle conducted by the real estate office. The other half of the money went to three residents who had purchased the \$2 tickets to support the charity.

Neighborhood House is an all-volunteer program to help the needy of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

—Becky Burns, special writer

Pending interest rate hike spurs home sales

By BECKY BURNS SPECIAL WRITER

Looming interest rate increases at the start of the new year resulted in an increase in secondhand home sales from November to December, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Area real estate offices reflected the national increase in sales, but also reported that high sales have continued through January.

Real Estate One in Troy saw a 17 percent increase in sales from November to December with sales continuing about the same in January, office manager Carol Yost said.

"Interest rates are still holding at a decent spot. I think people are more comfortable now that the economy is up," she said.

Interest rates will continue to increase as long as the economy is strong, said Mike Anderson of ABC Funding Corp. in Bloomfield Hills. Rates began rising considerably in

January 1994, and continue to increase now, although not as significantly as one year ago, he said.

"With rates, as the economy has gotten better, they've tightened inflation. Therefore, interest rates have kept going up in the past year," he said.

An average 30-year fixed mortgage with no points will have rates from 9 to 9.5 percent, he said. One point is equal to 1 percent of a loan amount.

Anderson compared it to buying mileage up front when leasing a car.

National used home sales rose from a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 3.82 million existing single-family homes in November to 3.89 million in December, an increase of 1.8 percent.

"Rather than gamble on more rate hikes, consumers who had been undecided made their move. This is a predictable, short-term effect of mortgage rate increases," said Edmund Woods Jr., NAR president, in a Jan.

25 press release.

Seasonally adjusted annual rates are used in reporting monthly data to factor out seasonal variations. The annual rate for a particular month represents what the total number of sales for a year would be if the relative pace for that month were maintained for 12 consecutive months.

Despite the rise in sales in the last two months of 1994, national figures showed a drop from those one year earlier.

The December rate fell 10.6 percent below numbers in December 1993 when sales hit an all-time high of 4.35 million units.

But on the homefront, agencies varied in responses.

Kerry Sheen, manager of Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Farmington Hills, said across-the-board sales were down from the December before for Prudential Great Lakes, which has offices in Bloomfield Hills, Ro-

chester Hills, Troy and West Bloomfield.

She added that sales had taken off dramatically the last few weeks in January.

"Whenever you've got a strong listing market, sales will come inevitably," she said.

Unlike Prudential Great Lakes, December sales at Quality Better Homes and Gardens in Plymouth were about 50 percent higher than the previous December, said office manager Darlene Shemanski, who attributed the increase in part to the new transfer tax.

"There were a lot of people who thought, 'I better put my home on the market,'" she said.

The transfer tax, which went into effect Jan. 1, costs sellers \$8.60 for every \$1,000 they receive on their homes. That is \$7.50 more than sellers before Jan. 1 paid in revenue stamps, said Joan Downing of Re/Max in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

Reviewing insurance liability, pet limits, fiduciary duty

CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Are all insurance policies of community associations basically the same as it relates to directors and officers liability. We have received various bids from various insurance companies that are extremely different.

Directors and officers liability coverage is not the same, obviously, among every insurance company. Some insurance companies provide much broader based coverage for their associations in the event of intra-association lawsuits involving civil rights claims and other matters of that type.

You basically get what you pay for and there are certain insurance com-

panies that provide much better coverage for community association directors and officers than others. The criteria in making this very important decision should involve the breadth and scope of the directors and officers liability insurance coverage in order to protect the interests of the members of the board of directors and/or the association.

You are also well advised to have any insurance policies reviewed by a knowledgeable lawyer who can point out the disparities and/or differences in coverage and scope of responsibility between the policies in helping you make this important decision.

Our condominium documents allow either one dog or one cat at the condominium complex. A new co-owner has brought in three cats and has not sought approval from the board of directors. She says her seller told her it was OK to do so and does not think that she

should have to get rid of her "beloved cats."

Obviously, the integrity of the condominium documents are in question if the association does not actively pursue the enforcement of its documents against the new owner.

