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places and faces

FRIDAY'S 4 p.m. deadline passed without any of the 10 council candidates withdrawing from the race for four seats. That was the deadline to withdraw from listing on the ballot. So Westland voters definitely will face a primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

The list of hopefuls includes four incumbents: Thomas Artley, Ben DeHart, A.K. Herbert and Robert Wagner. Challenging them are Dan Sabatini, Henry Johnson, Dorothy Smith, Richard Grajek, Harry Connor and Marjorie Daniels.

SPEAKING OF running for office, at least one person is already thinking about the next mayoral race. Charles Pickering, serving in the second year of his four-year term, let out word at last week's press conference that he will run for a second term.

Asked if he was declaring his candidacy already, he responded, "I've always felt positive about a second term."

JACOB LANDSKROENER of Wayne received the thanks of the Westland Fire Department recently in a letter from Chief Ted Scott. Scott said that Landskroener "may very well have saved the life of a customer in a restaurant who was unable to breathe due to a throat obstruction."

"Citizens who are trained and willing to get involved make the jobs of your fire department much easier," the chief said. "All citizens are urged to follow your example and learn these valuable American Red Cross lifesaving methods."

LINDA MANTEY recently participated in the "Sounds of Summer" festival concert of Lutheran Summer Music — 1983, the national Lutheran music camp for high school students on the campus of Valparaiso University. Mantey is studying violin at the camp.

During the month-long program, students performed in small groups as well as band, orchestra and chorus.

NEW OFFICERS have been elected by the Spotlight Players, formerly the Wayne-Westland Civic Theater. They are Michael Swain, president; Jeff James, vice president; Gall Mack, secretary; John Eastman, treasurer; Mary Cobello, publicity; Bill Ostlund, production and business; Carla Lenhoff, house and tickets; Debra Polich Swain, activities and social; Nancy Mouncey, newsletter.

Spotlight Players coming season will include the productions "You can't take it with you" in October, a Christmas musical cabaret in December, "Elephant Man" in January and February, and "Murder in the Cathedral" in May.

NINA CARAM, 20, of Westland and Ery Andres, 24, of Lincoln Park were among four couples who took their vows last week in the back seat of a 1967 Chevrolet. The occasion was the third annual "Honey Back Seat Wedding" sponsored by WRND 94 AM Radio. The station is known as "Honeyradio" and plays a golden oldies format.

More than 50 vintage cars, including cars owned by members of the station's car club, paraded with the couples from the station to the reception at the Troy Hilton. Entertainment at the reception was provided by the talent including a Westland group, the Laredos, as well as Mondo Cane, Benny and the Jeds, Dennis Charles with Plankbook, Garnet and Jeff and the Atlantic.

Group studies senior center expansion

By Sandra Armbruster
editor

Senior citizens in Westland may someday have a larger place to call their own. The city council recently approved the use of \$240,000 in federal community development (CD) money to expand the Senior Friendship Center on Marquette east of Newburgh.

But the expansion may get sidetracked for a while by fighting between political groups.

Unhappy with the council's decision, Mayor Charles Pickering wants a committee to recommend how the money can best be used.

"I had made recommendations two times to the council that it not be included. My reason was that I didn't think it was a top priority," he said.

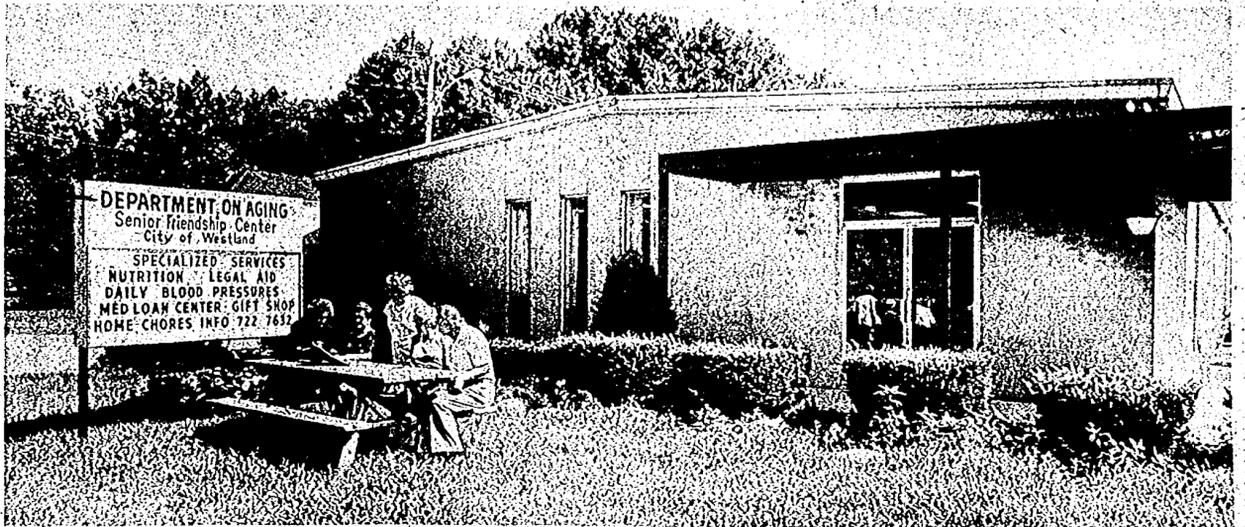
The council, however, felt there "never was enough space" for serving lunches and holding large celebrations, according to councilman Charles Trav Griffin.

CURRENTLY, the Friendship Center includes a kitchen facility, one large room, an office and one room for gatherings. The seniors also have access to the Whittier School center, where programming was reduced last year due to budget problems.

Griffin noted that the Friendship Center serves only Westland residents, as opposed to the senior center operated by Wayne-Westland schools, which he said serves all of Wayne County. Griffin added that rental cost of the Wayne-Ford Civic League for large celebrations was "pretty stiff."

"The council is committed to the renovation. The money's already been allocated," Griffin said.

Pickering said that in looking for guidelines on how to expand the center, he had appointed a committee of 10 people to come up with proposals.



MARGENE JOHNSTON/staff photographer

Expansion of the Senior Friendship Center could take place with a \$240,000 allocation from federal community development funds. Taking advantage of the summer weather outside the center are

Members will include three people each from the commission on aging and the senior citizen advisory council plus Sylvia Kozorosky, deputy director of the department on aging; Deborah Block-Tollison, parks and recreation director; a council member; and Thomas Presnell, who is Pickering's new administrative assistant and who will chair the new committee.

First meeting of the committee is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

THE MAYOR said the center would be expanded, but with the approach of

being a community facility for all age groups. He said he established the committee because of concern that "some points of view (on the expansion) were not consistent with mine or those of the administration."

He said he was looking for "good citizen input," but Pickering added that he wanted the committee to review "what is available in the community so we don't duplicate programs or services."

"One of my major concerns is that it (the expansion) will be in conflict with what we have at the Wayne-Westland schools, the Bailey Recreation Center

Sylvia Kozorosky (left), deputy director of the department on aging, Stella Stockinger, Rebecca Marr, and Myrtle and Chester Strzalkowski.

and other private facilities," he continued.

Other concerns include availability of parking and funding the operation of an expanded center. While the city now can spend 20 percent of its CD allotment for seniors, that figure will drop to 10 percent in 1985, the mayor said.

"There is disagreement on whether we can operate an expanded center," said Griffin. "Our (council) feeling is that we can. If we ever have to consolidate facilities and give up Whittier, that's where the program will be.

With the estimated 8,500 seniors

making up about 10 percent of the city's population, Griffin said the council thinks that if federal funding decreases, then money ought to be expended from the city's operating budget to run the center.

TAKING THE PLEA for more space to the council was a group of seniors including Howard Waldrop and Margaret Luchewski, both of whom have fallen into disfavor with the mayor.

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Cyclist logs 3,000 miles, and still rolling

By Mary Klemic
staff writer

A cross-country trip isn't the easiest thing to plan and carry out. And John Zaber had a little more trouble than most.

When the 24-year-old decided to leave the State of Washington to visit his parents in Brooklyn, N.Y., he literally took the long way home — mounted on the seat of the Raleigh Grand Prix bicycle that he had owned for eight years.

"I didn't want to fly, I've had it with flying," said Zaber, who is staying with his brother and his family in Westland for a few days. "I wanted to see the country, and this was a good way to do it. It's too long to walk. I didn't have the time for that, but I had the time for this."

ZABER LEFT Washington May 16 with camping equipment and four bags of clothes and food tied to the bike. He arrived in Ann Arbor last Thursday, weighing 35 pounds less and with many more friends than when he left.

"It's just a great way to go," Zaber said. "The people treat you great. You meet a lot of people. I've got friends in every state now. My address book is getting full."

Zaber planned his route to include places he wanted to see or where he knew people. He said he traveled "a little more" than 3,000 miles, as his route didn't follow a straight line.

"It was all backroads," he said. "In Washington and Oregon you can ride on the expressways, but other places, they get too busy. You get caught up in the pace of the cars and get kind of



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

John Zaber, 24, found that biking across the country was a good way to see the country and meet people. Zaber, visiting in Westland this week, rode his bike more than 3,000 miles from the State of Washington, beginning in May.

wound up."

Zaber, who usually rode his bicycle a few miles each day before leaving home, didn't undergo special training for his journey.

"I thought the first two or three weeks would be the break-in period. And it was," he said.

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Jogger threatens, grabs 2 women

A curly-haired jogger grabbed and threatened two young Westland women a few minutes apart last week.

The first incident took place at 11:55 p.m. last Sunday at Madison School on Carlson. Police said a 15-year-old Westland woman was walking with a 16-year-old friend in the area of the school when the jogger came up from behind and grabbed the younger woman by her throat and mouth.

The jogger, described as a white man approximately 27 years old, with light brown curly hair just over his ears, told the other woman not to turn around or else he would hurt the teen. He ordered the 15-year-old to "drop her pants" and threatened to break her arm, police said.

Police said the 15-year-old begged the man not to hurt her, then bit him on his left index finger, kicked him in the leg and screamed. The man fled in a southwest direction through the school yard.

THE JOGGER was 5-foot-7-8-inches tall and weighed 140 to 145 pounds, ac-

ording to police. He wore a blue tank top, white shorts and ankle socks, tennis shoes and a headband with white and orange or red vertical stripes.

Police believe the same man was involved in a second incident near Fernwood and Canyon Drive some 15 minutes later.

A 22-year-old Westland woman told police she was dropped off by a friend at the corner of Fernwood and Canyon Drive at 12:10 a.m. and was walking north on Fernwood when a man startled her. The man was described as white, 30 to 35 years of age and had blond curly hair.

The woman told the man, who was wearing green jogging shorts and a gold top with writing on it, "You scared me," according to police. He asked her where she lived.

When the woman pointed in a direction, the man grabbed her, put his hand over her mouth and said, "Don't scream, don't scream," police said. The woman screamed, at which the man threw her to the ground and ran away, heading northwest.

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GORDON R. WHITTAKER

Pvt. Gordon R. Whittaker, son of Murray L. and Betty R. Whittaker of Westland, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. Whittaker is a 1977 graduate of Churchill High School.

OSUT is a 12-week period that combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

Whittaker's training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies him as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

He was taught to perform all rifle and mortar squad duties.

JAMES R. BARKER

Navy Builder Seaman Recruit James R. Barker, son of Marion L. Barker of Westland and Norman R. Barker of Detroit, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

During the eight-week training cycle, Barker studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for

further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

RICHARD A. URBAN

Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Richard A. Urban, son of Norma Wade of Westland, recently returned from a deployment to the western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Urban is a crew member aboard Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 133 (VAQ 133), embarked aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier U.S.S. Enterprise.

His squadron participated in several major training exercises, including "Team Spirit 83," an extensive U.S. and Republic of Korea training exercise. More than 19,000 U.S. Seventh Fleet and 16,000 Republic of Korea Navy and Marine Corps personnel participated in the exercise.

Port visits were made to the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Kenya, Australia and Japan.

JAMES E. SMITH

Sgt. James E. Smith, son of Thelma M. Glidden of Westland, has arrived for duty in Yongsan, South Korea.

Smith, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 595th Maintenance Company, was previously assigned at Camp Stanley, South Korea.

LARRY J. STEWART

Army Spec. 4 Larry J. Stewart, whose wife, Manone, is the daughter of Lera L. Cloar of Westland, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal in Heidelberg, West Germany.

The award was presented for exemplary conduct while in the active service of the United States.

Stewart is a vehicle driver with the 503rd Transportation Company.

JOHN R. RICHARDSON JR.

Marine Pfc. John R. Richardson Jr., son of John R. and Carolyn I. Richardson of Westland, has reported for duty with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.

A 1981 graduate of John Glenn High School, he joined the Marine Corps in November 1982.

DONNIE G. PHIPPS JR.

