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## places and faces

### ELECTION OUTTAKES:

The mayor's chair won't be the only one Charles Griffin will vacate next year.

During the campaign Griffin said he would step down from his position as chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne. The CWW is an alliance of 17 western Wayne County communities that meets periodically to discuss regional issues.

"I essentially took the (chairman's) job to help guide the introduction of Enhanced 9-1-1 for the area," Griffin said.

The emergency telephone system has been on line since June.

Griffin was edged by challenger Robert Thomas in last Tuesday's mayoral election.

The steady morning and early afternoon rain didn't seem to affect turnout, which was a relatively high 35.2 percent. But it did manage to dampen (pun intended) the morale of some workers.

Asked how he really felt about standing outside Precinct 8 (Patchin Elementary School) all day, a Thomas supporter said at first: "I must be really stupid."

"Actually, if you really believe in your candidate, it isn't that big of a deal," the man, who identified himself only as Rich, said a moment later.

Kent Herbert, who didn't seek re-election to the city council, spent a relaxing evening at Thomas' victory party.

Herbert said he didn't miss the "old election-night butterflies" and had no regrets about his decision to step down from the council.

**THE CITY** will have its monthly distribution of surplus food Thursday and Friday at the Dorsey Community Center, on Dorsey east of Venoy.

Surplus butter, beans, corn meal and pork will be given out.

Eligible residents of Norwayne and Glenwood Gardens should pick up food packages 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday.

Remaining residents should pick up packages 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.

Senior citizens living in Westgate Towers, Greenwood Villa or Taylor Towers should call their building manager to find out days and times of distribution.

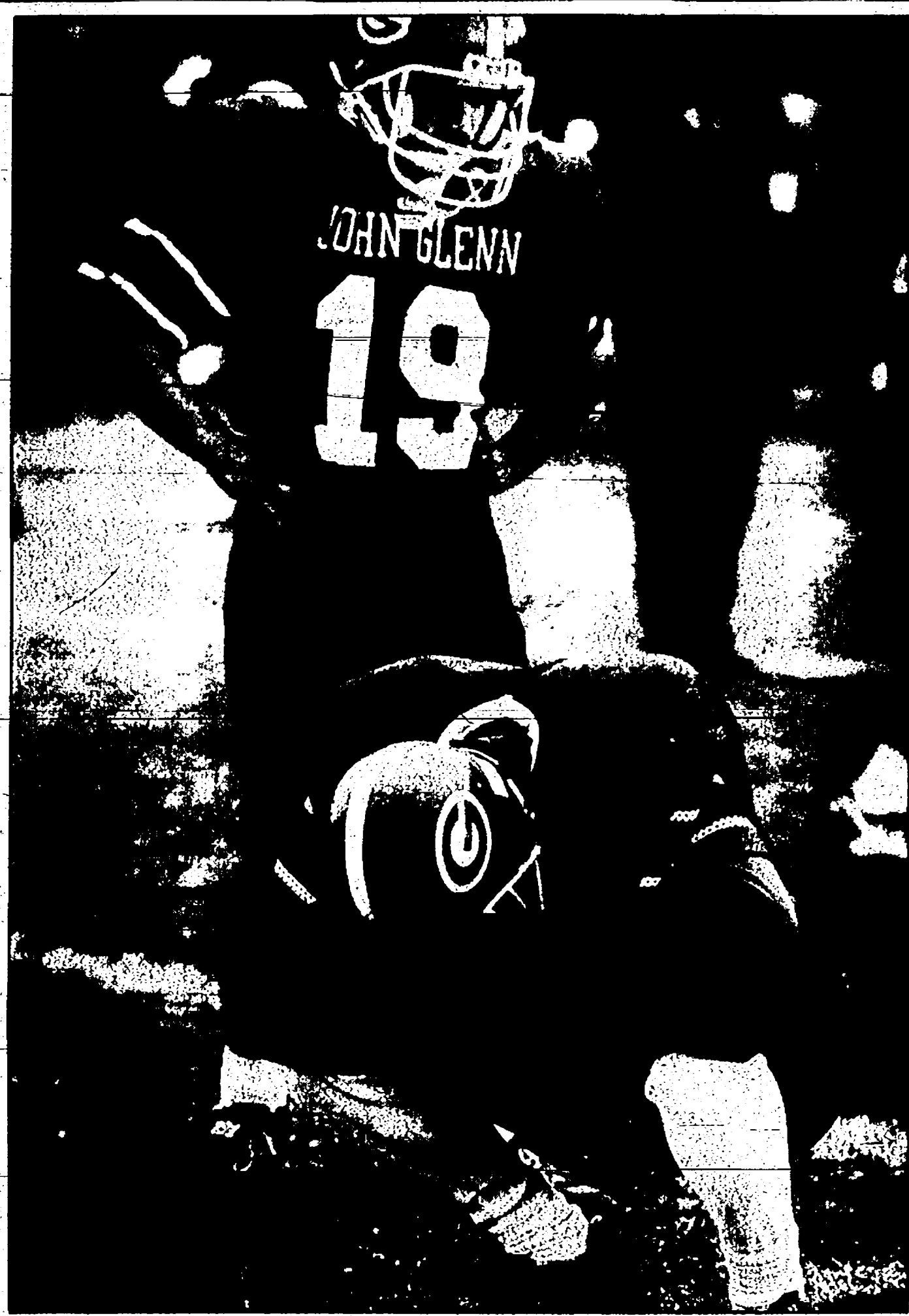
Anyone interested can call the Dorsey Center hotline at 595-0366.

**THE WESTLAND Sports Arena** will have registration for winter season ice skating classes Monday, Nov. 27-Thursday, Nov. 30.

Registration hours are noon-6 p.m. at the arena, Wildwood north of Ford.

Classes, which cost \$30, are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. The eight-week session begins Dec. 4. Anyone interested can call the arena at 729-4560.

**JOHN GLENN High School** principal James Myers has been appointed to a three-year term on the Larger Secondary School Committee of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The seven-member committee works at improving learning opportunities for students and professional growth projects for administrators of larger secondary schools.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

## Heartbreaking ending

Bryan Clark of Westland John Glenn (bottom) can't hide his disappointment along with teammate Joe Meriwether after the Rockets fell to top-ranked Birmingham

Brother Rice in the Region III football final, 27-21. For more on the game, please turn to Page 1C.

## Chore corps

### Home program helps senior citizens

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

As fall weather cools down, action in Westland's Home Chore Program is heating up.

Late fall, when leaves need raking and walkways or porches need to be shoveled after early snowfalls, is the busy season for the 12-year-old program that helps homebound senior citizens with household chores and light maintenance, said Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, executive director of

the city's senior resources department.

"There's more demand (on workers) because of all the leaves," Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "We rake them up and a few days later they're back on the ground."

The Westland program, based in the Friendship Center, currently serves approximately 250 clients, Kozorosky-Wiacek said. Program coordinator is Delores Krupnak.

The program is staffed by one paid employee, two full-time volunteers supplied by the General Motors

Corp. and six part-time paid volunteers.

**THROUGH THE** program, seniors 60 and older may ask for someone to come out to their house to rake leaves, shovel snow, clean windows, trim bushes or do light housekeeping. The workers earn approximately \$4-\$5 per hour for the various chores.

The part-time volunteers generally spend at least five hours each week servicing clients, more during

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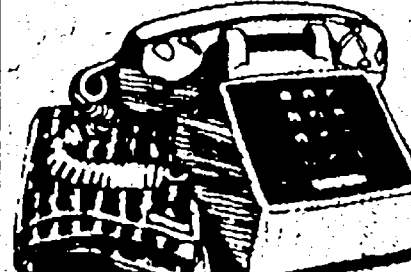
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## Students honored

Nearly 200 John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School students were honored last week at an academic awards program with the emblems of the two schools behind them. For more on the program, turn to Page 3A.

## Tax-increase election likely in the spring

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

Tuesday's crushing defeat of Proposals A and B means Wayne-Westland school district voters will face a tax-increase election by spring, Superintendent Dennis O'Neill said Thursday.

"To continue to provide the same kind of quality education for our students, we're going to have to find additional money," O'Neill said. "If not, we could be facing a crisis situation next fall."

The district used up most of its \$4.1 million surplus to cover a budget shortfall this year, O'Neill said.

The superintendent said a committee of district residents and employees that pushed for passage of the two proposals will have a follow-up meeting to discuss ballot language and possible election dates.

The school board has final approval in setting up special elections.

Late winter or early spring would be the most likely time for an election, O'Neill said.

**BEFORE LAST** week's statewide vote, O'Neill said that the failure of

Proposals A and B would mean that Wayne-Westland would need a renewal of 2.75 operating mills, passage of an additional 5 operating mills and an override of the Headlee Amendment, which limits local property tax increases to the annual rate of inflation.

"I'm not sure what would appear on the ballot, but it could be a combination of two of those three," he said.

A mill is equivalent to \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, or \$30 in taxes on a home with a \$60,000 market value.

The district's current operating is 43.4 mills, and its total rate of 52.86 mills is the highest in western Wayne County.

O'Neill remains optimistic that voters will view a local election differently than they did the state proposals, which lost by a 3-1 margin statewide and were rejected by large margins in Westland, Wayne and other communities that make up the school district.

In Westland, Proposal A was de-

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## Arson suspect turns himself in

A 16-year-old Westland youth surrendered to police last week in connection with the Oct. 12 arson that destroyed the John Glenn High School senior class homecoming float.

The boy, accompanied by an uncle, turned himself in Monday, said fire marshal Robert Perry. A warrant seeking his arrest had been obtained last month.

The boy will be charged as a juvenile with arson of real property, Perry said. He faces a maximum penal-

ty of placement in a juvenile detention center until he is 19.

Perry said the boy appeared "concerned about his situation" and "a little remorseful" for what he allegedly did.

The youth isn't a student at either John Glenn or Wayne Memorial High School, Perry said.

An anonymous tip to police led to the arrest, according to Perry.

Nobody was injured in the fire, which took place on the eve of homecoming in a vacant lot where the float was being stored.

## School board plans to rebuild strength

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

A process similar to the one used to select Terri Reighard Johnson for the school board in 1988 is being considered to fill the vacancy created by Johnson's election to the Westland City Council, two Wayne-Westland school officials said last week.

That process included an open invitation to district residents, review of applicants by a board committee and public interviews of the finalists at special board meetings before the board voted to accept Johnson.

"People seemed to feel it was a very fair way to go about it," board

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Terri Reighard Johnson move leaves vacancy



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

# Chore program gives seniors a hand

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the busy fall season, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

It takes approximately two weeks to visit the entire client list. Then workers start over again, from the top.

Most clients are aware that it may take several days before someone stops by, although a few occasionally become impatient, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

BUT THE program has more to it than helping elderly or disabled people maintain their property, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

"In some cases, the home chore worker is the only chance for personal contact," Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "The worker has a chance to observe other needs and report back to us so we can help."

"Their (clients') pride is sometimes fierce," she said. "They might be reluctant to tell anybody that they could use some help."

The contact between Home Chore clients and workers may lead to involvement with other services provided by the center, such as Meals on Wheels or the center's Telephone Assurance Program, which features daily telephone calls made by center volunteers to shut-ins.

**'In some cases, the home chore worker is the only chance for personal contact.'**

— Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek

THE CITY program no longer relies on financing through Senior Alliance grants, according to Kozorosky-Wiacek. Instead, money comes out of the city's share of federal CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds.

The CDBG setup provides more money — \$12,000 compared to \$7,000 annually — and is more efficient, Kozorosky-Wiacek said. She estimated the annual cost of the program at \$45,000.

Using the CDBG money to run

Westland's program also enables local residents to use the Senior Alliance-financed home chore program run by the private Child and Family Services organization. Residents may use either program, but not both, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

Equipment used by workers is donated or sold at cost by local businesses.

Westland residents 60 and over may enroll in the home chore program by calling Krupnak at the Friendship Center, 722-7632, or Marion Morris of Child and Family Services, 453-0890.

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# District plans special school tax election

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feated 11,346-4,001 and Proposal B was defeated 12,792-2,066.

In Wayne, Proposal A went down 2,257-928,

while voters rejected Proposal B 2,491-596.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS had strongly endorsed passage of both proposals.

O'Neill attributed the failure of the state-wide proposals to a "lack of trust" on the part

of voters and the fact that having both on the ballot was confusing for many.

"This is the third time this kind of measure hasn't passed (similar school finance reform measures failed in 1972 and 1980)," O'Neill

said. "We'll have to work at pointing out that this (the upcoming millage request) is something strictly local, for our own benefit," O'Neill said. "Hopefully, people will be more in tune with that kind of an effort."

# Board looks to replace Johnson

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president Andrew Spisak said. "Everything was done in the open."

The way the board handled the 1986 vacancy was "very well received by the community," said Tom Svitkovich, associate superintendent for communications and finance.

THE BOARD would consider "any interested (resident) who really has a

desire to serve the community" for the opening, Spisak said.

Whoever fills Johnson's board seat would have to run next June to fill the balance of her term, which expires June 30.

The process could take three or four weeks after Johnson steps down and the board was "in no big hurry" to find her replacement, Spisak said.

JOHNSON, ELECTED to fill one

of four city council seats Tuesday, would leave her school board post before her Jan. 1 inauguration, she said.

Michigan residents aren't legally barred from serving on two elected bodies at the same time. But in Westland, school board and council meetings are often on the same night at conflicting times.

Johnson, 31, was appointed to the school board in September 1986, replacing Rex Wilhoite, who left the district for a job in Syracuse, N.Y., after his election three months earlier. She was elected in June 1987 to fill the remaining three years of his term.

Eight candidates applied for the vacancy three years ago.

In addition to Johnson, the applicants were Bryan Amann, David Carpenter, Sandra Cicirelli (elected

to a city council seat last week), Derek Delacourt, William Liedel, Timothy Naughton and Stephen Oscarson.

SEVERAL SCHOOL board members last week praised Johnson for her contributions since her appointment three years ago.

"I think she contributed a lot of intuition, a lot of common sense to the board," Spisak said.

"She filled a void," Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "She was a good representative for the younger people in our community."

"She was conscientious, dedicated and hardworking and she did her homework," Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

Johnson "lent stability to the board" and was a good legislator, Sharon Scott said.

## cop calls

SOMEONE went to a lot of trouble to steal a car from the 28600 block of Hanover.

The 1969 Chevrolet Caprice, which was undrivable due to a damaged front end, was apparently towed away from the backyard where it was being stored, its owner told police.

The car was stolen between Nov. 4 and 6, the owner said.

A RESIDENT of the 5600 block of N. Christine reported to police that her live-in boyfriend assaulted her during an argument, Nov. 5.

The woman, 22, wasn't seriously injured, police said.

The woman told police her boyfriend, a 23-year-old Livonia man, hit her several times and choked her during the altercation.



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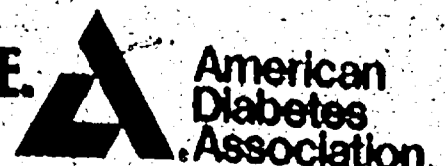
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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
October 24, 1989

Present were Mayor Pro-tem Plakas, Councilmembers Schildberg, Nunneley, and Boehringer. Absent and excused were Mayor Fordell and Councilmembers Majka, and McNulty. Moved by Schildberg, supported by Boehringer, RESOLVED: To award the contract for the Maplewood Parking Lot Extension to S & J Seal Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$14,325 for Schedule B, as recommended by the City Engineer and Administration. YEAS: Unanimous. The Meeting was then adjourned.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER,  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 16, 1989

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 P.M.

Present were Mayor Fordell, Councilmembers Plakas, Schildberg, Majka, Nunneley, Boehringer, and McNulty. Absent none.

On soliciting comments on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Fences

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.

Present were Mayor Fordell, Councilmembers Plakas, Schildberg, Majka, Nunneley, Boehringer, and McNulty. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Austin, City Clerk-Treasurer Showalter, City Attorney Mack, Community Development Director Carroll, Human Resources Director Noel, Police Lead Commander Wilkes, Police Analyst Sundstrom, and Assistant to the City Manager Myers.

