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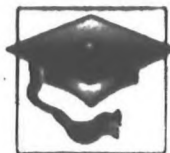
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Feiten won't seek re-election



Susan Feiten has decided not to run for Plymouth-Canton school board, citing demands at home. Two four-year terms on the school board will be filled in the June 12 election.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board member Susan Feiten has decided not to run for re-election. Feiten, a registered nurse who serves as board vice president, spent several months making the tough decision.

"I'm going to miss it a lot. I have a

lot of regrets about leaving. It's been one of the best experiences of my life," she said. "It's some of the most worthwhile work someone can do."

"But you have to keep your priorities clear, and my priorities now are my young children. For now, this is the best decision for my family," said Feiten, University of Michigan educa-

tional coordinator for the home peritoneal dialysis unit, and the mother of children aged 6 and 9.

Voters will fill two four-year terms in the general election June 12. Potential candidates who've taken out petitions thus far include Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, and Gerald Trumpka and David McCarthy, both of Plymouth Township.

Candidates have until April 10 to return election petitions. Residents who need to register to vote have until May 15 to do so.

Feiten was appointed to the board in 1983 to fill a seat vacated by Trus-

tee Dean Swartwelter, who resigned. She was elected to a one-year term (the remainder of Swartwelter's term) last year.

Feiten took a four-month leave from her job when first appointed.

"I did it because I felt I wanted to get up to speed as quickly as possible, especially with a new superintendent being selected," she said. "I wanted to be able to focus on my board duties and not leave my family in the dust."

Feiten, who is not ruling out a future run for office, said passing the

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Striking a chord

Early spring: Nicole Hertlein of Plymouth plays her guitar in Kellogg Park as temperatures soared 30 degrees above normal on Monday.

Sun draws folks outdoors

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

All folks wanted to do was have some fun, when the sun came up over Plymouth and Canton this week.

The near record-breaking warm spell marked the first time since October that people could venture

out of their homes in shirt-sleeves. And out they went — to walk in parks, hang out in backyards, wash cars and more.

At 3 p.m. Monday, Nancy Miller of Canton was out walking the paths at Canton's Heritage Park, carrying 3-week-old son Jacob and

listening to FM rock on her stereo headphones.

If the weather was normal for this time of year, "I'd probably be inside watching O.J.," Miller said. "Usually around St. Patrick's Day it's freezing."

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Musician's story inspires students

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Because of a 1987 meeting in Los Angeles between Pope John Paul II and a guitarist who has no arms, children at Our Lady of Good Counsel were treated to an inspirational concert Monday.

Tony Melendez, born with no arms because of a drug his mother took while pregnant, was asked in 1987 by the youth of Los Angeles to be their gift to Pope John Paul during an internationally-broadcast event.

Melendez played his guitar with his feet and sang for the Holy Father. "The Pope was so moved he jumped off the stage, came up to Tony and gave him a kiss," said Melendez' brother, Jose.

"He told Tony, 'You are truly a courageous young man, and my hope

for you is that you continue giving hope to all the people.' We have been on tour ever since," said Jose, who's appeared with his brother on shows including "Good Morning America" and "Arsenio Hall."

OLGC Youth Minister Chris Maniaci heard about Melendez and for months tried to book him. Her persistence paid off, and on Monday, the students from Canton and Plymouth packed the church to hear him. He also performed an evening concert.

Melendez, who sings in a rich, resonant tenor, lays the guitar on the floor. Seated, the 33-year-old plucks the strings of his specially-tuned guitar with one foot, and plays chords with the other.

The church swayed with children

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BILL HENSLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The gift of hope: Tony Melendez, born without arms due to a drug his mother took while pregnant, was urged by the pope to spread his message of hope, faith and love.

All-Star alert

The Observer is trying to track down members of its first Academic All-Star team which debuted 10 years ago in April 1985. There will be a retrospective on this first team as the tradition marks its 10th anniversary this year.

We're looking for Steven Pedlow, a Plymouth-Canton High graduate, who went on to the University of Michigan. Steven was class valedictorian in 1985.

We're also looking for 1985 Mercy High graduates Midevi Harris and Beth Sadler and Doug Trojanowski, Class of 1985, Lutheran High Northwest.

Anyone with information on how to contact these former all-stars is asked to call Mary Rodrique at (313) 953-2104.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Music concert

The Plymouth Christian Academy Music Department invites the public to a student concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Calvary Church auditorium at 49065 Joy Road between Lilley and Morton Taylor.

Senior high and junior high bands, choirs and ensembles will perform a variety of music including Broadway selections, marches, folk songs, sacred music, pop, classical and traditional concert music. Call 459-8805 for more information.

Poem accepted

Grace Langton of Plymouth has had her poem "Heaven" published in "Echoes of Yesterday," a national treasury of today's poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry published in Owings Mills, Md.

Earth play

"T.H.E. Club," the Plymouth Community Arts Council's spring musical, features a cast of 30 local kids between the ages of 8-13 and a pro-environmental message.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the PCAC theater, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for kids 13 and under.

Doctor facing felony charges

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Patients at Dr. Robert Gliniski's office were greeted by a flurry of activity last Thursday morning as police officers executed a search warrant.

The former Plymouth physician who now has an office in Garden City was arrested on 15 felony charges of unnecessarily prescribing controlled substances to patients. The specific drugs, Tylenol 3 with codeine, a painkiller, and Dalmane, a sedative, are schedule III and IV controlled substances.

He expressed shock and surprise. He indicated he thought he was doing things properly, said Michigan State Police Sgt. Dennis Willing, who interviewed Gliniski after his arrest.

Gliniski, 50, was arrested at his office on Ford west of Middlebelt after Michigan State Police and Western Wayne Narcotics Enforcement Team officers executed the search warrant.

After being arraigned in 21st District Court on the seven-year felonies, Gliniski declined to make any comments about the case. He was released on a \$75,000 personal bond and scheduled for preliminary examination on Monday, March 20.

The arrest came after a year-long investigation by troopers from the East Lansing Criminal Investigation Division, which handles cases involving medical professionals.

The charges against Gliniski date from March 1994 until last month. Two undercover officers made just over 15 visits to see Gliniski, Willing said, and obtained more than 30

prescriptions.

"Our two undercover officers were prescribed over 2,000 doses of Tylenol 3 and over 1,000 doses of Dalmane," said Willing.

The investigation began, he said, after intelligence obtained by Western Wayne and Van Buren Township Police investigators was passed on to the East Lansing unit.

A family practitioner, Gliniski had been active in the community providing ringside medical care during boxing matches at Maplewood Center.

A former Livonia resident who recently moved to Northville, Gliniski has been a referring physician at Garden City Hospital.

Hospital spokesman Mitchell Nimmoor said Gliniski hadn't been active with patients at the hospital in three years.

As a result of his arrest, Willing said Gliniski's medical license is summarily suspended by the state.

Since a medical license is required to maintain a Drug Enforcement Administration license, Gliniski would also be banned from writing prescriptions. The state will hear an appeal of the license suspension within 30 days.

"His activities were mainly at his office. We will look into this. It isn't something that we would take lightly," said Nimmoor. "We are concerned and would follow this closely, then decide if we need to take some steps."

Police are continuing their investigation, Willing said, as officers start going through records obtained from Gliniski's office.

Leads sought in city bank robbery

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

A \$2,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of an unarmed man who stole an undisclosed amount of cash from the National Bank of Detroit, Main Street and Penniman, at 4:55 p.m. Friday in Plymouth.

Anyone with information is asked to call Plymouth police at 453-8600 or the FBI at (313) 965-2323.

The suspect — thought to be the perpetrator of eight or nine metro area robberies in the last five or six months — is described as 5-foot-3 to 5-foot-5, 150 pounds with cherry red cheeks, a pale complexion and dark brown hair. It's believed he's in his late 30s or early 40s. Nicknamed "the Ghoul" by the FBI, the suspect was wearing a wool stocking cap and work coveralls.

The suspect entered the bank through the glass doors off Fleet Street at the rear of the bank, carrying a black tool box.

"A note was taped to the box, which was presented to the teller," said Plymouth Lt. Wayne Carroll. "She gave him an undisclosed amount of cash. No weapon was seen or implied."

Carroll declined to say how much was taken. The bills were \$5s, \$10s, and \$20s.

Six to 12 people were in the bank when the robbery occurred shortly before the close of business Friday.

The robber fled out the back door, down Fleet Street and climbed into an "off-brown" pickup truck with matching cap parked at the Metro Mart at Penniman and Harvey. He drove westbound on Penniman.

"We had a patrol car at Sheldon and Penniman, but the officer never saw anything."

It was the first bank robbery in Plymouth since the Heritage Bank robbery two years ago.

While police were at the scene about 40 minutes after the robbery, they noticed something burning on the second floor.

Police extinguished a small fire, which apparently began in a workman's clothes' basket and was emitting noxious fumes, Carroll said. The bank's second floor is being renovated and is stripped down to bare walls and a wooden floor.

It's thought that a cigarette may have caused the fire, which caused smoke damage estimated at \$3,500 but no structural damage.

"Workers had been there within the hour," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, "and we did find cigarettes on the floor in that room. There was no direct relation to the bank robbery. It apparently started in a clothes' basket that appeared to contain workers' tools. Items were



Suspect: Plymouth police and the FBI are seeking tips from anyone who might have information about this man who robbed the National Bank of Detroit at Main and Penniman at 4:55 p.m. Friday. The suspect was photographed by the bank's security camera.

burned so bad it was hard to tell," Groth said. "The fire was contained to the plastic contents of the basket." Firefighters have closed their investigation, ruling out arson and classifying the

cause as "undetermined." Sixteen firefighters and four pieces of equipment were dispatched by the Plymouth Community Fire Department, Groth said.

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Residents want specifics on school finance plans

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Several citizens urged the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education at its meeting Monday night to specify how it will spend the \$15 million the district is seeking from voters in the June 12 election.

On the ballot will be a request for three enhancement mills for two years. The increase would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$180 per year.

Also on the ballot will be a request to renew 18 non-homestead mills, to generate \$14 million. The board has said the money will be spent for instructional supplies only, over five to seven years.

Don Kronig of Plymouth Township told the board the millage will have a better chance of passing if the board earmarks funds to hire more teachers. "While supplies are important, class size is critical," he said. "Let's attack the hot spots. In this present climate where voters are negative, I think the present millage is doomed for failure."

"Teachers are at least as important as instructional tools," added Kronig, father of a 3- and 5-

year-old. Properly budgeted, the revenue could be spent so that newly hired teachers would not have to be laid off after the millage expires, he said.

Paul Schruben of Canton told the board "confusion leads to a no vote. I want to be clear about what the instructional materials purchased will be. Canton has a bond proposal on the ballot for roads. There's a specific list of the roads to be improved. Someone has to come forward and say, 'This is what I'd like to have and why.'"

Chris Lincoln of the Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee urged the board to set aside funds for TAG.

Frank Wenker of Canton agreed "you have to have a specific list. We have seen the Lotto shell game; it's a zero-sum gain. I can guarantee you there are forces in this school system that are saying you already got \$86 million. If you get that \$15 million — and you aren't specific — you will fall into that trap. Be specific or you will anger the electorate at a later date."

Associate superintendent for business Ray Hoedel presented a revised budget to the board, indicating

that revenues this year total \$89,216,000, up from the projected \$85,458,000. Expenditures this year will total \$89,765,000, higher than the projected \$85,816,000.

The reasons, said Hoedel, are that "we picked up 78 more students than projected, and our state foundation grant was increased." Health care costs were lower than projected and the number of clerical and transportation aides was reduced by 21.

The fund balance, or rainy day fund, will be an estimated \$2.9 million at the end of the school year. A \$2.5 million fund balance was projected.

Superintendent Charles Little disagreed that the millage as constructed is set up for failure.

"There's no question class size is a huge issue. But I don't think it would be wise to add 15 teachers. The problem is far more severe than what 15 teachers can address. We have 40 classes at the elementary level alone with 30 or more kids. Regrettably, in our schools we don't have the best equipment for teachers and students. And I don't think there is anyone who wants our youngsters to graduate in a condition that doesn't qualify them for the

future." Board vice president Sue Felton, a strong advocate of lower class size, agreed. "There is no question teachers are more important than tools. We are trying to grasp the only opportunity we see in the near future to improve one part of our situation. Don't be mistaken; the need for instructional tools is critical."

Neighboring districts are receiving substantially more revenue from the state, Little said. "This isn't democracy, sports fans," he said. "I applaud the board for taking the bold step to go for all three mills."

Board treasurer Roland Thomas said the district is always looking for ways to save money. "We need input from staff, parents and non-parents," he said. "If you see something we need to change, let us know."

"I expect that through this process, we will continue to empower staff and the community," said Little. "We will show people that a lot of the responsibility will be their own."

Supporters of race tracks seeking legislative relief

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth and Canton area folks could feel the impact, if nearby race tracks Northville Downs and Ledbrooke DRC are forced out of business by casino gambling.

Jo Anne and John Normile own Brookside Stables, just west of the Plymouth Township border at Napier and North Territorial roads. "It's very difficult to compete with other forms of gambling," Jo Anne Normile said.

She and her husband wrote a letter to Gov. John Engler in support of House Bill 4625, which would allow tracks to have video poker machines and allow expanded betting on out-of-state horse races.

The bill is an attempt to bolster attendance at the state's eight tracks. They reported a combined loss of \$2.3 million in 1993, and the losses in 1994 were likely higher, according to a study by Public Sector Consultants.

Some who observe the racing industry say DRC could close this year, unless the trend reverses.

"The effects of DRC and other tracks closing will be felt far and wide," the Normiles wrote.

"For example, our hay farm and straw farmer are from Whitmore Lake. We buy our grains from Grand River Feeds in Wixom. Our

farm veterinarians are from South Lyon. Our farm blacksmith is from Pinckney. Our CPA is in Southfield. We have paid stallion fees for stallions standing in Oxford and Milford."

The local tracks also have Plymouth and Canton employees.

State Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth, backs HB 4625. "For the first time everyone in the racing industry is in agreement to support this legislation, because of the poor financial situation," he said.

In the summary of the study released last month, Public Sector Consultants found, "The collapse of the horse racing industry would have a significant effect on the Michigan economy." Horse racing is a \$1.2 billion industry creating more than 42,000 jobs in the state.

Law said the opening of the Windsor Casino has had a negative impact on local tracks, and the expansion of casino gambling in the state would be even tougher on tracks. He said experience in other states shows, "There's no question that a casino near a track will put the track out of business, under the normal structure they're under."

"People who work at the track would like the legislation to broaden their business a bit. I support the bill, not to the extent

to expand gambling, but it's a responsible approach to an industry that's been in Michigan many years," Law said.

"They're just trying to survive; without the ability to generate additional attendance and revenue, they're very concerned about their ability to continue."

The bill, introduced in the state House, is being reported to the House committee on regulatory affairs. "My understanding is people would like to have some action soon as possible, but it's very difficult to pass, and understandably so — people are concerned with expanding gambling," Law said.

"I think even if it passes it will be difficult for the horse racing industry to survive," Law said, adding studies show that for every job created in casinos two are lost in the horse racing industry. "Those are agriculture-based jobs; the dollars are kept in the state and spent here."

Should DRC close, "The market will be flooded with race horses," Normile said, adding the price for the animals would fall.

Some owners facing financial hardship could choose to sell the horses for horse meat, as packing houses pay \$1 per pound, Normile said.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

High stakes: Jo Anne Normile of Brookside Stables contends it's tough for the horse business to compete with other forms of gambling.

Airport officials squabbling over paying property tax bill

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Not much has changed. Someone is expected to pay property taxes at Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport. But who — if anyone — will pay the tab to Canton Township remains an unanswered question.

The \$33,112.92 bill for summer and winter property taxes is like a hot potato for airport people. It has made the rounds from the state Aeronautics Commission to Mettetal manager Doug Kitze, back to the township and back to Kitze.

"At this point, in terms of collecting the tax, the township is out of it," said Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, a Mettetal advisory board member. Unpaid taxes after March 1 are Wayne County's collection problem. Meanwhile, interest is accruing. Based on a property tax assessment from assessor John McLenaghan, the tax bill was sent from Kirchgatter's office. McLenaghan was unavailable for comment.

"The property is tax-exempt. We can't start paying property taxes," said Randy Collier, state Bureau of Aeronautics licensing and enforcement manager. "Even under private ownership, the public use areas such as the runways and taxiways were tax-exempt."

The issue appears to boil down to an interpretation of Public Act 189, which says that lessees or users who are for-profit must pay taxes as if they were the owners.

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Elaine Kirchgatter

No one apparently appealed the property tax assessment to the Board of Review now in session.

The statute says that property used as a concession would be tax-exempt. Whether that applies to Kitze as fixed based operator — he provides fuel and other services to pilots — is unknown.

"I don't have anything to do with the taxes," Kitze said. "I'm just a manager. The state owns the airport; if you want to know about that, you'll have to talk to them."

Bill Brown of the Plymouth Mettetal Aviation Association said pilots are just waiting to find out what will happen. He also said he couldn't categorize pilots' feeling on the tax bill.

"The users believe the state and the (advisory) board should be dealing with the township," said pilot Ed Purdy, adding that pilots rent, not own, their hangars.

Advisory board chair Mark Merlanti said he believes the township and state need to discuss the tax issue. "It is an interpretation of their agreement."

The agreement between the state and Canton Township — hammered out when the state

bought Mettetal Airport in 1993 — refers to Public Act 189 and taxation. The provision in the agreement says the state acknowledges that lease and use agreements are subject to the taxation statute.

"I've got the assessor doing some work," Supervisor Tom Yack said, adding he wants more information before discussing the issue.

But Yack raised some issues mentioned by others that refer to discussions before the state bought the airport. In those days, Yack and others say, advocates for the state purchase said the airport would be a boon for the township and improve the tax base. Today, airport users and state aeronautics officials are saying the airport is for recreational pilots.

"When the airport was sold to the community it was on the basis that it was an economic engine for the community," Yack said. "Suddenly, there are no businesses there. Why is the state involved in a recreational airport?"

Kirchgatter said she believes it fair for the airport to at least reimburse the township for police and fire services, such as in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes. "That's how I initially reacted to it," she said, referring to discussions about the state's purchase.

The agreement between the state and township, however, makes no reference to a payment in lieu of taxes.

Project has scouts in stitches

Girl Scouts at Miller Elementary School are making heads turn with a quilt they made for Safe House in Ann Arbor.

Huron Valley Girl Scout Council Troop 685 (formerly Brownie Troop 488) members are being honored Thursday, March 16, at the Girl Scout Council, sponsored by the Great Lakes Bancorp of Ann Arbor.

The scouts made the quilt in 1994 as a community service

project. Each scout will get a certificate of participation and the troop will be awarded \$100. The troop will receive the First Annual "Be Your Best" Community Service Award, said Lynn Rivers, troop leader.

"Each girl made her own quilt block," Rivers said. "They stenciled rocking horses and tufted the quilt. They learned how to go with a needle and thread and tie the quilt."

The quilt was later given to Safe House, which provides each child at the shelter with a quilt.

Scouts involved with the effort include: Karen Burba, Melissa French, April Leskey, Alicia LaPage, Anna Lukasiak, Colleen O'Brien, Sarah Palk, Maria Palla, Brittany Rivers, Lynn Schroth, Cara Woodbury, Rebecca Bawsi, Keasha Holland, Megan Moore, Jennifer Riley, Eric Starkey and Regina Stone.

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and adults as they sang, hand in hand, "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand" with Melendez and his brother, who produces the show.

Between songs, which included Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven" and "Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog," Melendez answered students' questions.

"How did you learn to walk?" asked one.

"Since I didn't have hands, I couldn't pull myself up," said Melendez, whose mother, while pregnant, took Thalidomide for morning sickness after it was prescribed by his uncle, a physician in the family's native Nicaragua. The doctor had no idea of the drug's side effects.

"I didn't learn how to walk until I was 3 because one foot was a little deformed. I still can't do things as well as with the other foot. Many times, I fell on my face. But I wasn't a quitter. I wanted to walk because I saw other kids walk. I kept trying, and finally I was able to walk," said Melendez, who is married and in the process of adopting a 7-month-old baby from El Salvador.

Melendez, who plays volleyball and soccer and drives a specially-equipped car, urged his audience



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Inspired: Students at Our Lady of Good Counsel School enjoyed the performance of Tony Melendez, a singer and musician who plays guitar with his feet.

to be proud of their faith. "Be proud to be Catholic, that's really neat."

Jose Melendez urged students to think of Tony when they feel like giving up. He said his brother taught him that "When we say 'I can't,' or 'I won't,' we are handicapped in our hearts and minds. Don't be afraid to work."

Melendez was a hit with the students. "It's cool," said Julia Stacey. "He's really creative."

"He has a lot of self-confidence," said Andrea Farias. "It's great how he plays with his feet," said Ryan Haddad.

"I like how his brother cares so much," said Laura Adams.

Medal winners



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Precision skaters: The Plymouth Juvenile Precision Team, the Plymouth Spar-klers, skated to a gold medal in the silver round at the Midwestern Skating Competition in Chicago Feb. 23-25. They will perform in an ice show May 18-21 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Team members — not all are pictured — are Shannon Adducci, Karen Cieslak, Anja Cilla, Christina DeVincent, Melissa Di-pert, Breanne Heppner, Katie Houren, Renae Kolarik, Kelli Lis, Michelle Manery, Kelly Modetz, Margaret Modetz, Christin Nycek, Theresa Olson, Beth Roselle, Emily Skotak, Ruth Stuebben, and Aril Zuk.

Outdoors from page 1A

Mary Finkel of Canton sat at a picnic table in the park with son Michael, 6, who was working on a Pop-Tart. When the weather turned last weekend, "We got the bikes out — it was great," she said. "We spent most of the time outside taking walks and playing."

If the temperature was normal — around 40 degrees — "We'd probably be inside watching 'The Lion King,'" she added.

Eugene and Trudy Szatkowski of Canton said normally they would be working on crafts or woodworking if it were cold. Instead, "We've been coming here every day," Trudy said.

Over the weekend, "There was so much traffic — tricycles, bicycles, strollers, everything," Eugene Szatkowski added.

At Plymouth Township Park, Margo Shaer worked on a bottle of

Coke while sitting with a woman friend at a picnic table at the park shelter. "I've just been going out to the park and barbecuing and having a good time," she said.

At Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, Nicolle Hertlein strummed chords on an acoustic guitar, sitting on a blanket under a tree. "Some friends are supposed to meet me here," she said.

If the weather wasn't so warm, "I'd be in bed reading a book," Hertlein said.

Cathy Bransch pushed a stroller with Kiah, 2½, and

Harris, 8 months. On a normal day, "They'd be napping," she said.

Over the weekend, "We had a barbecue, played outside, and went for a run with daddy," Bransch said.

The nice weather also lifted spirits for folks working outside, like Plymouth department of public works employees Terry Terlesky and Bill Ash, who were tightening bolts on benches at Kellogg Park.

"It's better than cleaning snow off sidewalks," Terlesky said.

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millages would be first on her priority list if she were to run again.

"The biggest fallacy about our district is that we are wealthy. I think there's a perception in some parts of the community that we don't manage our money well, and we really have more money than we know what to do with. If you study the budget, you know that is not true," she said. "We are so lean. One example is the fact we have \$13 per student for textbooks and software. And \$13 doesn't even buy one book."

The district has added expenses due to the fact it must align the curriculum with new state mandates, and ensure that students pass the state's new proficiency test. The district now must cover 100 percent of its Social Security and retirement costs, formerly paid by the state.

The district is at a disadvantage because it receives substantially less state aid than Ann Arbor, Northville and Livonia, she added. "We get less money, but

we still have to compete in the same economic competitive market for salaries and services."

Feiten said she doesn't see a gloomy future for the district, but "people have to become more educated about what Public Act 335 did for, or to, Plymouth-Canton schools. Look at the facts."

The district is unfortunately reliant on generous parents to buy software for schools, she added.

Feiten said she's going to miss the board "more than I can tell you. But family has to be first. When I've made those choices in the past, I've never, ever regretted it. All you have to do is open the papers or watch the news and see examples of what happens when families get out of touch with their children."

"I'm not going away; I'm not disappearing."

Feiten didn't say whether she will get involved again with the Class-size Action Partnership, which she helped found to reduce class size. "I'm going one step at a time, but I certainly have not excluded that," she said.



Susan Feiten

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Guile said, with the liquor license option.

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"Most residents wouldn't want to see a continuing shift of taxes on the residential sector," Guile added.

The DDA unanimously approved seeking the liquor license option.

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Opponents water down state's 'racketeering' bill

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Both sides could claim partial victory as the state House of Representatives passed a Michigan version of RICO — the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations act.

"It's still usable," said the sponsor, Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge. "The important thing is that it passed the House. This is the first time a RICO bill has even been voted on in the House."

Fitzgerald, a former assistant Eaton County prosecutor, hopes the Senate will toughen his House Bill 4367 and that the House will agree to Senate amendments. House passage came March 8

on a 77-27 vote.

"It's gutted," said Rep. Greg Kana, R-Rochester Hills, with some satisfaction. He and Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, were the only Republicans to oppose the measure.

"The federal RICO is bad enough," said Whyman. "Taking property without due process of law is bad enough."

Under Fitzgerald's bill, a person guilty of racketeering could be ordered by a court to forfeit any property involved in or derived from an illegal activity, such as smuggling untaxed cigarettes into the state or dealing in food stamps.

Said Kana in his formal protest: "One of the criticisms of federal

"One of the criticisms of federal RICO is that it can be used to block protests by harassing legitimate political protesters with RICO charges that carry the risk of bankrupting a protesting group."

procedures which require "a preponderance of evidence" rather than using criminal procedure, where proof must be "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Voting yes on final passage were: Republicans Lyn Banko of Redford, Willis Bullard of Milford, Alan Croysey of DeWitt, Barbara Dobb of Union Lake, Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills, Fitzgerald, Dan Gustafson of Williamston, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, Gerry Law of Plymouth, Tom Middleton of Ortonville, Susan Munsell of Howell, and James Ryan of Redford; and Democrats' Eileen DeHart of Westland and Thomas Kelly of Wayne.

Voting no were Republicans

Kana and Whyman, along with Democrats Martin Berman of Southfield, David Gubow of Huntington Woods and Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti.

The House amended the bill to prevent civil forfeiture of a house that is the primary residence of a minor child. It also adopted a Gubow-Kana amendment to require a conviction before civil forfeiture can occur.

Fitzgerald said the bill applies to 30 crimes and provides for up to 20 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000. A court also could order a convict to pay court and investigative costs.

Refer to House Bill 4367 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Greg Kana
State representative

RICO is that it can be used to block protests by harassing legitimate political protesters with RICO charges that carry the risk of bankrupting a protesting group.

Religious groups opposing a government policy, gun owners protecting their Second Amend-

ment rights, "whistle blowers" protesting abuse of power by an official — such groups could become targets under RICO, he said.

Conservative civil rights advocates say the bill would allow "civil forfeiture" — a prosecutor could seek forfeiture using civil

SC offers nurse class

A Schoolcraft College course called "Physical Assessment Refresher" meets 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, March 20.

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Driver courses offered

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are offering summer driver education classes to Plymouth-Canton residents under the age of 18, but who will be at least 15 years old when the session begins.

A student must be 15 years old by June 19, to be eligible for the first session by July 17 for the second session. There is no cost for the program, however, students will be required to purchase a workbook at a cost of \$16.50, payable at registration.

Registration forms were distributed to students in February and can be picked up from either the Canton or Salem High School general offices from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Registration will take place Saturday, March 25, in the Canton High School Cafeteria, according to the following birth dates: Aug. 9, 1977-April 30, 1979, 8 a.m. registration; May 1, 1979-July 31, 1979, 8:45 registration; Aug. 1, 1979-Oct. 31, 1979, 9:30 a.m. registration; Nov. 1, 1979-Dec. 31, 1979, 10:15 a.m. registration; Jan. 1, 1980-March 31, 1980, 11:30 a.m. registration; April 1, 1980-July 17, 1980, 12:30 p.m. registration.

March 25 will be the only registration day. Mail and phone requests will not be accepted; however, those unable to register on March 25 may have someone else register for them.

Session one will run from Monday, June 19, through Thursday, July 13, with the state test set for Friday, July 14. Session two runs from Monday, July 17, through Wednesday, Aug. 9, with the state test taken on Thursday, Aug. 10. Classes meet Monday through Thursday, two hours per day, at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon.

This year it's anticipated the school district will be able to accommodate about 575 students. Additional information can be obtained by calling 416-2920.

OBITUARIES

STANLEY B. WILT

Services for Stanley B. Wilt, 91, of Plymouth, were Thursday, March 9, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 11, 1904, in New Albany, Ind., and died Monday, March 6, in Livonia. He was a draftsman with General Motors. He retired after 15 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community in 1940 from Detroit. He was a former member of the Plymouth Elks and the Midwestern Gem and Mineral Society.

He is survived by his wife, Martha E. of Plymouth; daughter, Linda Frechen of Livonia; one granddaughter, and sister, Ella Mae Meadors of Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the Purple Heart.

DEWEY A. DOLSEN

Services for Dewey A. Dolsen, 94, of Ypsilanti, were Tuesday, March 7, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

He was born March 21, 1900, in Sugar Island Township, and died Sunday, March 5, in Ypsilanti. Mr. Dolsen moved to Ypsilanti from Plymouth 22 years ago.

He is survived by friends, Sherrlene and Joseph Kisselburg of Ypsilanti.

RICHARD LEE ROBB

Services for Richard Lee Robb (Dick), 74, of Canton, were Wednesday, March 15, at Uth Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Miller officiating.

He was born Feb. 17, 1921, and died Sunday, March 12, at Ann Arbor Hospital. He was assistant recreation director of the Wayne Department of Parks and Recreation for 20 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Belleville. He was a former resident of Wayne and Belleville. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; daughters, Janice Hayes, Joyce Seybety and Linda Robb; and two grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.



Marc Levitt

Student to attend Military Academy

Marc Levitt, a Plymouth Salem High School senior, has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Levitt, who carries a 4.0 grade point average, is the first appointee from the state for the academy's class of 1999. He is a member of Salem's championship varsity swim team, is on the

executive board of the National Honor Society, and is a vice president of the National Art Honor Society. He's also an Eagle Scout and a former Observer carrier.

After graduation, he's scheduled to report to the academy June 29 to begin military training before starting classes in the fall.

Open house slated

An open house for parents interested in enrolling their preschool children in Kiddie Kampus, a program run by Plymouth-Canton schools, will be Thursday, March 16.

The Canton preschool centers will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration information will be available and teachers will be on hand to answer questions. Parents are asked to leave their children at home

during the open house. Registration for the program will be 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Canton High School cafeteria. Families enrolled in the current Kiddie Kampus program may pre-register through Friday, March 17, in the Community Education Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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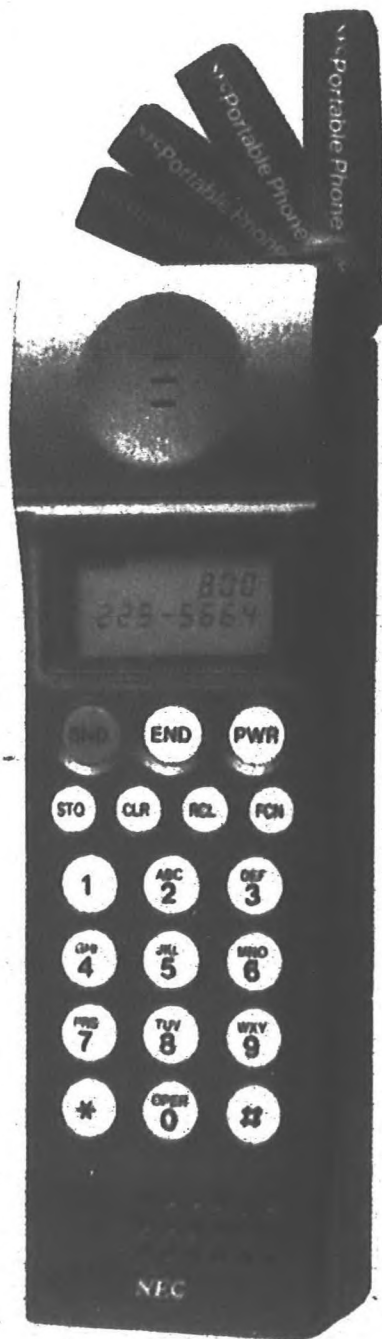
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Child, animal abuse conference scheduled

A conference called "Protect Our Future: Stop the Cycle of Child and Animal Abuse" is scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, in the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy.

The \$50 fee includes lunch and conference materials.

To receive an invitation and registration information, call (810) 433-8600.

The conference will bring together area educators, social workers, family therapists, judges, veterinarians and animal protection workers to study the relationship between animal abuse and

violence toward people.

Co-sponsored by the Michigan Humane Society and Orchestras Children's Services, "Protect Our Future" will feature three experts on child and animal victimization, followed by a series of workshops for each professional group.

"The link between child and animal abuse has been recognized and researched by professionals in both protection fields," says MHS spokesman Gary Tiscornia in a press release. "Our goal for this conference is to formulate a community strategy for prevention and treatment of animal and human abuse."

Indian expert to discuss book

University of Illinois professor Lavonne Brown Ruoff, an expert in Native American studies, will discuss the book "Ceremony" beginning 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in Kresge Hall at Madonna

University in Livonia.

The event is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Admission is free.

For more information, call (313) 591-5197.

Judge reversed

Sosnick ruling too lenient, court says

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Supreme Court has told Oakland Circuit Judge Edward Sosnick to use only "objective and verifiable" factors in giving a lenient sentence to a drug seller.

Warren P. Fields, who pleaded guilty to possessing between 50 and 225 grams of cocaine with intent to deliver, got a five- to 20-year sentence from Sosnick. A 1988 amendment to the state drug law requires a 10-year minimum unless the judge finds "substantial and compelling reasons" for a lighter sentence.

Fields, of Livonia, was 24 when he pleaded guilty to one count of possession of 54 grams of a cocaine-based mixture.

The March 7 decision was a victory for Oakland Prosecutor Richard Thompson, who appealed the case to the state's highest court. It was one of several Sosnick sentences Thompson's office has appealed. Ironically, Sosnick was on the prosecutor's staff before becoming first a district judge in Bloomfield Township and now an Oakland circuit judge.

The Supreme Court decision doesn't mean Sosnick must mete out a 10-year sentence. Rather, he must have a better rationale for a lesser sentence. The majority opinion, by Chief Justice James Brickley, said: "The judge considered in his analysis that (Fields) had expressed 'extreme remorse,' that he had accepted responsibility for his actions and was devastated by their results, and that he was motivated to help

others." Those factors "were not all objective and verifiable" and are now "inappropriate."

The court majority predicted the appellate courts would "continue to work with and refine this test."

Brickley said a 4-2 majority of the court approved using these factors: the defendant's prior record, his age and his work history (five years as a salesman for a Detroit advertising firm). The court also approved of assigning some weight to post-arrest factors, such as the defendant's cooperation with law enforcers.

But it warned that "post-arrest factors should be used with caution because of the risk that defendants will create post-arrest events to influence the sentencing judge."

"Judge Sosnick has no reason to delay resentencing," said Fields' attorney, Stuart L. Young of Birmingham. "Sosnick will order him back to Oakland County and send his report to the probation department for an update. His record in prison will have an effect."

Robert Williams, who handled the appeal for the Oakland prosecutor, said there may be some delay because he will petition for a re-hearing before the justices on one point: Their opinion doesn't make clear whether their ruling is retroactive on other prisoners' cases. The prosecutor wants it applied only to future cases.

Signing Brickley's opinion were Justices Conrad Mallett Jr., Dorothy Comstock Riley and Patricia Boyle.

Dissenting — and thus wanting to uphold Sosnick's sentencing — were Justices Michael Cavanagh and Charles Levin.

"I would hold," wrote Cavanagh, "that the Legislature specified that the controlled substance sentencing departure from the mandatory minimum sentence threshold is a substantial and compelling reason. The Legislature did not specify any limitations on the types of factors a sentencing court may consider, nor did it specify the appropriate weight to be given any traditional sentencing factors."

He added: "The majority has ignored the other legislative intent to 'give judges greater flexibility in making sentencing decisions based on the individual circumstances of a case.'"

Justice Elizabeth Weaver, who joined the court after oral arguments were made, took no part in the decision.

At the sentencing, Sosnick cited these factors in giving a five-year minimum sentence:

- Fields was age 24.
- He had no prior criminal record.
- He was "just over the 50-gram mark," and it appeared to be "your only involvement that can be established."
- "You had a good job for over five years with a good work record."
- "You are devastated by this. You've admitted your guilt."
- Family, friends and co-workers wrote letters saying he is capable of rehabilitation.

