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Jeannette Duncan and Roy Grogetsy were honored by the Westland Friendship Center for their service and leadership, respectively.

JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Center honors senior standouts

Jeannette Duncan and Roy Grogetsy were honored as the Westland Friendship Center's top senior citizens at the center's annual recognition program Friday afternoon.

Duncan, married for 43 of her 71 years, was cited for her service work while Grogetsy, married for 49 of his 76 years, was recognized for his leadership skills.

The Senior Friendship Center also honored scores of other seniors, including senior club officers, Commission on Aging, Advisory Council delegates and alternates, bingo committee members, event helpers, deliverers of meals to home-bound persons, kitchen helpers, volunteers from the Whittier center, volunteers for the American Association of Retired Persons, and those who visit nursing home patients, said Sylvia Kozorosky-Wlaczek, senior resources director.

Duncan was honored for her many years in working with St. Richard's Catholic Church in Westland, the church's women's guild, Tuesday Friendship Club, March of Dimes, the former Cady Elementary School, and the Redford Theatre.

Over the years, she has served as bingo chairwoman and as a Friendship Center volunteer for 12 years.

"She has helped seniors to get out and join senior clubs to help them out of a depression," said her nominator. "She also visits seniors in nursing homes, helps poor families with money and baskets with her own money."

"She makes people happy," the nominator concluded.

Outside of the Friendship Center, Duncan is married to Harry Duncan and has one son, one daughter, and three grandchildren. She was a cashier and clerk before retiring in 1979.

GROGETSKY IS a 25-year Sunday school teacher at Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit and also served on the church's board of education for 22 years.

He is a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford, serving as president of the ushers' club and member of the men's club. The honoree was also an elder of the church for four years and served on its finance committee.

Grogetsy is a founder and charter member of the Friendship Center's Gadabouts Club, is by-laws committee chairman of the Westland Senior Citizen Advisory Council delegate and an alternate to the city's recreation advisory council.

He was the first president of the Gadabouts Club and also served in the post for two other terms. He is the club's entertainment committee chairman, member of the Wayne-Ford Civic League, president of the Greenwood Villa sen-

iors' organization, and a director and delegate for an advisory council which helps Greenwood persons with problems.

Grogetsy also edits a monthly newsletter for the apartment complex on Cowan west of Wayne Road.

"ROY HAS always accepted the challenges and responsibilities of leadership to help others," said his nominator.

He is married to Evelyn Grogetsy and the father of one son. During World War II, he served in the Army for 3½ years, earning a European and African campaign medal with four bronze stars, a victory medal and good conduct medal.

He worked as a Chrysler Corp. material storekeeper before retiring in 1976.

The Friendship Center is on Newburgh, just north of Marquette.

Schools tax hike urged

By Leonard Poger
editor

A Wayne-Westland school district millage committee agreed Wednesday night that it has two major goals to meet in the next six weeks:

- Educate voters about the need for a proposed tax increase to maintain a quality education system.
- Explain the inequities of the state school aid formula.

The school administration has proposed that the school board put a single proposal for the June 11 ballot asking for a 5-mill increase and a renewal of an expiring 2.75-mill levy.

The board is scheduled to vote next Monday night on the proposal.

After the meeting of the Committee for Effective School Funding ended, school board president Andrew Spisak told the Observer he supports the single proposal combining the renewal and the increase, although several committee members suggested during the meeting that the tax increase and renewal be separated on the ballot.

To homeowners, the 7.75-mill proposal means a property tax levy of \$7.75 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, or nearly \$194 for a house valued at \$50,000.

The 5-mill increase represents \$125 of that figure while the renewal represents the remaining \$69.

But to the school district, the proposal's approval would mean \$10 million in revenue.

More than 100 committee members met for more than two hours in the central administration office to hear an explanation of the school aid

formula, the need to get public approval for a tax rate renewal and increase, and how to answer voters' questions about specific issues.

Leading the discussion were Dennis O'Neill, school superintendent and Greg Howes, co-chairman of the committee along with Larry Letke.

THE BOARD earlier this year cut the junior high school day to five hours from six, eliminated extracurricular activities and reduced the expressive arts program by two-thirds.

Howes stressed during the committee session that the responsibility of maintaining a good school system is up to the community.

"We know taxes are too high, but on the other hand, because of the tax structure, we're in a dilemma," said O'Neill.

"But we know that people don't understand the dilemma."

AT ONE point, Howes asked for a show of hands on how many committee members before that night understood the state school aid formula. Less than half raised their hands.

Elwood (Woody) London, the school district's assistant superintendent for business, explained the state school aid formula using different examples of tax rates, the local property tax base, and student enrollments.

London, O'Neill and Howes repeatedly said that while homeowners may see an increase in their as-

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City investigating strip mall vacancies

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

In the last mayoral campaign, Robert Thomas, the candidate, voiced concerns that too much commercial development was creating excessive vacancies and harming owners of shops in strip malls.

Now, as mayor, Thomas will find out if that is true, thanks to a study under way by the city's department of economic development.

"We're gathering our numbers,

now," said Scott Veldhuis, director of economic development. "We should have the report in a few months, later this summer."

VELDHUIS SAID the city was gathering information on:

- The number or retail strip centers, which he estimated to be in the 80s.
- Vacancy rates.
- Turnover rates.

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Pampered pups get the bow wow look at 'posh' shop

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

Marci Rich wasn't one of those people who couldn't figure out what they wanted to do for a living. For as long as she can remember, she's had a mission in life: to groom dogs.

"It's all I ever wanted to do. It's what I wrote my high school term paper on," said Rich, who since last summer has owned the Posh Pup grooming shop on Middlebelt, just south of Ann Arbor Trail.

Rich says she feels at home in Westland, near the Garden City boundary. She grew up in Garden City and attended West High School, for one thing. For another, business in her first store has been excellent.

"I absolutely love it here," said Rich. "I grew up in Garden City and my dad worked at Ford for 20 years. So I can relate to working-class people."

BUT THE FIRST year hasn't been trouble free. One day in the winter, Rich and her associate, Diane Hasty, discovered an unordered alteration when they opened up one day. Someone had plowed a car into the side of the building, then backed up and left, leaving a huge hole behind.

"The wall was caved in and the wind was whipping through," said Hasty. "Someone was trying to turn us into a drive-through dog wash. Or maybe they were making a night deposit."

But they just put some cardboard over the hole and opened as usual.

people

'You have to read their body language. Feel if they're tense. Read their eyes. There's never been a dog I've been afraid of, but I respect their capability to put me out of work for a long time.'

— Marci Rich

What's not usual is the inside of the shop. The back room looks more like a veterinarian's office, with its high-tech machines and hydraulic tables. The machines are industrial-strength blowers for getting a dog's hair straightened out just right. The tables go up and down so the animals can be attended to without the stress of pulling and lifting them.

"From the time they come in our store, our hands never leave the pet," said Hasty, who before her medical retirement because of multiple sclerosis was head of radiologic services at Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

She has also raised champion cocker spaniels. "And they rarely see the inside of a cage, which lessens the stress of grooming."

BEFORE OPENING up her Westland store, Rich had a portable busi-

ness. People didn't have to bring their dogs to her, she drove to them. "But then they started having all those freeway shootings and I figured I'd be better off getting off the road," said Rich.

Rich said she has never been bitten by a dog.

"You have to read their body language. Feel if they're tense. Read their eyes," she said. "There's never been a dog I've been afraid of, but I respect their capability to put me out of work for a long time."

A typical grooming is about \$22 and includes brushing, ear cleaning, nail trimming, bathing, blow-drying and hand-scissoring. Sorry, no cats.

And none of that cheap generic shampoo, either. "It's all-natural, PH balanced, tearless shampoo," said Hasty.

How posh.



JOHN DISCHER/staff photographer

Big or small, the Posh Pup grooms 'em all. Owner Marci Rich (left) and Diane Hasty tend to business in the dog-grooming shop on Middlebelt at Ann Arbor Trail.



Erica Lozon (left) and Lindsay Stockwell rehearse their routines for the weekend figure skating show.



Getting ready for the weekend performance are figure skaters Kristy Goen (left), Angie Booterbaugh, Allison Bockstanz, and Kelly Hunter.



Lindsay Booterbaugh laces her skates in preparation for a figure skating show.

Skaters glide to dance steps

WESTLAND figure skaters will take to the "dance floor" this weekend for the 14th annual show sponsored by the Westland Figure Skaters Boosters Club. About 100 youngsters from 3 and up will perform in the show, "Dance, Dance, Dance." Show director Tammy McKinstry said there will be all types of dancing exhibited by the skaters, includ-

ing ballet, ballroom dancing, international and the Roaring Twenties.

The show will start at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Westland Sports Arena, Wildwood at Hunter.

A guest performer will be Shelly Blalo, crowned last November as the 1990 Westland Junior Miss.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and younger.



Jessica Saban polishes her figure skating technique.

City to study vacancies in retail strip centers

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• The square footage leased out and the square footage that is vacant.

• If there are pockets in the city where vacancy rates are particularly high.

"It's a lot of information," Veldhuis said.

The study began about six weeks ago following a meeting involving the mayor, Veldhuis and government relations committee of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Veldhuis said Tuesday.

"I think there is a perception that there is a lot of commercial development in Westland and its vacancy problems in the strip centers. I'm not sure that's being borne out.

"Is Westland overdeveloped?"

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Thomas, who upset Griffin and is nearly four months into a four-year term, complained last year that there are too many strip retail centers and apartment developments.

ONCE THE data is gathered, it will be fairly easy to update it from year to year, Veldhuis said.

"Once we have the data, we want to compare it with other communities and find out if vacancy rates in Westland are high or low."

The working definition of strip mall Veldhuis' department is using for the study is that the stores in the mall must have shared parking and that there must be two or more stores in one larger building, he said. Free-standing stores that share a parking lot will not be counted.

Plans under way for school to train construction workers

By Joe Bauman
staff writer

A training facility for union laborers from throughout southeast Michigan could begin operating in western Wayne County in a few weeks.

The Michigan Laborers' Training Institute, open to local residents, plans to operate the school on Stark Road between Plymouth Road and the Jeffries Freeway in Livonia.

Instructors and students will be able to use the area behind the school to practice such skills as highway construction, sewer and water main installation, and various types of commercial and industrial construction.

The institute also has classes to certify persons to remove asbestos.

THE TRAINING Institute was founded in Lansing in 1974 as an employee benefit for members of the Laborers' International Union of North America, and currently operates schools in Perry and Iron Mountain.

Classes and hands-on training provided at the schools are similar to apprentice programs offered through other unions but are more short-term and intensified.

"I am very happy that we will be able to proceed with our plans," institute director Edward McDonald said. "We should be ready to start

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— Edward McDonald

classes by the middle of May." McDonald said that without the ability to provide an outdoor setting it would be impossible to operate the school wants.

"I think that part of the reason the planning commission voted against us was that they didn't understand our operations or the training institute," McDonald said.

"We will only store a small amount of materials outside and we will not be a nuisance to the surrounding area."

THE INSTITUTE appealed the planning commission's decision, and a public hearing was held Monday to discuss the proposal.

As part of his pitch, McDonald gave a slide presentation of the school's headquarters in Perry and explained the need for the Livonia operation.

"We believe we can best serve the

metropolitan area by operating a local school," he said.

"There is a great deal of construction activity going on in the surrounding communities and the need for training is great."

MCDONALD SAID the school will occupy a building already on the site, which will help reduce the amount of time it will take to begin operation.

McDonald said students are referred by local unions for cross-training as a way to enhance their job skills.

"We train both union members and new applicants. Much of our concentration lately has been in certifying people for asbestos removal, which is required by the state."

About eight students will use the training institute at a time, McDonald said, with classes lasting from one day to four weeks depending on the nature of the program.

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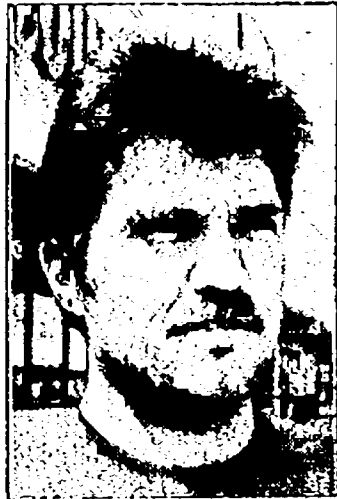
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Community Corner

This week's question:

Did you do anything in honor of Earth Day?

We asked this question of Westland residents at the Westland Plaza, Wayne Road at Hunter.



'Nothing, although I was aware it was Earth Day.'
— Blair Warnemuende



'I went to a bowling tournament in Ohio and sat all day in a bowling alley. Next year, I will plant a tree.'
— Carol Porcaro



'I didn't do anything, although I did ask my mother to buy a tree.'
— Vikki Young



'My son and I planted two white ash trees at our home on Hunter.'
— Robert Young



'I didn't do anything for Earth Day, although I did get to see my niece and nephew for the first time in a year. I was aware it was Earth Day.'
— Fay Mrove



'I cut down on my use of paper towels. I was very aware it was Earth Day.'
— Carolyn Hopps

lunch menu for seniors

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of April 30:

Monday — Beef stew with vegetables, health salad, corn muffin with margarine, pear crisp, milk.

Tuesday — Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter blend, cherry cup, biscuit with margarine, milk.

Wednesday — Stuffed cabbage, natural potato wedges, green beans, bread with margarine, peaches, milk.

Thursday — Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad, fresh pear, pumpernickel bread with margarine, milk.

Friday — Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, pineapple tidbits, roll with margarine, milk.

Meals will be served at noon at the Westland Senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, north of Marquette.

Party benefit in the cards today

● BALL SEASON

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is taking registrations for T-ball and softball leagues. The leagues are open to all boys and girls ages 5-13 in the Y's service area, which includes Garden City. Registration is at the YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For information, call 721-7044.

● CARD PARTY

Thursday, April 26 — The Alhambra Sultanas of Tagus, which includes local residents, will hold a card party at 7 p.m. in the American

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.

Legion Stilt Post, 23850 Military, Dearborn Heights. Tickets are \$4. Proceeds to benefit retarded children. For ticket information, call

Donna Nowak at 261-1689.

● OPEN HOUSE

Friday, April 27 — Little People's Co-op Nursery will hold open house

10-11 a.m. at Cleveland Elementary School, 28030 Cathedral, in the Joy-Inkster Road area. Applications for the 1990-91 school year will be accepted. For information, call 421-7606 or 937-9349.

● HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, April 28 — Wayne-Westland YMCA will hold its annual health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road. Metro Medical Group will offer cholesterol screening and body fat analysis for adults. For information, call 721-7044.

County Special Olympics coming to area Saturday

The Wayne County Special Olympics summer games, for local developmentally disabled students, will be hosted by Franklin High School this year.

The summer games for ages 8 to 40 and older will take place on successive weekends.

About 400 athletes will participate in gymnastics, weightlifting and walking Saturday, April 28. About 1,100 athletes will compete in track and field, and swimming events Friday, May 4.

For both days, the parade of athletes will begin 8:45 a.m., opening ceremonies at 9 a.m., with events running all day until 3 p.m. Franklin High is on Joy east of Merriman.

AREA 23 Wayne County delegation of Special Olympians recently returned from the 1990 Michigan Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament.

The winners in the senior division were: Pistons, second; Angels, third; Wildcats, second; Whalers, first. In the junior division, theazers fin-

ished second and the Jets placed third.

Basketball is part of the Michigan Special Olympics year-round program of sports training and competition for children and adults who are developmentally disabled.

Special Olympians are now in training for the spring/summer season which culminates at the State Summer Games May 31 through June 3 at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

WAYNE COUNTY Special Olympics Summer Games began in 1975 with track and field events at Wayne Memorial High and swimming events at John Glenn High, both in the Wayne-Westland school district.

That first year the Wayne and Plymouth Civitan clubs were the only service clubs involved. They recruited friends, neighbors, and relatives to help present the games for 225 athletes. The cost was only \$200.

The schools brought their own lunches and were given ribbons for achievements in the individual events. The celebrity guests that year were the "Banana Splits" who appeared every afternoon on Channel 50.

The following year the Special Olympics were at the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park in Canton, then Livonia, and Dearborn.

A cycle was established and the county spring games were rotated among Wayne-Westland, Plymouth-Canton, Livonia and Dearborn for a number of years with the Civitans in each city acting as the host club.

The games grew each year to the present level of about 1,000 athletes. The activities grew in number to the point that four years ago the gymnastics, which was broken off as a separate day event, was combined with weightlifting and walking.

At its largest, the county spring games (before Detroit became its

own area) had 2,000 athletes in one day in all events. There were 600 volunteers and 15 celebrities that day at John Glenn High. At that time, it was the largest single day undertaking for any Special Olympics event anywhere in the world.

THE SPRING games have evolved to its present level of about 1,000 participants and 300 volunteers.

The games still are rotated from community to community. Funds have increased and the athletes receive medals, lunches and shirts are provided.

The cost of putting on the spring games has grown from the initial \$200 to \$10,000.

obituaries

ALICE E. PRESTON

Private services for Mrs. Preston, 67, of Garden City were recently, with arrangements by the John Santelu and Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Preston died April 22 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. She was a Garden City resident for 34 years, previously living in Boston and Escanaba. She was a Fisher Body Division/Livonia sewing worker for 13 years before retiring in 1985.

Survivors are daughters, Julie Alcala of Westland; Joyce Blevins of Romulus; Andrea Depowski of Dearborn Heights; Laurie Davis of Garden City and Lyn Gunn of Westland; sons, Steve of Canton Township and Chris of Dearborn Heights; 19 grandchildren; and two sisters, Lorraine and Gloria, both of Boston.

BÉVERLY JEAN PARASCANDALO

Services for Mrs. Parascandalo, 57, of Westland were April 17 from St. Richard Catholic Church, with the Rev. William Smith officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Parascandalo died April 13 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; three sons, Mark, Larry and Charles; two daughters, Lori and Nancy; and two brothers, Robert and Harold Hickey.

Arrangements were by the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland.

BESSIE M. (MARTIN) COX

Services for Mrs. Cox, 81, of Wayne were April 21 from the Lam-

bert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Dr. Frederick Vosburg of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiating. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Cox died April 18 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township.

Surviving are three sons, James Martin of Hersey, Mich.; Robert Martin of Fowlerville and Richard Martin of Plymouth; three daughters, Dorothy Howard of Garden City, Ruth Randolph of Jackson and Lucille Rose of Plymouth; 25 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

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NOW leader urges women to get into politics

By Judith Doner Berne
staff writer

Will Livonia resident Marilyn Rowens run for office?

What about Linda McCabe of Canton Township?

The two were among the more than 300 people who turned out to hear Molly Yard, president of the National Organization for Women, urge more women to run for public office in a speech at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills Monday night.

The unanimously supportive, largely female audience gave Yard a standing ovation as she walked to the podium and another as she finished.

"Women have got to be in public policy-making positions in this country," the imposing, gray-haired Yard implored. "You're needed in the legislative halls of this country. I urge each of you to see where you could fit in."

"We're more than half the population. We should share the privilege of

directing this country. Until we do we won't get the public policy we're looking for."

Yard was matter of fact: "I have no faith in the courts. Three members of the Supreme Court were appointed by President Reagan and I have no faith in President Bush."

Of Bush's veto last fall of an amendment to ease restrictions on Medicaid abortions, she said: "How any man can expect a poor woman to carry a pregnancy to term as the result of incest and rape. I find it totally obscene."

SHE CALLED THESE both the best and the worst of times for women.

"It's the worst of times because we are in danger of losing the ability to determine whether or not we want to bear a child. It's the best of times because we have the opportunity to make changes greater than in the last 30 years."

In fact, since the Supreme Court's Webster decision, upstart legislation in states which would re-criminalize

abortion has mainly been killed in committee, Yard said.

As for Michigan, "Thank goodness you have a good governor."

"The voters are way ahead of the political leaders of this country," she maintained.

"What's happening is that since the Webster case the women and men of this country are very angry," Yard described. "We are remembering what happened before 1973 — and we're saying not for my daughter, not for my granddaughter."

But what happens here has even greater ramifications, she said.

"We bear a lot of responsibility in this country for what is happening to women around the world." She used examples of Algerian women being beaten for uncovering their faces and others in Mexico being denied birth control information in clinics which fear losing U.S. financial aid.

"We are looked to — around the world to build a world where women are treated as human beings and first-class citizens."

CLOSING OUT the right of a woman to determine her own child-

bearing destiny and passing the equal rights amendment which will put the burden of proof on the discriminator are Yard's main agenda. But other areas also need attention:

• Child care: "We still need to get a good child care bill — it's as important to men as to women."

• Family medical leave: A bill to allow either parent to take an unpaid leave but keep their job in case of an ill child, adoption or birth is languishing, and now has been whittled down from 28 to 10 weeks.

• Pay equity: "We got it through the House twice — can't get it through the Senate."

• Sex education: "I can't tell you how angry I am about the way we treat our teenagers. Why wouldn't we do everything we can to keep them from getting pregnant."

ROWENS WAS one who took seriously Yard's message to run for office, musing whether or not she herself was too old.

"She had a lot of spirit, a lot of strength," Rowens said. "It just makes you feel good that she's saying those things for us."

'We are looked to around the world to build a world where women are treated as human beings and first-class citizens.'

— Molly Yard
NOW president



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

"I was very impressed," said Bob Roether of West Bloomfield. "She has a message for everyone."

"I think it's interesting that a woman her age was so involved," said Barbara Roether.

"She was saying a lot of things I've heard lately," said McCabe, a member of Western Wayne County NOW.

McCabe was also there to plug a demonstration at 3 p.m. Saturday on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, where a memorial service will be held for "women who lost their lives through back alley abortions."

NOW president Molly Yard's passion was evident to the more than 300 people who gave her two standing ovations at Birmingham Temple Monday night.

Armenians recall 'first Holocaust'

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

It's being remembered — with tears — in homes and churches throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Even though it happened long ago, the Armenian genocide remains an issue of profound global importance to this day. This week, survivors and their descendants mark the 75th anniversary of its beginning.

For President George Bush the event represents a "crime against humanity": But for the estimated 50,000 metro Detroit residents of Armenian ancestry, the events of 1915-23 are a reminder some old wounds are never even recognized, much less corrected, and could be repeated, even in a modern, arguably more civilized world.

"**WE CALL** it the first Holocaust," said Livonia city assessor Ronald Mardiros, whose parents escaped from Turkey at the time.

Though historians say an estimated 1.5 million Armenians perished during the purges, even the term "genocide," a systematic plan to eradicate a race or ethnic group, is controversial.

The phraseology is that of Armenians themselves. Modern Turkey, descendant of the Ottoman Empire in which the massacres occurred, claims no responsibility. And Turkey, site of U.S. military bases, is a stable ally in an unstable region bordered by the Soviet Union to the north and Iran to the east.

Even Bush's statement of April 20 — perhaps the strongest of its kind by any American president since Woodrow Wilson — avoided using the term "genocide" and any mention of modern Turkey.

What area Armenians say they want most is recognition the events occurred. The president's statement, they said, was a beginning.

"What we want is recognition, just as East Germany recently recognized the Holocaust, just as the Sovi-

et government, after all these years, recognized its responsibility in the slaughter of the Polish officers, said Harry Derderian of Farmington Hills, who has been active in the fight for recognition.

Bush's refusal to call the events genocide — the systematic extermination of a people for political reasons — was a disappointment to many Armenians. But for Derderian and the Washington, D.C.-based Armenian National Committee of America, the president's words were sufficient.

"**SOMETIMES**, you can get too hung up over wording," he said.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Senate tried in vain to pass a resolution acknowledging the slaughter of Armenians living in what is now modern-day Turkey. The resolution died amid heavy lobbying and much acrimony.

Turkey's modern government warned the resolution would "inflame nationalist passions and historic grievances and incite further violence."

But the real issue could be reparations.

"Clearly, something is due," Derderian said. "I mean, the U.S. recently repaid Japanese-Americans who lost their homes and property during World War II. As bad as that situation was, this was even worse."

Reparations, either to individual families or to the people of Soviet Armenia as whole, could help the region rebuild after its devastating 1988 earthquake.

"With the earthquake, it (reparations) certainly would be welcome," Derderian said.

For other Armenians, recognition alone could be enough.

"We're not anti-Moslem, or anti-anyone," Mardiros said, referring to traditional hostility between Christian Armenians and neighboring states. "But we don't want people to

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Voices of survivors:

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Anna Giragosian remembers the wolves and the snakes that followed her family's steps as it made its way from its Turkish village to the inland concentration camp that awaited Armenians in 1915.

Now in her 80s, Giragosian recalls the events clearly.

"I remember calling, 'Mama, don't leave me,'" she said. "Even years later, people wondered why I was still calling that, 'Mama, don't leave me.'"

These are the voices of what has been termed the Armenian genocide. Three-quarters of a century later, they still crack with emotion.

Roughly a dozen survivors live at Manoogian Manor, a Livonia-based home for elderly Armenians.

The past few days have been especially hard, they said, as they remember the events that cost them their parents, brothers, sisters and children.

"Every day, I think about it, every day I wonder why it was me who survived," said Virginia Krikorian, fighting back tears.

Though painful, the memories bind these elderly women together.

"All Armenians' stories are the same," said Sarah Ohanesian, another resident of the home.

Reasons behind the events of 1915-23 are still open to speculation, but for these women, and other survivors, the story is not so much about who was right, or wrong, but how brutal people can be to each another.

"It's not that people died, it's how they died," said Harry Zartarian, the home's administrator, whose mother survived the killings. "People were butchered."

Men were the first to be killed, Helen Mooradian recalled, often cut down by the sword.

"Some men even dressed as women, but they could not escape," she recalled.

Violence eventually included women and children as well, survivors said.

One resident, Baldzar Aznavorian was the only survivor from a family of 86.

While most of the killing occurred in 1915, Armenians living in what is now modern-day Turkey were subject to periodic violence until the early 1920s.

One woman described her brother's death in 1922, after her city passed back to Turkish control from its post-war Greek protectorship.

The events of 1915-23 and the courage of its survivors were remembered last Sunday in the area's Armenian churches.

The Armenian Congregational Church, in Southfield, held services honoring its 28 survivors, some as old as 101.



"It was a very emotional time, not only the older ones were crying but also the younger ones, too," said Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian. "It was a time of sadness, but it was also a time of joy, a time to look ahead."

Those who were there, however, can't help looking back.

"I still have dreams. . .," Giragosian said.

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Walesa will be honored for his "true Christian behavior in non-violent pursuit of peace," a college spokeswoman said.

There is no confirmation Walesa will attend the ceremonies, but Madonna spokeswoman Andrea Nodge said efforts are being made to contact the Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Other honorary degrees will be awarded to longtime Madonna supporter Michael Ilitch, chairman and president of Little Caesars Enterprises Inc., and the Most Rev. Christian Wiyghan Cardinal Tumi, archbishop of Garoua, Cameroon. His nephew, Paul Kindong of Cameroon, will receive a degree in business management from Madonna during commencement ceremonies.

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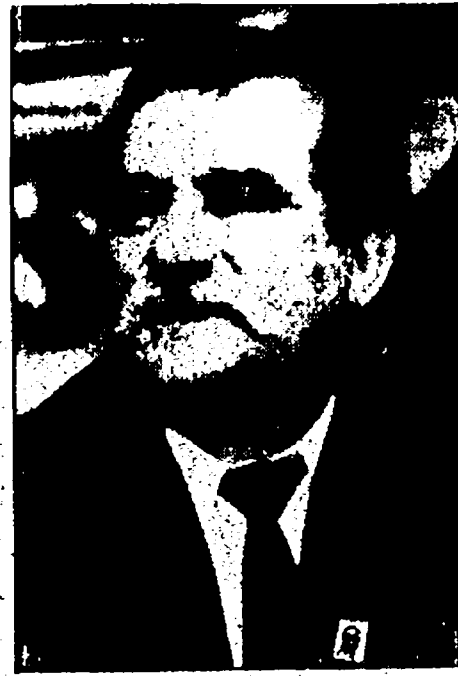
Michigan and Dr. Chen L. Chang, principal of Pankow Vocational-Technical Center, Mount Clemens.



Leslie Rose

Both men will receive the college President's Award.

Rose, a Madonna trustee since 1984, has been chairman of that body for the past three years. Chang has been instrumental in helping Madonna establish its master's program in Taiwan.



Lech Walesa

About 30 Taiwanese students will receive master's degrees as part of that program during the commencement ceremonies. Another group of Taiwanese students will arrive at Madonna this summer to complete their studies.

Madonna is a private liberal arts



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college with an enrollment of about 4,000 students. The college offers degrees in business administration, computers, criminal justice, gerontology, legal assistant, nursing, sign language studies, social work and teacher education, as well as in other areas.

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Slaughter of Armenians still a burning issue

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Remembering is hard, even for Armenian-Americans themselves.

"In a sense, we do feel distanced from it because it was something that happened a long time ago in a land far away," said Marlynn Vardanian of Bloomfield Hills, who just completed her second term as that city's mayor. "But we must remember this is an event on scale with the Holocaust and the Killing Fields (of Cambodia)."

Three-quarters of a century later, even the events themselves are still open to question.

Some Senators, including Georgia's Sam Nunn, argued more historical data need be presented before the U.S.

But others, including Michigan's Carl Levin, said overlooking existing documentation smacks of 1984-style politics.