Moved by McNulty, supported by Nunneley, RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 2, 1989, as presented. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Boehringer, supported by McNulty, RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Majka, supported by Plakas, RESOLVED: To approve the following Consent Agenda:

- To approve the request by the Garden City Order of the Eastern Star for permission to solicit donations for the annual Christmas Bazaar, to be held November 18, 1989.
- To approve the Proclamation naming the American Forestry Association for donating trees to the City under the "Global Relief" program.
- To approve the Proclamation declaring the week of October 15-22, 1989, as "Business Women's Week."
- To call a Special Council Workshop on Tuesday, October 24, 1989, at 7:30 P.M., to review the proposed Plakos Development and Special Use Ordinances.
- To approve a Resolution adjusting the After School Program Fees.

YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Schildberg, supported by Boehringer, RESOLVED: To approve the amendment of the Code of the City of Garden City by adding a new Section to 141.018, as recommended by the Planning Commission and Administration. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Nunneley, supported by McNulty, RESOLVED: To award the contract for Housing Rehabilitation Case Number 07228 through 07232 to the respective lowest responsible bidders, R-Value Construction Company and Dana Building Company, for the respective amounts listed on the bid recommendation, as recommended by the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Schildberg, supported by McNulty, RESOLVED: To award the contract for a color-operated photocopier to the lowest responsible bidder, Gestetner Corporation, in the amount of \$2,593, inclusive of the net equipment cost and first year of maintenance, as recommended by the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by McNulty, supported by Boehringer, RESOLVED: To award the contract for the 1989 Crack Sealing Program to the lowest responsible bidder, Imperial Blacktop Paving Company, in the amount of \$39,744.00, as recommended by the City Engineer and Administration. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Plakas, supported by Majka, RESOLVED: To award the contract for four (4) mobile radios to the sole bidder, Motorola Communications and Electronics, Incorporated, in the amount of \$4,118.00, as recommended by the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Nunneley, supported by Schildberg, RESOLVED: To approve a Change of Use for the property located at 28198 Ford Road, from a Meat Market to a Retail Consumer Electronics Store, as recommended by the Planning Commission and Administration and subject to the conditions stipulated by the Planning Commission. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by Plakas, supported by Majka, RESOLVED: To call a Special Council Meeting on October 24, 1989, at 7:00 P.M. to consider the contract for the Maplewood Parking Lot Expansion. YEAS: Unanimous.

Moved by McNulty, supported by Boehringer, RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations, and litigation. YEAS: Unanimous.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

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Showing off their academic awards are Jennifer Gerhart (left) of Wayne Memorial, Daniel Babcock of John Glenn and Jennifer Lim of Wayne Memorial.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

# To the letters: Top students in district pick up academic letters

By Leonard Poger editor

Wayne-Westland high school students received special letters, and the recipe for success in school and life, in a ceremony Wednesday night.

The letters were presented to 127 students as part of the third annual academic letter awards program created to recognize outstanding students publicly.

Another 69 pupils who received academic letters in previous years were awarded pins and certificates to signify their accomplishments.

Superintendent Dennis O'Neill praised the honored students — for their hard work and accomplishments, and parents — for providing important support.

While many factors contribute to their success, two separate the pupils from classmates who are not part of the honors program, O'Neill said. Those factors are ability and family support.

When students evaluate "where you're at" and how they got there, "you will realize that the difference rests solely with our individual effort," O'Neill said.

**THE PROGRAM**, initiated in 1986 by school board member Mathew McCusker, provides letters to students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average for one school year. The letters are similar to those given to varsity athletes.

John Glenn students received a letter with an overlapping "JG" in their red and black colors, while Wayne Memorial students went home with a "W" letter in their blue and gold.

Taking part were school board members, district administrators and high school officials.

Several hundred parents attended the ceremony in the Wayne Memorial Stockmeyer Auditorium and the reception in the school's media center.

It was the first awards ceremony for the two high schools jointly. Previously, each had separate programs on different nights.

**THE PURPOSE** of combining the ceremony last week was to promote the unity of the district's high schools.

Students at the two schools attend

classes together at the William Ford Vocational/Technical Center and have student government exchanges, O'Neill said.

Students should take risks and enroll in challenging courses instead of taking other courses to ensure a high grade point average, O'Neill said. Many local high school graduates, after being in college for one or two years, wish they had taken more tougher courses in high school, he said.

"MAINTAINING A 4.0 or 3.5 hon-

or point average is commendable, but of more importance are the courses taken and the effort expended to earn those grades," he said.

"You can't be satisfied with the 'sure thing' and expect to be your best. You have to be a risk taker. It isn't as much as your IQ — as it is your 'I can' that helps you through the tougher course or the other challenges in life.

"Any goal worth pursuing is worth your total effort — and commitment is an essential part of success."

# 3 school unions picket to urge pact settlement

By Marie Chestney staff writer

Eight weeks into the school year, employees of three school unions carried picket signs and wore lapel buttons echoing words spoken by Superintendent Joseph Marinelli to show their frustration at not yet having negotiated contracts with Livonia Public Schools.

The Livonia School District includes the northern section of Westland.

Picketers representing the three unions — the Livonia Secretarial Association, Livonia Paraprofessional Association, and the Supervisory Employees Association of Livonia Schools — circled outside the Farmington-Road offices of the Livonia Board of Education last Monday before the board's bi-weekly meeting.

Inside, union members wearing buttons that read "No group should be taken for granted" urged the board to quickly settle the three contracts, all of which expired July 1.

**MARINELLI APPARENTLY** spoke those words at a breakfast gathering in September to welcome staff members back at the beginning of the school year.

"There is the insinuation that we can be replaced by anyone off the street; that we are taken for grant-

ed," said Jane Sellers, LPA president.

"We feel there is a lack of respect for people employed in these positions."

Samuel LaMonica, director of employee relations and benefits, said that perception is "absolutely not true."

"We'll convince them of that when we settle the contract," LaMonica said.

He called the words a "rallying cry" for union members.

The district has been bargaining with the three unions since spring.

One union, the LSA, is now in mediation before state-appointed mediator Edmund Phillips.

The first session before Phillips took place Oct. 17; the next takes place Nov. 16.

**JIM CARLSON**, chief negotiator for the three unions, said the LSA went to mediation first because that union has the most issues to settle.

Hours before school opened in September, the district reached a settlement with its teachers that gave them a 7-percent pay raise in each year of a three-year contract.

Carlson said the three unions "took a back seat" to the teachers' union over the summer so that LaMonica could concentrate on reaching an agreement with the

teachers' union and getting school started on time.

"If he had had the three unions plus the Livonia Education Association, there would have been trouble, so we stepped aside," Carlson said.

"We're now trying to reach an agreement but with the schools open it becomes less of a priority."

LSA president Joan Kandt said negotiations are complex because the LSA wants to cut the number of job classifications from seven to three while the district is more concerned about coming up with a contract that doesn't expire at the same time the LEA contract in 1992.

"The administration wants the reclassification but they don't want to give it unless we take either a two-year or a four-year contract."

**THE DISTRICT** wants to "space out" negotiations so that four contracts don't expire at the same time, as they did this year, LaMonica said.

The contract for the administrative workers expires in 1990; the contract for the bus drivers and food service workers expires in 1991.

LaMonica said the LSA will be hindering a settlement if it insists on a three-year contract.

He said the LSA's push for reclassification has "some merit as a negotiating item."

"But it's a costly item."

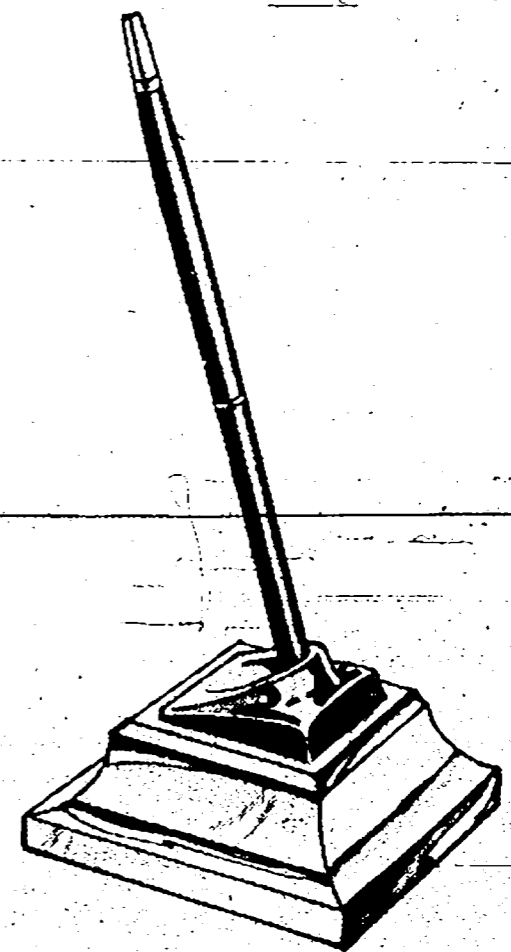


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## Fog cutter

Joe Kosok sweeps leaves from the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum driveway one recent morning. Kosok said he had trouble

finding the museum in the dense fog that shrouded the area.



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## DPS building faces \$80,000 renovation

The first-floor offices of the Westland public services department building on Marquette east of Newburgh will undergo extensive remodeling before the end of the year. The \$80,000 project was approved by the Westland City Council last week.

Meanwhile, council members tabled for the second time a request to approve a \$90,000 budget amendment for roof repairs at the Westland Sports Arena.

"We're going to basically remodel the entire first floor as a way to help increase productivity," said DPS director Robert Matzo. "The building has remained the same since it was built in the 1960s."

Matzo said improvements would include more room for clerical

workers and construction of a computer room. The city will eventually go to a computer mapping system to keep track of utilities, he said.

The remodeling will be overseen by Carne Associates Inc., a Plymouth architectural and planning firm. Previous Carne projects in the area have included the city hall and 29th District Court in Wayne, the West Building in Plymouth and the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority building in Dearborn Heights.

The project is expected to cost \$50,000 for office renovation and \$30,000 for work on the building's heating and cooling system.

It will be paid for with money out of the water and sewer fund's current fiscal budget.

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### \*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road October 16, 1989

The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of October 16, 1989; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request. President Tancill convened the meeting at 8:03 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Joseph Laura, Richard McKnight, Marjorie Roach, Patricia Sari, Carol Strom, Pat Tancill. Members Absent: Richard Thorderson (Out of Town).

Communications: Letters of appreciation and recognition were received for Board members in honor of Board Appreciation Week from Ms. Joanne Hughes, principal at Kennedy and the staff and students of the Headstart program.

Golden Apple Awards: Golden Apple Awards of appreciation were presented to district teachers John Colby and Joan Eighinger.

Audience Communications: Mr. Steve Smith, president of the LEADS organization, in honor of Board Appreciation Week, expressed appreciation to the Board for the time, effort and contributions they have made to the students of the Livonia Public Schools School District.

Minutes: The minutes and synopsis of the regular meeting of October 2, 1989 were approved as written. The minutes of the closed session of October 2, 1989 were approved as written.

Presentation: Elaine Koons, coordinator for the district's Parent Outreach Program, gave a brief presentation of the scope and activities of Parent Outreach. Gift - McKinley PTA: Motion by Strom and Roach to accept a gift of \$4,126 from the McKinley PTA to purchase risers, portable stage panels, stairways and storage carts. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None. CAD/CAM Equipment: Motion by Sari and Strom approving the purchase of CAD/CAM equipment for the Career Center, Franklin, and Stevenson High Schools in the amount of \$38,238. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Elementary Class Size: Motion by Strom and McKnight certifying that Livonia Public Schools will comply with an average class size of not more than 25 pupils for kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade and third grade collectively for the 1989-90 school year. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None. Graduation Requirements: Motion by McKnight and Strom that the Board comply with the State Department of Education requirements as a condition for graduation in 1991-92. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Drivers License Bill: Motion by Roach and Strom that the Board adopt a position of non-support for House Bill No. 4234 which would require the school district to notify the Secretary of State to deny a driver's license to an individual 16 years of age or older but less than 18 years of age if that individual has withdrawn from school. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None. Bills for Payment: Motion by Strom and Laura that General Fund checks Nos. 156244-156963 in the amount of \$3,656,982.64 be approved for payment except for check No. 156275 which is void. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Motion by Strom and Laura that Building and Qite check No. 11113 in the amount of \$2,020.00 be approved for payment. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Recess: President Tancill recessed the meeting at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

Audit Presentation: Tim Kaul and Helen Yantz of Hungerford, Cooper, Luxon & Co. made a formal presentation highlighting specific areas of the firm's review of the financial records of the Livonia Public Schools School District for the 1988-89 school year.

Acceptance of the Audit: Motion by Sari and Strom that the Board accept the 1988-89 audit report as presented by the firm of Hungerford, Cooper, Luxon & Co. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Demolition of Whitman: Motion by Roach and Sari to accept the low bid for the demolition of Whitman from Metro Wrecking in the amount of \$120,000. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Whitman Asbestos Bid Rejection: Motion by Laura and Strom that the Board reject all Whitman asbestos removal bids. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Retirements: Resolutions of appreciation were unanimously adopted for the following employees who are retiring: Nancy Fischer, Nellie Gillee, Shirley Perryman, Ruth Turczyn, and Dolores Sova.

Teacher Approvals: Motion by Strom and Laura to offer employment to the following teachers for the 1989-90 school year: Patricia Dubel, Julie Juennemann. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Cabinet Contracts: Motion by Strom and McKnight authorizing the superintendent to enter into two-year contracts for designated cabinet members. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Sympathy Resolution: The Board unanimously adopted a sympathy resolution to the family of Maxwell Johnson.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Marinelli reported on the following topics: school visits; visit to Lansing MOFDA meeting; elementary curriculum day; inservice on teacher evaluation process; MAISL meeting regarding schools of choice; PTA general membership meeting; business partnership between the Northwest Skill Center and Detroit Edison.

Board Policy Revisions: The following Board policy revisions were submitted for review by the Board with possible adoption at a future Board meeting: EDDA - Student Transportation Policy; GAAA - Personnel/Discriminatory Harassment of Employee; GAEAA (New) - Personnel/Discriminatory Harassment of Students.

Adoption of Exhibit Board Policy JDA: Motion by Strom and Sari approving Exhibit JDA and authorizing the superintendent to distribute a list of alternatives to corporal punishment to each employee, volunteer, and other appropriate individuals as provided by law. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Schools of Choice: Motion by Strom and Sari that the Board adopt a position opposing Senate Bill 51 and Substitute Bill 4615 or any similar substitute bills which allow for the mandating by petition of schools of choice. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

Board Committee Reports: Reports were heard from the following Board committees: Policy, Finance, Building & Site, Curriculum and Livonia Liaison. Hearing from Board Members: Board members commented on the following topics: NSBA Convention; and the PTA Council's General Membership meeting.

Recess to Closed Session: Motion by Roach and Sari that the meeting be recessed to closed session to discuss negotiations. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None.

President Tancill recessed the meeting to closed session at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:46 p.m. Adjournment: Motion by Strom and Sari to adjourn. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom, Tancill. Nays: None. President Tancill adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.