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No-fault divorce

Views aired on making splitting harder

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Gail Ritchey, a Milford mother, told state lawmakers openly: "I did not want this divorce. The law needs to be more supportive of marriage."

She was among 11 men and women supporting a bill to make it tougher for married couples with minor children to divorce. After her husband obtained a divorce, her son killed her ex-husband.

Countered Nancy Jean Bliss, representing Michigan's NOW (National Organization for Women): "The state cannot force people to stay in love."

"This bill will have unintended consequences — more taxes for our overburdened court system; a burden on the poor and middle class; more money for lawyers and less for living expenses," said Bliss, one of seven opposed to tightening Michigan's no-fault divorce law.

Eighteen people spoke Monday (March 13) before a state House Judiciary subcommittee in the Farmington Hills City Hall on a bill by Rep. Jesse Dalman, R-Holland. Her bill would require couples with minor children to go through the pre-1972 "fault" divorce system.

Of seven opposed to Dalman's bill, five were attorneys and one a psychologist. Of 11 in favor, only one was an attorney.

Dalman, noting the split, summed it up: "The professional system is not working for the average person."

'Worst nightmare'

On one point, nearly everyone agreed. As Wilma Fellman, a West Bloomfield educator and divorced mother, put it: "It (divorce) can't be called easy by any stretch of the imagination. It's the worst nightmare anyone could go through."

Dalman's bill was the work of Michigan Family Forum, a right-wing group previously best known for fighting state school curriculum laws. Its pamphlet is entitled "Breaking Up Is Easy to Do." Author Briant Willats wrote that Michigan's 40,000 divorces a year (two-fifths of all first marriages) result in an "economic free-fall" for women and children, poverty, kids dropping out of school, suicide and a host of social problems.

The MFF-Dalman remedy: House Bill 4432, requiring one party to allege the other com-

mitted adultery or engaged in "deviate sexual intercourse," was physically incompetent at the time of marriage, has been sentenced to prison for three years or more, deserted for two years or more, "habitually uses and abuses alcohol or a controlled substance" or commits extreme cruelty.

"Fault-based divorce has problems — we admit that," said Willats. "If anyone has a better idea, we're all ears."

Other Ideas

Many — both supporters and opponents of the Dalman bill — did have other ideas: a separate Family Court, mandated instruction on parenting, mandated counseling, better training for lawyers, and guardians ad litem for all children in a divorce.

Family court — "Personally, I'm in favor," said Michael Robbins, Birmingham attorney who chairs the Michigan Bar's family law section. Many judges "shove off cases to mediators, arbitrators. Many have never tried a divorce case."

NOW's Nancy Bliss agreed. "Judges hold a low opinion of domestic cases. Friend of the Court is totally disorganized; the judge rubber-stamps their work. A judge never even hears these cases."

Parenting classes — "You got a lot of people out there who think marriage is a joke," said David Hagood of Detroit. "You oughta make it harder to get married and harder to get out."

"Life is hard," said Farmington Hills psychologist Lyle Danuloff. "Parents are overwhelmed by life." Danuloff challenged MFF's conclusion that the soaring divorce rate is caused by no-fault divorce. He proposed mandated instruction on parenting and greater mental health services.

Counseling — Attorney Robbins praised Oakland County's "Smile" program, in which a judge and social worker spend 45 minutes with couples in divorce cases, showing a videotape in which kids tell "what divorce did to me." His conclusions: "Some marriages are saved; some divorces are more amicable."

Eugene Ludwig of Troy also supported mandatory counseling. A grandfather whose son is in a bitter divorce case, labeled "rubbish" the lawyers' notion that "courts would be clogged" if divorce were made more difficult under Dalman's bill. "It's the child that counts," he said.

Mark and Betty Squier, a Frisco couple who almost divorced, advocated Farmington Hills, where volunteer couples and a Catholic priest lead a weekend program and six later meetings to "help couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships." Participating couples are asked for a donation.

Lawyers' training — "Our profession is not trained to the sensitivities of maintaining the family. We're trained to be warriors," said James Elsman, a scripture-quoting attorney from Birmingham who would prefer to allow almost no divorces.

From the opposite end of the political spectrum, Elsman was joined by NOW's Bliss, who advocated "separate licensing of attorneys in family law."

Joseph Ditzhany, a Redford Township leader of a gun owners' group who denounced both the political right and left, had a different view: "Attorneys profit from the misery of divorce. To the extent you can get attorneys and doctors out of divorce, you should do so."

Guardians ad litem — "A child is not represented in divorce court," said attorney Elsman, proposing "a guardian ad litem for each child under age."

"Guardian ad litem is a great idea," said Margaret Cotant, staff attorney with the Oakland Livingston Legal Aid in Pontiac, "but never fool yourself into thinking you'll get enough volunteers."

Several people who had been unwilling participants in divorce called Dalman's bill the best solution.

"State officials are too willing to dissolve marriage and collectivize the costs," said "average citizen" Michelle Meadows of Southfield.

"I've seen many second marriages where the woman said her first husband was better," said Shirley Hobbs, a nurse in two prisons at Coldwater. "When the lawyers realized what our incomes were, they pumped us all the harder."

Joan Martineau, a Plymouth resident who said her husband "walked out the door" after 35 years of marriage and no arguments, said the loss of income has cost her her house while her ex-husband, now remarried, is buying his fourth new car in seven years.

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KAREN MEIER

What's right with America 5

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And the letters from home... they're few and far between now that you're no longer a freshman. And deep down inside where nobody knows, that hurts. You'll never tell anyone, but it's those letters that keep you going.

Now if you're a 40-year-old sophomore, then things are way different from all of that. I know this because I spoke with Susan Stoney about it, and she's a noted expert on the subject. (She really is. I myself noted her during the "What's right with America" interview.)

What I concluded from the interview is that in order to be an undergrad at age 40 you must first and foremost possess this: a mess of gumption.

And another thing I concluded from this interview is that Susan has just that. Which is good, because Susan herself is a 40-year-old sophomore at the University of Michigan. And unlike other sophomores, she doesn't live in a dorm, but rather in a house in Plymouth with

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

AAUW travels to 'Oz'

Members of the Plymouth Chapter of the American Association of University Women are ready for opening night for their annual theatrical production. This year it's "The Wizard of Oz."

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



The long, dreary days of winter start to look a little brighter to Pat Dunbeck every January. That's when she and the rest of the Ply-

mouth chapter of the American Association of University Women begin planning for their annual play.

"It makes the winter go quickly," Dunbeck said with a laugh.

More than 100 members of the Plymouth AAUW are working to make their version of the "The Wizard of Oz" a success. It will be performed at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium Thursday through Sunday, March 23-26.

Doing the play is fun for the members, but they do it more for the children of the community, said Dunbeck, one of the play's directors. Their performance gives local students the chance to see live drama.

Thirty members of the AAUW are starring in "The Wizard of Oz," said Mickey Edell-Cotner, the other director.

"It is amazing that 30-40 people will donate about three months of



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Rehearsing: Wearing the ruby slippers she got while with the Munchkins, played by Karen Huddas (photo below, from left), Esther Nelson, Jane Palmer and Mary Uhl, Dorothy (Carolyn King) stops to help the Scarecrow (Judi Richards).

their time to make this successful," Edell-Cotner said.

What is even more amazing, Dunbeck added, is that an additional 60-70 women volunteer to help in other ways.

"There are about 100 of our members who contribute in some way or another. They usher or they make food for us the day of the play; they sell tickets," Dunbeck said.

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See AAUW, 12A



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The fashion show luncheon is the BPW's major annual fund raiser. A portion of the proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for local women who are beginning their careers or need retraining to return to work.

BPW president Amelia Oliverio said the club hopes to raise at least \$2,000 for this year's scholarship fund.

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for women! They are returning to school, many would be a young mother who had some small children, a single parent needs to get back to school," she said.

Proceeds from the play as well as the annual book sale also fund the AAUW-GEMS (Girls Excel in Math and Science) workshop.

"They're workshops that help give students and their parents an awareness of the importance of taking math and science courses," Dunbeck said. "We hope they start taking those classes (after the workshop) so if they want to get into certain careers they know what classes to take. It also gives them the self-esteem that they can do well in math and science."

"Although a Plymouth organization, with members from Plym-

There are about 100 of our members who contribute in some way or another. They usher or they make food for us the day of the play

Pat Dunbeck

outh, Livonia, Canton and Ann Arbor areas, the AAUW moved the location of the play from Plymouth to Garden City last year.

"They were renovating the auditorium at the time that we were going to do it last time so we moved it to Garden City. We decided to stay there a couple years so there wouldn't be a transition every other year," Dunbeck said.

This is the 35th year that the AAUW has put on a play for the community. In the past they've done "Peter Pan," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves," "Alice in Wonderland," "Pinocchio," "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Sleeping Beauty."

"The Wizard of Oz" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 23-24, and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at O'Leary Auditorium, Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. Tickets will be available Friday, March 17, at the Pied Piper, 350 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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Fein

John (Jack) and Geraldine Fein will be the guests of honor at a family dinner, held in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Longtime residents of Garden City — he has lived there 62 years, she has been a resident for 50 years — the couple exchanged vows on March 26, 1945, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City. She is the former Geraldine Broad.

They have six children — Jack Jr., Karen Thibault, Suzan Kandel, Connie Fein and Patricia Talbott, all of Garden City, and Deborah Allanouf of Seal Beach, Calif. They also have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The owner of Fein Bros. Construction Co., he retired three years ago. He enjoys going up north to go snowmobiling and



fish. She retired two years ago from Canteen Corp. and enjoys her grandchildren and doll collecting.

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

I am left-handed. I enjoy doing crafts, needlepoint and making my own stationery. I am the youngest child. My older sister is very dear to me. We are 18 months apart. My parents were married 20 years before starting a family. I hope you pick my letter to analyze. I will be happy to give you feedback.

J.R., Farmington

This is the handwriting of a unique young woman. The originality here suggests a person with creativity and originality. There is an individualistic manner about her. The manual dexterity here tells us she is deft with her hands.

Creativity is also reflected in her thinking. She is an independent thinker. Her mind is resource-

ful and can envision creative solutions to daily life challenges.

This young woman is mainly concerned with the present. What is happening at this time is highly important. Her habits, likes, dislikes, home, appearance and relationships are interests which consume much of her time. She may also have a tendency to overrate trivial personal matters.

When she wants something, she wants it right now. This is not a long-range planner. She organizes her work as she goes along rather than spending time and energy planning ahead.

Currently, she may be having some difficulty coping with life's ups and downs. Discouragement or possibly illness may be affecting her attitude and outlook. Moods can fluctuate and her emotional energy is not finding release. This can be temporary or a long-held way of viewing life. I cannot be certain without being able to compare handwriting samples written at previous times. I am cognizant I have said this before but it bears repeating. One's handwriting is a picture of the way the writer was on the day she wrote.

Seemingly, something about the future is causing her to feel apprehensive. Does she lack confidence in her own ability to deal

I really enjoy your analysis of women's handwriting. You seem to be very insightful and I am very curious (as to) what you will think of my handwriting. I am 41 years of age, married, a

with it? I can't be certain, but I feel she knows.

This is a rather private person. She seeks protection within the family structure. Seldom does she disclose her inner life to outsiders.

At times, she may have difficulty deciding whether to reach out to others or to remain with her own interests and/or talents. This can cause ambivalent feelings and indecision.

In interpersonal relationships, she can be quite gracious. She wants acceptance and emotional support from others. To gain the attention she desires she may be more friendly than she really feels. She may also flatter those she needs most. A subtle form of understanding may also be used to promote herself.

Our writer is cautious when

starting out on a new project or relationship. She seeks and needs a little encouragement and support that she can handle the task and she has made the correct decision. As matters begin to work out, her skepticism decreases. She can then relax and become more spontaneous. Sincere compliments and praise would enhance her self-confidence.

This young woman is blessed with intuition. It can be a very helpful asset if she has learned to trust it.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36351 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are helpful.

Droze

Jim and Sandy Droze of Westland celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a recent trip to Mexico.

The couple exchanged vows on March 13, 1970, in Redford. She is the former Sandy Schmitzer of Flint.

They have lived in Westland 23 years and have two children, Todd and Laurie.

Their interests include enjoying the company of family and friends, traveling and spending time at their Burt Lake home.



Christensen

Hans and Violette Christensen are celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary.

Married on March 22, 1937, in

Rockville, Md., they have lived in Redford since 1960.

She worked as a secretary until her retirement. Her husband was employed as an engineer for the Packard Motor Company and American Motors.

Program focuses on women's health

A broad scope of women's health issues — from financial to spiritual, mental to physical — will be addressed during the fourth annual "Women's Health Agenda for the '90s" Saturday, April 1, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Sean Hogan-Downey, a licensed marriage and family therapist, will be the keynote speaker.

"Her talk will be about self-esteem, how to be positive about yourself," said Nancy Swanborg, director of Schoolcraft's Women's Resource Center. "She's very fun-

ny, and she comes with a wonderful professional background. Audio tapes of her speech will be available that day for \$5."

Co-sponsored by Schoolcraft's Women's Resource Center and Health Service and the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus Womencenter, the conference offers participants three sessions in addition to the keynote address.

Session topics include Reiki massage, PMS, synergistic fitness, building a financially secure future, mothering a chronically ill

child, women and heart disease, eating disorders and women in transition. Sessions run one hour and 15 minutes in length.

"The focus is on all women's health issues; anyone is welcome," said Swanborg. "We've had several men participate in the past. We've had just over 200 participants each of the previous three years."

Pat Briggs, director of OCC's Womencenter, says the conference is gaining an annual following.

"I think many women look for-

ward to this," she said. "It's interesting to get a large group of women together and look at our commonality. We attempt to offer something for women of each generation, and every different persuasion."

"Last year, I attended the session on finances, and it was very well attended. More women will be divorced, widowed or alone. They're paying attention to finances."

Briggs said those who haven't heard Hogan-Downey are in for a treat.

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her husband and three young children.

Now if you're 18 or 19 and going to college, you're doing the expected, regular, normal thing. But when you're 40, it's not quite so regular or normal. Your high school graduation is a dusty old memory, and school books and notebooks are the exclusive property of another generation, i.e. your children. Susan Stoney, well aware of all that, entered the halls of academia anyway. That's the gumption.

As Susan makes her way across campus in broad daylight, she sticks out. That's because the daytime classes, which she attends, are peopled with lots of wild kids far from home on the loose for the first time in their lives. Susan's different. She's definitely not a kid. And most of her wildness was tamed a while back.

And she is not on the loose. As a matter of fact, she can feel pretty doggone tightly wound up. Raising children, cooking, cleaning, shopping, mopping, never ever, ever stopping.

Those teen-agers swarming over the Diag seem so young to her — exuberant and exhilarated. And she, well, she is often times too exhausted to be exhilarated. Like I said, she sticks out.

Many regular, teenaged college students have pushy grown-ups pushing and encouraging them along the way, but Susan is her own pushy grown-up, pushing herself onward and upward. Society in general doesn't think to encourage and push women with Susan's status and age into pursuing a college degree.

But she's pursuing and persisting all the same.

She studies in the middle of the night after the last of her children has finally drifted off to sleep. Then early each morning she

leaves her life of Cheerios and children and field trip bus permission slips and Brownie Scout sashes and the stew in the crock-pot and husband pulling his work clothes on and heads out of Plymouth in her minivan to a land of multi-pierced, bohemian, time on their side, incredibly bright, unweathered and untethered teen-agers.

And unbelievably, and much to her credit, she finds a parking space in Ann Arbor, daily. Then she walks to her building, takes the stairs (every day) up to her floor, sits at a wooden desk, and gets on with her learning.

She's there each day until mid-afternoon. At 3 p.m., she begins her hike to her parking space, going past mobs and clusters of people born in the mid-'70s. She moves past them with her head held high. Once back at the car, she piles her textbooks and notebooks neatly in the seat. And then she drives away in her van back to Plymouth to her house on a cozy, tree-lined street close to the elementary school where her two oldest children have just finished their day of learning.

There are cookies to be laid out and permission slips to be signed and noses to be wiped and the stew to be stirred and the laundry to be folded. Then late at night after the last good-nights have been said to Daniel and Erica and Rachel, and Matt's watching the last of the hockey game, Susan finally gets to open her textbooks and notebooks and pursue her degree.

Being a sophomore these days isn't easy.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Frasers stage 1st Detroit psychic fair

BY CHRISTINA PUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth psychics Wendy and Ray Fraser have a lot more to celebrate than the one-year anniversary of their store, Mystiques West.

On Sunday, March 19, the father-daughter team is hosting the first psychic festival at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

"Prior to this, it was always illegal to do psychic readings in Detroit," daughter Wendy said. "If you did, they'd shut you down."

A decades-old law, now overturned, was passed originally because it was widely believed that psychics were "devil worshippers," a belief that some still maintain.

"Many people believe that it's devil worshiping," she said. "The thing is there are many people out there who do practice witchcraft. Psychic readings, if you're a very spiritual person and stay on that spiritual level, isn't what you call devil worshiping because there is no worshipping of the devil."

In First Corinthians (chapters 12-13) of the Bible "will tell you about the gifts that God gave you to foretell the future," she added.

Michigan allows psychic readings but constituents in individual cities like Livonia can vote to forbid it. That, she said, is ludicrous.

"We'd like to establish ourselves as a clearinghouse for



BILL EEBLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Big event: Psychics Ray Fraser and daughter Wendy are working on Sunday's "Spirit of Light" psychic festival.

against murder and robbery and everything else, but as far as psychic readings go, they won't do it," she said.

Eventually, they hope to get all the anti-fortune telling laws rescinded in cities like Livonia where they still exist, Ray Fraser said. Once that is complete, the duo is planning to set up a degree system for future psychics.

"The cities recognize state laws

credentials for people to be accepted as public readers, so that if they're certified by Mystiques West, you're going to have a pretty good reader," Ray said.

But in the meantime, the Frasers are planning an "extravaganza."

"We will have vendors from all walks of life," Wendy said. "We will have readers; we will have vendors that sell everything under

the sun in relation to metaphysics, as well as health (related items), clothes and lecturers."

"Spirit of Light" spring psychic festival will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday in the Community Arts Building on the fairgrounds, Woodward Avenue and State Fair, Detroit.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Mystiques West at (313) 455-2644. Mystiques West is at 615 N. Mill St., Plymouth.

'What You See...' takes a look at ADD

Well-known educator, singer-songwriter and recording artist Jerry Mills will bring his nationally acclaimed concert-style workshop, "What You See..." to the Livonia Stevenson High School Auditorium Thursday, March 23.

Sponsored by Wayne RESA and CHADD of Northwest Wayne

County, the 6:30-9 p.m. workshop will focus on attention deficit disorder and creating positive outcomes for at-risk learners.

Through original stories and songs based on his classroom experiences, Mills offers audiences a firsthand look at the challenges faced by students at risk and extensive practical strategies for as-

sisting these students in school and at home.

The cost is \$5. Attention deficit disorders affect approximately 5 percent of all school-age children and are characterized by problems with attentiveness, impulsivity, and often hyperactivity. Estimates also indicate that many millions of adults in the

United States live unknowingly with the disorders.

The program is for parents, teachers, health professionals and students age 10 and older. Admission is a \$5 donation. Stevenson High School is at 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call Sue Kage at Wayne RESA at (313) 467-1439.

Mothers of Twins has its semiannual sale

The Farmington Area Mothers of Twins Club semiannual Whale of a Sale is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 21900 Middlebelt Road, between Grand River and Nine Mile Road. Items available will include:

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Schubert-Hachigian

Doris and Robert Schubert of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann, to Todd Michael Hachigian, son of Harold and Linda Hachigian of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education. She is working on a French degree at Michigan State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the University of Michigan, with degrees in chemistry and cellular molecular biology. He is a medical student at Wayne State University.



An August wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Daniel-Bouchillon

Richard and Elizabeth Daniel of Charleston, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lorraine, to Robert Eric Bouchillon, son of Lloyd and Paula Bonzo of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Middleton High School and attending Trident Technical College. She is employed at Montessori Community School as director of day care.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and currently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

A May wedding is planned in St. Barnabas Lutheran Church.



Meade-Reid

William and Marcia Meade of East Grand Rapids, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lee, to Michael Thomas Reid, son of Thomas and Jeanette Reid of Northport, Mich.

The bride-elect is a graduate of East Grand Rapids High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by the Ann Arbor Police Department.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan and is enrolled at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

A July wedding is planned.



Jordan-Donhost

Julie Anne Donhost and William Randall Jordan were married Nov. 25 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church by the Rev. Chris Maus.

Jennifer Donhost served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Carol Tanski, Maryann Tanski, Cristen Jablonski, Diane Chevillot and Sherry Jordan.

Tim Jordan served as best man with groomsmen Geoff Coseo, Jim Edney, Mike Donhost, Tim Narva and Brook Smith.

The couple received guests at Burton Manor in Livonia before leaving on a trip to Cancun, Mexico.



Estey-Mark

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Estey of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie, to Kelly Sloan Mark of Northville, son of Karl and Margaret Mark of Batavia, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed by Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is employed by Davis Industries.



A July wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Zapalski-Bowler

Tom and Phyllis Zapalski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Lynn, to Jeremy Bowler, son of Brian and Jean Bowler of Reno, Nev.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is substitute teaching in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in physics and economics. He is employed at a market research firm as a senior project director.

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



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Public access

Meetings should be on cable

Negotiations with Omnicom Cablevision are getting down to the wire, with talks still centering on improvements to the system.

However, before the communities of Canton and Plymouth sign a new contract, Omnicom should be required to make more of a commitment to community-based broadcasting and improve programming.

The public meetings of the Plymouth-Canton schools, Canton Township, Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth go unbroadcast unless someone from the community videotapes the meeting and drops it off at the Omnicom studio.

The same goes for community use of the studio at Omnicom. The cable television firm should do more to encourage local programming. As it stands now, the commitment is: Show up, use the equipment and we'll train your volunteers.

Omnicom should be broadcasting as many local meetings as possible on a live basis. That should be required of the cable firm by the communities as part of any new agreement.

Cable operators or subcontractors in other communities have managed to do so. City council meetings are cablecast live in Livonia and Garden City. Redford Township meetings and Livonia school board meetings also are cablecast live.

Live meetings allow the public to take action on an issue that is of interest. The communities are still small enough that a resident can hop in her or his car and be at a meeting, after seeing a portion of it on television.

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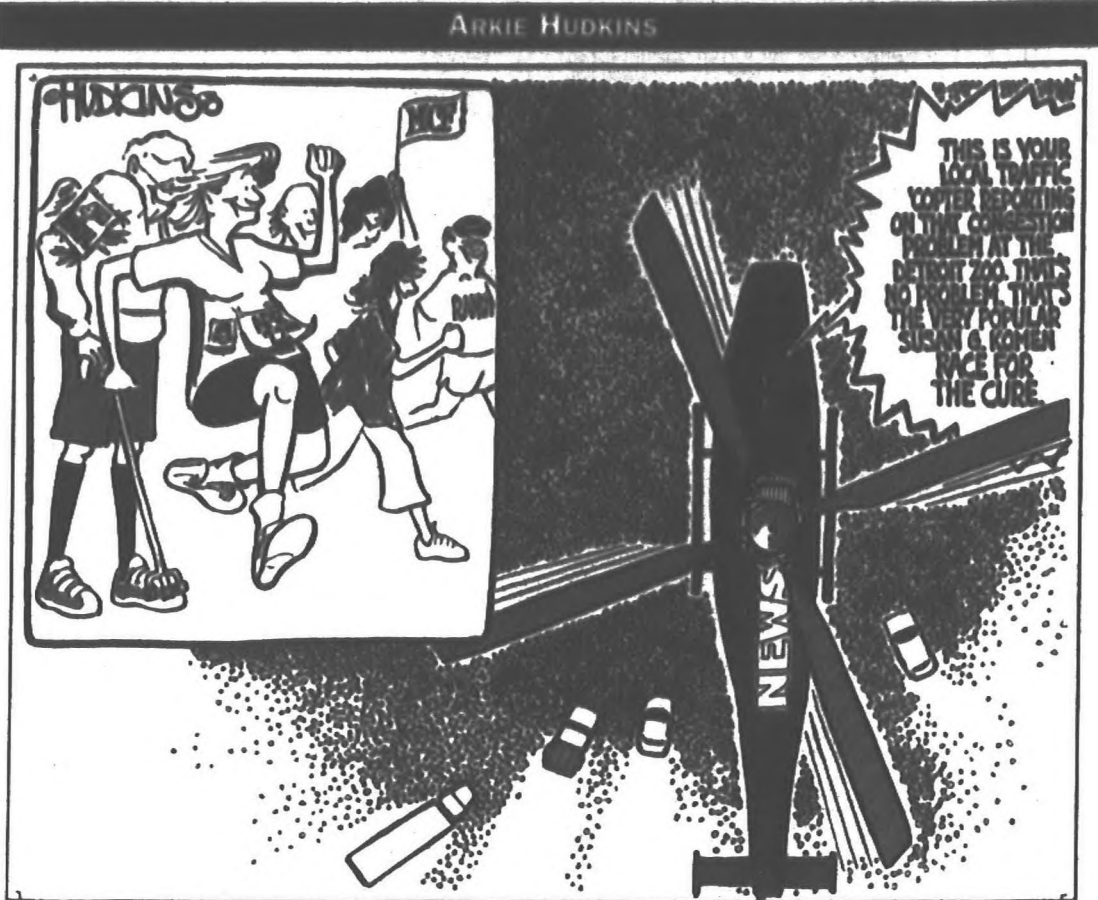
A cable company should see the investment of time and money placed in broadcasting such meetings as part of the price of being granted a monopoly in a market of more than 100,000 people.

There also some complaints about programming. (Please see the Community Voice column at the bottom of this page.)

During an informal, unscientific survey taken by the Observer of attitudes toward cable, the answers ranged from being satisfied to seeking more and better programs.

One person wanted Omnicom to pick up ESPN II, which offers more sports programming. Another complained about the number of older movies on movie channels. One man said there needs to be more channels and programs in French and Spanish.

With cable television bills hitting from \$30 to \$40, the public deserves more. This is the time to do that. Negotiators from Plymouth and Canton should demand that public meetings be broadcast. It's the least Omnicom can do when it's being granted a monopoly in the community.



LETTERS

Church opposed

As a resident of the Plymouth community, I would like to add my comment on "Two Churches," that being religious intolerance lives. St. John's Seminary has been in a non-residential area with surrounding land. They were there before taxpaying homeowners. Temple Baptist is infringing on present homeowners. Remember, Temple has asked for land usage to build not only a church but an auditorium, baseball diamonds, etc. (this being commercial land usage). I believe the noise level, congestion, traffic, theatrical environment, etc., would be disastrous to our lovely community. Again, I feel Temple should seek land away from heavily occupied areas.

Beatrice M. Radko, Plymouth

Be responsible

Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day or so the saying goes. And to those who raise a glass to Ireland's patron saint on March 17, we ask them to do so responsibly.

Those who volunteer to be a designated driver on St. Patrick's Day should be honored, for they help in doing what even the luck of the Irish cannot: stop drunk driving. In fact, designated drivers deserve credit for contributing to the 33-percent decline in drunk driving fatalities in the last decade.

This St. Patrick's Day, Central Distributors and their employees, along with many of the most popular St. Patrick's Day gathering places in western Wayne County, will be working to keep that trend improving by reminding customers to use a designated driver and drink responsibly.

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As the Irish and would-be Irish congregate around town this St. Patrick's Day, let's all remember that having a good time means looking out for ourselves and others — especially when it comes to drinking.

Bill Bailey,
 Director of Marketing/Corporate Affairs
 Central Distributors of Beer

Support nurses

During the week of May 6-12, the nation's 2.2 million registered nurses will be the focus of National Nurses Week celebrations throughout the country.

As members of the nation's largest health care profession, these front-line providers' contribution to the nation's health is enormous. From the expert monitoring and care given by hospital RNs at the bedside to the primary health care services provided by advanced practice nurses, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the diverse health care needs of America.

Because they directly deliver health care services, nurses are uniquely articulate about the strengths and weaknesses of our health care delivery system. The theme of the 1995 National Nurses Week — "Nurses: The Heart of Health Care" — reflects the essential position that RNs hold in health care. It also indicates the commitment of RNs to providing quality health care.

It is my hope that you will cover the National Nurses Week events in our community with these points in mind. Please help us to recognize our area's nurses and their accomplishments.

On behalf of the registered nurses in metro Detroit, thanks in advance for your help and support.

Jonnie Hamilton, director of Media/PR
 Detroit District Nurses Association

Find a new topic

Regarding the article "Some supporters of religious right missing a few facts," I have this comment. When is Tim Richard going to get over his angry obsession with the so-called religious right?

It seems he loves to sit and scan his voice mail, so he can pick apart anyone who doesn't agree with his liberal position.

I believe it is Tim Richard who is the Rip Van Winkle. When is he going to wake up and write about something else?

Cheryl Walker, Livonia

Beard, Patterson show courage

Marie Antoinette, France's queen until 1789, is said to have looked upon Paris' hungry mobs and sniffed: "Is it bread they want? Let them eat cake!"

If she lived in western Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties in 1995, Marie Antoinette would say: "Is it transportation they want? Let them ride stretch limos."

That puts into perspective the entire public bus question. One can quibble that the solution is a multi-county system, an extension of Detroit's DOT bus lines, a western Wayne authority, separate community bus systems, or privatization.

Quibbling won't get anyone to the stores, either to shop or work, along Plymouth and Ford roads or at Twelve Oaks Mall and Laurel Park Place. Quibbling won't get anyone to the expected new jobs at Willow Run International Tradeport or the Tech Park in Auburn Hills. Quibbling won't get elderly folks to medical offices.

Many good people in public office disagree over solutions to a problem they all know exists. They aren't the enemy. But they need to unite to fight the enemy.

The enemy is Marie Antoinette's survivors. Some look upon the single-passenger automobile as "the best form of public transportation ever devised." Some are obsessed by taxes, taxes, taxes — as if taxes never contributed one iota to public safety and the quality of life.

Some have ideological agendas saying government can't do anything good; that anyone who becomes involved with government instantly loses his or her soul and brain. Some just don't want to be bothered.

In the last 30 years, western Wayne and

Oakland counties have seen a series of faltering private buses, then a seven-county regional system called SEMTA, and now a three-county system called SMART.

None ever had a local (that is, regional, county or multi-community) base of revenue. SMART is about to go belly-up — by April 10, acting general manager Michael Duggan tells us.

SMART's leaders are having trouble agreeing on what kind of public financing to ask voters for. Uncle Sam and Lansing won't gallop to the rescue.

So the Wayne County Commission has come up with what appears to be the only option left. It voted 10-3 on March 9 to form a suburban Wayne regional authority under Public Act 196. The three-member board would have power to put before voters a 0.33-mill, three-year property tax proposal.

Wayne County commissioners did the right thing. We applaud Kay Beard, D-Westland and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, for voting yes.

Part of the grand plan, if it may be called that, is for Oakland and Macomb counties to offer similar ballot proposals. The odds that Oakland, in particular, would either put it on the ballot or win voter approval are slim; lots of Marie Antoinettes out there think it's gauche to take a bus.

As of today, it appears western Wayne voters will see a bus money proposal on the ballot some time in spring. Let's put it in perspective: It's the only choice.

We add one thought to formation of the PA 196 authority board. SEMTA's and SMART's boards have been deficient because they lacked women. Two-thirds of bus passengers are female.

COMMUNITY VOICE

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POINTS OF VIEW

For peace in Northern Ireland, try democracy

Irish-Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day this week amid a flurry of developments that have brought at least a temporary peace to the Emerald Isle. There is no guarantee it will last. Peace depends upon the outcome of negotiations over how the tiny island of Ireland will be governed in the next century. Let me make a suggestion that seems obvious to Americans, but has never been tried in Ireland — democracy!

A little bit of history is helpful. England invaded Ireland in 1169 A.D. In the following 826 years, England has never allowed the Irish people to determine their own destiny. My great-great-grandfather, Dennis Cahill, was born in Ireland in 1813 in what was a predominantly Catholic country. Twenty years earlier, the English had finally agreed to allow Irish Catholics to vote, but Catholics could still not run for office. There was no Irish Parliament — only an English Parliament.

Although the English eventually allowed Catholics to hold office, they never allowed the Irish to govern themselves. The only election ever held on that question was the parliamentary election of 1918. Ireland had 105 seats in the English Parliament. The Sinn Fein Party ("sin fane") candidates pledged that they would not accept their English Parliament seats if they won. Instead, they would declare Irish independence. The Unionist Party pledged to have Ireland remain part of Great Britain.

Despite the fact that England had jailed 36 of their candidates, Sinn Fein won 73 of the 105 seats and the Irish Nationalist Party won an additional four seats. The Unionist Party only received 21 percent of the vote. When the Irish Parliament declared independence, the British declared war. When the war went badly for Britain, it divided the country to create what is now known as Northern Ireland. The root cause of the violence in



JOHN MARTIN CAHILL

Northern Ireland has been Britain's denial of basic democratic rights. Northern Ireland, or "Ulster," was created to frustrate the clear will of the majority of the people of Ireland. Ulster is one of the four ancient provinces of Ireland. It contains nine of the 32 counties of Ireland. When Britain created Northern Ireland it removed three of the nine counties of Ulster. The rea-

son was obvious: The three excluded counties had huge Catholic and Irish nationalist populations.

Britain wanted to ensure that there could never be an Irish nationalist majority in Northern Ireland.

That situation becomes important in the expected upcoming peace talks. It is Britain's position that there can be no change in the government of Ireland unless a majority of Northern Ireland agrees to it. This is known as the "Unionist Veto." The Unionist Veto has two devastating effects. First, it takes away any incentive for the Unionist politicians to negotiate or compromise. They only have to say "No." In fact, it has been said that if the word "No" was removed from the Unionist vocabulary, their politicians would be rendered speechless.

The second problem is that the Unionist Veto robs the Irish people of their basic democratic rights. Ireland is a tiny country approximately the size of our Lower Peninsula. It has only 5

million people — North and South. What is wrong with having this small number of people on a small island decide for themselves how they want to live?

It is time for Britain to allow Ireland the same democratic rights that we Americans celebrate every year on the Fourth of July. But as I recall, Britain was also quite reluctant to allow us these same rights. Hopefully, Britain will finally learn the lesson America tried to teach it 219 years ago. Let Ireland vote for its own future and let's celebrate a permanent peace next St. Patrick's Day!

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Engler staying busy keeping 'promises' he never made

Will the real John Engler please rise? "Promises made, promises kept" was Gov. Engler's 1994 campaign slogan as he sought a second term. But in 1995 he's keeping "promises" he never made as a veteran state legislator and freshman governor about issues he never discussed.

As Phil Power pointed out last week, Engler reversed himself 180 degrees on his oft-stated principle: "Government shouldn't be picking winners and losers in business," a principle lifted straight out of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations." Engler has plunged into the tax incentive business with his Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA). That comes out of the thinking of Alexander Hamilton's 1789 "Report on the Manufactures" and Democratic Gov. Jim Blanchard's activist thrust.

For this Engler is being roasted by his old pals in the Mackinac Center who, if extremely ideological, are at least consistent.

The point is not merely that (1) Engler reversed himself but (2) never warned us during the campaign and (3) waited until after the election to do it.

Ditto with the school quality issue. Engler's campaign document boasted: "Academic core curriculums will be developed to ensure that every student learns the basics necessary to succeed in education and the world of work." He boasted of his Michigan School Report, which included facts on "student test scores." He boasted of new state-endorsed diplomas based on state MEAP tests.

In 1995 he wants to repeal the state School Code. That's the law that not only outlines school governance but site-based decision making, reporting requirements, accreditation, state-endorsed diplomas, core academic curriculum, adult education, sexual harassment, health and physical education, including sex education.

He claims he's trying to save the schools paperwork. Funny, he didn't promise that in the campaign. Last week Engler told the Michigan



TIM RICHARD

Association of School Boards that teacher certification rules need to be eased. He wants knowledgeable people to be able to teach after six months of special preparation rather than two-plus years of preparation.

Very funny indeed: The school boards didn't ask for it. The teachers don't see the need. There already is an oversupply of teachers. And Engler didn't campaign on the issue.

Just where is second-term Gov. John Engler trying to lead us with these rad-

ical new solutions to newly invented problems? Ponder these facts:

■ Engler's chum since boyhood, Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, is working valiantly to rip up the new State Board of Education high school proficiency tests. Shucks, just let districts pick their own tests from a "menu" of national tests, he says. Now how does that square with Engler's past promises of giving parents "more choices"? How do parents choose when they are unable to compare?