Marine Lance Cpl. Donnie G. Phipps Jr., son of Shirley A. Erickson of Westland, is currently serving as part of the multi-national peacekeeping force in Beirut, Lebanon.

He is a member of 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Amphibious Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marines were first ordered to the war-torn nation in June 1982 to participate in the evacuation of American citizens and foreign nationals. They returned to Lebanon in August 1982 to supervise the evacuation of the PLO, and in September 1982 as part of the multi-national peacekeeping force.

KATHY J. MORROW

Pvt. Kathy J. Morrow, a 1982 graduate of John Glenn High School, has completed an Army administration course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Students were trained in the preparation of military records and forms. Instruction was also given in fundamentals of the Army filing system, typing and operation of office machines.

Morrow is the daughter of Charlie D. and Dorothy E. Morrow of Canton.

ELAINE M. McKEOWN

Marine Pvt. Elaine M. McKeown, daughter of Bernard and May McKeown of Westland, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the eight-week training cycle, McKeown was introduced to the typical daily routine that she will experience during her enlistment, and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

McKeown participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills including close order drill and first aid. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

BRUCE E. DAVIS JR.

Marine Sgt. Bruce E. Davis Jr., son of Carolyn K. and Bruce E. Davis Sr. of Westland, has re-enlisted for four years while serving at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

EDWIN D. FORE

Marine Pfc. Edwin D. Fore, son of Ralph W. and Hattie M. Fore of Westland, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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KEITH L. HUDSON

Marine Pvt. Keith L. Hudson, son of Louis H. and Elizabeth J. Hudson of Westland, has completed the small arms repair course.

The six-week course was conducted at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Students received instruction on the operation, inspection, maintenance and repair of rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachineguns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons. They also studied the preparation of weapons for shipment and storage, and related safety precautions.

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Serviceman summers at unusual 'beach'

Compress Westland into 700 feet, wrap with 10,000 tons of structural steel around it, then put it all to sea and you'd have a floating city much like the Navy's first nuclear-powered cruiser USS Long Beach.

Up to the ship's post office, repair shops, radio and TV stations, the USS Long Beach has another common thread with Westland.

His name is Steve McPhail, and he's the 21-year-old son of Richard and Carol McPhail of Somerset in Westland.

McPhail is an operations specialist aboard the guided missile cruiser whose home port is Coronado, Calif.

"It's like a scene in Star Trek," said McPhail, who works in the ship's nerve center. "The consoles in the combat information center are pretty impressive."

"I gather information from radar. My job is to detect air contacts, surface contacts and help navigate the ship."

ANOTHER OF McPhail's jobs is

working with the ship's integrated tactical data system. McPhail explains that it is a computer communication link between two ships.

"When we link with another ship, they can see what we have on radar, and we can see what they have," he said. "It works a lot faster and helps us perform our mission more efficiently."

The mission of the Long Beach is to defend a carrier task group against surface and air attack. Part of McPhail's job is to detect those contacts before they detect the Long Beach.

"I like having the knowledge. It gives us a heads-up on everything that's going on," he said.

A graduate of Wayne Memorial High in 1980, McPhail joined the Navy in 1981 because he "wanted to travel and get around." After attending the Navy's technical school for operation's specialists in Damneck, Va., McPhail reported for duty aboard the Long Beach in 1982.

THE LONG Beach recently returned from an extensive overhaul at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Washington, where her 22-year-old

structure was refurbished with new weapons.

A mini-version of a self-contained city, the Long Beach incorporates all the necessary comforts of home for a crew of 1,000, including a gymnasium, soda fountain, barber shops, small stores, cafeteria, radio and television entertainment.

The ship can be sealed against the elements and operate virtually indefinitely with its nuclear power plant, though deployments rarely extend past six months.

"What makes this ship unique are her capabilities," said McPhail. "Since she just came out of the yards, she's new, clean and pretty."

Seniors react to appointments

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Waldrop, a critic of the Rowe House which Pickering supports, was one of four seniors not reappointed to the Commission on Aging, an advisory group. The others were Frank Moore, Jack Hickey and Lee Griffin.

Luchewski, president of another such group called the Senior Citizen Advisory Council who was recently honored as a statewide senior of the year, named the four as a "special committee" to her group.

"I think more of him than he didn't appoint me than if he had," said Waldrop, who admits to being a supporter of former Mayor Thomas Taylor.

"I've been opposed to him (Pickering) down the line. I question his credibility, and I conveyed to him that I didn't continue to desire (to be on the commission) with his position," Waldrop continued.

Waldrop said he objects to the Rowe House because of the condition it's been left in for the last five years.

"They aren't good neighbors. They don't keep the property up," he said.

ADDING TO the controversy was a letter to the mayor signed by all council members except Nancy Neal. In the letter, the councilmen call the mayor's action an "insult" to the "entire senior citizen program."

The councilmen also question, in the letter, why the mayor wouldn't reappoint Moore after naming May 5 as Frank Moore Day.

"I have no hard feelings," said Moore. "I have no problem with getting off the commission. I just don't like the way it was done."

"He had promised everyone that he would call us into his office. He didn't do it. I was told if I wanted to see him,

I'd have to call for an appointment. Even without that, if he had written a nice letter . . ."

Pickering believes he was justified in not reappointing the four commissioners. He talked about the "need to have a commission that's balanced." He said that the commission wasn't looking at the entire department or looking at alternatives to initiate changes.

According to Pickering, the ordinance governing the commission requires that five of the 11 members represent other age groups than senior citizens. He said his four appointments — Julie Alsip, Charlie Brown, Janet Szymanski and Nora Hardin — represented age groups from late teen to senior citizen.

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Partners harness solar power for saving, profit

By Bill Casper
staff writer

Three years ago, Lawrence Sarna began harnessing the sun's power to heat the water used in his Redford Township home.

Since then, he has been conserving energy and saving money by using significantly less natural gas to do what the sun now does.

Sarna said he remains committed to the concept of easing American dependence on irreplaceable energy resources, such as oil, by harnessing alternate energy sources, in this case the sun.

"I believe that solar power has great potential as a viable, enduring energy source," said Sarna, 41, who lives with his wife, Betty, on Indian. "I want to remove the umbrella that for such a long time has shaded us from the sun's energy-productive rays."

"Solar power is a safe form of energy and it is a cost saver," he said. "Natural gas prices continue to increase, but our monthly bills continue to decrease because we're using less and less gas to heat our hot water."

"THE INITIAL investment to harness solar power is costly, but there are energy conservation tax credits available to recoup some of the expense. And with the savings on gas bills, solar power will pay for itself in about three or four years."

If it sounds like Sarna is selling the sun, he is — he truly believes in harnessing solar power to conserve energy, with reduced energy costs as a byproduct.

Sarna supports his energy-conservation rhetoric with his deeds.

In his home, he has installed solar shades on all windows to keep out the heat in summer and keep in the heat during winter.

He also has installed low-flow devices on sink spigots, the shower head and toilet to reduce the amount of water

used and his water bill.

However, Sarna is not only selling the concept of solar power, he and a partner have gone into the business of selling and installing solar power systems.

Naturally, they are in the business for profit, but Sarna claims this business venture also will contribute in the small, but growing, movement toward greater use of solar power.

"Solar power represents a safe, efficient and inexpensive energy source that has been harnessed since the time of ancient civilization," said the 41-year-old Sarna, who works full-time as a repairman at Ford Motor Co.'s transmission plant in Livonia. "But for whatever reason, solar power has never caught on as an energy source that can be harnessed on a mass scale."

"I WANT to help get the word out to the public about the benefits of solar power," he said.

Three years ago when Sarna and his neighbor, William Miller, 28, an unemployed plumber, installed Sarna's solar panels (collectors that collect the sun's heat), which in turn heats his water, both were amazed at the ease of installation.

Sarna said he and Miller, who is now Sarna's business partner, installed the solar collectors on the roof of his house in less than two days one weekend.

It was the first experience either had in the solar power industry.

"You don't have to be a repairman, a plumber or an expert in the solar power industry to install a solar power system," Sarna said. "Bill and I just applied knowledge gained from our hands-on experience in installing my system plus basic common sense know-how."

"We have been discussing the idea of starting our own solar power manufacturing business ever since we installed my system," he said. "My involvement with my own solar power system put me into contact with several industry

representatives. And in July of 1981, one of them asked Bill and I if we could manufacture and install solar collectors for his firm."

"WE THOUGHT we'd give it a try so we went up on my roof and studied the manufacturing detail of my solar panels. Then we got some money together and purchased the necessary materials to manufacture the solar collectors. We showed the company officials our work and we got the job."

"After two years of manufacturing and installing solar panels for someone else, we realized we could do the job and do it right, so we decided to try it on our own," said Sarna.

They formed L&B Solar Co., at 19770 Indian, where Sarna lives and conducts business. Their manufacturing plant has been set up in the Millford area.

"I had to forgoe my vacation last year, delay payment of some bills and borrow some money for my share of the initial investment to start the business," Sarna said. "We recently completed solar panel installation for two brothers that work with me and others have expressed interest."

"To this point, our business basically has been geared toward the manufacture and installation of home solar systems, but we also have approached officials of Ford Motor Co. to install a solar power system to heat water at Ford plants."

"I RECENTLY became involved in Ford Motor Co.'s problem-solving program and that training helped us to get started in the business with minimal difficulty," said Sarna. "The Ford program also provided me with the know how to produce a quality product at minimal expense and the ability to improve the product."

Sarna and partner Miller will claim to make the best collectors around for less. But they advise anyone interested in solar power to shop and compare prices.



JIM JADGFELD/staff photographer

William Miller (left) and Lawrence Sarna installed the solar collectors on the roof of the house in less than two days one weekend. "You

don't have to be a repairman, a plumber or an expert in the solar power industry to install a solar power system," Sarna said.

They believe their prices will stand the test of comparison.

An advertisement flyer boasts of "quality products at affordable prices" and the ability to save customers 20-25 percent on their gas bills or more if electricity is used.

"We're trying to keep the cost down to make them affordable to people who want them," Sarna said. "We believe we manufacture a good product. Our solar panels are high temperature collectors treated with a special electro-

plated coating designed to absorb and hold more of the sun's heat for a longer period of time.

"It costs us \$40 more per panel to apply the coating, but it's a quality feature of our product that I wouldn't do without," he said. "The solar panels we manufacture are better than the ones I purchased for my home three years ago, and we intend to continually improve the quality of our panels as go along."

SO HOW much would it cost for the team of Sarna and Miller to manufacture and install two, 4-by-8-foot solar panels on the roof of a home?

According to their advertising flyer, they can do the job for \$2,695, which Sarna says averages about 10 percent less than other area solar companies charge for the same.

Their flyer claims the complete cost of solar panel installation drops to \$1,348 after the solar tax credits are computed.

Barn's proposal would reduce size of state payroll

A two-bill package recently introduced into the state House of Representatives is expected to reduce the size of government.

Rep. Justine Barns, D-Westland, who sponsored House Bills 4613 and 4644, believes the measures would save the state money by reducing the payroll without layoffs or adding workers to the unemployment rolls.

The bills would make state employees whose combined age and length of service total 80 years or more eligible for early retirement in 1984.

According to Barns the state could save an estimated \$60 million or more. About 1,600 state workers would be eligible to take part in the one-time only retirement program.

"As a legislator, I am well aware of the need to cut down on state expense wherever possible," said Barns. "These bills will give state employees an option to take their retirement early. Because of the length of their service to the state, they are likely to be employees with salaries in the higher income bracket. Thus this will ultimately result in a savings for the state."

BARNs SAID that the bills could prevent the state from hiring others to replace the retired workers.

"The bills were carefully drafted to avoid any loopholes that could do more harm than good to the state's delicate financial situation," she added. "The proposed legislation clearly states that hiring replacements for the retired

workers can only total 16 percent of the gross amount of the salaries retired.

"Our research indicates that hiring beyond that figure will wipe out any

potential savings." The early retirement bills have already cleared the House and will be taken up by the Senate Appropriations and Retirement Committee when the Legislature reconvenes in the fall.

Cyclist forsakes air for terra firma

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THERE WEREN'T any major problems on the trip. At one point Zaber rode off the road and skinned his knee. At other times he encountered a broken spoke and rear axle. The weather was hot most of the time.

"A couple of days ago I ran into a storm," Zaber said. "I just put on my rain gear and rode right on, it felt so good after the heat."

The pedaling traveler averaged between 60 and 90 miles a day on the trip.

"In Nebraska I could get up to 100 miles a day," he said. "It was nice and flat."

Zaber was able to change his route and schedule as he wanted.

"Being alone, you have the time to do it," he said. "You can be really flexible in your route from day to day. I didn't have a watch. I would get up when it got light out."

FEELING TIRED from the journey in Chicago, Zaber took a train from there to Ann Arbor. He'll resume the trip to New York at the end of this week, with two new tires on his trusty bike.