"ORWELL'S VERSION of history being rewritten for the convenience of current geopolitical strategy has become a modern-day reality," Levin said.

For Dennis Papazian, the Armenian genocide isn't a matter of historical speculation, but of fact.

"This has been one of the best documented events of human history," said Papazian, director of the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. "Even our own ambassador documented it as far back as 1920."

Recognizing the deaths of Armenians at the hand of Ottoman Turks, Pa-

pazian said, is the first step toward preventing the same events from occurring again.

Violence against Armenians in Soviet Azerbaijan — where many Armenians live as an outnumbered minority, hasn't gone unnoticed, Papazian said.

Nor has the fact that Soviet Armenia, neighboring Azerbaijan and other Soviet republics, including Balkan states such as Lithuania, could become independent nations with a foreign and domestic policy of their own.

"If the Soviet Union breaks up the wrong way, who knows what could

happen," he said.

DESPITE FEARS, many Armenian-Americans are cautiously optimistic about Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev and his proposed reforms.

"Armenians were the first to take to the streets, when glasnost and perestroika were announced," Derderian said.

Monitoring events in the USSR, with an eye toward peaceful resolution of the Armenian/Azerbaijan situation, is the next step, Derderian said, once this week's commemorations are complete.

Despite optimism over independence, Armenians cannot escape a past that makes them suspicious of any change.

Priding themselves as the world's first Christian kingdom, Armenians faced attacks from Persians centuries before coming under the rule of Ottoman sultans and their successors.

A post-World War I republic lasted a brief two years.

"As a people, our luck has been bad," said Harry Zartarian, who administers the Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged in Livonia. "We're known for our beautiful churches,

but maybe instead of building churches we should have been building weapons."

Still, Zartarian said, remembering the events of 1915-23 should inspire peaceful solutions, rather than rather than more violence bloodshed.

"This happened in Armenia, it happened again in Nazi Germany, it's happening today in Ethiopia, where people are starving to death," Zartarian said. "If the U.S. doesn't recognize these kinds of things are possible, it will happen again. Only somewhere else."

Scholar says racism was its cause

Why did so many people — an estimated 1.5 million — die in an event recognized by many nations, though not by modern Turkey and its supporters?

Dennis Papazian has devoted much of the last five years to answering that question.

Papazian, director of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Armenian Research Center, links the violence to traditional cultural and religious differences, intensified during the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

"ARMENIANS WERE scapegoats," Papazian said. "Racism was

an ugly part of European intellectual tradition and, unfortunately, the Young Turks (who succeeded the Ottoman sultans who killed an estimated 300,000 Armenians some 20 years earlier) brought it to bear."


Removal from home villages, Papazian said, was inspired by the

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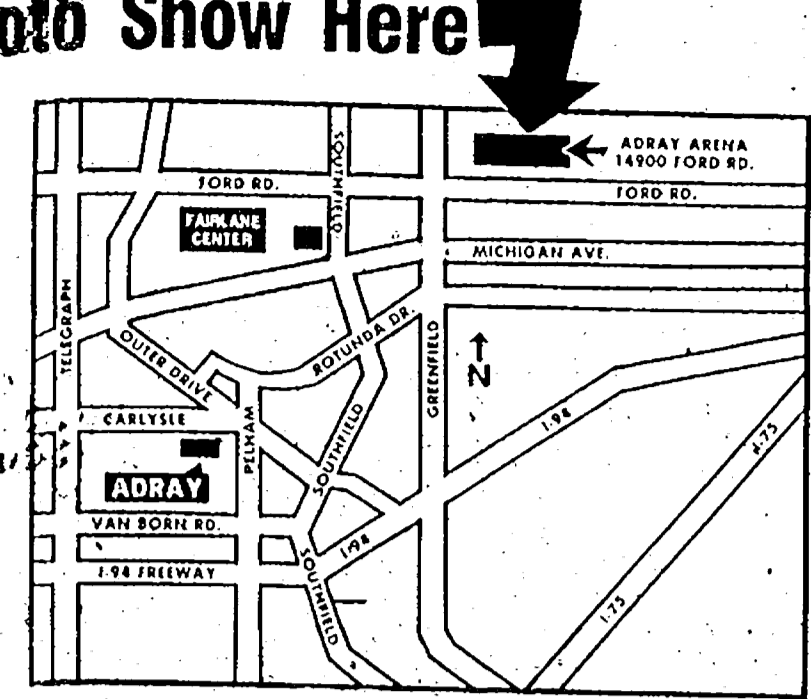


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Three youngsters from western Wayne County were among those honored Sunday at Oakwoods Metropark for their contributions to the Huron-Clinton Metroparks' Earth Day writing and art contest.

Jennifer McHutchion of Livonia and Tim Carter of Canton were prize winners in the sixth grade poster contest. Melanie Loyd of Garden City was a prize winner in the fifth grade essay and story contest. McHutchion attends Fairlane

Christian Schools, Dearborn Heights. Carter attends Lowell Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Loyd attends Douglas School, Garden City. All three received a \$50 prize.

Contest judges included Blanche Glimps, school of education chairwoman, Marygrove College, Detroit; James Crawford, dean of the School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan; and Wayne-Westland Schools art teacher Larry Weltrella.

Dinner to honor SC chef

A tribute dinner has been scheduled for Schoolcraft College pastry chef Leonard Stec, who is retiring this year after 24 years with the college.

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SEMCOG joins incinerator battle

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Detroit has one million people, Lake Angelus 400, but both won help from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in their regional battles.

SEMCOG's Executive Committee last week voted to:

- Ask the state Air Pollution Control Commission to reconsider its 6-4 decision to shut down Detroit's trash incinerator.

- Endorse state legislation allowing Detroit to continue levying a 5-percent tax on utility bills.

- Object to the federal government's giving a "demonstration grant" for road work in the Auburn Hills megamall project-area north of Pontiac without a SEMCOG regional planning review. Lake Angelus is fighting what many call an "urban sprawl" project.

TWO CHIEFS of SEMCOG blistered the April 17 action of the

Air Pollution Control Commission in ordering the shutdown of the Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Authority incinerator, an east side trash-to-energy burner serving the city and some suburbs.

"I almost fell out of my chair," said SEMCOG Chair Milton Mack, a Wayne County commissioner who represents Canton Township.

"They made a mistake. If you wanted to harm the environment, you'd shut it down. If you wanted to improve the environment, you'd let it operate."

The Sierra Club representative (on the MAPC) made the motion and said it was her duty to control air pollution. What they (Detroit) did with trash was up to them."

Mack said there would be a "ripple effect," with Detroit trash haulers lining up at landfills, where the trash could contaminate groundwater. The continued use of landfills throughout the region would do more harm than the in-

cinerator, Mack said.

SEMCOG Executive Director John Amberger said the MAPC audience was "a very strong anti-incinerator crowd. They behaved abominably toward our (SEMCOG) staff, saying 'I hope your children have cancer some day.' There was a lot of abuse."

A VOICE VOTE was about 20-2 in favor of asking MAPC to reconsider its vote to close the incinerator.

SEMCOG noted the city and state Department of Natural Resources were agreeable to a consent order under which the city would install new equipment to remove excess amounts of mercury from the emissions.

THERE WAS NO controversy over SEMCOG's resolution asking the state Legislature to pass a permissive law restoring Detroit's 5 percent tax on natural gas, electric and telephone bills.

"SEMCOG has a long history of support for local government home rule and empowering local governments to address their own fiscal situations," the resolution said.

Wayne Circuit Judge Marvin Stempien in February ruled the tax uncollectible after mid-1988 because of a "sunset" provision in the enabling act. Detroit is now before the State Court of Appeals.

If Stempien is upheld, Detroit would have to 1) refund \$100 million in back taxes and 2) lose \$60 million a year in future revenue.

The Democratic-run House has passed a new enabling law, but the Republican-run Senate is holding up action until Democrats agree to pass GOP property tax cut plans.

Another question, unaddressed by SEMCOG and the Legislature, is whether the new utility tax would have to be approved by Detroit voters under the Headlee tax limitation amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

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SC staffer keeps eye on Lithuania

By Darrell Proseley
staff writer

"It seems like we're living day to day," said Janina Udry, a mathematics instructor at Schoolcraft College.

A native of Lithuania, Udry has been keeping a watchful eye on the country's quest for independence.

A Birmingham resident and president of an organization called Ateitis, Udry is working to keep the language and culture of her native land alive within the Lithuanian community in metropolitan Detroit.

Ateitis, which means "the future," is an organization which was formed in Lithuania in 1920. The organization provides spiritual and intellectual development for children, teenagers and adults.

And today, the organization is giving its support to those fighting for their independence in Lithuania.

"OUR GOAL is to keep the issue alive until the people get their independence," said Udry who still remembers leaving her homeland at age 3.

"It took nine months to get out," she said.

"I remember the soldiers and hiding in bomb shelters."

After leaving Lithuania, her family spent six years in Germany.

"In the beginning, we lived in something like a refugee camp. It was very tough in Germany. The country was devastated," she said.

In 1950, her family came to the United States and settled in Chicago where Udry was very active in the Lithuanian community.

At a youth camp in Michigan near Manchester for Lithuanian youth in 1963, she met her husband Narimantas who lived in the Detroit area.

"We proceeded with the romance from two different cities," said Udry.

In the same year she met her future husband, Udry received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Loyola University in Chicago.

Two years later she moved to Michigan and married.

"When both people have the same heritage it makes it that much easier."

The couple has two sons, Gytis, 19 and Linas, 22, who both speak fluent Lithuanian.

ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY interested in fostering Lithuanian cul-



JOHN DISCHER/staff photographer

Janina Udry, a mathematics instructor at Schoolcraft College and a native of Lithuania, has been keeping a watchful eye on the country's quest for independence.

ture, Udry was among some 200 protesters who picketed President George Bush's appearance at a GOP fund-raiser earlier this month at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

The demonstrators urged Bush to show more support for the people of Lithuania.

Udry said she is disappointed in President Bush.

"I wish President Bush would be a little more forceful," said Udry, adding that a verbal show of support would be a great help.

"When people want democracy, you have to support them. When people want freedom, we have a moral obligation to support them," Udry said.

"We'd like the American people who are enjoying the fruits of democracy to share with those who have not had the privilege."

"After perestroika, I thought the Soviet Union finally had a civil leader," Udry said.

"The minute he (Gorbachev) gave

the order for tanks and troops to be more visible, he began to show his other side."

In talking with those in Lithuania, there is fear that there could be deportation of officials in Lithuania. And the people would be replaced by Russians, said Udry.

"It has happened in the past," she said.

SINCE LITHUANIA declared independence on March 11, Washington's policy-makers and politicians have exercised a rhetorical restraint inconceivable in the past.

The Bush administration has received broad political support for sympathizing with the Soviet Union's dilemma and pressing for a settlement by negotiation, not by force or capitulation.

After President Gorbachev ordered tanks into Vilnius to intimidate Lithuania's Parliament, Congress responded by passing resolutions condemning his action in surprisingly mild terms and avoid-

ing specific threats of retaliation.

Modeled after the U.S. Declaration of Independence, Lithuania's movement to freedom has created a dilemma for the United States.

U.S. politicians have demanded freedom for the Baltic states of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia ever since Josef Stalin absorbed them into the Soviet Union in 1940.

Resolutions condemning Soviet occupation of the "captive nations" are rituals in Congress.

LITHUANIA'S FIGHT for independence seemed to satisfy those demands, as it fit into the pattern of what many see as the historically inevitable disintegration of Soviet empire.

But the countries action also came at an embarrassingly inconvenient time for the Soviets and the West.

Though there is much concern, Udry is very optimistic about Lithuania finally receiving its independence.

"At worst in five years. At best, by the summer," she said.

"The people have been oppressed for 50 years. How much oppression can people take?"

All of her tasks — at Schoolcraft and for Ateitis — are handled, "with great difficulty," said Udry with a smile and wink.

"It's a lot of juggling. In the long run I feel enriched because of it," said Udry, who holds a master's degree in arts and sciences from Wayne State University.

Udry, who teaches calculus and algebra has been on staff at Schoolcraft College for 17 years. She received a Presidential Recognition award for teaching in 1987 and an Excellence in Teaching award in 1989.

And while she continues to work and enjoy her life in America, the independence of the Lithuanian people is in her thoughts each day.

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Disputes

Case closing fails smell test

THE WAYNE-Westland school district's adult education enrollment dispute, which was supposed to have been a closed issue a year ago, manages to drag on.

In what may be the last chapter in the highly-publicized story, three of the four defendants who pleaded "no contest" to reduced charges last year had their records expunged April 6 by Westland District Judge Gail McKnight.

While the closing of a defendant's court file has been done in many non-publicized cases, we wonder why it was done in a dispute which was covered in detail by two local newspapers and in a narrower scope by the Detroit dailies and is certainly in the recent memories of many residents.

If anyone wanted to examine the file before April 6, they would have no trouble in finding out the charges and the disposition of the case involving three of the four defendants. But if you asked the court for the file after that day, you would be out of luck.

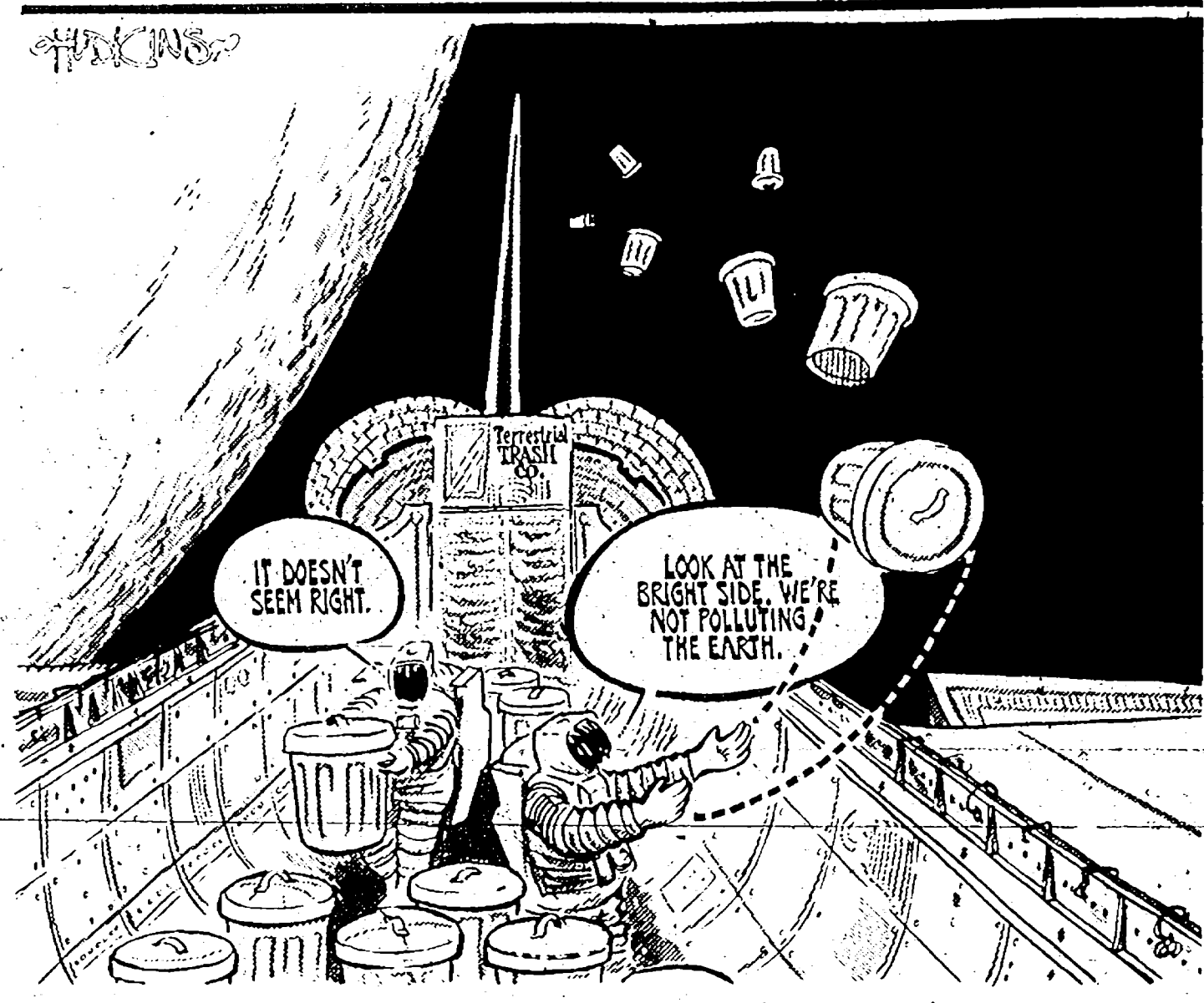
It doesn't make sense to expunge the files of a widely publicized court case.

WE'RE NOT suggesting that the defendants, all of whom were school district employees at the time of the enrollment dispute, should be punished forever. They did serve their probation and provide required community service work.

But we feel there should have been a permanent record, open to the public, on an important part of the school district's history.

While the district wasn't directly involved in the enrollment dispute, the case certainly stirred the community's interest in the case.

We thought a year ago that the quick closing of the case before it went to trial didn't pass the smell test. The odor is still there.



Future sure to be bright with a new generation

FACING THE FUTURE — it can be poignant, it can be rewarding, it can be frustrating. But one thing is for sure, we should revere it for the symbol of hope it represents for us all.

It's a good feeling to see it happen. The phone rings and a friend is at the other end. Usually we do business but today he calls just to talk. He talks of his son, an obvious source of pride. For my friend, his son represents the future. He is a symbol of that hope for a better world.

His son, a college student, recently donned the school colors to work out for the football team. College teams do that, you know, practice in the spring for fall football. Beats-me-why, but they do.

"You know, Steve, it was fun watching him out there after practice, talking with the little kids who were asking him for his autograph. My wife and I just stood for a moment and took it all in," he said.

THE SON took a lot of time with each starry-eyed kid. As he signed autographs he would have each young fan hold his helmet.

"Why'd you have the kids hold your helmet?" asked the father.

The son replied; "I remember when you used to take me to these games and the players would let me

hold their helmets. I never forgot it."

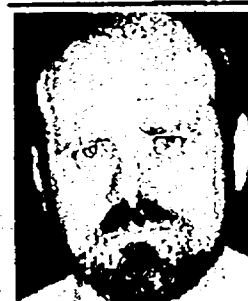
A few weeks before the son had been rummaging through some old memorabilia and found the autograph of former University of Michigan quarterback Rick Leach. He remembered the thrill and wanted to share that same feeling with the next generation, the future.

But the son also brought home some disturbing news. Having forged some close friendships with minority students, he was faced with the personal tragedy of a society which prefers to keep cultures separate.

He was upset that his minority friend dropped out from pledging for a fraternity. But he was confused at the reason. His friend dropped out not because the fraternity turned away minorities, but because other minorities put pressure on him not to associate with whites.

Nothing's simple when you're growing up. Just when you think you've figured out the world, something else comes up to confuse the situation — even when you have a friendship with someone who happens to be black.

My friend finished his stories and I told him about my secretary, a very talented young woman. A few weeks ago she walked into the office and announced she had found another



Steve Barnaby

job. She was moving on to follow her career path.

Smart move, I told her. Of course, she already knew that. But young people are amazingly tolerant of old farts who insist on passing on their bits of wisdom.

I shut up after that, well for the most part, and thought about how excited I am for her. It's wonderful to watch the future happen right before your eyes.

My friend and I hung up feeling better about the world. After all, we should. We know the place is going to be in good hands.

Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Concerts

Music provides fun, identity

YOU DON'T have to be a music lover to enjoy a delightful outdoor concert.

The best part is that it's free.

The third annual concert-in-the-park series, sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society will start Sunday, May 20, and continue for nine other Sunday evenings at different city parks.

In the past, too many people have defined Westland culture as a family watching TV and drinking beer. While many do, there are lots of

other residents who want variety in their leisure-time activities.

Besides the fun of going to a free outdoor concert, the cultural society, along with other civic groups, provides an important service — helping create a local identity for a large suburb that perceives that it blends in with other communities and has no unique differences.

Watch the Observer for announcements of upcoming concerts and make it part of your family's activities for Sunday nights.

Political protest

Privacy issue blurs basic freedom

PROTEST, an essential part of maintaining liberty, is being threatened in our communities. Residents should be deeply disturbed at and resent this dangerous intrusion into our rights of assembly and free speech.

Recently a handful of suburbs have enacted ordinances to curtail picketing in front of specific persons' homes. The guise under which these ordinances are being adopted is to maintain privacy.

In West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and Birmingham the situation revolves around the ever-controversial abortion issue. Pro-life forces are putting the squeeze on individuals who work at abortion clinics by picketing their homes.

Having someone stand in front of your home and protest has the potential to be annoying, embarrassing and maddening. But these inconveniences we must bear.

Our freedom to protest is too important to fritter away because someone would rather restrict the noise in their subdivision to the incessant din of lawnmowers.

After all, nobody ever said that maintaining a free society would be easy. Unfortunately expediency for the sake of mediocrity is too rapidly replacing militancy in the defense of freedom.

While sketching out the parameters of "disturbing the public repose," Edmund Burke put it best: "the firebell at midnight disturbs our sleep;

but it keeps you from being burnt in your bed."

In truth, these ordinances have nothing to do with protecting a person's right to privacy. The street in front of your house is just as public as those in front of township hall and the White House.

For some time, now, suburbanites' right of assembly and protest have been hindered by shopping malls whose management maintains that their enclosed areas are private. Hired security forces prowl the corridors seeking to quash any sign of divergence from the norm.

Malls are replacing the traditional town squares of America, subdivisions are replacing neighborhoods. And at each stage of suburban development, those in charge of the status quo wrest a bit more of freedom away from us.

What these ordinances do is reflect an attitude in our society which says that political protest is somehow vulgar and beneath those who can afford to keep it out of their sight.

The issue over which the protest is taking place is insignificant — today pro-life, tomorrow pro-choice, the next day ecology. The cause matters not, the right to assemble, demonstrate and speak out is foremost.

Using privacy as a scapegoat is not only threatening to the right of protest but to the legitimate right to privacy. If everytime someone inconvenienced by protest raises the issue of privacy, the meaning of privacy will become blurred beyond recognition.

Village Players

Hard work pays off for local theater

THEY'VE KNOCKED ON dozens of doors, sent hundreds of letters and made more telephone calls than they could ever count, but a group of hard-working volunteers can be proud of the community support they've mustered for a longtime but little-known Birmingham organization.

Saturday's Theater Arts Ball, a fund-raiser for Birmingham's Village Players, is the finale to a week of activities orchestrated to involve the community in this thespian organization, one of the oldest in Michigan. The group was chartered in 1923 and has been producing first-class productions ever since.

Like most of the many community theaters in our suburbs, this group relies on support of its residents, the people who live next door to those who take the starring roles on the stage as well as behind the curtains, for its continuing support.

Volunteers raised enough money to cover nearly all of the Ball's costs, so that everything

that's raised through ticket sales and the evening of the event will be profit used to renovate the lobby of The Village Players building. They also persuaded many downtown merchants to turn over display windows to the group during Village Players Week. The windows became living scrap books, showing photographs and costumes of prior Players productions.

An open house brought community residents into the theater to see the building renovation completed to date, as well as to watch rehearsals of the group's upcoming production and the set building that goes with it.

There are many community theater groups in the metro area who could take example from the activities and enthusiasm of The Village Players. These grassroots organizations can't be successful without the support of their communities.

Our hats are off to the Players and to the local businesspeople and residents who've made Village Players Week a success.

from our readers

Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender. Limit letters to 300 words.

Developers altruists?

To the editor:

Mayor Robert Thomas has surely proven himself among the ranks of politicians with his response that congestion "won't be as severe as people think" with the establishment of a large-scale institution to house upwards of 1,500 people in one spot (referring to the proposed seniors' campus on Marquette between Wayne Road and Carlson).

He must believe that the citizens are nincompoops.

Not only will our already crumbling roads be more congested, but there will also be a drain on other city resources, such as police, fire, wetlands, and programs. Will this project generate sufficient taxes to pay for the stress on resources or will there be a request for more taxes down the line to pay for the additional need for services?

Short-term planning and thinking must be replaced by long-range planning and thinking, which includes all contingencies not just the obvious or that which the developers choose to describe.

Have we forgotten that the real winners here are the developers? The losers are the taxpayers. Since when are land developers altruists?

Beatrice Scallise,
Westland

Columnist off target

To the editor:

Re: "Exploiting a tragedy menaces our liberty" by Steve Barnaby, April 12 column.

Steve Barnaby, the author of this article is a bit short-sighted and ill-informed. Perhaps he should be reminded that the distributor of the film, Encyclopedia Britannica, has indicated that, "Nobody's Useless" is suitable for fifth through 12th grade students.

Stephen Nalepa, the Canton boy whose death is linked to the film was in the second grade; this is a significant difference in age and maturity from the recommendation of the film distributor.

Also, Steve Barnaby is too quick to label concerned parents as hysterical while he defends the educational establishment that allows such a film to be shown before being reviewed by the classroom teacher or the building principal.

We have no issue with educational freedom; our issue is with educational license.

Hysterical, you bet. And the parents and taxpayers are paying for this type of judgement. No, Mr. Barnaby, we are not exploiting a tragedy — just taking precautions to see that this doesn't happen.

Barbara Skurnowicz
Bloomfield Hills

Counties chip in to improve incinerator

To the editor:

Mayor Young is asking for \$100 million from the State of Michigan to update and make "World Class" the Detroit Incinerator.

I suggest that the three counties, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb, pay the \$100 million and ALL THREE use the Detroit Incinerator.

This then would make it UNNECESSARY to build the Auburn Hills Incinerator. In Oakland County what is needed is full speed ahead towards 100 percent recycling.

Robert Madden, Ph.D. M.D.
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what do you think?

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points of view

Establishment runs Earth Day

QUAKING IN THE aftershocks of Earth Day.

The way I see it, if all of those trees that were being distributed were actually planted and grew, by Earth Day 2010 we'd all be attending rallies and teach-ins about "The Over-Forestation of the Planet."

I mean, think about it. Everybody but everybody . . . was giving away trees. Supermarkets, department stores, auto companies, newspapers. I read somewhere that the goal (I don't know whose goal) was to get a billion trees planted around the world. That's ONE BILLION. The number 1 followed by nine zeroes. That's a lot of trees.

If they were all planted and reproduced normally, in 20 years those same companies would be passing out little hatchets with mimeographed notices attached: "Help Save the Earth - Cut Down a Tree."

Now don't get me wrong. I'm not attacking Earth Day. It's nice to see a worldwide movement dedicated to doing something positive. And if there was a bit of over-reaction involved, better that than shrugging our shoulders, saying "Who cares?" and tossing another candy-bar wrapper out of the car window.

It's just that when the frenzy dies



Jack Gladden

down, supermarkets will go back to promoting double-coupons, politicians will renew their promises to make everything better without raising taxes and many of those seedlings that were distributed to help restore the Earth will end up in landfills somewhere, still encased in their little plastic bags.

Yet somehow I think life will go on and the Earth will keep on spinning.

A COLLEAGUE here at work likened the whole Earth Day movement to a religious revival. He's right, although there were plenty of merchandising techniques employed, too.

One department store advertised "Free seedlings to the first 1,000 customers making a purchase in each store." A supermarket chain introduced a "green line" of products

and also gave away seedlings while another claims it sells more "Earth friendly" items than any other store on Earth.

A car company offered free emissions tests to the first 300 customers and tree seedlings to everybody. It also took the opportunity to show off some of its new cars.

What it all came down to, by the time April 22 actually arrived, was that Earth Day 1990 had become big business. "Earth friendly" and "green this" and "green that" were being used to sell everything from toilet paper to gasoline.

That was the main difference between this Earth Day and the first one 20 years ago, which was as much a protest against the establishment as it was a cry to save the Earth.

Remember that the Earth Day demonstrations of 1970 came only five months after the massive anti-Vietnam War march on Washington in November 1969 and were followed two weeks later by the Kent State massacre during a student protest over the U.S. invasion of Cambodia.

Protests and marches were the order of the day in 1970 and "the establishment" had not yet figured out how to deal with them.

THAT FIRST Earth Day was led by student activists and other leaders of the "Ecology Movement." While it did serve . . . particularly in the long run . . . to make us more aware of the limited resources of the planet, not everyone involved in it was so noble of purpose as we would like to remember. Some of the protesters just wanted to take another job at the establishment.

Earth Day 1990 was largely orchestrated and led by that same establishment. And not all the purposes were completely noble and altruistic this time, either.

Being environmentally conscious — taking better care of good old Mother Earth — is something we need to do. But let's do it for the right reasons, not because we're caught up in the spirit of the revival or because we're being manipulated by the techniques of Madison Avenue.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township and celebrated Earth Day by planting two trees and a rosebush.

Don't feel guilty asking for reports

COPS WORK like ethnic mothers. They try to make you feel guilt.

Garrison Kellor, the sage of Lake Wobegon, chronicled the machinations of the Minnesota mother, who, faced with the tiniest disagreement, responds: "Is this the thanks we get after all we've done?"

Mothers of many ethnic groups use the same technique, and they have been especially adept at passing it onto the children who became cops.