■ Engler hasn't given up on his dream of charter academies that can dump the School Code but still get state money. He's appealing a circuit court decision that saw through his effort to "de-regulate" schools.

■ A religious right group on the House Education Committee is battling a moderate Republican's bill on career education — gleaming information on future jobs, skill requirements and state proficiency tests to assure kids achieve the needed competencies.

Here's the funny part: The opposition denounces industry's input as "bu-

reaucratic." The pattern is clear: Loosen the standards for running schools, loosen the standards for hiring teachers, loosen the standard for who gets state money.

Who's behind it? Figure it out. Despite all the bad-mouthing you hear about public schools, non-public enrollment has declined as a percentage of total enrollment from a high of 11.4 percent in 1984 to around the 10-percent mark. Non-public schools are losing market share.

Final fact: The movement has begun both in the Senate and among right-wing groups, to lift the ban on "parochialism" — state aid to church-related schools.

In 1994 Engler told us he didn't favor aid to non-public schools. Today I have a funny feeling about his 1994 position.

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

Block grant solution misfires

Over the years, I've seen a fair amount of government up close and personal.

I was the administrative assistant for a U.S. representative in the mid-1960s and ran (and lost) a primary race for the U.S. Senate in 1978. At one point in the late 1980s, I even achieved the (dubious) distinction of being the nation's longest-serving job training council chair.

If I've learned one thing in all this involvement, it's this: There is no such thing as a Silver Bullet.

By Silver Bullet, I do not mean what the Lone Ranger loaded in his trusty six-gun. I mean a public policy nostrum, an idea that seems so simple, so clear, so penetrating to the core of things that it does away with the need for common sense, mastery of detail and plain hard work.

In the 1930s, the Silver Bullet was the idea that government programs alone could pull the country out of the Great Depression. As anybody who lived through that stagnant decade can tell you, it wasn't until World War II came along that the economy really started moving.

The left's Silver Bullet of the post-war period was that getting along with the Russians would bring world peace. We all know what happened to that. And we all know about the Silver Bullet of the right: The fantasy that all our problems were caused by Communist traitors in our government.

And in the 1960s, the Silver Bullet was the set of programs that President Lyndon Johnson rammed through the Congress that came to be called the "Great Society." Entitlements such as Medicare, food stamps and parts of the welfare program all were little Silver Bullets, programs that would end forever poor health of starving families and abused children.

For those who understand that those who fail to remember history are condemned to re-live it, I offer the Silver Bullet *du jour*: Block grants, the wholesale elimination of federal programs with all their various regulations and restrictions, with the money simply packaged up and doled out to the states.

The idea — as such advocates as Gov. John Engler never tire of telling us — is that states can do everything better than the feds. They quote Franklin Roosevelt (incorrectly, it turns out; the author was Justice Louis Brandeis) to the effect that the states are "the laboratories of democracy" — places where experimentation, free of the stifling federal bureaucracy and regulations, can blaze new paths of cost efficiency



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and public effectiveness.

So far as it goes, the idea makes sense. Certainly, I yield to no one in my amazement and contempt for elephantine federal bureaucracies and bewildering detailed regulations.

But does wholesale devolution of federal authority to a bunch of block grants to the states solve all problems of ineffective government? No way.

Are state bureaucracies nimble and alert, quick to sniff out problems and pounce on offending bureaucrats? Not that I've seen. Are state regulations models of clarity and precision, issued timely and administered evenhandedly? Anybody who has dealt recently with the Department of Natural Resources knows that's hogwash.

Worse, converting federal programs into a bunch of block grants to the states — today's Silver Bullet — merely substitutes 50 immobile state bureaucracies for one immobile federal bureaucracy. I'm not so sure this is as big a gain as advertised. Government, whether federal or state, is intrinsically ineffective and hard to manage.

Take job training. Gov. Engler and others want (rightly) to do away with the crazy-quilt of conflicting and inefficient federal job training programs. They want to consolidate them all into 50 block grants to the states, thereby (wrongly) letting state bureaucrats manage all the money. Much better to create job training vouchers and issue them to individuals to use as they see fit in trying to improve their skills.

That's what happened with the GI Bill, one of the few absolute success stories of government activity. Why? The GI Bill depended on the energy and independence of individuals, not some fashionable Silver Bullet.

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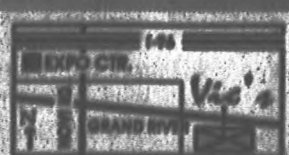
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If you enjoy eating out here's news to "Relish"

Here's good news to "Relish." Matt Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, is opening his 11th restaurant in Farmington Hills. The new restaurant will be on 12 Mile Road, at Drake in the Arboretum Office Park, formerly Metropolitan Music Cafe, Amici's and Pomodora. Relish is the second of three restaurants Prentice plans to open in 1995.

Relish will focus on the simplest of cooking techniques — grilling. Fresh fish, range birds, prime meats and seafood will be accompanied by a vast array of relishes, chutneys and salsas. The restaurant is closed for renovations and is scheduled to open June 1, pending the approval of the liquor license transfer by the Liquor Control Commission. Keep reading Let's Go! for details about the grand opening.

Some "bunny" is going to be very happy on Easter! It could be you. Chimento's Italian Market, 33610 Plymouth Road, one block west of Farmington Road in Livonia, is giving away a nine pound chocolate Easter egg on April 14.

To be eligible to win, fill out a raffle entry at the store now through April 13 with each purchase. For more information, call (313) 421-3800.

Farmington Community Band ushers in spring 3 p.m. Sun., March 26 with a collection of band favorites for its concert at Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads), Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 students, senior citizens free, at the door. Call (810) 476-5014 or (810) 489-3412 for more information.

Come out and say goodbye to winter blahs by enjoying toe-tapping music especially selected to put "Spring" back into your step. Paul Barber conducts the 60 plus member band.

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SUE SUCHYTA

Romantic leads: Lonnie and Nancy Valentini as Peter and Rita in "Prelude to a Kiss." Below, director Jane Pfeifer with her one-year-old son, Jack.

Romantic drama mirrors couple's life

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

When Nancy and Lonnie Valentini of Livonia met six years ago at the Players Guild of Dearborn, little did they suspect then that their time shared on stage would lead to the altar. Now, married, and the parents of nine-month-old Dominic, they find life imitating art as they play romantic leads opposite each other in the Guild's production of "Prelude To A Kiss."

The romantic and mysterious comedy/drama by Craig Lucas, follows the lives of Peter and Rita, who meet, fall in love, and marry. However, on their wedding day, their souls are inexplicably transferred into each other's bodies when a mysterious elderly man kisses the bride. Peter is so much in tune with Rita that he immediately realizes that his new bride is not the woman he married. How their love survives this challenge provides an emotional and exhilarating story.

Nancy, who plays Rita, brings a little bit of herself to each character she plays. There is a touch of irony in Lonnie being cast as Peter, and Nancy as

"Prelude to a Kiss"
ON STAGE
▶ **THEATER:** The Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison, (near Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn
▶ **CURTAIN TIME:** 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., March 17-18, 24-25, 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 19
▶ **TICKETS:** \$8, \$5 on Sundays for students under 18 with ID. Call (313) 561-1KTS for reservations, (313) 277-5164 for information, directions to playhouse



Rita. "Peter is pretty conservative and Rita is the wild one," said Nancy. "In real life, it's the exact opposite for us. Rita and I have similarities, though. We are both graphic designers and we both love our husbands — for better or worse."

Lonnie and Nancy enjoy the comfort level of playing romantic roles opposite each other. "With an actress I don't know, I would have to build up chemistry," Lonnie said. "With Nancy, it's already there."

"It's definitely more relaxing when it comes to romantic scenes," said Nancy. "If you are playing opposite someone you barely know, it's like being on a first date — kissing can look awkward."

Nancy and Lonnie work full time, and Lonnie goes to school at night. Both roles are demanding and they spend a lot of time at the Guild, with nine-month-old Dominic in tow. "He adjusts reasonably well to being held by different cast members while we're rehearsing on stage," said Nancy.

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Now showing

Dining
Local restaurants are planning entertainment and special menus for their St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Theater
Check out Entertaining Choices to find out what's on stage in your community.

Movies
John Monaghan reviews "Outbreak." This film, which stars Dustin Hoffman, is about a lethal virus that threatens to spread uncontrollably unless a cure can be found.

Travel
Travel to Poland this summer with Jane and Ed Wojtan of Livonia.

Music
Rich Declante and his bandmates in She's So Hugo have their eyes firmly focused on the future.

Looking ahead

- ▶ Comedy
- ▶ What's new at the movies

Concerts feature variety of musical styles



JOHN BROMBERG/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Flutist: Ginka Gerova-Ortega, Musica Viva artistic director, will be performing on March 18.

Opera, Broadway show tunes, tangos, Latin jazz, and Tchaikovsky, these are some of the musical styles to be featured at noteworthy concerts this weekend.

■ Canton Project Arts is presenting "An Evening of Broadway Music," featuring artists of the Michigan Opera Theatre, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Canton Little Theatre, Plymouth-Canton High School.

"We sponsor these concerts to bring the Michigan Opera Theatre out to the community," said Sherrie Moore, of Canton, a member of Canton Project Arts. "This concert will introduce the audience to a little bit of opera, and there will be lots of Broadway show tunes too."

The two act show will feature Maria Cimarrelli, soprano; Betzy Bronson, mezzo-soprano; Karl Schmidt, tenor; and Mark Vondrak, baritone.

Operetta selections include — "Italian Street Song" and "Sweet Mystery of Love." Also on the program is the "Music of Irving Berlin," "Music of Harold Arlen," selections

from "Guys and Dolls," and "Les Miserables." Cimarrelli will be featured on the solo "With one Look," and Vondrak will sing, "Love Changes Everything."

■ Musica Viva International Concerts presents the "Jobim/Piazzolla/Ramo Festival," — A celebration of their Music in Song and Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills.

"This is the only festival of its kind ever produced in Michigan. And it's a tribute to Antonio Carlos Jobim who recently died," said series artistic director, flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega of Bloomfield who will also be performing on the program.

Jobim was a well-known composer of Brazilian music. He popularized the samba, bossa nova, and Latin Jazz. He is best known for "The Girl From Ipanema," and the "One Note

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Noteworthy Concerts

Canton Project Arts presents: "An Evening of Broadway Music"

- ▶ **CURTAIN TIME:** 8 p.m. Sat., March 18, Canton Little Theatre, Plymouth-Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton
- ▶ **TICKETS:** \$10 adults, \$7.50 students and senior citizens. Available at the door, Arnold Williams Music, Dearborn Music, and Canton Township Administration Building. Call (313) 455-9009 or (313) 397-5389 for information

Musica Viva International Concerts "Jobim, Piazzolla, Ramo Festival"

- ▶ **CURTAIN TIME:** 8 p.m. Sat., March 18, Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, (Orchard Lake Road at I-96 south of 12 Mile Road)
- ▶ **TICKETS:** \$17 in advance, \$22 at the door. Call (810) 471-7700 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666

Farmington Area Philharmonic "Tchaikovsky"

- ▶ **CURTAIN TIME:** 3 p.m. Sun., March 19, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, at Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
- ▶ **TICKETS:** \$20, \$12, \$8. Discount for students accompanied by parent. Call (810) 478-2076

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Samba
 Astor Piazzolla, who was born in 1921 and died in 1992, was the master of Tango Nuevo," said Ortega. He is well known for advocating the concept that tango is not just a dance, but should be listened to like a symphony. His music is gaining popularity," she said.

The works by Piazzolla that will be performed at the festival have never been presented locally. This concert is also celebrating

the music of Michele Ramo, a local composer of Latin Jazz.

Ramo, guitarist, violinist, mandolinist and composer, was born in Mazara de Vallo, Italy. At the age of 13, he began his musical studies and earned his master's degree in violin with the highest honors in 1985 from the Conservatory of Caltanissetta in Italy. He has toured extensively in Europe as a recitalist, and released five albums under his own MRG Records Label "Tina."

His own Ramo Music Publishing has recently published "The Art of Bossa Nova," and "The Art of Latin Rhythms." On Feb. 23, 1993, Ramo received the "Best Acoustic Guitar Award," and was the winner of the "Jazz Hall of Fame Award," presented by Metropolitan Music Cafe and Record Time during the First Annual Jazz Award Ceremony of Metropolitan Detroit. He is currently performing with vocalist Heidi Hepler, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at Phoenixia, 588 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Thursday night performances feature "The Ramo Group," an ever changing group performing as a duo or up to 12 piece Latin Jazz Orchestra.

Twenty-eight musicians will be performing at the festival including the Ramo Group with vocalist Heidi Hepler, Marcus Belgrave, trumpet, winner of the 1994 Governor's Arts Award, Peter Soave, bayan virtuoso, the Michigan Classic Ballet Company, and singer, Cecilia Bohorques of Peru.

The Trio de Paris, 1994 winners of the Grand Prix International Piazzolla Festival in Italy are making their American debut at this festival.

Ortega, Soave and Trio De Paris will also be presenting a concert 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor, call (313) 769-2999 for ticket information, and 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the L. John's Theatre on the OCC Royal Oak Campus. Call (810) 544-5588 for ticket information.

Farmington Area Philharmonic brings its concert season to a roaring conclusion, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the auditorium of Mercy High School with "Chiefly Tchaikovsky." The concert will feature the colorful "Violin Concerto," sensational "Symphony No. 4" and explosive "1812 Overture," combined with the artistry of concertmaster Linda Snedden Smith.

PREVIEW

A violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Smith, a resident of Farmington Hills, began violin lessons before her fourth birthday. She studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music. After graduating from high school, she attended the Eastman School of Music and Juilliard School of Music, both on full scholarship.

Any student who attends Sunday's concert with an adult will get in for half-price. If a student comes to the concert with two adults, the student will get in free. "Bringing new listeners to classical music is one of our major goals," said Philharmonic board president Paul Blizman. "And an all-Tchaikovsky program is a terrific way to introduce anyone to the excitement of a live orchestra performance."

The final work on the on the March 19th program will be "1812 Overture," which is also the kickoff of the orchestra's 1995-1996 Annual Fund Campaign. The theme is "Play Your Part."

"Just as a symphony cannot be performed unless all of the musicians play their part, an orchestra cannot survive in today's world, unless the community plays its part," said music director Karen Nixon Lane.

"The '1812 Overture' will provide a grand ending to this season, as well as a smashing opening fund-raising effort. We are seeking sponsors for each of the 16 cannon shots in the overture. For a gift of \$1,812, the sponsor receives 18 \$12 tickets to the concert and some other very special perks. If this is successful, it will really show that this area is willing to support an orchestra like the Philharmonic. It will be like a shot heard throughout the community." Call the symphony office, (810) 478-2075 for more information.



MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Light opera: Canton Project Arts will present concert on March 18 featuring Maria Cimarelli (left to right), Karl Schmidt, Mark Vondrak and Betsy Bronson of the Michigan Opera Theatre.



Soloist: Farmington Area Philharmonic will feature concertmaster Linda Snedden-Smith of Farmington Hills.



Composer: Michele Ramo, a local composer of Latin Jazz, will be featured at the "Jobim/Piazzolla/Ramo Festival" — A celebration of their Music in Song and Dance on March 18.

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"Dominic is a pretty mobile baby. He adjusts to different people easily. But after a long run of rehearsals, even adults can get exhausted. So as opening night got closer we stopped bringing him to rehearsals. I think that was better for him, and for us too."

Humor helps Lonnie and Nancy cope with their hectic lifestyle. If all else fails, we follow Dominic's example — roll over, put our thumbs in our mouths and cry," said Lonnie with a grim.

Director juggles roles
 Jane Pendell Pfeifer, director of

"Prelude To A Kiss," a Livonia native now living in Dearborn, shares more than friendship and love of theater with the Valentini's — she shares their challenge of juggling roles — director and mother.

She brings one-year-old Jack to rehearsals when her husband, Brad, president of the Players Guild, isn't available for dad patrol.

Since baby Jack arrived on the scene, Jane and Brad, who also met at the Players Guild, have taken turns doing shows.

"It's a lot more fun to do a show together," said Jane. "We've played a married couple twice, and an engaged couple once, in addition to doing other shows together."

A free-lance writer, Jane said she is enjoying her directorial debut, and plans to continue acting. "I love being on stage, and I never want to give that up," she said. "But even though I'm with Jack all day, when I leave him at home to go to the Guild I miss putting him to bed at night... it makes me sad to creep in and give him a kiss after a long rehearsal."

Tony Lawrey of Garden City is the Assistant director.

Dearborn's Mayor Michael Guido will make a cameo appearance as the minister who marries Peter and Rita March 17, 24 and 25. Guild members will fill the part for the remaining performances.

Guido began his political career on Nov. 7, 1977, when at age 23, he was the youngest person ever elected to the Dearborn City Council. He was elected Dearborn's youngest mayor on Nov. 5, 1985 at the age of 31.

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Diane Diem of Westland called to tell me about her favorite Chinese take-out restaurant — A Taste of China, 31509 Joy Road at Merriman, (313) 622-0650. "I go there every week," she said. "The owner is very nice, and the food is very good and colorful. I have not had a bad meal there. My favorite dish is chicken and vegetables with black bean sauce."

Judy Patrell of Westland recommends the Acoustic Cafe, 29530 Ford Road, Garden City, (313) 427-9300. "It's a new restaur-

ant and has wonderful atmosphere, along with very good meals. The staff is friendly and courteous. Give it a try!"

Tell us about your favorite restaurant. We'll add it to our list of restaurants to feature in Let's Go!

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

Arts council presents 'Try Helping the Environment'

Through song, dance and dialogue, members of "THE Club" (Try Helping the Environment) — entertain and educate audiences about the environment.

The show, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, will be presented 7 p.m. Fri. & Sat., March 17-18; 2 p.m. Sun., March 19, at the Plymouth Com-

munity Arts Council Building, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Tickets \$3, \$2 for children 12 and under. Call (313) 416-4-ART. It is about 45 minutes in length, and appropriate for all ages.

Topics explored through song, dance, and dialogue include: recycling, beautification and preserva-

tion of natural resources. With songs like "Rain Forest Rumba," "Listen to the Animals," "What on Earth," and "Acid Rain," the Earth's problems are explored.

Solutions to some of these problems are given in scenes like "Little Green Riding Hood's confrontation with a woodsman," and

Chief Seal's letter to President Franklin Pierce — "How can you buy or sell the Earth?"

Performed by local school children, this musical play has been presented at Epcot Center World Showcase Theatre, and was recently awarded recognition for education by Keep America Beautiful.

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You don't have to be Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and if you're Catholic here's some good news.

According to the March 10 "Michigan Catholic," Cardinal Adam Malda "grants his blessing and permission" to Catholics who want to celebrate St. Patrick's by eating corned beef and cabbage. Catholics are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

Here are some places to celebrate:

■ The 10th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest featuring Irish Music Song & Dance is 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., Fri., March 17, the cost is \$7 per person. Children free. Food available, cash bar, at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, 19960 Telegraph Road (between 7 and 8 Mile Road). Call (313) 637-3499 for information.

Over the past 10 years, Irish born Mick Gavin of Redford has seen the St. Patrick's Day celebration be helped organize grow from several people to a packed house.

The celebration features traditional music from Ireland, Scot-

land and Cape Breton. There will be over 40 entertainers including step dancers, musicians and singers.

"It is not a pub type thing, it is more of a family festivity," said Gavin. "In Ireland St. Patrick's Day is a holiday or holy day. It's a day we celebrate the wearing of the green. It is a tradition that the Irish started due to the oppression against them, and it is a tradition today."

Some of the featured performers at the Irish Music Song & Dance Fest are Ed McGlinchey, Mick Gavin and John Sands, Steve, Tom & Jim McNeil, The Kitty Heinsman Ceili Dancers, and members of the U.S. and Canadian Champion City of Detroit Pipe Band.

■ Farwell & Friends, 8051 Middlebelt (between Joy & Ann Arbor Trail), (313) 421-6990, is hosting a St. Patty's Day Festival, Thurs., March 16 to Sun., March 19. The event features corned beef & cabbage, Mulligan stew and green beer.

■ Mitch Housey's St. Pat's Day Party Bash features corned beef and cabbage. Live entertainment

at 8 p.m. Mitch Housey's is at 28500 Schoolcraft, Livonia, (313) 425-5520.

■ Sheehan's on the Green, 39450 Five Mile, east of Haggerty, Northville, opens 11 a.m. Fri., March 17 — corned beef & cabbage, Irish stew, green beer and Irish pipers. Music noon to 2 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. For more information, call (313) 420-0646

■ Beaver Creek, 1069 N. Wayne Road, Westland, is offering green beer, and bag pipe band will perform Fri., March 17. Call (313) 722-5330 for details.

■ Botsford Inn, Irish Feast Recreation, Fri., March 17. Seatings begin 5 p.m. Reservations encouraged. Cost \$16.95 per person, 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile), Farmington Hills, (810) 474-4900.

The Irish Re-creation Feast menu, planned with help from the Detroit chapter of the Irish American Culture Institute, includes cream of potato leek soup, Dublin Bay Prawn (shrimp), roasted lamb, broiled Atlantic salmon, pot roasted beef in Guinness stout, and apple pie with whiskey cream offers a taste of Ireland.

It will be served 5-10 p.m. Fri., March 17. Some Irish entrees will be served at lunch. Last year's dinner sold out quickly, so reservations are recommended.

Irish folk singer Dusty Rhodes and others will entertain patrons. ■ Cowley's Pub and Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Special drink prices, Irish music provided by Pat's People, 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fri., March 17. Corned beef sandwiches, limited menu. Call (810) 474-5941 for more information.

■ Dunleavy's Pub and Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington, Luncheon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fri., March 17, entertainment continues through the evening, (810) 478-8866.

■ Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Festivities begin at noon, Fri., March 17, free admission, Irish entertainment, food available. Call (313) 963-8895, 2-9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., noon to 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat.

■ Brady's Food & Spirits, 38123 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (east of Haggerty, inside the

Holiday Inn). St. Patrick's Day Party, 6 a.m. to midnight, Fri., March 17. Irish food, music featuring Shawn Riley noon to 3 p.m. and Irish duo Bob & Carl 5-11 p.m., (810) 478-7780.

■ Ypsilanti celebrates St. Patrick's Day 2 p.m. Fri., March 17 with the Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the Gaelic League of Ypsilanti. The parade will proceed east on Cross Street from the Water Tower to River Street. There will be a family-oriented program at Depot Town's Freighthouse featuring bagpipe music, storytelling, dancing and Gaelic music. Admission is free. A family celebration 7-8 p.m. March 17 at the Eastern Michigan University Depot Town Center features Irish storytelling and song. Call (313) 487-6815 for information.

The Ypsilanti Farmer's Market and Mad River Music will present An Evening of Irish Music and Tales with Mulligan Stew and storyteller Bob Lipsinski at the Depot Town Freighthouse. Doors open 7 p.m. Admission \$6, children \$3. Call (313) 677-4249 or (313) 662-1652 for information.

Diners pledge allegiance to 'America'

BY ETHEL SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER



Matthew Prentice's new restaurant America is receiving raves from local people

who are customers.

The Royal Oak restaurant, which specializes in regional food from throughout the United States, has only been open since late February but already has its aficionados. Serving just dinner, America explores seasonal dishes on a menu that includes a choice selection of starters, main courses, salads, sides and sweets.

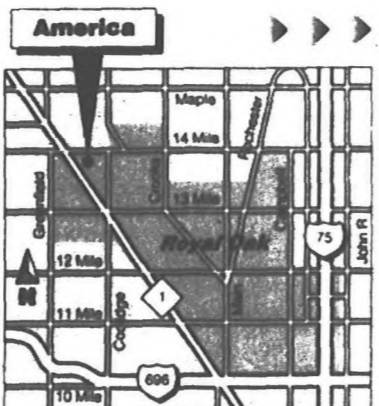
"I've been a follower of Matt Prentice for years," so I'm part of his evolution," declared topflight lawyer Henry Baakin of Bloomfield Hills. "Predictably, it will be a very successful place. It's a cross between Sebastian's and Morels."

His dinner companion, Susy Heints of Novi, chairman of the Michigan Republican State Committee, said, "This is one of the best restaurants — and I eat out a lot, traveling throughout the whole state."

A couple of banquettes away were Evelyn and Lester Burton of Bingham Farms, who first visited America on its opening night in February. They were dining there again, with Sylvia and Herbert Josephson of Huntington Woods. "So far everything has been perfect," Evelyn Burton said. "The waitstaff is outstanding." The foursome had just shared a mushroom compote appetizer.

Besides the food, America has a distinctive decor and building. Housed in the same dining room that briefly was the restaurant called the Avenue Diner, it is striking with its art deco accents including inlaid oak wood and custom-designed chandeliers.

Theo Oresky, manager, praised



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the attention to detail. "We just took a beautiful restaurant and installed our menu and our people," he said. Oresky pointed out the long bar with its attractive, onyx top that is lighted from underneath.

In the summer, the restaurant may open its outdoor, front deck to serve both lunch and dinner, he said.

"All ingredients are indigenous

to the United States." Oresky said. Among regional dishes representing the entire country are Texas-style barbecued shrimp, Pacific Northwestern salmon and confit of Indiana duck.

General manager Paul Silveri drew attention to the restaurant's colorful, new wall murals, which have a regional theme, by Plymouth artist Barney Judge. Sensitive to customers' prefer-

ences, a veal dish originally on the menu was changed to sauteed veal medallions with a rash of wild mushrooms. "We know how to read the guests," said Southfield native Elizabeth Sollish, who is executive chef. "We doubled the sales in veal."

For its sophisticated clientele, "The menu is slightly upscale, but there's homey dishes also, such as chicken fricassee," she

said. There are specials every day, and the regular menu is changed about every six weeks.

All the Star-Spangled Sweets, from a traditional apple brown betty to a big-selling sour lemon tart, are made in the Sourdough Bread Factory in Pontiac, owned by Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corp.

"Matt geared the wine list," said general manager Silveri. "They're all domestic, all chang-

ing every two or three months. We have daily wine specials also." In addition, 14 domestic beers, include esoteric ones, he said, such as Pete's Wicked Ale, from a Minnesota micro-brewery.

Send or fax recommendations for restaurants to feature in Let's Go! to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (313) 591-7279. Include a menu if possible.

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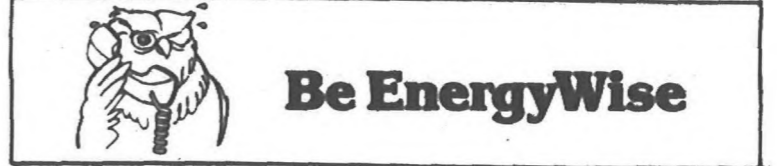
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HANDBELL CONCERT
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BLACHTHORN
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MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Guest artist pianist Teresa Dybvig will present a solo recital, 3 p.m. Sun. March 26 in Kresge Hall. Admission \$5, students and senior citizens, \$3. The Set Jen, New York resident has studied and taught piano for nearly 20 years, and is working toward a doctorate in musical arts in piano at the Yale School of Music. Madonna is at 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. (313) 591-5177.

TRINITY HOUSE
Sarah Mason, contemporary folk musician, will present a concert of insightful and relevant tunes, 8 p.m. Sat. March 25 at Trinity House, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$7. Jan Krst will present two benefit performances at the theater 6 & 8 p.m. Sun. March 26. (313) 464-6302.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS
Will perform 3:30 p.m. Sun. April 2 at Christ Our Savior Church in Livonia. Tickets \$7, students and senior citizens, \$5. (810) 751-3778.

Event celebrates women's history

Throughout the centuries, women have overcome obstacles and created their own opportunities in a world that often limited their choices to earn a living.

In observance of Women's History Month, the nationally recognized Chenille Sisters will join Henry Ford Museum's presenters to sing praises of the resourcefulness of women with a special program, "Celebrating Women's History," March 18-19. Performances will be at noon and 1:30 p.m. on both days. Admission to Celebrating Women's History is included with regular museum admission. Henry Ford Museum is in Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 271-1976, 24-hour recorded message, 1-800-835-5237.

Just like many of their foremothers, the Chenille Sisters are smart, soft, strong, funny and unpredictable. Their melodic ballads offer an original take on traditional topics and will delight the entire family.

The festivities also include the presentation of "Count on Me," a one-act play based on the heroic and historic legacy of four Michigan women — So-

journer Truth, Laura Haviland Smith, Mary McCoy and Clara Arthur. The play, written and performed by actress Randi Douglas with Sakunah Delaney, reveals the leadership roles 19th-century women played in the civic rights movement, the underground railroad and women's suffrage.

Visitors will also encounter women who took on both traditional and non-traditional roles in the workforce.

The dramatic presentation, "Three Generations," showcases the resourceful ways three women responded to the unique opportunities and challenges each faced in her own era. Visitors can also meet a civilian pilot who braved the skies and challenged chauvinistic attitudes to ferry airplanes for the military during World War II.

WJBK-TV2 reporters Amy Jacobson and Lauren Bishop will read stories of female innovation and resourcefulness.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, visitors can sign a suffragist petition and join a suffragist parade. Children can



Resourceful women: The Chenille Sisters, Cheryl Dawdy (left to right), Grace Morand and Connie Guber will be celebrating women's history at Henry Ford Museum, March 18-19.

learn about women in the building trades as they join together to build an 8.5 by 11-inch house inside the museum. An occupational family tree

encourages children to explore the work life of the women in their family. Other hands-on activities help children discover the changing roles of women.

Local 'Guys & Dolls' step out on stage

The popular musical, "Guys and Dolls" opens March 19 and runs through April 9 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

The Jo Swerling, Abe Burrows and Frank Loesser fable of Broadway, based on a story by Damon Runyon, is produced by Nancy Gurwin of Southfield. It stars Gurwin and Edgar Guest III of Birmingham, who plays Nathan Detroit.

Kathi Bush of Bloomfield Hills is directing and choreographing the show, and Christopher Keen of Beverly Hills is musical director.

PREVIEW
The performance dates are 2 p.m. Sunday March 19; 8 p.m. Saturday March 25; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday March 26; 8 p.m. Saturday April 8; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Tickets are \$15, \$12.50 for seniors and \$10 for students. For information, call (810) 352-3729.

Attic presents 'Cotton Patch Gospel'

"Cotton Patch Gospel," a biblical tale with lyrics and music by the late folk singer Harry Chapin, is being presented through March 24 by the Attic Theatre at Seventh House theater in downtown Pontiac.

Performances are at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, and 4

p.m. March 18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays March 19 and 26; 7 p.m. Thursday March 16 and 23; 7 p.m. March 17 and 24. For more information, call the Attic Theatre, (313) 885-6173.

In the play, Chapin tells the story of the gospel, set in Gainsville, Georgia and with a bluegrass-style score. The story spec-

ulates about what would happen if Jesus appeared today.

The director is Susan Arnold, an Attic veteran who has a role in the play. The cast also includes Kate Peckham, John Lepard, John Seibert and Kristopher Walby.

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'Outbreak' delivers clever, contagious thrills

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JOHN MONAGHAN

A lethal virus has surfaced in Zaire, wiping out an entire village. The chances of spreading outside the jungle are thin (the closest village is 50 miles away), yet the bug travels to America through a smuggled monkey host.

In a frightening chain of events, people on both coasts start dropping like flies. First they develop flu-like symptoms, then open sores and bleeding eyes and ears. They die within a matter of hours, their internal organs turning to liquid.

Ten years ago, we wouldn't have been spared the sight of a gooey pancreas, but director Wolfgang Petersen shows a lot of restraint. He knows that in the wake of AIDS, the mere thought of a virus this lethal is more

frightening than any gross-out special effect.

"It's a billionth of our size and yet it's beating us. You can't help but respect it," a scientist says.

One clever scene occurs in a movie theater where a man coughs and in slow motion we see the tiny white microbes float through the air. When one dot enters the mouth of a laughing woman we know her northern California town is doomed.

It takes Hoffman and company awhile longer to realize that the virus is airborne. The camera starts in a room where an unexposed man has developed symptoms, then whooshes through hospital air vents to a room full of virus victims.

Petersen and screenwriters Laurence Dvoretz and Robert Roy Pool take the hum drum routine of laboratory research out into the field. With helicopter chases and political cover-ups, expect more Indiana Jones than Madame Curie.

Hoffman isn't your first choice when thinking of heroic action hero, yet he plays the part with complete conviction. It's not every day that you see him jumping from a helicopter onto a freighter.

Even the romance subplot doesn't get in the way. The recently divorced scientist wants to patch things up with his ex-wife (Rene Russo), his counterpart in the Center for Disease Control. Their love-hate relationship is believable even when other parts in the movie aren't.

Sometimes you get the feeling that, for the sake of another helicopter chase, key scenes were left on the cutting room floor. An infected mother is separated from her family, her blood sample taken and numbered. Just when you think she will play a part in the cure, she disappears.

Morgan Freeman and Donald Sutherland play military big wigs trying to cover the whole thing up. The virus has shown up before, and instead of surrendering their most powerful biological weapon they'd rather destroy an entire town.

Director Petersen fine-tuned his suspense techniques in the German "Das Boot." With movies like "In the Line of Fire" and now "Outbreak," he stands as Hollywood's most intelligent creator of big-budget action movies.

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PETER SOBEL

Thriller: Kevin Spacey as Major Casey Schuler (clockwise from left), Colonel Sam Daniels, M.D. (Dustin Hoffman), Dr. Roberta Keough (Rene Russo) and Major Walter Salt (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) in Warner Bros.' medical thriller, "Outbreak."

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Screen Scene

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

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

"Pather Panchali" (India-1954). 7, 9:30 p.m. March 17-18; 4, 7 p.m. March 19. Satyajit Ray's chronicle of a poor Indian family and the maturing of young son Apu was followed by two sequels (collectively known as "The Apu Trilogy"). This is not only a joyously self-contained experience, but also one of the best films ever made.

"The Last Klezmer" (USA-1994). 7 p.m. March 20. Of the 5,000 or so klezmer musicians performing in Europe before the Holocaust, Leopold Kozlowski is one of the few surviving. The documentary focuses on the rhythms and melodies that make this music so unique. As an added feature, director Yale Strom will introduce the film.

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

"The Phantom of Liberty" (France-1974). 9 p.m. March 20-21. In a companion piece to other surrealist masterpieces, veteran director Luis Bunuel concocts a series of anarchic sketches ostensibly addressing man's paradoxical quest for freedom.

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

"Clerks" (USA-1994). 8 p.m. March 21. 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



MIRAMAX FILMS

Comedy: Vladimir Cruz stars in Tomas Alea's "Strawberry & Chocolate," a new comedy from Cuba now playing at the Maple Theatre.

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."

"Dead Can Dance: Toward the Within" (USA-1994). 8 p.m. through March 17. Celtic folk and Middle Eastern percussion blend in the music of Dead Can Dance, shown here in a live performance in Santa Monica. (\$5)

"Heavenly Creatures" (New Zealand-1994). 7:30 p.m. March 19. Based on a notorious murder case, this breathtaking thriller from New Zealand plots what happens when two school girl's close friendship turns to murder.

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)

"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.

"Shallow Grave" (USA-1995). A black comedy about three friends who discover the body of their fourth roommate and agree to dispose of it and keep the money they find in his room. Kerry Fox ("Angel at My Table") and Christopher Eccleston star.

"Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!" (USA-1965). Director Russ Meyer's fascination for strong, chesty superwomen was never more acute than in this underground cult classic, rereleased to much greater acclaim than when it originally came out.

"Muriel's Wedding" (Austra-

lia-1995). A young woman gets revenge on those who tell her she'll always be a bridesmaid, never a bride. Opens Friday.

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.

"Before the Rain" (Macedonia-1994). A candidate for the Best Foreign Film Oscar this year, a love story told in three parts — an impossible love, a personal dilemma, and homecoming — linked by characters and events that alternate between modern London and the hills of Macedonia.

"Strawberry and Chocolate" (Cuba-1994). An odd relationship forms between two very different men — one a middle-aged gay counterrevolutionary, the other a straight young columnist — fuels this new comedy from Cuba.

MICHIGAN THEATRE
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"33rd Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival." Through March 19 (call for showtimes). The annual collection of 16mm independent and experimental films from around the world. Among the jurors is Jay Rosenblatt, whose "The Smell of Burning Ants" was awarded the Best of Festival prize last year. Winners screen Sunday at 5, 7, 9 p.m.

Coming Attractions

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

Opening Friday, March 17
"Bye Bye Love" — Three recently divorced dads who have weekend custody of their kids get a crash course in advanced parenting while trying to maintain a semblance of a social life find that while marriages may end, families are forever.