While the new owner may arguably have a claim against the seller for misrepresentation, it is clear that the new owner was on at least constructive notice of the prohibitions in the condominium documents regarding cats if they were contained in the condominium bylaws, which are on record with the Register of Deeds.

Hopefully, the association has maintained and will continue to maintain an aggressive and consistent enforcement policy regarding the violation of the covenants and conditions, including the maintenance of an excessive number of animals. The problem of pets is a serious one that perplexes many associations through-

out the country in regard to enforcement rights and prerogatives.

Is it a breach of a fiduciary duty on the part of a broker to buy my home, when the broker was the listing agent, when it became clear that the broker, and not someone else, was actually buying the home.

It would appear that the broker may have breached his/her fiduciary duty by not fully disclosing to you the fact that the broker, as opposed to some other identified principal, was purchasing your home. The broker must act in good faith throughout the whole proceeding in order to be exempt from liability.

The broker had a responsibility to disclose to you as the seller, its principal, all of the facts concerning the purchase, including his or her interest in buying the property. You may well have a claim.

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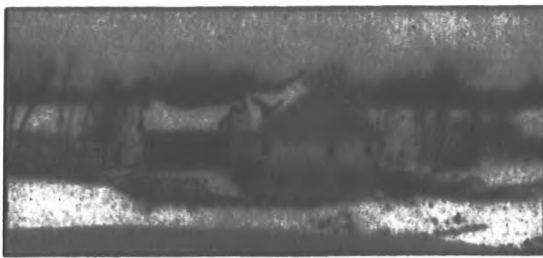
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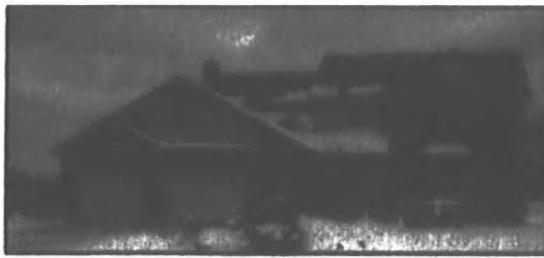
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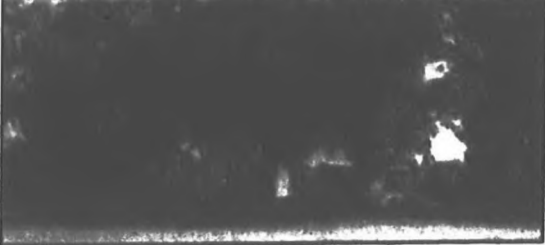
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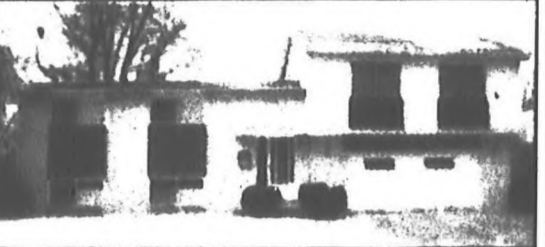
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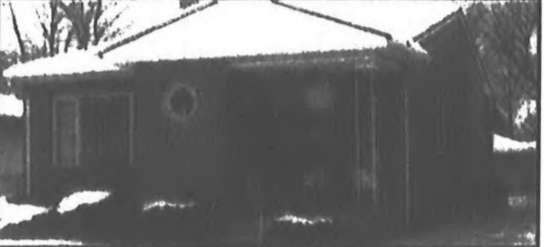
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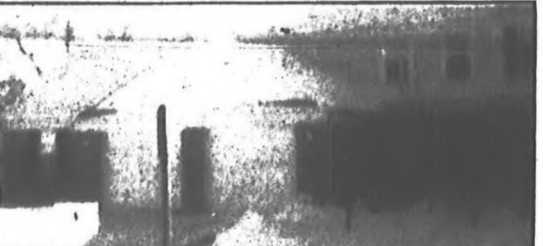
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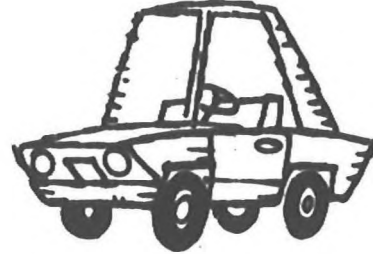
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

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.