Tim Richard

If a drug-demented, lust-crazed rapist killer goes free, it's our fault for tying up cops with our desire to know what our most expensive municipal agency is doing.

Phooey! It wasn't civic groups and the news media that made Detroit — and many suburban — police departments decide to scrutinize every FOI request to see if they could concoct an alibi for denying it.

Over all the state, bureaucrats are holding seminars, consulting "risk managers" and heeding the advice of attorneys like Tim Cronin. "My strong recommendation is that those reports be reviewed prior to release by the designee (in the police department) or that the news people be required to file a Freedom of Information Act request before the information is released to them," said Cronin, a member of a law firm advising the townships of Canton, Plymouth, Northville and West Bloomfield.

THE FOI law opens with this basic principle:

"It is the public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process."

A reporter, lawyer, claims investigator, civic activist or interested citizen should never — ever — feel guilty when requesting a public record.

But a lot of cities and townships should feel guilty about the time, talent and tax dollars they squander hiding their papers and then trying to blame us for "tying them up."

AS I INTERPRET these amazingly similar remarks, we the public are making trouble for our "men in blue" when we seek access to public records.

Tim Richard is news director of Suburban Communications News Service. SCC is the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Should parent tattle on teacher?

Q: I recently saw my son's teacher shopping at an area mall one afternoon at 2 p.m. It was a regularly scheduled school day. She saw me and I know she went out of her way to avoid talking to me. I do volunteer work in her school and see her almost every week. I've heard teachers get personal business days but this didn't look like personal business to me. Should I mention it to her principal?

A: It is impossible to justify playing hooky but it has gone on since I began in education. The majority of teachers and administrators do not abuse the use of their sick or personal business days. But a few do.

However, most teachers and administrators with whom I've worked tend to come to school when they are not feeling well and probably should have stayed home.

The genesis of sick days and personal business days from the pre-teacher contract era to today needs to be revisited to address your question.

When I started in education back in the 1950s we received three sick days and no personal business days. If you were on your death bed the



Doc Doyle

superintendent had the right to decide if your sickness was legitimate. He then could grant a teacher more than three days. Otherwise, your pay was docked.

When negotiations were legitimized in the 1960s, sick days increased from five up to now 10 per year in most districts. The days also accumulate and can now be carried over. Many teachers have more than 200 days accumulated that they have never used.

Personal business days were then negotiated into the contract, initially one or two a year. These days originally were to be used only for a death in the immediate family and each day had to be approved by the administration.

As years rolled on, the number of personal business days increased up to four and could be used for other

situations where a teacher is not in control of setting the dates and times (for example a doctor's appointment). In many of today's contracts teachers do not have to declare what personal business they are going to be about. It is their business and it would be considered unethical to infer a teacher would ever play hooky as some kids do.

Frankly, as a teacher and administrator, there were a couple days it seemed I was mentally and physically burned out and I did stay home. However, those days were few and far between.

Unfortunately, there are a few educators who view both sick days and personal business days as vacation days. Having reviewed attendance patterns of staff members for years, they are easy to identify.

The most famous day to be sick is a non-payday Friday. This choice grants the long weekend and the next Friday to pick up the check. Days just prior to vacations also are popular. Deer hunting season often

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Dr. James Doyle is a former assistant superintendent in the Troy School District. Questions for this column should be sent to Doc Doyle, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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But Dad, everybody else is doing it!

By Carolyn DeMarco
staff writer

EVERY PARENT of an adolescent or young teen has heard it. "Why can't I do it? Everybody else is doing it!" (Or wearing it, viewing it, listening to it, reading it, buying it, going to it.)

How does a parent answer that standard phrase, "but ev-v-verybody's doing it?"

"First you have to find out what the it is," an expert says.

He's Laurence Steinberg, professor of psychology at Temple University, senior research associate for the Center for Research in Human Development and Education, and contributor to the New York Times and Psychology Today.

The Philadelphian is also co-author of his first how-to book, "You & Your Adolescent: A Parent's Guide for Ages 10-20." He made the media rounds last month to introduce it.

"What (co-author) Ann (Levine) and I tried to do," Steinberg said, "was model this after the infant care books rather than other books which focus on the problems."

"We (parents) have a melodramatic view of adolescents. It doesn't have to be that way of at all."

"We provide a readable, reference book that covers problems, yes, but we also cover normal adolescence and childhood. With that type of information parents can respond intelligently."

A SIGNIFICANT PORTION of the book is devoted to the middle-schooler, the 10- to 13-year-old, often the most trying age for child and parent.

Conformity is the watchword of the middle-schooler, Steinberg said.

"At all ages it's important to fit into a reference group, but the importance is greater during early adolescence."

"It's important for parents to understand it's not pathological. 'But everybody's doing it' is normal, but it doesn't mean a parent has to give in."

"Fortunately," Steinberg said, "it goes away. It (the need for conformity) peaks at 13 and then declines."

"I KNOW it sounds paradoxical, but it's part of the natural need of the child to become an individual."

"The process of becoming an individual begins by seeing yourself as an individual in relationship to your parents. Before the age of 10 the child is wrapped up in your family."

The child is unsure of just what he/she is and is looking to different reference groups for definition — jocks, preppies, brains — that give a preliminary identity, Steinberg said. A lot of experimentation takes place.

"This week she may be an artist. Next week she's a preppie. It's all normal, within reason."

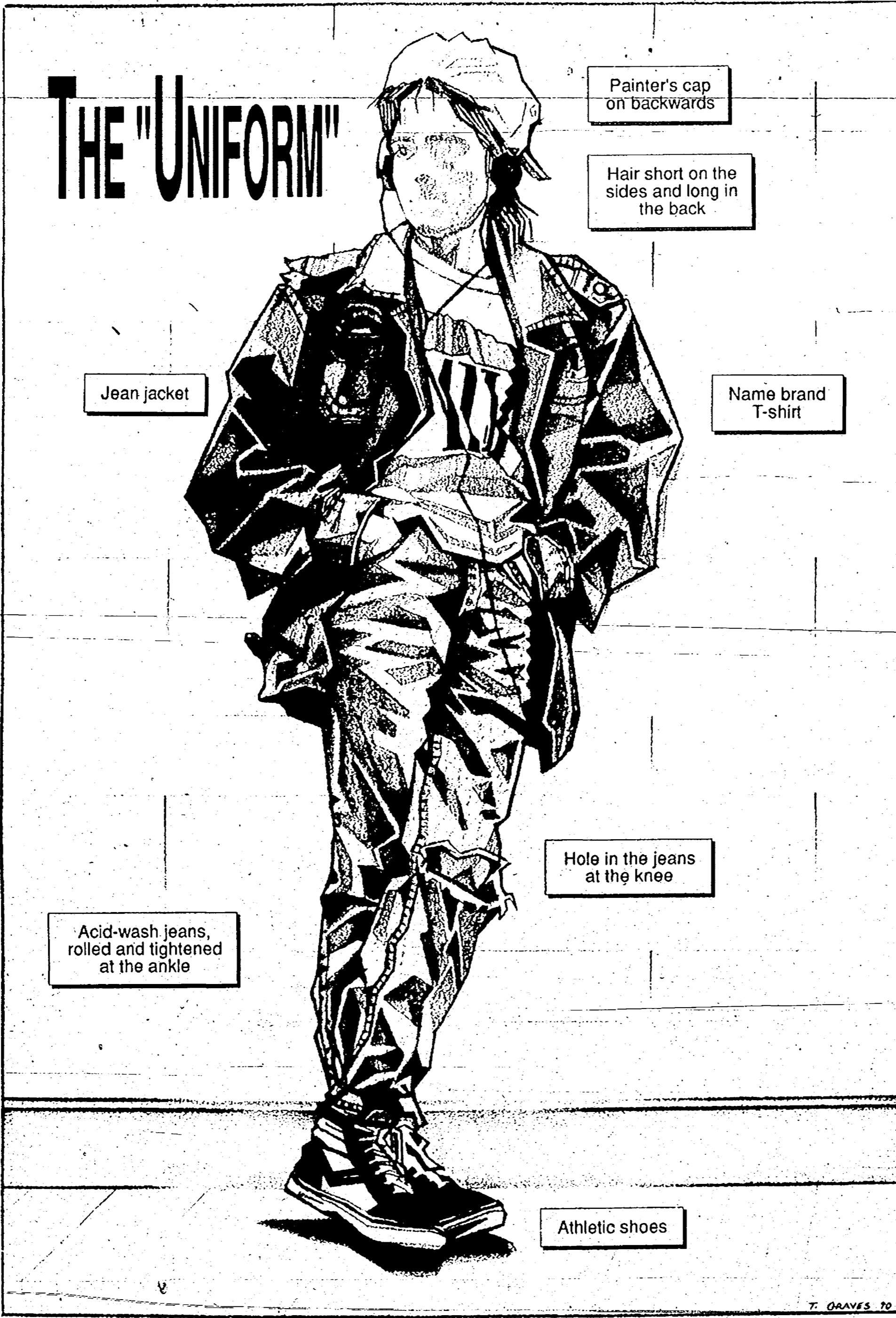
IT'S A mistake for parents to throw up their hands and think there's nothing to be done about the sheep-following-the-crowd syndrome, Steinberg said.

"Do things at home that build a sense of self-esteem," Steinberg said.

Young adolescents need to know they have their parents' love and support.

"It gives them an inner strength. It's all well and good to say you love your children..."

MANY PARENTS withdraw as



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'At all ages it's important to fit into a reference group, but the importance is greater during early adolescence. It's important for parents to understand it's not pathological. 'But everybody's doing it' is normal, but it doesn't mean a parent has to give in.'

— Laurence Steinberg
psychologist

Do something concrete, he said. Pick gifts at birthday time that further those interests. Compliment the child.

"Don't take those talents for granted. Kids not might be able to show they appreciate their parents' attentions, but they do."

MOST IMPORTANTLY, Steinberg said, is to provide an opportunity at home to learn to make decisions. The mistake is being too autocratic or too permissive.

"The 'Do what I said because I said so' will get them to comply," he said, "but it doesn't teach decision-making."

Suppose the child with a 10 p.m. weekend curfew is invited to a party for which he'd like to stay out until midnight, Steinberg said.

The autocratic parent will say no, rules are rules. The permissive parent will say whatever the child does is fine with the parents.

"Ann and I are suggesting something in between — that the parents and child discuss the who, what, why of a midnight curfew."

That is, talk about the reasons, that it's not a permanent change, the problems of transportation, etc.

"WHAT WE'RE doing is teaching how to take the issue, break it down and analyze it."

When the child is out of the home or the parents are working, parents should want the child to make a responsible decision about how to behave.

An example, Steinberg said, was friends bringing over beer while the parents are at work.

If the child is used to following the advice of a parent that says just do it, he/she may be inclined to listen to the friend who says just do it.

"It takes time and patience (to go through the decision-making process with the child) and none of us has enough of that," Steinberg said.

"IT'S EASIEST to say yes or no. The hardest thing is explaining and that has the most important effect on the child. Parents feel threatened by having to explain themselves when a child asks 'Why?'

"Parents view it as a challenge. It makes them nervous, as if they're losing control. No one likes to feel out of control."

The key to answering the preteen's "why?" the psychologist said, is responding with, "Look, I'm so glad I have raised a smart kid who would not accept something without first questioning it."

"You can't have it both ways," he said. "You want to raise a child who questions. You have to tolerate the curious, questioning child. It's not easy. It's a headache."

AND IN handling the "everybody else is doing it" challenge, Steinberg said, "Is it dangerous, risky, completely contrary to family values?"

If it is, step in, Steinberg said. If it's not, maybe there's not enough reason to say no.

"The popular answer is to say, 'I don't care what everybody else is doing. You're my child.'"

"That's not enough," he said. "Talk about it."

"You & Your Adolescent: A Parent's Guide for Ages 10-20" is published by Harper and Row at \$19.95. It is available in most bookstores.

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Laurence Steinberg

children grow older, pulling back a bit, with the idea that the child needs space.

Studies show, however, Steinberg

said, that middle-schoolers don't necessarily want or need that distancing by that age.

"There's a difference between giv-

ing room in making decisions vs. cutting off the relationship," Steinberg said.

As another individuality and self-

esteem booster, "Try to find activities they're good at and encourage them. It doesn't have to be in school but it can be. Music, art, hobbies."

Tips from the expert

By Carolyn DeMarco
staff writer

Psychologist/author Laurence Steinberg discussed several aspects of the socialization of the middle school child that concern most parents in a visit to the Eccentric offices. Some advice:

On the right age for dating, he said. "There is no cut and dry rule on the chronological age. There is great variability in maturity. Some 13-year-olds are emotionally mature. Some can't make a decision by that age."

Community standards also vary, Steinberg said. "A good parent knows, stays in touch with other parents and has a sense of community standards. Things change over time. What was appropriate 30 years ago, even 16 years ago, may not be today. Stay in touch with other parents."

MOST PRETEENS progress into dating through a gradual process, he said. It often begins with parties where the boys sit on one side and the girls on the other, then to group activities before it moves into dating proper, actually going out with one other person.

"At 12 and 13," he said, "it's important to keep kids on the track academically. There's potential slippage. That's the nature of middle school and junior high — it's a difficult environment. It's important to keep focused on school. Serious dating is a distraction."

On problems with preteens and the telephone, he offered, "The telephone is the lifeline of the young adolescent. It's the way kids stay connected. The classroom is the second part of the school

agenda. Meeting with friends is first."

If a young teen is spending so much time on the phone that other activities are ignored, there's a problem. "It's not the phone that's the problem. It's that other things are not getting done."

Where appropriate, Steinberg recommends working out rules and schedules for phone times, in fairness to all members of the family who use the instrument.

Where parent and child differ on the child's personal appearance, Steinberg said, "Parents have a right to express their opinion about children's tastes and opinions. On the other hand it's dangerous to equate clothes and music with underlying values. It's rarely the case that these superficial things have a deeper meaning."

"WHERE I would draw the lines is when what the child is doing is irreversible, irreparable in some way, as in cosmetic surgery. Thirteen-year-olds are not known for looking into the future. There you intervene."

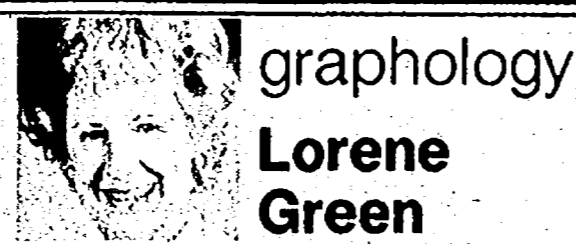
Intervention is also allowable when the style is inappropriate for the situation, he said, Grateful Dead T-shirts for Sunday dinner at Grandma's, for example.

And intervention is allowable on issues of tastelessness that most people would agree upon. An example, he said, is girls attending school in alluring, sexy clothes. "It changes the way they are treated by peers and teachers."

"I wouldn't worry about clothes and music per se unless there are other signs. Alone it doesn't mean they are doing drugs."

Handwriting indicates courage to be different

Dear Lorene,
I am very interested in seeing what you have to say about my handwriting. I doodle a lot while I'm on the telephone and my mother tried to analyze what I was thinking by how and what I wrote on the paper. I didn't realize that you could really know something about a person by the way they write. Amazing!!



graphology

Lorene Green

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start working on more challenging goals.

Sometimes you start on a project with confidence but lose interest before the project is completed.

This handwriting further suggests that although you are quite versatile, you are also subject to changing moods. There is also some concern about the future and/or the people in it.

You do not waste time on either things or people you do not feel worthy of you. You may have difficulty

empathizing with others and their needs.

You are a resourceful person with above average intelligence. Reading, music and art are areas which can be meaningful in your life.

You are young and your self-esteem is in the developmental stage. You seem to perceive yourself differently at various times and situations.

Your signature suggests ambition and optimism, but this does not seem to be strongly confirmed in the text of your handwriting.

Material security is high on your priority list, so you might wish to consider taking positive action on the points I have mentioned above, if you want to realize your desires.

Paul J. Meyer, president of Success Motivation Institute, had this to say: "Confidence in yourself is the

I am very interested in seeing what you have to say about my handwriting. I doodle alot while I'm on the telephone and my mother tried to analyze what I was thinking by how and what I

key to all achievement. It reinforces ability, doubles energy, expands mental facilities and increases your personal power."

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singles connection

Westside II

Westside Singles II will sponsor a "Think Spring" dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 27, at the Livonia Elks, Plymouth Road, east of Merriman. For more information, call 562-3170.

Cherry Hill Singles

Cherry Hill Singles will offer "Singles Suppers" 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays during April at Leon's, Michigan Avenue east of Telegraph, Dearborn. Also, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, they will offer a "slave auction" at Leon's. For more information, call 563-4720.

Single Place

Single Place, through First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, will be holding a variety of events during April and May. Activities include bicycle trips, single parent seminars and singles weekends. For more information, call Marla Myers at 349-4062 or 669-6772.

Voyagers

Voyagers Singles, a group for those 45 and older, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the social hall of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, to celebrate the group's 16th anniversary. For more information, call 591-1350.

Saturday Night-Westside

Saturday Night Singles-Westside will have a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. Admission \$4. For more information, call the hotline at 277-4242.

Catholic Singles

The Archdiocese of Detroit is sponsoring a singles Mass and afterward on at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Shrine of the Little Flower, 12 Mile Road and Woodward, Royal Oak. Recommended donation is \$2. For more information, call 534-7564.

Tri-County

Tri-County Singles will host a dance party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Airport Hilton Inn, I-94 at Merriman, Romulus. Ad-

mission is \$4. For more information, call 842-7422.

St. Genevieve

St. Genevieve Catholic Singles, a group for Catholic Singles ages 18-35, meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 29015 Jamison, south of Five Mile, east of Middlebelt. For information, call 261-6379 or 427-7868.

Starliters

Starliters 40 and up club has a dance 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays at the Northwest YWCA, 25940 W. Grand River, near Beech Daly, Redford. Admission is \$3.75 and includes a live band and refreshments. For information, call 776-9360.

By Myself

By Myself Singles, a Plymouth based group, meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Library, Main Street. For information, call 680-7765.

Sunday Night

Sunday Night Singles has a dance 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.-Sundays at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, near Venoy. Admission is \$3. For information, call 425-1430.

Singles bridge

A singles bridge group meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Lessons are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For information, call 349-9104 or 420-3177.

Never Married

The Never Married auxillary of Single Point Ministries meets the third Tuesday of each month at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile Road, Livonia. For information, call 422-1854.

Oakland/Macomb singles

The Widow and Widowers Group of Oakland/Macomb County Singles will sponsor open dance parties 5-9 p.m., beginning Sunday, April 29, at Peppers Restaurant and Night Club, 35101 Harper at 15 Mile, Mt. Clemens. For more information, call the hotline at 445-1286.

Show stars moms, daughters

Ever dreamed of being a model or appearing in a fashion show? Well, here's a chance to make your dream a reality.

Wonderland Mall is looking for models for a fashion show for 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12. But there's a catch. It's a mother-daughter fashion show. So if you're a mom, you have to appear with your daughter and if your daughter, you have to appear with your mom.


Mother-daughter teams can sign up at the mall's information booth. Deadline for registering is Friday, May 4. Rehearsals and fittings will be 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9, for mothers with last names starting with A-L and their daughters. Mothers with last names starting with M-Z should report at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10.

In conjunction with the fashion show, the winner of the mall's "Best Mom" essay contest will be announced.

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Dr. Daniel Schnarr of Pediatrics at Night checks the ears of an ailing Joshua Lovell of Farmington Hills.

'What's up, Doc?'

Pediatricians open after hours clinic

By Sue Mason
Staff writer

Dr. Marshall Blondy has seen a lot of changes in the 30 years he has been a pediatrician.

He remembers when doctors took Wednesdays off, never worked Sundays and never worked at night. Now he works Monday through Saturday and one Sunday a month. And with the advent of Pediatrics at Night, he works his share of evenings, too.

Blondy and five other pediatricians started Pediatrics at Night to accommodate working parents who face either a long wait in a hospital emergency room or a lost day of work to get medical attention for a sick child.

"It's mostly about convenience," Blondy said. "You could go to an emergency room where you wait three or four hours to see a doctor who doesn't specialize in children, or you could call your pediatrician and get the proverbial 'Give him a Tylenol and call me in the morning.' Here, the children are seen by board-certified pediatricians and the family is in and out in less than an hour."

PEDIATRICS AT NIGHT isn't a new concept, Blondy said. In fact, the Livonia-based program is patterned after a similar service available in the Birmingham area.

The clinic is in Livonia Professional Plaza on Farmington Road, Livonia. It's open 6-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, although Blondy suspects that eventually it will be expanded to include weekends. A nearby X-ray facility also is staying open during the evening.

The clinic is for all sick children, not just patients of the participating doctors. Use of the clinic has started

'We've had a lot of out-of-towners who didn't know where to take their sick children for treatment.'

—Dr. Marshall Blondy

bursement from their medical insurance providers.

The doctor fills out a form in triplicate, indicating the diagnosis and treatment. One copy is kept on file at the clinic, one is sent to the child's pediatrician and one is for the insurance company, Blondy said.

AFTER-HOURS PEDIATRIC clinics have sprung up across the country, prompted in part, by the growing number of working parents in need of medical care for ailing children.

The clinics, while caring for the sick child, also provide reassurance for the parents, Blondy said. They also are saving insurance companies money, since parents don't have to use the hospital emergency room for after-hours treatment, where costs run in the hundreds of dollars.

Considering that, Blondy expects that Pediatrics at Night will be hearing from large companies and insurers looking for less expensive pediatric care.

"We're still feeling our way along but we've found the parents really appreciate this," Blondy said. "It isn't always about curing the child, but giving the parents reassurance."

Pediatrics at Night is open 6-10 p.m. Monday through Friday in Building F of the Livonia Professional Plaza, 20010 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 478-2730.

new voices

TOM and NANCY KIURSKI of Livonia announce the birth of **STEPHEN THOMAS** Feb. 20 at Huron Valley Hospital in Milford. Grandparents are Demeter and Betty Kiurski of Livonia and Joseph and Vera Hieronymus of Manistique.

ALLAN and TRACY KARAMON of Garden City announce the birth of **KAITLYN GRACE** Nov. 4 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are John and Dolores Rutherford of North Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Livonia, Mary Ann Karamon and Cletus Karamon, both of Plymouth.

SCOTT and LAURIE BENSON of Redford announce the birth of **TROY ALEXANDER** Feb. 8. He has two "big" brothers, Trace, 4, and Trevor, 2. Grandparents are Ben and Jean Slaughter and Bruce and Vera Benson, all of Dearborn. Great-grandfather is Frank Little of Dearborn.

PAUL and JUDY FEYS of Redford Township announce the birth of **CASEY LOUIS** Jan. 26 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has a "big" sister, Melanie, 8, and a "big" brother, Charlie, 7. Grandparents

are Marguerite Atkinson and Louis and Helen Feys, all of Livonia.

MICHAEL and TERRI FORDE of Canton announce the birth of twin daughters **ASHLEY LYNN** and **AMANDA PAIGE** March 16 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Grandparents are Donald and Margaret Agge of Canton and Gerald and Diana Forde of Westland. Great-grandmother is Margaret Stuart of Inkster.

KEN and CONNIE SHELTON of Redford announce the birth of **DARREN FREDERICK** March 13 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has a "big" sister, Alissa, 2. Grandparents are Fred and Sandra Sumerton of Garden City, Kay Manos of Taylor and Darrell Shelton of East Detroit. Great-grandmothers are Bella Gaudet of Garden City and Mary Burns of Ohio.

DOUG and KAREN BAILEY of announce the birth of **JOSEPH RALPH** March 27 at Sipa Hospital in Detroit.

DANIEL and DEBRA ZAMMITT of Westland announce the birth of **KATRINA ANET** March 30 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She has a "big" brother, Anthony. Grandparents are Mel and Carol Lewis of Livonia and Frank and Joan Zammit of Southfield.

JOSEPH and SHEREE TREPPA of Plymouth announce the birth of **HANNAH ELISABETH** March 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Law of Flat Rock and Georgia Treppa of Westland.

MARK and BETH MAXE of Trenton announce the birth of **SARAH NICOLE** March 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Tom and Sue Rudnicki of Ypsilanti and Ray and Mary Maxe of Adrian. Great-grandparents are Helen Williamson of St. Clair Shores and Wanda Rudnicki of Redford.

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Clubs in Action appears on Thursdays. Deadline for items is noon the previous Friday.

● Lola Valley Temple
The Lola Valley Temple, Kindness Chapter 523, will offer a card party at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at 25275 Five Mile, Redford. For more information, call 453-2127.

● AARP
The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Livonia Chapter 1109, will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, April 27, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Members are asked to bring a lunch. For more information, call 533-0589.

● Activities Club
A new social club is currently forming for people ages 20-33. Activities to be explored include weekend trips, camping and sports. For more information, call Rob-Deierlein at 537-9273.

● Pilot Club
The Pilot Club of Metro Detroit will host the Michigan/Indiana district convention of Pilot International Friday, April 27, through Sunday, April 29, at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth. For times and further information, call 646-4853.

● Friends of the Homeless
Active Friends of the Homeless will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 Thayer Road, Northville. Canned goods will be accepted. For more information, call 455-7015.

● Spring book sale
The Redford Township Friends of the Library will offer their spring book sale 12:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, April 30-May 2, at the library, 15150 Norbourne. Donations of paperbacks, magazines, and records are being accepted.

● Lamaze education
The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia is offering several classes beginning in May. Classes should start two to three months before the baby's due date. Classes offer information on pregnancy, labor, delivery, breathing techniques, relaxation exercises and comfort measures.

Classes starting soon: Thursdays, May 3-June 7, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia; Wednesdays, May 9-June 13, Novi High School; Mondays, May 14-June 25, Faith Community Church, Novi; Thursdays, May 31-July 5, Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia.

Two presentations — a Cesarean childbirth preparation film at 7 p.m. and a breast-feeding discussion at 8 p.m. — will be Tuesday, May 15, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call 462-0890.

● NOW
The University of Michigan chapter of the National Organization for Women will have a Women's Right to Live rally at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the "mall" on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

● The Silverliners
The Silverliners, Eastern Airlines flight attendants association, are planning their third annual Gin Rummy Tournament at 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Dearborn Fairlane Club. For more information, call 646-5250.

● NAWIC
The National Association of Women on Construction (NAWIC), Greater Detroit, Michigan Chapter No. 183, is holding its 19th annual fashion show 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Fairlane Club, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Admission is \$20. For more information, call 399-5848.

● Federated Garden Clubs
Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan will have a spring meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, April 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farm. Admission is \$14.50, which includes coffee

and lunch. For more information, call 882-8078.

● Bishop Method Clothing
The Michigan Bishop Sewing Council will have their annual statewide convention on Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, at the Troy Hilton. For registration information, call Mae at 531-2570.

● YWCA Western Wayne
The YWCA of Western Wayne County is accepting quality items that they can use for their annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the YWCA, 26279 Michigan Ave., between Beech Daly and John Daly. For more information, call 561-4110.

● NSDAR Boating
The Fort Ponchartrain Chapter of NSDAR will have its April meeting noon Friday, April 27, at the Detroit Boat Club, Belle Isle. For more information, call Anthony Sudney at 882-2815.

● Four Seasons Fishing Club
The Four Seasons Fishing Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Guest speaker John Marks will discuss "Bass-Niques." Membership is open to those who enjoy fishing. For more information, call 477-3816.

● Redford Suburban League
The Redford Suburban League will have a luncheon at noon Wednesday, May 9, at Vladimir's of Farmington Hills. The program will include the installation of officers for the next year.

● Craft Gallery Show
Craft Gallery Shows will offer a variety of folk art and Victorian craft on 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy. Admission is \$2. For more information, call 274-7067.

● XI Zeta Chapter
The XI Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the home of Dana Everden, 6380 Farmington Road, Westland. Albert Duncan will review his new book, "The Old Mill." For more information, call 464-6814.

● NAIM
The Wayne Chapter of NAIM, an organization for Christian widows and widowers, will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Msgr. Hunt Knights of Columbus Hall, 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call 425-2621.

● Advocates Toastmasters
The Advocates Toastmasters Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Omega Family Restaurant, 34824 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

The Wayne, Westland and Garden City Advocate Toastmasters also offer advanced public speaking programs. Speakers are video taped for private evaluation. For more information, call 427-5005.

● Walking club
A walking club is looking for people interested in walking in small groups at a slow or moderate pace at 8:30 a.m. in Livonia area malls and parks. Optional restaurant visits will take place for weekly discussions, mutual encouragement and to monitor progress. For information, call 261-4048.

● Toastmasters
Toastmasters International meets 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For information, call 455-1635.

● Embroiderer's Guild
The Livonia Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Hubbard, between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For information, call 422-5986.

● Medical assistants
The Garden City Medical Assistants Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Classroom A of Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Inkster Road north of Ford Road, Garden City.

● TOPS
TOPS, No. 53, meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For information, call 728-0299.