"Losing Isaiah" — Drama about a social worker and her husband who adopt an African-American baby, only to have the birth mother return several years later to regain custody of her son. Stars Jessica Lange, Halle Berry. (Rated R).

"Candy Man: Farewell to the Flesh" — Sequel to the 1992 thriller, a young woman probes

into the mystery of why her family is cursed by a hook-wielding Candyman. (Rated R).

Opening Friday, March 24

"Dolores Claiborne" — A successful New York journalist is forced to confront her troubled past when her mother is accused of murdering her employer. Stars Kathy Bates, Christopher Plummer.

"Muriel's Wedding" — Comedy about a young woman who, determined to make something of her life, sets out to find a wedding dress, a man and ultimately, the confidence to believe she deserves both.

"Gordy" — A charming comedy for the whole family that revolves around the adventures and



DUAN WILLIAMS

misadventures of a pig named Gordy.

Opening Friday, March 31
"Born to be Wild" — (Formerly titled "The Great Gorilla Get-away") A teenage boys forms a

Daddys: The cast of "Bye Bye, Love," includes **Matthew Modine** (front, left), **Paul Reiser** and **Randy Quaid**.

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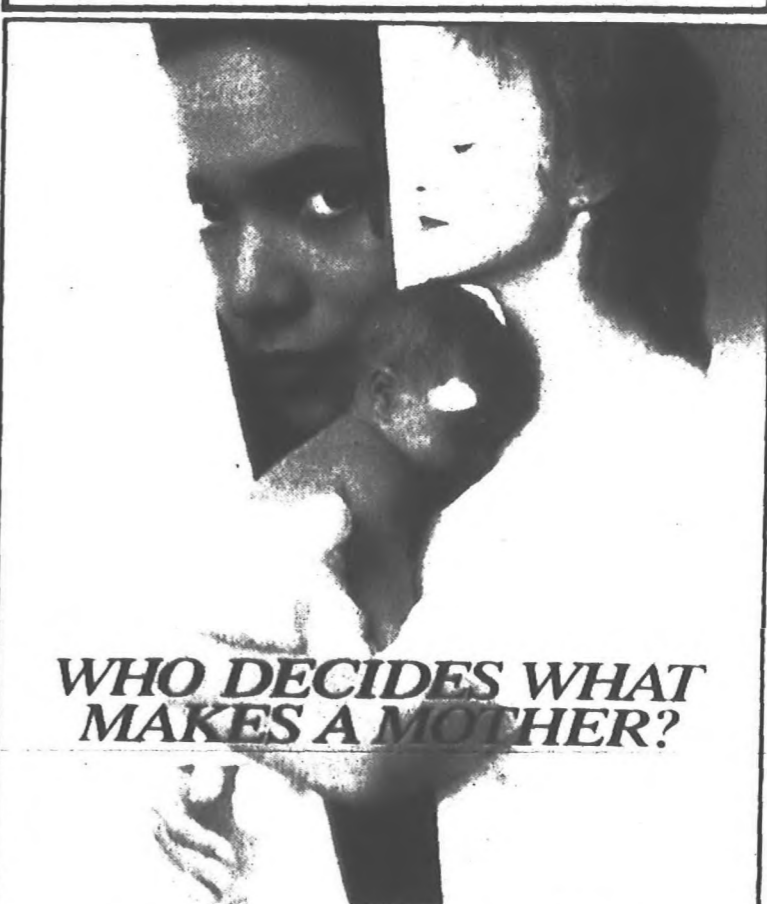
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LET GO! STREET SCENE

STREET BEAT

Loose — Victoria Williams

You sense such verve from this major-label debut that the star-studded "Sweet Relief" benefit album of her songs by friends like Lou Reed, Soul Asylum, Pearl Jam, Buffalo Tom, Michelle Shocked and many others doesn't seem possible to have been a money raiser for medical bills incurred by her multiple sclerosis. Indeed, Williams has always had a voice that might best be described as frail, falling somewhere between Buffy Sainte-Marie and Cyndi Lauper, but this is not the work of a woman weak by any measure.

From the opening line of "Century Plant" ("Outside my house is a cactus plant/They call the Century Tree/And only once in a hundred years/It flowers gracefully/And you never know when it will bloom"), Williams weaves a charming musical spell that wends its way through this superb collection of folk, rock and cabaret-style numbers.

"You Are Loved" has the best hooks this side of Neil Young, and Williams' duet with Dave Pirner of Soul Asylum on "My Ally" has all the inherent personality of the Velvet Underground's "I'm Sticking With You," which is to say it's a smile-inducer. Even her version of Spirit's "Nature's Way," one of three covers in this 16-cut treatise, is superb, down to the tympani fade. Other favorites here are her "Harry Went to Heaven," which puts me in mind of Rickie Lee Jones' best jazzy work, and the Gram Parsons-ish "When We Sing Together," on which she is joined by Mark Olson of the Jayhawks.

It's the height of irony, perhaps, that it took a debilitating disease to bring Victoria Williams' name to a wider audience. That her name is finally out there, though, is the important thing.

— Mark E. Gallo

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

The Gate to the Mind's Eye — Thomas Dolby

From the man who blinded the mid-1980s musical masses with technological tunes, Thomas Dolby's "The Gate to the Mind's Eye" (Giant, 1994) has extended his musical intentions. However, it may be a far stretch.

Electronic keyboard-based music stirred up the musical world with an electrical blast a decade ago allowing bands and individual-based acts the freedom to control and direct an entire orchestra with a push of a few keys. As time progressed, the movement faded, leaving those artists along the wayside simply admiring others.

Some artists have survived, such as Depeche Mode and New Order which have allowed its music to evolve.

"The Gate to the Mind's Eye" has inspiring intentions, but falters by its own ambition. The nine-song release is a mish-mash of musical styles, all centered around electronic melodies, rare in today's simplistic genre or niche-based musical tastes.

The release begins with "Armageddon," a rough technological-based sounding piece with Dolby chanting Medieval Latin poetry verses and the moody feeling "Planet of the Lost Souls," which is an orchestrated piece with opera-based lyrics mixed over textured sounds.

The release continues with "The Ascent of Man, Part I-VI" an 8 1/2-minute piece with six musical phases intertwined, followed by an aged jazz-based tune entitled "Nuvoque" which includes drums and horns. The release concludes with "Moonbase," a synthetic-sounding tune complete with Native American chants.

The track's most clever song "N.E.O." ("Near Earth Object") is a mass of soft sounds overlaying a constructed modern, new age feel with lyrics focused on astrological items sung by Dr. Fiorella Terenzi, who holds a doctorate in astrophysics and has performed the first experiment translating radiowaves from galaxies 150 million light years away into sounds. The result was released on her own album. Later on "The Gate to the Mind's Eye," Terenzi sings on a dance-based number entitled "Quantum Mechanic."

Dolby's intention on this release is a step above more modern technologically pleasing material. "The Gate to the Mind's Eye" does not break any new musical barrier than its musical forefathers accomplished a decade ago, but it is an interesting spin nonetheless.

— Kyle Green

Kyle Green is a freelance reporter from Lake Orion.

Have a listen

To hear music by She's So Huge (message 9), Chris Whitley (message 10), Rejoindance (message 11), Sarah McLachlan (message 12), Blue Nation (message 13), Wig (message 14), Sponge (message 15) and Bushshot LaFonque (message 16) you can call the Street Scene Music Line at (313) 933-3325 on a touch-tone phone. Fast-forward to the corresponding message by pressing 25. To repeat a message, press 4.



Humble band: All She's So Huge wants to do is make a living off of playing music. They seek your support on Friday, March 17, when they play Griff's Grill in Pontiac.

She's So Huge: Huge on optimism

Rich Deciantis and his bandmates in She's So Huge have their eyes firmly focused on the future. They want their music to support itself and they see their future including tours and playing "this stuff for everybody."

BY TODD WICKS
STAFF WRITER

To paraphrase Luke Skywalker, if there's a bright center to the rock'n'roll universe, East Lansing on a Sunday night is the city it's farthest from. Downstairs at Rick's American Cafe, a synth-heavy band of lanky youths seems rooted to the stage with fear as they finish up a New Order cover. A bouncer yawns and flirts with some college girls at the bar. For a while, the Galaga machine in the corner is actually Rick's most popular attraction, that is, until about midnight when She's So Huge starts up.

Bassist and lead singer Rich Deciantis lurches about to the left, eyes squeezed shut, busily pumping out an insistent groove. He will later call the show "mediocre," but from his intensity, one would think Deciantis was onstage at Madison Square Garden instead of playing for a dozen college kids huddled in a corner.

To the right is guitarist Kyle Thatcher, riding the bassline and strategically placing deafening fills in the mix. He and Deciantis claim to be breaking in new drummer Ron Tippin tonight, but it's nearly impossible to detect any errors or imperfections in originals like "I Love You Betty Sue" and "Blood on Her." It's not exactly standing room only, but She's So Huge blasts on.

"It was an audition gig. I don't even think we played a half hour," said

Deciantis, unfazed by the low attendance. "I mean, it's a Sunday night! Friday and Saturday night you've partied and spent all your money. Sunday night you just want to lay around and watch a movie or read a book."

A few weeks later, with the show safely behind them, he restates the obvious: "There just wasn't an audience there. It's hard to feed off of any energy when you don't have anybody staring you in the face. You just try and make everything go well so you can come back and play on a better night."

A fine gig
As for Deciantis' opinion of the band's performance, "It was one of our first gigs with our new drummer, but I was impressed because Ron hasn't had much time to fill in the shoes or get the feel for everything," he said. "So I was impressed as far as that goes, but looking back, compared to how tight we are now, it was mediocre."

However tight the band was that Sunday, its intensity onstage was anything but mediocre. The bass-driven, Sabbath/Nirvana grind of the Clarkston trio is so powerful it's almost trance-inducing. Even the die-hard barflies seemed won over after a few songs.

Meanwhile, Deciantis is already anticipating a next time.

"I want to play there on a weekend, on a Thursday or a Friday or a Saturday," he said excitedly. "I want to have a bunch of screaming kids there and just rock, just get up there and

say, 'This is the way we jam.'"
With optimism like that, even a less than stellar gig can be viewed as a learning experience for the band.

"It's really a rehearsal," he said. "A stage rehearsal is a lot better than one in your jam room or wherever... (playing live) gives you all the obstacles you run into on an everyday performance level, whereas if you practice where you normally do, you know what it sounds like, you know how loud to turn it up because you've played in that room a thousand times. When you get up onstage, it's a different story."

The addition of Tippin is the first major lineup change in She's So Huge's four-year history. Deciantis is quick to credit ex-drummer Brent Beer for helping the band advance to a more professional level.

"We just lost one of the founding members, he said quietly. "He (Beer) went through a lot with us, brought us up to the point we are at right now."

Deciantis attributes the split to a difference in work ethic: "Things got to where the band was taking up a lot of our time, and it kind of lost its romance for him. He looked at it more as poetry, and not so much as a hard-working, back-breaking job. Once it turned into that for him, it just lost its appeal and he decided to move on."

Focused on future
But despite the reverie, eyes are firmly focused on the future.

"Luckily, we now have a very talented and qualified drummer, and the transformation was very smooth," Deciantis said, determinedly upbeat. Meaning: subject closed.

In fact, get Deciantis started on the future and you'll hear only one ambition: "All I want to do is to have my music support itself," he declared. "I

want to be able to pay for the habit, you know what I'm saying? I want to tour, I want to go all over and play this stuff for everybody, I want everybody to hear it."

For him, success equals longevity, not financial gain.

"I don't want to be rich. I'd be happy just driving my van and living in some apartment for the rest of my life, just as long as I get to jam," he said. "I'm not going to deny myself certain things in life because of this, but right now things are going so smoothly that I'm going to take it as far as it'll go, and that could be either huge success or just two years from now."

Either way, Deciantis swears on being true to his music.

"You have to be sincere in this business, totally heartfelt," he said. "A person has to bleed onstage before people will say, 'Wow, this is a sincere thing that's happening here.' A lot of bands go on and you can see right through the act. People are just going through the motions; they're not actually feeling what they're playing."

And feeling is something She's So Huge insists on.

"No matter how often we play out," he added. "I always try to have the attitude that this might be the last time I'll ever get to express myself on this level."

Deciantis' intensity, like his band's, fills the room. There's an uncertain pause. Then he laughs. "That's probably why you'll go to a club with only a dozen people and we'll be onstage jamming like we were at Madison Square Garden."

She's So Huge performs Friday, March 17 at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (810) 334-9292; and Friday, March 31, at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, (313) 876-6555.

Whitley is never too far from his music

BY TODD WICKS
SPECIAL WRITER

Chris Whitley speaks so softly over the telephone that any background noise on either end is a distraction. From his Atlanta hotel room, clearly audible against Whitley's thoughtful whisper comes a strange, ping-pong drone, what at first sounds like a Ravi Shankar tape or even the intro to "Paint It Black." The noise gradually turns into the familiar sound of a guitar being tuned.

Even during the interview, Whitley is never too far away from his music.

"Living With the Law," Whitley's 1991 debut, was a critical smash, full of acoustic blues and dusty grooves that were anything but fashionable. His new album, "Din of Ecstasy," due for release in late March, roars and clangs with the sound of a seasoned bluesman just discovering the electric guitar, and more importantly, distortion.

Now consistently backed by bass and drums, Whitley's songs like the fiery "O God My Heart Is Ready" and the sweeping "Narcotic Prayer," reside somewhere in the decades between Jimi Hendrix and Dinosaur Jr. Whitley, intrigued as anyone about his newest left turn, the apparently urgent tuning job does not slow him from speaking volumes about his craft.

"I didn't realize 'Din' would be so different until we got into the studio, and even now I'm more aware of it than I was when we started rehearsing years ago," he said. "I have tapes of most of these songs from as far back as 1992, so it was a developing thing."

After years of playing solo, accompanied only by his acoustic guitar, the new electric-based trio format, including Rich Mercuro on drums and Alan Covert on bass, has greatly changed things for Whitley. It has been his "perfect idea" of musical possibilities — the limitations of a trio, the very basic instruments.

So far, Whitley's music has been anything but



Settled in: Chris Whitley does a four-night stand at 7th House in Pontiac March 23-26.

debauche. Plugging in has given "Din" a live-sounding feel, but the songs themselves remain elemental and stripped-down, not in sync with most of today's music.

"My rock references are more like my parents'," Whitley admitted. "I never listen to the radio and I don't get MTV and I never watch television. Stuff

like Zeppelin and Hendrix, Cream, the Doors, that stuff is more aesthetic.

"To me, Howling Wolf has more in common with Nirvana than with most people playing blues now, like Clapton. It's just the urgency in the music. (What's called) blues today, I'm really not interested in."

Whitley's latest tour, what he calls the "residency thing," involves playing several nights in a row in the same city. The dates are loosely planned out to end on a high note.

For playing an entirely new style of music in front of unprepared audiences, Whitley's reception has been surprisingly favorable.

"The record hasn't come out yet, so I don't know what people will think of it, but the audiences," he said. "I like that it (the new material) appeals to people who are maybe a little more open-minded or listen to a little more visceral music, who listen in different ways."

Whitley's musical change of face was co-produced by John Custer and Whitley who was attracted to Custer because "he's Southern and I thought he would have an R&B thing. I didn't want the album to get polished or too L.A.-metallic."

"I kind of tend toward, well, not country but a rural thing," he said. "You can kind of hear it sometimes in a Nirvana, in things that aren't L.A. or New York or even Chicago, things that are a little more trashy or something. There's an aesthetic in that that I respond to because it's a little more organic."

"It's not musicianship exactly, it's like, 'expressiveness' or something. I don't know. It sounds sort of trite, but it's something that's really important, especially in music now."

Chris Whitley performs at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Thursday, March 23-Sunday, March 26. For more information, call (810) 335-8100.

In Concert

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fuoco, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 691-7279. To ensure publication, the venues' addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

Thursday, March 16
Oasis
With Velvet Crush at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (pompos British rock) (313) 961-MELT
Sarah McLachlan
With Paula Cole at Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. (folky alternapop) (313) 764-8350
Bright Black
With Mood Poisoning and Familiars at 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. (funky rock) (810) 589-3344
Corrosive
With Apollyn at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (rock) (810) 334-9292
Blue Rodeo
With Dead Hot Workshop at Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (alternapop) (313) 963-7680
La Trinity

Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsilanti (reggae/soca) (313) 485-5050
Bernice Lewis
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (folk) (313) 761-1800
The D.T.'s
With Melting Hopefuls at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (alternapop) (313) 966-8555
Groove Dogs
Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (blues) (810) 334-7411

Friday, March 17
Patrick Ball
The 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (Celtic harpist/storyteller) (810) 335-8100
Chris Connelly
Former vocalist of Ministry, Revco and Pigface, performs with special guests Low Pop Suicide and Calum Bliss at The Ritz, 17580 Frazer, Roseville. (hard alternative rock/gothic) (810) 778-6404
Spank
With The Tyde and Anagram at Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (alternapop) (810) 334-7411

(810) 644-3030
Modesty Forbids
Plays an early show, afterward She's So Huge and Angus Cook play at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (Celtic/rock) (810) 334-9292
Polish Musicians
Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. (quirky) (313) 875-8555
Maceo Parker
Former saxophonist for James Brown, George Clinton, Deee-Lite, and De La Soul, with Blue Dog at Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. (jazz) (313) 763-3333
Billy Cobham
Formerly of the Mahavishnu Orchestra, with Fusion Inventor at Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (drummer) (313) 963-7680
Frank Allison and the Odd Sox
Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (quirky alternapop) (313) 966-8555
Wig
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. (dark, melodic heavy rock) (313) 485-5050
RFD Boys
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (bluegrass)

(313) 761-1800
Moisture
With the Happy Accidents at The Sanctuary, 10241 Jos Campau, Hamtramck. (Minneapolis-style rock/alternative pop) (313) 873-4900
The Luddites
With Immigrant Sons, Ernie Douglas, Mark Christopher and Passenger to Nowhere at Alvin's, 5766 Cass Ave., Detroit. (variety from acoustic rock to ethnic) (313) 832-2355
Housing Diablos
Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (blues) (810) 334-7411
The Impatients
Cava Java, 1101 S. University, Ann Arbor. (acoustic) (313) 741-5282
Ramona Collins
With Jimmy Lee Trio at The Ark, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (acoustic) (313) 662-8310
Charlie Taylor
With Len Wallace at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (Irish) (313) 961-MELT
The Exposers
Impound, 17320 Harper, Detroit. (alternative rock) (313) 884-9441

Detroit Social Club
Hosts St. Patrick's Day party at Industry, 16 E. Saginaw, Pontiac. (810) 334-1999
Robert Noll Blues Mission
Corradi's, 1000 Rochester Road, Troy. (blues) (810) 588-3471
Uncle Jesse White
Performs along with Purple Room, Blues-O-Matic, Jeff Grand and the Grandmasters, City Limits Blues Band and the Autism All-Stars at Soup Kitch Saloon, 1895 Franklin, Detroit, during a benefit for Wayne County Society for Autistic Citizens (Way/SAC). It also serves as a CD release party for "Blues From the Heart." (313) 260-2643

The Bucket
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. (funky, funky rock) (313) 485-5050
BETTY
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (folk) (313) 761-1800
The Holy Cause
With Nineteen Wheels at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (rock) (313) 966-8555
Peter White
With Richard Elliot, Warren Hill and Craig Chaquico at Music Hall, Detroit. (313) 963-7680
Proud
With Red September at the Sanctuary, 10241 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. (alternative rock) (313) 873-4900
Blues Action Council
Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (blues) (810) 334-7411
Ramona Collins
With Jimmy Lee Trio at The Ark, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (acoustic) (313) 662-8310
Spank
Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (acoustic alternapop) (810) 332-HOWL

Saturday, March 18
Sinister Shame
With Torque at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (rock) (810) 334-9292
Feisty Cadavers
Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. (alternative) (313) 875-8555
John Cale
Formerly of the Velvet Underground, with Soldier String Quartet and B.J. Cole at 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (alternative) (810) 335-8100

Singles Mingle

Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax (313) 691-7279.

Dance parties
TIP TOP DANCE
Tip Toppers Club of Detroit sponsors a "Pirate Theme Costume Dance" 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 17, at the Livonia Marriott, Laurel Park, Six Mile between Newburgh Road and I-275, Livonia. Admission \$15/per person. (313) 458-7887 or (313) 421-4897.

SEMI-FORMAL
Tip Toppers Club of Detroit sponsors a "Semi-Formal" Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at Livonia Marriott, Laurel Park, Six Mile between Newburgh Road and I-275, Livonia. Admission \$15 per person. (313) 458-7887 or (313) 421-4897.

MEET A MATE
Tri-County Singles presents a Meet a Mate dance on Saturday, March 18 at Burton Manor, I-96 and Inkster Rd., Livonia. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ages 21 and up. Fashionable attire. Admission \$3. Hotline 842-7422. Also, Wednesday evenings at the Burton Manor, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Arrive early for hot hors d'oeuvres. Same admission and attire required. Country Dancing

Ballroom dancing
BALLROOM CLASS
A beginner ballroom dance class will be 7-8:30 p.m. starting Monday, March 27, at Jane Addams Elementary School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford. Cost for the 10-week class is \$20. Singles or couples. 471-4168.

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

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

Single groups
TEMPLE BAPTIST SAN
Four separate classes meeting 9-45 a.m. on Sundays, at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Groups divided by age and life situation. Weekly activities; sporting events, concerts, trips, Bible studies, prayer times, Girls Night Out. Check us out. (313) 255-3333.

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS
Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. 422-8700.

ETHANRY
Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (800) 667-0888, (810) 553-7980, or Marsha (810) 553-2105.

NEWBURG SINGLES
Newburg Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. Guest speaker for March 19 is Suzanne Zelsing, financial planner with Dean Witter. Everyone, single or married is welcome. Light refreshments served. (313) 683-0014.

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

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents a social group called Single Place which meets 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church. (810) 349-0911.

WEDNESDAY
The Holy Hand Clasp leads Scripture study and prayer to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall, Ward

Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk it Over (10), 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (313) 422-1854.

EXPRESSIONS
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 966-0141.

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

ACTIVITIES GROUP
The Activities Group is single adults participating in a variety of activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or political organization. Membership fee is \$30. The first golf outing of the season is Friday, April 14 at Copper Creek. A Toronto theatre weekend is planned April 22. Call 810-869-5333 for information. (810) 624-7777.

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

PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD
The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Cadillac Cafe, 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1969.

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

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

VOYAGERS SINGLES
Voyagers Singles is a non-denominational singles group for adults 45-years and older which meets at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. They will meet at the church at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, to attend the musical "The King and I." Tickets are \$8 and \$7 for seniors. 422-3091.

SELECTIVE SINGLES SOCIAL/TRAVEL Club
Selective Singles Social and Travel Club comprises 600+ interesting, educated singles ages 25 and older, in the extended tri-county area. Many ongoing and varied social activities and trips. At 1 p.m. Sunday, March 19, the group will meet at Westside L.B.B.T. (Let's Break Bread Together) an area restaurant. Call Marsha, (810) 553-2105, (800) 667-0888, (810) 553-7980, or Marsha (810) 553-2105.

Sports/Recreation
CULTURAL ARTS
The Cultural Arts Club of The Activities Group will host a Spotlight Tour of the Theatre District on Monday, June 19. Early mail in registration is advised. The tour includes most of the theaters and churches in the Grand Circus Park area. Tickets are \$16 for members and an additional \$3 for non-members. Send check payable to The Activities Group, 2160 North Fort-St. Trail, Commerce Township, Mich. 48390-3161. (810) 624-7777.

IMPACT VOLLEYBALL
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Binney Middle School in Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and 11 Mile Road. The cost is \$3 for members/\$8 non-members. (810) 682-1807.

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMER NIGHT
Farmington Single Professionals sponsors a regular Euchre game night 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, at the Historic Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Casual attire and a \$5 admission is required. Munchies and something to

drink are encouraged. (810) 478-9181.

INDOOR GAME NIGHT
Bethany Farmington presents an "Indoor Game Night" 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23615 Power Road, Farmington. Donation \$1. Plan Trivial Pursuit, Yahtzee, Clue, Monopoly, Scrabble, cards or your favorite game. Marleen (810) 478-7841, Elaine (313) 380-8091, Heather (313) 721-0577, Bob (313) 697-0181.

Other activities

MRS./MRS. RIGHT WORKSHOPS
Cynthia D'Amour's Meet Mr./Mrs. Right presents the following workshops: For Women Only — The Secrets of Men: What they really want and how to get commitment will be noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Hampton Inn, Ann Arbor North, exit 41 off US-23. Cost \$35.

Men's Tune Up Class — Men only. Learn the secrets of women; what they want and how to woo them at 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Hampton Inn, Ann Arbor North, exit 41 off US-23. Cost \$35.

Dating for Success — Learn how to be in a quality relationship within one year from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Holiday Inn-Livonia West, Laurel Park Mall, Six Mile exit off I-275. Cost \$49.

Social Networking — Meeting Singles Made Easy. Free one hour workshop. Two workshops will be 6-7 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Holiday Inn-Livonia, Laurel Park Mall. Reservations requested. All workshops (313) 994-0367.

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements on Clemens Avenue and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The intended improvement consists of two-lane bituminous pavement over an existing gravel road. The project shall include minor driveway and drainage improvements necessary to facilitate the paving.

The project area commences at the intersection of Northville Road and Clemens Avenue right-of-way, and proceeds northeasterly to the end of Clemens Avenue, approximately 1,385 linear feet.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvement and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limits for frontage along Clemens Avenue consists of Lots 2 through 23 of the Parkway Heights Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 67, Page 91, Wayne County Records, as well as the following lots of Supervisor's Plat No. 3, recorded in Liber 68, Page 38, Wayne County Records: Lots 39a1, 41 and 42, 2347a2a, 2347a2b, 2347a2c, 2347a2d, 2347a2e, 2347a2f, 2347a2g, 2347a2h, 2347a2i, 2347a2j, 2347a2k, 2347a2l, 2347a2m, 2347a2n, 2347a2o, 2347a2p, 2347a2q, 2347a2r, 2347a2s, 2347a2t, 2347a2u, 2347a2v, 2347a2w, 2347a2x, 2347a2y, 2347a2z, 2347a2aa, 2347a2ab, 2347a2ac, 2347a2ad, 2347a2ae, 2347a2af, 2347a2ag, 2347a2ah, 2347a2ai, 2347a2aj, 2347a2ak, 2347a2al, 2347a2am, 2347a2an, 2347a2ao, 2347a2ap, 2347a2aq, 2347a2ar, 2347a2as, 2347a2at, 2347a2au, 2347a2av, 2347a2aw, 2347a2ax, 2347a2ay, 2347a2az, 2347a2ba, 2347a2bb, 2347a2bc, 2347a2bd, 2347a2be, 2347a2bf, 2347a2bg, 2347a2bh, 2347a2bi, 2347a2bj, 2347a2bk, 2347a2bl, 2347a2bm, 2347a2bn, 2347a2bo, 2347a2bp, 2347a2bq, 2347a2br, 2347a2bs, 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LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Tour Poland this summer

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER



There's more to Poland than kielbasa and polkas. "It reminds people of the Old World. There's a great deal of history," said Ed Wojtan of Livonia.

Wojtan and his wife, Jane will share their vision of Poland with travelers who opt to join them on a 15-day tour, July 9-23. The package, which costs \$2,175 per person includes round-trip airfare, first class hotel accommodations with private bath or shower, most meals, comprehensive sight-seeing program, transportation throughout Poland by air conditioned bus, arrival and departure transfers, and the services of an English speaking guide. For more information, call (313) 425-2727.

"We attempt to spend more than one night in a city so you'll have a good amount of time to rest and explore," said Ed. "We want to expose the beauty and culture of Poland. We visit a lot of historical sights."

Jane and Ed visited Poland for

the first time in 1989. Jane's parents, and her oldest sister were born there, as were Ed's parents. It was such a wonderful experience that they decided to present 38 of their best pictures in an exhibit. It was shown twice — at Livonia City Hall in 1990, and at the Civic Center Library in 1992. In 1992 they also presented a slide show travelogue of Poland. This led them to host their first tour to Poland in 1993. It was very successful and they hosted another in 1994.

The number of people on tour ranges from 20 to 30 people. People of all different ages have toured Poland with the Wojtan's. Last year the ages ranged from 25 to 80.

Some of the cities the tour will visit this year are Warsaw, Wroclaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Zakopane, Lublin, Wadowice (birthplace of Pope John Paul II), and Zamosc.

Some are highlights are: an excursion to Wieliczka, one of the oldest salt mines in the world, a cable ride to the top of Tatra Mountains, a raft ride on the Dunajec River or a tour of Mor-

skie Oko/Eye of the Sea, a Jewish Ghetto that was one of the filming locations of "Schindler's List," and Jasna Gora, home of the Black Madonna.

Travelers will have many opportunities for shopping and sight-seeing on their own.

"The shopping is wonderful," said Jane. "You can find amber and wood carvings. Of course, the food is excellent, it borders on gourmet. One of my favorite dishes was a cold cherry soup."

"Now is a good time to see Poland before it becomes more Westernized," said the Wojtans. Besides regional cuisine, visitors can now enjoy taste of home — Burger King, McDonald's and Taco Bell.

Tell us about your favorite destination. Have you visited Poland recently? What was it like? To share information about your travels with friends, neighbors and relatives in "Let's Go!," send photos and a brief description of your trip to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax (313) 591-7279.



Sightseers: Ed Wojtan (left to right), Bill and Alice McCann and Gene Caroll of Livonia in Old Town, Warsaw.



Up north on a visit: That's Charlie Rhodes of Garden City (the big guy) holding his grandson, Kristopher C. Rhodes, who was celebrating his first birthday. Rhodes, a Garden City police officer, was visiting Northern Michigan University in Marquette, where Kristopher's mom, Stacey, is a student. They also visited Presque Isle Park.

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PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Cummings honored

Paul Cummings, now in his 10th year as athletic director for both Canton and Salem high schools, has been honored as the Region XI athletic director of the year by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Cummings, who has been in the school district for 31 years, was assistant director of athletics from 1973-85, before taking his current post. As AD, Cummings has developed an athletic trainer's program, built the area's first lighted soccer stadium, and has hosted at least six Western Lakes Activities Association championships a year as well as several MHSAA events.

A banquet honoring all the regional AD winners will be Monday in Traverse City.

Soccer standouts

The Canton Flames, an under-13 premier girls soccer team, won the under-13 A Division and took second in the under-14 A Division at Total Soccer in Southfield.

Team members are Susannah Bryant, Jessie Bucks, Lacey Catarino, Amy Dorogi, Jeannine Edwards, Jessica Geiser, Laura Hucal, Aimee Jachym, Lindsay Klemmer, Karen Kramer, Amanda Lentz, Jessica Palis, Andrea Schimmel, Claudia Sell, Noelle Swartz, Heather Thompson and Emily Wilkinson. The team is coached by John Schimmel, Ernie Bucks, Gary Palis and Amy Trunk.

■ The Canton Hornets collected the title for the boys under-12 premier A Division during the second session at Total Soccer in Farmington.

Team members are Nic Aust, Derek Bias, Dustin Drabek, Derek Gismondi, Jeff Haar, Sean Kreimes, David Lake, Matthew Magers, Tommaso Mainella, Jason McMaster, Mike Roach, Joel Rubis, Keith Schenkel, James Steinert, Leon Walsh, Nahshon Washington and Michael Zemanski. The team is coached by Mark Zemanski, Jim Rubis and Roscoe Nash.

Anyone wishing to submit items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Season ends for Canton

■ Going in, Plymouth Canton knew it would have to have a near-perfect performance to beat a team like Detroit Pershing. The Chiefs got it defensively, holding the Doughboys to 63 points. But the offense was woefully short, which meant the end of Canton's season.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER



By the look of it, this might have been the unhappiest day of Ted Docks' young life.

Plymouth Canton's 6-foot-10 star, the guy whose incredible shooting carved up Westland John Glenn in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament final, couldn't find his shot in Tuesday's regional semifinal against Detroit Pershing at Ferndale HS.

Docks probably felt he should shoulder a large portion of the blame for the 63-38 trouncing dished out by the Doughboys. After all, he managed to make just 2-of-20 shots from the floor, scoring a mere five points — by far his worst outing of the season.

But this season-ending defeat could not simply be laid on Docks' lap. There was plenty of blame, if one cared to assess it, to go around.

And there was a fair share of good stuff as well. While Docks labored — he was 0-for-9 on three-pointers — Ron Hunter shined. The 6-foot-3 junior slashed and bottled his way to post game-highs in points (22), rebounds (nine) and steals (five).



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Space search: Canton's Ron Hunter met resistance like this — applied by Pershing's Toriano Williams — all game, yet still scored 22 points.

See CHIEFS, 3C

A good finish

Chiefs 4th, Salem 7th at state

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

When John Cunningham said he thought his Plymouth Canton gymnastics team had a chance to finish as high as second at the state team finals last Friday, he wasn't quite sure what he was up against.

He found out when he arrived at Troy High School. "Once I saw the level of competition, particularly on the floor (exercise), I said 'Oh, my goodness.'"

"It was phenomenal." And yet, his Canton team wasn't far off his prediction. Hol-

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land did defend its state title, scoring 146.95 to place well ahead of runner-up Freeland's 143.80 (which Cunningham predicted). Third place went to Grand Rapids Christian, with 141.85.

And in fourth was Canton with 140.75, its second best score this season.

The overall performance earned Cunningham something he had never won before — coach of the year honors. "Just like winning the (Western Lakes Activities As-

sociation) conference, it's the first time," he said.

Plymouth Salem placed seventh with 138.85, behind fifth-place Northville (139.30) and sixth-place Birmingham Seaholm (139.10).

"I can't be disappointed at all with our finish," said Cunningham. "There wasn't anybody who had a bad meet. Everybody contributed some place."

Canton was consistent everywhere, posting the third-best team scores in the vault (35.80 to-

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Rocks' relays score at state

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It was close. That's the only way to describe Plymouth Salem's performance at Saturday's Class A swim championships, hosted by Michigan State in East Lansing. The Rocks finished tied for ninth in the team standings with St. John's, scoring 40 points — all coming from their

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relays. "We had a lot of close calls for individuals — we just didn't have quite enough," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

One person who didn't have a close call was Plymouth Canton diver Jason Fowler. The Western

Lakes Activities Association champion turned in a solid performance, finishing seventh with 398.40 points.

No other individual from either Salem or Canton scored points.

Eric Seidelman, who swam both the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle, was one of those who

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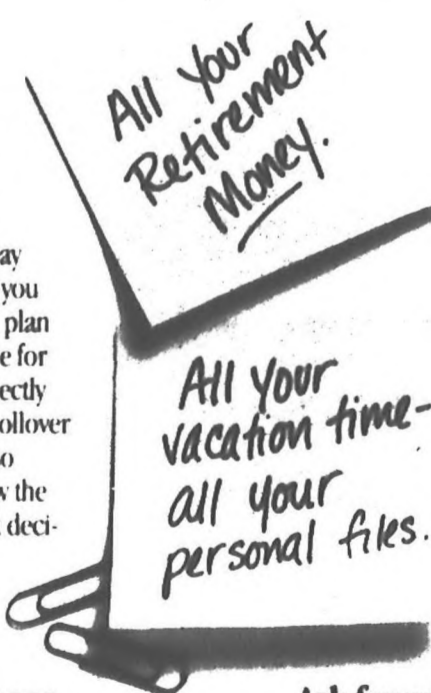
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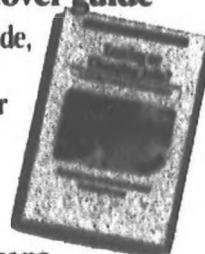
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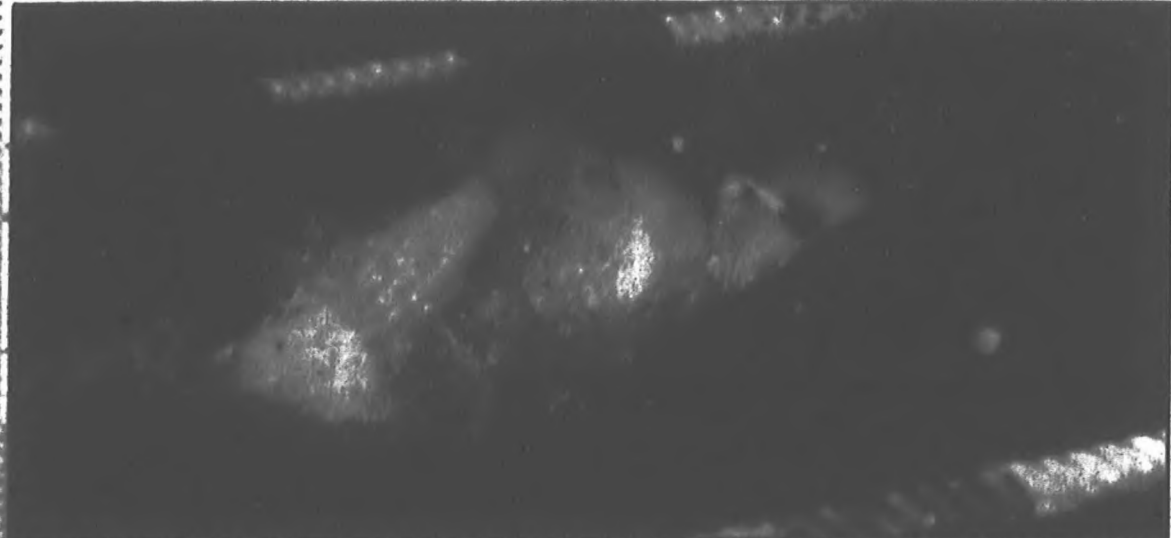
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So close: Salem's Eric Seidelman bettered his best time of the season in the 200-yard freestyle by more than two seconds — and still just missed scoring at state.