Alexis Pollock of Birmingham was promoted to media planner at D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills. Pollock joined the agency in 11992 as part of the professional development program. She was promoted to assistant media planner in 1993.



Pollock

Scott Stinebaugh was named director of sales with the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center Detroit. He had been director of sales and marketing at the Ritz-Carlton in St. Louis. He had been with an associate director of sales at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Stinebaugh is originally from Plymouth.



Stinebaugh

Nina Samosiuk was named director of catering with Brandy's Food & Spirits in the Holiday Inn Farmington Hills. She had been catering sales manager at the Embassy Suites. In addition to overseeing functions and planning gatherings, she will be involved with the advertising and designing of ads and brochures.



Samosiuk

Charles R. Paul was named director of training and business development at MVP Communications Inc in Troy. He will be responsible for producing technical and sales training programs as well as business-to-business communications. Paul had been an owner and vice president of creative services at Marketing Network Inc in Southfield for seven years.



Paul

Forest Farmer of Rochester Hills was appointed chief executive officer of Regal Plastics Co in Roseville. Farmer had been with Chrysler Motors Corp for 26 years. For the past six years, Farmer was president and general manager of components operations for the Acustar division of Chrysler.



Farmer



Baronial look: Houses designed by Carl Palazzola for Bailey's Vineyard will feature traditional, historical exteriors.

Houses deliver buyers' dreams



A low-profile, custom builder with roots in Troy has made inroads into his third major project in that community. Houses will be spacious, functional and pricey.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

People who buy in Bailey's Vineyard Subdivision in Troy definitely will be monied.

Custom-designed ranches and colonials will start at 3,700 square feet and \$400,000 on lots ranging from one half to three quarters of an acre.

Only 21 homesites are available on the 17-acre parcel off Adams between Long Lake and Square Lake roads, the site of a former vineyard. Two have sold.

Joseph Philip Craig, developer/builder, said he had his eye on the parcel for about 15 years. He said he spent more than \$1 million for the acreage, out-bidding several dozen competitors.

"From Adams Road to the back of the subdivision there's an elevation drop of 30 feet," Craig said. "There's trees all around. The location, enough, is valuable. I'm certainly located close to I-75, close to Somerset Collection."

"What's going to attract people (here) is before they move out to north Oakland, they're going to

think of the drive. I've got location, location, location," he said.

Craig, active in River Place and River Oak in Troy, will work with Carl Palazzola, a West Bloomfield architect, to maintain architectural continuity in Bailey's Vineyard.

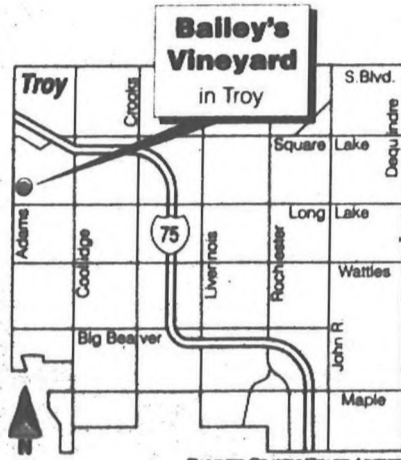
"We're going to be able to design each house individually," Craig said. "It will be clients building for the third and fourth time, professionals, executives. They have their own ideas."

Clients today want large master suites on the first floor, large kitchens and eating nooks, sunrooms off kitchens, and patios with ceramic tiles and wrought iron railings, Craig said.

"They'll tell me how many square feet, rooms and sizes pretty much, then let me go at it to find something to meet their needs," Palazzola said. "I do some sketch work and it all fits together."

"People at this level are very conservative," Craig said. "They're not flashy, not high-tech people. They know what they want. The trend is to make the house look old."