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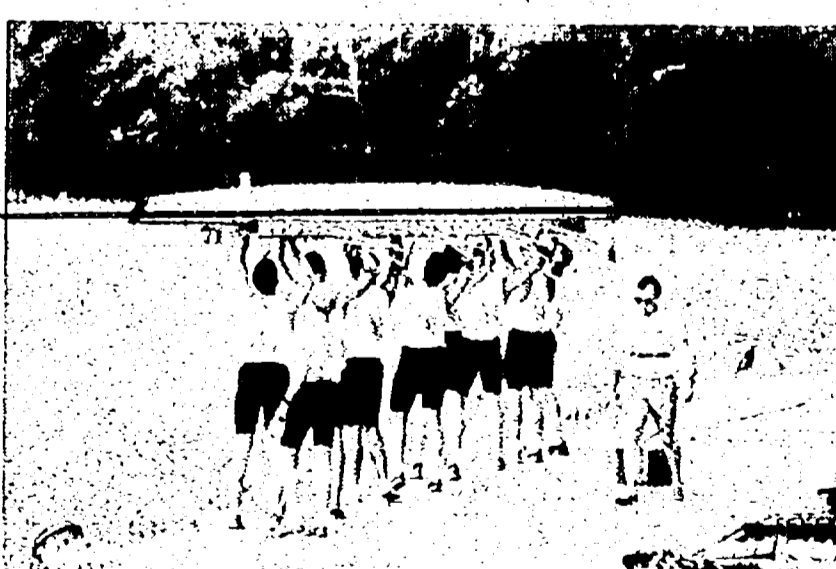
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Providence Hospital Novi Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile, will have a Diabetes Fair 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 26, in the center's main conference room. The fair will provide free blood testing and information dealing with various aspects of diabetes management. For more information, call the Providence Hospital diabetic outpatient clinic at 424-3903.

AMI

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan-Oakland County will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the administration building auditorium of Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Virgil Stuckert, president of Rose Hill Center, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 557-6440.

Blood pressure

Volunteers for the American Heart Association will provide free blood pressure screenings 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in Wonderland Mall, Plymouth at Middlebelt roads, Livonia. The screenings are designed to detect high blood pressure and provide counseling on diet and medication.

First aid class

A Red Cross first aid course will be offered 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in classrooms 1 and 2 of Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, 8245 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. The class is designed to promote first aid education and lifesaving techniques. Participants should wear casual clothing for the practice sessions. For more information, call Doris Wilcox at 458-4330.

MCF benefit

The Michigan Cancer Foundation will hold its fourth annual bowling tournament, beginning Sunday, April 29, at Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield. There will be a \$4,000 grand prize with the final roll-off to take place June 8 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Also participating in the benefit are Merri-Bowl in Livonia, Frontier Lanes in Mount Clemens and Bonanza/Bronco Lanes, Warren. There is a \$25 entry fee. For more information, call MCF at 833-0710.

Cholesterol screening

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will conduct a cholesterol screening 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in the main lobby of the hospital, Five Mile at Levan. There is a \$5 fee for the testing. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 464-4800, Ext. 2297.

blood pressure class

St. Mary Hospital in association with the American Red Cross will offer a five-part class, Low Down on High Blood Pressure, 7-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, May 7, 9, 14, 16 and 21.

Participants construct a lifestyle, plan a diet and stress modification and learn to monitor blood pressure. There is a \$15 program fee and a registration deadline of Monday, April 30. For more information, call 464-4800, Ext. 2297.

Meniere's Network

The Royal Oak Chapter of the Meniere's Network will be held 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 30, in the auditorium of Beaumont Hospital, 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. Psychologist Dr. Linda Nosanchuck Sircus will discuss coping with illness. The group is a support group for people with Meniere's disease or chronic dizziness. For more information, call Marie Key at 585-8519.

ADDA/Ch.A.D.D.

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association/Ch.A.D.D. is sponsoring a rap group session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Farmington Public Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. For more information, call 464-8233.

Asthma seminar

Dr. Robert Weinstein, an allergist, will give a free lecture on exercising and asthma at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the auditorium of the Bentley Center, Hubbard at Five Mile, Livonia. To register, call 523-9277.

JDF Tri-A-Thon

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will hold its 11th annual Tri-A-Thon 8:30 a.m. Sunday, May 6, at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren and the Dearborn Fairlane Office Center in Dearborn.

Participants can walk, jog or bike for diabetes research, competing for a grand prize of a 42-inch wide screen TV, watches, video cassette recorder or Genesis video game system. For sponsor forms or more information, call 569-6171.

SOS

The Margaret Montgomery Hospital, Joy Road east of Middlebelt, Westland, sponsors a self help group for the family and friends of schizophrenics. Significant Others of Schizophrenics meets 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the hospital. The group follows the six-step program of Schizophrenics Anonymous. For more information, call Lynn Walkuski at 459-9210 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Breastfeeding class

A breastfeeding class to educate pregnant women and new mothers in techniques of breastfeeding will be 7-10 p.m. Monday, April 30, in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call 458-4330.

Laryngectomy support

The Michigan Cancer Foundation offers a monthly support group meeting for Laryngectomy patients

and their families 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the Garden City Educational Center, 6701 Harrison, Garden City. For more information, call 833-0710, Ext. 466.

Beelines to Recovery

Beelines to Recovery, a non-profit weight loss support group for men and women, meets at 11 a.m. Saturdays in Room 3 of Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, 6245 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Discussions focus on self-esteem, behavior modification and healthy eating habits. For more information, call Liz at 261-4048 (days) and Cathy at 525-5416 (evenings).

Bulemia support

Bulemia Support Group meets weekly. It is facilitated by a health educator and is not a counseling session. Discussions are modeled after the 12 steps of the Alcoholics Anonymous program. For information, call 274-8255 or write P.O. Box 342, Dearborn 48121.

Self-help groups

The following self-help groups meet at Ardmore Center (formerly Ardmore Acres Hospital), 19810 Farmington Road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile: 2 p.m. Fridays, Alcoholics Anonymous; 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Young Peoples' Alcoholics Anonymous; 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Emotions Anonymous; 7:30 p.m. last Monday of the month, Manic-Depressive and Depressive Association; and 2 p.m. Thursdays, Tough Love-Key Solutions. For information, call 474-3500.

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broaden their scope of teaching within Christian education.

ALCOHOLISM WORKSHOP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, will host an alcoholism workshop 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28. Dorothy Miller, a specialist on the topic, will be the speaker. For information, call 522-6830.

JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Livonia Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will have a mother-daughter luncheon and fashion show at noon Sunday, May 6, at the syna-

gogue, 31840 Seven Mile, Livonia. There is a charge. For reservations, call 425-9041 or 476-8940.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Colette Church will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the activity center, 17600 Newburgh, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. There will be a \$2 per bag sale starting at 1 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir of St. Paul Presbyterian Church will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Included in the evening's music

will be Faure "Requiem" as well as a variety of favorite anthems. The choir will be under the direction of J. Scott Goble, with accompaniment by organist Walter Cory and University of Michigan musicians.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church Women will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 27, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, Redford Township. There also will be a bake sale on Saturday.

Christ Our Savior Ladies Parish Service Guild will hold a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 26-27, at the church, on Farmington Road just north of I-96, Livonia. A \$1 per bag sale will start at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Redford United Methodist Church will hold its spring rummage sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday,

April 28, at the church, 22400 Northrup, Redford.

DO-IT-YOURSELF

St. Edith Church will have master handyman Glenn Haege and master gardener Ernie Bedard at a 7:30 p.m. house and garden do-it-yourself program Thursday, April 26. There is no admission charge. Prizes will be given away. The church is at 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

LIFE CARE MINISTRIES

People who have a problem and need someone to talk to can call a Christian telephone listening service operated by Life Care Ministries. The service is operated noon to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is 427-LIFE.

A.C.T.I.O.N. MINISTRIES

A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministries is an auxiliary of Single Point Ministries, a

Single Adult Ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The group is open to all single adults. It provides educational and support services to meet the needs of individuals during career transitions. The group meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Lighthouse of Ward Church. For information, call 422-1854.

HOMECOMING

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is planning a homecoming Sunday, May 6. Former members can call 937-3170 for information.

ALCOHOLICS' SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics for Christ, Alcoholics for Christ Family Group and Adult Children of Alcoholics meet weekly at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Groups meet at 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays in Fellowship Hall and 1 p.m. Fridays in Room A-5. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, at the corner of Six Mile. For information, call 534-6383.

Alcoholics for Christ is a Christian fellowship and support group for alcoholics, their families and concerned people.

The group also meets at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills; at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Westland Full Gospel Church, 34033 Palmer, Westland; at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Church of God in Christ, 3844 Harrison, Inkster; at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Fairhaven Assembly of God, 876 Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights; and at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at Fairlane Alliance Church, 905 Mason, north of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. For information, call 399-9955 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.

State Vietnam vet hotline in service

Michigan's Vietnam era veterans who need information or referral services on local, state and federal programs can now use a statewide hotline set up by the Michigan Department of Public Health and Michigan Agent Orange Commission.

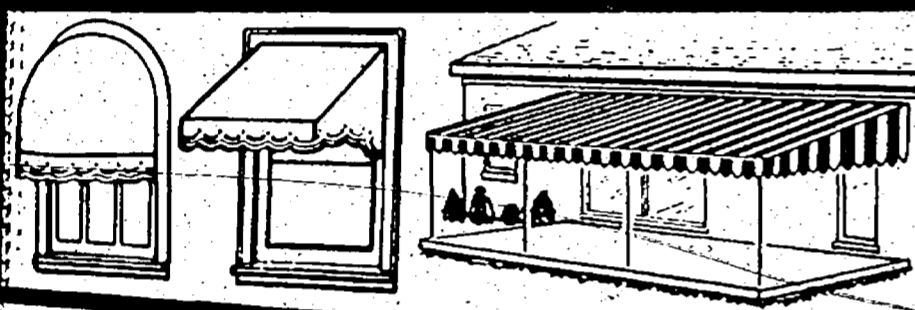
The commission was established to review and make recommendations to the health department on the effects on human health of Agent Orange and other defoliants used during the Vietnam War era.

Its primary objective is to enroll Michigan Vietnam veterans for participation in four specific types of health studies, including a study of the overall mortality, cancer incidence, birth and dioxin exposure.

Veterans and organizations that use the Agent Orange hotline can now call (800) MIC-VIET for direct assistance. Veterans seeking information about Agent Orange compensation can call the Agent Orange Payment Program at (800) 225-4712.

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Tulips begin festive season

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Classic Tournament, for trout and salmon, is still ahead, May 4-6. The rest of the summer fish bashes are scheduled for June: The Bass Festival in Manelona June 1-3; the Trout Tournament in Charlevoix June 8-10; the Smallmouth Bass Tournament in Bergland and Marenisco June 9-10; The Walleye Tournament in Bellaire June 15-17; the Pickerel Fishing Tournament in Algonac June 29-July 4; and the Carp Rodeo in Union City June 15-17.

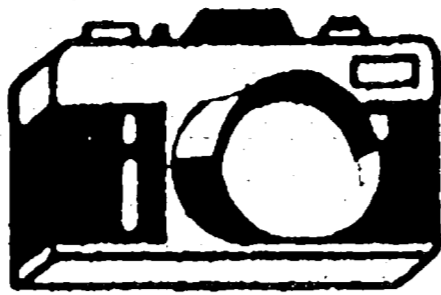
A carp rodeo?

● **FOR THOSE** of us who don't kneel to the biggest fish in the state, there are flowers, lots of them: the Blossomtime Festival in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph April 29-May 6; the Trillium Festival at Hoffmaster State Park in Muskegon May 12-13; the Lilac Festival on Mackinac Island June 1-10.

Those of you who like to plan ahead, mark your calendar for the Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival June 9-16; Valvoline Detroit Grand Prix June 15-17; International Balloon Championship in Battle Creek June 16-23; International Freedom festival June 22-July 4; National Cherry Festival in Traverse City July 7-14; Ann Arbor Street Fair July 18-21; U.S. Coast Guard Bicentennial in Grand Haven July 21-Aug. 5; Michigan Festival in East Lansing Aug. 10-19; Renaissance Festival weekends in Holly Aug. 18-Sept. 29; and Montreux Jazz Festival in Detroit Aug. 20-Sept. 3.

For information, call toll-free (800) 5432-YES.

Photo tour explores hills of Scotland



Photography experts will be sponsoring group tours through Scotland this summer.

Photo enthusiasts are welcome to join the group June 24-July 7 and capture shots in the Western Highlands of Scotland. The group will begin the excursion in Girvan, Scotland, a fishing village and photograph several castles and an abbey ruin. A visit to the Robert Burns Center will also be made while in the Girvan area where photographers can shoot the bridge over the River Doon (the Brigadoon of Lerner and Lowe fame).

The trip includes a drive through the valley of Glencoe where one night, while they slept, the MacDonald clan was murdered by their guests, the Campbells. The next stop is in Ft. William, the gateway to the Western Highlands and in the morning the group will then head for the Isle of Skye.

Two days will be spent photographing Skye, the rugged island, home of the Clan MacLeod. A ferry will then take the group to the Isle

of Lewis where they will spend two days taking shots among the 3,000-year-old Standing Stones of Callanish, which is considered to be the finest stone circle in Scotland.

Back to the mainland, the group will take a scenic route to Inverness and spend a free day to sightsee, shop and relax. After two days in Inverness, they will head south down the coastline of Loch Ness, keeping an eye out for Nessie.

The photo tour is \$1,950 and includes round-trip airfare, all transportation within Scotland, 12 nights accommodations at bed and breakfast establishments, all breakfast and dinners and admission into historical sites.

The trip also includes instruction by photography experts such as Nancy Goff of Ann Arbor and Cheryl Hogue of Saline.

For more information and reservations for the trip, call (313) 973-1251 or (313) 429-0594.

St. Louis on the riverside

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IT'S A PLEASANT walk through the rose garden, Japanese garden or English woodland. A bonus is the sculptures which grace the fountains (turned off during the winter) and grounds — including works by Alexander Calder, Henry Moore and Carl Milles.

We were lucky to travel during the off-season because even Tony's, one of only nine Mobil Guide five-star North American restaurants had room for us on a Friday night with only an hour's notice. If you go now, be sure to make reservations.

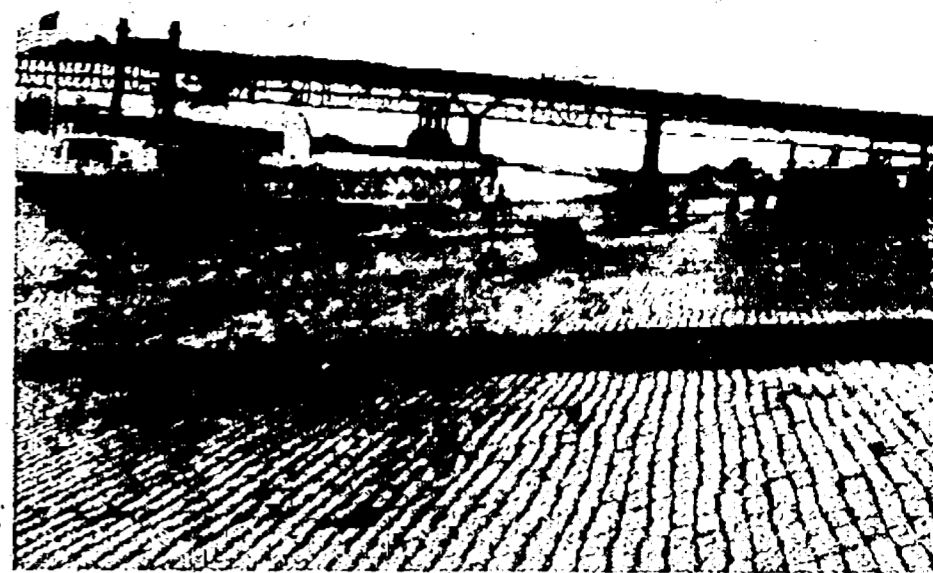
The 94th Aero Squadron adjacent to the airport with a perfect view of landings and takeoffs was a great place for Sunday brunch.

● Begin with airfare:

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CAROLYN DEMARCO

Many riverboats and tourist activities rally along the riverside. These Civil War re-enactors barrel up in front of a floating McDonald's.

clarification

The April 12 travel story, "Stop over guide to Phoenix," stated the University of Arizona as being in

Tempe, Ariz. The University of Arizona is in Tucson and Arizona State University is in Tempe.

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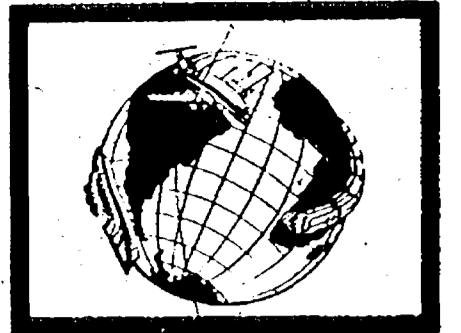
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The holy path to Mecca

The first time I saw the sign it was inside a bureau drawer in the Rasa Sayang Hotel, one of several beautiful high-rise beach hotels in Penang. Penang is an island connected by bridge and ferry to the northwest coast of Malaysia, on the southernmost peninsula of southeast Asia.

The sign was one word: KIBLAT. It was printed inside the outline of an arrow that pointed towards the rear corner of the drawer.

Malaysia is a Muslim country, but it has large minorities of many religious persuasions, so we had been taking our shoes off all day: to enter the state mosque, to climb the hill to the Pagoda of Ten Thousand Buddhas, to creep into the Snake Temple and to admire the 100-foot-long Reclining Buddha.

The second time I saw the sign was on the ceiling of our room in the Perdana Hotel in Kota Bharu, across the peninsula on the South China Sea. We had photographed Malay fishermen pulling colorful boats through the surf on to a wide sand beach, watched the top spinners, the drummers and the Kelantan dancers, before falling into bed, so I didn't actually see the sign until I was flat on my back, ready to turn out the light.

THE SAME word: KIBLAT. The same boxed arrow. Only this time it was on the ceiling of our hotel room, pointing toward the corner.

"It must be something to do with electricity or fire escapes," I said.

Malaysia is a small country, but we spent a lot of time traveling from one place to another aboard Malaysian Air Lines, so the mystery wasn't solved until we reached the capital city of Kuala Lumpur.

Our guide, Anuar Haji Abdul Hamid, took us for a walking tour around the minarets and domes of Masjid Jamek, the public mosque, built on the very spot where Kuala Lumpur was founded centuries ago at the junction of the Klang and Gombak rivers.

"Why are the men stretched out all over the floor?" somebody asked. "They look like they're napping."

"Muslims must pray five times a day," Anuar said. "Today is Sunday, these men don't have to work and they are waiting for the next prayer."

"Do they pray facing to the east?"

"They face the holy city of Mecca," Anuar said.

The question kept nagging at me as we photographed the mosque, the old colonial buildings of Kuala Lumpur, the war memorial high above the Lake Gardens. How does a devout Muslim know the direction of Mecca when he travels?

It was a rhetorical question, long forgotten by the time we checked into the Hyatt Saujana Hotel and Country Club, eager to leap into the swimming pool.

I pulled a stack of clothes out of my suitcase, opened a bureau drawer and there it was: KIBLAT. And an arrow pointing nowhere.

By that time I had bought a Malay-English dictionary. I dug it out of the bottom of my carry-on luggage and flipped through to the letter "K."

"Kiblat. Here it is," I said. "You're not going to believe this!"

"What does it mean," Micky asked.

"It means 'the direction of Mecca.'"

He looked puzzled, but any devout Muslim would know exactly what it meant when he prepared for prayer at 6 a.m., at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., at sunset and at 8:30 p.m. It is how you know the direction of Mecca when you travel in Malaysia.

St. Louis!

THE BIG, SMALL TOWN ON THE RIVER

By Carolyn DeMarco
staff writer

Welcome to St. Louis, Mo. — a big, small town or maybe it's a small, big town, pressed up tight against the Mississippi River, halfway between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico and proudly referred to as the "gateway to the west."

It's also the location of the world's largest brewery, site of the 1904 World's Fair, birthplace of sliced bread, home of the National Bowling Hall of Fame and the eastern border for all radio stations that start with K.

We took our trip during the midwinter season which offers cheap travel rates and a break from the hustle and bustle of tourist season. However, most river boats and outdoor tourist sites are closed for the winter.

Most Mississippi sidewheeler excursion boats run between May and October as well as the Six Flags Over Mid-America amusement park. If you go this summer check them out and don't forget St. Louis Cardinals baseball — the heart of St. Louis tourism.

HOTELS ARE plentiful in St. Louis. The Hotel Majestic, a historic pearl of a hotel, is \$180 a night for two persons, according to the AAA Tourbook, \$100 a night per a long-distance inquiry, and only \$65 per night when you actually confront the desk clerk. Other hotels have similarly discounted for the quiet times.

A trip to St. Louis is not a trip to St. Louis without a visit to the famous Gateway Arch, this country's tallest monument and one of its most-visited sites since it was built in 1965. It's all part of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, a national park commemorating St. Louis as the Gateway to the West.

For \$2.50 (\$5.00 for kids) you can travel to the top of the arch. Allow one hour for the wait and the ride. While you're waiting you can tour the free Westward Expansion Museum on the site and learn more about the trend that Lewis and Clark started and nouveau Californians continue.

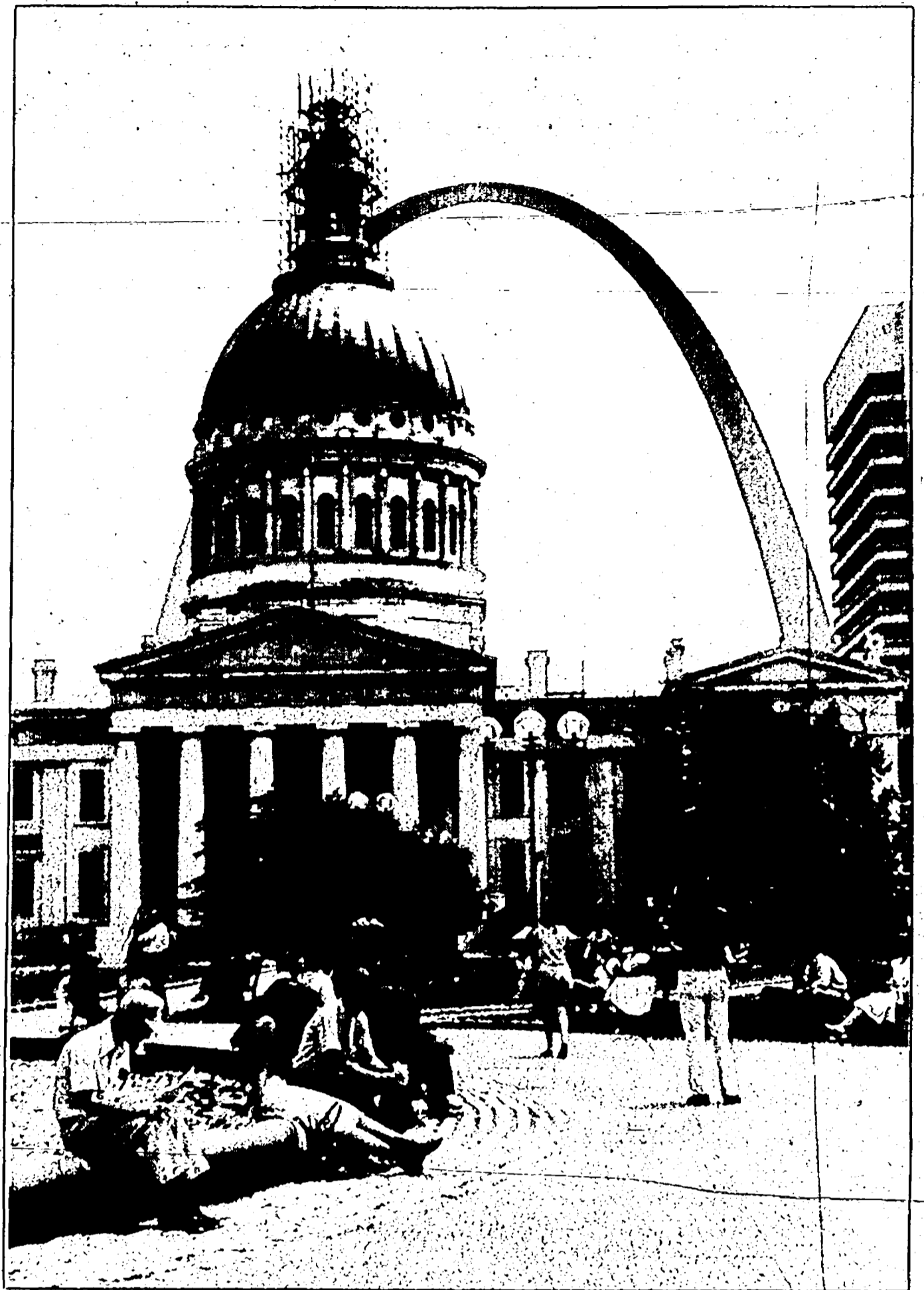
While down by the riverside, you can stroll the cobblestone levee (per Webster, an embankment to prevent a river from flooding bordering land). Many excursion boats double as restaurants — including a floating McDonald's!

In 1764, a French fur trapper, Pierre LaCedre, established a trading post on this western bank of the Mississippi. Today it's a tourist attraction — restaurants and shops. Among them are Gibbol's Novelties and Costumes, a fun shop with adult novelties, stage makeup and magic tricks; Missouri Peddlers, a showcase for Missouri crafters with quilts, toys and folk art; and Swiss Village Book Store Antique Annex, a browser's dream of old and rare books and artifacts.

After dark the parking lots fill with sunseekers there for the good music and fun times and the streets fill with strollers and horse-drawn carriages.

Young locals consider Muddy Waters the most popular nightclub. Hannegan's Pub features jazz. The Blarney Stone houses a dinner theater.

JUST ACROSS town at Market and 18th is a spectac-



The Old Courthouse (1839) in front of the Gateway Arch is a peaceful spot for relaxing in downtown St. Louis.

MICKY JONES

lar tourist attraction and prominent landmark, Union Station. In its heyday, the mammoth station was the largest and busiest in the world with more than 100,000 passengers through each day.

Shops in the station include all the upscale regulars you've come to know and love — Eddie Bauer, Crabtree and Evelyn; Banana Republic, and some interesting independents as well.

They include the Great Train Store, which sells O, N and H gauge to kids who never grow up as well as whistles, cassettes, books and mags for train lovers. Near it is America's National Parks, a store devoted to books about U.S. national parks, history and ecological topics; Joy of Ireland, all the obvious Hibernian imports like woolens, Irish oatmeal and heraldic keychains and posters; a computer genealogy kiosk, and Top It Off, a small hat store.

GO TO THE HOME of the world's largest brewery and not visit? No chance. The tour takes you outside through blocks and blocks of Anheuser-Busch property including the famous Clydesdales' stable, packaging plant and the ever-popular hospitality center. A large gift shop caters to logo lovers of Budweiser and Michelob brews.

Beer lovers are often baseball lovers as well. If you fit into the category, not far from the brewery is Busch Stadium, home to the (St. Louis) Sports Hall of Fame. Stan is still The Man here, 40 years later. Musial is immortalized with a statue outside, and a near-shrine inside. You can also follow the careers of baseball greats Lou Brock, Ken

Boyer, Dizzy Dean and Red Schoendienst. All other sports take a back seat.

Just across the street is the National Bowling Hall of Fame, depicting the history and heroes of the game, an old-fashioned bowling alley and other exhibits. Ho hum.

INSTITUTIONS on the grounds of the 1,400 acres of Forest Park include the St. Louis Art Museum; St. Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis Science Center and the Jefferson Memorial, which chronicles St. Louis history.

The art museum is the successor to the oldest art museum west of the Mississippi and ranked as one of the top 10 in the United States. Admission is free.

There is an admission charge to the strikingly modern science center — the combined McDonnell Planetarium, Museum of Science and Natural History and the Medical Museum. The Discovery Room allows children the opportunity to see, feel and touch. Monsanto Science Center provides 24 larger-than-life exhibits in an outdoor setting.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest botanical garden in the United States, conceived in the 1850s by Henry Shaw, and still referred to by St. Louisans as Shaw's Garden. The 79-acre garden is built around Shaw's country home, Tower-Grove House, which can be toured.

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Festivals: from tulips to trout

By Iris Sanderson Jones
contributing travel editor

The Michigan festival season will be launched in a burst of color when the annual tulip festival takes place May 14-19 in Holland. TULIP TIME '90 celebrates the Dutch heritage of this western Michigan city, where millions of tulips bloom every spring.

The festival includes 1,400 costumed Klompen dancers, eight miles of tulip lanes and a full schedule of parades, musical shows, street scrubblings and other Netherlandish attractions.

You can beat the crowds by attending some of the warm-up events, which start with a musical cabaret called The All Night Strut May 9 and free performances in Centennial Park May 10. The traditional Tulip Time Market opens May 11.

This warm-up is designed to attract visitors a week ahead of the official festival, and to display the tulips as long as possible. The first big parade, Volksparade, will be May 16. By that time, the shows will be in full swing.

SHOWS INCLUDE the Living End Singers, 110 teens singing Christian music in a multi-image stage; the Annual Band Review; the Tulip Time Salute; a vaudeville show called Showstoppers; the Stars of Lawrence Welk; Barbershop on Parade; folk music; Victor Herbert's "The Red Mill"; Netherland folk dances; and a patriotic show called America Sings.

Year-round Holland attractions will be open and busy during the festival, including the Windmill Island attractions.