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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE (KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL USE ORDINANCE) AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HAS BEEN PROPOSED. A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1989, AT 7:15 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL, 6000 MIDDLEBELL ROAD, GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, CITY CLERK-TREASURER

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 111, TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY BY AMENDING THE "SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS" SECTION 111.022 AS FOLLOWS: THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

#### CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROPOSED SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS

- 111.022 - SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS
  - (A) Intent. The procedures and standards in this Section are intended to provide a consistent and uniform method for review of Special Use proposals. Special Uses are uses, either public or private, which possess unique characteristics and therefore cannot be properly classified as permitted uses in a particular zoning district. These review procedures and standards are intended to accomplish the following purposes:
    - (1) Ensure full compliance with the standards contained in this Ordinance and other applicable local ordinances, and state and Federal laws.
    - (2) Achieve efficient use of the land.
    - (3) Prevent adverse impact on adjoining or nearby properties.
    - (4) Protect natural resources.
    - (5) Facilitate development in accordance with the City's land use objectives.
  - (B) Procedures and Requirements. Special Use applications shall be submitted in accordance with the following procedures and requirements, which provide for review and action by the Planning Commission, followed by optional review by the City Council. Although a site plan must be submitted with a Special Use application, approval of the Special Use is required prior to site plan approval.
    - (1) Applicant Eligibility. The application shall be submitted by the owner of an interest in land for which Special Use approval is sought, or by the owner's designated agent. The applicant or a designated representative should be present at all scheduled review meetings or consideration of the proposal may be tabled.
    - (2) Application Forms and Documentation. The application for Special Use shall be made on the forms and according to the guidelines in the City's Site Plan Manual, as provided by the Building Department.
    - (3) Application Data Requirements. A site plan shall be submitted with the Special Use application. In addition, the applicant shall complete any forms and supply any other data that may be required by the Planning Commission, City Council, or City staff to make the determination required herein. The applicant shall provide all necessary written or graphic materials to document compliance with the standards set forth in Section 111.022, sub-section (C), and other regulatory guidelines specified for particular Special Uses elsewhere in this Ordinance.
    - (4) Site Plan Preparation. The site plan shall be prepared in the manner specified in Section 111.022, the Site Plan Manual, and on the Special Use application form. A site plan which does not meet the stipulated requirements shall be considered incomplete and shall therefore not be subject to formal review.
    - (5) Submission of a Completed Plan. The Special Use application materials, required fees, and twenty-five (25) copies of the completed site plan shall be submitted to the Building Department for review.
    - (6) Review by the Building Official. The Building Official shall review the site plan and application materials, and prepare a written review, which shall specify any deficiencies in the site plan and application and make recommendations as appropriate.
    - (7) Submission of a Revised Plan and Application. The applicant shall review the site plan and application materials, based on the recommendations set forth in the Building Official's review. The applicant shall then submit twenty-five (25) copies of the revised plan for further review by the Planning Commission.
    - (8) Planning Commission Consideration. After all application materials have been received and review fees paid, the application shall be reviewed in accordance with the following procedures:
      - (a) Acceptance for Processing. The application shall be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting and an application.
      - (b) Public Hearing. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper which circulates in the City, and sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered, to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet. Such notification shall be made in accordance with the provisions in Section 44(9) of the City of Village Zoning Act, Michigan Public Act 397 of 1971, as amended. (c) Planning Commission Review. Following the public hearing, the Special Use proposal and plan shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission, based on the standards and regulations in this Section.
      - (d) Plan Revision. If the Planning Commission determines that revisions are necessary to bring the Special Use proposal into compliance with applicable standards and regulations, the applicant shall be given the opportunity to submit a revised application and site plan. Following submission of revised application materials, the Special Use proposal shall be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission for further review and possible action.
  - (C) Planning Commission Determination. The Planning Commission shall review the application for Special Use, together with the public hearing findings and reports and recommendations from the Building Official, City Planner, City Engineer, Public Safety Officials, and other reviewing agencies. The Planning Commission shall then make a determination on the Special Use application, based on the requirements and standards of this Ordinance. The Planning Commission may approve, approve with conditions, or deny a Special Use request as follows:
    - (a) Approval. Upon determination by the Planning Commission that the final plan for Special Use is in compliance with the standards and requirements of this Ordinance and other applicable ordinances and laws, approval shall be granted.
    - (b) Approval with Conditions. The Planning Commission may impose reasonable conditions with the approval of a Special Use proposal, to the extent authorized by law. Conditions imposed shall meet all of the following requirements:
      - Conditions shall be designed to protect natural resources, the health, safety, and welfare and the social and economic well-being of those who will use the land use or activity under consideration, residents and landowners immediately adjacent to the proposed land use or activity, and the community as a whole.
      - Conditions shall be related to the valid exercise of the police power and purposes which are affected by the proposed use or activity.
      - Conditions shall be necessary to meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance, related to the standards established in the Ordinance for the land use or activity under consideration, and those necessary to insure compliance with those standards.
    - (c) Denial. Upon determination by the Planning Commission that a Special Use proposal does not comply with the standards and regulations set forth in this Ordinance, or otherwise would be injurious to the public health, safety, welfare, and orderly development of the City, the Special Use proposal shall be denied.
- The Planning Commission shall prepare and transmit a report to the City Council stating its conclusions and decision, the basis for its decision, and any conditions relating to an affirmative decision.

- (11) City Council Determination. The City Council shall make a determination based on review of the application and site plan together with the findings of the Planning Commission, and the reports and recommendations from the Building Official, City Planner, City Engineer, Public Safety Officials, and other reviewing agencies. Following completion of its review, the City Council shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny a Special Use proposal in accordance with the guidelines described previously in sub-section (B)(1).
  - (12) Recording of Planning Commission and City Council Action. Each action taken with respect to a Special Use shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the Planning Commission or City Council, as appropriate. The minutes shall record the findings of fact relative to each Special Use proposal, the grounds for the action taken, and any conditions imposed in conjunction with approval.
  - (13) Effect of Approval. Upon approval, a Special Use shall be deemed a conforming use permitted in the district in which it is proposed, subject to any conditions imposed and final approval of the site plan. Such approval shall affect only the lot or portion thereof on which the proposed use is located.
  - 15. Zoning Board of Appeals Authority. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not have the authority to consider an appeal of a decision by the City Council or Planning Commission concerning a Special Use proposal.
  - (16) Application for a Building Permit. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit proof of the following:
    - (a) Final approval of the Special Use application.
    - (b) Final approval of the site plan.
    - (c) Final approval of the engineering plans.
    - (d) Acquisition of all other applicable City, County, or State permits.
  - (17) Expiration of Special Use Approval. If construction has not commenced within twenty-four (24) months of final approval, the approval becomes null and void and a new application for Special Use shall be required. Upon written request from the applicant, a twelve (12) month extension may be granted by the body which made the final decision on the initial request, if it finds that the approved Special Use application and site plan adequately represent current conditions on and surrounding the site. The written request for extension must be received prior to the site plan expiration date or a new application for Special Use review will be required.
  - (18) Revocation of Special Use Approval. Approval of a Special Use proposal and site plan may be revoked by the body which made the final decision if construction is not in conformance with the approved plan. In such a case, the Building Official shall ask that the Special Use proposal be placed on the agenda of the Planning Commission or City Council, as appropriate. Written notice shall be provided to the applicant at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which the case will be considered. The applicant shall be given the opportunity to present information and to answer questions. The Planning Commission, City Council, or City staff, as appropriate, may revoke approval if it finds that a violation exists and has not been remedied prior to the hearing.
  - (19) Performance Guarantee. The Planning Commission or City Council may require that a performance guarantee be deposited with the City to ensure faithful completion of the improvements. Improvements that shall be covered by the performance guarantee include, but are not necessarily limited to: landscaping, open space improvements, streets, lighting, and sidewalks. The performance guarantee shall meet the following requirements:
    - (a) Form. The performance guarantee shall be in the form of a cash bond, irrevocable letter of credit, certified check, or similar instrument acceptable to the City Clerk, Treasurer, which names the property owner as the obligor and the City as the obligee.
    - (b) Time when Required. The performance guarantee shall be submitted at the time of issuance of the permit authorizing the activity of the project. If appropriate based on the type of performance guarantee submitted, the City shall deposit the funds in an interest-bearing account in a financial institution with which the City regularly conducts business.
    - (c) Amount. The amount of the performance guarantee should be sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the improvements.
    - (d) Return of Performance Guarantee. The entire performance guarantee shall be returned to the applicant upon satisfactory completion of the required improvements.
    - (e) Complete of Improvements. If required improvements are not installed or maintained within the time stipulated or in accordance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance, the City may complete the necessary improvements, itself or by contract to an independent developer, including any interest accrued on said guarantee.
- (C) Standards for Granting Special Use Approval. Approval of a Special Use proposal shall be based on the determination that the proposed use will comply with all applicable requirements of this Ordinance, including site plan review criteria set forth in Section 111.022, the applicable site development standards for specific uses set forth elsewhere in this Ordinance, and the following standards:
- (1) Compatibility with Adjacent Uses. The proposed Special Use shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained to be compatible with uses on surrounding land. The site design shall minimize the impact of site activity on surrounding properties. In determining whether this requirement has been met, consideration shall be given to the production of traffic, noise, vibration, smoke, fumes, odors, dust, glare, and light.
  - (a) The location and screening of vehicular circulation and parking areas in relation to surrounding development.
  - (b) The location and screening of outdoor storage, outdoor activity or work areas, and mechanical equipment in relation to surrounding development.
  - (c) The hours of operation of the proposed use. Approval of a Special Use may be conditioned upon operation within specified hours considered appropriate to ensure minimal impact on surrounding uses.
  - (d) The bulk, placement, and materials of construction of the proposed use in relation to surrounding uses.
  - (2) Compatibility with the Master Plan. The proposed Special Use shall be consistent with the general principles and objectives of the adopted Garden City Master Plan.
  - (3) Compliance with Applicable Regulations. The proposed Special Use shall be in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances.
  - (4) Use for Adjoining Property. The Special Use shall not interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjacent property.
  - (5) Public Services. The proposed Special Use shall not exceed the capacity of existing and available public services, including but not necessarily limited to utilities, public roads, police and fire protection services, and educational services, unless the project proposal contains an acceptable plan for providing necessary services or evidence that such services will be available by the time the Special Use is completed.
  - (6) Impact of Traffic. The location of the proposed Special Use shall within the zoning district shall maintain the best use, consideration shall be given to the following:
    - (a) Proximity and access to major thoroughfares.
    - (b) Estimated traffic generated by the proposed use.
    - (c) Proximity and relation to intersections.
    - (d) Adequacy of driver sight distances.
    - (e) Location and access to off-street parking.
    - (f) Required vehicular turning movements.
    - (g) Provision of pedestrian traffic.
  - (7) Enhancement of Surrounding Environment. The proposed Special Use shall provide the maximum feasible enhancement of the surrounding environment, and shall not unnecessarily interfere with or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent land and buildings or necessarily affect their value. In determining whether this requirement has been met, consideration shall be given to the following:
    - (a) The provision of landscaping and other site amenities. Provision of additional landscaping over and above the specific requirements of this Ordinance may be required as a condition of approval of a Special Use.
    - (b) The bulk, placement, and materials of construction of proposed structures in relation to surrounding uses.
    - (c) Impact on Public Health, Safety, and Welfare. The proposed Special Use shall not involve any activities, processes, materials, equipment, or conditions of operation, and shall not be located or conducted in a manner that is likely to create a public health, safety, and welfare. In determining whether this requirement has been met, consideration shall be given to the production of traffic, noise, vibration, smoke, fumes, odors, dust, glare, and light.
    - (d) Avoidance of Excessive Uses. The location of the proposed Special Use shall not result in a small residential area being substantially surrounded by non-residential development, and further the location of the proposed Special Use shall not result in a small non-residential area being substantially surrounded by non-residential uses.
  - (8) Use for the Proposed Use. The Planning Commission and/or City Council shall find that a need for the proposed use exists in the community at the time the Special Use is considered.

# County budget vetoed

## Blackwell seeks to avoid showdown with exec

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Wayne County's budget dispute is a numbers battle, but it's votes — not dollars — that each side is counting.

County Executive Edward McNamara vetoed the entire \$1.3 billion budget Thursday morning. And the executive's office is calling it a victory, that the commission didn't try to override the veto at a special budget meeting that afternoon.

"It's a major step toward fiscal responsibility that they couldn't get enough commissioners to mount an override," Deputy County Executive Michael Duggan said.

Commissioners have until Nov. 30 to override the veto, or forge an agreed budget with McNamara on disputed budget issues.

County government would grind to a halt if a new budget failed to be approved by Dec. 1, when the new county fiscal year begins. But neither side believes that is likely.

Commission chairman Arthur Blackwell II said he expected matters to be resolved through negotia-

tion, not confrontation.

"OUR ATTEMPT is not to have a showdown," Blackwell said.

The most critical issues — at least for county residents — are whether changes commissioners made to the budget would drive the county back into debt, as McNamara charges, and whether county clerk's fee increases would go into effect.

Changes commissioners made to the county's general operating budget would produce a \$1.5 million deficit, Duggan said, costing the county an additional \$10 million in penalties under the county's 1987 debt reduction agreement with the state.

Commissioners said the extra money is available, in part, because McNamara's projections on county interest earnings were overly cautious.

While the fee increases weren't included in McNamara's veto, Duggan said they would be vetoed as soon as they are received.

Though commissioners approved the budget 12-3, the executive's office believes at least six commissioners would vote to sustain the veto. Ten of the commission's 15 members would have to vote against the veto

to secure an override.

Both sides were optimistic a budget would be in place when the new county fiscal year begins.

FOR THAT to happen, McNamara and a majority of commissioners need to reach agreement on several key issues, including:

• Bonds for the county jail — McNamara said the county needs to issue bonds to complete construction of the new county jail in Hamtramck. Blackwell, whose commission district includes the jail site, said more explanation is needed on whether the 20-year bond term proposed by the executive was necessary and on how bonds would be financed should voters fail to renew the county's 10-year jail tax.

• Fee increases — Fees for clerk's office services would raise between \$8 and \$2 per service. Commissioners said the increase was necessary to help the clerk's office become computerized. McNamara called the increase well in excess of cost and, as such, illegal under state law.

• The county general fund — McNamara presented a \$272.8 million budget for day-to-day county operations, within the overall \$1.3 billion budget. Commissioners increased that budget by \$1.3 million to help finance anti-drug programs. At issue is whether that money is available. Commissioners believe it is, claiming the county will receive more than budgeted on such items as interest payments and drug dealer assets claimed under forfeiture laws. McNamara not only believes the revised commission estimates are wrong, he believes changes to his revenue projections violate the county charter.

In an apparent concession, commissioners voted Thursday to release more than \$11.74 million for jail construction as well as restore greater contract-granting leeway to the executive.

At that point, however, it wasn't certain whether the changes amended the old-vetoed budget or whether they created a second budget. If they were merely amendments, Duggan said, they were invalid.

If not, he added, the new budget would also be vetoed.

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Thelma: I was extra nervous because I was high-risk, but being at Grace made it easier. Patrice: I was not high-risk but I felt more secure knowing Grace had the high-risk capability if I needed it. **Labor Delivery Recovery Room**







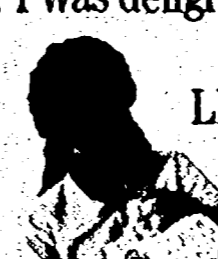

Rita: The staff treated my family, including the kids, like they belonged there.

**A Full Range of Options** Sherri: I was delighted that the program at Grace was so extensive. Natural birth, LDR rooms, traditional delivery, midwives. Grace has almost everything. Chandra: It was very important to have the option of having a midwife. She offered techniques to make labor easier. **The Wayne State University Affiliation**

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points of view

Column on bigotry praised

To the editor:  
In these days of ever increasing polarization of races and ethnic groups, your article was like a "breath of fresh air." More often than not the media do not speak out against this callous type of bigotry which the perpetrators have the audacity to think this is a public disguise for their intended slurs.  
They have reached a new all time low when they use a holiday and children to spread their bigotry. My only regret about your article was that you did not mention that this outrage was done by Spencer's.  
I look forward to further excellent articles in the Eccentric.

James F. Peters,  
Birmingham  
P.S. I would not trade Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving for Halloween!

boys were not rejected by their birthmothers. Rather, these two brave, wise women did what they felt was best for their babies, for valid reasons. What's more, my boys gained a family that can love and provide for them. We are a family in every sense of the word.