Zaber began planning for his trip a year ahead of time. He got much of the equipment — packs and tent — for birthday and Christmas presents.

"The family was a great help," Zaber said. "During the trip it was good to call them and hear them. It would pick me up just to talk to them."

Zaber carried fruit and a lot of rice, and beans ("protein stuff," he explained) on his journey. It seemed that explaining his plans to others was more difficult than the actual trip at first.

"People were saying, 'What the hell do you want to do something like that for? You're crazy,'" Zaber said. "But then they would get more interested

and would say, 'Gee, I wish I could do something like that.'"

THE PEOPLE Zaber met on the trip made it worthwhile, he said.

"I couldn't walk down the street in Chicago without people talking to me," Zaber said. "One man gave me a Susan B. Anthony dollar for luck. He said I could have his good luck charm. "I have no regrets."

WC3 offers new program for displaced homemaker

Wayne County Community College is offering a continuing education program for displaced homemakers with a focus on career education.

Special attention is given to the

Zaber isn't planning any more marathon bike trips for the immediate future. He will enter a college in Vermont in the fall to study land management.

"I don't know if I'll have the time to do it again," said Zaber, who left the Coast Guard in February. "But there's a lot more of the country I haven't seen, a lot more places I'd like to see."

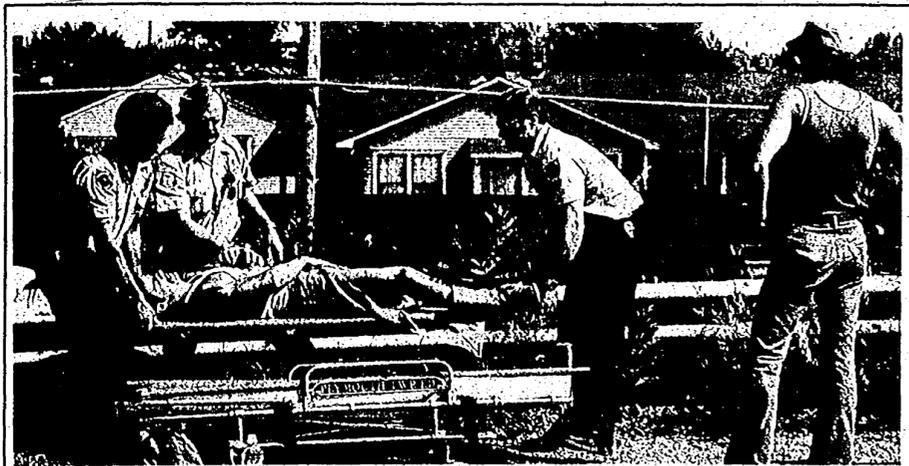
needs of women who have been in the home for a long period of time and may lack familiarity with technological job market changes.

"This is an intense program which looks at preparing women for job interviews, resume writing and a job search strategy, taking into consideration the kinds of jobs that are actually available," said the program instructor, Bobbi Fuert. The career education class includes skills assessment, interest and aptitude testing, goal setting, occupational options, job hunting techniques, resume preparation and information about school and training programs.

The program is open to any person living in Wayne County who falls into one of the following categories: homemakers who are looking for work after years of staying at home; single-heads of households who lack adequate job skills; homemakers who are working part-time but would prefer full-time employment; persons seeking non-traditional work for their gender.

Each person entering the Displaced Homemaker Program must apply for financial aid after meeting in a seminar with a representative from the college's office of financial aid. Special funds are available for those ineligible for financial aid.

More information about the Displaced Homemaker Program is available by calling Patricia Crumpler or Angela Able at 496-2626.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Motorcycle collision

James Richard Lapradd of Westland is carried off by Plymouth Township firemen after his motorcycle collided with a car on Joy Road at I-275 Tuesday morning. Lapradd was attempting to pass on the right side of the road and tried to

turn back into the lane when he struck another car, police said. He was given a reckless driving citation and was listed in fair condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

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Put Detroit in control of SEMTA? Ha!

HO, HO, HO. Amidst all the depressing dialectics at the Wayne County Commission meetings, one gets an occasional belly laugh.

Commissioner Arthur Carter, D-Detroit, came up with one heckuva gag designed, no doubt, to bug suburban members of that deliberative body. The staspersons were discussing how to divvy up seats on one board or another between Detroit and the suburbs when Carter came up with this idea:



Tim Richard

The state law setting up the 15-member SEMTA board is "discriminatory against Detroit members. We should challenge it in court."

Now the SEMTA board's 15 seats are apportioned on the basis of population: four for Detroit (pop. 1.2 million), four for suburban Wayne County (pop. nearly 1.2 million), three for Oakland County (1 million) and so on.

The mayor of Detroit appoints all four Detroit members. The Wayne County Commission appoints the suburban Wayne County members.

CARTER'S IDEA was that it wasn't fair to Detroit that all the "Wayne County" seats should go to suburbanites. He thought two should go to Detroit and two to the suburbs.

That would give Detroit six SEMTA seats (Mayor Young's four plus two county seats) and the suburbs two.

Now, it wouldn't be a bad idea if the Wayne County Commission appointed all county members — Detroiters and suburbanites alike, half the seats to each bloc. But Carter didn't propose that. By his thinking, Detroit would eat all its cake and half of ours, too.

Not many years ago, we had a situation like the one Carter was proposing. Commissioner Mary Dumas, R-Livonia, told me about it.

There was a joint city-county Agency on Aging with a 15-member board. Detroit had 10 members, the county five. But of the county's five, three were Detroiters, so Detroit had a total of 13 seats to the suburbs' two. That's representative government, Detroit-style.

THEN WE HAVE the seven-member board which runs the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Mayor Young appoints the water

board — four Detroiters and three suburbanites — and may remove them at will.

But about three-quarters of the water goes to the customer communities, and they pay in about three-quarters of the bucks, along with state and federal aid.

If we were to follow the Supreme Court principle of "one person, one vote," the suburbs would have five of the seven seats, not three.

And the suburbs, not Young, would be able to pick their own board members.

LET'S GO BACK to the SEMTA board. The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority essentially runs a bus system in the suburbs, along with a couple of commuter trains whose last pickup point is Royal Oak.

SEMTA doesn't even serve Detroit. Detroit has its own bus system, D-DOT, and Young won't agree to merge it with SEMTA.

Logically, then, Detroit shouldn't have four seats on the SEMTA board. It should have zero seats.

And Commissioner Carter is proposing Detroit have six seats. Ho, ho, ho. We have a lot of pretty funny jokes in county and regional government.

The good old days are good memories

"WHAT DO they mean by the good old days?" The Stroller was asked the other day by a young fellow.

Well, that set up a trip down Memory Lane and it was a very pleasant journey.

In the good old days, when The Stroller was a youth, we had corner grocery stores where you walked up to the counter and asked for the items you wanted and they were brought to you.

There was no such thing as walking up and down the aisles trying to find what you wanted and there was no such thing as trading stamps. You paid real money and never had to stand at the counter figuring what what combination of stamps and money you needed to pay the bill.

IN THE GOOD old days it was customary for farmers to bring huge coops of chickens to town to sell.

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As kids, we used to follow him just to hear his shouting and his conversations with the housewives who came to select their Sunday meal.

In the good old days, each town had its own baseball team and the rivalries between towns were far stronger than the major league rivalries of today. We would follow the team from town to town and each trip was a holiday.

WE HAD such things as organ grinders and shoe shiners. The organ grinders pulled their instrument up and down the streets, while the monkey moved over to the sidewalk with a

cup in his paw to collect any tips along the way. The organ man went when radio came along and you could get music from a box in your own living room.

The shoe-shine man set up his chair on the sidewalk and halted passersby. Many were the times when a fellow took a walk downtown just to get his shoes shined.

THE TOWN fire hall was part of the "good old days." Each community had its volunteer fire department with hose carriages that had to be pulled to the scene of the blaze. It was always a good test to triumph over a rival company and get to the hydrant first.

The fire hall was headquarters for the male members of the family and the people never complained of it being a hangout and no good for the young fellows. They were delighted that they spent their time at the fire hall for the simple reason they were on hand when a fire alarm went off.

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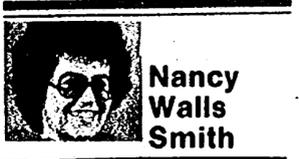
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A vacation is cutting only your own meat

HUBBY AND I have just returned from three beautiful, wonderful, blissful, relaxing days in Toronto — without the kids. Is there any other way to go?



Nancy Walls Smith

I am now a firm believer that every couple in the world should get away for a weekend at least once a year. It's important to have time to spend with each other in order to re-evaluate and re-appreciate the intricate aspects of your relationship. It's also nice not to have to wash dishes for three days.

Do you know what a thrill it is to sit down for a lovely dinner and not have to cut up anyone's meat but your own? You don't even have to jump up from the table if someone should need a refill or a second helping. It's a strange sensation, but one I could get used to.

And after you're done eating, you just get up and walk away from the table leaving the mess behind! Can you believe it?

IT WAS a pleasure to wake up in the morning and be only responsible for getting myself ready for the days activities. No searching for lost sneakers or repeated warnings to, "Brush your teeth!" (Hubby brushes his teeth without being told.)

I especially like eating breakfast out because I don't eat breakfast. That may not make a lot of sense, but when a non-breakfast eater is married to a man who likes a BIG breakfast it's quite a break to let the restaurant cooks fry up all those eggs and sausages for him. Just a sweet roll and Sanka for me, thank you.

The sightseeing was fun. Toronto is a city full of interesting

things to do. We went to the Royal Ontario Museum, took a cruise around the harbor, had a marvelous dinner in China Town, and did all kinds of neat touristy stuff. But my favorite part of the whole trip was leaving a messy hotel room in the morning and returning at the end of the day to find the bed made, fresh towels in place of the used ones and the rug newly vacuumed!

I didn't have to make a bed, fold a towel or wash a dish for three whole days! Now that's my idea of a vacation!

WE WERE waited on, catered to, and smiled at. Not once did I hear the word, "Moommmmm!"

I arrived home with a smile on my face. In fact, I was practically purring.

My mother, who stayed at our house to babysit our 7- and 8-year-old sons along with the dog and the cat, didn't look so hot when we arrived. In fact she looked a little suicidal.

Her hair wasn't combed, her clothes were a mess and she had unusual dark circles under her eyes.

The boys were complaining that Grandma was "mean" and she was saying, as she grabbed her purse and keys and rushed for the front door, that the kids and animals were all so wild she didn't know how I could keep my sanity.

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Lucas picking weapons in hospital showdown

By Tim Richard
staff writer

It's already known that County Executive William Lucas will veto the County Commission's ordinance which would take away much of his control of Wayne County General Hospital.

The question is: Which weapons will Lucas use in his showdown battle? After the commission Thursday passed the ordinance sponsored by Kay Beard, D-Inkster, Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, outlined what Michigan's first executive under a county charter could do to destroy "as sloppy a piece of legislation as I've ever seen."

And in an interview, Lucas confirmed he is eyeing some of those weapons.

LUCAS' OPTIONS are many, as Mack listed them:

- He can try to woo back a few of the five black commissioners who voted solidly in favor of the ordinance against Lucas' wishes. Otherwise, Beard, whose ordinance was adopted

'This (ordinance) poses the greatest threat to county reform. There is no question it goes 180 degrees contrary to the will of the people.'

—Milton Mack
Wayne Commissioner

by an 11-2 vote, will have the 10 votes she needs to override an executive veto.

"The blacks are mad," Mack said. "They think Lucas' appointments aren't 'black' enough. And the Detroiters are worried about indigent health care."

- He can ask circuit court for a declaratory judgment that the ordinance violates the county charter and state law. Asked if he would do that, Lucas replied, "I just might."

Lucas argues that the ordinance reduces his charter-given appointment power over the hospital governing board and violates the charter by giving the hospital board a budget shortcut around his office. But he admits his batting average in court has been low.

- He could decline to act under the ordinance, allowing hospital board posts to remain vacant, removing administrators and submitting a budget without a \$14-million subsidy for the \$63-million operation.

That's highly likely. "I would not fund it," Lucas said in the interview.

BEARD, KNOWING she had her political ducks lined up, smiled silently as the commission held a public hearing on, debated, and then voted on her ordinance, which guarantees that the institution in Westland with 1,125 employees will remain a county operation.

Among the 11 supporting her were Richard Manning, D-Redford; Mary Dumas, R-Livonia; and Edward Plawecki Jr., D-Dearborn Heights.

The opponents were Mack, who views himself as a defender of the charter rather than Lucas' "point man," and John Hertel, D-Harper Woods, a former state senator and one-time executive hopeful himself. Two commissioners were absent.

"It took over 100 years of struggling with Wayne County as a headless form of government," Hertel said. "Now that

we have a head of government, you people want to cut off his arms and make him powerless."