They include De Swaan, the only operating Dutch windmill in the United States, a 20-minute film about windmills, a Dutch merry-go-round called the draaimolen, and other picturesque Dutch attractions set amid the tulips of Windmill Island Municipal Park in downtown Holland.

To arrange housing, contact the Tulip Time Housing Service at 150 W. 8th St., Holland 49423. Ask them to send you a schedule so you can sign up for various events and meals.

For more information, call toll-free (800) 222-2770.

• **HERE IS A LIST** of other Michigan events to be celebrated through May:

Two maple syrup festivals will be this weekend: in Shepherd April 27-29, and Vermontville April 28-29. Mushroom festivals also flourish in May: in Mesick May 4-6; and the National Mushroom-Hunting Championships in Boyne City May 12-13.

The Highland Festival and Games will bring the clans together with a wall of bagpipes May 26-27, but not all Michigan festivals are that well known.

There'll be a live buzzard along with arts and crafts at the Buzzard Festival May 5-6 in Hell. And a Pastry Bake in St. Ignace May 27, where they'll try to bake the world's largest pastry for the Guinness Book of World Records.

• **SEVERAL OF** the state's fishing festivals will culminate this weekend: the Perch Festival in Caseville, the National Trout Festival in Kalkaska and the Walleye Tournament in Midland.

The \$35,000 blue Water Fishing

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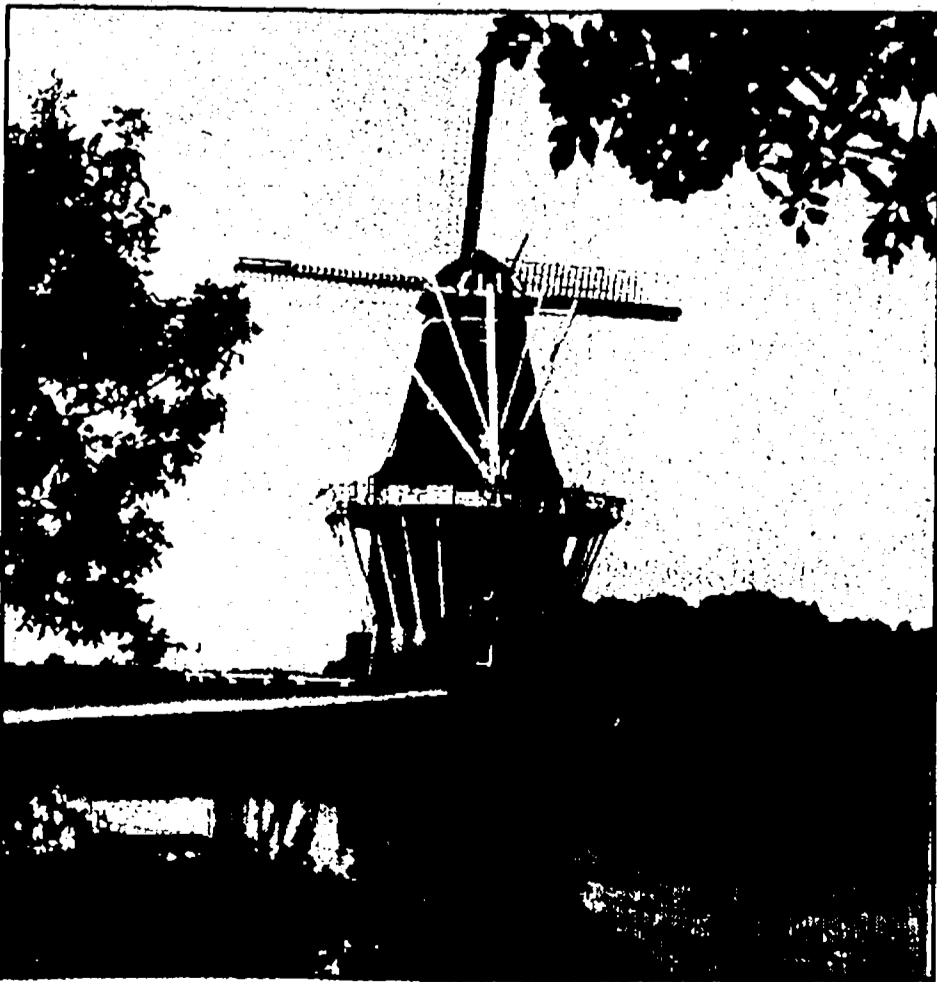
Vegas goers set a 1990 increase

(AP) — Las Vegas tourism officials say visitor volume showed a healthy 12.8-percent increase for the first two months of this year, compared to the same period in 1989.

Rossi Ralenkotter, director of marketing for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, said 2.8 million visitors were recorded in the first two months of 1990, compared to 2.5 million for the same period a year ago.

While visitor volume is showing a double-digit increase, room occupancy was up 2 percent, because 6,000 new hotel rooms are on line this year. Another 10,000 rooms are under construction.

Southern California auto traffic increased by 22 percent in February, and 25 percent for the first two months of 1990, officials said.

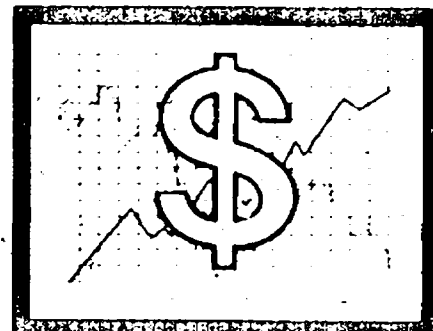


MICKY JONES

Holland's Tulip Time Festival, May 14-19, is busy with Dutch-like attractions, including Windmill Island Municipal Park.

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Pilot program offers free advice on exports

By R.J. King
special writer

With dramatic social and political changes sweeping eastern Europe, the mood of corporate America is anything but lethargic.

General Motors, McDonald's and Levi Strauss recently have set up businesses behind the Iron Curtain, and the stream of larger American businesses seeking joint ventures is accelerating daily.

But for smaller area companies such as Concept Analysis Corp. in Plymouth and the Air Gage Co. in Livonia, getting into foreign markets is proving to be risky as well as enticing.

"We were the ultimate neophytes," said Dave Rourk, a research engineer for Concept Analysis, which designs and tests reinforced composites and plastics for use on everything from satellite antennas to patio furniture.

"We wanted to expand into Hungary, and we gave serious thought to sending a sales team over. But we didn't know where to go or who to see. Yet we knew if we could sell one contract for \$20,000 it would pay for the whole trip and we could build from there."

AND THEREIN lies the risk.

Whether to take a gamble and get a jump on the competition or play it safe and wonder what might have been. So where to turn for insight?

"That's where we come in," said John Chichester, director of the Community Export Alliance Office at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, which assists and evaluates area companies with exporting questions at no charge.

"We give companies straight talk about whether to export or not, and when we're finished, they haven't spent one dollar, they haven't gotten lost and they have an idea of where they stand."

Through a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Commerce



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

John Chichester, director of the Community Export Alliance Office at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, uses a computer pro-

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management experience came in line with expectations.

"The results surprised me a little bit," Rourk said. "While we had a high product rating for selling engineering software, we had a moderate organizational rating."

"Basically, it said we need to invest for the long term, not a short, quick in-and-out process that doesn't offer return sales. Consequently, we will not be exporting in the near future. It was the direct opposite of my gut feeling."

In retrospect, Rourk said he might have guessed at the outcome given the company's recent contract to sell software to a seating company in Switzerland.

"It was just one contract two years ago which didn't amount to return sales," he said.

UP AND RUNNING since March, Chichester said CORE prepares companies in northwestern Wayne and Oakland counties for the stiff competition ahead, not only in the Eastern Bloc but against a unified Europe in 1992, Canada and the Japanese-dominated Pacific Rim.

"I think the Pacific Rim offers great growth potential. Canada is very attractive. But nine out-of-the-10 calls we get are interested in the European Community," Chichester said.

"I suppose that makes sense given the fact most companies who call us are industrial-service firms and automotive suppliers. Everyone wants to rebuild the second Europe, but companies shouldn't forget about Latin and South America, which is a huge marketplace."

Even for companies already established on foreign soils, Chichester said the Community Export Alliance Office could offer guidance with expansion plans or access different markets in the same country.

For instance, Dave Joslyn, executive vice president of Air Gage, which employs just under 200 people

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Bank's value not reflected by stock price — chairman

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Despite shareholder complaints about the skidding stock price, a two-year decline in earnings and a "Taj Mahal" of a new headquarters in Troy, the chairman of Standard Federal Bank sees "better days ahead."

Thomas W. Ricketts said core earnings — mortgage loans, consumer banking and credit cards — plus tight management make his thrift institution one of the best in the state and the nation.

Ricketts called the recent \$7.50 stock price "goofy," adding that the 113-branch bank in Michigan and Indiana is on the federal list of approved buyers of troubled thrifts. A former mutual bank, Standard Federal converted to stock at about \$10 three years ago and has been priced as high as \$12.50 on the market.

"TERRIBLE PUBLICITY" has been partly to blame, Ricketts told the annual meeting Tuesday, citing the failure of thrifts in Texas and bad commercial real estate investments by New England thrifts.

"The thrifts in Michigan have not been tainted. Nobody in Michigan

has been indicted," he said.

In the first quarter of 1990, Standard Fed's net income dropped 24 percent, from 42 cents (\$12.9 million) to 32 cents (\$9.7 million).

But he said four cents of that drop was due to a single factor — the federal Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act, which took effect last fall.

FIRREA means higher premiums on deposits, higher examination costs and a lower dividend on Standard Fed's Federal Home Loan Bank investments.

"It's costing us 16 cents (per share annually) to bail out those bums in Texas, although we had nothing to do with it," Ricketts said.

Here are other shareholder questions and Ricketts' answers:

Q. Why are you "so glowingly optimistic in a company that seems to be sliding off?" Net income fell from \$67.4 million in 1987 to \$63.3 million in '88 to \$45.7 million last year.

A. Look at the middle lines and notice there are no flash in the pan earnings from sale of assets. For example, gains on sales of originated loans dropped from \$6.6 million to

\$1.1 million to \$410,000 in those years.

"We've been trying to build core earnings. We have a marvelous branch network. We dominate the home lending field. We have no troubled loans," setting another state mortgage lending record.

Q. What is the cost of this Taj Mahal of a new building?

A. \$95 million for the land and building at 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, and it could be sold at a gain but won't be. SF has its operations and headquarters in a single building, in contrast to Comerica, First Federal and NBD, which have separate operations buildings.

"We're in the golden corridor, near Somerset Mall, K mart and VW. We have no country club memberships, no chauffeurs."

Besides being efficient to heat, cool and light, the "no nonsense, state-of-the-art" building helps attract employees.

Q. Are you planning any more acquisitions and mergers after the 1989 acquisitions in Kalamazoo and Monroe?

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Dates set for 1991 auto show

The North American Auto Show, which drew some 650,000 spectators during a nine-day run this year at the Cobo Exhibition and Convention Center, will begin one week later next year to better accommodate the foreign media.

Next year's show will run Jan. 12-20. Public viewing started Jan. 6 this year.

"Putting the show on so close to New Year's the first two years has affected the ability of European and Asian automotive journalists to cover the show," said Robert Thibodeau, co-chairman of the event.

"This extra week will allow them to comfortably cover our show while not giving up vacation time or time with their families."

"We had 192 international automotive writers from 15 countries other than the U.S. at the 1990 show

and 1,386 media credentialed in all," said Gordon Stewart, co-chairman of the show.

"We would hope to improve upon those numbers and selecting this later week in January should help us achieve that," he added.

Detroit's auto show keeps getting bigger.

More than 700 vehicles were displayed this year.

There were 47 worldwide or North American production/concept car introductions compared to 24 in 1989. Attendance for the charity preview increased by more than a third, while general attendance was up 3 percent.

An exhibit of an assembly line in action jointly sponsored by Buick and the United Auto Workers union proved to be a big crowd favorite.

"That had more attendance than

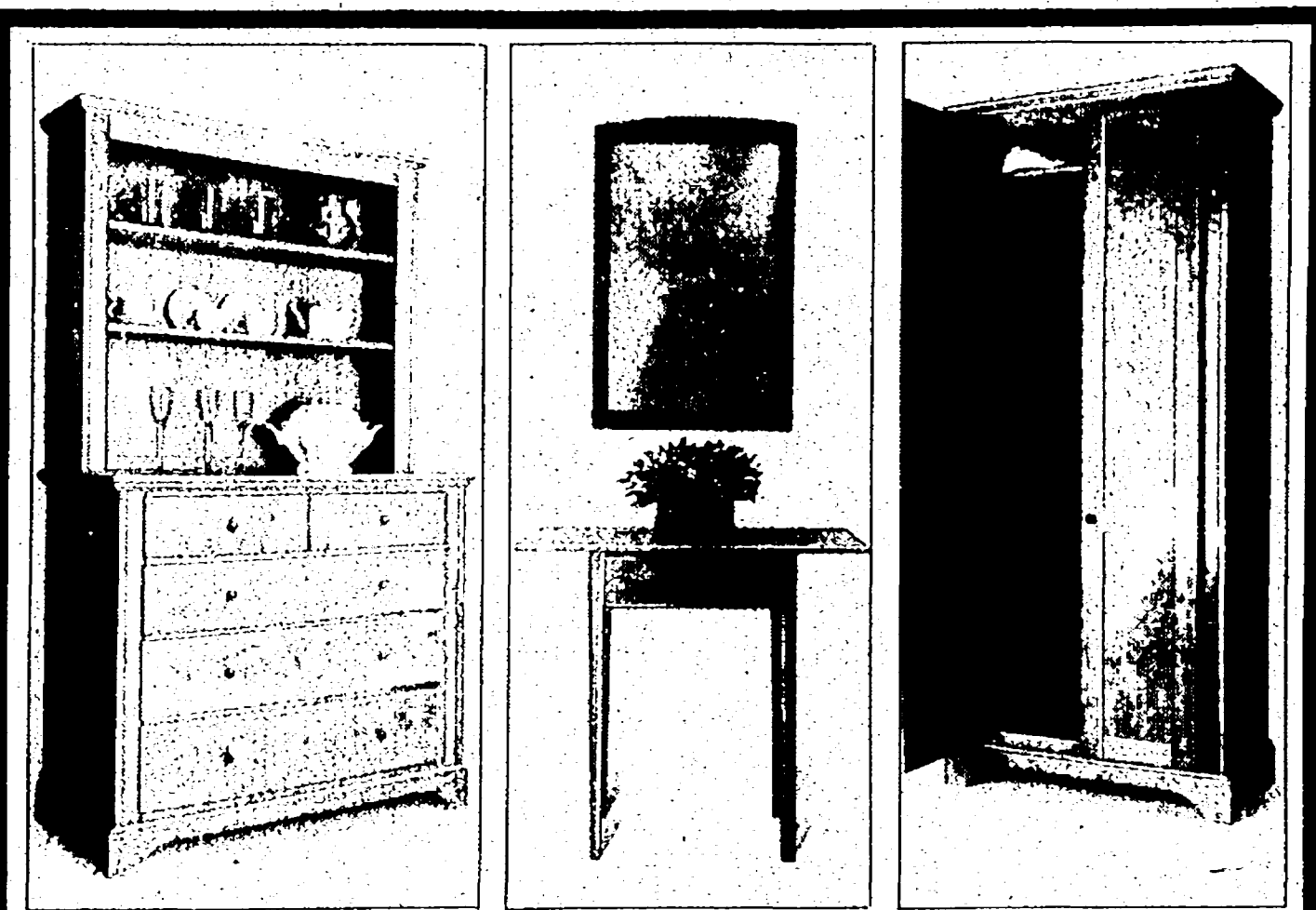
anything at the show," said Daniel Hayes, executive director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, sponsor of the show. "It would appear that the UAW will be well represented at the show next year."

Show organizers will meet over the next few months to come up with fresh ideas to keep the show's momentum going.

"We're still working on some new things. They're not solidified yet," Hayes said.

A decision hasn't yet been made on ticket prices for 1991. Admission this year was \$5, with children under 12 accompanied by adults and people at least 65 years of age admitted free.

"It's a relatively inexpensive public show," Hayes said. "We'd like to hold the line."



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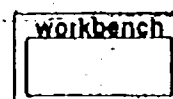
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Pilot program export advice costs nothing

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and manufactures equipment to measure engine components to one ten-thousandths of an inch, said the company recently received inquiries to sell defense equipment in Israel.

"We've consulted before with Schoolcraft College on whether to open a sales office in China but we decided to manufacture the parts here and ship them directly," Joslyn said of supplying dimensional gauging equipment to First Autoworks of China, which established a joint venture with Chrysler to build Jeeps.

"It didn't seem prudent to open an office overseas with the hope of coming in contact with new markets. There's so many cultural differences, and you really need someone

who's been there and wants to go back."

AS FOR ISRAEL, Joslyn said he would consult with the Community Export Alliance Office and have a CORE evaluation made to assess the feasibility of expanding into, or selling products directly, to that country.

In addition to the Export Office, the Business Development Center at Schoolcraft assists area companies with procuring government contracts, developing management and technical training programs and assistance in receiving funding for training employees.

For more information, call 462-4438.

Chairman optimistic

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A. "We're a midwestern company," based in Michigan and Indiana. Possibly Illinois and Ohio thrifits will be acquired "but not Arkansas or Texas or Florida."

The credit card business will be housed in the Troy headquarters, not in a state where the usury interest rate limit is higher.

Q. Your ownership of stock is less

than 50 percent of your earnings of \$600,000. A new member of the board owns 100 shares, less than 5 percent of a director's compensation.

A. "Every penny I have in this world (other than home) is in Standard Federal Stock and CDs. I own no other stock." Historically, SF has paid low executive salaries.

"We do not nominate directors on the basis of the amount of stock they buy," but for their services.

business people

George M. Gurganjan, representative in the Garden City office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Co., retired after a 32-year career. Gurganjan began working for the company in September 1957 as an agent at the Detroit West Central district office. He was promoted to sales manager in 1961. Later that year, he transferred as sales manager to the new Detroit Central office.

In 1977 he was named field training supervisor, then made district manager at the Cleveland North office and then an account representative. He was made district manager at the Flint Central office in 1978, transferring in that position to Redford in 1984. He returned to an agency there in 1986, promoting to sales manager at Graden City in 1987. Gurganjan returned to an agency in that office last year. During his career he qualified to attend 17 of the company's annual national leaders conference, twice as a member of the President's Council, which is made up of the company's top producer.

Dana R. Wilmot was named technical sales manager at AE Piston Products Inc. in Plymouth. Before joining AE Piston Products, Wilmot was a sales engineer with Farnam Sealing Systems, a division of Colt Industries in Troy. He also spent more than seven years as senior project engineer with Detroit Diesel Corp. Wilmot is a graduate of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, and the University of Michigan.

Robert L. Bochenek of Livonia was named director of operations



Gurganjan Wilmot Bochenek Asquini Stansberry Hitz

analysis with Lear Siegler Sealing Corp in Southfield. Bochenek, who has been with the company since 1984, had been an accounting executive. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and Henry Ford Community College. He had also served as finance director of Lear's Fenton and Romulus plants. Bochenek participated in 10 new plant start-ups.

Jennifer R. Stansberry of Livonia was promoted from senior account executive to director of public relations services at the Berline Group Inc. in Birmingham. Stansberry joined the agency in December 1986. She had been associate editor of the Tri-County News in Fenton, Mich. A graduate of Michigan State University, she is a member of the Public Relations Society of America.

Thomas Hitz of Livonia was promoted to vice president of the health/research group at Barton Malow Co. in Southfield. Hitz has more than 10 years of experience in the industry. He received a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from Lawrence Technological University.

Jay Asquini, operator of a commercial/industrial photographic studio in Livonia, will succeed Junebug Clark as president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Magazine Photographers.

Dan Williams of Livonia was appointed general assignment reporter for WKBD-TV's "Ten O'Clock News." Williams has been a freelance reporter for the station since June 1989. Before joining WKBD, Williams was a consumer reporter for WJBK in Detroit for more than four years.

The following local sales associates recently were made members of the Better Homes and Gardens Medallion Club. Sales associates from the Livonia office were Don Kamen, Linda Brincat, Scott Casey, Bill Harrison, Kathi Lee Kobylarz, Faith McCormick, Fern McCormick, Carol Murtha, Ken Ray and Maureen Troost. From the Plymouth office were Yvonne Teevens, Barbara Crowley, Lynn DeJohn, Ruth Devine, Shari Johnston, Leon Kelly, Chris Knight, Sue LeBlanc, Patsy Rollins, Judy Rumpel and Patricia Zubatch.

Jeff Richards of Livonia earned a certificate of distinction in the professional goldsmith category of the Michigan Jewelers Association's annual design contest. His entry was an 18K yellow gold ring with a pink tourmaline and trillium diamond.

Elise Benedict, owner of University Moving and Storage in Livonia, will participate in the President's Forum of North American Van Lines Inc.

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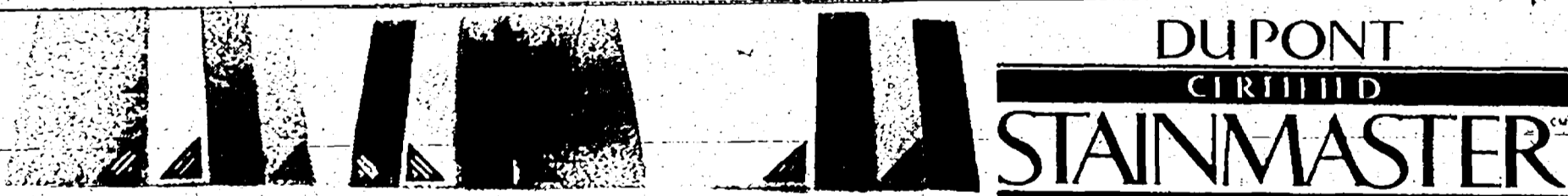


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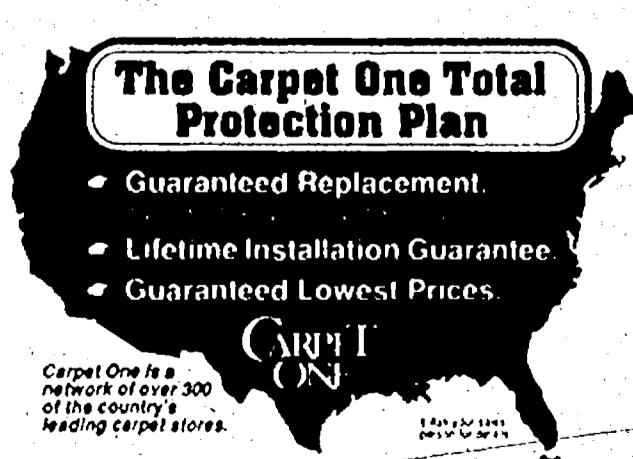
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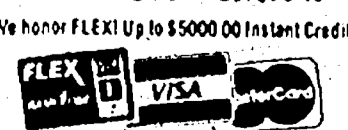
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AAA names chief executive officer

Robert A. Alkema, a 22-year AAA Michigan executive, has been named chief executive officer and president-designate of the 1.5-million-member organization.

Prior to his appointment today by AAA Michigan's board of directors, Alkema, 63, has been vice president-finance and treasurer since 1980. He was named treasurer in 1974, assistant treasurer in 1972 and prior to that group manager-financial operations.

Before employment at AAA Michigan, he was with Security Mutual Casualty Co./Globe Security Co.,

Chicago, leaving there as controller. "Mr. Alkema immediately assumes the organization's daily operational and decision-making responsibilities," said Dean Richardson, AAA Michigan board chairman and a director of Manufacturers National Corp.

ALKEMA SUCCEEDS Jack Avignone, 58, who announced his retirement last month but agreed to continue serving with the club until a successor was named. Avignone's retirement is effective at the end of this month.

Avignone joined AAA Michigan in 1979 as executive vice president and was named to his present position in 1981. "Jack played a key role in the decade-long growth of the organization," said Richardson. "We wish him well in the future."

Since Avignone came to AAA Michigan, membership increased 20 percent and revenues have doubled.

ALKEMA IS a director and past board chairman of the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association and the Michigan Property and Casualty

Guaranty Association. He is a member of the Detroit Economic Club, the Detroit Bond Club, and serves on the Federal Tax, Investment, and Solvency committees of the National Association of Independent Insurers.

He has earned the designation of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, is a fellow of the Financial Analysts Federation and is a member of the Financial Executives Institute and the National Association of Security Dealers-Registered Investment Company Principal and Broker.

marketplace

AAA Michigan relocated a portion of its Plymouth office to Laurel Park Place (I-275 and Six Mile) in Livonia. A AAA travel agency will continue to serve the Plymouth area at 549 Ann Arbor Road. The AAA service center's toll-free telephone number is 1-800-482-5300.

AAA Michigan also relocated a portion of its Livonia office to Lau-

rel Park Place (I-275 and Six Mile) in Livonia. The AAA service center's toll-free telephone number is 1-800-482-5300.

First of America Bank-Southeast Michigan opened a branch on Eight Mile (just west of Farmington Road) in the Northridge Commons Shopping Center in Livonia. The telephone number is 478-2061.

datebook

● **BEAR MARKET INVESTING**
Thursday, April 26 — "Investing in Bear Markets" runs 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency of Dearborn in the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Non-member fee: \$20. Information: Herman Fox, 851-1833. Sponsor: American Association of Individual Investors.

● **PUBLIC SPEAKING**
Thursday, April 26 — Toastmasters Speechcraft seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. in Denny's banquet room, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Information: Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1635. Sponsor: Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club.

● **ROBOTICS CONTEST**
Sunday, April 29 — The Society of Manufacturing Engineers will host its fourth annual Student Robotics Contest at Henry Ford Museum in Greenfield Village in Dearborn. It's the largest such contest in North America.

Competition will be in five classifications and will be open to students at levels ranging from those in middle school to technical institute and

college graduate studies. The contest is designed to complement classroom instruction by giving students the chance to apply classroom knowledge in problem-solving situations. Each competition tests students in a particular area of robotics and automation.

Last May's competition attracted teams from 26 schools in 10 states.

● **MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE**
Tuesday-Thursday, May 1-3 — Manufacturing conference in Cobo Conference/Exposition Center in Detroit. Information: Patrick Cantini, 271-1500 Ext. 356. Sponsor: Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

● **MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS**
Wednesday, May 2 — Society of Manufacturing Engineers sponsors annual "Maxwell Event" in Detroit. Information: Helmut Lint, 352-3742.

● **COMMUNICATION TRAINING**
Thursday, May 3 — International Training in Communication club

meets at 7 p.m. at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn. Information: Judy Koths, 563-0361.

● **PUBLIC SPEAKING**
Thursday, May 3 — Toastmasters Speechcraft seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. in Denny's banquet room, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Information: Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1635. Sponsor: Holy Smoke Masters Toastmaster Club.

● **HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE**
Friday, May 4 — Health care conference 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn. Fee: \$80 for eight hours of continuing professional education credit. Information: 855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

● **INFO EXPO '90**
Wednesday-Thursday, May 9-10 — Two-day seminar and exposition at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. Information: Marilyn Brozovic, 597-2710. Sponsor: Association of Records Managers and Administrators Inc.

● **PUBLIC SPEAKING**
Thursday, May 10 — Toastmasters Speechcraft seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. in Denny's banquet room, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Information: Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1635. Sponsor: Holy Smoke Masters Toastmaster Club.

● **EMPLOYMENT LAW**
Wednesday, May 16 — Employment and Labor Law conference 8:50 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. in Dearborn Hyatt Regency. Fee: \$50. Information: 965-8300. Sponsor: Clark, Klein & Beaumont.

● **PUBLIC SPEAKING**
Thursday, May 17 — Toastmasters Speechcraft seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. in Denny's banquet room, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Information: Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1635. Sponsor: Holy Smoke Masters Toastmaster Club.

● **SMALL BUSINESSES**
Tuesday-Wednesday, May 22-23 — "Opportunities for Growth by Leveraging Federal Laboratory Resources" at the Novi Hilton.