The press is at its best when it helps publicize the "adoption option" and encourages its general acceptance and use. It truly is "happy" news for all concerned.

Alan C. Helmkamp,  
Livonia

Rename road

To the editor:  
I think you should name Jughandle Road a different name. I think it should be Park Road because it goes into Edward Hines Park.

Nathan Beeny,  
Livonia

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Criminals ruin others' lives

To the editor:  
We feel as the younger generation, it is our duty to let you know how we feel about the laws and how they are handled.

As we all know, children are taken everyday by wackos that walk the

streets. Some of them are people who have already been convicted for major crimes. And lately people haven't even tried to do anything about it, but we're not going to stand for it anymore!

As an example is one man who stole a child, abused him mentally, physically and sexually for seven years. He ruined a boy's whole life and got 20 months for it. He also took another boy. The other boy was not abused and the man got eight years. The man ended up only serving five years in prison. We don't think he should be walking around enjoying himself while he's made another person's life a living hell.

The same man had a history for kidnappings and rapes. He escaped mental institutions twice. He is a free man, walking the streets. Probably doing the same thing to other poor kids. That's only one case, there are millions of other cases similar to this — that's crazy! If 14-year-olds can see this problem, then why can't you?

Now we're not saying we can totally clear up the wackos from the streets but maybe if we "weeded" out the ones who have already been convicted there would be fewer rapes, kidnappings and, of course, less heartache.

Tera Long and Lynn McGulgan,  
Livonia

Beautiful city entrance

To the editor:  
I wish to use this media to publicly thank Mayor Robert Bennett and all the members of the Livonia City Council for their support and perseverance in completing the new park at the corner of Plymouth and Inkster roads.

I know that I speak for all the folks in this part of town, plus the rest of Livonia in saying thanks for converting that corner location from something unattractive to a very good looking and inviting entrance to our city.

This park has a great variety of trees and bushes, plus a walkway and central plaza area. It makes a very positive statement about our priorities — that Livonia continues to be an attractive and safe place to live, work and shop.

Stan Anderson,  
President  
Clements Circle Civic Association

Parents have hand in making of skin heads

ONE RECENT morning a woman came into our office and identified herself as the mother of one of the so-called skin heads who have been handing out racist material at Plymouth-Canton High School.

There were things to be said about the skin heads' point of view, she said. However, when one of our reporters called later, she refused to be quoted in our story.

For me, as a parent, it was interesting to meet the mother of a skin head. I've seen them on streets and talked to them, but never to their parents. And I admit to being curious as to how a parent goes about raising a skin head.

Are they taught racism at home? Are they told nasty things about Jews? Do they make fun of the Pope? What was their first haircut like?

THE WOMAN'S behavior gave me a hint as to why seemingly normal kids shave their heads and march around in black boots talking about things they really don't understand. The woman was defending her kid, reinforcing her kid's stupid behavior.

And while that could be a normal instinct for a parent, it showed me why her kid could go around acting like a skin head.

Her kid had a right to his opinions, she said. I had to agree as a newspaper person, but as a parent I was wondering how I would deal with my two sons if they started borrowing my razor for haircuts and opted for boots instead of basketball shoes.

It would probably be cheaper for me. Shaving your head at home sure beats the price of a \$15 haircut in a barbershop. Also, boots from an Army surplus store have got to cost less than white high tops.

ALTHOUGH THE price would be less, I'd have to deal with the ideals that the skin head look represents. I'd have to face having my kids identify with a group that's going to do nothing but get them in trouble for a few years until they eventually grow out of it.



Jeff Counts

*For me, as a parent, it was interesting to meet the mother of a skin head. I've seen them on streets and talked to them, but never to their parents. And I admit to being curious as to how a parent goes about raising a skin head.*

And I think that happens often. The political or social movements that seem so important in your youth don't seem so significant when you enter the adult world.

That's why when I see kids dressed as skin heads, squids or stoners I just want to tell them: "Give it up. You've got a lot of things to do with your life, and buying into some weird subculture isn't going to do you any good."

I HAD to restrain myself from telling that to a kid who called the newspaper. The kid identified himself as a skin head who was one of three involved in an altercation with a jock in a Canton neighborhood.

Two of the skin heads were beaten up by the jock, whom police identified as a wrestler at the school. The other skin head fled the fight scene, police said.

The confrontation between the jock and the skin heads developed because jocks at the school have been leaders in rejecting the skin heads' racial messages.

Our paper covered the story and

ran an editorial lauding the jocks for being good role models.

ANYWAY, MY skin head caller objected to the editorial. Jocks really aren't good role models, and police gave a distorted version of the fight with the jock, he said. He said the wrestler didn't get the better of the two skin heads in the fight.

I felt sorry for the kid after the call. He was just another kid looking for an identity.

And that's nothing new. When I was a kid some of my companions decided that walking around in Nazi uniforms and talking about a master race was the thing to do. They tried to start a street gang based on that mode of dress and those ideas. I didn't quite know how to view it at the time, but now I wonder if those kids weren't looking to start their own kind of varsity club, with their own style of varsity jacket.

Or, maybe they were just still kids playing another World War II game where they were playing dress up.

Most of them grew out of it. Maybe there's hope for the skin heads.

Jeff Counts is the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers.

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# Report: Suburbs need to help city schools

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Suburban school districts must "give something back" to the Detroit public schools, according to a new report expected to shape Michigan education policy in the 1990s.

Cooperative efforts must begin between Detroit and its suburban neighbors for Michigan to remain economically competitive, according to a report compiled by nationally-recognized demographics expert Harold Hodgkinson.

Regional magnet schools for academically-talented students — located in Detroit, staffed by suburban districts and drawing students from both — were among Hodgkinson's recommendations.

"I'M NOT suggesting equalization, but something must be done for one to assist the other," he said.

Middle class flight — both white and black — has placed Detroit students in jeopardy, he said.

"There's nobody left in the city who has benefited from education," Hodgkinson said. "But the drug benefits are there."

The report was issued Thursday. State Superintendent of Schools Donald Bemis hailed it as "an incredibly important document" that would be used to shape education policy in Michigan.

Metro Detroit's racial polarization — with suburbs predominantly white and the inner city predominantly black, compounds the situation, Hodgkinson said.

Multi-ethnic school communities such as San Diego, where Hispanic and Asian students also form a siz-

able contingent — have generally had more success in developing regional programs.

State School Board member Marilyn Lundy of Grosse Pointe said the survey ideas were worth exploring.

"I like the idea of cooperation," she said. "But selling it is going to be difficult."

Wayne County Intermediate Schools Superintendent William Simmons agreed.

"It's such a departure from tradition," he said. "Plus, you're flying in the face of a lot of political concerns."

Rochester Schools Assistant Superintendent John Telford is well aware of how sensitive area racial issues are in metro Detroit.

Telford received "hate mail like you wouldn't believe" after making a similar call for suburban-urban cooperation four years ago in a Detroit daily newspaper. At the time, Telford added, he received death threats and had gunshots fired at his house.

Yet, he remains undeterred in his belief that suburban-urban cooperation is a key to Michigan's future success.

"I'm totally in support of the concept," Telford said. "Any opportunity you have to foster understanding is welcome."

Toward that end, he's helped develop programs geared to promote racial and ethnic understanding among Rochester middle school students. He also assisted in cooperative efforts sponsored by Oakland University.

Providing a better education for urban students, Telford said, is not only ethical, but practical.

"In the near future, half the work force will be minorities," he said. "I tell people over and over that if these people cannot hold jobs, who is going to be there to pay for your retirement?"

Suburban-urban cooperation isn't the only answer to Michigan's educational problems, Hodgkinson said,

but "an arrow in the quiver."

Other recommendations include:  
• A long-term commitment to lowering high school dropout rates, equal to that currently being made to expand Michigan prisons. Greater cooperation among school districts, colleges and businesses to boost "quality education" is needed.

• Increasing small business start-ups, especially among minority business owners and among businesses that serve the elderly. Michigan's future, Hodgkinson said, includes more retired auto workers and fewer families with young children.

• Creating special Head Start-

style programs to accommodate the needs of single mothers. Hodgkinson's survey found that one out of every four Michigan children are being raised by a single mother.

• New educational programs, including greater use of television, to reach children in isolated, non-metropolitan districts.

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## Rust belt called misnomer

The "rust belt" is dead, at least for metropolitan Detroit, according to Hodgkinson's survey.

The Washington, D.C.-based demographer said he found conclusive evidence that metropolitan Detroit produced more new jobs — and at a faster rate — than many other regions of the country.

Metro employment growth averaged 4.7 percent a year for the period 1982-87, according to information cited by Hodgkinson, outpacing state and national averages.

But Hodgkinson added that employment growth is threatened by the relatively low education levels of the Detroit work force. Nearly one-third of the metro region's adult population has not completed high school — above the 29 percent average for the nation's 100 largest metropolitan regions. Metro Detroit also ranks 87th among the top 100 regions in terms of college attendance.

Demographic information Hodgkinson cited as significant for Wayne County:

• Retirees, especially those from auto industry jobs, make up a growing percentage of county population. Wayne County already ranks fourth in the nation in terms of Social Security transfer payments, he said.

• Despite a nation-leading population loss, not everyone leaving Wayne County is headed for neighboring Oakland and Macomb counties. While Oakland's population rose by nearly 14,000 from 1980-88, and Macomb's by nearly 2,000, Wayne County lost more than 173,000 residents.

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## New police academy open

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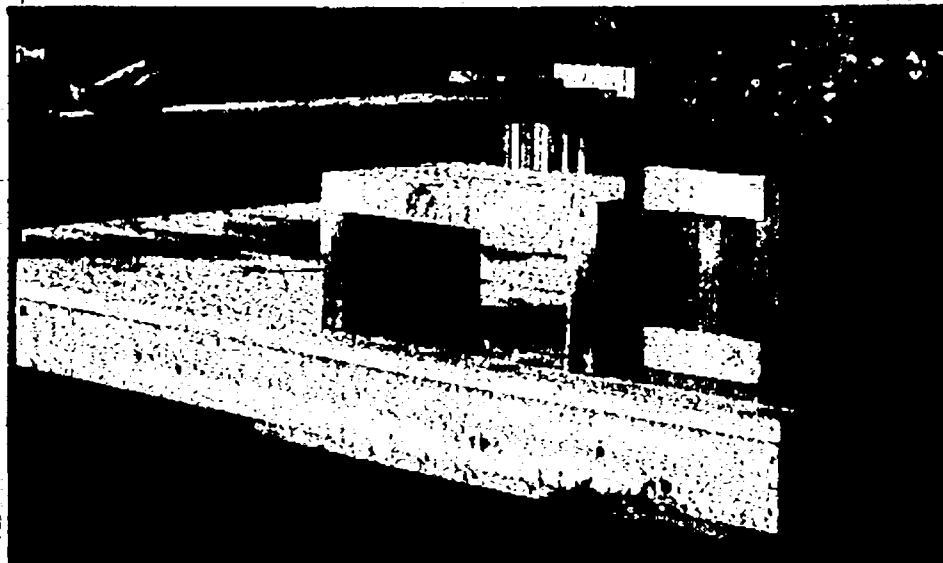
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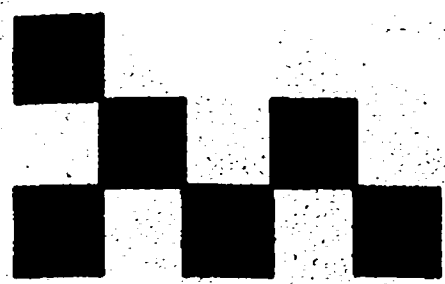
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## Venison cooking varies

Heralding from a very blue-collar family in Wyandotte, I recall that November always hailed the start of hunting season.

For someone like me who shuns weapons of any kind, hunting season was the one time of year when I joined the men of the Janes gang in attempting a strange bonding ritual. We set off to the woods in the hopes of returning with enough food to fill the Kenmore deep freeze for the winter.

More often than not, we returned with a trunk full of dirty clothes and smelly sleeping bags rather than a deer.

To this day, many of the Janes men still set off, some for weeks at a time, stalking the deer, the bear, the antelope, the moose and whatever else the great north would surrender to the sound of rifles.

Now it's always been known that I was the "weird" one of the family. To this day, when I accompany the great hunters, I would rather sit in a hunting blind and watch the deer approach, photographing them in their natural habitat rather than blowing a hole the size of a melon in their side.

**BUT REALITY** sinks in fast when I see hundreds of dead deer strapped to car trunks and roofs, making their way back to suburbia and a gaggle of cooks who know only how to fry thin strips of venison tenderloin in a cup of bacon drippings while chewing bread with the other hand.

There is more to cooking venison than one might imagine. For the record, venison connotes the flesh of any antlered animal, not just deer.

Any deer hunter worth his weight in sugarbeets knows that venison should always be aged before eating or freezing. With cold weather fast approaching, you will notice many great hunters hanging their bounty in the garage or shed for a few days before butchering.

Actually, for optimum results, young deer should hang for at least one week, with older, bigger-rack deer hanging for up to three weeks. Temperature should be at least 34-36 degrees to avoid spoilage. If the thought of keeping the car in the driveway for that long a time upsets the household, check out freezer or meat locker rentals.

Venison lends itself best to corning (cooking with other liquids), curing, drying, smoking and sausage making. Because the animal is very active, the meat has a tendency to be tough (muscular), and grinding the meat with small amounts of fat to make venison burger is probably the most widely used form of venison around.

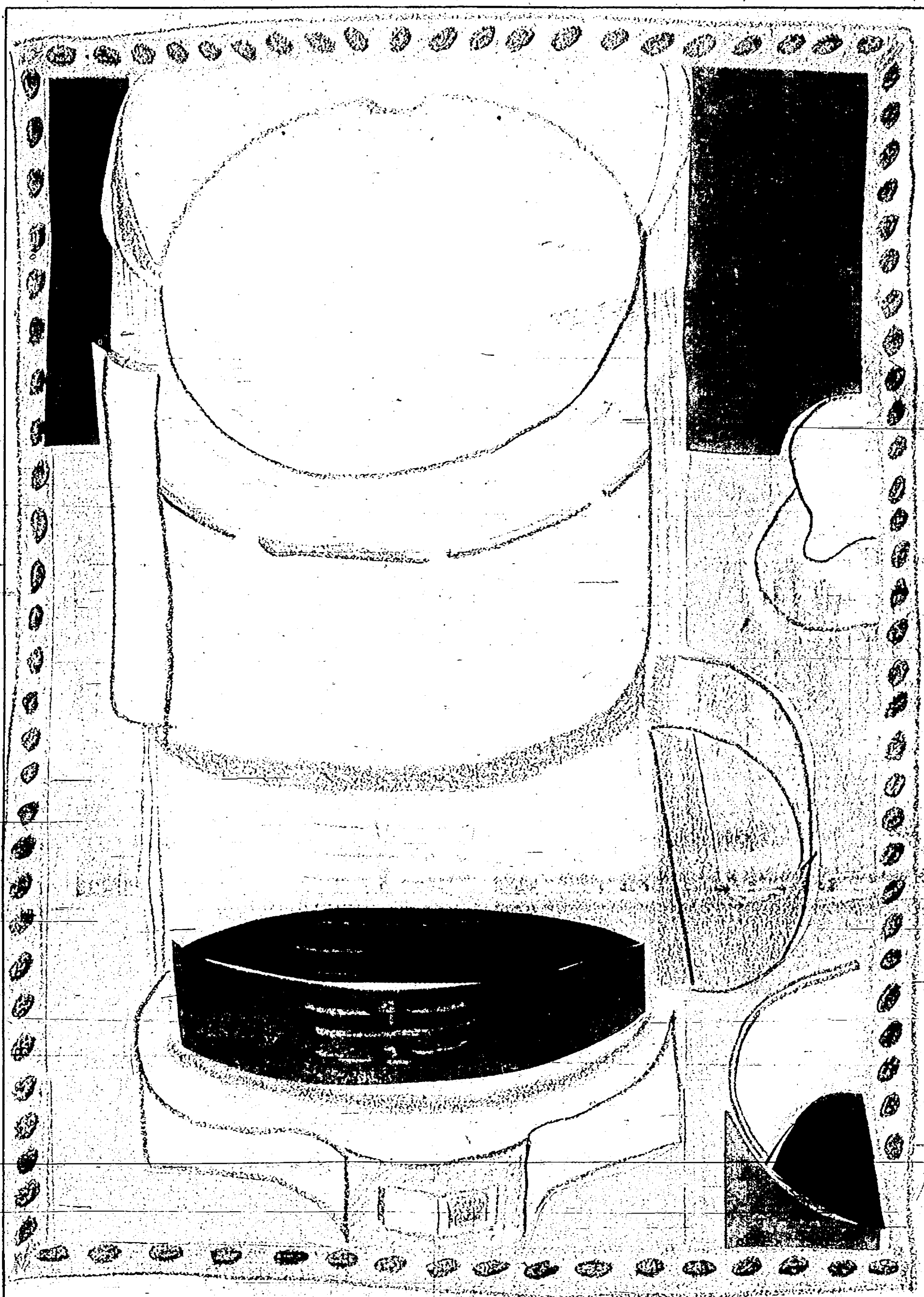
**THE TENDERLOINS**, rib steaks and roasts, and loin roasts are the most prized and taste remarkably good when cooked in covered dutch ovens, clay pots and casseroles to keep the moisture in. Venison roasts and chops can greatly benefit from the use of marinades. A simple soaking in cheap red wine will produce a stew that is tender, moist, juicy and very flavorful, with the flavor of the wine helping mask a possible "gamey" taste that usually accompanies the meat.