CC's Spolsky just misses a title

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

By late Saturday night Redford Catholic's central junior John Spolsky was looking ahead to next wrestling season.

Spolsky was thinking about winning a state title after finishing second in the heavyweight division of the Class A tournament earlier that same evening.

Spolsky came close to reaching his goal this year losing a 4-3 decision to Holland West Ottawa's Rob Renes in the championship bout.

"It was a learning experience," Spolsky said. "I know what it's like now. I won't be so naive and young next time."

Spolsky is small, by heavyweight standards at 155 pounds and 225 pounds, but he was certainly a match for Renes, a senior who will play football at the Uni-

versity of Michigan.

The 6-2, 275 pound Renes enjoyed a size advantage but couldn't overpower Spolsky. But he did make it difficult for Spolsky to wrestle effectively.

"They're all so much taller and bigger than me—at least 50 pounds," Spolsky said.

"They come into me and try to muscle me, and I can use their momentum to snap them down and spin around them. But he controlled me pretty well."

"I'm disappointed I lost. I didn't wrestle as well as I usually do, but I guess that happens."

Renes tried repeatedly to throw Spolsky off balance and maneuver for a takedown, but Spolsky kept his footing and thwarted those attempts.

Spolsky even held a 2-0 lead after two periods. Renes got an es-

cape and a stalling point to tie and a takedown in the last half minute to win.

Spolsky won his first match 9-1 and edged Dearborn Fordson's Joe Chimento 3-2 in the next round. He defeated Eugene Callaway of state team champion Flint Northern 4-2 in the semifinals.

"I was prepared to work hard and get tired," said Spolsky, adding he beat Callaway in overtime earlier in the year. "Coach Rod (Mike Rodriguez) says that's a problem with a lot of wrestlers; they're not ready to get tired."

Spolsky, who was eighth last year, finished the season with a 50-1 record.

CC sophomore Bill Lamb (112) finished fifth, senior Andy Short (215) and sophomore Dario Ianni (106) seventh and sophomore Dave O'Hara (100) eighth.

"I would have liked to place

higher, but I'm pretty happy with seventh because I came a long ways since last year," Short (41-10) said, adding he didn't survive the district tournament as a junior.

"I was a weaker wrestler and didn't always believe in myself when I walked on the mat. This year Coach Rod taught me how to believe in myself."

Short, who will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and play football for the Black Knights, started the tournament by pinning Flint Northern's Courtney String a second time.

He lost to Bela Bruckner of Niles in the second round, split his next two bouts and defeated Fordson's Easa Hisham 11-5 to earn seventh place.

Lamb finished 42-5, Ianni 37-10 and O'Hara 41-12.

WRESTLING

First trip to finals a 5th for Hughes

Plymouth Salem senior Scott Hughes earned fifth place in the Class A individual wrestling tournament Saturday in Battle Creek.

Making his first trip to the state finals, Hughes finished fifth at 119 pounds when Holt's Wesley Long forfeited the final bout because of an injury.

Hughes (37-7) began the tournament by pinning Paul Toth of Warren Cousino (1:10), but he lost a 12-4 decision to Long in the second round.

Hughes defeated Royal Oak Kimball's Tony Harris 19-11

and pinned Adrian's Phong Pham (2:16) before losing 8-2 to Flint Northern's Stephen Lymon. That put him in the finals opposite Long for fifth/sixth place.

"I wrestled some good matches, but I also wrestled some bad matches," said Hughes, a regional champion. "I thought I'd do well here, but it didn't go as well as I had hoped."

"Some kids do worse than I did. Some bad things happen to good kids. I feel good that I placed in the top six and got all-state."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SPARTANS SEEK TITLE

Michigan State's hockey team has advanced to this week's Central Collegiate Hockey Association Final Four by sweeping Linois (Chicago) 6-4 and 4-2 last weekend. The Spartans take a 24-10 record into the tournament Saturday against Bowling Green State.

Chris Smith, MSU's junior defenseman from Canton, continues to lead the team's defensemen in scoring with 10 goals and 19 assists for 29 points, which ranks as fifth best in the team.

SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The Livonia Michigan Hawks, an under-13 girls soccer team coached by

John Buchanan, captured a regional title March 4-5 at the North American Indoor Championships in Merrillville, Ind.

Members of the Hawks, who defeated the Blazers in the finals, 4-2, include: Susan Bear, Renee Kashawlic, Kristin Leszczynski, Deanna McGrath, Brianna Roy, Andi Seid, Stacey Supanich and Megan Urbats, all of Livonia; Abi and Anne Morrell, both of Plymouth; Christen Shull and Suzi Towne, both of Canton; Nicole Breger, Laura Grode and Cassie Teeple. The assistant coach is Jerry Biegler of Farmington Hills.

LADBROKE OPENS FRIDAY

Ladbroke DRC, Michigan's only thoroughbred race track, begins its 1995 sea-

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Friday's 11-race card gets underway at 2 p.m.

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A 12-race program follows at 1 p.m. Saturday featuring the fifth running of the \$40,000-guaranteed Spartan Stakes for Michigan-bred 3-year-olds (sprinting five furlongs). Saturday's card also includes simulcast of the \$200,000 Widener Handicap from Hialeah, Fla., a Grade III event

that features some of the nation's top handicap horses going 1 1/4 miles.

An 11-race program follows at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Each Sunday is Ladies Night with a free admission for all women to both the grandstand and clubhouse.

Ladbroke DRC will race every Wednesday through Sunday with the exceptions of Wednesday, March 29 and Easter Sunday, April 16. (Ladbroke will run Monday, April 17 instead.)

SKATERS ON PARADE

Some of the area's top figure skaters will be on display March 24-26 for the Livonia ISIA Open at Edgar Arena, Lyndon and Farmington Roads. Competition will be from 1-8 p.m. Friday, March 24; 7:30 a.m.-9

p.m. Saturday, March 25; and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

Admission is \$2 for adults and seniors and \$1 for children 3-12 years. Children 2 and under are free.

RECREATION NEWS

Cheerleading classes for girls will start April 5 at the Canton Recreation Center (Michigan and Sheldon). Cost is \$20 and there are no residency requirements.

The classes last eight weeks, meeting each Wednesday. For girls 5-6 years old, classes run from 5-5:30 p.m.; for girls 7-11 years old, classes go from 5:30-6 p.m. Students will learn pompon, dance routines, basic cheers and jumps.

Registration starts Monday and ends April 4. For more information, call 397-5110.

Men's recreation basketball will begin Wednesday, March 29, and will last for 10 weeks at Field Elementary School. Cost is \$25 per person. Each session lasts from 6:45-9:45 p.m.

The program is limited to Canton residents only. Registration ends March 27. Call 397-5110 for further details.

WMU GOLF OUTING

The Western Michigan University Detroit Golf Outing will be Monday, June 26 at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, home of the Buick Open.

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Shamrocks' season ends with 70-55 loss to Cooley

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Michael Jordan's return to basketball has been rumored all week, but Detroit Cooley wasn't expecting to see him in Redford Catholic Central's lineup Wednesday night.

Just as Cooley started pulling away from CC in a Class A boys basketball regional semifinal at Southfield High, the public address announcer started Cardinals' coach Ben Kelso and his players.

"I said 'Michael who?'" Cooley

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senior guard Brian Ponder said.

The 6-foot-4 junior forward who goes by the same name as the former Chicago Bulls' star took off his warmups and gave the Shamrocks a lift with 10 fourth-quarter points.

But no one could slow down the Cardinals, who made an incredible 16 of 19 field goal attempts and 11 of 12 free throws in the

second half to coast to a 70-55 victory.

The Cardinals were getting free on the baseline throughout the game because the CC defense focused on Cooley's senior guard Dawon Hale, who had eight three-pointers in a district final win over Murray Wright.

Hale finished with two triples and a game-high 25 points. Senior forward Tramelle Bullock had 16 and Ponder scored nine of his 11 in the second half.

"We were getting the shots we wanted and were pretty patient,"

Kelso said. "We were ahead and they had to have the ball back."

As for Jordan's appearance, Kelso laughed and said, "That scared the heck out of me."

With 6-7 junior center Sylvester Dotson on the bench with three fouls, the Cardinals outscored the Shamrocks, 11-2, in the last three minutes of the third quarter to take a 46-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

Despite Jordan's effort, the best the Shamrocks could do was trade baskets with Cooley.

The Shamrocks finished 12-10

overall and their only significant loss to graduation will be senior forward Mike Ridley. Cooley limited Ridley to 10 points on three of 15 shooting.

Junior point guard Chris Misiak led the Shamrocks with 18 points. Sophomore guard Mark McDonald finished with 11.

The Shamrocks made 11 triples in a 74-55 win over Livonia Stevenson in Friday's district final, but were only 3-17 from three-point range against Cooley.

After falling behind 11-2 to start the game, Misiak scored eight points in the second quarter to help the Shamrocks stay close at halftime, 27-19.

"That little guard hurt us pretty bad in the first half," Kelso said. "He was penetrating, getting fouls and we couldn't afford to double team him because they have too many shooters. We changed him better in the second half and backed off him."



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Off target: Ted Docks was limited to five points in the final prep game of his career.

Chiefs from page 1C

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, that was all they could offer offensively. They bow out with a 19-5 record. Pershing, now 20-3, advances to Thursday's regional final against Southfield-Lathrup.

Shooting totals reflected the Chiefs' offensive woes. They were 13-of-53 from the floor (24.5 percent) to Pershing's 25-of-50 (50 percent).

"There's a reason why you miss those shots," said Canton coach Dan Young. "They're the Public School League champs, the Operation: Friendship champs. (Winfred Walton) would change every shot that went inside."

Walton, a 6-foot-9 junior, did more than change shots in the early going. He blocked three of Canton's first four floor shots, which set the tone for the game. Walton finished with 15 points, five rebounds and five blocks; Pershing had seven blocks in the game. Charles Lesure added 11 points, five boards and three steals.

And yet, even with their poor floor shooting and sloppy ballhandling (24 turnovers), the Chiefs' defense (forcing 18 turnovers) and rebounding (a 33-27 advantage) would have kept them in it — if they could have hit a few free throws in the first half. But they couldn't. Canton was

'Defense and our depth,' Pershing coach Johnny Goston said, listing keys to the victory.

5-of-14 from the line (35.7 percent), missing the front ends of three one-and-ones — which is one reason Pershing led 27-17 at the half. The Chiefs finished 12-of-24 from the stripe (50 percent).

"Defense and our depth," Pershing coach Johnny Goston said, listing keys to the victory. "We had to use a lot of guys, but they held their composure (in the first half) and were able to sustain the lead."

Canton trailed from the start. A three-pointer by Ram Adams got the Doughboys started on an 11-0 run in the first quarter, pushing their lead to 16-5.

The Chiefs were within 16-9 when Pershing's second-quarter streak started: eight-straight points, making it 24-9. Nothing much changed in the second half; Walton scored seven third-quarter points as the Doughboys took a 41-27 advantage into the final period.

Canton managed to stay within 12 until the final 4:06. Then Pershing closed the game out with a 16-3 romp.

"I thought we played real good defense," said Goston. "I knew they were a real good ballhandling team, that they moved the ball well. Oh yeah, those guys are like the Harlem Globetrotters out

there. So we had to apply pressure."

Especially on Docks. "Docks just couldn't hit the shot," said Goston. "He just couldn't get it to go. Some of that was our defense — he couldn't drive so he had to rely on his jumper."

The Doughboys, on the other hand, had far more to call on than one player. "Defense was our strength this season," said Young. "But Pershing is very hard to guard. They have good quickness, and Walton puts them over the top."

And yet... "If we can make some free throws, we're in the game. And we missed a lot of open shots."

The Chiefs needed perfection to conquer a team that reached the Class A state finals last season. And that is a difficult to come by.

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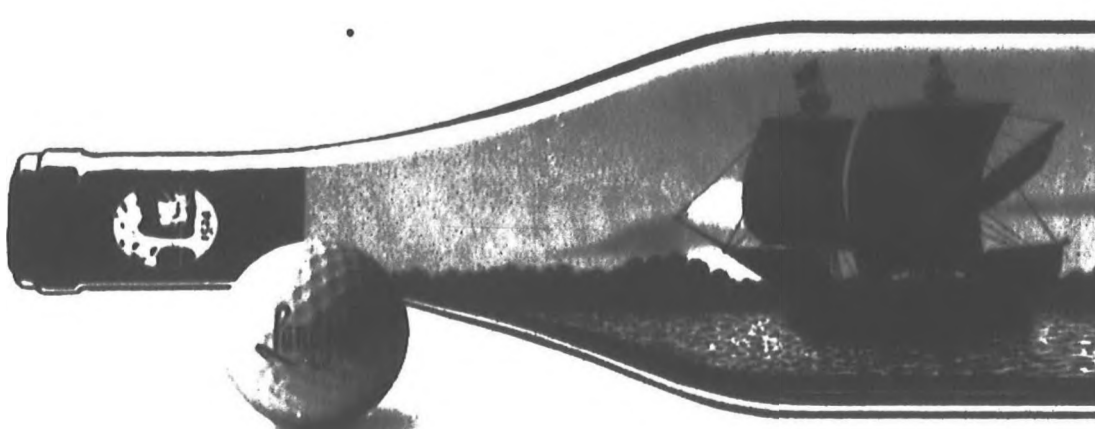
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MADONNA SPORTS

Crusaders finish trip with title

After a bit of a shaky start, Madonna University's baseball team rebounded to win all five games in the Warner Southern Tournament in Lake Wales, Fla., capturing the title and finishing their spring trip with an 8-6 record.

Particularly gratifying in the Crusaders' 5-0 tournament run were a pair of victories over Webber College, including a 2-1 triumph in the championship contest last Saturday.

In that eight-inning game, tournament most valuable player Sean Henkel (from Livonia Stevenson) tossed a five-hitter, allowing a run in the opening inning and then shutting Webber down. Henkel walked one and struck out seven.

Aaron Jones knocked in Dan Taylor, who doubled to start the eighth, with the game-winning run on a fielder's choice. Taylor had two hits and scored both

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runs, with Jones singling once and driving in both.

Madonna might have been a bit vengeful in regards to Webber. Earlier in the trip (March 4), the Crusaders visited Webber and split a double-header, winning 8-2 and then getting clobbered 13-1 — a game in which coach Mike George felt Webber may have run it up a bit.

In the opening win at Webber, Dan Pydyn surrendered one earned run in seven innings, and Taylor and Jones each had three hits — including a home run apiece. Taylor's a grand slam (he had six RBI) and Jones' a two-run shot. But in the second-game loss, pitcher Nick Capoferi was tagged for eight runs in 2 2/3 innings.

At the Warner Southern Tournament, Madonna beat Webber by a single run twice. In their first tourney meeting last Friday, the Crusaders got a two-run double from Tim Kasubowski in the sixth to break a 6-6 tie in an 8-7 win. Ryan Grabets was the winning pitcher.

Madonna finished Friday with a 3-2 victory over Bethel College (St. Paul, Minn.), with Pydyn again getting the win. Sean Penczak's two-run homer in the sixth tied the game, and Kasubowski's fielder's choice in the seventh scored the game-winner.

On the tournament's opening day last Thursday, the Crusaders defeated Indiana Wesleyan 2-0 on Mike Grabl's three-hit, 10-strikeout performance and host Warner Southern 5-1 behind the pitching of Craig Benedict (Plymouth Canton). Jim Solak (Redford) had three hits and two RBI

to lead the attack against Southern; Kasubowski added three hits. The tournament victory helped boost the Crusaders' spirits and fortunes — they were 3-6 prior to it. "I'm pretty pleased with the amount of improvement we made from the beginning of the week until the end," said George.

After the split at Webber, Madonna lost 20-5 to Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, Fla.) and defeated St. Thomas University (Miami, Fla.) 8-5 on the pitching of Henkel (three earned runs) and the hitting of Craig Peterson (three hits, two RBI) and Solak (two hits, two RBI).

The following day (March 7), the Crusaders split a double-header against Anderson University (Anderson, Ind.), winning 10-4, with Penczak and Peterson each getting two hits and two RBI to support Jason Dubay's pitching, and losing 7-2.

Gymnastics from page 1C

tal, floor (38.40) and balance beam (34.90). Among the individual standouts was Karl Jackson, who recorded scores of 8.8 in the floor and vault and had an 8.85 in the beam, an event Cunningham said "I wasn't even going to put her in."

Salem's top discipline in the team meet was floor: The Rocks' score of 38.35 was fourth-best.

Finishing behind Salem in the team standings were Rochester Adams (137.55), Midland (136.65), Troy (136.00), Rockford (135.85) and Hartland (134.35).

At Saturday's individual meet, Canton's Katy Gilles — the defending champion in the Division I all-around — wasn't far off last year's performance, when she won the title with a 37.80. She posted a 37.60 this time, but finished fourth as three others each surpassed the former state record of 38.10.

Kenowa Hills' Bethany

Courturier was first with a 38.65, followed by Katerina Gier of Holland (38.35) and Sara Kelly of Freeport (38.30). Salem's Melissa Hopson, fifth last season, tied for eighth (36.10).

Gilles' best event was the vault — she tied for second with Courturier at 9.60, just behind Gier (9.65). The Canton sophomore also tied for fourth on beam (9.35) and tied for fifth on floor (9.00).

Hopson, a senior, finished tied for third in floor (9.65) and was ninth in the vault (9.00).

In Division II, Salem's Zoe Yockey finished 14th with a 34.80 total. Canton's Brie Wall was 21st (34.10).

In individual events, Yockey tied for sixth in the uneven parallel bars (9.05) while Wall tied for 21st (8.70). And in floor, Yockey, Wall and Canton's Kim Nowak — with a host of others — tied for 11th. Jackson finished 17th in vault (8.60).

Florida trip is a winner for Madonna

Considering all the holes Madonna University's softball team had to fill (seven starters graduated), the results from the spring trip to Fort Meyers, Fla., have to be very gratifying.

"Everything considered, we played extremely well," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham after his team returned with a 9-3 record. "Our defense was solid — that was the question mark going in."

The highlight of the trip was a 5-4 victory over Villanova-University, an NCAA Division I team (March 7). Lynda Weichel got the victory, allowing two earned runs in seven innings. Jenny Czach drove in two runs with two hits, and Courtney Senger had two hits and an RBI.

The Lady Crusaders also gave

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Penn State a battle before losing 6-5 (March 6). Janie Barter (from Redford St. Agatha) and Czach each had two hits in the game.

Next among the highlights was the performance of freshman hurler Shanna Streng was 4-1 on the trip, with a 0.58 earned run average — and she tossed the first perfect game in Madonna's softball history in a 1-0 win over Jamestown last Thursday. Streng had four strikeouts in the performance.

Madonna started the season with a 7-0 win over August College (March 4) — Weichel's two-hitter earned the win, with Senger, Czach, Barter and Erin

Comment each contributing two hits — and a 9-1 triumph over Slippery Rock (March 5), behind Streng's three-hit pitching and Senger's two hits and three RBI.

The Crusaders followed that with a 13-1 victory over St. Ambrose and a 2-1 win over Gannon University, both also on March 5. Streng got the victory against St. Ambrose, not allowing an earned run. Weichel, Rebecca Bloch and Czach each had two hits, and Jamie Cook drove in two runs.

Angie VanDoorn was the winner against Gannon.

Following the loss to Penn State, Madonna beat Bridgewater 4-3 (Weichel was the winner — no earned runs) March 6 and Worcester 12-2 (Streng was the winner; Jennifer Pinter had two hits, including a home run, and

three RBI, with Senger, Barter and Cook adding two hits apiece) March 7.

Next came the win over Villanova, followed by a 2-1 triumph over Aquinas (VanDoorn was the winner; two hits for Comment), a 5-3 loss to St. Ambrose (Streng took the loss; Comment, Senger and Czach had two hits each) and a 2-1 loss to Ferris State (Weichel took the loss).

For the trip, VanDoorn was 2-1 with a 2.25 ERA and Weichel was 3-1 with a 2.42 ERA. Among the regulars (more than 20 at-bats), Senger's .381 batting average and eight runs batted in was tops. Comment hit .344 and led Madonna with 16 runs scored, while Barter hit .310, Cook batted .286 and Czach was at .282 with six RBI.

came close. Seidelman trimmed more than two seconds off his previous best in the 200 free, going 1:46.26 — and he still placed 13th. The 12th-place time was 1:46.14.

In the 100, Seidelman wasn't up to par, finishing well back with a 48.74. Joe Ervin was the Rocks' best in the 100 free, placing 15th in 48.11.

Dave Bracht and Ervin both swam well in the 50 free, but neither could quite crack the top 12. Bracht went 22.10, Ervin 22.17; the 12th-place time was 22.02.

What did work for Salem were all three relays. The 200 free relay qualified fifth and finished third, with Ervin, Seidelman, John McLenaghan and Bracht going 1:27.71.

In the 400 free relay, Ervin, Tim Buchanan, Seidelman and Bracht qualified seventh in 3:16.08 — just out of the final six (3:15.80). They finished ninth in the consolation heat, going 3:15.31.

And in the 200 medley relay, McLenaghan, Andy Dettling, Mark Dettling and Bracht

splashed to a ninth-place finish in 1:40.00 — their best time of the season.

Salem's other individual qualifiers were Rodolfo Palma in the 100 butterfly (19th in 55.72), McLenaghan in the 100 back (qualified at 56.1, went 57.9) and Buchanan in the 500 free (qualified at 4:50.77, but was disqualified at state for a jump start).

"All in all," Olson summarized, "we didn't miss on too many of the goals we had at the beginning of the season."

But, as Olson later said, spread out a second or two deduction among his individual swimmers and the results could have been far different.

It was that close.

NOTES: Among Oberverland's better performances at state meet were Livonia Churchill's Jon Carlson, sixth in the 200 free (1:43.64) and eighth in the 500 free (4:44.31), and Mark Campbell, eighth in the 200 free (1:44.17).

Livonia Franklin's Randy Cobb placed seventh in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.08) and Redford Catholic Central's Paul Magoulick was sixth in the 50 free (22.01) and 11th in the 100 free (48.46).

Ladywood spikers could reach state finals

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Tom Teeters is no stranger to the state volleyball finals.

The Livonia Ladywood coach is making his sixth trip with the Blazers (38-8 overall). They meet Davison (35-5-4) in a state Class A quarterfinal matchup beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Portage Central High School.

At Livonia Clarenceville, Teeters made three trips to the big dance, coming away with one state crown and one second-place finish.

At Ladywood, Teeters is gunning for his third state title. He also has one runner-up trophy.

"If we play like we did versus Plymouth (Salem) we could be in the finals," said Teeters, whose team ousted the Rocks and Farmington Hills Mercy last week en route to the regional title. "I look ahead and I like our draw. It couldn't be any better."

State heavyweights Portage Central (79-0) and Temperance Bedford (77-6-1), the No. 1 and 2

ranked teams all season long, are on the opposite side of bracket.

The Ladywood-Davison quarterfinal winner meets the Port Huron Northern-Grosse Pointe North quarterfinal survivor in a semifinal match 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Portage Central.

The state championship is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Kalamazoo Central.

Ladywood has lost all three meetings against Bedford. The only other team the Blazers faced among the quarterfinal field is

Catholic League foe Birmingham Marian.

Teeters was able to scout Davison, which ousted Midland (coached by former Bentley player Angie Porter) in last Saturday's regional finals at Midland Dow.

"Their two middle hitters are their big guns," Teeters said. "We have to keep the ball out of their middle. We have to control where they hit from and where they hit to."

"A weakness is they have is

serving consistency, and serve reception. The key is our serve versus their serve reception."

MSBA LOWER PENINSULA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FINAL ROUND PAREDS CLASS A QUARTERFINALS at PORTAGE CENTRAL Friday, March 17: Portage Northern (79-0) vs. Birmingham Marian (29-9-3), 4 p.m.; Battle Creek Lakeside (24-14-4) vs. Temperance Bedford (77-6-1), 6:30 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood (38-8) vs. Davison (35-5-4), 7 p.m.; Port Huron Northern (42-4-3) vs. Grosse Pointe North (23-11-1), 9:30 p.m.

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It won't be long now. If you are an avid golfer, you'll be walking the green greens of Michigan before you know it. Our premiere Golf Guide will be filled with valuable information about the local golf scene—remember to look for it on Thursday, April 20 in THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS

Use the numbers below to contact our sports staff. After 5 PM call 953-2100.

Sports State

WRESTLING

STATE WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT March 10-11 in Battle Creek

CLASS A RESULTS

John Spelsky (278), second, Redford CC; dec. Rob Pawlowski (Traverse City)...

Matt Mitchell (100), second, Farmington; dec. Steve Simon (Birmingham Groves)...

Devo O'Hara (100), eighth, Redford CC; lost to Nick Dias (Brighton)...

Darin Ianni (100), seventh, Redford CC; dec. Sam Saran (Northville)...

Matt Fisher (100), Stevens; lost to David Hanna (Okemos)...

Josh Banks (119), third, Church Hill; dec. Tony Harris (Royal Oak Kimball)...

Scott Hughes (119), fifth, Salem; pin. Paul Tolt (Warren Cousino)...

Jason Mills (119), Garden City; lost to Wesley Long (Holt)...

lost to John Burke (Anchor Bay)...

lost to R.D. Dias (Brighton)...

Scott Goldman (143), sixth, Stevens; dec. Joe Roy (Clawson)...

Chris Muller (151), third, Stevens; pin. Andy Boruta (Rochester)...

Ben Lewis (172), Stevens; dec. Bill Ripple (East Kentwood)...

Ryan Bayer (172), Franklin; lost to Joel Reeder (Grandville)...

Matt Fisher (185), Stevens; lost to David Hanna (Okemos)...

Craig Martin (218), first, Stevens; pin. W.K. Hawkins (Kalamazoo)...

Lyle Haddad (134), eighth, Thurston; dec. John Saylor (Auburn Hills)...

Walter Dietz (100), Lutheran Westland; lost to Nate Froese (Howard City)...

GYMNASTICS

MHSAA LOWER PENINSULA GIRLS GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS March 10-11 at Troy

FRIDAY'S TEAM RESULTS: 1. Holland, 146.95; 2. Freeland, 143.60; 3. Grand Rapids Christian, 141.85...

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS DIVISION I

All-around: 1. Bethany Couturier (Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills)...

Vault: 1. Katrina Gier (Holland)...

Uneven bars: 1. Sara Kelly (Freeland)...

Balance beam: 1. Bethany Couturier (Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills)...

Floor exercise: 1. Bethany Couturier (Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills)...

DIVISION II

All-around: 1. Rachel Cotter (East Lansing)...

Vault: 1. Molly McCann (Freeland)...

Uneven bars: 1. Heidi Krenz (Freeland)...

Balance beam: 1. Rachel Cotter (East Lansing)...

Floor exercise: 1. Jill Foster (Troy)...

SWIMMING RANKINGS

Following are the final Grand Haven boys best swimming times and diving scores.

200-YARD MILEY RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:40.00, North Farmington 1:40.93, Livonia Stevenson 1:40.91...

200-YARD FREESTYLE

Jon Carlson (Churchill) 1:43.00, Mark Campbell (Churchill) 1:44.17...

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MILEY

Dan Belanger (Farmington) 2:01.37, Drew Sopher (N. Farmington) 2:02.16...

50-YARD FREESTYLE

Paul Magoulick (Redford CC) 21.70, Eric Seidelman (Salem) 22.08...

50-YARD BUTTERFLY

Paul Magoulick (Redford CC) 47.94, Joe Ervin (Salem) 48.11...

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Paul Magoulick (Redford CC) 47.94, Joe Ervin (Salem) 48.11...

John McLanaghan (Salem) 22.83, Jason Stirling (Canton) 22.88

50-YARD BUTTERFLY

Jason Foster (Canton) 280.00, Daryl Bates (Canton) 286.00...

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

Rodolfo Palma (Salem) 55.10, Drew Sopher (N. Farmington) 55.79...

100-YARD FREESTYLE

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Grant Mills (Salem) 4:59.47, John McLanaghan (Salem) 5:00.31...

300-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:27.71, North Farmington 1:28.75...

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

Kevin Reinken (Redford CC) 54.94, Jason Speer (N. Farmington) 56.18...

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BASKETBALL

1994-95 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

All-Conference: Ted Duda, senior, Plymouth Canton; Doug Herman, senior, Plymouth Salem...

All-Western Division: Mike Aubuchon, senior, Livonia Franklin; Kevin Barenbach, sophomore...

HONORABLE MENTION: Plymouth Canton: Matt Ammons (sophomore)...

Division II: Rachel Cotter (East Lansing), 36.60 (Division II record); Jamie Bigelow (Grand Rapids Christian) 36.10...

HOCKEY STANDINGS

LIVONIA OVER 30 HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PLAYOFFS (as of March 12)

High School Division table with columns W, L, T, P, GF, GA

All-Figure Skating Division table with columns W, L, T, P, GF, GA

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS table

March 10 games: McGowan Sports 4, Bench Pub 1...

March 12 games: McGowan Sports 5, Prentice Cleaners 3...

metric 1: Daily Restaurant 6, Alan Ford 2; D&G Heating 1, Looney Baker 1.

LEADING SCORERS table

LEADING GOALIES table

Balance beam: 1. Rachel Cotter (East Lansing)...

Floor exercise: 1. Jill Foster (Troy)...

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. Plymouth Canton, 3. Redford Catholic Central...

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- 1. Livonia Ladywood, 2. Plymouth Salem, 3. Livonia Churchill...

BOYS SWIMMING

- 1. Plymouth Salem, 2. North Farmington, 3. Livonia Stevenson...

VOLLEYBALL

MHSAA LOWER PENINSULA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FINAL-ROUND PAIRINGS

CLASS A QUARTERFINALS at PORTAGE CENTRAL

Friday, March 17: Portage Northern (79-0) vs. Birmingham Marian (29-9)...

CLASS A SEMIFINAL ROUND at PORTAGE CENTRAL

Saturday, March 18: Portage Northern-Marian winner vs. Lakeview-Redford winner...

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS at KALAMAZOO CENTRAL

Saturday, March 18: Class D, 2 p.m.; Class C, 3:30 p.m.; Class B, 5:30 p.m.; Class A, 6:30 p.m.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

ON THE WEEKEND

BROADWAY MUSIC
Canton Project Arts presents "An Evening of Broadway Music" featuring artists of the Michigan Opera Theatre 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Canton Little Theatre at Plymouth Canton High School. Tickets are \$10, students and seniors, \$7.50. Tickets can be purchased at: Arnoldt Williams Music, Dearborn Music and Canton Township Administration Building, also at the door. Information, 455-9009 or 397-5389.

MUSICAL
The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents The Whistle Stop Players in "T.H.E. Club" 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the PCAC Building, 774 Sheldon, at Junction in Plymouth. The 45-minute musical play is for all ages. It focuses on protecting the environment and covers topics ranging from deforestation to acid rain and protecting animals. Adults \$3, children \$2. Reservations, or at the door. 416-4ART.

CABARET DINNER- THEATER
The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents William Bolcom and Joan Morris in a Cabaret Dinner Theatre on Saturday, April 1, at Fox Hills Country Club. 7 p.m. silent auction, 8 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m. performance. Cash bar, proper attire, tickets \$40. Tickets available at Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, 416-4ART; also Frame Works.

ART AUCTION
The Plymouth Newcomers are sponsoring an art auction. "The Great Art e'SCAPE," Friday, March 24, at the Mayflower Meeting House, 499 S. Main, Plymouth. Preview and silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. auction. Donations \$10 per person, cash bar, includes hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Proceeds benefit Plymouth Dream Playscapes Project. Art auction presented by Marlin Art Inc., significant selection of originals, lithographs, etchings, silk screens and posters. Silent auction will include donated items and services from local businesses and individuals. The Plymouth Salem Chamber Orchestra will perform. Tickets are available at Beitner's Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, and Me and Mr. Jones Petites at 926 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Information, 455-3315 or 455-6363.

CHILDREN'S PLAY
The American Association of University Women, Plymouth Branch, will present an original children's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt in Garden City. Evening performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 23-24. Three performances are planned at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25. Tickets are \$3 and will be sold at The Pied Piper, 350 S. Main in Plymouth.

SINGLES FAIR
Don't miss Single Place Ministries' third annual Singles Fair 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main in Northville. It kicks off Friday, March 24. Cost is \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door for Friday night dinner reception and address by Andy Morgan. Admission to the fair on Saturday is \$18 (advance) or \$22 (at the door), which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, all activities and three presentations by Morgan. Saturday evening country-western dance lessons will begin at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth. Registration information, call (810) 349-0911.

IN TOWN

CONCERT
The Plymouth Christian Academy Music Department will have a concert 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in the Calvary Church auditorium, 43065 Joy, between Lilley and Morton Taylor (Main), Canton. Senior high and junior high bands, choirs, and ensembles will perform marches, folk songs, sacred music, pop, classical transcriptions, and traditional concert music. Information, 459-3505.

LINCOLN EXHIBIT
The Plymouth Historical Museum in conjunction with the special exhibition, "A Lincoln Portrait," will feature the collection of Dr. Weldon Petz. On display at the museum through Sept. 30. The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 156 S. Main St. in Plymouth. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students (ages 6-17), children under age 5 free, family rate \$4.

Dinner theater



Sentimental to sassy: Cabaret performers Bolcom and Morris will be featured in a dinner theater performance on Saturday, April 1, at Fox Hills Country Club to benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which provides art programs for Plymouth and Canton students. The duo has recorded 16 albums. Morris has received a Grammy nomination and Bolcom won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for music. Tickets are \$40 per person for dinner and the performance. Proceeds support arts programs that benefit the community. For more information, call 416-4ART.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY

LIBRARY PROGRAMS
Preschool programs for children — ages 3½-5 programs will be at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursdays, through March 30. Registration in person or by phone.

Toddler/parent programs for children 2-3½. Storytime at 10 a.m. is a one-on-one session with toddlers and adults participating. (Please make other arrangements for siblings.) Registration at library in person or by phone.

Storytime at 11 a.m. is a family session with siblings and other family members welcome. Registration in person or by phone. Both toddler and family sessions are on Wednesdays, through March 29.

Family Evening Storytime at 7 p.m. a family session with siblings and

other family members welcome. Registration in person or by phone. This session is Thursdays, through March 30. For phone registrations, call 453-0750.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CRAFTERS WANTED
The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is looking for artists and crafters to participate in the March 25-26 arts and crafts show. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The show will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer. Any crafters interested should speak to Steve at 455-8623.

CRAFT BAZAAR
The Vivian Club of Plymouth Elks Spring Craft Bazaar will be held 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plym-

outh. More than 40 crafters, bake sale, raffle, and lunch available. Bazaar proceeds aid handicapped children.

CRAFT SHOW
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will have a Spring Craft Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 1, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 2. The show will be held in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. A bake sale, 50/50 raffles and refreshments will also be part of the event. Crafters are needed with table rental costing \$30 for Saturday and \$20 for Sunday. Information, 591-2912 or 591-2980.

CRAFT SHOW
St. Sabina Spring Craft show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18, on Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Inkster, Dearborn Heights. Sponsored by St. Sabina School parent activities club. Refresh-

ments, bake sale, luncheon, 50/50. Mary Grace Kutylowski, 622-6231, or Sue Belloli at 278-7225.