MACK SAID the ordinance would cut off the executive's arms by allowing the commission to submit a list of 10 nominees from whom Lucas would have to make board appointments.

There would be two lists: five Detroiters and five suburbanites. The executive would have to pick an attorney, a physician, a health care professional and union representative from the list.

Mack said that if Lucas picked (say) an attorney and a physician from the Detroit list, he would be forced to pick the health care professional and union representative from the suburban list, and thus the County Commission effectively would be dictating board choices.

"This poses the greatest threat to county reform," Mack said. "There is no question it goes 180 degrees contrary to the will of the people. . . . The County Commission is trying to subvert the county executive's office."

Calling the ordinance anti-Lucas, Mack said, "The current county executive will not be county executive forever. If we destroy it for this county executive, we destroy it for all county executives."

IN AN ESPECIALLY bitter tone, Commissioner Bernard Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, accused the Lucas administration of bringing "the national policies of Ronald Reagan to Wayne County . . . balancing the budget on the backs of the poor."

"It's easy for Touche Ross (auditors hired by Lucas) and the chamber of



Beard vs. Lucas

Calling the county's annual \$14 million subsidy of the hospital an intolerable burden, County Executive William Lucas has been looking for ways to turn the hospital over to a private, or semi-private organization. But Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, was smiling last week as the county commission voted 11-2 for an ordinance which would guarantee county control of the hospital.



commerce to cheer for the sale of the county hospital — it doesn't affect them," Kilpatrick said.

Samuel Turner, D-Detroit, former board chairman, saw it as a rich versus poor issue.

"The poor people are always going to be at the bottom of the priority level. They (commissioners) are not going to turn their backs on poor people. We won't sit idly by and let the poor people go down," Turner said.

Commissioners unanimously approved an amendment by Arthur Carter, D-Detroit, to prohibit leasing of the hospital to an outside agency without County Commission approval. The commission already was considered to have authority to approve any sale of the hospital.

ED DORE, a legislative liaison for Lucas, told commissioners the administration is negotiating with the state to have the University of Michigan take over operation of the hospital.

"This would reduce our options and bargaining ability," Dore said of the ordinance.

The ordinance was also opposed by spokesmen for Civic Searchlight and the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

It was favored by a spokesman for

AFSCME, the governmental employees union which represents 900 of the 1,125 hospital employees.

Lucas calls the \$14 million county subsidy an intolerable burden on the county's \$130 million accumulated deficit and is seeking someone to buy or lease the hospital, which employs one-

third of all county workers. He also contends county workers are overpaid compared to similar hospitals.

The Lucas administration denies that indigents would be cut out of emergency medical care, noting that 23 area hospitals are required by federal law to provide free or below-cost care.

Employees to vote Thursday on 4-day week

Some 2,400 union members working for Wayne County will vote Thursday on a new contract that could help them avoid four-day weeks imposed by County Executive William Lucas.

"The offer represents the county's efforts to balance the needs for savings in its labor costs with its desire to provide its employees a fair wage and compensation package," Lucas said.

If it's accepted, he said, "the play for four-day work weeks could end as early as December."

The executive's decision to cut payroll costs by 20 percent by reducing the work week was upheld last week by Circuit Judge Henry J. Szymanski.

George Maurer Jr., attorney for Council 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), said he would appeal the ruling. AFSCME argues that members taking total layoffs would receive more in unemployment compensation than they would by having their work week and wages reduced 20 percent.

SC goes after bad debts

Students who seek to drop a class at Schoolcraft College will find a more liberal refund policy in the fall, but those who haven't repaid their loans may hear a bill collector at the door.

A new policy approved by the board of trustees last week will allow students to receive a 100-percent refund up to the end of the "drop-add" period.

Previously, refunds were scaled down the longer a student waited. The new policy is expected to reduce the number of refund appeals, according to President Richard McDowell.

BAD DEBTS totalling \$2,463 were declared delinquent and turned over to

a collection agency.

The bad debt rate, which had been in the 2-3-percent range, rose to 6 1/2 percent, according to the administration.

Twin reasons: Most of the delinquent loans were made in August of 1981, when the economy was particularly bad, and, at the same time, the loan limit was raised to \$200 from \$100.

The delinquent borrowers have been billed three times, called twice and sent a letter from the director of accounting. The college will put a "hold" on their records, meaning they may neither get a transcript nor re-register until the debt is paid.

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NURSERY SCHOOL

Monday, Aug. 8 — St. David's Nursery School will hold a mini-roundup at 10 a.m. St. David's is on Marquette one block west of Inkster. For more information, contact Greta Kennon at 422-3187. Roundups also will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, Aug. 1 — Vacation Bible school will be at Salem Lutheran Church, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5, and Aug. 8-12. Children ages 4-14 are invited. The school features Bible lessons, art projects, songs and games, all based on the theme "Take It to the Lord in Prayer." Refreshments will be served, and the program is free. Parents may register their children on the first day. Salem Lutheran is at Ann Arbor Trail and Hubbard (32430 Ann Arbor Trail). For more information, call 422-5550.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Monday, Aug. 1 — Free blood pressure screening is available at the Michigan Heart Association, 32235 W. Chicago, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 557-9500 for more information.

TIGER BALL GAME

Monday, Aug. 1 — The Westland Department on Aging is sponsoring a trip to Tiger Stadium for the first 39 people signed up to see the Detroit Tigers vs. the Kansas City Royals. A \$10-per-person fee will include box seats, transportation and a small treat. The bus will leave Friendship Center at 6 p.m. and return at approximately 11:30 p.m. For more information, call 722-7632.

PRESCHOOL

Monday, Aug. 2 — Preschool structured activities will be at Maplewood Center 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday. Fees for ages 3-5 years old are \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. Call Val O'Rourke at 421-0610 for more information.

WIDOWED PEOPLE

Tuesday, Aug. 2 — WISER, a group for widowed people, will meet at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Museum basement, Main and Church streets in Plymouth. Call 591-6400 for more information. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month.

FUND-RAISER DANCE

Saturday, Aug. 6 — A fund-raiser dance will be at 9 p.m. in the Wayne Community Center, Annapolis and Howe roads, sponsored by Parents Without Partners Chapter 340. The

price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, call 522-4269.

AUDITIONS OPEN

Monday, Aug. 9 — Auditions for the Garden City Civic Theatre production of "Once Upon A Mattress" will be at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Auditions will be at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood. Call 421-2716 for more information.

CARD PARTY

Thursday, Aug. 11 — Garden City Unit 396, American Legion Auxiliary, will have its monthly lunch and card party at 11:30 a.m. at the Legion hall, Middlebelt just south of Ford. These lunch and card parties are the second Thursday of every month throughout the summer. Proceeds are used for scholarships, Girls' State, community service and other non-veteran-connected programs. Donation is \$2.50.

DAY CAMP

Monday, Aug. 15 — Girls and boys 6-12 years old are invited to a day camp at Central Park at Bailey Recreation Center, Westland. Activities for the five-day camp include swimming, hiking, cooking and arts and crafts. For information, call Shirley Hicks at 729-8379. Adult volunteer help also is needed.

THEATER/MIME

Monday, Aug. 15 — Starts this week for ages 6 years old and up to learn mime and theater techniques at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Classes will be 9:30-11 a.m. Fee is \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. Call Val O'Rourke for more information.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Tuesday, Aug. 23 — One day only, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Legal aid for senior citizens. If you are 60 years of age or older and a Wayne County resident you can get free legal aid. Call 722-7632.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, Aug. 24 — Northwestern Guidance Clinic, 6221 Merriman Road, Garden City, board of directors will meet at 11:30 a.m.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT

Thursday, Sept. 1 — Epilepsy support program, a self-help group, will meet at 7:30 p.m. in All Saints Lutheran Church, 8850 Newburgh at Joy, Livonia. Meetings usually are the first and third Thursdays of the month. For information, call Joanne Melster at 522-1940.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 28 — The board

community calendar

Non-profit groups should mail items for the calendar to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The date, time and place of the event should be included, along with the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during business hours to clarify information.

meeting of Northwestern Guidance Clinic, 6221 Merriman, will be at 11:30 a.m.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

A Diabetic Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Melvin Bailey Center the fourth Monday of every month. There are no dues. For more information, call 522-0480.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The second session of summer school classes for grades 1-8 will begin at New Morning School in Plymouth Monday, Aug. 1, and meet for three weeks, two hours daily each morning. Taught by Kathleen Kerekes, who has a master's degree in elementary education and learning disabilities. The fee is \$90 for 30 hours of instruction. Call 420-3331 for more information.

PARENT GROUP

The Wayne-Westland Chapter of Parents Without Partners will meet at Westworld, Warren at Merriman, on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. For more information, call 476-3298.

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HEALTH SCREENING

Free health screening for seniors 60 and older is being sponsored by PCHA. Call Annapolis Hospital for an appointment at 722-3308.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Free blood pressure checks will be offered Wednesdays at the Neighborhood Health Clinic, 33000 Palmer, Westland. Call 722-0720 for information.

Warren Road bids accepted

Bids will be accepted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday for Warren Road improvements. The project is one of 54 totaling an estimated \$33.5 million which the Michigan Department of Transportation is undertaking.

The Warren Road project includes reconstructing 0.8 mile to add a fifth continuous left-turn lane from Middlebelt to Inkster Road. Warren Road marks the boundary between Westland and Garden City in that area.

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PCHA lauds workers for years of service

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Of the 11 employees honored for 25 years of service to the Peoples Community Hospital Authority (PCHA), of which Westland and Garden City are charter members, nine have been at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne since the day it opened in 1957. The other two logged part of their service at other PCHA hospitals before transferring to Annapolis.

One employee, Jean Sienko of Wayne, has served 30 years with the system. She was hired originally at Beyer Memorial Hospital in Ypsilanti, the first hospital operated by the PCHA, and transferred to Annapolis when it opened.

Other door-openers and their areas of service were Nell Caldwell of Livonia, pharmacy; Violet Cole of Ypsilanti, nursing; Rose Giza of Wayne, business office; Essie Haymon of Inkster, housekeeping; Helen Kubitski of Wayne, central laundry; Dorothy Lee of Allen Park, nursing; William Miller of Garden City, business office; and Leo Simonds of Westland, dietary service.

Also honored for 25 years of service with the PCHA were Westland residents Shirley Funk, business office, and June Williams, nursing, and Inkster resident Róste Moten, housekeeping.

Annapolis administrator Lawrence T. Riesser and PCHA executive director John J. Freysinger also gave 13 employees their 20-year service awards. Twenty-six were honored for 15 years service, 32 receive 10-year awards and 67 were presented with five-year service awards.

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★ American lamb, in whatever form preferred, cooks well on the grill and is considered the "in" thing to serve. Lamb's very special flavor is enhanced, not overpowered, by marinades and sauces. The price of lamb is right, too, fitting in with the budget of cost-conscious cooks. And if that were not enough, lamb is low in calories. For the next barbecue, why not serve a marinated "butterflied" leg of lamb?

★ Next on the all-American menu is rice. Rice... American? Absolutely. Over 99% of all the rice eaten in the United States is grown here in the states of Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas. In fact, the United States grows so much rice that 60% of the crop is exported. Rice in salads is the newer and trendier way to serve this world-wide favorite. Rice is low in calories, 82 per 1/2 cup, and is super economical—less than 4¢ per serving!

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American lamb, American rice and California Brandy can make patriotic meals all year round.

This special leg of lamb is easy to cook on the grill and even in a broiler. When immersed in a brandy marinade hours or a day before cooking, lamb takes on an exotic flavor that will please family and friends alike.

Marinated Butterflied Lamb

- 4 to 5-pound leg of lamb (sirloin off)
- 1 cup coarsely chopped carrots
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 4 sprigs parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups water
- 1/4 cup California brandy
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon basil leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Remove fell, trim excess fat and "butterfly" leg of lamb following directions provided in box (or have your meat retailer prepare it). Trim lamb across shank and sirloin ends to form a uniformly-shaped rectangle. (Use this lamb, approximately 1-1/4 pounds, for the Braised Lamb recipe.) Make a vegetable garni with carrots, celery, parsley and garlic. Place in saucepan; add water, cover and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in brandy, salt, basil and pepper and continue cooking, covered, 10 minutes. Cool. Place lamb in utility dish or plastic bag. Pour marinade over lamb, turning to coat. Cover dish or tie bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 4 to 6 hours or overnight, turning several times. Thread 2 long metal skewers through lamb to secure and facilitate turning roast. Place lamb on outdoor grill 5 to 7 inches from heat. Broil at moderate temperature over ash-covered coals to desired degree of doneness: 140°F. for rare; 160°F. for medium and 170°F. for well done. Allow 40 to 60 minutes total cooking time, depending on doneness desired. Turn leg several times, brushing with marinade during cooking. Carve into thin slices. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

*Follow manufacturer's directions for broiling on covered or gas grill. The above directions can be followed for broiling the butterflied leg on a rack in the broiler pan of a range.