Salt pork makes an excellent larding for venison roasts. Never use deer fat as the flavor and smell will surely soil the final product. A wrapping in bacon strips is also useful while broiling or baking to insure a moistness and good flavor.

I have observed the butchering of many a deer, and while a seasoned pro might enjoy the challenge and benefits of cutting up your own carcass, it's best to leave the butchering to a pro. Jack Prabue, owner of the Porter House butcher shop in Plymouth, says he will process more than 100 deer this season. He cautions hunters from hanging their own deer for aging, mainly because of uncontrolled temperatures that occur, which results in spoiled meat.

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## Seeking a perfect cup of coffee



## What it takes to make it

By Gert Rinschler  
special writer

**I**F YOU HAVE BEEN yearning for a better cup of coffee, if the coffee you're drinking is a bit flat or bitter, if you're looking for that perfect cup, have no fear. The probability of finding that perfect cup is not as unlikely as you think.

Luckily, specialty coffee is fashionable. Restaurants are grinding their own coffee beans. Specialty gourmet coffee bean shops are springing up all over the place — in malls, department stores and gift shops. If ever there was a time to create the perfect cup, it's now.

First, you need to buy the right coffee. High-quality specialty coffee is essential.

**ALTHOUGH YOU** can find specialty or gourmet coffees in grocery stores as well as gourmet food shops, the difference can be as exaggerated as night and day.

You may pay a dollar or two more for coffee bought at a gourmet shop or coffee bean store, but the essence of the brew will bear little resemblance to those made from inferior beans found in most grocery stores, pre-packaged or sold in bulk.

Specialty coffees taste better than the mass-market beans because the specialty coffee shops and gourmet shops buy better beans. The proof is in the cup.

**COFFEE TREES** are native to Ethiopia and are cultivated throughout the Torrid Zone. These trees produce two types of beans, arabica and robusta.

Specialty coffee shops and gourmet food departments only sell arabica species beans. Among this species are more than 50 varieties, not including the decafs, darker roasts or flavored coffees. Your selection or blend of these varieties ultimately depends on your personal preference.

Coffee beans are grouped or named after their origin.

Latin American varieties such as Colombian, Costa Rican and Brazilian Santos generally have a bright, straightforward taste and a good balance between body flavor and tang.

African beans such as Kenya and Ethiopian are snappy or spicy. Yemen Mocha or Java Estate, Asian beans, are full-bodied. Pure Hawaiian Kona coffee yields a medium-body cup with rich, subtle, wine-like tones.

**ON A** recent trip to Gloria Jean's Coffee Bean shop at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, I encountered a selection of more than 70 different coffee beans.

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1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour  
½ teaspoon ground allspice  
1 teaspoon baking powder

### Topping

Mix together: 1 cup finely chopped pecans  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon brown sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg

Cream butter and margarine with 1¼ cups of sugar in mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Beat well after each addi-

tion. Fold in sour cream and vanilla. Mix together flour, baking powder and all spices. Fold dry ingredients into base gently with rubber spatula. Butter and flour an 8-inch or 9-inch springform pan or deep-dish cake pan. Spread ½ of the batter evenly in pan, sprinkle ½ of sugar-nut mixture. Spoon remaining batter into pan, smoothing out surface. Sprinkle

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Change is nothing new to the Hillside Inn.

Since the day it was converted from a house alongside a gently flowing stream to a cozy little restaurant featuring barbecued dishes, the Hillside has been growing, changing and watching its quiet country setting evolve into another bustling suburb.

So the latest change shouldn't shake the rafters. Or will it? In a rather dramatic move, owner Sam Messina has changed the menu and, heaven forbid, the name of this landmark on the outskirts of conservative Plymouth.

It is now Ernesto's, an Italian Country Inn. With well-respected chef Ernesto DeMichele — who has worked in the metropolitan area for 45 years — guiding efforts in the kitchen, this restaurant is entering



yet another phase of its existence.

**ACTUALLY, THE** antique-filled restaurant with its warm, homey atmosphere, fireplaces and walls lined with clocks, old photos and other mementos of time gone by lends itself nicely to the "Italian country inn" theme.

The name was chosen carefully, Messina said, to honor DeMichele's talents and reputation, as well as to reassure long-time customers that the basic atmosphere wouldn't change.

Though some updating is in the works, changes to the upstairs dining room, the downstairs "trattoria" and the banquet rooms will be cosmetic, Messina said.

He bought this 80-year-old restaurant 6½ years ago from the original owners, the Stremich family.

**THE MENU** is now exclusively Italian and the lengthy, varied wine list features a broad, reasonably priced selection of Italian wines.

The pasta dishes we tried were delicious — a fettuccini dish with

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Chef Ernesto DeMichele, whose staff calls him the "maestro," creates a bevy of appealing dishes at Ernesto's in Plymouth.

GUY WARREN/staff photographer





Pauline Uzelak is surrounded by her children, Julie, 12 (left), Alex, 9, and Nichole, 6, making breadsticks to go with Pizza Casserole.



family-tested  
winner dinner  
**Betsy  
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## Youngsters go for pizza in tasty casserole dish

Whenever I ask my boys what they would like for dinner, they invariably shout out in unison, "Pizza!" even if they had it for dinner the night before. They never seem to tire of it, and this zeal that they display for pizza does indeed give me a clue as to why Domino's Mr. Monaghan has made so much "dough."

This week's Winner Dinner, Pizza Casserole, was submitted by Pauline Uzelak of Bloomfield Hills. It will satisfy the kids' craving for pizza while allowing the adults to have a real dinner. When I prepared it at home, it was an instant hit and got the thumbs-up sign from my most-esteemed and distinguished panel of testers.

Uzelak, the mother of three chil-

dren, is a science and home economics teacher at Waterford Junior High School. She often makes this dinner in lieu of ordering pizza, as it is well-liked and well-eaten. Uzelak, always has eager and willing volunteers when it comes time to make the bread sticks. Her children look forward to creating their very own version of Crazy Bread, twisting and braiding the dough into different shapes and designs. A tossed salad, livened up with the addition of marinated artichoke hearts or hearts of palm, completes the meal, surely destined to become one of your family's favorites.

I encourage you to send in your family's favorite dinner menu with recipes included as needed. As an added incentive, an apron printed

with "Winner Dinner Winner" will be given to the person whose menu is selected to appear in this column. Don't worry about typing your menu, just write it out and send it in. Together we can work towards providing each other with an ongoing selection of tasty and nutritious meals.

Thank you, Pauline Uzelak, for sharing your delicious recipes with us, and congratulations on being our Winner Dinner Winner of the week. Until next week, take care!

Submit your recipes, to be considered for publication in this column or elsewhere, to: Winner Dinner, P.O. Box 3503, Birmingham-48012. All submissions become the property of the publisher.

### Observer & Eccentric

## Winner Dinner

### Menu

PIZZA CASSEROLE  
BREAD STICKS  
TOSSED SALAD.

### Recipes

#### PIZZA CASSEROLE

This dish takes about 20 minutes to assemble, can be made in advance and is equally delicious with ground turkey. It amply serves 6-8 people.

1 1/2 pounds of ground beef or ground turkey  
one 14-ounce jar of pizza sauce  
1 medium chopped onion  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon oregano  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
1 garlic clove, diced finely, or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
8 mushrooms to taste, fresh or canned  
one 8-ounce package of wide noodles (or any other kind of noodle you have on hand)  
1 1/2-2 cups grated mozzarella cheese

Cook the noodles according to the directions on the box. Brown the meat, chopped onion and mushrooms until the meat is thoroughly cooked. Drain off the fat. Mix the pizza sauce and seasonings with the meat. Add the cooked noodles and toss until all the ingredients are mixed well. Place in a 13-by-9 inch greased baking dish and top with the grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

#### BREAD STICKS

Children love to help make these as they are quick and easy to prepare.

1 loaf of frozen bread

1/2 cup of butter or margarine, melted (as a time saver, use margarine in a squeeze bottle)  
garlic salt, to taste  
garlic powder, to taste  
your choice of the following: grated Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, sesame seeds, paprika

Thaw slightly one, or two loaves of frozen bread. Slice the dough into 1/2-inch-wide strips and place on a cookie sheet that has been sprayed with a non-stick spray. If the bread is still a little frozen, allow it to thaw more. Once thawed, roll between your hands to bread-stick length, about 8-10 inches long. Let the dough rise for 20 minutes. Brush the bread sticks with melted butter or margarine and sprinkle with liberal amounts of garlic powder and garlic salt to taste. As a variation, sprinkle Italian Seasoning, sesame seeds or grated Parmesan cheese on the sticks. Bake at 400 degrees until lightly browned, 12-15 minutes.


#### TOSSED SALAD

A tossed salad can be as much fun and as creative as you want to make it. Sometimes the addition of one or two different ingredients will help pep it up and make it tastier and more interesting to eat. Try adding some marinated artichoke hearts or hearts of palm to the washed salad greens. Add some chopped tomatoes, cucumber and green pepper slices, toss with a light coating of Italian dressing, and your dinner will be complete.

### Shopping List

1 1/2 pounds of ground beef  
one 14-ounce jar of pizza sauce  
one 8-ounce package of wide noodles  
2 cups grated mozzarella cheese  
butter or margarine  
frozen bread  
1 can marinated artichoke hearts or 1 can hearts of palm  
8 ounces fresh or canned mushrooms  
Italian salad dressing (packaged mix or bottled)  
1 medium onion  
salad greens  
1 tomato  
1 green or red pepper  
1 cucumber  
salt  
pepper  
Italian Seasoning  
garlic salt  
garlic powder



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### FRUIT SALE

Through Friday, Nov. 17 — Garden City High School marching band members are selling Florida fruit door-to-door. A case of navel oranges is \$11 and grapefruit is \$9. To order by phone, call 522-1888 after 5 p.m.

### MORE FRUIT

The Westland Civitan Club is taking orders for Claxton fruit cakes. One-pound boxes are \$3, three-pound boxes \$8.50. The club is taking orders for five-ounce bags of honey-roasted or chocolate covered pecans at \$3. To order, call Doris Elmendorf at 722-5504.

### BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, Nov. 15 — The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold a boutique from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays through Dec. 6. The boutique will be held in the church parlor, 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office.

### SENIOR JOBS

Through Nov. 14 — Part-time jobs are available for low-income men and women 55 and older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. For more information, call 722-2830.

### PARENTHOOD

Wednesday, Nov. 15 — Laughter and the Single Parent: A discussion on single parenthood will be presented 7-8:30 p.m. at Noble Library, Plymouth Road at Farmington. Bev Verele of Oakland Community College will be the guest speaker. For reservations, call 421-6600.

### YOUNG CAREERIST

Thursday, Nov. 16 — The Garden

City Business and Professional Women will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Eagle's Nest Restaurant, Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, Garden City. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Young Careerist program will be discussed. One contestant will be selected to represent the chapter in the annual Young Careerist program. For reservations, call Lisa Hale at 525-8864 (weekdays) or Joanne Kramis at 427-2962 (evenings).

### CIVITAN CLUB

Thursday, Nov. 16 — The Westland Civitan Club's dinner meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the Ford Vocational Center, 36455 Marquette. Guest speaker Bill Action will address the group on alcohol and drug abuse. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$7. For more information, call Doris Elmendorf at 722-5504.

### CRAFTS

Saturday, Nov. 18 — Memorial Elementary School's arts and craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on Marquette Road at Henry Ruff.

### GED TESTS

Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 20-21 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 5-10 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more information, call 523-9294.

### YULE PARADE

Saturday, Nov. 25 — The Garden City Jaycees are looking for clowns, floats, marching bands and other special events for this year's Garden City Santaland parade. For more information and applications, call 421-7594.

## 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.

### VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, Nov. 25 — The Dooley Knights of Columbus Council will hold a Las Vegas Night 7:30 p.m. to midnight in the hall on Joy east of Middlebelt. Admission is \$1. There will be a cash bar and cash kitchen. Cash prizes not to exceed \$500 per person. Proceeds will go to the general fund. For more information, call 271-2486 or 937-1497.

### BASKETBALL

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is now taking basketball registrations for a league in which boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 will compete. Practice begins Dec. 4 at John Marshall Junior High. For more information, call the YMCA at 721-7044.

### SWIM CLASSES

Wayne-Westland schools leisure program will offer late fall swim classes including aquatic exercise, arthritis aquatic, family swim and tot swim. Also offered are two fitness classes and preschool art and story hour. Classes start in late November. For information, call 728-0100.

### OPEN SWIM

The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 1-3

p.m. Saturday. Family Swim is 8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 South Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call 721-7044.

### CO-OP

Little People's Co-op Nursery is accepting applications for the new school year for 3- and 4-year-olds. Classes will be in Cleveland Elementary School, 28030 Cathedral, west of Inkster and south of West Chicago. For information, call Lols at 937-3174 or Yvonne at 422-8939.

### CO-OP NURSERY

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery is accepting applications for a 3-year-old morning class. The class is on Monday and Thursday 9:15-11:15 a.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call Donna Kuhn 981-0277.

### MORE CO-OP

Garden City Co-op Nursery is accepting applications for a 3-year-old morning class. The class is on Mondays and Thursdays 9:15-11:15 a.m. at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt near Ford Road. For more information, call Sue Reed at 261-3732.

### KARATE

Karate classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Bob Preville will teach children's classes 6:30-7:45 p.m. and adults 7:30-9 p.m. For more information, call the Y at 721-7044.

### ALZHEIMER'S

An Alzheimer's support group will meet at 2 p.m. at the Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren, west of Wayne. The group meets the fourth Thursday of every month. For more information, call Nancy Martindale, at 728-6100.

### ANAMILO CLUB

The Anamillo (which means "to speak again") Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month, 2-4 p.m. at the Garden City Education Center, 6701 Harrison. The club is a support group offering assistance, encouragement, companionship and mutual support to people who have lost their larynx to cancer and their families.

### DIABETES

A "Diabetes Support Group" for diabetics and their families meets 7-8 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Garden City Hospital Health and Education Center, 6701 Harrison. The Diabetes Outpatient Education Department sponsors this program.

### FOOT CARE

Basic foot care clinic every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, Linden Conference Room, 1119 N. Newburgh. The service is free for people with Medicare coverage and \$15 for others. Transportation is available. For more information, call 722-7632.