"We tend to be more of a turn-



TAMMIE CHAFFIN/STAFF ARTIST

key operation," Craig added. "Clients will sit down with an interior decorator. We make it as easy as possible to pick color, cabinetry, plumbing fixtures."

Whatever particular style a client designs, all houses in Bailey's Vineyard will have a side-entry, three-car garage (four-car optional); two high-energy furnaces; two central air conditioning processing units; masonry fireplace; cooktop, microwave/oven combination and dishwasher; central vacuuming system; and a security system.

Exteriors must be brick, natural stone or wood. Vinyl and aluminum siding and fences aren't permitted.

Bailey's Vineyard is serviced by city water/sewers and sidewalks. The subdivision is in the Bloomfield Hills School District.

The current property tax rate for a house in Troy with Bloomfield Hills schools is about \$35.65 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value.

That means the owner of a \$500,000 house in Bailey's Vineyard would pay about \$8,900 annually in property taxes.

The Brinkley family — who didn't want their real name used for privacy reasons — are building a colonial in Bailey's Vineyard.

Sharon, an interior designer, and Steve, a lawyer, have three children. Craig already has built two houses for the family, Sharon said.

"He's always there. Any time I have a problem, I never feared," she said. "He makes it so easy. It's not a trauma."

"The location really impressed me," Sharon said of Bailey's Vineyard. "I think we're so centrally located for freeway access without being on top of the freeway. The churches, shopping."

The Brinkleys plan to construct a split level with the master suite on the main floor and three bedrooms upstairs.

"The kitchen, I think, is the

See BAILEY'S, 2F

Leads make shows worthwhile

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes, when you're in business, you have to spend a little money to make bigger money.

Exhibitors at trade gatherings like the recently concluded Spring & Garden Show in Novi illustrate the point.

More than 275 suppliers, landscapers, remodelers and crafters paid \$990 to \$5,000 for booths, more for a corner space, over the four-day run of the show.

Surveys taken from visitors to the previous year's exhibition — which drew thousands — indicated that 93 percent already owned a house and 63 percent had annual incomes of over \$46,000, the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan reported.

Nearly three out of four visitors lived in Oakland or western Wayne counties and almost half were between the ages of 25 and 50, a prime buying group.

Many were nuggets of gold flowing through the aisles waiting to be panned.

"Fairway Construction gets about 30 percent of our annual volume of about \$5 million from this show and the fall expo, too," said Adam Helfman, sales manager for the Southfield company.

William F. Kish, owner of Solar Reflective Films in Farmington Hills, can identify with Helfman.

"Usually about 8 or 9, you get a little tired and somebody comes by who asks a silly question like, 'Does this really work? I might get a little crabby.'"

Kish installs window and security films for residential and commercial customers.

"I paid just under \$1,000 for this space," he said. "I can easily get that back in a couple of jobs. I get enough work to justify this, but it's less than jump-up-and-down worthwhile."

Kish, who conducts a drawing at his booth for a couple hundred dollars of free work, said he tries to discourage people from leaving their names just to enter a contest.

"I try to get some qualified leads," he said. "I tell them they will get a phone call."

Kish said he likes to take in the show, himself. "I walk around, see who's here, drop my stuff off at other booths. A guy doing etched glass I did some subcontracting. And a couple interior designers I picked up."

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Fireplace & Spa

Bob Hershey, a manager with Fireplace & Spa, expects immediate results.

"A lot of people are here to get leads," he said. "We actually sell right on site. If we don't walk out of here with 30-40 spa sales, I'd be real surprised."

Fireplace & Spa, like many exhibitors, promotes price discounts for those who buy during the run of the show. Why aren't show specials good all year around?

"There's a couple of reasons," Hershey explained. "With hot tubs, we get a price increase in March. It's like a new model year. Another reason is volume purchasing, value buying."

Leads are good enough for Mathison Kitchen and Bath Supply, with stores in Garden City, Livonia and Canton, said Keith Erskine, sales representative.