Rice and lamb have been eaten together in the Middle East for centuries. So it's no accident that this salad with Middle East seasonings and ingredients goes so well with lamb.

Middle East Rice Salad

- 3 cups hot cooked rice
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3/4 teaspoon seasoned pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt, crumbled rosemary leaves, oregano leaves and minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon mint leaves, crumbled
- 1 small zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1 medium tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 4 ounces Feta cheese, cut into small cubes (about 2/3 cup)

Spoon rice into large mixing bowl. Blend oil, lemon juice, seasoned pepper, salt, rosemary, oregano, garlic and mint. Stir into rice. Cover and let cool. Add zucchini, tomato and cheese, stirring lightly to combine. Serve at room temperature or chill before serving. Makes 6 servings.



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Braised Lamb with Gingered Rice

(unillustrated)

- 1-1/4 pounds boneless lamb, cut into 3/4 to 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 cup water
- Dash nutmeg
- 1 small onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 3 tablespoons raisins
- 1 tablespoon California brandy
- 1 medium cooking apple, cubed
- Ginger Rice*

Dredge lamb in combined flour, salt and pepper. Brown lamb in cooking oil in large frying pan. Pour off drippings. Add water and nutmeg. Cover and cook slowly 20 minutes. Add onion, raisins and brandy and continue cooking, covered, 20 minutes. Stir in apple and continue cooking, covered, 5 minutes. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

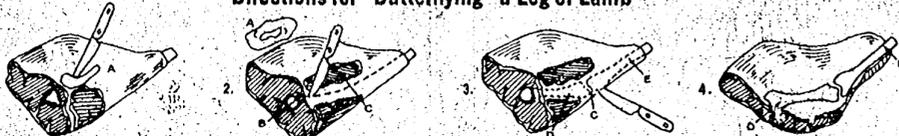
*Gingered Rice

- 3/4 cup uncooked rice
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon finely chopped crystallized ginger
- 2 tablespoons snipped parsley

Bring rice and water to a boil in a small saucepan. Reduce heat to simmer and add butter or margarine, salt and ginger. Cover and cook 15 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Add parsley; fluff rice with a fork.

After the leg of lamb has been butterflied for the grill, quite a bit of meat remains on the bone. Trim the meat from the bone and use for this recipe. Flavored with brandy and served over ginger-flavored rice, in no time lamb is turned into another first-class meal.

Directions for "Butterflying" a Leg of Lamb



1. A leg of lamb, short cut sirloin off, can be boned and formed into a "butterflied" leg. The sirloin section (providing 3 or 4 chops, if desired) already has been removed from the whole leg and the cut face should show the end of the leg bone at the ball joint. Remove the fell (thin membrane) from leg, pulling from large end to the shank. Turn the leg bone side up, and run a boning knife around the sirloin bone (A). Work the knife around the bone to loosen it, keeping the blade close to the bone. (You should feel the blade against the bone as you cut.) Remove the sirloin bone.

2. Start cutting at the ball joint (B) of the leg bone (from which the sirloin bone was removed). Make a straight cut to the center of the leg to end along the bone until the blade reaches the next joint, known as the stifle joint (C). Run the point of the blade around the stifle joint and close to the bone all the way to the end of the shank.

3. Work the point of the blade all around the leg bone (D), stifle joint (C), and shank bone (E), until all are completely exposed and loosened.

4. Remove the leg bone and the shank bone. Cut along the natural seam that separates the two largest muscles and open to lay flat. Trim away excess fat.

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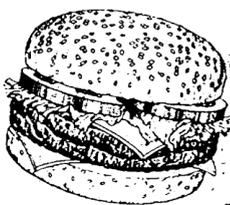
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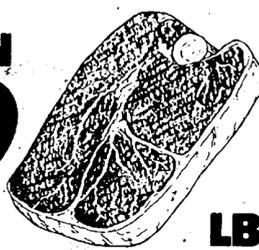


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- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. milk
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg

Heat oven to 350°. Knead 1 flavor packet about 10 seconds. Mix 1 pouch cookie mix and the flavor packet in large bowl until crumbly. Mix in walnuts. Press 3/4 of the crumbly mixture in ungreased square pan, 9x9x2 inches. Bake 12 minutes.

Beat remaining ingredients in small bowl until smooth; spread over crust. Sprinkle remaining crumbly mixture over cream cheese mixture, pressing lightly. Bake until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool; refrigerate 1 hour. Cut into about 1 1/2-inch squares. Refrigerate any remaining squares. 25 squares.

CRUNCHY BROWNIE ICE-CREAM SQUARES

- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1 pkg. fudge brownie mix (with can of chocolate flavor syrup)
- 1 can (3 1/2 oz.) flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 half-gallon vanilla ice cream, slightly softened

Heat oven to 350°. Cut margarine into brownie mix (dry) until crumbly; stir in coconut and nuts. Spread in ungreased rectangular pan, 13x9x2 inches. Bake, stirring occasionally, until coconut is golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes. Stir to crumble; cool.

Reserve 1 1/2 cups of the crumbly mixture into ice cream. Spread evenly in same pan; press firmly. Sprinkle reserved crumbly mixture evenly over ice cream; drizzle with chocolate flavor syrup. Cover and freeze until firm. Remove from freezer 5 minutes before cutting. Cut into squares. About 16 squares.

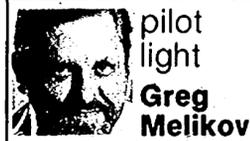
SPINACH-CHEESE PIE

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 2 tsp. margarine or butter
- 2 tsp. instant chicken bouillon
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- Dash of anise seed, if desired
- 1 pkg. pie crust sticks or mix
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups creamed cottage cheese
- 2 tsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. water

Heat oven to 375°. Rinse frozen spinach under running cold water until thawed enough to cut into 1-inch pieces with knife. Cook onions in margarine in 10-inch skillet until tender. Stir in spinach, instant bouillon (dry), salt, pepper and anise seed. Cook and stir over low heat until all spinach is thawed.

Prepare all pastry for two-crust pie as directed on package except — roll each round into 9-inch square. Place 1 square in ungreased square pan, 9x9x2 inches. Reserve 1 tablespoon of the egg; stir remaining egg and the cheese into spinach mixture. Spread over pastry in pan. Cut several slits in remaining pastry square; place over filling. Mix water and reserved egg; brush over top.

Bake until golden brown, about 40 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. 6 servings.



He warmed up to her fried cabbage

One of the first columns I wrote several years ago included red cabbage spiced with the juices of sauerbraten and crushed gingersnaps.

I'm not particularly fond of cooked cabbage, but when my wife prepared a dish that her grandmother fixed many years ago in Texas, I warmed up to the vegetable.

Frankly, I like cabbage raw — red or green. I like to nibble on cabbage as I make cole slaw.

But Anita prefers her cabbage fried. The best thing about Anita's cabbage is that it keeps for days in the refrigerator. And you can spice it up with well-browned sausage when reheating it. You can also stir in some cut-up apples, just as in the German recipe.

MEXICAN GREEN CABBAGE

- 1 head green cabbage, shredded
- 1 head cold bacon fat
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 1 cup canned crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup water

Rinse shredded cabbage in large bowl, let sit in water several minutes and drain. Melt bacon fat in large pot, add cabbage and onion, stir in seasonings and lightly brown on high heat, constantly stirring. Reduce heat to medium, stir in tomatoes and water, cover and cook 30 minutes, occasionally stirring and adding a little water if necessary. Serves a crowd.

GERMAN RED CABBAGE

- 1 head red cabbage, shredded
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. margarine
- 1/2 cup elder vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 tart red cooking apples, cored and thinly sliced
- 1 tsp. all-purpose flour

In large pot, combine cabbage, salt, margarine, vinegar, sugar and water and cook covered over medium heat 15 minutes, occasionally stirring. Add apples and cook about 10 minutes, until cabbage is tender, but crisp. Sprinkle on flour, gently mix and cook until thickened, stirring. Serves a crowd.

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retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Hair today—what color?

The advice came from a hairdresser friend, the first in a succession of friends who have cut my hair in their homes and saved me the trauma of a beauty salon.

What she said was: "Don't let your hair get gray while you have young children."

So we decided, on that afternoon about 20 years ago, to cover the mousy tinge that was taking over my top side with a rinse that closely matched my brown hair. Later we switched to a tint, and I stayed out of the gray-haired classification, a great comfort when reading bedtime stories and attending PTA meetings.

A few years later I was vacationing in Florida, and the brown tint bleached. I got more comment that year on the blonde hair than on the tanned skin. My neighbor, next in line of hair-dressing friends, suggested we switch tints, and I became a blonde, more or less.

FOUR BLONDE daughters kidded me about trying to look like them, and a lot of other people wanted to know if I was having more fun. The color was easy to maintain — just a visit next door every six weeks — so it stayed.

It was startling sometimes to look at old pictures and see a self not only slimmer but also darker. But I didn't realize how much the blondeness had become part of the scene until the day our son-in-law was joining us in checking old photos.

"That one can't be you," he said, pointing to a picture of a little girl who indeed was me. "The hair is dark."

My daughter and I looked at each and laughed. "He really thinks I'm blonde," I told her.

Couldn't disillusion him, of course, and the tinting went on. Until the move to Florida to stay.

THE MOST RECENT and best of my

hairdresser friends sent me off with clipping and color and also detailed instructions for whom it might concern — what brand of color to use and how to use it.

Six weeks later, with considerable trepidation, I took myself and the instructions to a local salon. I had reason to worry. The young woman to whom I had committed my head looked at the instructions and then used a different brand and differing timing. Something didn't work right, she said airily, so she counteracted it with more goop.

The finished job looked OK, but maybe I was suppose to keep it out of the sun. After a few visits to the beach, I was sporting a roof of straw thatch.

BACK IN MICHIGAN for a visit, I made my way speedily to my friend's basement chair. She concurred it might be best for a year-round Floridian to skip the tint. After all, I didn't have young children around anymore, and it was all right for a grandma to be gray, wasn't it?

She clipped off the dyed and dried parts, and I came home to await the growing of my "real" hair. I didn't know what to expect, and what I've got seems to be a mixture of brown, gray and bleached.

Husband Joe still seems to recognize me, though. And as for our son-in-law, well, maybe when he finds out what color my hair really is, he'll let me know.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for the Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband, Joe, have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Dear Mrs. Green:

I've been intrigued by your column ever since I started receiving the Observer. I've always thought it would be interesting to see what my handwriting reveals about me.

I find my handwriting slant changes almost daily — sometimes it slants and at other times, it's straight up and down.

I hope this is enough to give you an accurate example of my handwriting.
J. P., Livonia

Dear J. P.:

Vacillation between right slant and vertical is tied to your emotional nature. When you write with a right slant, your heart is in control, and when you write straight up and down, the head rules.

The minuscule size of your handwriting tells me you are a unique person with well-developed concentration. You like to do one thing at a time and dislike distractions and being rushed. You are aware of all details. Sometimes they assume such importance

that you may miss the forest for the trees.

The legibility of your handwriting and clear alignment suggest your desire to make yourself understood and the ability for lucid expression. You also have persuasive powers. But in emotional situations, you can slip into an argument without much provocation.

The downward slope of all writing lines suggest that you are inclined to view life and living with a negative attitude. Ostensibly, you find it difficult to place any credence in the theme song from "Annie," where she belts out "the sun will come out tomorrow."

At this time in your life you are dissatisfied with either the work role or social, or perhaps both. In addition to this, there seems to be no one in your life giving you any positive reinforcement. All of us need a pat on the back at times. Unfortunately, you do not seem to be receiving it.

Added to this is the inability to free yourself from something that happened in the past, and you continue to blame yourself. Your emotions run deep, and you do not find it easy to forgive and



graphology

Lorene Green

I find my handwriting changes almost daily — sometimes slants and at other times it's straight down.

forget.

Security is very important to you. Money and what it will buy is high on your priority list.

From your very early life, you did not see your parents as united in the manner in which they raised you. Some of your fears may be the result of these early life experiences which were not your fault.

If you have a question about your handwriting, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, in care of this newspaper. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age and handedness also are helpful. Feedback is always appreciated.

new voices

Guy and Janice Cramb of Aurora, Colo., formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of their second child, a son, Ryan Bruce, born June 26. Ryan has a sister Lindsay Rebecca, 2. Grand-

parents are George and Mary Patterson of Livonia and Robert Cramb of Walled Lake. Great-grandmothers are Elva Slater of Livonia and Inez Cramb of Westland.

Mr. and Mrs. David Raub are the parents of a son born July 25 in William Beaumont Hospital. Both parents are former Garden City residents, now residing in Northville.

Ann K and Richard S. Hutchins of Livonia are the parents of a daughter, Kelly Kennedy, born July 5 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Nita and the late Ben Kennedy, formerly of Dearborn, and Raymond and Mary Hutchins of Mt. Pleasant.