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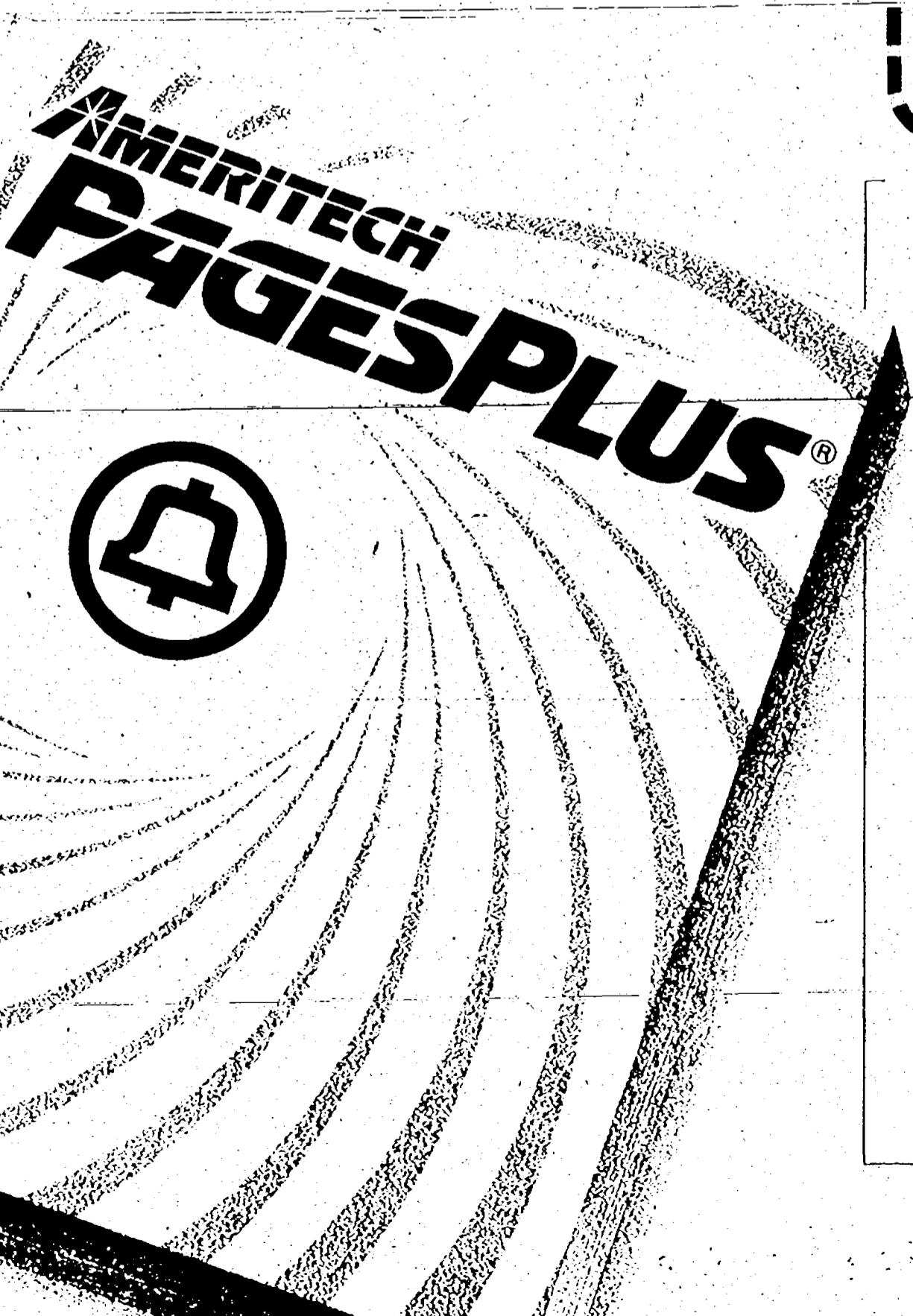



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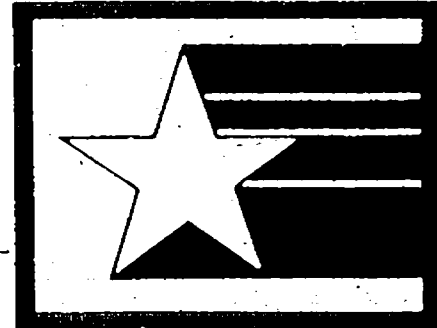


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'Sydney' creator

Michael Wilson from Birmingham writes the show



Now living in Hollywood, TV producer and writer Michael Wilson feeds his son, 17-month-old Perry.

By Victor E Swanson
special writer

THE COMMERCIAL television networks — ever battling each other for ratings — recently premiered a number of new series, including "Sydney" (Wednesday nights on CBS).

The comedy, starring pretty Valerie Bertinelli as Sydney Kells, was created by Michael Wilson and Doug Wyman. Wilson is a graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham.

"It's a half-hour comedy about a contemporary woman in the '90s, trying to make it in L.A.," Wilson said, describing the series during a telephone interview with Hollywood. "And she happens to be a private detective. Her dad was a cop. She comes from a cop family."

"Sydney" began as a "spec" screenplay that Wilson wrote in 1988. Speaking as fast as Sydney does in the series, Wilson said, "I submitted it around, and I had some interest from a couple of studios on it for a couple of different actresses, and around that time I took a job working — running what you call creative affairs or development — for a guy named Bud Grant, who used to run CBS and now heads up his own independent production company. While I was running Grant's company as creative affairs vice-president, he read the script and started expressing an interest in doing it as a series."

MEANWHILE, Bertinelli was looking hard for an idea for a series. She had a 13-episode commitment for some type of series with CBS.

"Bud knew Valerie and her manager, Jack Grossbart, and set up a

'It's a half-hour comedy about a contemporary woman in the '90s, trying to make it in L.A. And she happens to be a private detective.'

— Michael Wilson

meeting, and I just went in and pitched the character to Valerie in a meeting. I'd never met her before," Wilson said.

The idea Wilson presented was a combination put together by Wilson and Wyman, partly based on the "Sydney" screenplay.

"She really, really liked it," Wilson remembered.

"I asked for a lot of lead time before we started the show," he said. "We took just three months and we just did readings, which is what you traditionally do with most pilots, but we just took a longer time than most pilots. We had a terrific casting director, whose name is Allison Jones, who also cast 'Dear John.'"

Other regulars in "Sydney" are Craig Bierko as Matt Keating, the married lawyer, from whom Sydney gets most of her cases and on whom she has a crush; Rebecca Bush as Jill, her best friend; Matthew Perry as Billy, her brother, the police officer; Barney Martin as Ray, the bartender and owner of the bar called the Blue Collar; Daniel Baldwin as a barfly named Cheezy, and Perry Anzillotti as a snitch named Perry.

Hardest character to cast was Jill.

"WE DIDN'T CAST that part till

the day before we started shooting. We couldn't find a girl that we liked, and then we'd find people that we liked, but we couldn't make a deal with them," Wilson said.

"Initially, we did three shows and then we shut down, and Doug Wymam quit, and then I just took over the show on my own. I wasn't really happy with the first three shows we did. In fact, we're re-shooting those next week."

Wilson does most of the writing on the show and is one of its four executive producers. The others are Bertinelli and two of her business associates, Jack Grossbart and Marty Litke.

"The executive producer in half-hour comedy is pretty much the writer who has the final say, the writer who runs what you call the room on rewrite night," Wilson said.

He works differently than many executive producers. To write an episode, he doesn't get a bunch of gag writers together in a room and have them pitch jokes. He wants character comedy, not joke after joke, which a stand-up comedian might do. That doesn't mean the show is slow. Each episode is produced from about a 45-page script. Usually, comedy shows are made from 35-page scripts.

"SYDNEY" IS officially Wilson's first writing job.

He did get some journalism experience at Groves High School, however, and he did study English and film at the University of Michigan, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1975. After college, he and his girlfriend moved to New York. Wilson held a variety of jobs till his father helped him get work in the mailroom of the William Morris Agency.

In New York, he and Brooke, the

daughter of Dr. Vince and Mary Louise Greeson of Bloomfield Hills, decided to get married.

Wilson soon found himself working as an agent for William Morris. In the 1980s, he moved to California to work for the company. Then he worked for Creative Artists, where he met Marcy Carsey, an executive producer on "Roseanne" and "The Cosby Show."

"I ran creative affairs for Marcy Carsey for like three years," he said. "When you're writing creative affairs, you're not writing, but what you're doing is meeting with writers, you're getting scripts in and you're evaluating them."

"Everything I know about half-hour I learned from Marcy Carsey."

Carsey and Wilson did work on some scripts together, such as the pilot for the 1983-84 series "Oh, Madeline," which featured Madeline Kahn and James Sloyan.

WILSON REALLY started to write for himself when he and Brooke got together again about two years ago. They had divorced after a few years of marriage.

"The weirdest thing that happened in my life was when Brooke and I got back together. When we started living together, Brooke really encouraged me to write. I mean, I really have to give her most of the credit for all her support and encouragement with me." They now have a 16-month-old son, Perry.

In June, Wilson's writing-producing contract expires with Grant/Tribune Productions, one of two companies that produces "Sydney."

His options, he said, are to renew with Bud Grant or go to another company. But, he added, "who knows what's going to happen."

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• BIRMINGHAM THEATRE

Adrian Zmed will star as Jesus in the Birmingham Theatre production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical "Jesus Christ Superstar," opening Wednesday, May 16, for a five-week run through Sunday, June 17. Zmed is best known for his TV series "T.J. Hooker" and as host of TV's "Dance Fever." For ticket information call the box office at 644-3533.

• CHILDREN'S CONCERT

The Creative Center for Young Children will sponsor a children's concert, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28. Children's entertainer Maureen Schiffman will perform with music, movement and puppetry. The concert is open to children 2 years old and up, accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$3 per child. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 348-3820.

• CASTING CALL

Open auditions, ages 9 years and up, for "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Ridgedale Players in Troy. Show dates are Friday, June 8, and Sunday, June 10. For more information, call 288-0799 or 549-2571.

• 'ODD COUPLE'

The female version of "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon opens Friday, April 27, at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. Performances run through Saturday, May 19. For tickets at \$6 call the box office at 538-1670.

• RHYTHM NATION

Janet Jackson's Rhythm Nation World Tour 1990 returns to Detroit to play the Palace at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7. Opening the show will be Chuckii Booker. Tickets at \$22.75 reserved are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets may be charged by calling 645-6666.

• HIGHKICKER SALOON

In association with the Palace of Auburn Hills, the Highkicker Saloon in Pontiac will host country music stars in the Summer Contry Music Series, beginning this month and running through August. The following shows have been scheduled: April 29, Foster and Lloyd with special guest James House, two shows: 3 and 7:30 p.m., tickets \$14.50, or \$16.50 day of the show; May 6, Vince Gill, two shows: 3 and 7:30 p.m., tickets \$14.50, or \$16.50 day of the show; June 17 Baillie and the Boys, two shows: 3 and 7:30 p.m., tickets \$12.50, or \$14.50 day of the show; Aug. 5, William Lee Golden, shows 3 and 7:30 p.m., tickets \$12.50, or \$14.50 day of the show; Aug. 26, Jann Browne, shows 3 and 7:30 p.m., tickets \$12.50, or \$14.50 day of the show. Series ticket packages feature a \$69 price. Series tickets are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Series tickets may be charged by calling 645-6666.

• SALON SERIES

Cranbrook P.M. will present a program of music which runs the gamut of emotions from jazz and blues to gospel. The George Benson Quartet returns to the Salon Series, joined by vocalist Sandy Patton on Friday evening, April 27, at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills. A light supper will be served, followed by the performance in the Cranbrook House Library. For further information and reservations, call Cranbrook P.M. at 645-3635.

• PAINT CREEK

Singer/songwriter Robin Lee Berry appears at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the main gallery at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. Berry will perform jazz, folk, blues, country and rock. Much of the music she sings is original, and many of her songs address environmental concerns. For ticket information, call 651-4110.

• JOINT FUND-RAISER

"All That I Am," a one-women play performed by Roberta Noblemann and written by Sister Irene Mahoney, will be presented as a joint fund-raiser for WSR and Woman-center at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$8 for students. For reservations call 722-5485.

• NEW SHOW

The international cast of Up With People brings its new show "Face to Face" to Athens High School in Troy at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2. The two-hour musical extravaganza, featuring a cast of 150 young people from around the world, is sponsored by Troy Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series. Tickets at \$8.50 for adults and \$7.50 for students/senior citizens are on sale at Niles Continu-

ing Education Center, 201 W. Square Lake Road, at the Troy Community Center. For more information call 879-7582.

• SHOW CHANGED

Due to casting difficulties, Troy Players has canceled plans to produce "Our Town" this spring. Instead the group will present the contemporary drama-comedy "Crimes of the Heart" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19, at the Troy Community Center. For more information call 879-1285.

• IN CONCERT

The Farmington Community Band, in conjunction with the Farmington-Area-Arts-Commission and Farmington Public Schools, presents "Around the World in 80 Minutes" on Sunday, May 6. This concert, honor-

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The Quest for Excellence Music Competition features non-professional classical, jazz, and pop musicians and singers between the ages of 15-24 (depending on category) in the United States and Canada. Audi-

tion tapes are being accepted until Tuesday, May 1. The quarter-final rounds will begin Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. Application forms are available at WJR, Detroit-area Dodge dealers or by calling 873-9780.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
Radio station WDET will hold its 11th annual Music Festival on Sunday, June 3, at the Meadow Brook

Music Festival site on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Music and other entertainment will be presented at three different performance areas. Headlining this year's event on the Mainstage are Leon Russell, Buddy Guy, and Bela Fleck and the Fleckstones. The Traditional Music Tent and the Children's Area will feature folk, blues and bluegrass music, as well as storytelling and dancing. Scheduled to appear are Sally Rogers, Second Opinion, Tzimmis, Memphis Ex-

press, New Old Stock and the Cross-town Cloggers, Michelle McKinney and Betsy Clinton. The Ann Arbor Morris Dance Team will perform English folk dances on the lawn. Volunteers will be on hand to do children's face-painting. Tickets are \$13, or \$18 at the gate; children 12 and under will be admitted free. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets; Sam's Jams, Ferndale and Livonia, and at Schoolkids' Records, Ann Arbor. To charge tickets by phone, call 645-6666. Gates will open

at 11 a.m. and activities will conclude at approximately 7 p.m.

1990 PRODUCTION
The Redford Suburban League Theatre Guild's 1990 production of "Almost Phantom of the Opera" will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Thurston High School Auditorium in Redford. For ticket information call 538-0840 or 937-8599.



Show extended

The Peanut Butter Players has extended performances of the musical "How to Eat Like a Child (and Other Lessons in Not Being Grown Up)" at the Players Club in Detroit. Additional shows will be presented Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 20. For ticket information, call 559-6-BPB. In the show are Sutton Foster of Troy (back row, left), Ian Kesler of Birmingham and Mark Teich of Livonia; Courtney Bell of Lathrup Village (front row, left), David Burka of Canton and Kim Ramsey of St. Clair Shores.

Drama looks at compulsions

Performances of "Serenading Louie" continue through Saturday, April 28, at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. For ticket information call 471-7700.

By Richard Marsh
special writer

Everyone is compulsive in one way or another. It just depends on the degree, as to how dangerous it is.

This is the basis for "Serenading Louie" at the Smith Theatre. The play is more of a character study than story. It focuses on two couples who have been longtime friends, and each of them has a compulsion of one kind or another.

Alex, whose only true interest is in himself and his ambitions for the future, is played intensely by Jim Cook. While Alex is a tense character, Cook, who doubles as the show's director, makes him seem like he could go over the edge at any moment.

Alex's wife, Gabby, only wants a home and family, something Alex really does not have any interest in. Carrie Bickner as Gabby is probably the most convincing of the foursome in the show.

Bickner's emotions really make the audience feel for her character and her character's dilemmas. Gab-

review

by is probably the most normal person in the script.

THE MAIN PROBLEM of Carl, Alex's next-door-neighbor, is that he is fond of liquor and drinks to excess as often as is convenient.

Keith Chimiel, who plays Carl, seems uncertain as to how he wants to play the role. There are times when Carl has a distinct accent, while at other times, he speaks with no accent. Chimiel's display of emotion is similarly variable.

Carl's wife, Mary, is mainly interested in having a nice home, a nice daughter, a nice career and a good time. Carl just happens to be the only way she can maintain her lifestyle. As far as the good time goes, she has no shame in getting it any way she can, including having an affair with her husband's accountant.

Lori Lipten is somewhat bland as Mary. While the character of Mary is not exactly exciting, Lipten does little to add much feeling to the role.

Despite the few shortcomings of the cast, the performers are still successful in transmitting the personas of their characters and in delivering the play's message to the audience.

The stage features a simple space set. The couple's homes are on oppo-

site sides of the stage, with effectively defined lighting separating the two homes. There is a problem when the set is brought together for an extended version of Carl's home. At first, there is no way to determine whose home the four are in.

IN THE SECOND act, there is some surrealism added to the show when Carl and Alex converse in person while still supposedly in their respective homes.

This effect would work much better if the neighbor joining in the conversation is in a spotlight, defining the surrealistic effect. As it is, because of the matching pieces of furniture in the two homes, the audience can be confused as to what is really going on.

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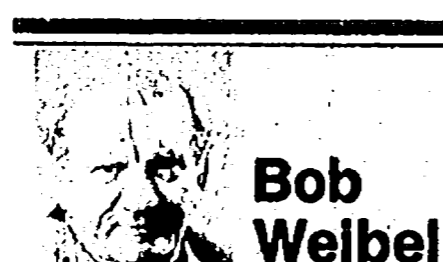
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Bob Weibel

children and personal deficiencies. When tragedy strikes, however, they draw strength and comfort from each other. Every one is entitled to her sorrow. Then they pick up the pieces and get on with their lives.

The show centers around, Shelby, a spoiled Southern belle. She is diabetic and about to be married. She wants children, but that would endanger her life and perhaps the child.

KAREN MYERS brightens the stage with a nicely focused portrayal as Shelby. Her insulin-shock scene is stunning. And she is very good at evolving into a woman with the character and courage to face the consequences of her decisions.

Sandy Martin plays her mother, M'Lynn, with a quiet strength that is very effective. Martin's agony over her daughter's decision is genuine, her rage at the consequences is compelling.

Martha Hargett is splendid as the worldly proprietress, Truvy. She talks tough, smiles sweetly and delivers husband-bashing one-liners effortlessly.

Stacy Pattison is sweet and innocent as Truvy's young, unsophisticated assistant. Peg Humphrey is delightfully comical as Ouiser, twice divorced and a local curmudgeon, who likes to say, "I'm not crazy. I've just been in a bad mood for 40 years."

Jan Salisbury is very consistent as Clairee, a rich widow of the ex-mayor. A little more flamboyance, however, would give the role better definition.

The cast never allows the show to wallow in soap opera melodramatics, nor does it go for the easy sitcom laughs — though at times the smart-

aleck remarks seem to come from quipsters rather than characters. Yet, they make natural transitions from comedic to dramatic sequences.

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

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Coalition offers tips for reducing use of pesticides

Today's column is on pesticide myths from the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP), an organization aimed at educating people with the to prevent harmful exposure to and/or misuse of pesticides and encourage safe, alternative pest management strategies.

Myth No. 1:

"A pesticide registered by the U.S. E.P.A. and/or state authorities is safe."

Pesticide safety begins with what we know and don't know about these

chemicals. While information on one chemical may be available, there may be no information on another. A 1982 Congressional staff report indicated:

- 79-84 percent of the pesticides on the market have not been adequately tested for their potential cancer-causing effects.
- 90-93 percent of the pesticides have not been adequately tested for their ability to cause genetic damage.
- 60-70 percent have not been fully tested for their ability to cause birth defects.

These basic problems are the re-

sult of an inadequate pesticide control law — The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Because of major loopholes, this law allows pesticides to remain in use despite adequate information about the effects these products may produce.

Myth No. 2:

"A pesticide is safe when it is used according to the label directions."

Pesticide ingredients must be listed on the label as "active" (the ingredients that actually do what the product is intended to do — kill insects) or "inert" (ingredients that

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form a vehicle to make the active ingredients easy to apply).

These inert ingredients are not tested for their acute or chronic health effects and may be as dangerous as the active ingredients.

Product labels regarding emergency antidotes may not be the best

first aid remedy. A random survey found that 85 percent of the labels had inadequate or erroneous first aid information, while 6 percent of the labels had information that would be dangerous to the victim.

Toxic (poisonous) pesticides ultimately touch everyone's life. To reduce this overload of chemicals into your environment, try these suggestions when using or considering pesticides:

1. Contact your local cooperative extension service. It can recommend the most effective and least polluting product to use.
2. Consider alternatives to chemical pesticides whenever possible. Organic remedies work very well.

3. After using a chemical pesticide, avoid over watering the area. The pesticide may run off with the excess water into sewers, storm drains or streams.

4. Do not apply pesticides if rain is forecast. Rain will carry these chemicals into nearby creeks or bodies of water.

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Roll Call Report

WASHINGTON — Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major-roll call-votes in the week ending April 20.

HOUSE:

PRICE-FIXING ISSUE — By a vote of 235 for and 157 against, the House sent to the Senate a bill to help plaintiffs win lawsuits against vertical price-fixing, which occurs when manufacturers seek to enforce a minimum product price. The bill (HR 1236) eases Supreme Court-set standards of evidence that make it easy for judges to dismiss such suits. It gives plaintiffs a better chance of advancing their case to a jury.

The bill is backed by discounters such as Burlington Coat Factory and K mart and opposed by business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers, according to floor debate.

Members voting yes supported the bill.

Local congressman voting yes were: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods; William Ford, D-Taylor; and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no were: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

SUBSTITUTE BILL - By a vote of 155 for and 242 against, the House rejected a substitute version of the bill (above) to combat vertical price-fixing. The amendment sought to preserve exacting standards of evidence that plaintiffs, such as discounters suing manufacturers, must satisfy under 1984 and 1988 Supreme Court rulings. It also attempted to codify the 1911 court ruling that vertical price-fixing is illegal.

Sponsor Chuck Douglas, R-N.H., said Congress should "not fool around with Supreme Court decisions" that have evolved over the decades.

Opponent Lawrence Smith, D-Fla., said the amendment "would kill this bill."

Members voting yes supported the substitute. The lone local member doing so was Broomfield.

Voting no were: Pursell, Hertel, Ford and Levin.

STANDARDS OF EVIDENCE — By a vote of 192 for and 204 against, the House rejected an amendment to HR 1236 (above) toughening the standards of evidence in vertical price-fixing cases. This retained the bill's objective of making it easier for plaintiffs to avoid dismissal by a judge, and gain a jury trial, of their suits accusing manufacturers and distributors of conspiring against them because of their low prices.

Supporters said the amendment would protect manufacturers who cut off discount dealers for reasons other than pricing policies. Foes said anti-trust policy is best served when vertical price-fixing cases are decided by juries.

Members voting yes wanted to make it easier for judges to dismiss vertical price-fixing cases for lack of evidence.

Yes votes were cast by: Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no were: Hertel, Ford and Levin.

SENATE:

TARIFF ISSUE By a vote of 90 for and 3 against, the Senate agreed to allow the president to suspend tariffs on certain imports if the product is uncontroversial and Congress has gone at least one year without acting on a request for suspension. Congress is empowered by the Constitution to regulate foreign commerce. But critics say it too often is unresponsive to U.S. companies' bids for tariff suspensions. The amendment was attached to a trade bill (HR 1594) that contained 194 requests for duty suspensions. The bill remained in debate.

Sponsor William Roth, R-Del., said his amendment would help American companies remain competitive by cutting the cost of certain raw materials.

Opponent John Heinz, R-Pa., said Congress should not "just pass the buck to the president" when it lags in one of its constitutional tasks.

Senators voting yes wanted the president to be able to suspend certain tariffs.

Both Michigan senators, Carl Levin-D and Donald Riegle-D voted yes.

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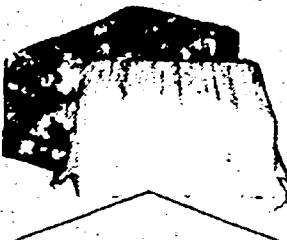
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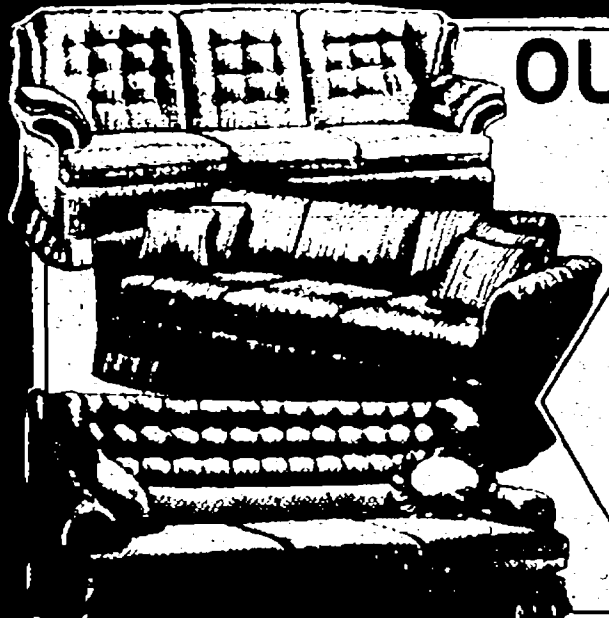
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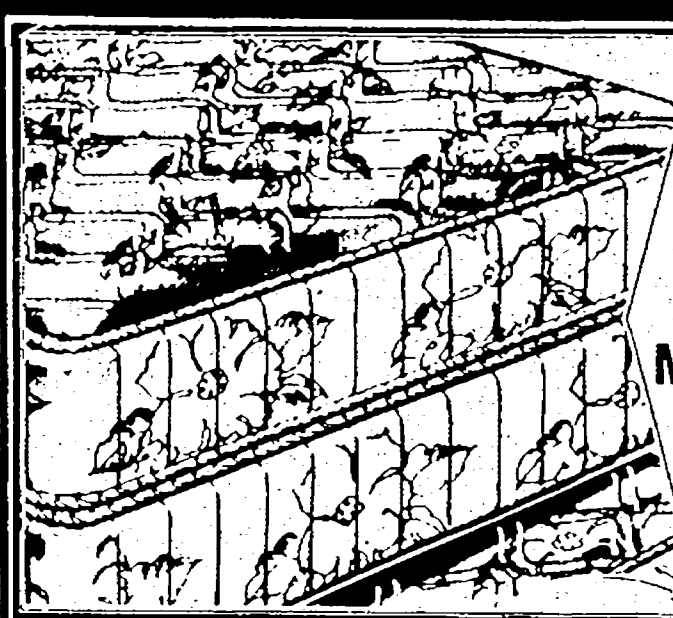
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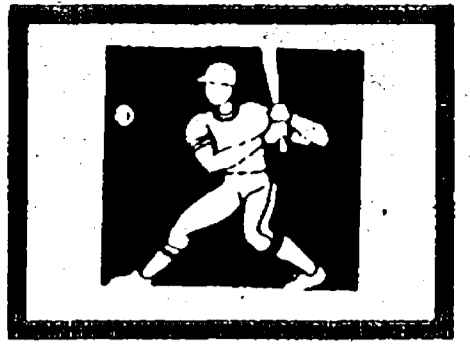


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Chargers edge Stevenson, 1-0 Garry's boot stands up

by Brad Emons
staff writer

Not to confuse football with girls soccer, but Livonia Churchill won the field goal-kicking contest Wednesday when Christina Garry's 40-yard boot accounted for the game's only score in a 1-0 triumph over host Livonia Stevenson.

The Chargers are 4-0-1 overall, while Stevenson dipped to 1-2-1.

The win by Churchill avenged a loss to the Spartans in last year's state tournament.

"The girls haven't been talking about this game for quite some time," said Churchill coach Nick O'Shea. "They knocked us out last year and they wanted to pay them back."

The game-winning goal by Garry, which occurred midway through the first half, floated out of the reach of Stevenson goaltender Alicia Smith and grazed the crossbar.

"The ball hit the post and then bounced down off her leg," said Stevenson coach Mary Kay Boots. "They got the bounce and we didn't. It happens."

CHURCHILL'S Stephanie Speen nearly had an identical shot go in only six minutes later, but the ball caromed off the crossbar.

During the opening half, Churchill had a slight wind at its back.

"Any type of wind carries the ball," said O'Shea. "And psychologically, it makes a difference."

Stevenson got off only one shot in the first half. The Spartans were also marked tightly, particularly sophomore midfielder Regen Coyne, who was being shadowed by Mechelle Brazin.

Although Churchill had a breeze in its face for the second half, the Chargers continued to carry the play for 20 minutes.

But the Chargers got tired down the stretch and Stevenson began to supply more offensive punch.

With just under 15 minutes to go, Coyne rifled a shot off the crossbar from 35 yards out and freshman Paty Diamond couldn't knock home the rebound.

The Spartans then sent up an extra attacker with four minutes to go and nearly scored the equalizer.

With less than a minute to play, Diamond nearly slipped through the Churchill defense and had Churchill goalie Dana Keller out of position, but her shot slid just wide of the goal.

"DANA DID a good job to make her (Diamond) kick it early," said O'Shea. "You have to take away the near side and make her hit across, and that's what she did."

Coyne, who set up the near-equalizer, was perpetual motion for the entire 80 minutes.

"Everyone marked up a player and Mechelle's job was to mark Regen," explained O'Shea. "And when we'd rest Mechelle, we'd drop Lori Place back to center-midfield to mark her. Mechelle played well and she played tough. Both players are physical and they never give an inch. But Regen never stops, she just keeps going."

Despite the loss, Boots was encouraged by her team's performance.

"We kept working away and we had our chances," said the Stevenson coach. "In the first half we didn't get any shots because our strikers were not running the ball up. We had to take it to the goal. We need to finish and we need to make sure we don't give up fluky goals."

"But I think we played well. Both keepers played well and it was a great game."



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Christina Garry (right) of Livonia Churchill battles Sarah Bouchard of Livonia Stevenson for the ball in a meeting of state girls soccer pow-

ers. Garry scored the game's only goal in a 1-0 Churchill victory on Wednesday.

Falcons blank Spartans, 2-0

Margaret Martin's two goals carried Farmington High to a key 2-0 girls soccer victory Monday over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The Falcons are now 3-1 overall, while the Spartans fell to 1-1-1.

"We needed this one to stay in contention, both in the conference (Western Lakes) and the Division (Western)," said Farmington coach Cathy Cole. "We played hard. There were moments when both teams had an opportunity to put the ball in."