"The buyer asks educated questions instead of just, 'How much is this?'"

"They'll say, 'Here is my situation, what can you do?'"

"The good thing about this show is people coming

down seem to be more focused on shopping rather than just spending time," Erskine said.

Erskine and other exhibitors, including landscaper Marco Scappaticci, owner of Rock Shoppe in Plymouth, say they never know exactly when prospects who visit their exhibits will purchase in their stores.

"They may come in three years after they saw something and say, 'Now I'm ready to do something,'" Erskine said.

Chris Davies, owner of Imperial Images, a painting/restoration and decorating center in Livonia, said exhibitions directly generate about 15 percent of his annual business.

"But every year, word of mouth and repeat business get to be more," he added.

"Everyone who walks in here is my potential customer," he said. "Everyone decorates, everyone paints and, at some point, most people will buy and own a home."

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Readers share knowledge about Internet



EMORY DANIELS

O&E ONLINE
If you are wondering about something, chances are the next person is also. So today I will share some of the questions and comments received from users in recent weeks.

Before going to question-answer, a word about O&E Online's help desk. I get a fair amount of e-mail from users asking for help. I am more than happy to respond when I know the answer. When I don't, I forward the question to system operator Greg Day, who knows most answers. There also is an option available and that's to call the O&E Help Desk at 1-313-953-2266 and leave a recorded message. An operator will get back to you — same day or next day.

Larry: If you are at an FTP site in a very large directory, can you get the directory so it can be saved for future reference?
Yes, at most FTP sites the directory listings are in a README.txt file — usually at the top of the directory list — which will contain a list of what's in every subdirectory of that site. Download that file the same way you would any file, and then view it on a text editor or word processor or print it out for reference before returning to that site. It will make your next FTP trip easier as you can go directly where you

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Jonathan pointed out that not all FTP sites are Anonymous FTP and that on some you can sign on with the letters "FTP." He also shared a method that can be used to download with Zmodem when dialing in from a Merit site. The brave-at-heart who access us through Merit may want to use this: to change Merit host from 7E1 to 8N1 send the command "%bpc=8" at the "which host?" prompt. Then immediately change your terminal settings to 8N1. I have not tried this, but other users have used this or similar steps with success.

Edward shares this news group discussion on OJ that's not available on our list of news groups available through TIN. The group title is alt.fan.oj.simpson.

To access, choose Gopher on the Internet menu. Chose Option 22 to "Specify your server" and hit RETURN, select item 7 (News), then item 14 (Usenet

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Laura: In your Nov. 17 column you discussed Listserv and E to export. How do you do that?
When you subscribe to a Listserv discussion group there are times when a large document is offered that you might want to save on your hard-drive. With the message on the screen, type E. Enter a file name and hit RETURN. That sends the document to your online file manager. If you type S to save, that stores it in a folder within Pine. Export instead.

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main key to the home," Sharon said. "My experience is when you gather in the kitchen, no one wants to leave.

"I want to make sure the kitchen is incredible — a top-of-the-line commercial range, high ceiling, bar area, a lot of windows and French doors," she said.

Craig says he prefers to maintain a low profile.

"We do no advertising," he said. "Everything is word of mouth. We can only handle so many people with this caliber house. To do a custom house, you have to be here every day and take care of problems as they come up."

The sales office at Bailey's Vineyard (810) 641-8500 is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and by appointment on weekends.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Datebook features upcoming events around the suburban business community. To list an event, write: Datebook, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS
National Career Workshops presents a seminar "Powerful Communication Skills for Women" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Cost is \$19. To register, call (800) 258-7246.

CONSTRUCTION LIENS
The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a step-by-step review of the Michigan Construction Lien Act 8:30 a.m. at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$30 for members, \$45 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

ESTATE PLANNING
Robert Kass, chairman of the estate planning probate group for the law firm of Barnes, Scott, Denn and Drinker, hosts a free seminar "Tips & Techniques of Estate Planning" 7:30 p.m. at the Southfield Library. To register, call (800) 756-7526.