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TWO LOCAL women from Western Golf and Country Club are members of a committee that has spent the last few months putting together the eighth annual Babe Zaharias Invitational Golf Tournament for the American Cancer Society. They are Margaret Dooley of Redford Township and Ann Jennings of Livonia. More than 250 women from 21 country clubs will compete at Tam O' Shanter Golf and Country Club Monday, Aug. 8. The invitational is the largest woman's golf tournament in the metropolitan Detroit area and one of the most successful American Cancer Society fund-raisers in the nation.

RESPONSE to the special Weight Watchers Week which took place a few weeks ago was so enthusiastic it will receive an encore during the week of Aug. 7-13. During that time, WW meetings will be open to the public, and a variety of special cooking demonstrations and other activities will be offered. New members will be able to join at a half-off cost of \$8.50.

Some of the special events will be an appearance of 100-pound loser David Marshall at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the Westland Shopping Center. He did it in 14 months. Another is on Friday, Aug. 12, at Wonderland Center when "granny" Nancy Sutherland tells how she lost 103 pounds. When her first grandchild was born, this motivated her to lose weight via Weight Watchers. She said she was also scared that she would not live to see a second grandchild because she was so overweight. Sutherland will appear from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

CATHOLIC Social Services needs foster parents. Many children are currently in emergency placement awaiting foster homes. Most of these are children who have been either neglected or abused, or whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them. Call 883-2100 and ask for the foster home licensing worker.

ARTIST Co-op of Detroit is holding its second Women Artist Exhibit now through Saturday, Aug. 13, at the co-op, 16380 Grand River at Woodmont, Detroit. The exhibit will feature creations by 20 women artists from the Detroit area.

CRAFTSPEOPLE are being sought for the second Septemberfest Saturday, Sept. 10, at Flint Riverbank Park. For further information, call 733-2778 or 753-0644.

THREE members of the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, have been appointed to regional and state positions. Annette Helndryckx will serve as national vice chairman, genealogical records committee, east central region; Laura Mewin has been appointed national vice chairman, DAR museum, east central region; and Doris Richard, state chairman DAR museum correspondence docent.

CREATIVE Crafters will be bringing their handmade items to the Livonia Mall Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, for sale and display. All the participants are handicapped persons.

TRY A CHANGE of pace Sunday, Aug. 7, and be a parade watcher. The annual Wayne County parade through Bellefonte will kick off the 37th Wayne County Fair with the theme, "Say Yes to the Wayne County Fair." Festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. The parade route is through the town and culminates at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road.



Linda LaMaumaleux with pets Tiffany and Figaro, swings are her favorite. Of all the hundreds of items at Cliff Green's.

Fantasyland

Lawn ornaments reign

By Dan Vecchioni
staff writer

When Cliff Green developed heart problems about five years ago, "I told him, whatever he did, don't die and leave me this place," his daughter, Linda LaMaumaleux, said. "We never had any summers."

"This place" is Cliff Green Sales, the lawn ornament and furniture business that Green opened in 1953.

Green didn't die. He retired to Florida. And LaMaumaleux wasn't left the place. She and her husband bought it. But her lament continues: she doesn't have any summers.

Cliff Green Sales, at 12275 Inkster, has been a Livonia institution for 30 years. While many people may not be familiar with the name, the yard full of lawn ornaments draws instant recognition.

"People refer to us 'that place by the railroad tracks,' as LaMaumaleux said while nodding in the direction of the C&O rails that cross Inkster just north of the shop. "I feel like we're a landmark or tradition in Livonia."

LAMAUMAUIEX AND her husband five years ago when her father became ill. At the time, she was running her own mobile dog grooming service in California.

"We were looking for something else to get into and realized this was a good business. So we came back," she said.

The foundation of the business is selling quality products and providing personalized attention, LaMaumaleux said. As a result, many customers become "regulars" and sources of word-of-mouth advertising, she added.

"People come in and they brag about the furniture we sold them. That makes you feel good," she said. "And we have our regulars, just like at a bar, people who buy a lot. They're always adding to their furniture or lawn ornament set, or buying something as a gift."

"We feel like people come to visit us. So we put benches and chairs out. And we try to make the yard warm and pretty. We tell people to browse around and take their time. We even suggest they come back a couple of times before buying something so they can visualize how it will look in their yard."

"We ask them 'what kind of space do you have? What kind of treatment are you trying to work up?' Then we try to find out what they like. We end up giving so many friends. They bring in pictures showing us their yards."

THE SALES YARD at Cliff Green is filled with hundreds of concrete lawn ornaments visible from the street. The ornaments take the shape of animals, religious and mythical persons, elves and dwarves, urns, pagodas and cartoon characters.

"We think they're making a comeback," LaMaumaleux said. "Individual expression is being extended from the home to the garden. The ornaments can give your yard a new atmosphere. You can make it into a park, a fantasyland with elves or a forest with animals."

The more popular ornaments include a donkey and cart, a kissing Dutch boy and girl, two frogs in a loveseat, deer and raccoons, she said. Prices range from \$1.50 for a bird that can sit on a fence to several hundred dollars for a 700-pound lion. Most are between \$10 and \$20.

"If I could buy one thing for myself, I'd buy a swing. If swings could tell stories . . . People have them 20 years or more and it seems like everything happens on or around them."

— Linda LaMaumaleux

The shop also carries picnic tables, lawn swings, birdbaths, fountains, flowerpots, windmills, sundials and "gazing globes," colored mirror-like balls that are placed on pedestals.

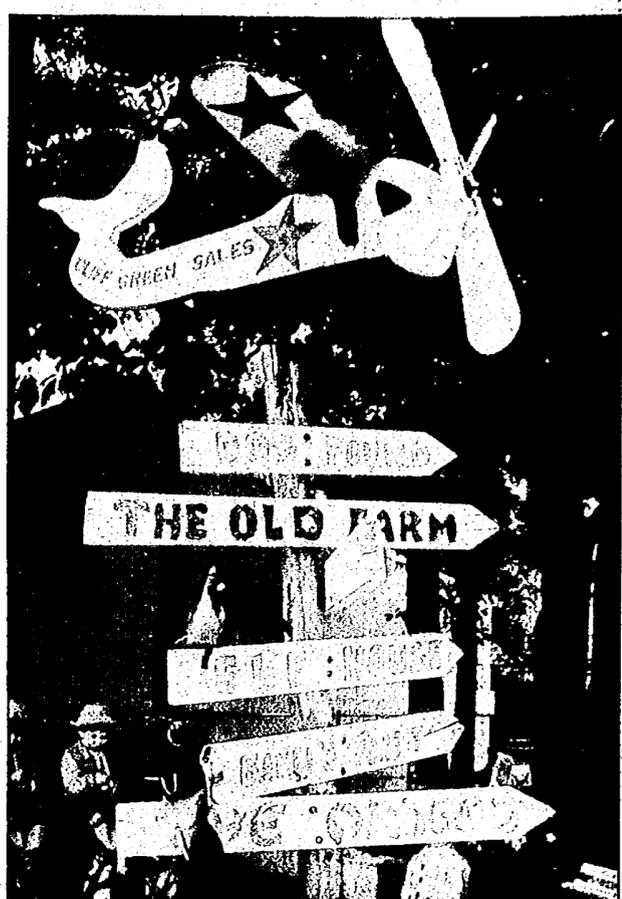
The picnic tables and lawn swings are crafted almost entirely out of cedar by Moon Valley of Clarkston, Mich. They are designed so that individual parts can be replaced when needed, LaMaumaleux said. With the proper care, they can last for more than 20 years.

"People used to come in and say they bought a picnic table from us 15 years ago and loved it, and then would buy a new one for their kids," she said. "Times have changed. Now they give

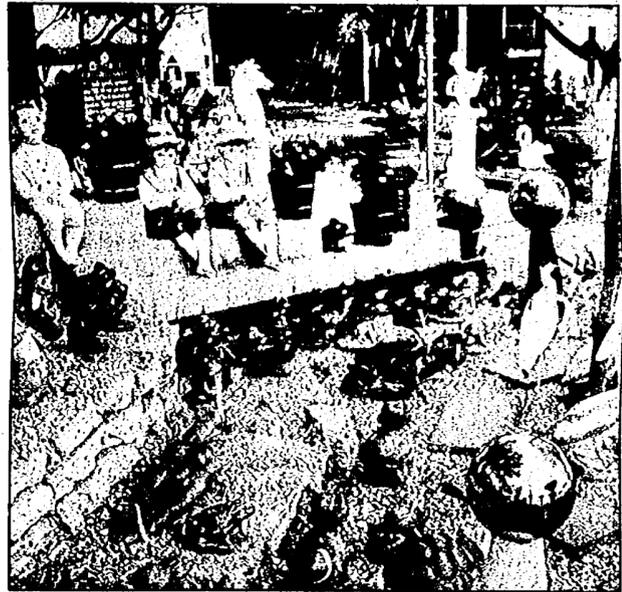
the kids the old one and buy the new one for themselves."

The picnic tables range in price from \$123 to \$169. A single seat swing runs \$169, and the double glider swing with facing seats, \$375. Other furniture items, including children's picnic tables and swing sets, sell for between \$27 and \$107.

LAMAUMAUIEX'S involvement with Cliff Green Sales goes back to when she was 5 or 6 and her father opened the business at the family house. It started off primarily as a landscaping business, but gradually evolved into lawn ornaments and furniture sales.



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'Prisoner' keeps audience laughing

Neil Simon's comedy "The Prisoner of 2nd Avenue," presented by Jimmy Launce Productions, Inc., continues Fridays-Saturdays through September at Somerset Dinner Theatre at Somerset Mall in Troy. Cocktails are at 7 p.m., dinner at 7:30 and curtain at 8:45. Tickets are \$18.95 per person, for dinner and theater. For reservations, call Alfred's restaurant at 643-8865.

By Cathie Breidenbach
special writer

"The Prisoner of 2nd Avenue" is archetypal Neil Simon. The crowd on a recent Saturday night at Somerset Dinner Theatre seemed to relish Simon's intelligent blend of modern angst and sophisticated humor.

A Neil Simon play is safe enough to be palatable after a good meal but still has enough zing to keep mellow guests thinking and laughing throughout the evening. Nobody sent out for Alka-Seltzer, even when the Catch-22 traps of modern life temporarily unraveled the sanity of poor Mel Edison in Simon's play.

Before the entertainment, Alfred's restaurant serves an excellent buffet of salad, fettucini alfredo, a medley of stir-fried vegetables with tender beef, fresh fruit compote, peas and rolls, followed by carrot cake and assorted fresh fruit. The evening is well-organized to insure a feeling of leisurely dining.

After dinner, the house lights dim, and candles on the tables look like the lights of a city when a plane comes in for a landing. Then stage lights focus on a set at one end of the room — a simple, 2nd Avenue apartment where Mel and Edna Edison live in New York.

MEL IS AN advertising executive, a bright middle-aged fellow who succumbs to the creeping crazies of paranoia when he loses his job and his apartment is ransacked by thieves. Ron Samuel does a superb job showing Mel come undone. Even his eyes widen and lose sense as his paranoia takes hold.

The niggling irritations of city living are too much for poor Mel in his precarious state, and he overreacts to a heat wave cooking the city, a dog yapping through the night and taunting noises from the apartment next door. He fights back, Neil-Simon style, with words that make us laugh.

Ann Sala plays Mel's wife, Edith, with fine wifely tolerance. She has a Ruth Buzzi twang in her voice that's humorous but undermines a bit the intelligence that makes Simon's characters intriguing. She seems more like an upper-middle-class Edith Bunker than a sophisticated New Yorker.

In Act II Mel's sisters and brother come visiting to get in on the family crisis of Mel's breakdown. These middle-aged suburban matrons and their stodgy businessman brother are hilarious. Pat Varga as Jessie and Donna Snyder as Pauline are well cast.



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Jacqueline Bisset as Mrs. Burroughs and Andrew McCarthy as Jonathan Ogner have an affair, but her characterization is never fully explained, in "Class."

the movies
Louise Snider

'Class' does not live up to its title

Louise Snider is on vacation. Guest critic is Dan Greenberg, film instructor at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

"Class," featuring Jacqueline Bisset and Cliff Robertson, is just another tacky, adolescent summer comedy that never decides what it wants to be when it grows up. It lacks what its title promises.

The plot's humorous potential is never fulfilled. A young, bright but inexperienced prep school student, Jonathan Ogner (Andrew McCarthy), is cajoled, threatened and led to sexual experience by his wealthy, worldly roommate, Skip Burroughs (Rob Lowe). Skip's efforts are successful, unbeknownst to him, with Mother Burroughs' (Jacqueline Bisset) help.