Both of Martin's goals — one off a restart and the other off an intercepted pass — occurred in the second half. Farmington outshot Stevenson, 17-7.

"I didn't think we played well, but they (Farmington) are a good team," said Stevenson coach Mary Kay Boots. "Their forwards ate us up."

Both Farmington goaltenders, who split time in the nets, sophomore Mandy Cannon and junior Kristen Soper, each stood out. Cole also singled out the play of midfielder Amy Trunk.

Stevenson's Alicia Smith also made several big stops.

Both teams are at full strength, although Stevenson played without starter Shannon Wilkinson, who is out with a broken leg.

CHURCHILL 11, W.L. WESTERN 0: On Monday, Livonia Churchill (3-0-1) blitzed visiting Walled Lake Western as junior Mechelle Brazin and sophomore Carol Jackson each scored two goals.

Other Churchill scorers include Shelly Hamby, Tracy Lingeman, Lori Place, Kristy Thurston, Marcy Woloch, Daniel Priebe and Nikki Johnson.

FRANKLIN 6, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Livonia Franklin earned its first victory of the season Monday, ripping host Walled Lake Central.

The Patriots, who jumped out to a 5-0 halftime bulge, were led by sophomore Patty Shea, who scored twice.

Sue Barone, Jenny Whitfield, Jenny Rittlog and Kerri MacKay also scored goals for the Patriots.

Goalie Erica Sundek, who faced only two shots, posted the shutout.

CC grads climb U-M depth chart

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Like Avis, a pair of Redford Catholic Central High grads are No. 2 and trying harder.

Both Eric Knuth and Pete Elezovic each feel more of a part of the University of Michigan football squad after their respective performances Saturday in the annual Blue-White spring game.

Knuth, a second-year player, has improved his stock immensely and appears to be ready to back up returning starter T.J. Osman at middle guard.

And Elezovic, in his first full season with the Wolverines, apparently has moved up in the kicking race behind returnee J.D. Carlson.

Elezovic kicked a 48-yard field goal in the first quarter and came back with a 38-yarder in the third period to account for all of the Blue team's points in a 31-6 loss to the White at Michigan Stadium.

"J.D.'s the No. 1 kicker," Elezovic said. "He had a great season last year. I'm just going to have to wait for a chance. It's Carlson's job and only his to lose. But hopefully in the future maybe I can do some kickoffs."

ELEZOVIC undoubtedly moved ahead of John Albertson with a strong spring showing.

And the CC grad showed he could boot the ball from a distance through the narrower goal-posts, which will be of pro-dimensions this fall.

"It didn't look that much smaller," said Elezovic, a Farmington Hills native. "I didn't notice a difference. You still have to put it in there. I feel great about what happened today and overall I had a good spring."

Elezovic, an All-Observer performer two years ago as a punter, turned down a football scholarship to Central Michigan to walk on at U-M.

"I wanted to go to a school in Michigan and Central called me on a Sunday night and said they wanted

football

me to make a decision right away," Elezovic recalls. "Coach (Tom) Mach (of CC) made some calls for me and Michigan State finally said they would take me as a walk-on, but I always wanted to go here (Ann Arbor). I just wanted a chance. I told Central I was going, but when Michigan decided to take me as a walk-on on I changed my mind."

Coach Gary Moeller also came away impressed with his new-found kicker.

"LIKE A LOT of second-team guys, you never know what they're going to do when they get the opportunity," said the new coach. "The first one was a line drive, and he was probably nervous. The thing that was impressive is that he kicked the second one through. On the first one he may have been trying too hard. Every time you kick in practice, it has meaning, but not like it does when you're out in front of an audience."

Carlson will probably be our kicker, but you always need a No. 2. With his performance today, he'll probably be our No. 2 kicker. It gives him an advantage, but I don't know if anything has been cemented."

Knuth, Elezovic's teammate on the Blue squad, saw limited action last fall for the Wolverines. He was used in goal line situations against both UCLA and Ohio State and also played against Maryland.

He recorded three solo tackles and one assist, but was far from satisfied about the Blues' outcome in the spring game.

"I couldn't believe it, they (White squad) kept putting it in the end zone," said the Plymouth native with sweat perspiring off his face. "But it's fun. Once you get out there it's pretty intense. You get to tee off on people."

WITH OSMAN, a fifth-year senior and fixture at middle guard, Knuth's wish is that he'll be used as a swingman. His main competition is Eric Graves.

"Last year T.J. swung with Mike Teeter (who graduated) in certain situations," Knuth said. "I hope something like that works out for me. I'm hoping that's what the plan is — second string."

Knuth is also finding out what life is like without Bo Schembechler.

"Everybody respects him (Moeller) because he's been around here for 19 years, but then again he's not Bo and we're going to miss Bo," said the former CC All-Stater. "But whoever is coaching, we've got something to prove. We're still Michigan. There haven't been too many structural changes. The first three weeks we had some marathon practices. We had a 140-play scrimmage last Saturday (April 14)."

The 6-foot-2, 246-pound Knuth finished spring term Wednesday and will spend the next term taking eight credit hours before heading up north to his parents' summer home.

For two other Wolverines, the summer will be spent doing rehabilitation in the weight room.

RUNNING BACK Tony Boles, a fifth-year senior from Westland John Glenn, began light running last week after undergoing knee surgery in December.

"Boles is like hitting the lottery if he plays," Moeller said. "That would be like a big bonus. Right now we're going as if he won't play."

Another starter, fourth-year linebacker Alex Marshall of Redford Bishop Borgess, sat out the spring game with a partial ligament tear to his knee.

Surgery, however, is not in Marshall's plans. A summer of strengthening will be sufficient, according to U-M team doctors.

And like Elezovic and Knuth, both Boles and Marshall may find themselves in backup roles when fall drills begin.

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MVP Malone paces GC; Patriots' Mayle fans 13

Garden City softball coach Barry Patterson has had plenty to smile about during the early going of the 1990 season.

His Cougars are 8-1 after dumping Northwest Suburban League foe Dearborn Edsel Ford on Tuesday, 14-3. The game was stopped after six innings (mercy rule).

But a benchmark win occurred Sunday in the Taylor Invitational Tournament at Papp Park when the Cougars edged last year's Class A runners-up, Taylor Center and All-State pitcher Wendy Jamula, 3-2, in the semifinals.

softball

GC went on to mercy Romulus in the championship game, 13-1 (five innings).

"The highlight was a 3-2 win over Taylor Center," Patterson said. "The brackets we made it through to the final were somewhat weaker; but I'm pleased overall with our effort in the tournament."

Doreen Malone, the tournament

MVP, was the winning pitcher against Taylor Center. She tossed a five-hitter and struck out five and walked only one.

Krystal Matesic's two-out triple, scoring Carolyn Shanks, accounted for the game-winning run.

In the final, Malone worked five innings, allowing just two hits and a walk, while fanning five. Junior Colleen Owsley led the GC offensive attack, going 3-for-3 with a run batted in.

GC opened the tourney with an 8-4 loss to Southgate Anderson as Matesic was the losing pitcher. She struck out six in seven innings of work.

The Cougars then won by forfeit against Dearborn Heights Crestwood and advanced to the semifinals by avenging a loss to Anderson, scoring a 9-4 win, as junior Tracy Thompson pitched seven strong innings, striking out eight to gain the victory.

On Tuesday, Matesic belted a 3-run homer and tripled, while Shanks went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs.

Matesic, the winning pitcher, scattered four hits and fanned six in six innings as the Cougars won their Northwest Suburban League opener.

FRANKLIN 10, CHURCHILL 0: Junior pitcher Jenny Mayle ran her record to 4-0 with a no-hitter Monday, leading unbeaten Livonia Franklin to a Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division) triumph over host Livonia Churchill (0-4).

Mayle, who faced the minimum—15 batters in the mercy-rule shortened game, struck out 13.

Senior Karen Brown paced the Franklin offense, going 2-for-3 with a triple, two RBIs and two runs scored.

THURSTON 10, ANNAPOLIS 0: On Monday, Redford Thurston hurler Dede Dziobak blanked visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis in the Tri-River League opener for both schools.

Dziobak struck out three, while Michelle Birchmeier and Laura Demers each collected two hits and combined for five RBIs.

LUTH. WESTLAND 14, HAM-TRAMCK 3: Kristen Strang pitched and hit Lutheran Westland to a non-league win Tuesday against visiting Hamtramck.



Patty Haney (right) of Redford Thurston Tri-River League encounter. Thurston rolled to a 10-0 victory. See roundup for more.



Dede Dziobak of Redford Thurston fires a pitch toward the plate during the Eagles' 10-0 blanking of Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

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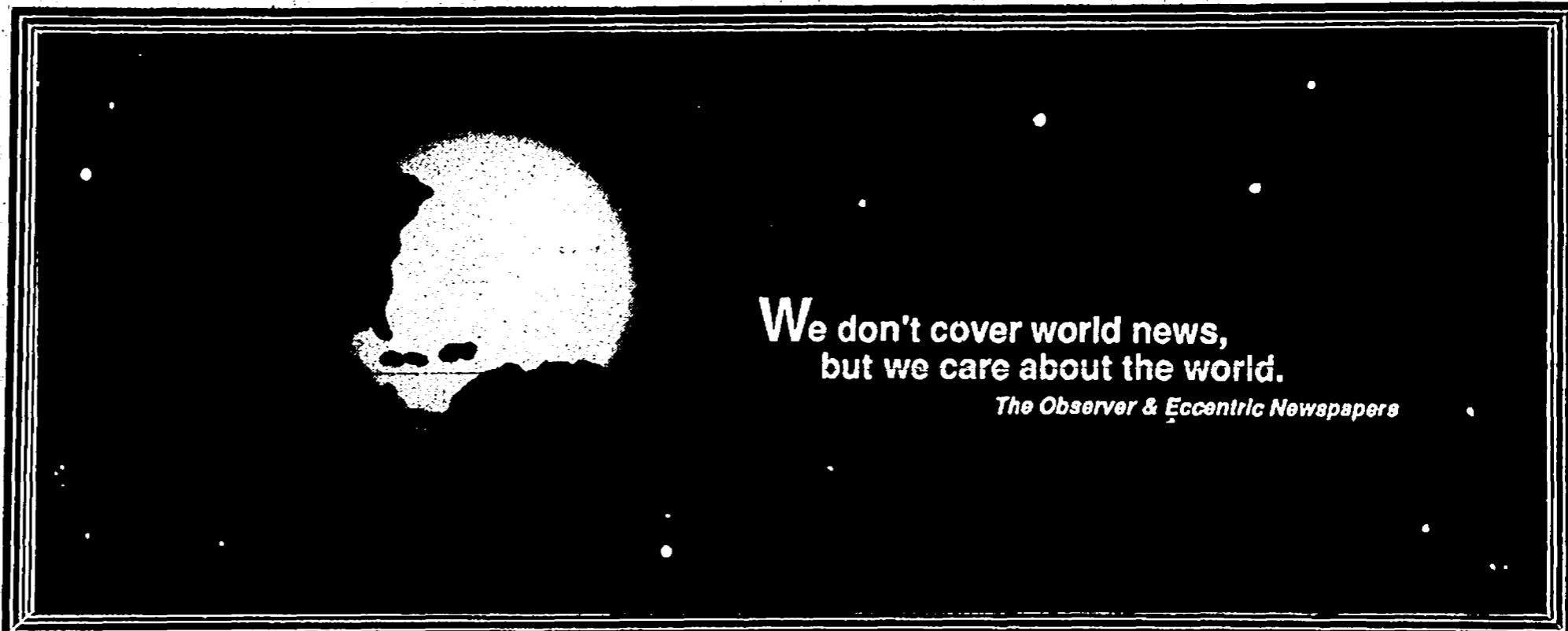
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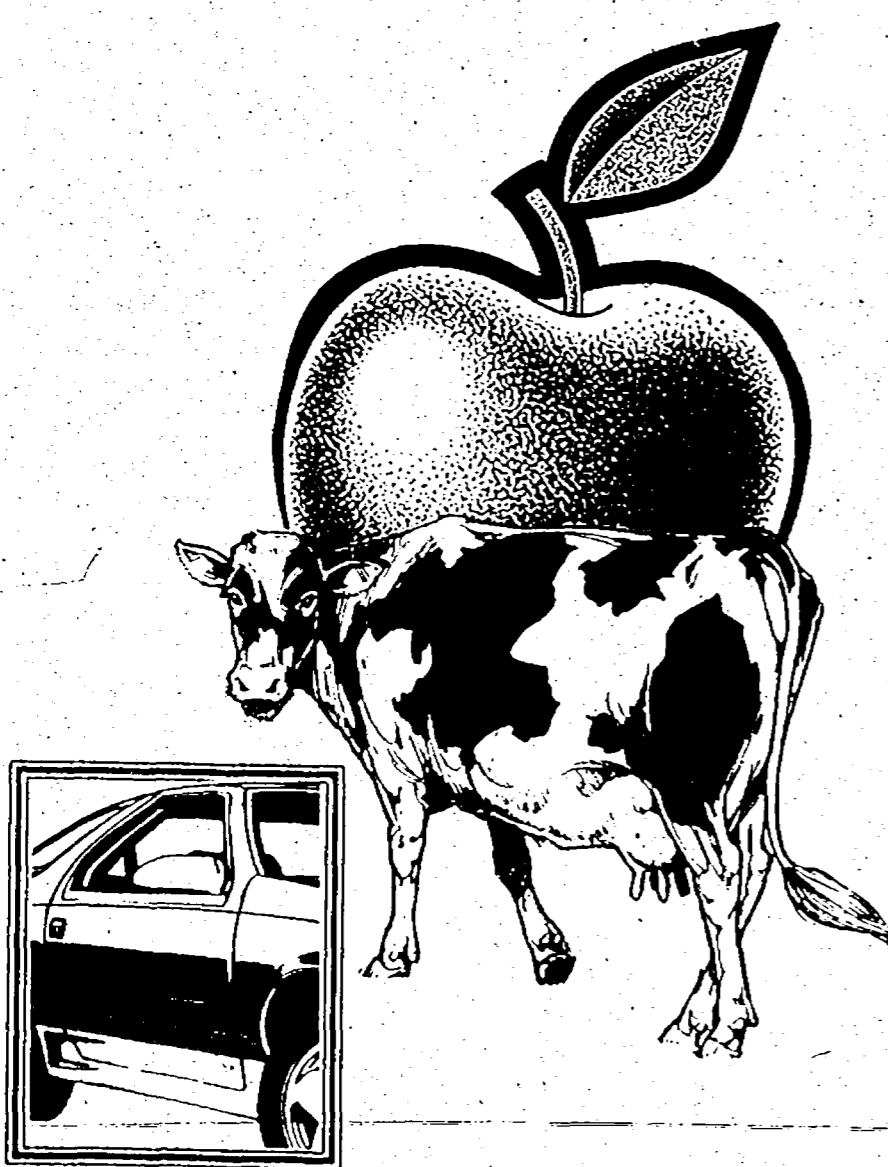
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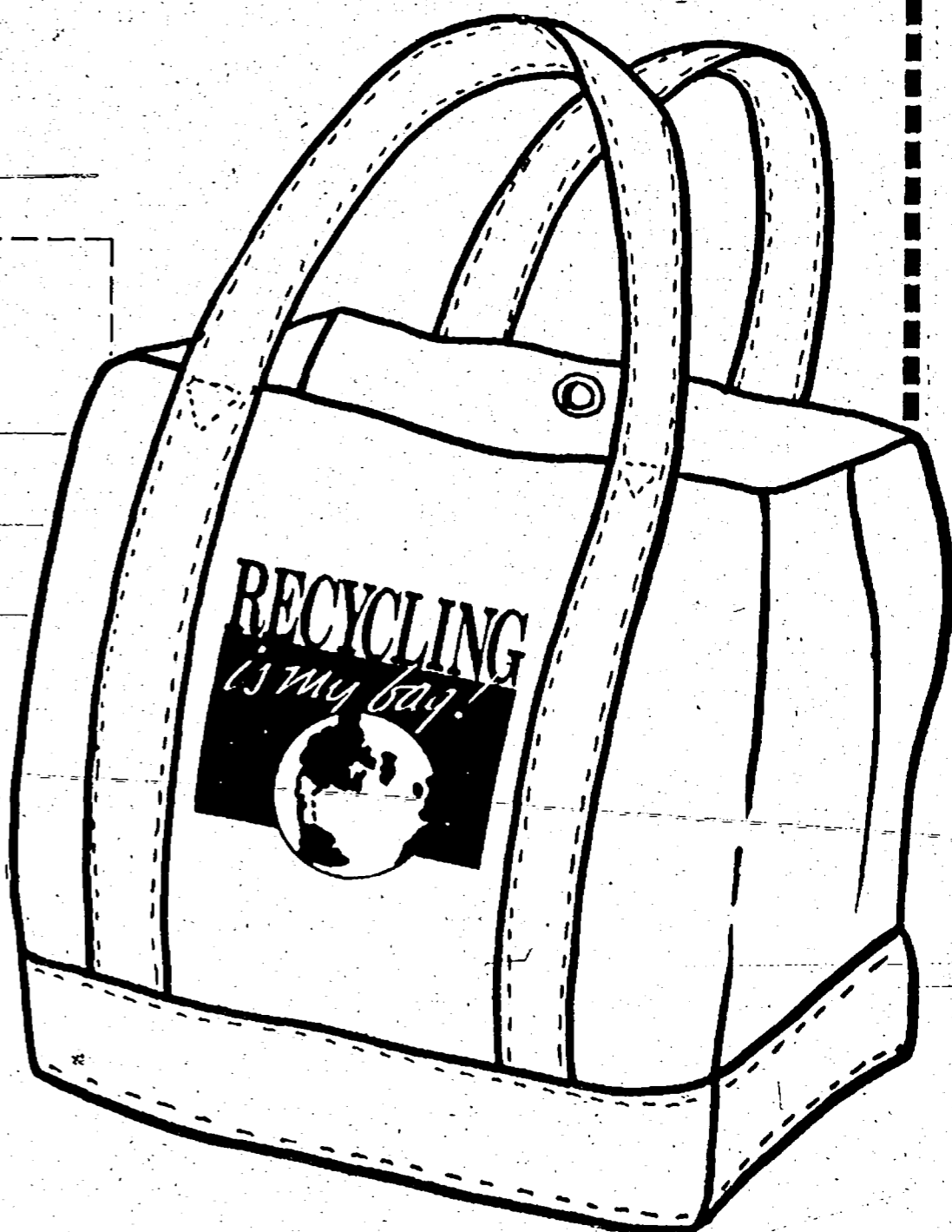
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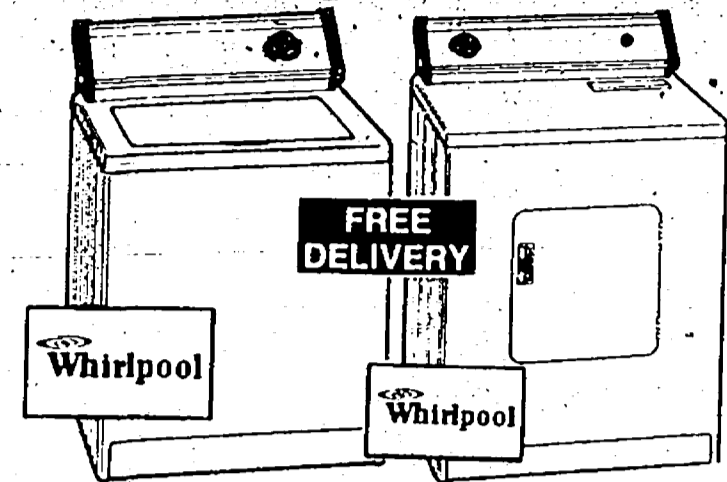
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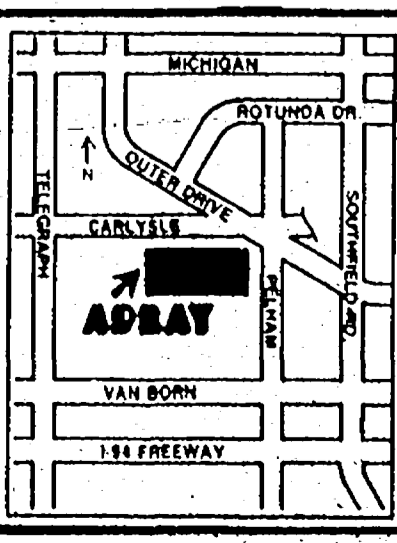
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Orchestra's percussionist innovates with sounds

By Carolyn Barnett-Goldstein
special writer

From primitive beats to musical effects characterizing outer space, the symphony orchestra percussionist produces the sounds and rhythms the composer writes. In fact, many times the percussionist must create the instrument to produce a particular sound.

"You have to be a carpenter, a mechanic, an inventor, an engineer. You have to be able to put things together — to design things, come-up-with new ways to hold things, new sounds. It's very interesting," said Robert Pangborn, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's principal percussionist, as he describes his life and work.

He is sitting in the library of the expansive, Bloomfield Hills home he and his wife, Brenda, designed to accommodate their pursuits, interests and collections. His collections of figurines of percussionists from pre-Columbian periods to modern day metal, nuts and bolts sculptures, along with his collection of instruments from various cultures from around the world, show an appreciation of craftsmanship and the use of materials. He, himself, uses the same metals, woods and stones to create instruments.

HIS HOBBIES ARE an extension of the skills he needs as a percussionist. The model room, dominated by the workbenches he made, is set up with his hobby of train modeling, and his of dollhouse remodeling and making miniatures. He said that as head of the four-man percussion section his main responsibilities are "to direct and to organize it, to understand every-

one's abilities, fortes, because, you know, we can't all necessarily play all of the percussion instruments equally well — and I must assign parts." As an example he cited the composition, "Aftertones of Infinity," by Schwaner which the orchestra recently performed. "The percussion parts are written by the composer for two players only, but they are so extensive — it's very difficult. So my job is to edit (the parts) so our full section can be involved." There also are fewer chances for mistakes, he said.

While he is in charge of the "general battery" that includes the snare drums, cymbals and bass drum, he is also assistant timpanist under Sal Rabbio. Timpani, or kettle drums, are played more often than the other percussion instruments in the section because of the repertoire.

"Many conductors regard their timpanists as extremely important in the orchestra for keeping the time. If the left hand is the concertmaster, the right hand of the conductor keeps the beat and is the timpanist."

He paused, then continued, "There was never any question in my mind I wanted to be a musician. The persons, my heroes, that I looked up to were orchestra musicians. They were my uncle, who played trumpet in the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, and Cloyd Duff, my teacher in high school, and that orchestra's principal percussionist."

Born 54 years ago in Palmsville, Ohio, 30 miles from Cleveland, he credits his mother, who played piano in theaters in the days of silent films, with his interest in music. His father gave him the wood-working skills.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Robert Pangborn, principal percussionist with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, draws on an amazing variety of skills to come up with many unusual sounds called for in symphonic scores.

HE BEGAN STUDYING DRUMS at 9, played professionally in high school and joined the DSO in 1963. Through the years he has continued to learn new instruments and techniques.

"Today," he said, "many composers are trying to use percussion instruments in a way to affect electronic sounds." In the Schwaner composition for instance, he said, "We resin the hair on the string bass bows very heavily, and, then, use the bows on the edge of the vibraphone bar. It vibrates the bar, and it gives almost an electronic sound." The "ringing pitches" of the four crystal glasses "fit right in with outer space."

"Where they are not utilizing instruments that are already in existence, many times they're creating instruments, and a lot of percussion instruments are designed and created out of a composer's desire for a certain sound."

This is where his "bag of tricks" comes in. For both studio and symphonic percussionists this repre-

sents their personal collection of instruments, their searches and successes over the years to play sounds and effects. It holds their secrets.

Pangborn remembered, "When I recorded for Motown years ago, and that was a very basic kind of recording, I already had quite a collection of different sounds. Some of the producers were always interested in some kind of new sounds to get something going. So I would bring in weird things. I remember my first set of African log drums I bought in New York. I brought them in. They used them. They were fascinated..."

For the symphony his "bag" includes chromatic scales of tuned stones, and "things call boobams, long tubular drums, with a very distinctive sound. Such instruments derive out of Hollywood studio orchestras. Somebody came up with a sound. They were played around. A composer heard it, liked it, and wrote for it, that's how a lot of percussion stuff we use today in

the 20th century music had its beginnings."

He said that, while other musicians may dispute their validity, "they've found their way into the family of percussion instruments, into our large bag of tricks."

IN THE BOXES on his studio shelves are Balinese gongs, cup bells, Oriental bell trees, clay drums and metal chains.

One of John Cage's pieces calls for wood blocks — not Chinese, "With the help of my father, who had special equipment, I ended up making blocks (in graduated sizes). Of course, they all had a certain pitch. But where was I to get blocks that weren't "Chinese?" What kind of blocks wouldn't be "Chinese?" So we designed and constructed blocks that didn't sound "Chinese." So they weren't Chinese. We did it. It worked. To me it's one of the fun things about percussion, creating sounds, creating the instruments to play some of these sounds. You call upon your

own abilities, to put some thing together. Sometimes they (the instruments) are a little bit crude looking, but they work. I always enjoyed that part of being an orchestra percussionist — the challenge."

THE PERFORMANCE itself has built-in pitfalls. He said, "One of the most difficult things about being a percussionist is to know where you are at all times, because of the fact that you're not playing that much. Yet, when you make your entrance, it's dramatic — and important. It's an accent-point in the music — and it had better be in the right place. So you've got to count."

The cannon effect for next year's performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" is already a concern. Will it be the bass drum, a shotgun fired into a barrel backstage or Pangborn's "super huge bass drum — the kind they have to put on a cart with wheels to take onto a football field?" Stand by.

African-American quilts may steal the show

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

Three outstanding local quilt collections will be on exhibit at "Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!" 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4, at Evergreen Center, 13 Mile at Evergreen, Southfield.

The show, hosted by BASCC, Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council and the Center, is coordinated by Merry Silber of Birmingham, curator of quilt shows throughout the country.

In addition to the quilt display there will be a mini-mall, ongoing quilting demonstrations, quilting supplies and fabrics, films, books, crafts and appraisals.

The award-winning film, "Hearts and Hands," will be shown several times daily at no charge. "Bring

Your Own Quilt," a lecture/appraisal, will be presented at 2:30 p.m. both days.

A new quilt, "Indian Maiden," made especially for this show by members of the BASCC Quilt Club, will be given as a prize at 5 p.m. Friday.

MOST OF the quilts to be displayed have not been shown before, Silber said. They are from the Jean Conway, Kempf Hogan and Albert and Merry Silber collections.

Silber discovered Conway's rich quilt treasure only recently when she was called in to appraise and date them, she said.

The 10 quilts were made by Conway's two grandmothers from original designs of Marie D. Webster, foremost quiltmaker and designer who reigned supreme during the early 1900s, she said.

"Every art form has its Rembrandt — Marie Webster was the Rembrandt of quilt making. She created original designs at Marshall Field (Chicago) and wrote the first full-length book on quilting, 'Quilts: Their Story and How to Make Them.'"

Several of Conway's quilts are illustrated in the book. Some of Webster's sample patches and hand-written instructions will be on display at the show.

ANOTHER CONWAY quilt in the show is one made by her great-grandmother Sarah Morris McGre-

gor of Springfield, Mo., when she was 18. The needlework is extraordinary.

Silber had Conway hold her quilt up before a window and pointed out the cotton seeds left in the filling.

"That's one way we date quilts — if they have seeds, they made before the cotton gin."

HOGAN, WHOM Silber described as "collecting everything," is now acquiring African-American quilts, which Silber called "a phenomenon, the hottest new collectable."

The African-American quilts are reminiscent of slave-made quilts,

she said.

The quilts are the "complete antithesis of the quilts in the Conway collection or Silber's quilts, which were recently in a Michigan State University traveling exhibition."

HOGAN'S QUILTS are to Conway's as jazz is to Haydn, he said.