### CPR

Wayne-Westland schools' leisure program will offer CPR classes for children throughout March. The class is aimed at children age 10 and older. To register, call 728-0100.

### HYPERTENSION

Monday, Thursdays — Blood pressure tests are provided by Ann Arbor Hospital and Westland Medical Center Mondays 10 a.m. to noon and by Home Health Care on Thursdays 9-10 a.m. at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh at Marquette.

### FRIENDSHIP BINGO

Tuesdays — Westland Friendship Center's bingo through Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 1119 N. Newburgh. Donation is \$1 plus any extra cards. Lunch reservations required 24 hours in advance.

### PINOCHLE

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays — The Dyer Senior Adult Center in the Wayne-Westland school district has pinochle at 1:30 p.m. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Fridays in the center on Marquette at Carlson.

### WEIGHT CLUB

The Buxom Bell Weight Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Garden City Park. For more information, call 522-9323.

### EUCHRE

Euchre group sessions meet on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at the Friendship Center, 1119 North Newburgh Road. There will be prizes and light refreshments. Admission is \$2 per person. For more information, call 722-7628.

## CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The following ordinance (known as the Planned Development regulations) amending the Zoning Code of the City of Garden City has been proposed. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, November 20, 1989, at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan to provide public comments on this proposal.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 161, TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY BY AMENDING THE "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT" SECTION 161.161, 161.162, 161.163, 161.164, 161.165, 161.166, 161.167, 161.168 ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

### CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROPOSED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

161.161 - STATEMENT OF INTENT: It is the intent of these regulations to permit Planned Development for the purpose of... 161.162 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To be eligible for Planned Development approval, the applicant must demonstrate that the following criteria will be met... 161.163 - PROJECT DESIGN STANDARDS: Proposed Planned Development shall comply with the following project design standards... 161.164 - STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL: In considering any application for approval of a Planned Development proposal, the Planning Commission and City Council shall make their determinations on the basis of standards set forth in this section... 161.165 - PHASING AND COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION: (A) Integrity of Each Phase... (B) Rate of Completion of Residential and Non-Residential Components... 161.166 - REVISIONS TO APPROVED PLANS: (A) General Revisions... (B) Minor Changes...

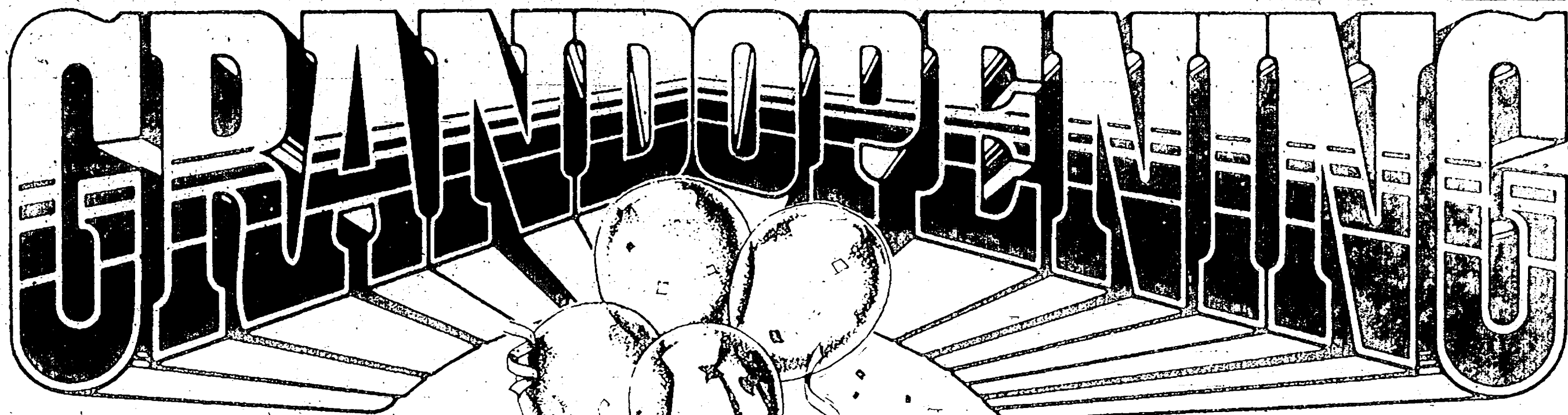
(B) Review Procedures: Planned Development applications shall be submitted in accordance with the following procedures... (1) Application Eligibility... (2) Application Forms and Documentation... (3) Site Plan Preparation... (4) Submission of a Completed Plan... (5) Review by the Building Official... (6) Submission of a Revised Plan and Planned Development Application... (7) Planning Commission Consideration... (8) Planning Commission Determination... (9) Submission of Plans for City Council Review... (10) Public Hearing... (11) City Council Determination... (12) Recording of Planning Commission and City Council Action... (13) Effect of Approval... (14) Zoning Board of Appeals... (15) Application for a Building Permit... (16) Final Approval... (17) Expiration of Planned Development Approval... (18) Performance Guarantee... (19) Return of Performance Guarantee... (20) Completion of Improvements... (21) Return of Performance Guarantee...

161.165 - APPLICATION DATA REQUIREMENTS: Application for Planned Development approval shall include all data requirements for site plan review as specified in Section 161.029 and the City's Site Plan Manual... (A) Overall plan for the planned development... (B) Map and written explanation of the relationship of the proposed Planned Development to the City's Master Plan... (C) Information concerning traffic generated by the proposed Planned Development... (D) Analysis of the fiscal impact of the proposed Planned Development... (E) Evidence of market need... (F) Legal documentation of single ownership or control... (G) A specific schedule of the intended development and construction details... (H) Deeds of ownership... (I) Warranties guaranteeing ownership conveyed and described in the deeds... (J) Association bylaws... 161.166 - REVISIONS TO APPROVED PLANS: (A) General Revisions... (B) Minor Changes... Examples of minor changes include: addition of alterations to the landscape plan or landscape materials... (C) Return of Performance Guarantee... (D) Completion of Improvements... (E) Return of Performance Guarantee...

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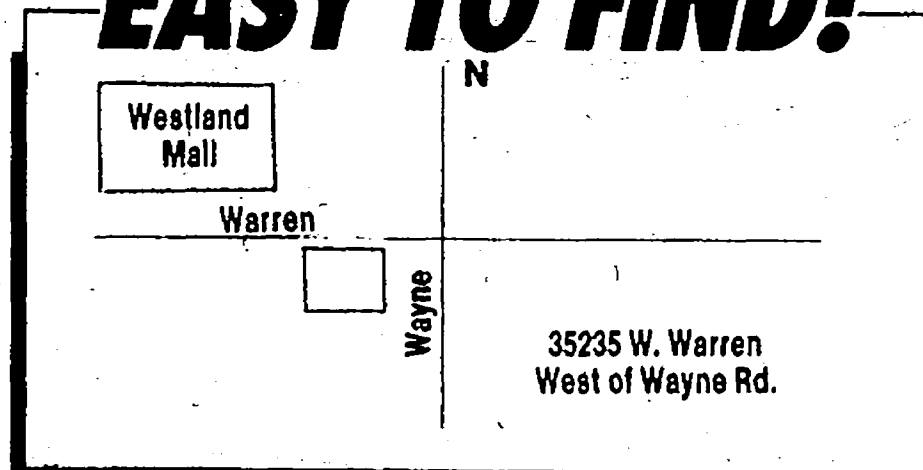
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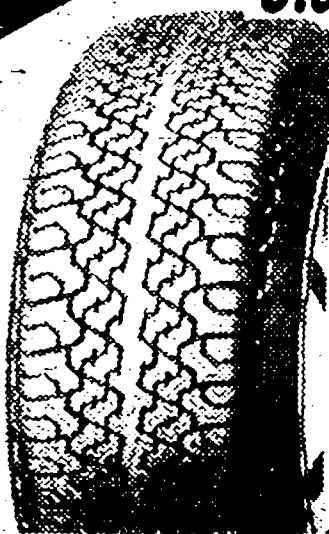
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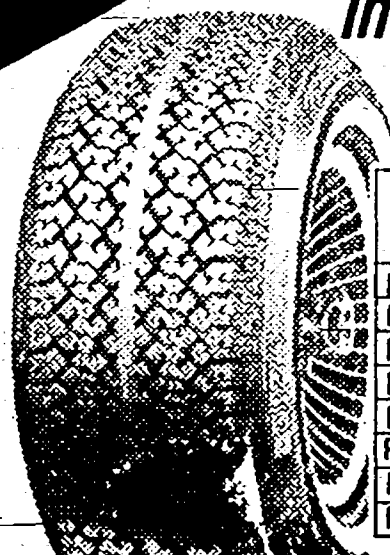


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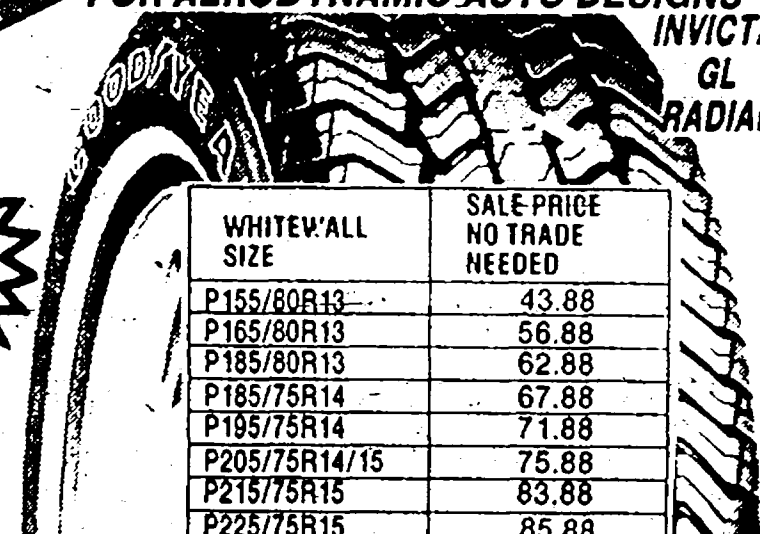
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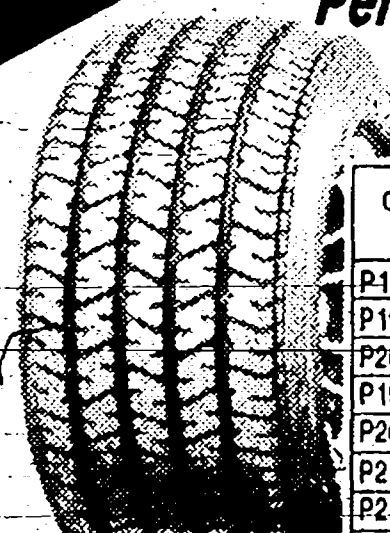
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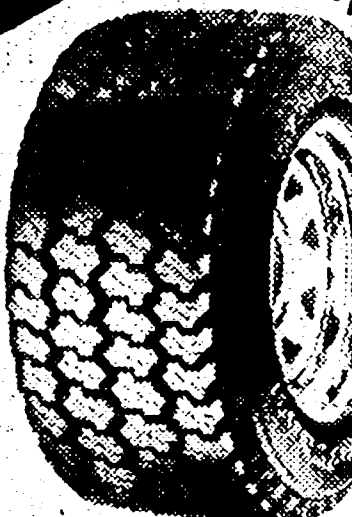
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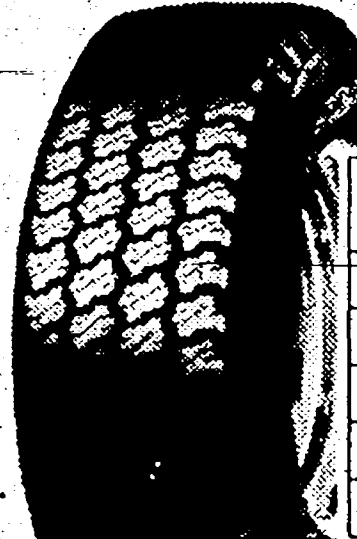
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# Schools to get anti-drug material

By Mary Rodrigue  
staff writer

A metro area oil change company is teaming up with the National Drug Information Center to help area students say no to drugs.

Sue Rusche, director of the National Drug Information Center, will address 25 local Valvoline managers in Southfield Tuesday as the kickoff for a program that will see distribution of an anti-drug digest to area high schools.

The company will provide high schools, junior highs and middle schools in Livonia; Plymouth/Canton, South Redford, Redford Union and Garden City with subscriptions to Drug Abuse Update which is published quarterly by the National Drug Information Center. Several other Detroit area districts also will receive the publication.

It is a summary of current articles from medical literature, news media, book reviews, pamphlets, videos and films that is presented in short, clear language the average person can understand.

"The parent company, Valvoline Oil, sponsors race car drivers and

that capacity provides role models to kids," Rusche said. "This is a way for store managers to be the message deliverers on an important issue."

RUSCHE HAS already given her presentation to company store managers in the St. Louis area, where the program is in place.

"They are mostly young men who can act as ambassadors by speaking well to the (high school) age group," Rusche said. "I give them an overview of the problem."

And Rusche is well aware of the problem. Founder of the National Drug Information Center, established in 1977, Rusche has served as an adviser to the president and has met on numerous occasions with William Bennett and his deputies in Washington to discuss the Bush Administration's efforts to reduce demand versus cutting supply.

"The Drug Information Center was organized as a group of concerned parents, lawmakers and those in the medical and legal professions concerned with drug abuse among the young," Rusche said.

The center's purpose is to educate

the public, especially young people, about the dangers of drug abuse by distributing accurate and timely information. The center houses more than 400,000 documents on the subject of substance abuse, making it the largest repository of its kind in the nation.

Nationally, more than 3,000 schools have received complimentary copies of Update. In addition, Update is distributed to families, physicians, drug treatment centers and policy makers.

Back in the mid 1970s, Rusche's group directed its efforts toward quashing "head shops" — stores where drug paraphernalia was sold.

"These shops sold toys to enhance illicit drug use, like practice pot kits and comic books about cocaine," she said.

"We got the Georgia Legislature to ban the sale of drug paraphernalia and other states followed suit."

ON THE positive side, Rusche says recent survey results show a decline in illegal drug use.

"There are two major surveys conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. One shows a 37 percent decline in overall drug use be-

tween 1985 and 1988, with only an increase in cocaine use among daily users," Rusche said.

"The second survey of high school seniors shows a one third drop in cocaine use between 1986 and 1987. There's been a 75 percent drop in daily marijuana use since 1978. What has gone up is the number of seniors who know drugs can hurt them."

In the peak year 1978 when 11 percent of America's high school seniors admitted to daily marijuana use, only 35 percent believed the drug would hurt them. Today, with under 3 percent of high school seniors using marijuana daily, 77 percent of seniors believe the drug could hurt them.

"We are driving the point home. People are becoming more aware of how drugs can affect them. We must continue educating everyone as well as help groups organize to reverse tolerance for drug dealing in their communities," Rusche said.

Rusche was a charter member of the U.S. Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration Advisory Board and wrote a nationally syndicated column from 1984 to 1989.

## Gibson to hold open house

Gibson School for the Gifted is holding its fall open house 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in the school, 12925 Fenton, Redford.

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## Bill seeks to fund local drug program

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., has joined Sen. Pete Wilson, R-California, in introducing legislation to fund drug education programs taught by local police officers to school children.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Act (DARE) would focus drug education efforts on 5th and 6th graders in Michigan and other states.

In Michigan, 20,000 fifth and sixth graders received DARE training during 1988. That number is expected to double this year.

"The DARE program in Michigan and across the nation has proven successful, but we need to use it in many other schools," said Levin. "This bill would help law enforcement personnel reach the thousands of other children who have not been exposed to DARE."

"The DARE program is a semester course taught by uniformed police officers. The program includes classes in drug resistance and alternatives to drug use, among other areas of instruction."

Michigan DARE instructors include Michigan State police troopers, county sheriff's deputies and city police officers.