Bisset's contribution to wet T-shirts in "The Deep" is not repeated here for May-December romance. Rather, this gorgeous actress performs unevenly, one moment worn and trashy, the next lovely and luminous, but never quite clear as to why she's shacking up with her son's roommate. We can't even be sure it's just for fun.

That uneven quality permeates the writing (Jim Kouf and David Greenwalt) and directing (Lewis John Carlino) of the entire film. The first 40 minutes is episodic with entertaining "Animal House"-style slapstick serving to avoid the basic plot complication: An older woman sexually educating a younger man.

WHEN THE FILM tries to come to grips with that situation, it's too late. Too much time has elapsed dragging red herrings across the old plot trail: A testing scandal mistakenly perceived as a narcotics investigation, the problems of growing up and getting accepted to Harvard, and the ever-present generation gap.

The film's greatest flaw is that we never learn why Mrs. Burroughs lived the life she did. From the acting, writing and directing, apparently the cast never discovered this central motivation either.

Not to worry. The boys have a good fight and a good laugh. That solves everything.

But, it is always a pleasure to look at Bisset. Rob Lowe is a charming and handsome young man who wears the weight of his riches well and manages, miraculously, to survive the wooden, deadening effect of his father, played with wooden and deadening success by Cliff Robertson.

Ah, well, it is summer time. The film has plenty of four-letter words and enough sexually suggestive sequences to please the adolescent in us all. One might complain that the sexual scenes were heavy on breathing effects and short on eroticism, but it was all worth a rather limp laugh.

So much for the film's redeeming commercial values. Catch it on the dollar nights.

what's at the movies

ATOR (PG). Epic adventure of myth, legend and magic starring Miles O'Keefe in the title role, with Sabrina Siani and Ritza Brown.

CLASS (R). Romantic comedy about a young man who has an affair with an older woman who turns out to be his best friend's mother. Jacqueline Bisset, Cliff Robertson and Rob Lowe star.

COUP DE TORCHON (A CLEAN SLATE). Academy Award nominee for best foreign-language film. Bertrand Tavernier directed comedy starring Philippe Noiret and Isabell Huppert.

FLASHDANCE (R). A determined young woman works as a welder by day and a dancer by night. Movie doesn't make too much sense but the dancing makes a terrific impact.

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VACATION (R). Wally World, the world's greatest theme park, is the destination in this cross-country comedy starring Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Imogene Coca and Christie Brinkley.

OCTOPUSSY (PG). Roger Moore is again the dapper Agent 007 as he goes to India to crack an international jewel-smuggling operation in this 13th James Bond adventure. Also with Maud Adams.

PORKY'S — THE NEXT DAY (R). Raunchy gang members from Angel Beach High School tangle with school administrators, corrupt officials and their own active libidos.

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- G General audiences admitted.
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Summer studio workshop does 'A Pair of Plays'



Johnny Mathis sings his smooth ballads Tuesday night at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

THE THEATRE Guild of Livonia-Redford opens its second Summer Studio with "A Pair of Plays" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and the weekend of Aug. 12 at the playhouse, 16138 Beech-Daly Road, south of Five Mile Road, in Redford.

The workshop, which was first offered last summer, provides an opportunity to learn new skills and brush up on old ones. Newcomers get a chance and technicians branch out into new areas, such as set construction, lighting and makeup.

Many individuals who never had the chance before are getting involved and experiencing community theater.

Last summer Dave Tucker of Livonia received his first chance to direct a play, "Buy God," then went on to direct "Move Over Mrs. Markham" during the regular season.

This year the first play is directed by Judy Pierson of Livonia who has never directed a play, although she long has been active in the guild.

Her assistant director is Sur Suomi, who also is from Livonia.

Cast members in both plays have various levels of experience, some of whom have no experience. Cast members include Tom Loomis of South Lyons, Alan Madeleine of Northville, Collene Hackney of Livonia, Carol Loomis of South Lyons, Wendy Milazzo of Livonia, Steve Sell of Dearborn, Dan Taylor of Livonia and Dennis KléinSmith of Westland.

The second play is directed by Tom Hinks of Plymouth, who also has never directed a play for TGLR. He is assisted by Ann Reilly of Lathrup Village. Members of the cast are Robin Abrams of Southfield, Karen Collareno of Livonia, Donna Eno of Livonia, Dan Taylor of Livonia, Rob Tucker of Livonia and Ric Winfrey of Westland.

Tickets are \$2.50 and may be reserved by calling 348-2817.

THE SUMMER Studio of the TGLR will present a dance workshop from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 9 and continuing until Sept. 8, for a total of 10 classes.

The classes will be held at the Theatre Guild Playhouse.

Fee will be \$3 per class or \$30 for the entire course. Class size will be limited to 10 to insure individual attention.

The class will be taught by James Posanti of Ann Arbor, who is known in the area as a director and choreographer. Instruction will be in the theater jazz dance style.

Participants are being encouraged to attend all classes for continuity and development of style and technique. Students should wear tight and leotards and appropriate footwear (or bare feet).

First half of the class will consist of a basic jazz warmup and stretch routine. Second part of the class will be putting dance combinations together and learning how to perform them.

For registration information call 721-4849.

SPOTLIGHT Players will hold auditions for the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, and Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the First United Methodist Church, 3739 Newberry, off Michigan Avenue, in Wayne.

For further information, call 595-6117.

THE SECOND annual Jewish Film Festival will be held from Sunday, Aug. 21, to Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Southfield Civic Center Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.

The film festival is sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance, National Committee for Labor Zionist-Histadrut, Labor Zionist Institute and Hahonim Labor Zionist Youth.

The film schedule includes "Issac Singer's Nightmare and Mrs. Pupko's Beard" and "Yiddish: The Mame-Loshn," Aug. 21; "Green Fields" (Greena Felder), Aug. 25; "End of Innocence: June 19, 1953," "Danzig" and "The Falashas," Aug. 28; and "The Wooden Gun," Sept. 1.

Series tickets or single tickets may be purchased at the Labor Zionist office, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 205A, Oak Park 48237. A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be enclosed.

For further information, call the LZA office at 987-3170.

THE FILM "The Fixer" will be shown by the American Jewish Congress at its next theater party at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the United Hebrew Schools Auditorium, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield.



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Lucas names council for job training program

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After a long political battle, Wayne County was selected by Gov. James J. Blanchard as the unit of government to administer the federal JTPA for most suburbs. The county's service area excludes Detroit and the downriver area, taking in the northwestern suburbs, Highland Park, Hamtramck and the Grosse Pointes.

"JTPA is designed to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to provide job training for economically

disadvantaged individuals facing serious barriers to employment," said Lucas.

PIC is to produce a plan for the service delivery area covering training, job search, relocation assistance and job development for persons facing layoffs.

One of the appointees is Robert FitzPatrick, executive director of the Wayne County Economic Development Corp. and Lucas' Republican rival in the 1982 county executive race.

Among four educators is Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft College and one of three local government members is Maurice Breen, supervisor of Plymouth Township.

AMONG 18 business appointees are: Ralph Lorenz, owner of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth; William Austin, director of the Livonia Community Credit Union; Daniel Bergstrom, Bergstrom Plumbing & Heating in Redford Township; Mary Ann Cromwell, manager of the First Federal office in Westland; and Victor Wilkinson, general manager of Howmet Corp.'s metal products division in Plymouth.

Five labor representatives include Sandra Florek, a counselor at Schoolcraft, as well as representatives of the Ironworkers, United Auto Workers, Teamsters and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The program is designed to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to provide job training for the economically disadvantaged.

William Lucas
Wayne County Executive



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These seniors on fast track

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Jim Gibbons hopes it could be the start of something big.

The Redford Union coach and teacher, who moonlights during the summer at the Redford Township Parks and Recreation Department, helped conduct the first-ever Senior Olympics Tuesday night at Howard Kraft Field.

"We had 30 participants and we're definitely doing it again," Gibbons said. "We felt it went well considering the first year. A lot of the competitors were 40 and over. They thanked us for having it. One guy said he keeps in shape, but there are never any sprint or jumping events for his age group, only road races. He was grateful for the opportunities."

The event suited 59-year-old Rex Ferrine just fine.

He recorded some impressive clockings by winning the men's 40 and over 440-yard dash (1:08.2), 880 run (2:28.1) and mile (5:03.0).

ART KITZE JR. of Garden City sparked in the 25-30 men's division with victories in the 440 (1:01.5), 880 (2:14.5) and mile (4:36.0). His father, Art Kitze Sr., captured the men's 40 and over two mile in 12:32.0, while Stan Polkowski ran an impressive 10:59.0 to win the men's 30-40 two mile.

While Kitze dominated the 25-30 distance events, Southfield's Terry Elsey was doing the same in the 30-40 age bracket with wins in the 440 (1:02.9), 880 (2:18.4) and mile (4:42.0).

Even Gibbons got into the act. He won the 30-40 men's discus and shot put events with tosses of 97-feet-11-inches and 39-8, respectively.

His counterpart in girls' track coaching, John McGreevy of Bishop Borgess High School, ruled the 30-40 division long jump with a leap of 13-11.

"A LOT of people hung around to see

what was going on and then some of them participated in the later events," said Gibbons. "They saw the others and they weren't shy any more."

"We hope to publicize the event more next year. We're going to try to get the word out to the runners at the road races. We'll have this as an annual event the last Tuesday of every July."

Richard Levy was another of the meet's top scorers. He won four events including men's 40 and over long jump, discus, 100 dash and 50 dash.

Gerry Levy took the women's 35 and over dashes at 50 and 100 yards.

Other women's champions included Eileen McManus, high jump and 100; and Joan Bass, long jump, 50 and 100 dashes.

In the men's 25-30 age group, Mike Sweeney ran impressively with a time of 15.4 in the 120 hurdles and 5.9 in the 50 dash.

ALSO in the men's 25-30 class, Duane Kimmel swept the pole vault and high jump, while Greg Bassaras captured the shot put and discus. Richard Glanda, meanwhile, swept the long jump, 100 dash and 50 dash in the same age category.

The men's 30-40 division produced a double winner in Larry Marshall (high jump and 100 dash).

Ron Munson, a teacher at Thurston High School, won the 120 hurdles for competitors 40 and up in 20.01.

In the final event, the Masters Relay, the combined age of the four runners had to exceed 125 years. Sweeney, Munson, Glanda and Marshall won the event with a 440-yard clocking of 52.7.

"We plan to run more relay events like that," promised Gibbons. "Everybody seemed to have fun."

In addition to mentioning the winners, Gibbons also saluted Donna Hohl, who captured the women's 40 and over 440 run, and Stu Warren, who competed in "six or seven events."



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Redford seniors proved they were more than capable athletes in a variety of ways in last Tuesday's first-ever Senior Olympics.

Thurston grid gets "Switch"

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Redford Thurston announced the hiring of a new football coach last week.

He is John Switchenko, a Connecticut native, who moved into the area just recently.

Switchenko has been an assistant football coach the past seven years at public high schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He was the head basketball coach the past five years at Windham (Conn.) High School.

The new coach replaces Mark LaPointe, who resigned after three years because of health problems.

Switchenko, a graduate of Southern Connecticut State College, moved recently to Plymouth with his wife Deborah, who took a senior engineering job with Burroughs Corp.

"The biggest drawback is that I won't be in the school," said Switchenko, "but I hope to do some substitute teaching."

"I've had trouble finding assistants so far. That's been my biggest obstacle."

THURSTON principal Dr. Jack Harms along with William Weber, assistant superintendent of the South Redford School District, interviewed Switchenko early last week. He was one of five candidates considered for the position, according to Thurston officials.

"I applied to a number of schools in the area before I came here," Switchenko said. "And things worked out well for me coaching."

Thurston finished 0-9 last year. Midway through the season, LaPointe was sidelined by a mild heart attack in a game at the Pontiac Silverdome. Dan Knapp served as interim coach the rest of the season. Thurston was 3-24 during LaPointe's stint.

"I wrote a letter to the players introducing myself," Switchenko said. "It serves my needs that I don't know about the past."

"As a new coach I'll be coming in.

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Sports show: cards, bats and stinky caps

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

The spacious hall at the Plymouth Hilton was jammed with dealers, collectors and curious onlookers Friday at the 14th annual Plymouth Sports Collectors' Show.

Uniforms hung from the walls, along with posters, pennants, old pictures and Wheaties boxes; autographed bats lay neatly in a row on a table in one corner of the room; baseball cards — the staple of these shows — were stacked in piles everywhere; 150 dealers from around the United States, and as far away as Vancouver, hawked their wares; the lights, camera and action of the Channel 7 news crew followed sportscaster John Gross around as he compiled his report.

It was big business — more than 5,000 fans, at prices of \$1 a head for adults and \$50 for children, were expected for the four-day show, which ended Sunday — big enough that someone with a spare Honus Wagner could

expect to unload it for more than \$20,000.

The sports show wasn't always big business. Just ask Lloyd or Carol Toerpe, who began the thing in 1969 and still head it today. They didn't need a huge hall then. They didn't even need a little one.