SPORTS

GOLF LEAGUES
Juniors and ladies golf leagues are now forming at the Oasis golf center in Plymouth. Ladies leagues begin the week of April 17 and junior leagues begin the week of June 22. Ladies league times are available Monday through Wednesday mornings and Monday through Thursday evenings. Reserve by phone, 420-GOLF.

SOFTBALL
Canton Softball Center begins the 1995 softball season on Monday, April 17, with league play. Registration begins March 20. The 14-game season (single games and double-headers) is \$495 per team (plus a refundable forfeit fee and umpires). Men's, women's and coed leagues are offered. No residency requirements. Call 483-5600, Ext. 102, for details (or 483-2913 for a recorded information tape). The tournament schedule begins Friday, April 21, with the early bird tournament. The four-game guarantee, Round Robin classic is open to men's, women's and coed teams. Entry fee is \$125 (plus umpires). Call 483-5600, Ext. 102, for information or to be added to our tournament mailing list.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
A 4-on-4 beach volleyball tournament will be held for players ages 14 and up. Separate divisions will be held in junior varsity, high school varsity, and adult, A, B and C leagues. Depending on number of teams, the format will either be double elimination or round robin with a separate championship in each group. Coed, men's and women's divisions available based on number of participants. Maximum number of players per team is six. Sign-up ends 2 p.m. June 30. Information or to register, 453-2904.

VOLLEYBALL
Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball registration is under way. Teams are allowed as many nonresidents as they wish. A resident is any player who lives or works full time in the city of Plymouth or Canton Township. There is a limit of 16 teams for the league. \$250 plus \$15 per nonresident player. 455-8630.

RUNNERS/WALKERS
Spitfire men's and women's running club, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Canton High School track.

451-5066.
Group walks for walkers, 10 a.m. Monday-Friday, St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton, 455-9042.

BLOOD DRIVES

ST. KENNETH
Catholic Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at 14951 Haggerty, in the social hall, Plymouth Township. Appointments, 422-2787.

FUND-RAISER

COME BOWL
The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees will sponsor "Lanes for Lungs" 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at Plymouth Bowl, 40475 Plymouth, ¼ mile east of Haggerty, Plymouth Township. Entry fee is \$20 (\$10 with five or more pledges), which includes \$2 for first and second mystery game, \$2 for first and second high game, \$1 for Lucky Strike, and the cost of bowling. Also there will be a separate 50/50 drawing. All pledge donations and proceeds (after expenses) to be donated to Gregory Unger, a 14-year-old Canton boy with cystic fibrosis who needs \$200,000 for a double lung transplant. Contact Dawn Schultze at 981-1369.

AUCTION
Attend the New Morning School 19th annual auction Saturday, April 1, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The \$50 ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, open bar, silent and live auction bidding, as well as a late-night snack. 420-3331.

TAX INFORMATION

TAX ASSISTANCE
Free income tax assistance for seniors is available in Canton and Plymouth through April 15. The service is available through the Tax-Aide program of AARP. Volunteer Tax-Aide counselors will operate at the sites from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave., Canton, 48188. 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth 48170, by appointment, 455-8630. Home visits for handicappers and shut-ins: Canton, 397-5444; Plymouth, 455-8630. Bring last year's tax returns.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____

Date and Time: _____

Location: _____

Telephone: _____

Additional info: _____

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Bridget Moran, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

HEATHER CHRONICAL has been initiated into Alpha Gamma Delta. She is the daughter of Edward and Gloria Chronical of Canton. Chronical is a Plymouth Salem graduate and a student at Eastern Michigan University. More than 90,000 other college women in the United States and Canada have joined Alpha Gamma Delta since its founding in 1904. Some chapters in addition to the one at Eastern are located at Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan. Leadership and academic achievement are encouraged among all integrated

into members, and area alumnae provide guidance and support to the college chapters. Alpha Gamma Delta works closely with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, raising money and volunteering their time to help in any way they can. Soon after initiation she was elected into the Ritual Office. She achieved a 4.0 grade point for the fall semester and is a member of the Sigma Society. She is a psychology major. She enjoys the leadership skills that she is gaining through Alpha Gamma Delta and the close friendships she is making along the way.

ARTHUR A. PANTANO, a senior at Plymouth Christian High School, was honored recently along with 29 other students in the District 4 Veterans of Foreign Wars Audio Essay Scholarship competition. Some 750 students from 30 high schools,

both public and private, throughout western Wayne County were entered in the district high school competition. More than \$15,000 was spent on the program by 20 VFW posts and 16 auxiliaries, principally on local awards and prizes. In addition to awards Pantano received from his sponsoring post, Mayflower/LA, Edmond Gamble Post No. 6085, he received a Certificate of Merit and a Finalist Plaque from the district. At the District Awards Banquet held at Don S. Hubert VFW Post No. 345, Redford, before nearly 50 members and supporters of this veterans program, he was awarded the most of the hall by a member of the District 4 Honor Guard and presented with his district awards by the district commander, Sam Lawson, and the district president, Patricia Thibodeaux. This year's theme for the 25 minute recorded script was "My Vision for America." Per-

tain will not be eligible for future entry in this annual program. His teacher, Susan Miller, encourages other Plymouth Christian students to take advantage of this reward opportunity.

TODD FALKE, a Northwood freshman from Plymouth, is recipient of the Robert L. Ingersoll Endowed Scholarship for the 1994-95 academic year. Falke is the son of Grace and Larry Falke of Plymouth. Private donor scholarships at Northwood are awarded by the scholarship committee of the college and are based on requirements specified by donors and information students provide on scholarship applications. These scholarships represent support from organizations, foundations, and individuals who demonstrated concern and interest for student achievements and are committed to the future of Northwood University.

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8:00 p.m. "When the Rapture Takes Place"
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Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
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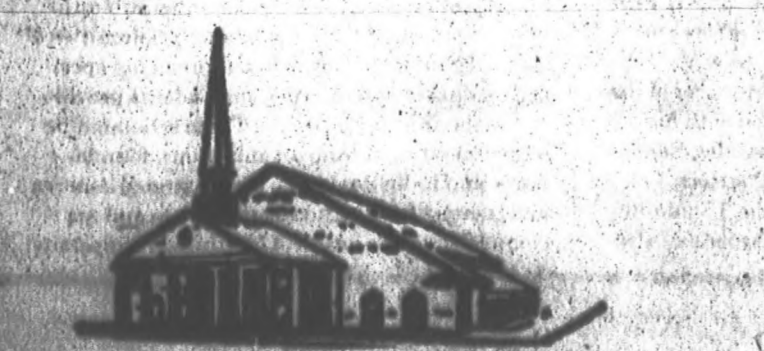
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"First Things First" is the theme for what is being billed as the year's most comprehensive event for area single adults.

The third annual Singles Fair, sponsored by Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will offer two days filled with exciting, fun, rewarding and informative activities for single adults to grow personally and make new friends.

To be held Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, the fair will feature Andy Morgan, brought back by popular demand, who will deliver several key presentations.

Singles fair-goers will find plenty of workshops, displays, door prizes, food and other festivities. All main fair events will be held at the church, 200 E. Main, Northville. There also will be a dinner and dance March 25 at Masonic Temple in Plymouth.

The fair will start with a reception, followed by Morgan's keynote address on "First Things First" 7:30-9 p.m. in the Boll Fellowship Hall.

Morgan, well-known single adult leader, is popular for his stimulating discussions on singles. He has been featured in The Chicago Sun-Times and has spoken to audiences throughout the country.

He has been a pioneer in singles ministries in Tennessee and Illinois and was head of the Single Adult Ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Morgan is minister of singles at

Christ Church in Oak Brook, Ill.

Saturday events begin with registration and a continental breakfast in Boll Fellowship Hall 8-9 a.m. A welcome and announcements will follow in the sanctuary 9-9:20 a.m., with Morgan delivering his second address on the theme.

After a short break, five workshops — "The Difference Between Men and Women," "How To Deal with Jerks and Jerkettes," "Being Crime Wise — Something We All Should Know," "Learning to Forgive" and "Meeting People and Body Language" — will be offered 10:25-11:20 a.m.

Morgan will give his third presentation on "First Things First" at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:20 p.m. (with a drawing for door prizes) and the remaining workshops — "What Are the Dynamics of Effective Relationships?" "Understanding Yourself and Others," "Your Invisible Partner," "Spiritual Dimensions of Single Life" and "Flirting" — 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Morgan will close out the day with his final address on "First Things First."

The fair will end at 3:30 p.m., but that won't be the end of the activities. A country-western dance with lessons will be held 8 p.m. to midnight at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth. There also will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN

"MARCH'ing Down the Aisle" will be the theme of the Metro West Christian Women's After 5 dinner party 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Holiday Inn and Holidome, 1-276 and Haggerty Road, Livonia. Cost is \$11 and includes fashions for the bride and proms by Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, music by soprano Diane Knepp and "Promises for Life" with speaker Pam Russell. Dinner reservations must be made by Thursday, March 16, by calling Jan Paver at (810) 349-7404 or Gerry Johnson at (313) 464-6433.

GOD'S CONFERENCE

Pastor Terry Nance will present God's Armorbearer Conference, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and its 1995 Missions Conference at 7:15 p.m. Friday March 17, and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Garden City Christian Center, 33111 Ford Road, west of Venoy Road, Garden City.

A graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God Bible College and Rhema Bible Training Center, Nance has served with Agape Church in Little Rock, Ark. He is the senior associate and executive director of the Agape School of World Evangelism in Little Rock

and the Agape Bible International Training Center in Central America.

He has authored the book, "God's Armorbearer — How to serve God's Leaders," a best seller that has motivated thousands of Christians to stand with their leaders in faithful service to help fulfill God's vision.

For more information, call Pastor Don Mullett at (313) 421-2685.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH-CANTON

Bethany Plymouth-Canton, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, will have a St. Patrick's Day Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$8 per person and includes beer, wine, pop and munchies. Music will be by DJ Dick Gerathy. For more information, call (313) 261-9123 or (313) 533-3041.

DINNER THEATER

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Livonia will have a dinner theater 6:15 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the church, 34867 Seven Mile. Sponsored by the youth as a fundraiser, it will feature an Italian-style dinner and talent show. Tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12 and children under 4 free. Family tickets are \$25. Babysitting is available

during the theater performance at a cost of \$4. Tickets can be ordered by calling Marilyn Kramer at (313) 464-8822.

SPRING BALLY

The Detroit Conference of United Methodist Men will have its spring rally Saturday, March 18, at the Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

The speaker will be Dr. Don Scavella, who has served as the Inner City Project director for the Ohio Conference, associate council director for the Detroit Conference, Detroit East District superintendent and executive secretary of the United Methodist Union of Greater Detroit. His topic will be "Men Working Together."

Registration will be at 8 a.m., followed by gathering at 9:30 a.m. and workshops at 10 a.m. The program will close with communion at 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. To register, write to Don Ricks at 1838 Springfield St., Aint 48503 or call (810) 743-9063.

'MOURNING AFTER'

"The Mourning After," a recovery group for women suffering from post-abortion symptoms will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the Tri-City Assembly of God, 2100 Hannan Road, Canton. Sponsored by the Family Impact Ministries, the 12-week program will help women suffering from such symptoms as feelings of

guilt, depression, anger or rage through the healing process. While the group incorporates the individual's relationship with God, materials presented are non-denominational and non-political. It will be led by a volunteer who has personally experienced abortion. Participants must pre-register due to limited space. There is a minimal charge of \$6 to cover materials. For more information, call (313) 326-0830.

HANDBELL CONCERT

The handbell choir and ensemble of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will present a handbell concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriam, Livonia. The concert will feature selections of sacred and secular music, and there also will be a dessert reception following the concert. For more information, call (313) 422-6038.

LIVING TRUTH

Living Truth, a unique music group composed of Russ and Dee Dee Tibbitts and Tammie Kosters of Caro, Mich., will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The group plays 18 instruments, both antique and contemporary, in combination with a meaningful testimony of their vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The public is welcomed to attend.

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VICTORIA DIAZ

Good reading awaits you at a nearby newsstand

Traverse (March) If you've never read this glossy magazine spotlighting Michigan's Traverse Bay area, don't miss this issue.

It's bursting with colorful revelation about what's currently going on in and around the place where your last cherry pie probably started out.

In the magazine's regularly featured 'Word of Mouth,' you'll find out that reviews are mixed on the newly domesticated morel mushroom. The little fungi "don't come anywhere near the wild ones," grouses Wes Westhoven of the famous Rowe Inn in Ellsworth.

But chef Mark Miller, from the popular Red Sage in Washington, D.C., claims the wild morel sometimes turns out to be moldy inside. One or two, it seems, "can offset a large ragout."

Turn the page, and take a knock your eye out tour of a knock your eye out Harbor Springs house, nestled atop a rugged bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Built horizontally and "literally dug into the soil on the side of a hill," every single room of the house offers a stunning view. Enormous windows, glass walls, and skylights abound, so that hardly a millimeter of the great Michigan outdoors scene is excluded.

Other notable reading in this issue: "Sweetening the Season," a detailed guide to maple syrup making, along with a listing of area sugar shacks, and "The Spirit of the Woods," a brief look at a unique Antrim County museum, built just two years ago to better acquaint visitors with the wild life of the Northwoods. A family of deer and a friendly, crabapple-loving elk named Will spark the adventure.

"The Saturday Evening Post" (April) Take a look at this issue of the creaky old Post if for no other reason than to read "My Dad and Jack London," an article featuring a brief letter exchange between the noted American author and a young, orphaned boy, during the early part of the century. Previously unpublished, the letters reveal a rather churlish London, looking to charge the boy a dollar for a requested autograph. The dollar, argues London, would not go to him personally, but "into the treasury of the Socialist Party." The outcome of the written exchange paints an intriguing picture of the adventure writer and his most deeply held beliefs.

YANKEE (March) If you'd like to buy writer May Sarton's former home in Nelson, NH, it's yours for \$289,000. It comes with two barns, a garden shed, and 14 8 acres, plus an original poem etched into a window pane by Sarton herself more than 20 years ago. Read all about it in Yankee's regular feature, "House for Sale."

Also, visit "Bookmice Paradise" in Boston and Cambridge and drop in on an old converted gristmill in Montague, Mass. called (appropriately) the Book Mill. You can trade your old books for "new" used ones here, and polish off hot soup and cider in the process — maybe even work in a game of backgammon, too!

"Lake Superior Magazine" (March) Looking

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week

■ A third generation bronze casting by Frederic Remington is one of the artworks on the block in the April 1 auction to benefit New Morning School in Plymouth

■ Livonia Artists Club to exhibit in Atrium of Livonia Civic Center Library April 1-2

■ Marty Figley's Garden Spot column.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SPRING

► Observer area garden clubs and local floral designers are part of the 1995 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show March 23-26. It's a great place to preview the beauty of spring.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN SPECIAL WRITER

Imagine yourself in a Northern Michigan forest of towering pines listening to the water rippling over rocks in a trout stream or rushing over a 14-foot waterfall.

Now imagine yourself at the 1995 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show sponsored by the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens where this dream comes true Thursday through Sunday, March 23-26 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

Advance tickets (until March 22) cost \$7 for adults or \$8 at the gate. Children 4-12 years are \$3. Children age 3 and under are free.

Tickets are available at all southeast Michigan Kroger stores, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Keller & Stein Florist in Canton, Sparr's Florist in Plymouth and Northville, and English Gardens in West Bloomfield and Dearborn Heights.

On Seniors Days March 23-24 senior citizens will receive a special \$1 discount.

"Our theme is A Little Water Music," said Margaret Vergith, Matthaei Botanical Gardens promotion coordinator.

Wilderness garden

"As you come in there's a 2,400-square-foot Northern Michigan wilderness garden, a stream with trout, morel mushrooms and trilliums. You walk through it all on a 60 foot cedar plank bridge," Vergith added.

"Every part of the show is judged including the Marketplace. There's literally something for everyone. For people who live in a condo or apartment, small space exhibits offer ideas for growing plants on porches and patios. Plus there are numerous opportunities to quiz experts along the way. Tell people to bring pads of paper."

More than 400 exhibits filling 43,000 square feet will vie for First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention awards in categories such as small space gardens, artistic floral designs, porches and patio gardens, children's designs, garden antiques and educational exhibits.

Defending their 1994 People's Choice award and First Place honors in the Porches and Patio Gardens category is Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouses with "Maytag Rag," featuring an antique washing ma-

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JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Earthy delights: A wilderness garden (top) complete with a stream greets visitors to the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show. Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouses of Canton Township will present "Maytag Rag," featuring an antique washing machine as the focal point.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Multi-talented: Sean Henkel scores big with architectural drawings. Pamela Mardeusz (left) works with ink and pastel to create art with a fresh flair.



Art exhibit sports work of graduating seniors

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

What do baseball, computers and the former Birmingham Cafe have in common?

All three played significant roles in the paintings, etchings and multi-mediums on display in Madonna University's 1995 Senior Art Exhibit continuing through March 30 on campus.

Sean Henkel and Pamela Mardeusz of Livonia, Bentley High School graduate Patricia Ostach of West Bloomfield, Tania Kahaian, Karthryn Mulka and Carolyn Perakes reveal their loves, past history and future lives in the artworks displayed in the Exhibit Gallery on the

second floor of the Library Wing. All will graduate with bachelor of arts degrees from the university in 1995.

"The exhibit is of exceptionally high quality this year," said art department chairman Ralph F. Glenn.

"Within both disciplines you have people working both in commercial and fine art. The one characteristic they all share is talent."

Henkel, who has a talent for rendering architectural structures, plans to attend graduate school to become an architect. But first he must save the funds necessary to attain such a degree. In May, he begins a computer design job at Per-

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Arboretum features various happenings in the suburban arts venue. Send news leads to Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

VAAL CLASSES

Looking to learn a creative approach to watercolor or how to use the wet-in-wet technique? Classes beginning March 20 at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia provide answers to these painting dilemmas by professional artists/instructors like Edee Joppich of Farmington Hills, Donna Vogelheim of Farmington and Audrey Di Marco of West Bloomfield.

Among the more unusual, Susan Argiroff leads two marbling on paper workshops in her

Art Beat

Livonia home studio 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, March 23 and April 27. Learn the ancient craft of marbling using rakes and combs in Oriental, Turkish and Italian styles.

Calligraphers may bring their own papers. Cost is \$25 for VAAL members, \$30 for non-members. All materials are included in the price. For a more complete rundown of VAAL classes or to register call Marge Masak at (313) 464-6772.

ART RECEPTIONS

Two local art galleries host meet-the-artist receptions March 18 and 19. The Michigan Art Exchange in Plymouth continues its artist-of-the-month exhibit spotlighting watercolors by Kay Rowe of Plymouth and a mix of mediums including weavings by Joyce Tinkham of Ann Arbor 3-6 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in the gallery, 470 Forest in Forest Place Mall. Versatility and a diversity of media marks this two person show continuing until March 31.

From porcelain plates to ceramics devoted to biblical and ancient history themes, The Art Gallery's latest show "Artists in Clay" begins with a chance to meet-the-artists at a reception

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Early birds get the best opportunities for photos

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

Ever wonder when is the best time of day to photograph? It's the early morning without doubt! Early morning has always been my favorite time of day to get the best shots. There's a stillness in the air, a calmness in the lighting and a majesty in the sky that is offered by no other time of the day.

Here are some reasons why I recommend photographing early in the morning.

I begin with there's usually an absence of wind and breeze, meaning that tall grasses and tree branches will hold still for your camera. This means you can take full advantage of depth of field by placing foliage in the foreground of your composition and know that everything will come out sharp and in focus.

The stillness of water in the early morning will produce end less opportunities for reflection pictures. The photograph shown here is an almost perfect reflection of trees and sky at Lake Herbert in Banff National Park. It was taken about 6 a.m., shortly after sunrise. Just minutes later, a morning breeze stirred up the water and the reflection was lost.

Flowers, often covered with dew, are also very still in the morning and, if you're lucky, you'll find one with a butterfly. Because a butterfly's wings are weighted down with moisture in the early morning, making it difficult for them to fly away, you should be able to move in close with your camera for an impact filled shot.

Another reason for photographing in the morning is that you'll often find fog and mist. Low lying mist over the lake or layers of fog in the countryside will give your photos an element of mood no other time of day will offer.

And keep on the lookout for cloud patterns. Clouds in the early morning will often have a dramatic mood that's easy to capture on film and could turn your picture into a winner.

Because of the low angle of the sun, morning light produces shadows, textures and tonal contrasts just not available under a noon sun.

So remember the expression, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes someone healthy, wealthy and wise" and gives them a terrific opportunity to get early morning shots, too!"

The 32nd annual Photo Seminar is the weekend of Friday-Sunday, March 24-26, at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. The seminar presents terrific opportunities to sharpen your photography skills in many areas. More than 16 programs will be given, including wildlife photography, zone system, how to market yourself as a photographer and even video techniques.



Morning glory: Six a.m. at Lake Herbert in Banff National Park gave Monte Nagler the perfect opportunity to get this dramatic reflection. No other time of day would do.

Gallery sets children's fund-raiser

The Andy Sharkey Gallery of Royal Oak will offer its next children's program Sunday, March 26, to raise money for the local agency Children's Immune Disorders.

This agency provides support and services to women and children who have HIV/AIDS.

March 26 will be a day of storytelling, music, magic and fun for the family. The program will take place 1-3 p.m. at the Brazil Coffeehouse,

305 S. Main in Royal Oak. There is a donation of \$5 per child, with all proceeds going to CID. Register in advance at the Andy Sharkey Gallery, 204 W. Fifth, or by calling (810) 546-6770.

Past programs have offered youngsters the opportunity to make sculptures and banners and decorate the streets of Royal Oak with sidewalk chalk.

Birmingham storyteller Roan Judd

will be featured. Judd has performed with the Detroit and Windsor symphonies and at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, and currently teaches and performs for the Wolftrap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts.

Music will be provided by Michael Krieger of Royal Oak. Magician and family entertainer Bernie Stevens of Clawson will also appear.

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chine as the focal point.

Nasturtiums, zinnias, marigold, sweet peas and rose bushes mingle with spring bulb plants forced into bloom in this exhibit by Glenn Patton of Plymouth, Roberta Pritchard of Westland, Bob Simmons of Inkster and Jan Reese of Belleville.

'A lot of people in Ann Arbor have never been to Cranbrook. The Oriental garden is meant to encourage them to visit. It's an easy drive.'

Phyllis McLean.

Local vendors take part

Among the nearly 50 vendors taking part are the Rock Shoppe in Plymouth; Cobblestones Paverbrick, Canton; Mosaic Brick Art by Jim Malson, Northville; Garden Path Nursery, West Bloomfield; Goldner Walsh Nursery, Pontiac; Grass Roots, new Boston; Saguro Rare Plant Nursery, Whitmore Lake and Matthaei Botanical Gardens Gift Shop.

Special exhibit

The exhibit, which could take the top spot for Keller & Stein again this year, is sure to draw the curiosity of visitors with its clothes line that continuously drips water.

"We're making a statement that even in a small garden space you can affect the environment by recycling water," said Simmons, design manager at Keller & Stein.

"The whole exhibit is tricky because we're forcing these plants. We planted the zinnias right after Christmas and began forcing the roses into bloom Feb. 1."

colors, used to decorate the space are green, bright yellow, orange, and reddish tones the color of Gerbera daisies.

"It's a functional table buffet for four or more. We're going to be bringing vases and vases of pictures, rugs, chairs and a table."

Experience the beauty and tranquility of Cranbrook Educational Community's grounds in Bloomfield Hills at the exhibit designed and executed by Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary members as they present an Oriental garden reminiscent of the one currently under renovation at Cranbrook.

Five hundred volunteers make this show possible. Planning for it began when last year's show ended.

"Ann Arbor is a world class show ranked in the top 10 in the world with Philadelphia and London, and has nothing to do with hot tubs and windows," said Simmons.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, March 23-25 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 26. On-site parking is available at the show for \$2 per car. A shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes from the Briarwood Mall (SE entrance). Cost is \$1 per person round trip. Use I-94 State Street exit No. 177.

Local gardeners featured

The sixth annual Ann Arbor show includes a Standard Flower Show with the federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. Representing the Livonia Garden Club are Winnie Boni, Dorothy Rutyna, Joan Peterson and Virginia Matley of Livonia and Linda Dotzenworth of Farmington Hills.

They will compete against three garden clubs in the Lakeside Cottage-Company's Coming Design Exhibit category.

An 8-foot by 8 foot room with field-stone fireplace and hardwood plank floor will set the scene for an afternoon brunch. Members, understandably so, don't want to disclose any of their secrets but Boni confided the

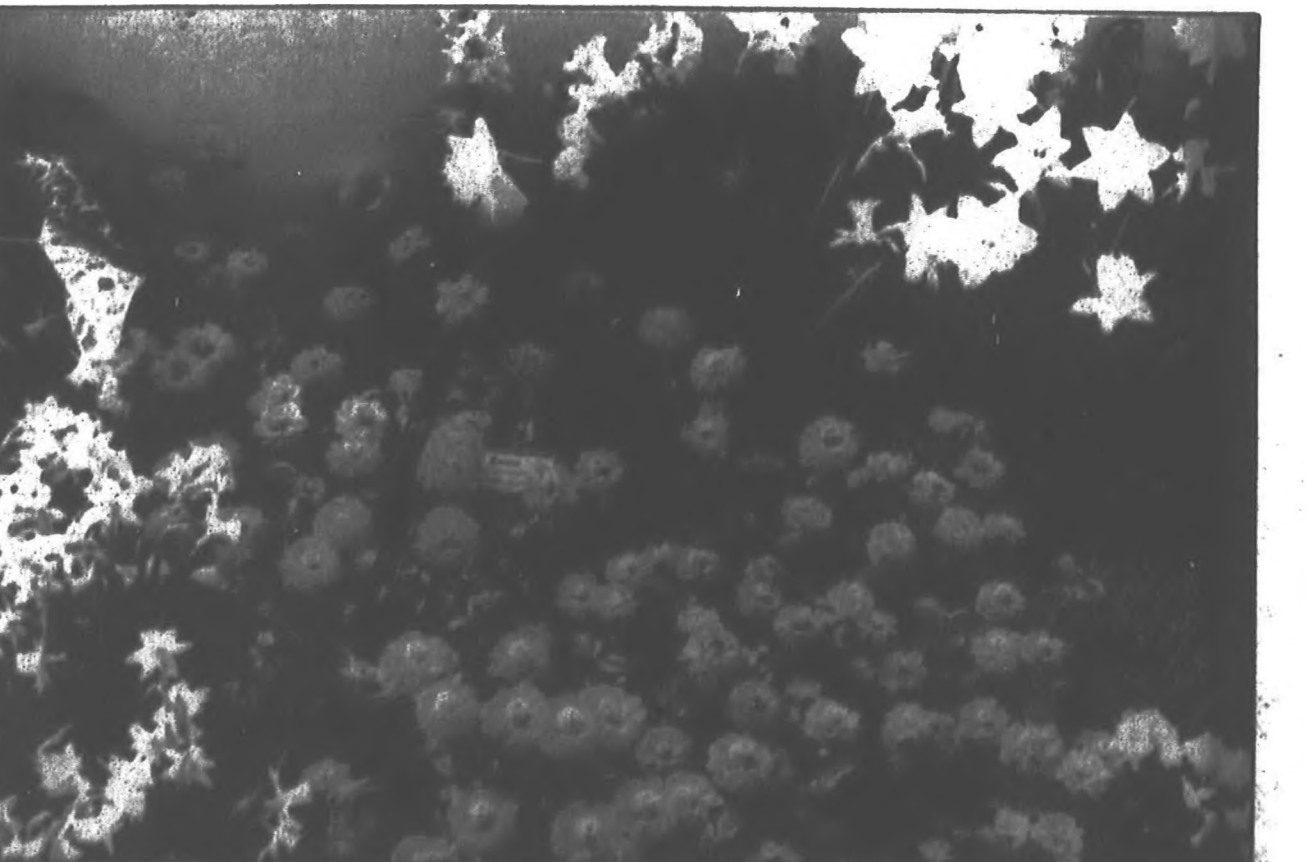
The Cranbrook exhibit boasts a water wheel and Japanese style bridge constructed by Tom and Charlie Izant of Birmingham and Robert Gay and a vertical rock garden spouting forced azaleas. The bridge serves as an illusion to join two separate 6-foot by 8 foot spaces comprising the garden.

"A lot of people in Ann Arbor have never been to Cranbrook. The Oriental garden is meant to encourage them to visit. It's an easy drive," said auxiliary member Phyllis McLean.

Other local exhibitors competing in the annual show to benefit the University of Michigan's Matthaei Bo-

tanical Gardens include: Paul Wingert and Marvel Steiger of Farmington Hills, the Michigan Orchid Society based in Birmingham and North Farmington Garden Club.

A gala preview including light fare, desserts and music by a string quartet will kick off the show 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 in the Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 North Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The cost is \$40 per person in advance, or \$45 at the door. To order tickets or for more information call (313) 998-7002.



Spring delights: More than 400 exhibits filling 43,000 square feet are featured at the sixth annual Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show March 23-26.

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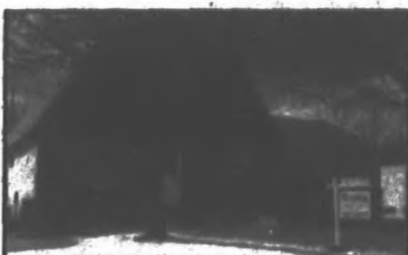
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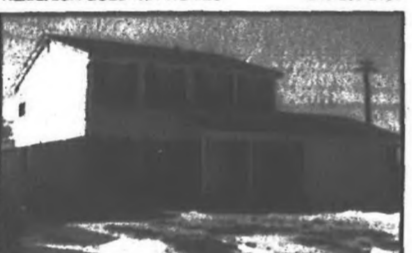
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AMERICAN HARVEST DISPLAY Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant features the art work of Plymouth architect Erick Carne of Carne Associates Inc. Twenty-nine watercolors, ranging from subjects such as the Mackinac Bridge, Niagara River, Port 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.

URBAN PARK-DETROIT ART CENTER Through April 9 - Very Special Artists of all ages disabled by hearing, sight, mobility, development and emotional impairments from the Observer area, Wayne and Oakland counties express themselves in a variety of media. The event is free and open to the public. More than 70 paintings, pastels, pencil drawings, ceramics, crayon, collage, magic markers, and quilts will be on display. Local artists include Vinny Conti of Redford, and Kim Pettesy and Jason VanOchten of the Cooper-at Whittier School in Livonia. Also the Men of the Berlin Group in Birmingham and Caryn Martel of Farmington Hills.

Many of these artworks along with pieces by professional artists like ceramist, John Glick of Farmington Hills will be on the auction block June 23 at Royal Oak Community College to benefit the arts programs sponsored by the Very Special Arts Michigan Southeast Region committee.

For more information call exhibit chairman, Jack Olds at (313) 591-0842. Urban Park-Detroit Art Center is at 508 Monroe inside Trapper's Alley in Greektown.

THE ART GALLERY March 19 - The Art Gallery in Garden City hosts a meet-the-artists reception for ceramists, Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth and Gary Wilson, an associate professor of arts at Monroe Community College from 2-5 p.m. Although both have work in the gallery, an extensive exhibit will be shown only on this particular Sunday. Sandberg will exhibit a wide range of pieces from bird baths to functional bowls and oriental flower holders. Wilson's work is based on a religious theme. For more information call Norma McQueen at (313) 261-0379.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY Through March 30 - The university's art department presents works by its graduating seniors in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the Library Wing. Livonia residents, Sean Henkle and Pam Mardewicz exhibit their work in the show featuring fine and commercial art in a variety of mediums. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY FINE ARTS GALLERY Through March 25 - "Creative Hands," a juried exhibit by the Michigan Association of Calligraphers spotlights works by members of the nonprofit organization dedicated to the appreciation and encouragement of the lettering arts. Founded in Farmington in 1978, MAC boasts more than 250 members from diverse backgrounds and experience. Juror for the exhibit displaying various materials, media, techniques and styles, both traditional and non-traditional, is Fran Strom Sloan of Portland, Oregon. She has conducted many workshops throughout the U.S. and is best known for her work with brushes, pointed and flat.

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 at 82777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington.

CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES Through March 30 - In advance of Michigan Glass Month in April, the Livonia Arts Commission exhibits beveled glass sculpture by Heidi Barron of Ada. Barron began working in stained glass 12 years ago. Once a hobby, her stained glass sculpture has become a full time business. For the last 10 years she has exhibited at art shows in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. Barron's stained glass work can be found in galleries in Chicago and at Grand Traverse resort in Traverse City.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday in the library at Five Mile Road east of Farmington.

LIVONIA CITY HALL Through March 31 - Artifacts Art Club exhibits oil and watercolor painting, pastel, photography, colored pencil, sculpture, and photomicrography. Artifacts had its beginnings at the Art Store and More in Livonia. In 1986, owner and instructor Dave Messing gathered together a group of the students, teachers and friends to form a club. The purpose was to provide members a chance to exchange ideas on techniques and media, to offer help and support, and to provide opportunities to exhibit the members' work.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY Through March 31 - The Palette and Brush Club hold its Spring Show which was judged by artist, Christopher Millikan who is represented by Margie Fitzsimons Art Consulting. Palette and Brush has more than 100 local members who paint, joining together for the purpose of cultural enrichment and education in the arts. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the library at 16301 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

DETROIT GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS Through April 23 - The gallery presents "Fresh Talent," featuring furniture designs in metal, fiber and wood by Stephen Ferrin, Darryl Stawinski and Kristen Vailly. All share a one-of-a-kind approach to functional furniture design and have connections to Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Furniture in the exhibit is ideal for residential and commercial settings. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and until 8 p.m. on Fisher Theater nights at 104 Fisher Building in Detroit. Call (313) 873-7898.

WOODWARD GALLERY The gallery at 1357 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 than 300 artists, including Peter Max, Karel Appel, Robert Indiana, Romare Bearden and Agam; an unusual collection of sports photos and posters; and vintage photos and newspaper articles. Call (810) 642-1357.

GALLERY: FUNCTIONARY "The Spirit of CCS," the first in the gallery's Design School Exhibition series, continues. The show features works by Matthew Norris, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Dave Gillespie, Jeff Tilley, Jessica Ingolia, Jason Coffey, Greg Hanson and Vincent Tingler. The gallery is at 23-B W. Lawrence in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-0333.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS To July 31 - "An Evolution of 20th Century Sculpture" continues at 5200 Woodward. The exhibit traces formal and thematic development in sculpture with American and European works from the permanent collection. Call (313) 525-7900.

INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES Through October 1995 - A faculty exhibit features a variety of two- and three-dimensional works by the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Art. The Institute is in Room 1054 of the Homer Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 763-4492.

THE ANDY SHARKEY GALLERY This Royal Oak art gallery offers an unusual collection of Michigan artists featuring painted furniture, pottery, glass, jewelry, a Kids' Corner, custom painting and more. The gallery is at 204 W. Fifth. Call (810) 646-6770.

BRIDGE STREET GALLERY The recently opened gallery features Alaskan art and designer glass. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 208 N. Bridge, Linden, (810) 735-1398.

DETROIT ARTIST MARKET Fore ART! Art, 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 Guoin in Detroit. Call 259-8345 for general information, 886-1623 for groups and parties.

PONTIAC GLASS COMPANY GALLERY The gallery features the local talent of Michigan Glass Guild members displaying blown, fused and flat glass sculpture, decorative and architectural items. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, by appointment only Tuesday, 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, (810) 332-6619.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART To June 25 - "African Art from the Collection" continues at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor. The display is a thematic selection of works from the museum's extensive collection of sub-Saharan African art. Call (313) 764-0395.

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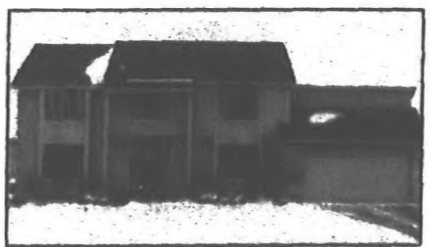


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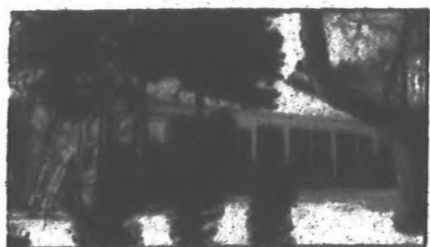
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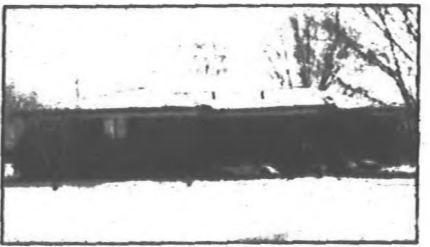
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toward the near future, experience "Spring Break, Lake Superior Style." Cancun, Ft. Lauderdale, or South Padre Island were never like this as "winter's grip on Gitchi Gumee loosens," and area photographers record the magnificent meltdown.