Michigan State Police Sgt. Joseph Hanley, state coordinator for the DARE program, said the bill, if enacted, would be a tremendous boost to Michigan drug education efforts.

"Students, parents and educators have been very supportive of the DARE program," Hanley said. "Passage of the bill would bring the DARE program to many other classrooms throughout the state."

The DARE program started in Los Angeles in 1983 and has spread to 49 states and 50,000 classrooms. Preliminary studies in California show the program has been effective in reducing the demand for drugs by young people.

The program currently does not receive any direct federal funding. This legislation would provide \$10 million in federal funding nationwide.

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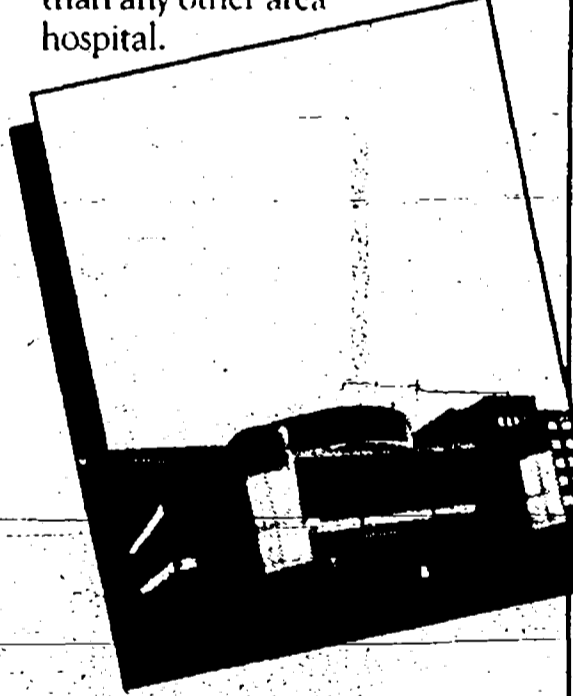
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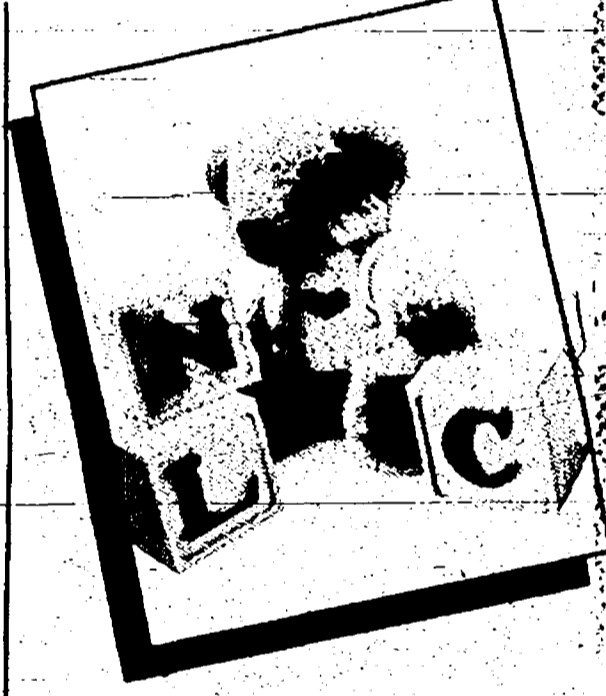


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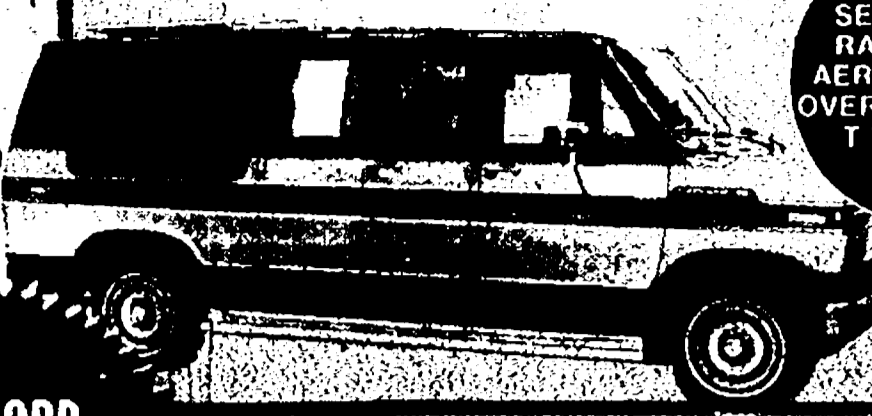
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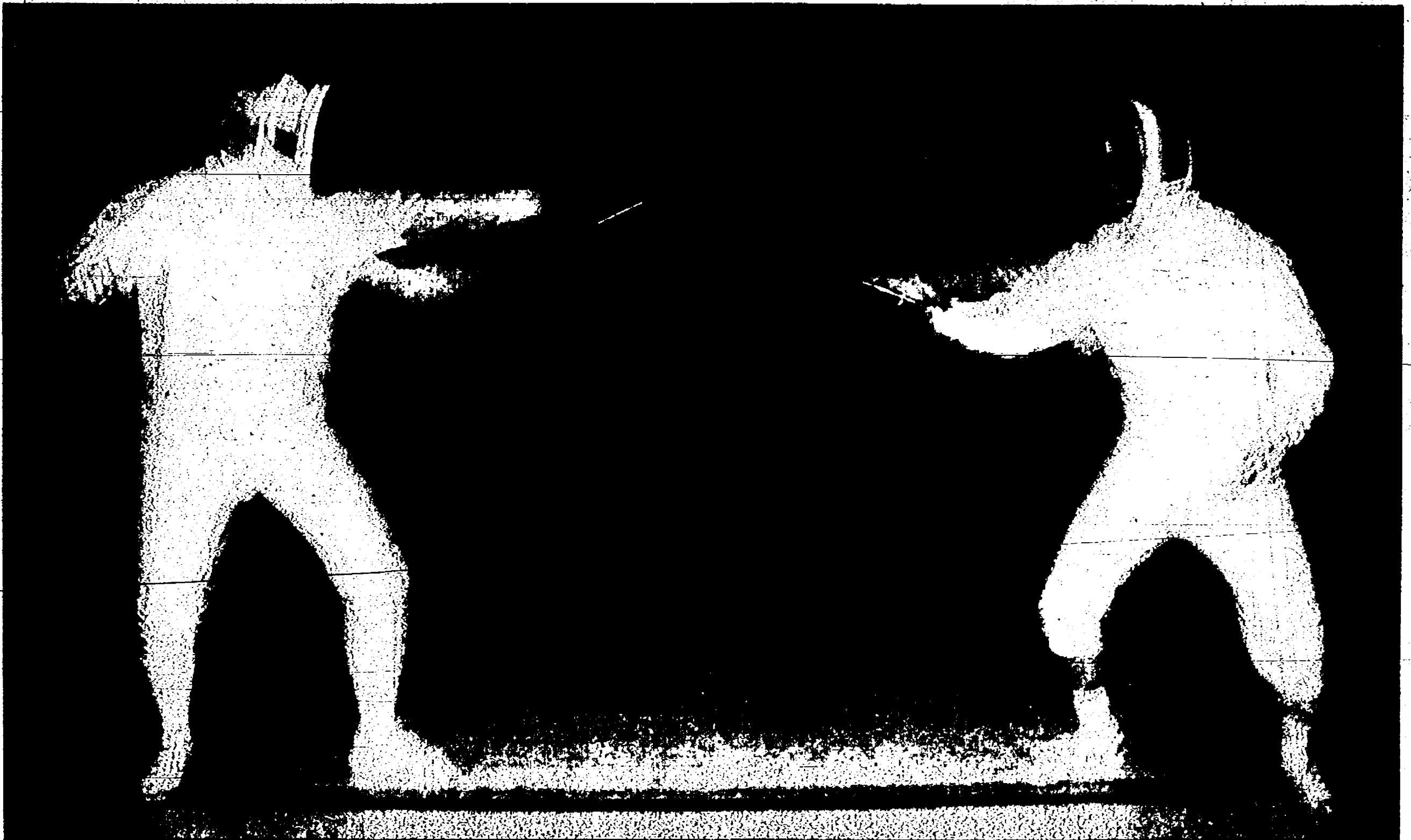
Taylor Mason has carved a niche for himself in the world of laughs. With his sidekick Romeo, a shapely piece of foam that laments the loss of the last great puppet job, and keyboards, Mason is making a name for himself on the comedy club circuit. See Page 5D.

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# STREET SCENE



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

On Tuesday and Friday evenings, the gymnasium of Southfield's McIntyre Elementary School is filled with swashbuckling sounds, thanks to students of the Fencing Academy of Michigan-Southfield.

## Fencing by any other name . . .

By C.L. Rugenstein  
special writer

Slash . . . slash . . . parry . . . slash.  
On the rocky top of a movie mountain in "The Princess Bride," two men bound around, fencing furiously and left handedly.  
"I know something you don't know," says Inigo Montoya — adventurer, rogue, mercenary — taunting the black-clad Dread Pirate Roberts — actually the hero, Wesley.  
"What's that?" Roberts/Wesley asks.  
Ripost . . . slash . . . parry . . . slash.  
"I'm not left handed," Montoya says, deftly switching sword hands while leaping and spinning and generally looking like he's having a ball fending off his opponent.

Fencing scenes like that and others from costume dramas have sent many an aspiring swashbuckler lunging off for lessons.  
It looks like fun. It is fun. And it appeals to the dashing and the daring.  
"It's physical chess at high speed," said Mark Masters, former fencing coach at Birmingham's Roper School, now of Philadelphia.  
But fencing also is hard work.  
At a Friday night session of the Fencing Academy of Michigan-Southfield recently, Masters compared it to learning to play a musical instrument.

"PEOPLE DON'T realize the high level of neuromuscular coordination it takes," he said. "It takes 4-5 years of repetitive motor skill every day to develop the physical strength, stamina and speed (for competitive fencing)."

But Masters himself was lured to the sport by reading the classics like "The Three Musketeers." Other FAMS members started fencing in high school or college as a lark and ended up getting hooked on the sport.

David Porter, assistant coach at Wayne State University, where the women's team just won its second NCAA championship in a row, started when he was 20. A girlfriend at Appalachia State University in North Carolina "dragged" him into a fencing class where he discovered "God made fencing just for me," he said.

FAMS president Charlie Schneider started at age 15, while he was in high school. Schneider was captain of the WSU fencing team in 1974 and went on to fence in the world championships, held in Spain, Italy, Holland, England and Venezuela.

Fencing is a sport that can be enjoyed recreationally by people of all ages, but for competitive purposes, the younger a person starts the better, said Gil Pezza. The head coach at WSU for the last six years, he started fencing when he was 4.

"There was a woman fencer living in the same apartment building where we lived (in native Milan, Italy)," Pezza said. "My father just wanted us to do a sport."

HE FENCED on the Italian national team and was a finalist in the world championships in Istanbul in 1974.

Fencing enthusiasts are fortunate to have a number of top notch teachers in the metropolitan area. Both Pezza and Porter are masters, certi-

fied to teach other fencing coaches. Both also are on the U.S. Fencing Association coaching staff. Pezza also was named to the NCAA national committee in September.

Both teach at FAMS, along with Yuri Rabinowitz, another master and former head coach at the University of Detroit.

While students of all ages are welcome at the club, the instructors would like to see more young people — ages 8-12 — getting into the sport.

"More people are getting involved with fencing because of the junior development program the USFA started about nine years ago," Pezza said.

FOR POTENTIAL fencers who'd like to see what goes on at a meet, Detroit is hosting the North American Junior Circuit Fencing Tournament Friday-Sunday, Nov. 17-19, at Oakland University's Shotwell Pavillion, Rochester.

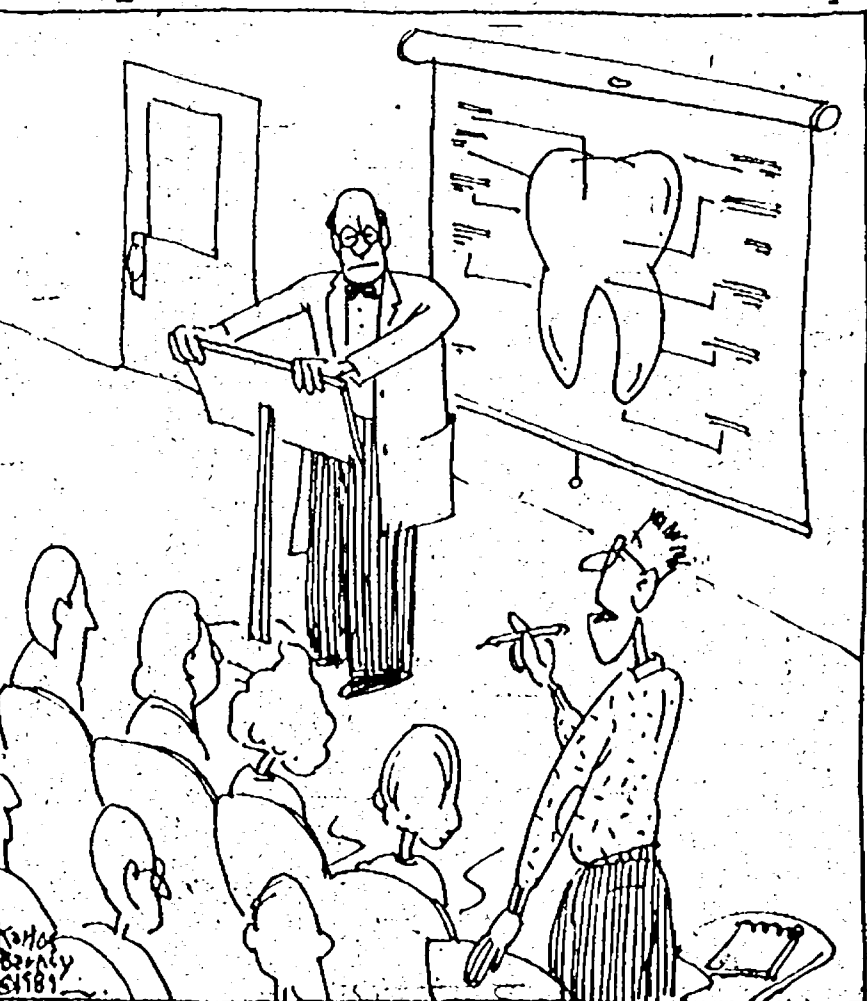
About 150 fencers from across the United States are expected to compete for points that could land them a spot on the national junior team and possibly a spot on the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team.

The tournament will be noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be five events — men's foil, epee and sabre and women's foil and epee. Admission is free, but there is limited spectator space.

Oh, and by the way, . . . happy swashbuckling.

Warp Factor

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"Pyorrhoea? Isn't that what happens to your gums when you drink the water in Mexico?"

## . . . is swashbuckling



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Yuri Rabinowitz, fencing master and former head coach at the University of Detroit, offers pointers to a student at the Fencing Academy.

Ripost . . . slash . . . parry . . . slash.  
For those of you who need a translation of the fencing moves, a slash is a sweeping stroke, parry the turning aside of a thrust and ripost the sharp, swift thrust made after parrying an opponent's lunge.

Don't consider yourself a pro just because you know a little terminology. It takes more than that to become a promising Errol Flynn or Dread Pirate Roberts.

To start, you need a mask, glove, jacket and foil as well as a plastron liner for the jacket for added protection. That can set you back between \$100 and \$125. Although clubs like the Fencing Academy of Michigan-Southfield provides equipment for beginners.

If the sport is to your liking and you envision swashbuckling your way through competition, there's more costs — fencing pants and shoes and electronic weapons. Scoring in competition is done electronically so add on another \$200-300. And for competitive foil and sabre fencing, there's the expense — \$80 and up — for a metallic mesh worn over the target area of the torso.

Then there's the lesson. FAMS offers lessons twice a week for one hour in 10-week segments for \$70 a session. The class are held at Southfield's McIntyre Elementary School 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays (call 355-1326 for information).