NAWBO FORMATION
The National Association of Women Business Owners is forming a new chapter to serve western Wayne County with a continental breakfast networking session 7:15 a.m. at Fox Hills Country Club, M-14 and North Territorial, Plymouth. Cost is \$15. For information or reservations, call Betty Rudy at (313) 459-0226.

NAWBO NORTH
NAWBO North Network meets for networking and member presentations 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Auburn Hills, 1-75 at University. Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Reservations are not necessary. For information, call (810) 253-3711.

WOMEN INVESTORS
First of Michigan Corp. hosts a free seminar "Women and Investing. Take Charge of Your Investment Future" 5:30 p.m. at the Troy Somerset Inn. To register, call (800) 922-2420.

TEAM BUILDING
The American Society of Employers offers a seminar "Building a High Performance Team" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Cost is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at (810) 353-4500.

DIRECT MARKETING
The Direct Marketing Association of Detroit features an award-winning case history, customer conquest program that integrates list acquisition, creative concepts, telemarketing and direct mail 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Southfield. Cost is \$19 for members and \$24 for non-members with registration by Feb. 28. \$22 and \$27, respectively, afterwards. To register, call (810) 258-8803.

HOME & GARDEN
Showspan sponsors the Michigan Home & Garden Show through March 5 at the Pontiac Silverdome. More than 400 exhibitors are expected. Hours are 3-10 p.m. this date, noon-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-14.

REAL ESTATE ETHICS
The Institute of Real Estate Management Michigan Chapter 5 offers a seminar "Ethics in Real Estate Management" 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$150. To register, call (810) 851-2293.

TAX STRATEGIES
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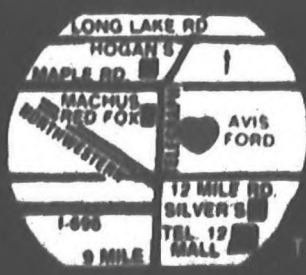
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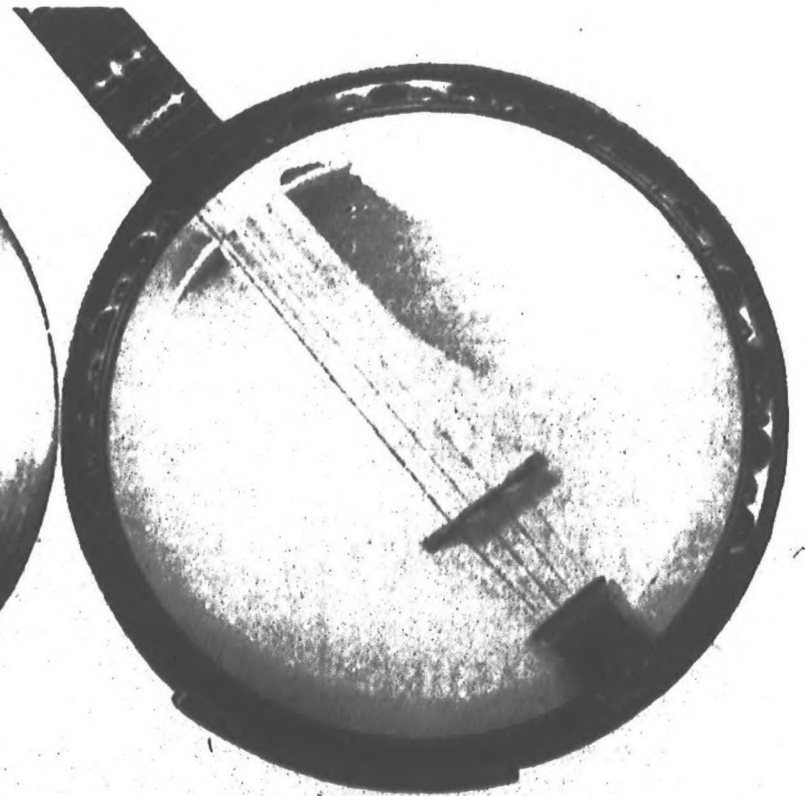
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