And by all means, don't neglect to read the magazine's special report on "The State of the Lake." Highly readable and eye opening, it includes "Update on Our Condition," "Giving Lake Superior a Check-Up," "Creating Superior Students" (some high-schoolers lucky enough to live near the biggest Great Lake get to study it as part of their formal curriculum), "Putting a Check on Pollution" and "Building the Appreciation." Really, this magazine feature is a keeper for all of us who love the Lakes but don't understand a whole lot about how to preserve their greatness.

"Country Home" (April) This issue could have been sub-titled "Spotlight on Michigan." In "Fresh Paint" the magazine looks

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in on an enterprising couple and their home and business near Glen Arbor. Seems they enjoyed painting and decorating their own furniture so much that they turned their enjoyment into a business, now called On a Limb. All the storybook-style stuff looks good enough to eat.

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Then it's over to Northport to embark on a leisurely cruise around Lake Michigan via the schooner "Manitou." And finally,

armchair travelers can catch the S.S. Badger and ferry merrily from Ludington to Manitowoc, Wis. (Also in the travel section, look for mention of Michigan's popular dinner/murder mystery/cabaret/bed-and-breakfast trains, operated by Coe Rail, Inc.)

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a long-time member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer Newspapers. She has a lifelong interest in reading, "everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a Touch-Tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

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foot impressions in Farmington.

Henkel believes there's an unfulfilled need for individuality in architecture that present day strip malls lack. A pitcher (from Livonia Stevenson with a 4-0 record last year) for the Madonna University men's baseball team, Henkel says creativity, baseball, art and architecture all go hand-in-hand in his mind.

"Baseball gave me the discipline and patience to do the art," he said.

Standout works by Henkel in the exhibit capture the glass and steel beauty of the Galleria Office Centre in Oakland County.

A conceptual drawing of an office building is intriguing because Henkel uses unusual combinations of shapes to form the overall structure.

In the next showcase, Mardouss's interview with a Vampire advertising campaign demonstrates the versatility of this 22-year-old planning to enter the graphic design field after graduation.

Mardouss eventually would like to illustrate and write children's books. An alumnus of the Creative and Performing Arts program when it was under the direction of Barbara Demgen at Livonia's Churchill High School, Mardouss shows talent and creativity for combining ink and pastel.

"I really liked the art program at Madonna. It taught me the way to look at the environment around me, to appreciate the weather, the trees, the colors in the sky," said Mardouss.

As part of the commercial art program, students are required to become computer literate both on IBM compatible and Macintosh equipment.

"What I like about ink is that you can develop your own style. As far as computers, it's easy to lose your imagination and creativity on the computers because a lot of people rely on clip art," Mardouss said.

search of a new career after 20 years in the restaurant business. She owned the former Birmingham Cafe down the street from the former Birmingham Theater. Her art degree opens doors to many exciting job possibilities. The most appealing ones deal with the computer but fail to shake her love of fine art.

"Computers have made the design field more efficient. What used to take three days now takes 10 minutes," said Oetach, 47.

"All my life I've loved art. Art adds excitement, serenity, fun, a whole new meaning. It brings you a whole lot closer to God and an appreciation for his creations."

Hours for the exhibit by the graduating seniors runs 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Madonna University is located at 36600 Schoolcraft Road at Levan in Livonia.

American Standox presents work of 2 Michigan artists

American Standox, Inc. presents the works of two Michigan artists at their first art gallery event March 17-19 at ASI corporate headquarters 47802 Anchor Court, West in the MetroWest Technology Park at M-14 and Beck Road in Plymouth.

Daniel Roache and Isabel H.S. Tsao were chosen by ASI to display their works because of the contemporary style and exciting presentation of their paintings. An opening reception to meet the artists is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, March 17 at ASI. Members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform.

The exhibit is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19.

Roache is a metal sculptor, painter and printmaker. Born in Detroit, he studied drawing and painting in the studios of artists Ruth Loring Jones and Karl Staber.

He also studied art and art history at Detroit area colleges and at the Detroit Institute of Arts where he was employed in the research library.

He is trained and employed as a skilled machinist and toolmaker.

Tsao is a printer and educator. She studied English literature at Cheng-chi University in Taiwan, theater at Northwestern University and fine arts and painting at the University of Michigan.

Trained as an artist and teacher, Tsao is employed at the U.M. as a

teaching assistant. She also currently teaches watercolor painting at the Art Association of Ann Arbor.

To further support the artists and their commitment to community growth, American Standox will purchase one painting from both Roache and Tsao.

Gallery hours for the event run 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. American Standox, a joint venture company with Herberts GmbH in Germany, supplies and markets automotive paint products to North America.

For more information about their first art gallery event, call (313) 454-4556.

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for Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth and Gary Wilson, an associate professor of art at Monroe Community College 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 19. The free event is open to the public.

The gallery is at 30116 Ford Road between Middlebelt and Henry Ruff inside Sheridan Square in Garden City. For information, call Norma McQueen at (313) 261-0379.

DINNER THEATER

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents an evening of music to benefit its arts education programs Saturday, April 1 at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. Pulitzer Prize winning composer William Bolcom and mezzo-soprano Joan Morris will perform a repertoire ranging from Gerahwin to Rodgers and Hart in a cabaret-style performance.

Tickets for dinner and the concert

are \$40 per person. A silent auction featuring the works of Plymouth artists will begin at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at 8 and the concert at 9.

Bolcom and Morris are veteran show people whose 30 to 50 concerts a year take them across the United States and to Europe. Most recently they appeared at the Alice Tully Hall in New York City where a New York Times review said that "Ms. Morris, with her natural delivery, model enunciation and ingenious charms, has few peers; in combination with Mr. Bolcom's finely tuned yet fully developed accompaniments, she has none."

Tickets for the dinner theater are available by calling the arts council office 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at (313) 416-4ART, and in Plymouth at Native West 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail and Frame Works, 833 Penniman.

Plant sale set

Think spring! Order flowering plants to brighten your home or give as gifts for the holidays.

The Longacre House Volunteer Guild is planning a spring plant sale to raise money for the non-profit Longacre House, formerly The Community Center, in Farmington Hills. The Longacre House is at 24705 Farmington Road.

Potted lilies, tulips, daffodils and azaleas may be bought through the volunteers, or at the Longacre House 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Plants may also be charged by calling the center at (810) 477-8404.

Order deadline is Wednesday, April 5. All orders must be prepaid by that date. Plants must be picked up at the center 3-7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 12-13.

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THE BEST OF ERA

Electronic Realty Associates hosted its 17th annual ERA Recognition Rally and Awards Banquet for Detroit-area agents March 2 at the Troy Marriott. Regional awards of excellence were presented in 20 real estate-related categories.

The event was sponsored by JEM Computers Inc., Metropolitan Title Co. and S.J. Enterprises. ERA has 350 real estate professionals in 20 offices throughout metro Detroit.

WHO'S WHO

For the third year in a row, Hall & Hunter Realtors was recognized by Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate. It was chosen for its dedication to customer service and because it handles many foremost properties in Detroit's northern suburbs, said Brian Loah, creator of Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate.

The 1995 edition can be ordered by calling 1 (800) 488-4066 or writing to: Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate, 2110 Western Ave., Seattle, Wash. 98121.

FORUM ATTENDEES

Mary Ann McBroom and Christine Russo of Chamberlain Realtors in Birmingham attended the Certified Residential Specialist annual sales training in San Antonio, Tex.

Less than 3 percent of all agents hold the CRS designation, attained by completing courses required by the Residential Sales Council, a National Association of Realtors affiliate, and demonstrating specific expertise in applied residential real estate marketing.

Ellen Newville of Chamberlain Realtors in Birmingham also has received CRS designation.

NEW REALTOR

Jane Solomon has joined Chamberlain Realtors' Birmingham office after seven years as the top selling agent in its Royal Oak office. Solomon comes to Birmingham with more than 16 years' experience.

— Compiled by Becky Burns, special writer

Real Estate One eyes more-qualified agents

BY CATHERINE M. FRICK SPECIAL WRITER

Farmington Hills-based Real Estate One, the largest real estate company in Michigan, has taken a bold and innovative approach in recruiting real estate agents. Recruiting a more professional, better educated agent is the objective of the new outreach program headed by recently appointed Carol Frick, corporate recruiter.



Frick

"In the past, real estate was a part-time position for a lot of people. It was the field that people turned to when they couldn't get a 'real job.' It has now become a very viable professional career option. What we're trying to do is make this a first choice

option for people," says Frick. The real estate industry has changed over the years, demanding a more professional, dedicated and knowledgeable agent. Home buyers making their single-most-expensive purchase demand agents that have technological skills and competence. People want to know that they are receiving sound information regarding the community, the house, the mortgages available, the value of the property and the security of investment.

The outreach program will include creating an awareness, at universities and colleges, about the potential of real estate as a career option. Downsizing and consolidating corporations as well as placement companies are also being contacted to inform middle management of this viable career alternative. Advertisements in local business newsletters has also proven successful in recruiting qualified people.

Real Estate One is seeking individuals with strong interpersonal skills that have experience in areas such as marketing, teaching, communications

or any of the service industries.

"Recruiting quality people in the real estate business has become increasingly competitive — everyone is looking for good people. We had to be creative, and try new methods of attracting quality people. Currently, we are looking to hire 300 to 350 agents to our company this year from a variety of sources," says Stuart Elsa, vice president of marketing.

Real estate sales is one of the few careers with a low start-up expense, limited overhead and unlimited income potential. However, it requires a high level of self-motivation and commitment.

"The great thing about real estate is that there is virtually no such thing as layoff. It has all the job security you could ever want — and the income potential is unlimited. You're paid based on the houses you sell, and the amount of houses you sell is based on how hard you want to work," says Frick.

Real Estate One consists of 30 offices in the metro area and Traverse City, including Birmingham, Bloom-

field Hills, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield/Lathrup Village, Rochester, West Bloomfield and Troy. Western Wayne offices are in Livonia/Redford, Plymouth/Canton and Westland/Garden City. The company also owns Ralph Manual in Birmingham and John Stone in Grosse Pointe.

"This new outreach program will help us grow and add quality people to our company. Right now, our branch managers are primarily responsible for recruiting — and they do a great job. However, with a corporate recruiter, we will be able to supplement that effort with new and different sources of professional people," says Elsa.

Carol Frick brings to the position of corporate recruiter 22 years of both sales and management experience in real estate. She has served as president of her local Board of Realtors, having been named Realtor of the Year in 1993. Frick currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Realtors.

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too busy.

The management company continues to insist that it works with this attorney in many projects and that he does a good job. We are concerned about offending the management company if we terminate the attorney's services. The management company is not giving us the type of service that we

expect either because it appears to be too busy. We have been penny-wise and pound foolish. Will we suffer if we terminate the attorney, but keep the management company?

You as an association are entitled to good service from all persons that are providing services to you. Included within good services is timeliness in the response to your requests. If in your opinion you are not receiving that kind of service from your attorney and you have discussed it with him or her, and things have not improved, you should consider retaining other counsel.

The fact that your management company may have strongly urged you to retain this attorney should not mean that the management company is not capable of working with another attorney. If it suggested to you that this is the case, I would consider re-

taining another management company or otherwise investigating the relationship between the management company and the attorney.

A truly professional management company will work with any competent attorney if it is operating in good faith since both the attorney and the management company owe their primary responsibility to the association in a fiduciary manner.

If a board gets a loan for major repairs on units from a bank, are the board members personally liable on the loan, late fees, etc.

It depends upon the terms and conditions on which the loan is provided to the association. Some banks will not lend money to a condo association unless they receive a personal guarantee presumably from the individual board members. If that is the case, your directors may be on the

financial hook. You should, before you enter into any loan arrangement, make sure that the association has the authority to enter into a loan arrangement without receiving the requisite authority of the co-owners. Your best advice to get an opinion from counsel as to the propriety of the association borrowing money and the terms and conditions in connection with that borrowing process.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County attorney who concentrates his practice in condominium, real estate and corporate law. Submit questions by writing: Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. To leave a voice-mail message for Robert M. Meisner, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1871.

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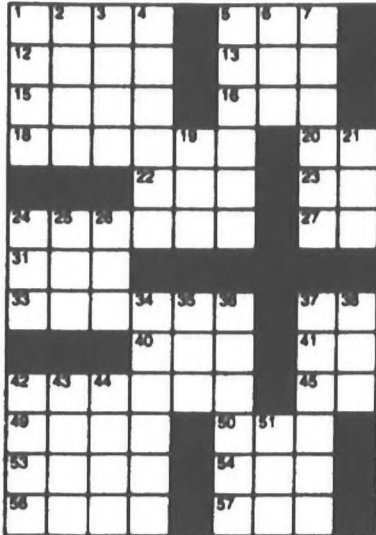
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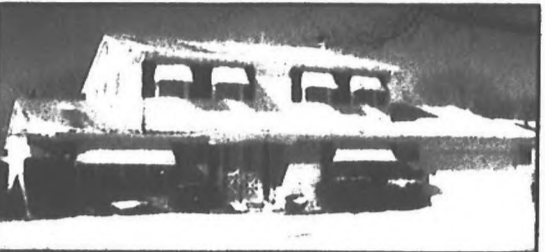


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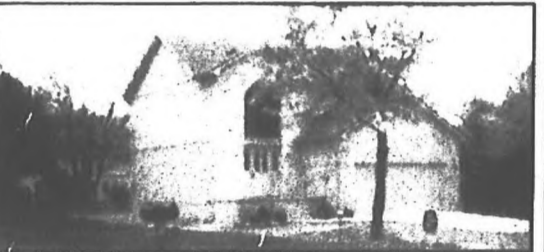
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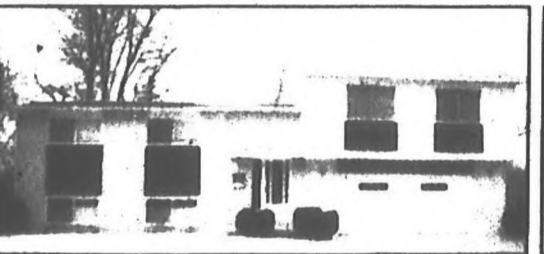
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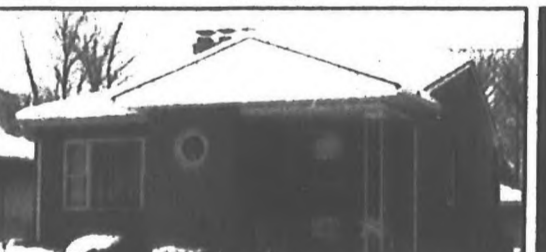
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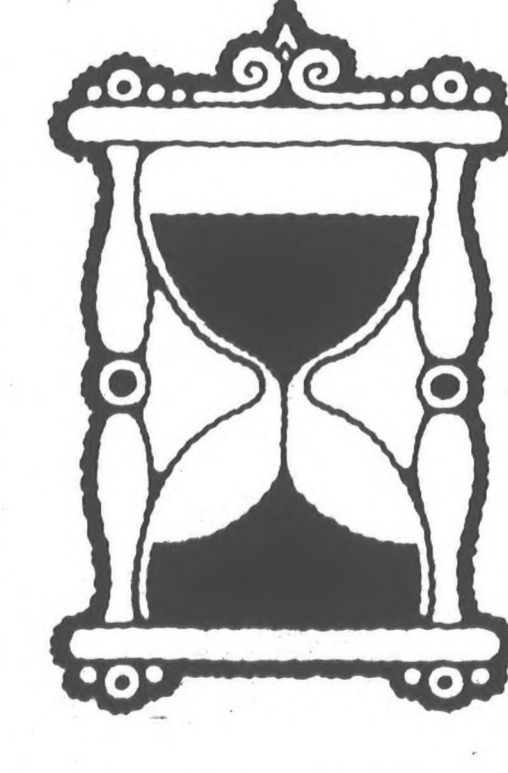
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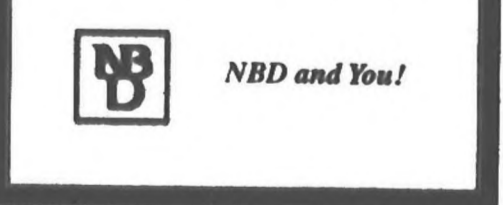
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

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) 591-1279.

James F. Gwaltney of Bloomfield Hills was appointed executive director, strategic planning and external affairs for Ford Motor Co.'s financial services group. Gwaltney joined Ford in 1971 and held a number of sales and marketing positions. He was Ford Division advertising manager.



Gwaltney

Susan Francheschi of Livonia was named president of Networking Professionals, a new networking organization for new, small or home businesses. Francheschi is the national executive director of the Miss Renaissance USA Pageant and is director for Selective Professionals.



Francheschi

Ronnie G. Tobin of Bloomfield Hills was appointed vice president of quality management at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Tobin had been vice president of Hamot Health Foundation in Erie, Pa., as well as holding positions with the JCAHO and Henry Ford Medical Group.



Tobin

See STARS, 3F

Builders from area dominate prizes for building

■ A building's beauty and functionality often are in the eye of the beholder. Local professionals played major roles in the lion's share of Design and Construction Showcase '95 award winners.

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Architects, managers, subcontractors, suppliers and specifiers tend to look at different things when evaluating construction projects.

But whomever was doing the looking, when it came to Design and Construction Showcase '95 winners, projects with Observer & Eccentric connections figured in nine of the 12 awards.

Buildings completed within the past four years with both the architect and prime contractor based in Michigan were eligible. Awards went to works receiving the most nominations.

The competition annually is sponsored by the Construction Association of Michigan, American Institute of Architects-Michigan



Troy church: John Loizon was the architect for St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

and the Construction Specifications Institute-Detroit Chapter.

A church, hospital, library and retail center were among local winners.

"Subcontractors and suppliers are looking at complexity of work, something unique about the project like wood treatments and special glass," said Brenda Zimmerman, CAM spokeswoman.

"Architects commonly will look at complexity of design, how attractive it is," she added.

"General contractors will nominate because a project came in on time within budget, the teamwork involved in building, projects that challenge them to coordinate a variety of subs and suppliers," Zimmerman said.

The purpose of the awards is to highlight the design and construction talent in Michigan, said Curt Hacias, CAM president.

"Competition to provide design and construction services for local

projects has been fierce over the years and frequently local projects are awarded to out-of-state companies," he said.

"We feel obligated . . . to remind owners and developers that Michigan firms are second to none where design and project management services are concerned, particularly when combined with a highly-skilled labor pool."

Several hundred projects were nominated, Zimmerman said.

Following is a summary of award winners with local connections:

■ Rochester Hills Public Library. Contractor: Frank Rewold & Son. Architect: TMP Associates, Farmington Hills.

The \$7.8 million, 70,000-square-foot structure with red brick, limestone and three windows per bay was designed to fit in with local historical buildings.

The building contains a large built-in fish tank, glass display

cases, a drive-in return/check-out and gift shop.

Even with more than 70 change orders, the library was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.

■ Southfield Fire Station. Contractor: Freeman, Southfield. Architect: Rodotone Architects, Southfield.

The \$1.9 million structure features an apparatus area and living space featuring sleeping quarters for six, laundry room, showers, kitchen, lounge, exercise room and storage.

Use of brick, glass and columns give the building an atypical fire-house look.

Site amenities include drive-through apparatus bays and covered carport and patio.

■ St. Joseph Hospital surgery expansion, Royal Oak. Contractor: Barton Malow, Southfield.

A 63,000-square-foot addition over four levels features six new operating rooms and extended support space, post-operative recovery rooms and employee locker rooms.

The expansion also provided two new cystoscopy rooms used to diagnose and treat bladder disorders, more emergency center space and more room for pathology labs and offices.

Cost was \$17 million. ■ Fairlane North retail center, Dearborn. Architect: Wah Yee Associates, Farmington Hills.

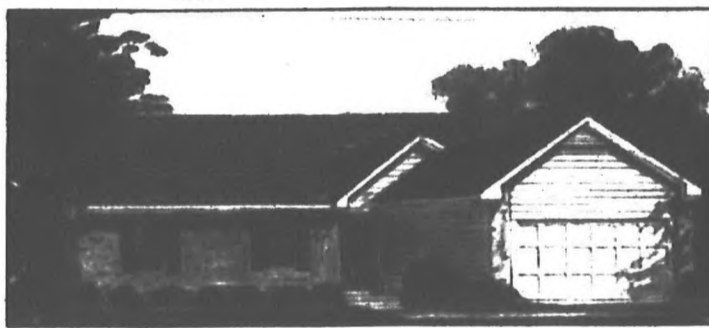
A 590,000-square-foot development consisting entirely of specialty retailers including a Super K Center, Border's Book & Music, Builders Square and Sports Authority. Cost was \$25 million.

The primary architectural challenge, according to CAM, was to establish a design concept that unified the facades of the various retailer while satisfying a traditional Dearborn look.

■ Ghafari Associates headquarters, Dearborn. Contractor: Freeman-Darling Construction, Livonia.

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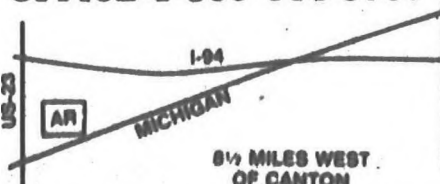
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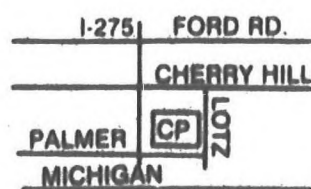
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EMORY DANIELS

There is a great deal of activity on line regarding sports and on the Internet there is some especially good material on participatory sports. I found a wealth of information dealing with such recreational activities as deep water diving, mountain climbing, long distance running, golf, and skiing. I also found some rather obscure sports and unusual discussion groups, but that's about par for the Net.

Anyone who enjoys climbing or mountaineering will find more than enough information on the World Wide Web (WWW) using Lynx or a browser to go to this Universal Resource Locator (URL) <http://www.dtek.chalmers.se>. The climbing site was established by Magnus Homann and Keith Amundson in the fall of 1994.

Upon first arriving, the on line user has the choice of getting climbing news from Europe or Asia. Other information is available on techniques and training, and other Net sources of climbing

news. There are many articles, including on the Columbia Ice Fields, Red Rocks, and Swiss Climbing.

This site has a pretty nifty calendar of climbing events. When I arrived it had two calendar pages (February and March) with highlighted dates. By clicking on a highlighted date, you learn about climbing activity on that date. I clicked on March 3 and learned that was the date of the Calgary Mountain Climbing Club's annual dinner dance. There was an e-mail address for additional information but I didn't inquire.

Also at this site can be found guide books on climbing, climbing directories, climbing stories, climbing songs and poems, hardware, and Ravage (a magazine on climbing, that promises to take you to new literary heights). There's a lot here but not real current as I checked it out in mid-February and it was last updated in mid-September 1994.

The WWW site on deep sea diving is maintained in the United Kingdom. Upon first arriving, choose item two "UK Diving Web Server." Among the wealth of information here are United Kingdom diving news, dives coming up soon, wreck data bases (presuma-

bly information on wrecked ships, etc.), Dover tide tables, clubs worldwide, medicine, and other Net diving links.

One of the best recreational sports areas I found was the long distance WWW site maintained by the Dead Runners Society. This site is loaded with information, is well organized, and is very easy to navigate.

One of the first options is a chance to join a listserv discussion group on running and to request a list of runners who subscribe to the group. There are archives on information on training information and on tips on dealing with injury. There's a link to the USENET discussion group rec.running.

The Running Page at this site has a very useful feature for local running clubs — the opportunity to list your running event by filling out an on line electronic form. At this page, there also is a list of the year's races, a list of running clubs, upcoming races, personal bests, a U.S.A. Track & Field Association link, Exercise Trails Network, a listing of marathons, several running journals, recent race results, cross country analysis, and much more.

One of my more unusual discoveries is a listserv discussion

group on the sport of Guts Frisbee. This listserv group discusses upcoming tournaments and locations of Guts players around the world, the history of Guts Frisbee, the future of the game, rules, and possible nominations to the Guts Frisbee Hall of Fame (stop laughing, this is serious stuff).

The Guts Frisbee Hall of Fame and Museum is in Lake Linden, Mich., and has earned the endorsement of Wham-O, the manufacturer of the Frisbee disc. This listserv discussion is based out of Michigan Technological University in Houghton which long has been associated with the sport of Guts. In fact, the Julius T. Nachazel trophy (awarded to the winner of the International Frisbee Tournament each year for the past 38 years) is named after a faculty member at Michigan Tech. If you are nearby and want to see this sport in person, the 1995 international tourney will be at Lake Linden on July 1-2.

Golf enthusiasts may want to go to a WWW site that has been highly recommended. On the home page are such choices as What's New, Library, Places to Play, Pro Shop, and Tour Action. I was unable to access any of these choices using Lynx but was with Netscape and found it load-

ed with goodies. The URL is <http://www.golfweb.com>.

The pitch given on GolfWeb is that it features golf results and statistics updated daily from satellite feeds, historical data bases on last year's golf results, all-time golf statistics, live reporting from major golf events, golf course information and directories, golf reference materials and books, on-line golf shopping and travel services.

There also is text documents available for duffers via File Transfer Protocol (FTP). Go to FTP and type "open dunkin.Princeton.edu" and open the public directory and then the golf directory. I'm not interested enough in golf to download this and read it; maybe you are.

Ski America is a good site on the Web for downhillers. The URL is <http://www.skiamerica.com/biz/skiamerica>. Lynx users will be redirected. At this site there are 14 "pages" (screens) of ski condition reports for resorts throughout the nation. I checked out the site at 3:45 p.m. on Feb. 22 and found ski conditions as of 12:06 p.m. Feb. 22.

At this site the user also will find nine pages of ski lift pass specials for Internet users only. The What's New area provides

links to several ski resorts in the United States. And the site also has a home page for White Mountain Resort, a ski haven that borders a large national park in New Hampshire.

There is a listserv group on kayak and paddling, which discusses the safe and ecologically sensitive development of the sports of kayaking, canoeing, and paddle touring. To subscribe send an e-mail message to Wave—Length—Request bbs.ad68.nansimo.bc.ca and in the body text write "SUBSCRIBE WAVE—LENGTH."

The New York Knicks listserv group contains box scores, game summaries, NBA standings, and other Knick-related information. To join, send your subscription request to Listproc.Hallux.medachool.hscbklyn.edu and in the message area enter SUBSCRIBE KNICKS yourfirstname yourlastname.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@oeonline.com, at voice mail at 953-2047 then dial 1910, or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313)591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "Key:" prompt type GL6NY2.

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Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, Ann Arbor. Architect: Jickling, Lyman & Powell Associates, Troy.

The structure, 84,000 square feet, will contain physician office suites, testing areas, patient rehabilitation and education areas, outpatient catheterization lab and recovery rooms. Cost was \$8.3 million.

Communication and teamwork involving everyone on the project from owner to architect to suppliers destined the project to succeed even before it started, CAM reported.

Michigan State University Library, East Lansing. Architect: Ralph Calder & Associates, Farmington Hills.

An \$8 million addition and renovations to the art and music collections encompassing some 66,000 square feet was designed to occur while the existing library remained open.

The project included replacing a glass curtain wall, roofing, air conditioning, electrical and extending the lobby.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Troy. Architect: John Loizon P.C. & Associates.

The main dome of the Byzantine like structure is 62 feet high and 120 feet in circumference. More than 10 tons of Revere copper was used to construct the one main and seven lesser domes of the church.

Close coordination between the architect and field personnel was needed to develop details, CAM reported. Cost of the 40,000-square foot building was \$3.85 million.

Western Michigan University, student recreation system renovations and additions, Kalamazoo. Contractor: A.J. Etkin Construction, Farmington Hills.

Multi-phase work involving 352,000 square feet and \$40 million involved the fieldhouse and student center.

Areas touched included swimming pool, basketball/tennis/racquetball courts, physical education laboratories, classrooms, office space, lockers and storage.

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1994 was a banner year for commercial buildings

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Office and industrial markets have boomed during 1994.

Net office absorption increased by nearly three quarters of a million square feet, according to an annual survey of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.

The regional vacancy rate, including the city of Detroit, decreased by almost four percentage points to 15.3 percent, SIOR reported.

Joel I. Feldman, who independently tracks the local office scene, used words like "incredible" and "recovery reaching unprecedented heights" to describe the current situation.

"I have never seen such a resiliency in the marketplace," said Feldman, senior vice president of First Commercial Realty & Development in Southfield.

opment in Southfield.

"The pendulum has swung in the direction of the owner," said Paul S. Hogo, vice president of the state SIOR association and an associate broker with Signature Associates in Southfield.

"They don't have to give concessions like free rent, moving allowances. It's been in progress over the last year. It happened earlier in the industrial market," Hogo said.

A surging office/industrial market has an impact beyond just landlords and tenants.

"It's another indication the economy here is on an upturn," Feldman said. "It creates a peace of mind. There's more personal security."

"The ripple effect is beneficial. People are more carefree, at ease, willing to take more risk — invest

in the stock market, buy that television, look at a car," Feldman said.

"There's a very strong demand for employees with growth of a market," Hogo said. "It flows through to the tax base."

Feldman cited several factors for the major office turnaround here:

- The election of Mayor Dennis Archer, Detroit's winning federal empowerment zone designation and the promotional work of Detroit Renaissance have caused business to take a new look at the city.

- A relatively strong economy, especially connected with the automotive industry, has resulted in corporate expansion and the need for more space.

- Ten major office buildings changed hands, sending out a sig-

nal that lenders and investors are committed to the future of this market.

While inventory and occupancy figures weren't available for industrial markets, observers reported a rise in demand for all kinds of product, SIOR reported.

"When the economy does well and the auto industry is on fire, this town does well," Hogo said.

More and more auto suppliers want a local presence as the industry goes global.

"In industrial, there's been a strong surge in demand, principally related to the automotive upturn," said John S. Boyd, executive vice president of Signature. "What had been an oversupply years ago has decreased significantly."

Activity is especially strong in Plymouth and Canton on the west

side, Boyd added.

"The challenge that faces our local office community in 1995 is threefold," Feldman reported.

"One, to what extent can we salvage the downtown Detroit office market? Despite gains, an ever-growing number of buildings struggle.

"Second, can we be fortunate enough to even come close to duplicating the success achieved in 1994?"

"Finally, can we exercise the restraint and discipline to delay for just another six to 12 months bringing on-line the next generation of major, general, speculative, multi-tenanted office buildings?"

"We still have enough troubled

buildings and problems to realize that a year's hiatus will greatly aid," Feldman said.

As of Jan. 1, office occupancy rates in Observer & Economic Communities surveyed by Feldman ranged from 65 percent in Livonia to 82 percent in Southfield.

Farmington Hills and Birmingham were 92 percent, West Bloomfield 91 percent, Bingham Farms and Bloomfield Hills 90 percent and Troy 86 percent.

Quoted average rental rates ranged from \$20.99 annually per square foot in Birmingham to \$14.97 in Farmington Hills.

Bloomfield Hills was \$20.35, Bingham Farms \$17.98, Livonia \$17.60, Troy \$17.40, West Bloomfield \$17.19 and Southfield \$15.09.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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MASONRY AWARDS

The Masonry Institute of Michigan, headquartered in Livonia, has awarded Excellence in

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Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates, Southfield, with Hennington, Durham & Richardson of Dallas and the Design Forum, Grand Rapids, won for the Kent County Correctional Facility, Grand Rapids.

Neumann/Smith also won for the Brooks residence in Orchard Lake.

Young & Young Architects of Bloomfield Hills was cited for Bloomfield Auto Wash, Bloomfield Hills.

Only Michigan projects completed since May 1, 1991, were judged on the basis of design excellence and appropriate and innovative use of masonry.

SALONE NADWA

Nadwa Breda, a Livonia resident, has opened Salone Nadwa and Day Spa at the Novi Town Center. Services include hair styling, facials, massages and manicures.

BORG-WARNER

Borg-Warner Automotive has agreed to purchase the operations

and substantially all of the operating assets of Federal-Mogul Corp.'s Precision Forged Products Division, which includes a tool-making operation in Plymouth.

The division, which manufactures clutch parts and engine connecting rods, reported sales of \$70 million in 1994.

Purchase price was \$28 million.

WIRED FOR GRAPHICS

Advanced Systems & Forms of Livonia has formed Wired for Graphics, a graphic arts division providing creative and typesetting services to both trade and end

users. John Patterson heads the division.

PET PRACTICE

Southfield-based Professional Veterinary Hospitals has changed its name to the Pet Practice.

"We feel our new name displays a sense of warmth and compassion, combined with professional care and expertise," said Peter Cohen, national president and chief operating officer.

The Pet Practice has outlets in Canton, Garden City, Farming-

ton Hills and Southfield.

DOWN TECHNOLOGY

Dorn Technology Group of Livonia has released a new Riskmaster/Win Incident Reporting System to provide data collection flexibility and data severity analysis reporting within a risk management department.

Dorn provides software, hardware and consulting services for the claims management, risk management and insurance industries.

Stars from page 1F

Craig Rosenthal of Livonia was named director of event sponsorships for Palace Sports and Entertainment with the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Richard Allen was appointed president, Kelsey-Hayes America in Livonia. Robert Sullivan was appointed vice president and general manager.

Dale Stool of Livonia was promoted to a manager in the management consulting department in the Detroit office of Deloitte & Touche.

Theresa C. Jones was elected to the board of trustees of Montgomery Hospital in Westland. Jones is the former director of the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing.

Charlotte Jacanski received as the Century 21 Centurion award for a top-producing, top-serving sales associates and offices in the Century 21 system. She is associated with Century 21 Row in Livonia.

Pamela J. Campbell of Plymouth was selected by the Michigan Association of Insurance Representatives as the 1994 Distinguished Customer Service Representative. Campbell is chairman of the Michigan Association of Insurance Representatives.

Heather Bronke of Westland was promoted to senior accountant with Follmer, Rudzewicz & Co. in Southfield.

Dr. Kathryn K. Schroeder joined the Center for Health Outcomes and Evaluation, a division of the Michigan Peer Review Organization in Plymouth. Schroeder had been with William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Barbara and Joseph Lanson,

pharmacists and owners of the Professional Village Pharmacy in Livonia, attended a special educational seminar for health professionals in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Warren Huff of Plymouth was honored by Michigan State University for helping create the Michigan State University college of Osteopathic Medicine 25 years ago.

Barbara A. Johnson-Wobrock of Livonia joined the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center Detroit, as state association sales manager. She had been senior sales representative for Delta Air Lines.

Larry P. Jedele was named manager-geotechnical services with Soil and Materials Engineers Inc. in Plymouth. In 1991, Jedele was president of the Michigan chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was named Engineer of the Year.

Francis F. "Red" Widrig, recently retired senior associate for Soil and Materials Engineers in Plymouth, was elected vice president of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Michele L. Pokorwinaki was promoted to account manager with Willis Corroon Corp. of Michigan in Livonia. She joined the company in 1986.

Lee Ann Welsh of Westland was promoted to account executive at Franco Public Relations Group in Detroit. She is a 1982 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School.

Andrea L. Barron was promoted to account manager with Willis Corroon Corp. of Michigan in Livonia. She had been an account representative.

Susan S. O'Connor was named director of marketing with the community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth. Wendy Hewitt was named mortgage loan administrator with the credit union.

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Canton and Garden City.

SUNDBERG-FERAR

Sundberg-Ferar, a product design and development firm in Southfield, has produced a winning design for public access electric vehicle charging stations to be installed throughout California.

"The project provided a fantastic opportunity to provide a customer-driven design that reinforces all of the inherent advantages of recharging electric vehicles over today's process of refueling gas or diesel-powered vehicles," said Curtis J. Bailey, Sundberg-Ferar president.

California has mandated that by 1998, two percent of all vehicles sold in the state must have zero-emissions.

MERCY HEALTH PLANS

Mercy Alternative in Farmington Hills has adopted the name Mercy Health Plans.

The company coordinates the activities of two large multistate managed-care programs and also offers a variety of managed-care programs and products.

AGENCIES ASSOCIATE

Midwest Insurance Agency of Southfield and Kennedy Ins. Group Insurance Agency of Farmington Hills have joined the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, a statewide trade association that represents 10,000 independent agents and industry employees.