There's also clubs like the Lion and Sword in Trenton and Conditiere in Grosse Pointe, which are always looking for new members. And while the Fencing Society at Oakland University is primarily a student organization, it won't turn away people from the Rochester area interested in learning fencing.

AND REMEMBER, you don't become a master fencer in 10 weeks, so figure in plenty of lessons.

If you get in to competitive fencing, it's time to figure in things like fencing bags and the cost of traveling to different competitions.

And then there's the weapon.

Three types of weapons are used in fencing. Beginners generally start out with the foil — light weight with flexible blade originally developed as a training weapon. Its target area in fencing is the front and back of the torso and points are scored with the tip of the blade.

There's also the epee. Twice again as heavy as the foil, it has a stiffer blade. Its target area is the entire body. Like the foil, points are scored with the tip.

The last weapon is the sabre with a part rectangular and part Y-shaped blade. Its target area is the torso.













Dubrovnik is a picturesque town of stone and red tile roofs against the green mountains and completely wrapped in its 13th century wall.

photos by MICKY JONES

## A second — inexpensive — look at Europe

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
contributing travel editor

Last week we published a letter from two couples who want to visit Europe together. They've all backpacked the continent at one time or another, and now they want to do it comfortably, but economically. We explored traveling by bed and breakfast through the Republic of Ireland, with possible post-trips to the United Kingdom; all English-speaking. This week we'll explore a southern alternative, coastal Yugoslavia.

Stand on the wall that surrounds the perfectly preserved old city of Dubrovnik and look out to sea. Venetian sailing ships once filled the harbor below, but the sailing masts that mark the docks now have come in from holiday resorts and islands up and down the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia.

Tiny white wake lines create the blue water, ferries cruising back and forth from Dubrovnik to Italy, 110 miles away across the Adriatic Sea, to Venice, in its silted lagoons, and to some of the thousand islands that scatter the 500-mile strip of seacoast from Italy in the north to forbidden Albania in the south.

It is easy to imagine the Greek galleys, the Roman merchantmen, the war ships of Hungary and Turkey, the long boats and the round boats of Venice, the sea vessels of all those invaders who ruled here one century after another.

Tourism is the main coastal industry now, so invaders still come from all directions, on sailboats, in tour buses and cars along the Magistrala, decorating the ancient beaches, exploring walled cities in their storybook settings along the Adriatic Sea.

The sun worshippers drive in from Europe or get off their planes from the United States. Every single one of them is headed for Dubrovnik.

Dubrovnik is the modern name of the old city-state of Ragusa, which once had a fleet of 2,000 ships. The word ragosa is a corruption of ragus or ragusea, meaning a ship of Ragusa.

ACCORDING TO Viktor, a local man who drove us downhill to the old city, the present highway follows the route that caravans took into the city in the ninth century, bringing silks and spices from the east to the merchantmen of the west.

"There is a disco now in the Lazaretto, where the caravans were quarantined outside the walls for 40 days before they could enter the city," he said.

Dubrovnik is the most popular tourist destination in Yugoslavia, so I had seen the postcard pictures tak-

en from the mountaintops, from the cable car that lifts above the town and from the hotels that climb down cliffs on either side of the old city.

Nothing prepares you for the picturesque town, sitting there in stone and red tile roofs against the green mountains, completely wrapped in its 13th century wall. Legend says that Richard the Lion Hearted was shipwrecked near the offshore island of Lokrum on his way to the Crusades and lived to rule England.

Neither cars nor bicycles can enter the old city. We walked through the Pila Gate and down the wide main street, the Placa, for about 600 yards, between historic buildings and tiny shop fronts to the opposite wall and the harbor.

Teens in jeans and T-shirts sat on the stone bridge that crosses the moat, and around the Onofrio Fountain. We walked the undamaged medieval wall, toured the Church of Sveti Pavao, which survived the devastating 1667 earthquake, and bought aspirin in one of Europe's oldest pharmacies, built in 1318 in a Franciscan monastery.

STUDENTS FLEW balloons and ate ice cream around Roland's Column, where state decisions have been announced by the town crier for 500 years. Around this plaza are Dubrovnik's treasures — the Clock Tower, the Sponza Palace, the Rector's Palace.

We had lunch at a colorful sidewalk cafe and then climbed the staircase streets that lead a few blocks uphill to the wall. Children played with dolls in ancient doorways. Women sat in the sun or shook quilts out windows. Men did the ongoing work of restoration.

Tourists overwhelm Dubrovnik. Only intrepid travelers brave the crowds of July and August, when the city is a stage for the Dubrovnik Summer Festival. We rented a car and drove south to Montenegro, smallest of Yugoslavia's six republics. The name means literally black mountains.

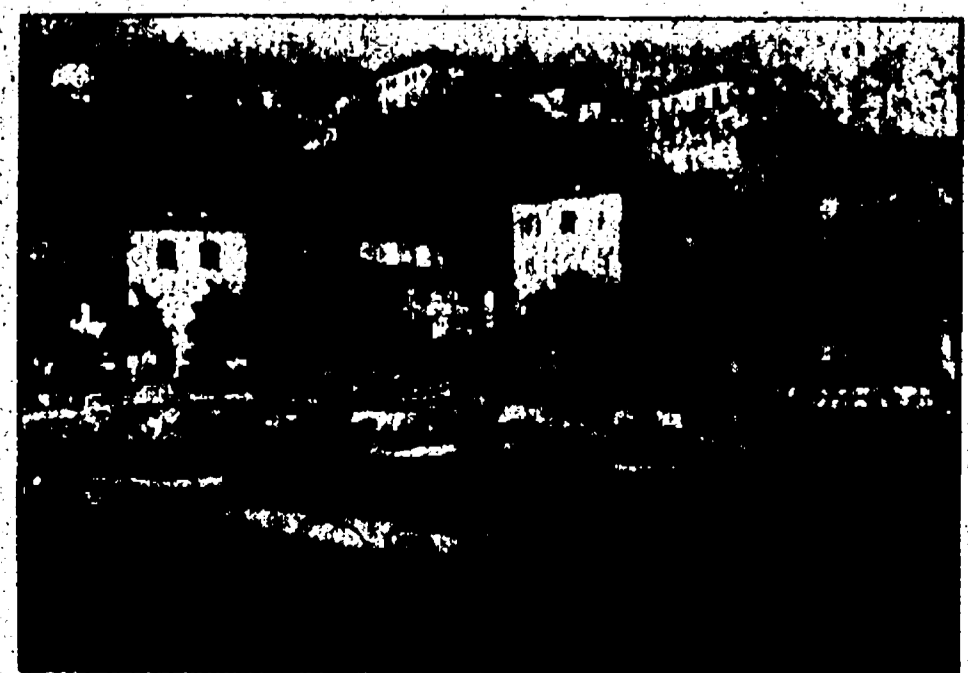
Life is not all ancient history on the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia. There are cars and casinos and seafood restaurants in new towns outside every walled city. We could have looked for Roman and Greek artifacts in Cavtat, but we sat instead under colorful umbrellas and watched the windsurfers and the sailboats go by.

Sunbathers can choose their beach style — sand beaches, pebble beaches, nude beaches. There are even beaches in Cavtat and Igalo where you can plaster yourself with thermal mud and let it dry in the sun.

Igalo is at the entrance to Boka Kotorski, known in English as the Gulf of Kotor and to locals as The Boka. Hike the eight-mile sea pro-



There's plenty of shopping to be found in Dubrovnik's old city, which neither cars nor bicycles can enter, while boats dot the harbor of Hercig-Novi.



menade to Hercig-Novi.

If you are lucky, a Yugoslav like Barney Popovic will walk you downhill past 600 years of Turkish, Venetian and Spanish forts to the sea. Barney was on vacation when we found him. Without him we would never have seen the red and green markers on the houses.

"MONTENEGRO WAS the center of the 1979 earthquake and all our old buildings are being restored," Barney said. "Red means it was damaged so badly that it must be torn down. Green means that it's OK or can be restored. This kind of historic preservation is very important to Yugoslavia."

"The workers of Serbia gave 1 percent of their wages for 10 years to restore Montenegro."

It is great fun to take the car ferry across the 300-yard-wide strait that cinches the Boka in half like an hour glass, but we saved that for the return trip and drove the Magistrala highway, by now a ledge between mountain and sea, to Risan, where Illyria's last queen threw herself into the sea rather than succumb to the Romans. Then on to Perast, to the two tiny islands that sit 400 yards offshore.

One island was built by nature and holds the ruins of a Benedictine monastery and a stand of cypress trees that mark the graves of ancient sailors. The second island, made by man, holds the Church of Our Lady of Skrpjelo.

Sister Sophia was waiting when our small boat pulled up to the church, past walls covered with silver votive plaques given by grateful sailors over the centuries.

"Any luck?" Sister Rozamunde raised her shoulders in a universal shrug.

"No dinner tonight," Sister Sophia said with a grin, as she led us into the church, past walls covered with silver votive plaques given by grateful sailors over the centuries.

"FIFTEENTH century fishermen found a painting of the Madonna and child on a reef below this spot," she said, pointing to a brightly colored painting in a golden frame. "The people of Perast decided that the Madonna wanted a church built here, so they began to dump old fishing boats, rocks and debris on the reef and eventually they created an island."

Time has a different tempo here on the Adriatic, than it does on Fifth Avenue or Rodeo Drive. It was 200 years before the island was born and the church built. They still bring

debris on garlanded fishing boats to shore up the island during the annual summer festival. Islands don't stand by themselves; they need work.

Perast is a national monument because of its importance in maritime history. The admirals and sailors of medieval Venice learned their craft at the naval school here. Peter the Great sent 60 young Russians to Perast in 1698 to create the first Russian fleet.

The seafarers of Montenegro are a fiercely independent people. When the Turks tried to invade this bay they were stopped by a huge chain strung across the entrance to the harbor.

Ten miles beyond Perast, where the Boka ends its 20-mile journey in from the sea, is the medieval city of Kotor, tucked into a steep mountain fold that rises directly out of the sea into the sky. All of these medieval towns have a Venetian style, right down to the clock tower and the plaza, but I know of no other city in the world wrapped in a wall from the sea to the top of a mountain and down again.

KOTOR WAS BADLY damaged by the 1979 quake. The first building restored was the naval museum, with its maritime history of the Boka, where the first maritime fraternity in the Mediterranean area was formed in 809.

Old stories always start with "according to legend," and according to legend, Kotor bought its patron saint and associated relics for 300 pieces of gold from a ship driven into port by a storm in the year 890 AD, its hold full of sacred relics from the Near East.

If you go to Yugoslavia, try to get a package tour that covers air and hotel and then either rent a car or a sailboat. Hotels like the Belvedere in Dubrovnik or the Croatia in Cavtat are large, but may have group rates. Yugoslavs recommend the Argentine hotel for \$50 to \$75 in Dubrovnik.

I would love to stay at the Dvorac Sorkocevic in a manor house six miles out of town at the Dubrovnik Marina, about \$50 for two. Don't miss overnight or a meal at the Hotel Sveti Stefan, down the coast beyond Budva, \$50 to \$75 off-season. It's a walled island, once a fishing village, now a hotel.

Sailors should know that the Adriatic Club of Yugoslavia and Zadar SAS are building marinas and expanding charter fleets. For more information, contact the Yugoslav National Tourist Office, 630 Fifth Ave., Suite 210, New York, N.Y. 10020.

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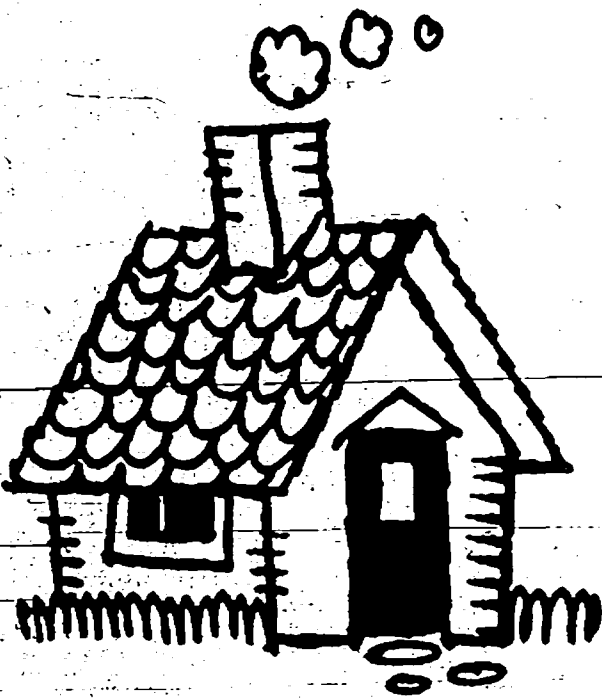




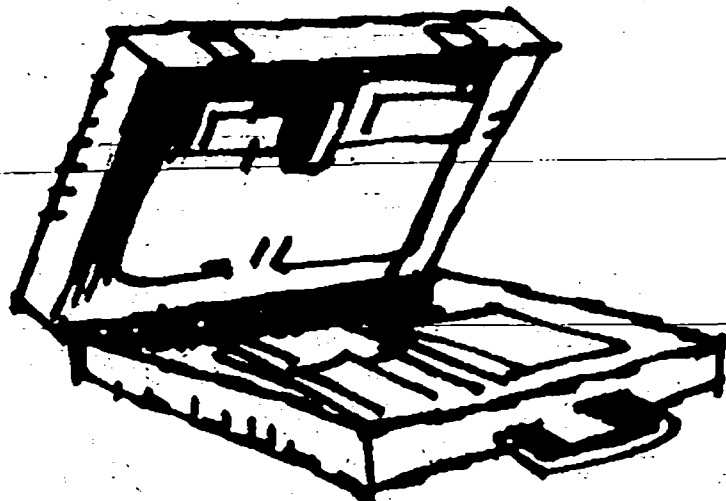




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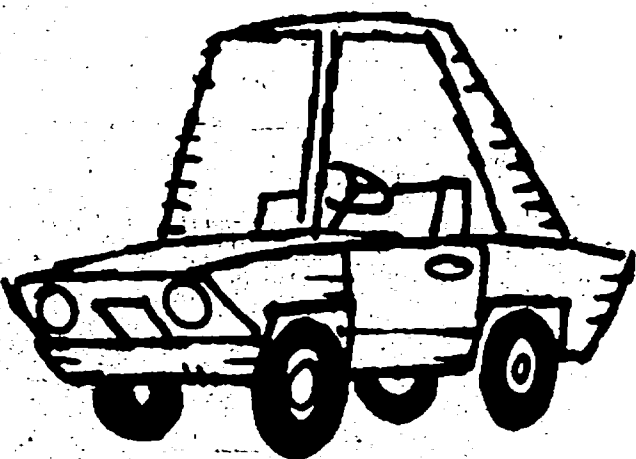
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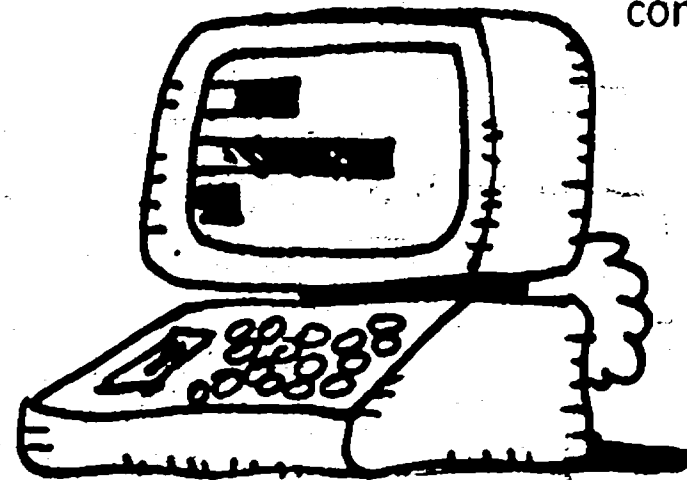
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