"We held it in our apartment one afternoon," said Carol. "There were 15 or 20 people trading cards."

"I got into collecting 16 years ago," explained Lloyd, who lives in Flint. "Back then you'd have people meeting at someone's house. Five or 10 people who were there by invitation, a swap meet. Now, we could use a hall twice this size."

THE SWAP MEET days are long gone. There's still some swapping going on, but mostly it's business, pure and simple. "All Prices are F-I-R-M" read one dealer's sign, with the "F-I-R-M" underlined.

Another sign, professionally lettered, proclaimed that at least one dealer had

gone corporate. "Pittsburgh Sports Collectibles Inc.," it said.

Another banner proclaimed a table as that of Atlanta Sports Cards Inc. of Norcross, Ga. You could buy a 1962 Carl Yaztrzemski card there for \$1.50, or if you were a Dodger fan and wanted one of Rick Rhoden's jerseys from 1977, no problem: \$175 and it was yours.

Jim Hawkins, the longtime Detroit Free Press sports writer who used to cover the Tigers but found it more profitable to sell memorabilia and equipment instead of stories, was there, too. He owns the Fan Attic in Farmington Hills. He was busy; Lance Parrish posters were going as fast as one of his rocket shots into the left field stands; there was even a run on Marty Castillo bats.

"I can't believe it," said Hawkins. "I'm all out. I sold five of 'em and could have sold three more."

Alan Trammell, the Tigers' slick shortstop, was there, as was Dan Quisenberry, the excellent relief pitcher

for the Kansas City Royals, who were in town. Trammell and Quisenberry weren't there to collect cards, but to collect a few pesos for signing autographs. Some of the autograph seekers were fans; many others were there as an investment, paying \$1 for a pair of autographs they would sell later at a profit.

(Dan Petry was there Friday and Bill Freehan Sunday.)

SOME SIGHTS and sounds and things you could learn strolling the hall:

• Though this is the 14th annual Plymouth Sports Collectors' Show, it has only been held in Plymouth the last five years. "We used to have a different name, but someone stole it," explained Carol Toerpe.

• Dan Quisenberry is a class act, kind, affable, quick to smile, quick to gab. "He was just great," said one member of the committee that put the show together, "not like a lot of those other turkeys you get." Most players, it

seems, go through an autograph session as if it were a trip to the dentist.

Hank Aaron, the top home run hitter of all time, refuses to sign anything other than his name. Once, when asked to sign a ball to so-and-so, so-and-so being someone's young child, he at first refused, saying he was paid only to sign his name. He then told the man to hang around till the autograph session was done and he'd give him the special signature. The man waited hours till the session ended; Aaron then told him no again.

• Babe Ruth rarely signed anything. Many of the autographs going around that spell his name were in fact signed by a friend of his.

• For \$200, you can buy the jersey of Dave Fearmster, the Redford native now playing hockey for the Chicago Black Hawks.

• Three obese men sit behind a table, making their living selling pictures of sleek athletes. One gets up to make a sale and rolls off fat gulver.

• A pony-tailed, bearded, pot-bellied, blue-jeaned man who looks like he just stepped out of a time machine from the '60s, wanders the room, muttering that he's "looking for some '57s."

• There's no accounting for taste. One dealer told the story of the woman who last year bought one of Enos Cabell's old caps. The inside was stained with perspiration. She was back again this year, looking for another of Cabell's caps. The dealer handed her one. "Fine," she said, "but does it have his smell? The smell's gone out of the other one." She gave it a sniff, found it to her satisfaction and bought it.



Examining the goods is something every good sports collector has to do. At right, Jim Rowe of Wabash, Ind., peers over a collection of sports cards, while at left, Ed and Dolores Budnick of St. Clair Shores check out a pair of rare basketball shoes.

Staff photos by Bill Brealer



Skeleton crew is Bloomfield champ

By Charles D. McEwen
special writer

Last Saturday and Sunday, 250 runners from across the state extended themselves to the limits of their endurance by participating in the West Bloomfield 24-hour relay.

The fourth annual race was held on the West Bloomfield High School track for the Association for Retarded Citizens.

To the casual observer traveling past the track at 2 a.m., it may have been an odd sight. Lights normally used for late-night football games were ablaze. Bepath them, a carousel was turning round and round.

This was a carousel motivated, not by machinery, but by human endurance, energy and discipline. It was a carousel of runners.

Each runner traveled around four times to accumulate one mile before exchanging a baton with a teammate. The teammate would then run four laps of his own.

After finishing, each runner would disappear into a temporary canvas city of tents and canopies, sprawled across the football field to await their next turn.

"I've just finished my 16th mile," said Matt Daly, a member of the

Skeleton Crew team, during the middle of the race. "My reward is that I get to wait around 50 minutes so that I can run again."

RONALD RICH of West Bloomfield has participated in all four relays. He says that the most difficult part about the race is the 50-90 minute wait a runner experiences between each of his mile intervals.

Moreover, it is this psychological factor that creates a higher dropout rate than is found in marathons, said Rich. And it is this dropout rate that may make the difference between winning and finishing second in a relay.

This may have been the case with the Skeleton Crew, which won the event for the second straight year. The Crew finished with all 10 of their men. On the other hand, the Chivas Striders had just six runners left at the end of the 24 hours.

The Skeleton Crew finished with 370 miles in the race, which was four more than it attained last year. The Striders finished with 260 miles.

Leading the Crew to victory were Steve Williams of Allen Park, Tim Parsons of Southgate and John Byrnes of Birmingham. Each averaged around five minutes per mile.

"No one loses in this type of an event," said Rich.

24-hour run? It can be done

By Brian Boston
special writer

The crowd that greeted me Saturday morning shared more than a love for running. Diversity was certainly a common trait.

Short men, tall women, bearded seniors, energetic youngsters and everything in between filtered onto West Bloomfield High School's track. But it was their enthusiasm for running that attracted them.

The purpose of their visit was common among them — to run in the ARC 24-hour Team Relay.

As the early-risers staked out their tents in preparation for the grueling event ahead, I reflected back on the first question I asked when hearing of the relay:

"What is this grandiose event of the modern running world?"

THE ANSWER was short in coming. The ARC Relay, which began a year ago, consisted of 10-person teams. The rules were simple: each member runs one mile, then passes the baton to the next team member. The object is to see how many miles a team can pile up in a 24-hour period.

The competition is divided into divisions, with trophies awarded to mileage winners in each. We were competing in the co-ed division.

But trophies were not what brought many of the people to West Bloomfield Saturday. Each competitor signed up sponsors, who pledged a certain sum per mile. The funds were forwarded to the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC).

The 11 a.m. starting time was fast approaching, and I, along with the other members of my five-male, five-female Athletics East team awaited

Brian Boston was one of 10 local high school students on the Athletics East team that competed in the 24-hour relay marathon last week at West Bloomfield. Boston's team finished first in its division. This story is Brian's account of the race.

the hour with nervous anticipation. As captain, I was anxious to see that we got off to a good start.

RACE DIRECTOR Terry Dibble launched the 18 teams promptly and the race was on. Our lead-off man, Don Miller, took the early lead, but by the time the baton got to me our team was no longer leading.

My muscles were stretched, but they still felt tight as I paced myself through my first mile, the enthusiastic cheers of my teammates greeting me as I rounded the track.

With four miles completed, I was feeling loose and strong. The heat and humidity, however, drove both my Athletics East teammates and myself, as well as most of the other teams, to seek shade and plenty of water. I avoided heavy foods, sticking to grapes, oranges and cherries.

"Got to keep stretching," I told myself between each of my four-lap legs. After my seventh mile I really began to feel good, despite the sizzling asphalt that penetrated my shoes and gave my feet a burning sensation.

I WAS ALSO pleased with my times, which hovered around 5:30, since it wasn't taking much of an effort.

The seal of many of the runners

dipped with the setting of the sun. However, my teammates were unflustered, instead hooting uncontrollably as Khalil Karadahi completed our 100th mile.

Friends and parents arrived with all sorts of goodies — pop, chips and the like — the kind of stuff you don't want to think about while running. I tried to keep my mind off the sunburn I acquired earlier in the day through my 11th mile. The cool night air made the running much easier and I was on a fast stride.

The night proved perfect for such an event. With the evening came a full moon, and with the full moon came the oddities it often summons. Runners blew party horns, flashed lights and dressed themselves in brightly colored ties in an attempt to keep us all awake.

I still felt only slightly fatigued after 16 miles and, with the help of a fellow runner, turned in my best time of 5:32.

AT 4 A.M. I was still wide awake and going strong, but most of my Athletics East teammates were starting to dose off with seven hours to go. My vocal chords felt more of a strain than my legs as I spent many of the dark miles yelling for the sleeping runners in our tent.

I was surprised to find our team leading in the co-ed division. I felt

strong enough to continue at a steady pace throughout the night. The morning was a different story.

The sun had risen as I started my 21st mile. We had already lost two girls to exhaustion (once a runner misses a turn, he or she can no longer run) and I was concerned. Fortunately, the rest of us were in better shape, although it was difficult for me to tell as I ran my mile at 6:45 a.m. My calves and thighs tightened and my steps followed each other deliriously.

TEAM SPIRITS improved when Kathy Curtiss donned a cape (previously her blanket) to cross the 200-mile mark. It was clear we had a good lead in the co-ed division if we could keep it up for a few more hours. We took the track with visions of victory in our heads.

Dave Homann, who started Saturday with sub-five-minute miles, continued going strong.

After a diet of just fruit for the previous 20 hours, I was ready for a solid meal. What I ate for breakfast was whatever leftovers I could scrounge up: tostitos, cake, orange juice. Not exactly what you'd find on Bruce Jenner's training table.

ON MY 25TH mile I was thinking neither of stomach nor my legs, which by now had turned to jelly. I wanted only to finish the relay in winning style. A joyful sigh greeted the clock's striking of the 24th hour and end of the race.

Athletics East had run 227 miles, earning each of us a trophy. We had also raised \$800 in pledges, which made my aching body a little less painful.

"It was worth it," I concluded, walking slowly, and stiffly, off the track.

"Switch" for Thurston

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with a good attitude. I have to establish myself, a system and just look ahead to the future."

SWITCHENKO calls himself a "Wing-T (formation) person" offensively.

"It's a running offense, but it's good for kids not as big and powerful," he said. "It's good for angle blocking and it uses misdirection in the backfield."

Defensively, Switchenko plans to use a Split-4 (alignment).

"At least in my mind that's what we'll do," he said. "We'll adjust, of course, to the team we're playing. It's an eight-man front with three-deep in the secondary. We'll use zone coverage."

"It allows them to stunt and it should be an advantage against bigger and stronger teams."

Switchenko doesn't have much time to familiarize himself with his



John Switchenko new environment. He takes his team to conditioning camp Aug. 14 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (Thurston opens its season Sept. 10 at home against Northville).

"I WANT TO be competitive and win a game and get some confidence," he said. "We can't expect to out-muscle our opponents, but I want to get the kids disciplined and to execute, and maybe we can steal a few wins."

"But I want to enjoy myself with some good teaching."

Erhard zaps Gangsters

Erhard Motors took advantage of nine Gangster errors to roll to a lopsided 13-1 victory in a Garden City Invitational Baseball League contest Thursday at Garden City Park.

In another contest at Garden City Park earlier Thursday evening, Three Kegs Round outslugged Beech Daly Clinic, 13-9.

The Erhard Motors-Gangsters clash was halted by the mercy rule after six innings. Greg Kuhnlein got the win for Erhard, now 9-7 for the year, striking out eight while allowing four hits, three walks and one unearned run.

John Allen's bases-loaded single brought in two runs and forced the in-

voking of the mercy rule in the sixth. Allen added a third RBI with a force-out. Al Shay clubbed two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. Todd Curvin had two hits and one RBI and Kevin Parks knocked in a pair of runs with one hit.

Mark Ryan collected three of the Gangster's four hits. Harlan Lee worked the first 4 1/3 innings to take the defeat.

The loss dropped the Gangsters to 2-13. The Expos and A&K Electric remain tied for the league lead at 12-4. Three Kegs Round is 11-7, followed by Warrick Clutch (8-6), Erhard, Beech Daly Clinic (7-6), the Gangsters and the Runners (1-16).

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The 1983 Schoolcraft College mixed doubles open tennis tournament will be Aug. 19-21. Winners and runners-up will receive trophies, with the champions also splitting \$50. Entries will be taken until 10 p.m., Aug. 17. The fee is \$15 a team. For more information, call 591-6592 during business hours.

● SPORTS CARD SHOW
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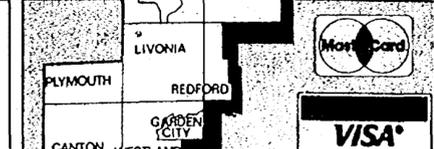
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