ROSS ROY

Ross Roy Communications of Bloomfield Hills has been honored with five first-place and two second-place Mobius Awards for advertising excellence.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Top awards were received for Old Milwaukee beer spots, a Salvation Army ad, two Chrysler brochures and a Detroit Symphony Orchestra book.

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ALLEN HOSPICE

Allen Hospice in Southfield is now licensed to provide care to patients with limited life spans in their homes or extended care facilities. Allen Hospice, directed by Pam Lennig, also provides support services for family.

GRIFFIN BUSINESS

John Griffin has started Capital Business Funding at 19785 W. 12 Mile, Suite 490, Southfield after becoming a certified factoring specialist.

Factoring is the process of selling accounts receivable invoices for cash at a modest discount.

ALLIED/BUDD

AlliedSignal, an automotive supplier headquartered in Southfield, has acquired the Budd Company's Wheel & Brake Division, Farmington Hills. Terms weren't announced.

"This acquisition will make AlliedSignal the only independent vehicle brake manufacturer in the world with complete in-house systems capability," said John W. Barter, president of AlliedSignal Automotive.

Budd's Wheel & Brake Division had sales of some \$250 million for budget year 1994. Allied-

Signal Automotive had sales of \$4.9 billion.

SILVERMAN RELOCATES

Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman, president and CEO of third-generation Silverman Companies, has announced the firm's move to new corporate offices at 30640 Northwestern, Suite 270, Southfield.

Founded in 1919, the company consists of Silverman Construction, Silverman Development, Silverman Homes, Lake Village Apartment Properties and Village Green Realty.

ALLISON, HULL & MALNATI

Allison, Hull & Malnati, a Farmington Hills public relations, advertising, marketing firm, has formed a strategic affiliation with Laykin Communications, an independent public relations/advertising agency in Hong Kong.

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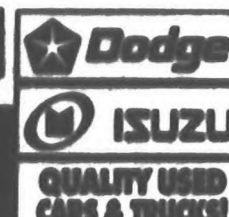
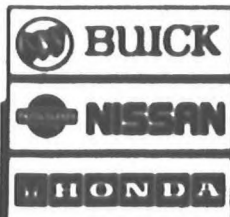
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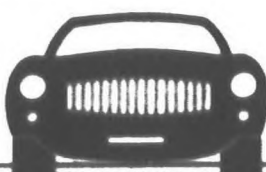
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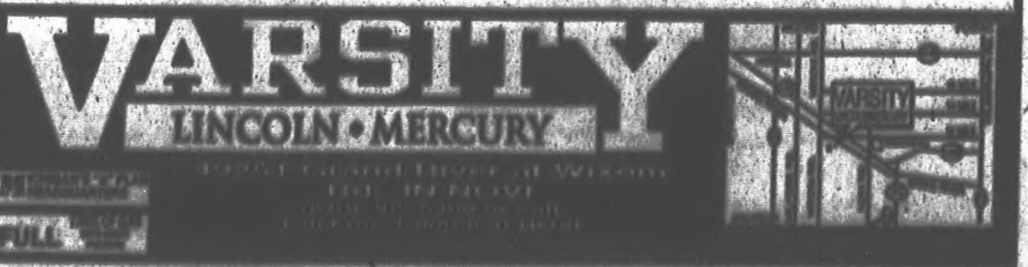
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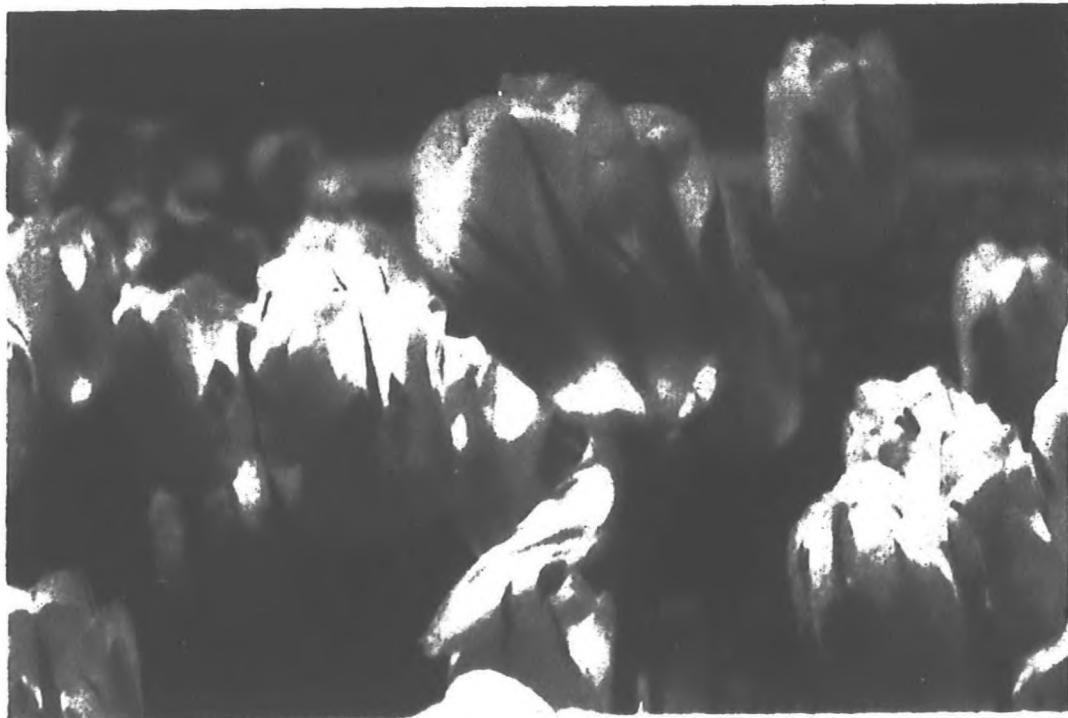
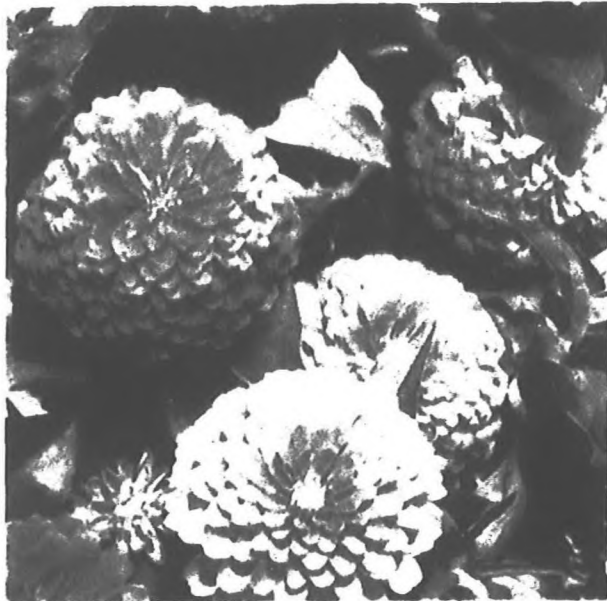
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77th Annual International Builders' Home, Flower, & Furniture Show

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Observer & Eccentric

NEWSPAPERS

Supplement to The Observer & Eccentric and HomeTown Newspapers Thursday, March 16, 1995

Welcome to the best home show in Midwest

The 77th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show will be held at Detroit's Cobo Conference Exhibition Center March 18-26.

"Given the upswing in residential remodeling, the Cobo show is right in sync to help stimulate new ideas for showgoers' latest home projects," said Janet L. Compo, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM) and chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc. of Farmington Hills.

The Cobo Builders Show is the largest show of its kind in the Midwest with 400 exhibitors. BASM is the sponsor of the event.

Exhibitors will spread their wares across half a million square feet of exhibit space (that's equivalent to over 10 football fields) giving homeowners hundreds of ideas for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yards/gardens, remodeling, financing, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, furniture, appliances, heating and cooling. The latest technology, products and services will be on display. Most exhibitors offer special show pricing.

Special highlights at the show include a large cascading waterfall which showgoers can walk under, a 400-foot long horseshoe-shaped river and 96,000 square feet of surrounding gardens, in-



cluding a topiary zoo, created by the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association and sponsored by Detroit Edison and Temo Sunrooms & Spas.

Outdoor cooking specialists Mad Dog and Merrill will display their outdoor grilling techniques from standard vegetables and meats, to pizza and even grilled ice cream on March 19-26 sponsored by MichCon Gas Company.

WXYT's Ask the Handyman Glenn Haeg will be there on March 18-19 and 25-26 broadcasting live from the show and answering homeowners' questions.

Other attractions include the Parade of Notable Homes, which features a pictorial display of new homes and a free plan book sponsored by BASM.

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A guide to Builders Show

■ **Location & Date:** March 18-26, 1995, Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, Detroit.

■ **Hours:** Monday through Friday 2 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

■ **Admission:** Adults \$6, Seniors and Children 6-12 \$4.00; Children under 6 admitted free; Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children at Farmer Jack \$9.

■ **Sponsor:** Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM)

■ **Features:** This year's show includes almost 400 exhibitors in 500,000 square feet of exhibit space. Exhibits include the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yards/gardens, remodeling, financing, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, furniture, appliances, heating and cooling.

■ **Featured attractions:**

- A 15-foot cascading waterfall, a 400-foot long horseshoe-shaped river, a topiary zoo and 86,000 square feet of gardens created by Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association and sponsored by Detroit Edison and Temo Sunrooms & Spas.

- Over 100 miniature indoor gardens plus trendsetting and party floral arrangements compliments of Professional Allied Florists Association members.

■ **24-Hour Public Information:** (810) 737-4478

■ **Show Executive Director:** Irvin H. Yackness - BASM, (810) 737-4477

■ **Parking:** Ample parking is available

■ **Special Section Credits:** This special section is a product of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and HomeTown Newspapers. Advertising was coordinated by Michele Lyon and Roy Meadows. Nancy Rosen of Nancy Rosen & Company, (810) 661-3112, provided the copy. Layout was planned by Brian Lysaght.

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See duck races, waterfalls and great ideas at show

Where can you find an indoor cascading waterfall, river, topiary zoo, duck races, thousands of products and services for the home and garden, prizes and more under one roof?

It's not too good to be true - it's the 77th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show, coming to the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center. Over 400 exhibitors convene at the show making it a cinch for homeowners to gather hundreds of fresh ideas for the home and garden which can be found by perusing nearly 10 football fields worth of exhibit space. To reverse an old saying, showgoers will find everything including the kitchen sink at this extravaganza.

Special highlights at the show include a 15-foot high cascading waterfall which showgoers can walk under, a 400-foot long horseshoe-shaped river and lavish surrounding gardens, including a topiary zoo, created by the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association (MDLA) and sponsored by Detroit Edison and Temo Sunrooms & Spas.

Duck races each night sponsored by the Rotary International District 6400 will benefit Easter Seals of Southeastern Michigan and Easter Seals of Canada.

Nearly two football fields worth of professionally landscaped gardens will enchant showgoers with the sounds of chirping crickets and babbling brooks, and the sight of colorful water fountains and dancing butterflies, as they pass through cedar gazebos and walk along brick paver pathways. Some 1,500 trees and shrubs and thousands of brilliant flowers come to life in these gardens which will transport showgoers into a world of beauty.

WXYT's Ask the Handyman Glenn Haeg will be there on March 18-19 and 25-26 broadcasting live from the show and answering homeowners' questions.

Expert demonstrations on gardening, decorating and remodeling will be given throughout the show. Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill foods such as vegetables, meats, pizza and desserts (even ice cream!), sponsored by MichCon Gas Company.

Frank's will conduct seminars on

garden oriented crafts, container gardening, easy-care landscaping, gardening techniques and lawn and garden care.

Over 100 of the Detroit area's Professional Allied Florists Association members area shops will display arrangements for the honor of 'Best of Show Award' presented by the Society of American Florists. This year's themes are 'A Study in Nature' dish gardens, 'Your Special Day' party and 'Trendsetter' arrangements.

Cut flower arrangement demonstrations will be put on by members of the Professional Allied Florists Association. Nationally recognized commentators will inform and educate the audience in flower care and design. On the last day of the show, many of the arrangements entered in the competition will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The Community Theater located in the garden area will host a Home Buyers Clinic, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers featuring seminars on moving to a new home or remodeling from members of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM), natural gas appliances and heating and cooling products from MichCon Gas Company, financing your dream home from Standard Federal Bank, landscaping tips from the MDLA and instruction on the tools needed and the assembly of a do-it-yourself sunroom from Temo Sunrooms and Spas.

One lucky showgoer will win \$10,000 by correctly estimating the number of nails in the House of Nails contest. The Treasure Chest contest, set up at various locations throughout the show, will award prizes from Farmer Jack, Frank's, Professional Allied Florists Association, MichCon Gas Company and Temo Sunrooms and Spas.

Also, many exhibitors will have contests for prizes. Dancers, musical groups and singers will entertain the crowds.

The Parade of Notable Homes program, which kicks off at the show, will feature pictorial renderings of the area's newest showcase homes built by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan members and a free plan book. The program is sponsored by BASM, Standard Federal Bank and The Detroit News and Free Press Classifieds.

And finally, what show would be complete without a wedding? To prove this point, Pam Pratt of Detroit will wed Marc Perry of Inkster in one of the gardens near the indoor river on March 23 at 4 p.m.


Wedding flowers are being donated by Decker Flowers and Gifts of Westland. The cake is compliments of Farmer Jack, photography by Greg's Portrait Studio of Farmington Hills, tuxedos from President Tuxedo of Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, limousine service by ACS Limousine of Dearborn and the honeymoon night will be spent at the Antheneum Hotel in Detroit. BASM is also sponsor of the third annual Spring Home & Garden Show which ran from February 2-5 and the third annual Fall Remodeling Show at the Novi Expo Center. The Builders Show will be open 2-10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturdays; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sundays.

Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children 6 to 12; and free for children under 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9.




Wide variety: More than 400 exhibits are featured at the 77th Annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at Cobo Center March 18-26.


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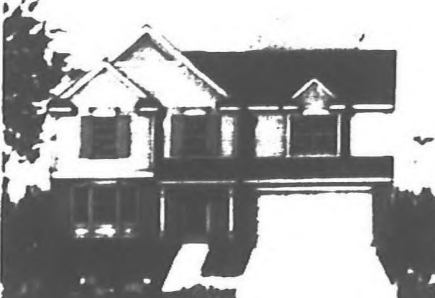
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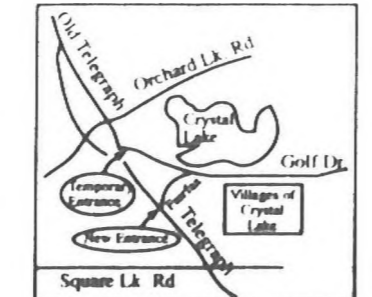


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Standard Federal Bank and The Detroit News and Expert demonstrations on gardening, decorating and remodeling will be given throughout the show. Over 100 miniature indoor gardens and party and trendsetting floral arrangements will be on display compliments of Professional Allied Florists Association members.

A Home Buyers Clinic, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will have seminars on financing, outdoor living spaces, natural gas appliances and products and remodeling. The House of Nails and Treasure Chest contests will award prizes.

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Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons were mailed to homeowners in their Consumers Power and Detroit Edison bills. Free admission coupons for Monday, March 20, are available at all Frank's stores.

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Complete schedule of events

Here's what's happening at the Cobo Builders Show from start to finish

Saturday, March 18
11 a.m. — Show opening ceremony in the Gardens

Frank's Demonstration area in Booth 269

Noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. — Frank's will conduct seminars on garden oriented crafts, container gardening, easy care landscaping, gardening techniques and lawn and garden care.

Community Theater in the Garden Area

Noon — Cut flower arrangement demonstrations presented by Professional Allied Florists Association members representing FTD wire services.

1 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers: natural gas appliances and heating and cooling products presented by MichCon.

2 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: Landscaping tips presented by Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association.

3 p.m. — Care, enjoyment and cut flower arrangement demonstrations of spring holiday flowers.

4 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: move to a new home or remodel your current home presented by the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan.

5 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: financing your dream home presented by Standard Federal Bank

6 p.m. — Care, enjoyment and cut flower demonstrations

7 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: move to a new home or remodel your current home presented by the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan.

8 p.m. — Care, enjoyment and cut flower arrangement demonstrations of spring flowers

9 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: the tools needed and the assembly of a do it yourself sunroom presented by Temo Sunrooms & Spas.

Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall noon — Main St. Cloggers

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2 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts

3 p.m. — Sourwood Mountain Cloggers

4 p.m. — Oakland Dance Studio

5 p.m. — Sarian Slo-Vak Dancers

6 p.m. — Anita School of Dance

7 p.m. — Dusty Road Dancers

Sunday, March 19
MichCon Gas Company Demonstration Booth 1129

12:30 — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill foods such as vegetables, meats, pizza and desserts

2 p.m. — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill foods

4:30 p.m. — Another food demonstration

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3 p.m. — Care, enjoyment and cut flower arrangement demonstrations of spring holiday flowers.

4 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: move to a new home or remodel your current home presented by the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan.

5 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: financing your dream home presented by Standard Federal Bank

6 p.m. — Care, enjoyment and cut flower demonstrations

7 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: move to a new home or remodel your current home presented by the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan.

8 p.m. — Care, enjoyment and cut flower arrangement demonstrations of spring flowers

9 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic: the tools needed and the assembly of a do it yourself sunroom presented by Temo Sunrooms & Spas.

Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall noon — Main St. Cloggers

1 p.m. — Country Class Dancers

2 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts

3 p.m. — Sourwood Mountain Cloggers

4 p.m. — Oakland Dance Studio

5 p.m. — Sarian Slo-Vak Dancers

6 p.m. — Anita School of Dance

7 p.m. — Dusty Road Dancers

Sunday, March 19
MichCon Gas Company Demonstration Booth 1129

12:30 — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill foods such as vegetables, meats, pizza and desserts

2 p.m. — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill foods

4:30 p.m. — Another food demonstration

Frank's Demonstration Area in Booth 269



Grill humor: Mad-cap outdoor cooking specialists Mad Dog and Merrill will offer grilling tips and zany asides during their demonstrations at the builders show.

Duo cooks with humor

Nationally known outdoor cooking specialists Mad Dog and Merrill will display their humorous cooking magic sponsored by MichCon Gas Company at the 77th Annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show held at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center.

As the team from New London, Wis. travels to home shows throughout the country, they share their mad-cap stunts and wealth of outdoor grilling knowledge. The zany duo conveys their grilling techniques and valuable tips through demonstrations peppered with a blend of satire and wit.

Since 1983, these two outdoor cooking gurus have promoted the fine art of barbecue by enthusiastically delivering delicious recipes for a variety of foods — from the standard vegetables and meats, to pizza and even grilled ice cream!

Over the last 10 years, the grilling team has appeared on national and regional television, statewide radio and has been reviewed in various newspapers across the country. The duo recently taped a segment of TNN's "Cookin' USA" with Merle Ellis.

Mad Dog and Merrill offer their valuable tips and recipes in several

cookbooks and videos, including "The Grilling Buddies Cookbook," "Grillology '101" and "Feat Ever Grilling."

The outdoor grilling experts will soon introduce two new cookbook and video packages called "Cooking With Gas" and "Grilling for the Health of It."

Show times for Mad Dog and Merrill are Sundays, March 19 and March 26 at 12:30, 2 and 4:30 p.m.; Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24 at 3, 4:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 25 at 12:30, 2, 4:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

The Cobo Builders Show will be open March 18-26, 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturdays; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children 6 to 12; and free for children under 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons were mailed to homeowners in their Consumers Power and Detroit Edison bills. Free admission coupons for Monday, March 20, are available at all Frank's stores. For more information, call (810) 737-4478.

New home guide offered

A free directory is now available from the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM) to provide prospective homeowners with information on new homes and locations in Southeastern Michigan.

The directory, which will be updated monthly, lists homes and building sites by city for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. Each listing includes basic information such as square footage, number and placement of bedrooms and baths, style and design, price range, school district, and other amenities.

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use of allergy-sensitive construction materials, special warranties and whether a builder will construct on the homeowner's lot. A special section of the directory also lists remodelers working throughout the area.

All the builders listed in the directory are professionally licensed and members in good standing of BASM. Homeowners are encouraged to check the references and previous workmanship of all prospective builders.

To obtain a copy of the directory, call the BASM offices, (810) 737-4477, Monday through Friday, from 8:30am - 4:00pm.

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scape Association.

6 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

7 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Standard Federal Bank.

8 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements. Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall

4 p.m. — Ferndale Foot Stompers. 6:30 — Eugene Clark Magician.

7 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts.

Wednesday, March 22
MichCon Demonstration Booth 1129

3 p.m., 4:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m. — Mad Dog & Merrill demonstrations on how to grill food.

Frank's Demonstration Booth 269

4, 6 and 8 p.m. — Franks will conduct seminars on garden oriented crafts, container gardening, easy care gardening and lawn care.

Community Theater in the Garden Area

3 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

4 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

5 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Temo Sunrooms & Spas.

6 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

7 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Metropolitan Detroit Land-scape Association.

8 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall

4 p.m. — Ferndale Foot Stompers.

5 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts.

6:30 p.m. — Eugene Clark Magician.

7 p.m. — Wavel Polish Dancers.

Thursday, March 23

4 p.m. Wedding ceremony in the Garden Area. Pam Pratt of Detroit will wed Marc Perry of Inkster in one of the gardens near the indoor river.

MichCon Demonstration Booth 1129

3 p.m., 4:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m. — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill food.

Frank's Demonstration Booth 269

4, 6 and 8 p.m. — Frank's will conduct gardening related seminars.

Community Theater in the Garden Area

3 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

4 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

5 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Standard Federal Bank.

6 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

7 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by MichCon.

8 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

9 p.m. — Home Buyers clinic presented by MichCon.

Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall

5 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts.

6:30 — Eugene Clark magician.

7 p.m. — Berkley Square Bears Dancers.

Friday, March 24
MichCon Demonstration Booth 1129

3, 4:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m. — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill foods.

Frank's Demonstration Area in

Booth 269

4, 6 and 8 p.m. Frank's will conduct seminars on garden oriented crafts, container gardening and lawn care.

Community Theater in the Garden Area

3 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

4 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Observer & Eccentric.

5 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

6 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

7 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Standard Federal Bank.

8 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements.

9 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by MichCon.

Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall

4 p.m. — Country Kickers.

5 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts.

6 p.m. — Country Kickers.

7 p.m. — Detroit Edison Glee Club.

8 p.m. — Eugene Clark magician.

Saturday, March 25
MichCon Demonstration Booth 1129

12:30, 2, 4:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m. — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill foods.

Frank's Demonstration Area Booth 269

noon, 3, 5 and 8 p.m. — Frank's will conduct seminars on garden oriented crafts, container gardening, easy care landscaping and more.

Community Theater in the Garden Area

noon — Cut flower arrangement.

1 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

2 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by BASM.

3 p.m. — Cut flower arrangement.

4 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by MichCon.

5 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Temo Sunroom and Spas.

6 p.m. — Cut flower arrangement.

7 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by BASM.

8 p.m. — Cut flower arrangement.

9 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Standard Federal Bank.

Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall

12:30 — Tagumpay Phillipine Ensemble.

1:30 — Don Large Singers.

2 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts.

3 p.m. — Toll Gate Cloggers.

4 p.m. — Dance Force.

5:30 p.m. — PRCUA-Halka Dancers.

7 p.m. — Wavel Polish Dancers.

Sunday, March 26
4 p.m. Plant sale in the gardens.

5 p.m. Flower Arrangements Auctions with proceeds going to Multiple Sclerosis Society in Community Theater.

MichCon Booth 1129

12:30, 2 and 4:30 p.m. — Mad Dog & Merrill will demonstrate how to grill

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Here are some of the questions you will want to answer before you choose your neighborhood:

- Take into consideration how close you are to the things you will want

and need. Are medical facilities and shopping nearby?

Is being close to public transportation important?

If there are two wage earners, will the location you choose be close to both of your jobs? Would you want to be close to a city, or would you be willing to have a longer commute and be farther away from the city?

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Test your flower IQ

- The word "horticulture," a Latin word, means:
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 - lover of plants
 - garden cultivation
- Which is the florist's "long-stemmed rose"?
 - floribunda
 - grandiflora
 - hybrid tea rose
 - vine rose
- Anemone is an ancient Greek name meaning:
 - windflower
 - cloud
 - medicinal plant
 - an enemy
- Narcissus is
 - a flowering bulb plant
 - a Greek god enamored of himself
 - a symbol of vanity
 - all of the above
- What is the most widely planted flowering shrub?
 - rose
 - camelli
 - azalea
 - rhododendron
- Freesia is
 - a chilling temperature
 - a fragrant South African flower
 - a country in Europe
 - a tall hedge
- Baron Walter Saint Paul Illaire
 - explored the Aegean Sea
 - discovered the African violet
 - was a German monk
 - is a peace negotiator
- The orange blossom
 - is a Chinese good luck symbol
 - a fragrant symbol of fertility used by brides
 - a fragrant blossom from which the common fruit develops
 - all of the above
- A good flower preservative will (2 correct answers)
 - dry flowers
 - provide food energy to fresh cut flowers
 - make plastic flowers
 - keep waterborne bacteria under control and extend the life of the flowers
- Most annuals should be planted outdoors
 - as soon as the soil can be tilled in the spring
 - as soon as danger of frost is passed
 - in early June
 - after spring shrubs have bloomed

Answers:
(1.D;2.C;3.A;4.D;5.A;6.B;7.B; 8.D;9.B & D;10.B)

(This quiz was prepared by the Professional Allied Florists Association of Metropolitan Detroit. Test your knowledge, come visit the floral and garden displays at the International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at Cobo Center).

Here's how to keep delicate cut roses longer and fresher

Roses, the American National Flower since 1986, are a joy in the garden or in the home.

They are fragile, delicate and carry strong emotional messages of love, concern and caring. So how can we keep those beauties fresh after they come into our homes?

Roses delivered from a professional florist should have been given a specially formulated floral food and bactericide to ensure longer enjoyment. You can add to the vase life by following these simple suggestions:

- Prepare a clean, deep vase with fresh lukewarm water, dissolve the small packet of floral food which the florist will have included.
- Remove any leaves that may decay under water. Try not to cut or injure the green bark, since air can enter through these injuries and clog the stems.
- Hold the stems under water in a sink and cut about 1-inch off each stem with a sharp knife.
- Immediately after the stem is cut place your roses in the solution in the vase.
- Display your fresh cut rose arrangements in a cool place out of direct sunlight and drafts.
- Roses are thirsty flowers, it is im-

portant to check daily to see if the vase is full. Add more floral preservative solution often.

If you are one of those green-thumb growers who enjoys roses from your outdoor garden, try cutting early in the morning while the stems are full of natural moisture. Promptly bring the roses indoors and prepare as above with a fresh cut and floral food treatment. You may want to let them stand in a cool dark place for about 2 hours to 'condition' them while they take up the floral preservative solution. Then, you can arrange them as you like.

They are beauties, whether purchased from a local professional florist or enjoyed from your garden. Appreciate the rose often, it is America's best known and loved flower!

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Ask questions before remodeling

With the remodeling season approaching, you may be among the many homeowners who are considering home improvements but are frightened by the horror stories of dishonest or unqualified contractors.

"The good news is that by asking the right questions and looking in the right places, you can find a professional, experienced remodeler to do a job that will not only raise your home's value but also make the home more enjoyable for many years to come," said L. David Kellett, co-chairman of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM) Remodelers Council and president of Kellett Construction Co. in Bloomfield Hills.

The best places to find qualified contractors is through friends, neighbors, local real estate agents and BASM's Remodelers directory.

Many homeowners like their neighborhoods and don't relish the expense and trouble of moving but want a change in space or amenities. Remodeling makes it possible to upgrade and expand without moving and often rewards the investment with a higher sale price when the house is later put on the market.

"The percentage of a remodeling investment which will be returned depends on the job and the number of

years until the house is sold," said Thomas Kellett, co-chairman of BASM's Remodelers Council and vice president of Kellett Construction Co.

"A minor kitchen remodel can return 100 percent of the initial investment, while a new skylight illuminating a room could return even more. A rule of thumb is that any improvement which brings a home up to the level of similar houses in the same neighborhood is a good one."

In choosing a remodeler, the lowest price is not always the best choice. No two remodelers will do a job exactly the same way. Be as specific as possible and ask the contractor to specify the materials and brand names on which he is basing the quote. Be especially wary of a quote significantly lower than the range indicated by the others.

With a remodeling project, the lowest price often comes with a sacrifice or compromise of quality workmanship or materials, professionalism, time, supervision, service and follow up.

By the time you decide to hire a remodeler, you probably already have a fairly good idea of what you want the finished job to look like. A professional remodeler can take your ideas and recommend the most effective ways to achieve the results you are seeking

while staying within your budget.

Like any important purchase, a remodeling project is not something to be spontaneous about. Although it may take some time to find a remodeler with whom you feel comfortable and can communicate, it is well worth the effort.

One of the most important things that can be done to learn about a remodeler is to ask for a list of recently completed projects that are similar to yours. He may have done kitchen remodeling, but that won't be much of an indication of how well he can add an additional level to your home.

Then, call the references and visit the sites if possible. To be protected from possible legal problems, it's important that you verify that the remodeler has the licenses and permits required to build in your city and is properly insured according to Michigan's regulations.

A good remodeler will want you to do your homework before you sign the contract. In fact, since so much of a remodeler's business comes from referrals, a good remodeler will do everything possible to ensure that the job will reflect well on his company and add one more customer to his list of satisfied clients.

Handyman to broadcast from Cobo

NewsTalk Radio AM-1270 WXYT will broadcast the "Ask the Handyman" show featuring master handyman Glenn Haegle live from the 77th Annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center on Saturdays and Sundays, March 18-19 and March 25-26 until noon.

Glenn Haegle has an extensive background in the do-it-yourself industry. His career includes nine years with a national paint manufacturer and 13 years with the largest independent hardware chain in the country. As he's done for the past 11 years, Glenn continues to invite industry experts to be guests on his radio show and answers home improvement questions from callers.

"The 'Ask the Handyman' show has become one of the most popular weekend talk shows in Metro Detroit," said Michael Packer, WXYT vice president/general manager. "I credit that success to Glenn's sincerity and his expertise in the home improvement industry."

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Americans say buying home makes dollars and sense

There are as many reasons to buy a home as there are homeowners and potential owners. Many people cite the security, stability and enhanced quality of life that owning a home provides, while others view a home as a good investment. Some want the freedom to personalize their living environment, and others seek relief from periodic rent increases.

"No matter what the individual reason for purchasing a home may be, most people agree that financial benefits are among the most compelling," said Janet L. Compo, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc. of Farmington Hills. "For most families in most markets, a home is a sensible, stable investment that increases in value at, or slightly above, the inflation rate, allowing the owners to build a nest egg for college costs, retirement or other needs."

In fact, the home accounts for almost 60 percent of the typical American homeowner's net wealth, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. In "The State of the Nation's Housing 1993," the Joint Center reported that the median net wealth for homeowners was \$78,403. Of that net wealth, just over \$46,000 consisted of home equity and slightly more than \$32,000 was in other assets.

Consistent with that finding, 7.5 percent of the homeowners surveyed in a recent National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) poll said that a home is one of the best hedges against inflation. Almost as many (73 percent) said that a home's value as an investment was one of the primary reasons that they decided to become a homeowner. Sixty-eight percent cited the desire to provide security, stability and a positive living environment for their families, while 52 percent wanted the freedom to renovate, improve and personalize their living environment. Half also said that tax benefits, particularly the mortgage interest deduction, were important factors in the initial decision to become a home owner.

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- foods. Frank's Demonstration Booth noon, 3 and 5 p.m. — Frank's will conduct seminars. Community Theater in the Garden Area noon — Cut flower arrangements 1 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Observer & Eccentric. 2 p.m. — Cut flower arrangements. 3 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Temo Spas.
- 4 p.m. — Home Buyers Clinic sponsored by Standard Federal.
- Entertainment Stage in Detroit Hall 11:30 — Dance Palace. 12:30 — Henderson Dance Academy. 1:30 — Dancers Studio. 2 p.m. — Meet Frank's experts. 3:30 — Linda's Dance Works. 4:30 — Square Eight Dancers.

New houses cost more but offer contemporary features

Shopping for a home involves a lot of decisions. Should you buy a traditional single-family home or a condominium-style townhouse or apartment? Do you want to live in the city or the suburbs? How many bathrooms and bedrooms do you need?

- Another key question involves whether you should buy a new home or an existing one. New homes cost more on average, but they have numerous advantages. Among these are:
- Better designed kitchens with new appliances.
 - More energy efficient heating and cooling systems, resulting in lower monthly energy bills.
 - Better insulation.
 - More electrical outlets.
 - Safety glass in safety-critical areas.
 - Warranty protection on the house itself and the appliances and goods within the house.
- "Many features of today's new homes were either rare or unheard of a few decades ago," said Janet L. Compo, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc. in Farmington Hills.
- "Tastes and needs of homeowners change over time," she added. "Successful builders study changes in consumer lifestyle and incorporate features into their new homes which accommodate the changes."
- Each year about six times as many existing homes are sold than new homes.

You may think you've landed on a tropical isle

When is the last time you walked underneath a waterfall and reached up to touch the water cascading over your head?

Believe it or not, you can find a waterfall "tunnel" at the 77th Annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show.

A 15-foot high waterfall will cascade into one of the ponds (which are 40 feet in diameter) at either end of a 400-foot long horseshoe shaped river. At the center of the horseshoe will be a topiary zoo featuring animals such as an eight-foot grizzly bear, lion and giraffe.

"Visitors really will be able to walk underneath the waterfall and reach out and touch it," said Larry Wright, president and CEO of Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association (MDLA).

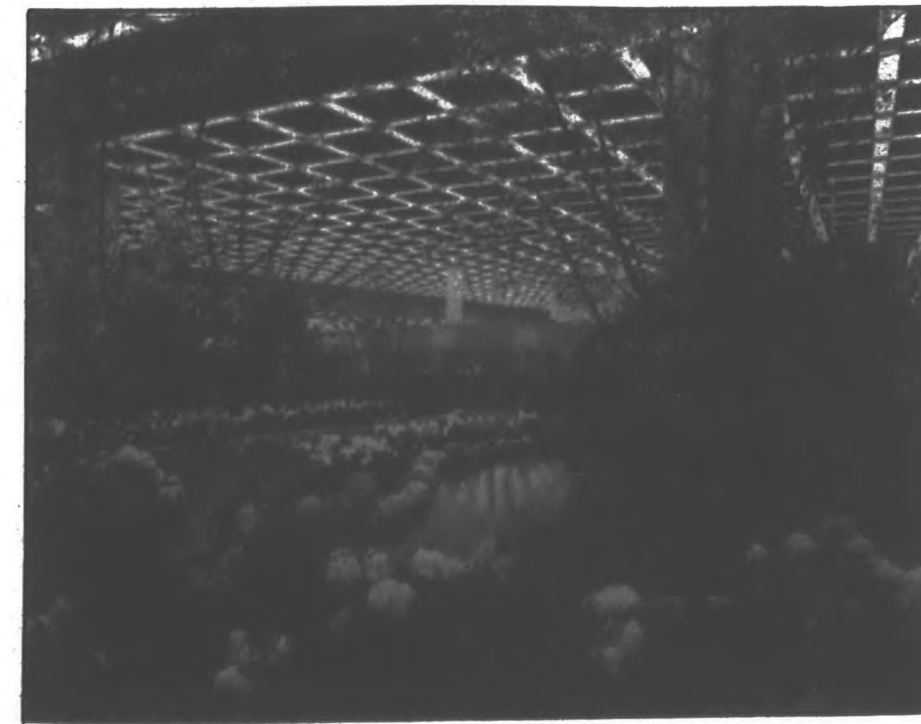
All of this tumbling, babbling and splashing water will be surrounded by nearly two football fields (86,000 square feet) worth of expertly designed gardens, most of which will have their own water features.

Three bridges will arch over the eight-foot-wide river. The gardens are sponsored by Detroit Edison and Temo Sunrooms & Spas.

Wright estimates that some 1,500 trees and shrubs plus thousands of flowers will come to life at the Builders Show, making it a must see for winter weary Michiganders.

"It's an experience that is sure to lift the spirits," he said. Plants from the gardens will be sold at 4 p.m. on the last day of the show, Sunday, March 26.

"Think Spring," a garden using early spring blooming flowers and landscaping will be created by students from Michigan State University's Horticulture School. Within the garden, visitors can saunter through an arbor into "summer" featuring a vegetable garden in full bloom.



Blooming: Indoor gardens will be in full bloom and set among waterfalls and ponds. Many landscapers will be on hand to offer tips and ideas.

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