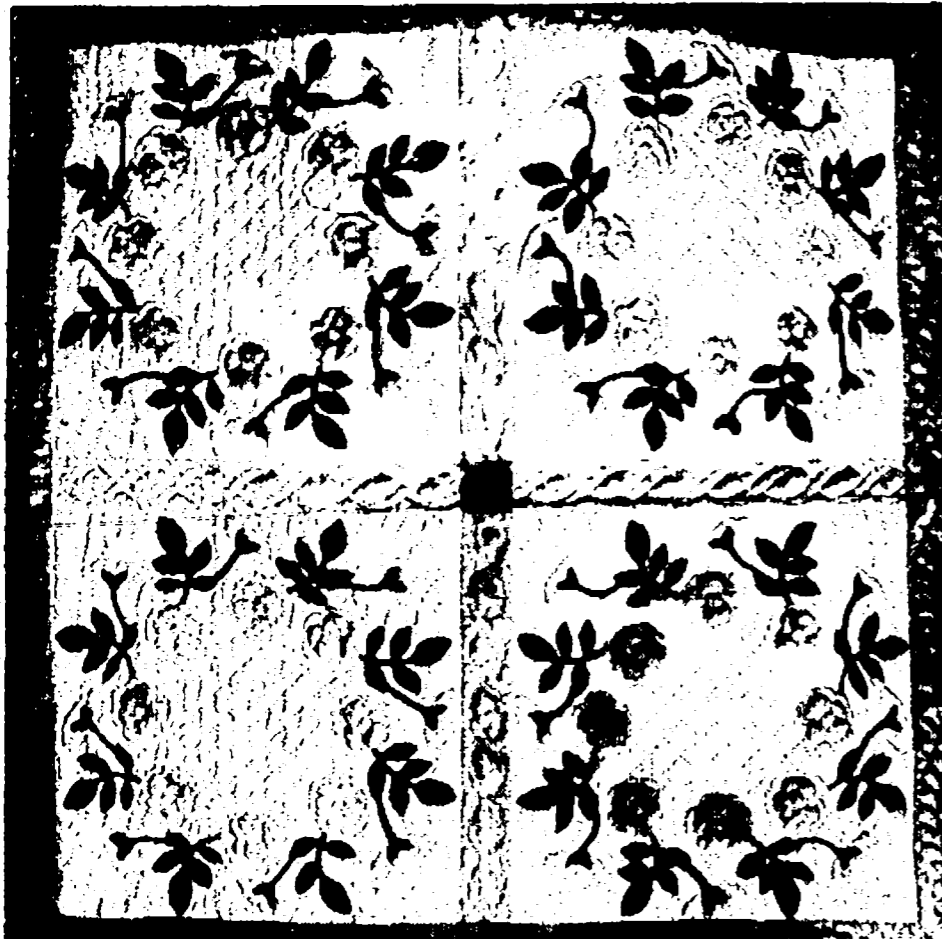
The American Folk Art Museum of New York City recently had a slave quilt exhibition, but quilts such as those are extremely hard to find — for one thing, they were made to be used until they wore out, Silber said.

They are not as finely made as others, doubtless because the makers had little time to work on them, but they are highly expressive and exciting in content and originality.

"Until 1971, these quilts were not recognized," Hogan said.

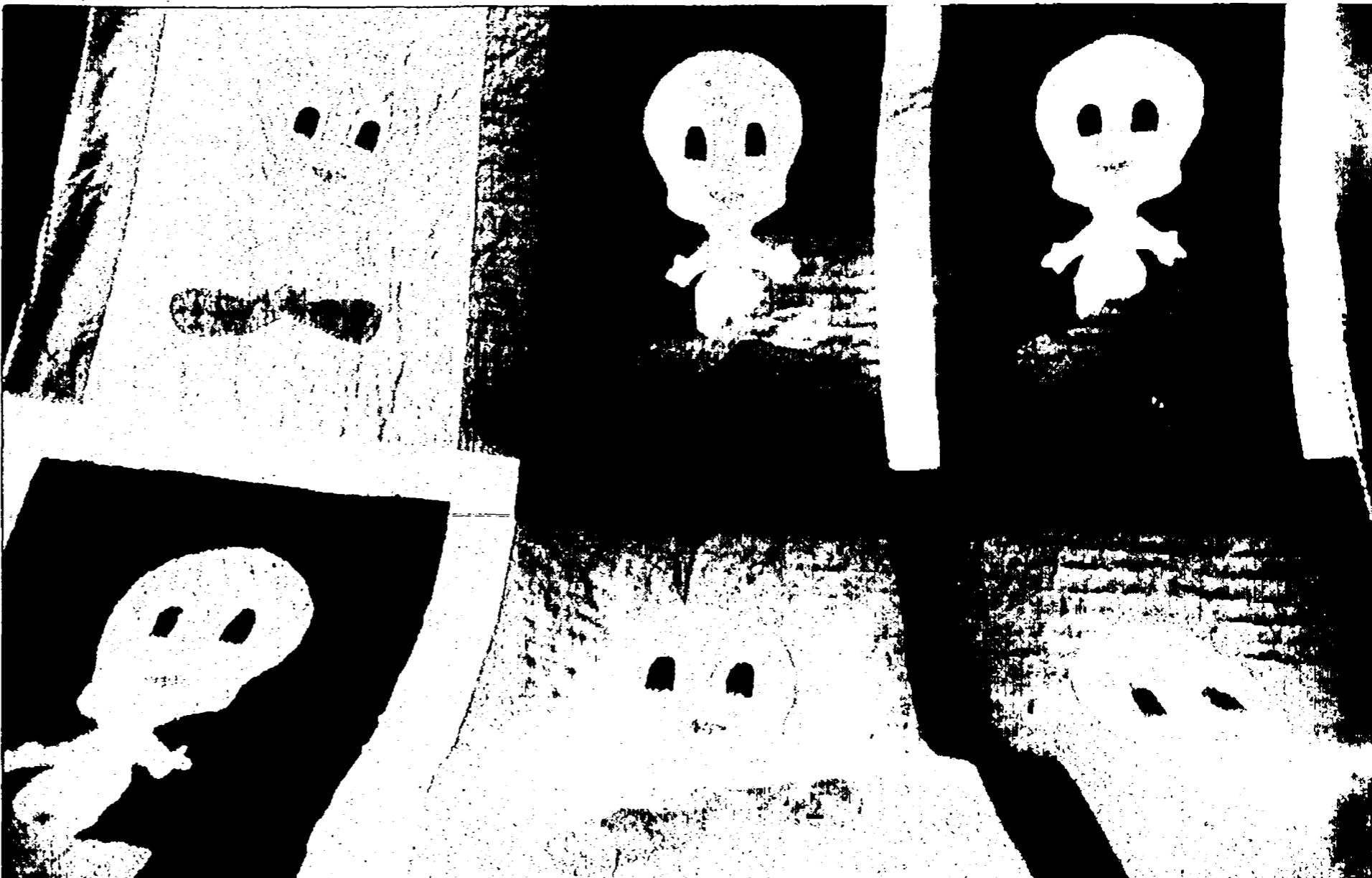
Silber will have posters available at the show of the quilting painting by Romare Bearden that was used for a mosaic at Detroit Institute of Arts.

Admission to "Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!" is \$3. Refreshments will be available. Parking is free.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

"Maggie Rose" is the name of this quilt in Jean Conway's collection. It is in perfect condition and was made by her grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Mann, in 1920 from Marie Webster's pattern.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

This "Tweety Bird" pattern in brilliant primary colors, from Kempf Hogan's collection, is reminiscent of the slave-made

quilts. Many like this were made in the late 1980s by Mattie Jackson of Mississippi.

Chinese people loved his camera



Monte Nagler used a telephoto lens to move in close for impact. The use of a large aperture blurred an unwanted background.

Because of commitments to government officials and trip sponsors, I stuck close to the large cities during my recent trip to China. And what better subject to photograph in the cities than the people. Never on any of my previous trips have I seen such an abundance of interesting people (1.1 billion in all of China) and never before have I seen people with such character in their faces. The Chinese were very friendly and, in most cases, very willing to pose for me. However, their curiosity over my cameras sometimes prevented me from getting my shot. The Fuji 6-by-17 panorama camera drew so much instant attention on the streets that within seconds after removing it from my camera bag crowds of on-lookers blocked any chance of a shot. Even the simple task of changing film drew crowds of curious people.

INITIALLY, WHEN my Chinese subjects held out their hands after being photographed, I thought they wanted to be paid. As I reached into my pocket for some yuan (Chinese currency), they shook their heads. They didn't want

money — they wanted the photograph. Many Chinese think that all cameras are the Polaroid variety. Well, through sign language, body gestures, and drawing of pictures, I let it be known I wasn't shooting instant film while promising to send a photograph to those who gave me an address. At all times, I felt perfectly safe and comfortable walking the streets of China in search of photographic material. And at times I had the luxury of a taxi driver who could be hired for an all-day photo excursion for just a few dollars.

Here are some tips that worked well in China:

- When photographing people to show character, use a telephoto lens to get in close. A large aperture will blur out a distracting background and allow for a faster shutter speed.
- Sneak some candid shots, but if your subject knows you're there, ask permission to take a



photography
Monte Nagler

photograph. Even with a language barrier, more often than not you'll get the okay to take the shot.

- Learn to change film quickly in a bus or on a busy street. After all, the next shot may be just around the corner.
 - Get off the tourist path. Go to the out-of-the-way places, explore, be adventurous. Always be on the lookout for photographic opportunities.
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Short shots

Monte Nagler's exhibit, "The Face of China: The People and The Land," will be at Somerset Mall of Troy May 10-20. There will be an opening reception with the photographer 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 10 and 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 11.

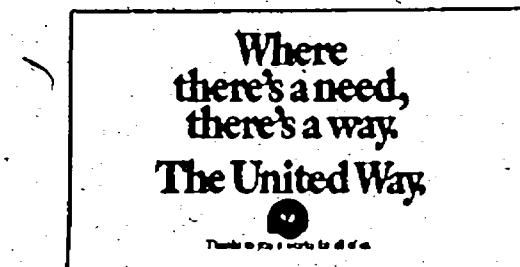
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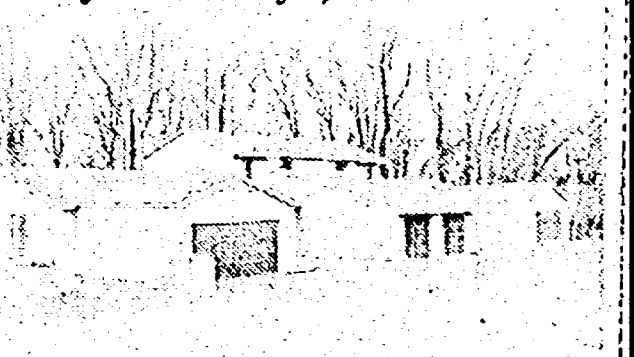


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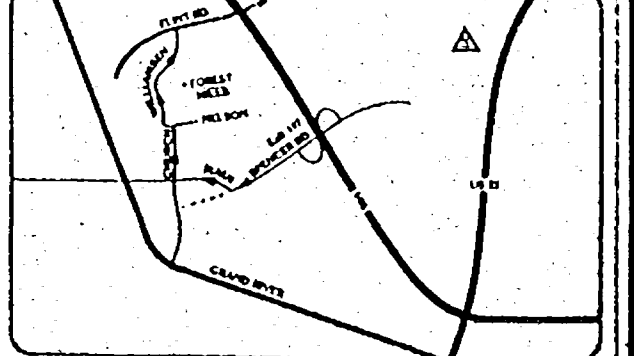


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Fracalanza closes symphony season

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will end its 1989-90 concert season with the appearance of guest soloist Pierre Fracalanza at the Yamaha midi-grand piano.

Billed as "Music Out of This World," the program will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, in Churchill High School, Joy and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The orchestra will be under the baton of its director Francesco DiBlasi.

Fracalanza will introduce his audience to sounds of the 21st century via the midi-grand with Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" from the "Ninth Symphony," Vangelis' "Chariots of Fire," "Phantom of the Opera" by Webber and selections from "Star Trek" by Goldsmith.

The soloist has been associated with the Hammell Music Co. of Livonia and Troy for many years and is a well-known entertainer in the Detroit area having appeared at the Vineyards, Fox & Hounds, Caucus Club, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn Inn and most recently at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

FRACALANZA BEGAN the study of music with his father, Romeo Fracalanza of Port Huron, and continued at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y. An experienced church and theater organist, he began church performances at the age of 12. He has performed at Detroit Unity Temple and frequently has been called upon to play for Governor James J. Blanchard at the governor's residence in Lansing and also to perform for a national governor's conference in Traverse City.

DiBlasi will begin the evening's entertainment with Modest Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain," followed by two Debussy nocturnes, "Clouds" and "Festivals."

The orchestral portion of the program will be concluded with "Berceuse" and "Finale" from "The Firebird" by Stravinsky.

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Romantic finale

'Dance' titles headline Plymouth concert

The final concert of the season for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Friday features an all-orchestral program of music of the late Romantic era.

Each of the three works to be performed has a dance title and was either composed as music to be danced to or inspired by dance music.

Rachmaninoff had hoped that his "Symphonic Dances" might be used as a ballet, but it is actually a symphony characterized by wonderful melodies and rhythms.

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The tunes of the "Polvetsian Dances" by Borodin conclude the program with several very familiar tunes that are recognized from their adaptation in the musical comedy, "Kismet."

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of media will be featured. Coordinating the show are Joan Claeys and art instructors Graham Marlin, Kris Darby, David Falzetti and Richard Saunders.

The concert will be in the Plymouth-Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. The art exhibit may be viewed an hour before and after the concert.

Admission is \$8 for adults; \$7 for seniors; \$2 for students K-12. Tickets may be bought at the box office 30 minutes before the performance time.

briefly speaking

● SPRING FESTIVAL

The great success of last fall's Applefest in Plymouth's Old Village has prompted the creation of a full festival event where a previous smaller "spring walk" had been held.

The festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, will include antiques and craft dealers, free entertainment, food and children's entertainment. Most of the shops in the Old Village area will be open.

Residents of Old Village will be holding their spring yard sales. For more information or Old Village walking maps, call the village hotline, 455-7011 or 455-4169.

● CHRYSANTHEMUM SALE

The 30th annual chrysanthemum plant sale of the Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Livonia home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Slesak Sr., 33451 Rayburn, north of Five Mile.

Plants are potted and ready to shift to containers and gardens. There will be many varieties and colors, including cushion mums, tall upright, exhibition and football mums. Members with many years of experience will be at the sale to assist with selection and growing suggestions.

● PERENNIAL SALE

Perennials, rock garden plants, herbs, flowering baskets, ferns wildflowers, ornamental grasses and old-fashioned roses will be some of the offerings at the perennial sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29 sponsored by the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The plant sale is conducted under a giant tent as well as in the auditorium. For more information, call 998-7061.

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'Te Deum' concert features old, new

"Something Old, Something New" will be the theme of the spring choral concert at 2 p.m. Sunday May 6 in the sanctuary of the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, featuring the church's chancel choir, soloists and members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The concert, which is open to the public with no admission charge, will feature three settings of the "Te Deum" ("We Praise Thee, O God") by three different composers. All will be under the direction of Ray P. Ferguson, Wayne State University professor of music and minister of music at Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

The first setting is the "Utrecht Te Deum" written by Handel to celebrate the Peace of Utrecht in 1713. The 20th works illustrate the "Something New." English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams composed his "Festival Te Deum" for the coronation of King George VI, and the work was first performed at Westminster Abbey on May 12, 1937. The "Te Deum" of John Rutter was composed in 1989 for the centenary of the Guild of Church Musicians and was first performed in a service of Thanksgiving at Canterbury Cathedral.

Meadowbrook Congregational is at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

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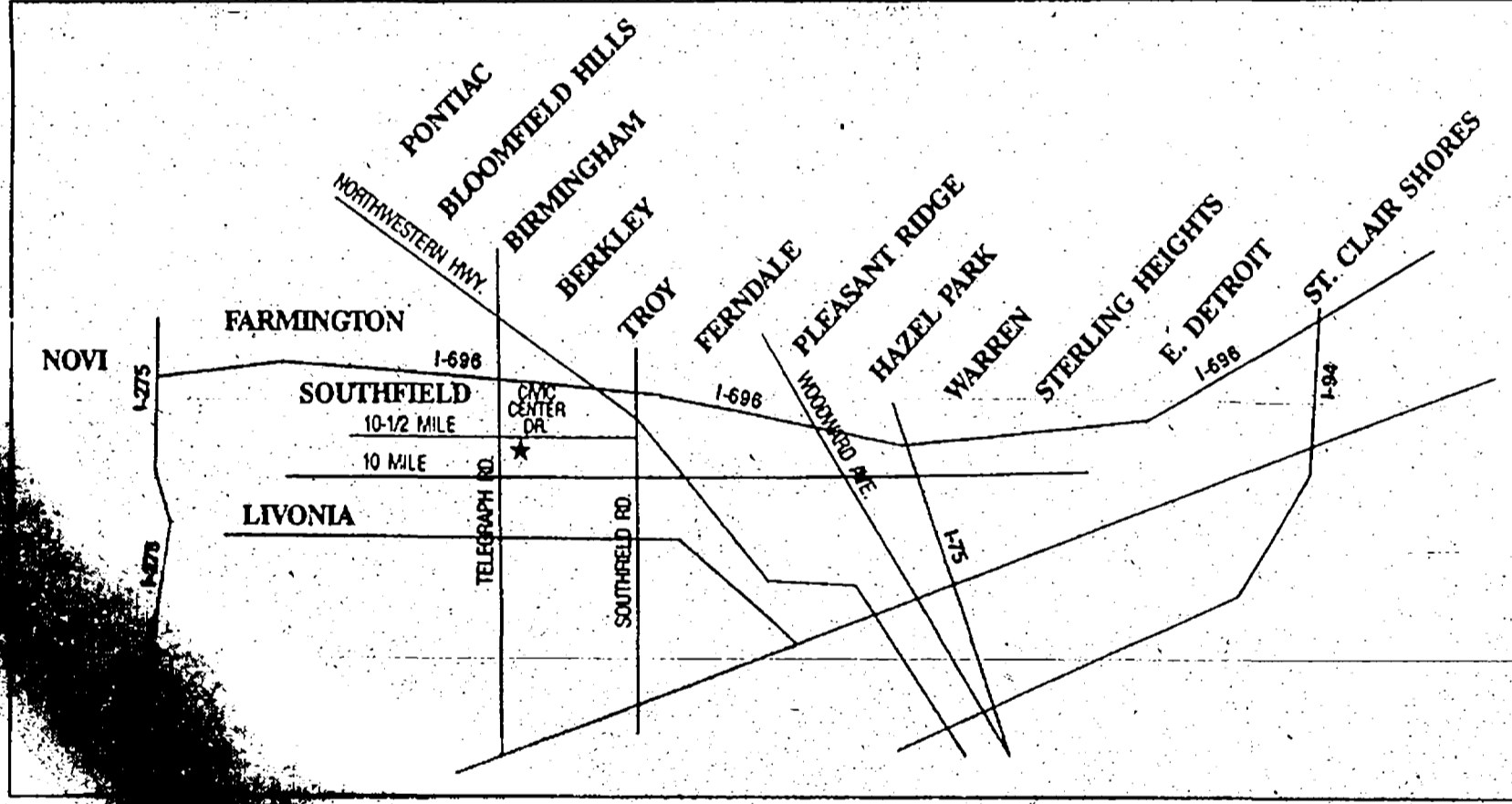
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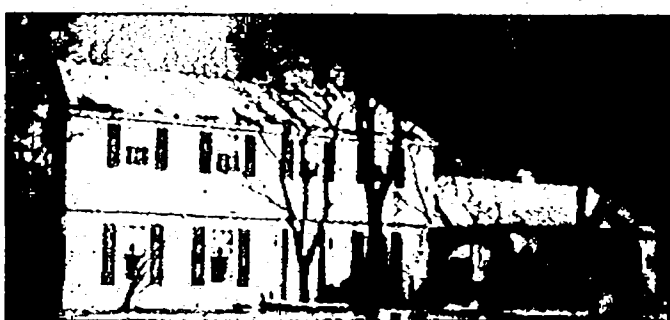
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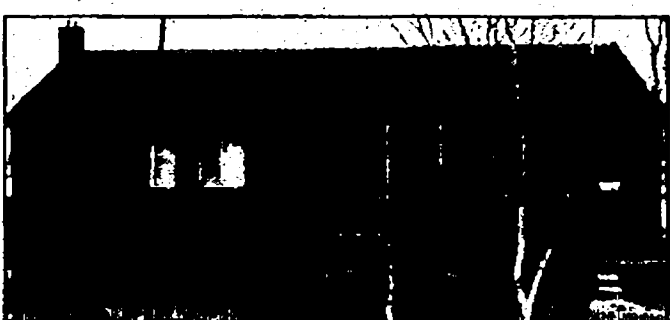
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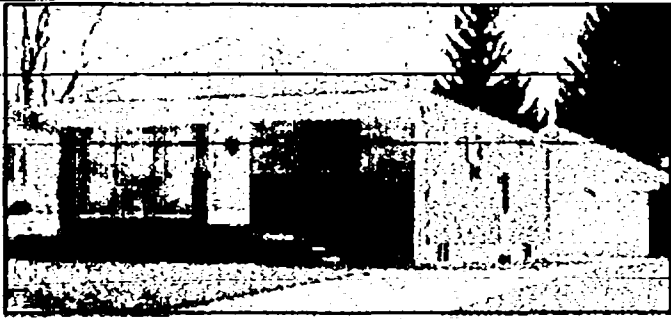
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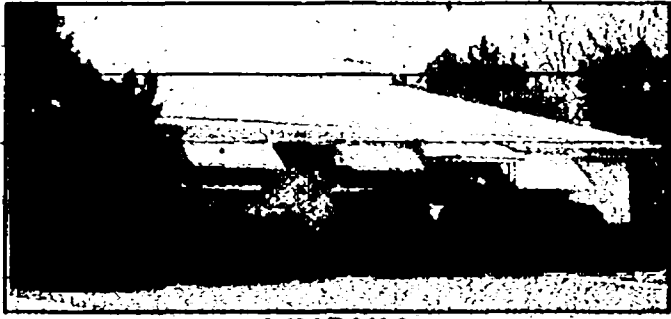
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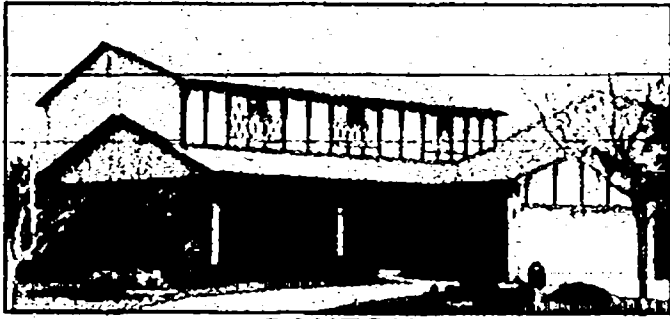
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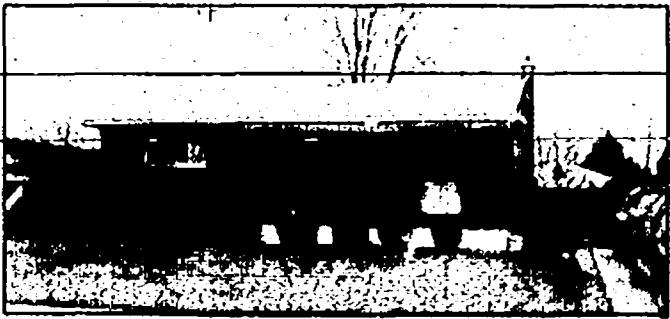
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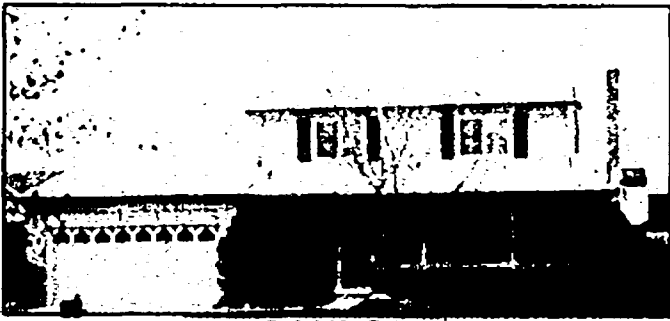
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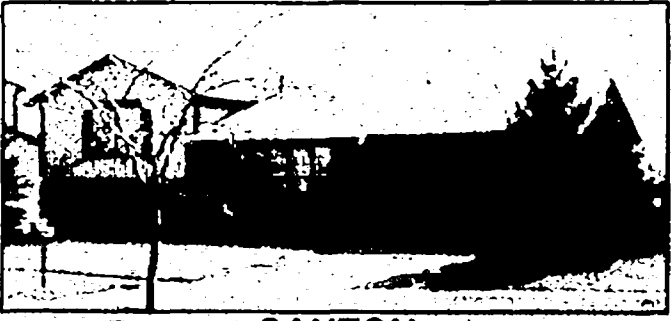
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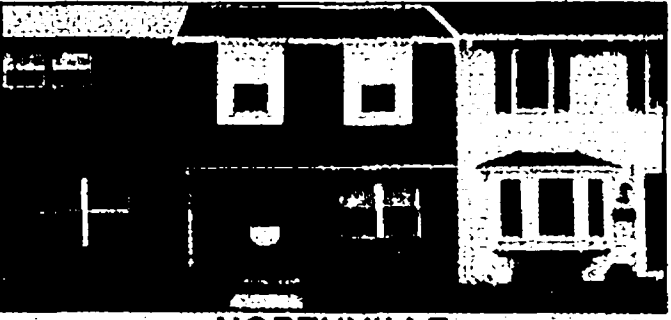
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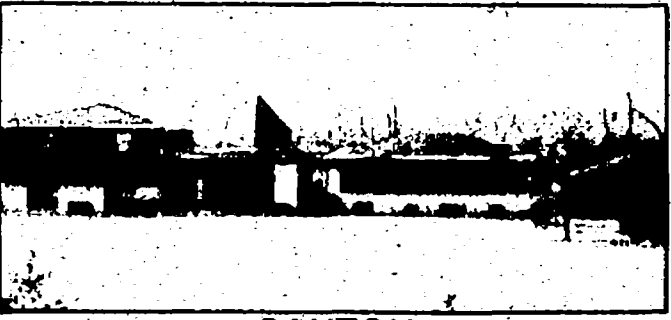
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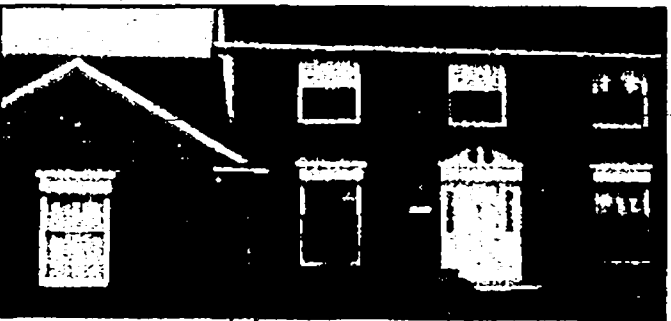
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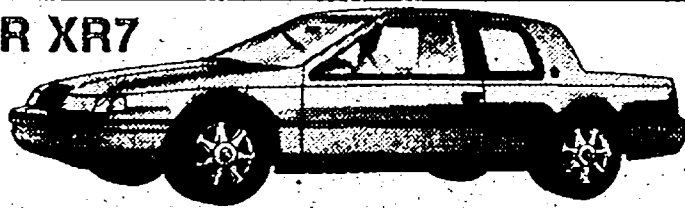
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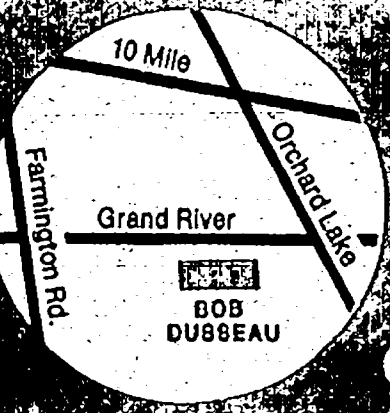
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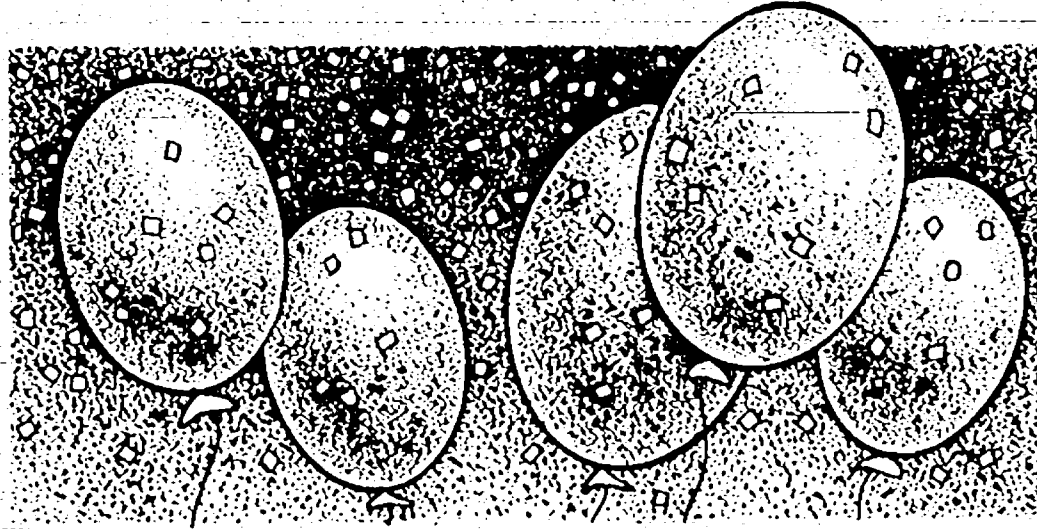
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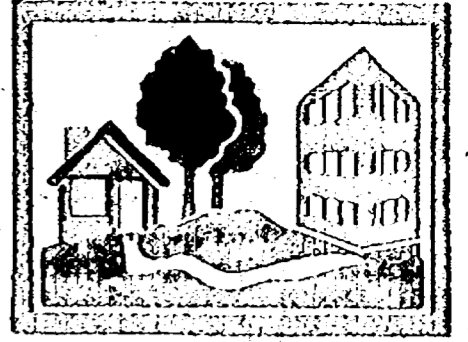
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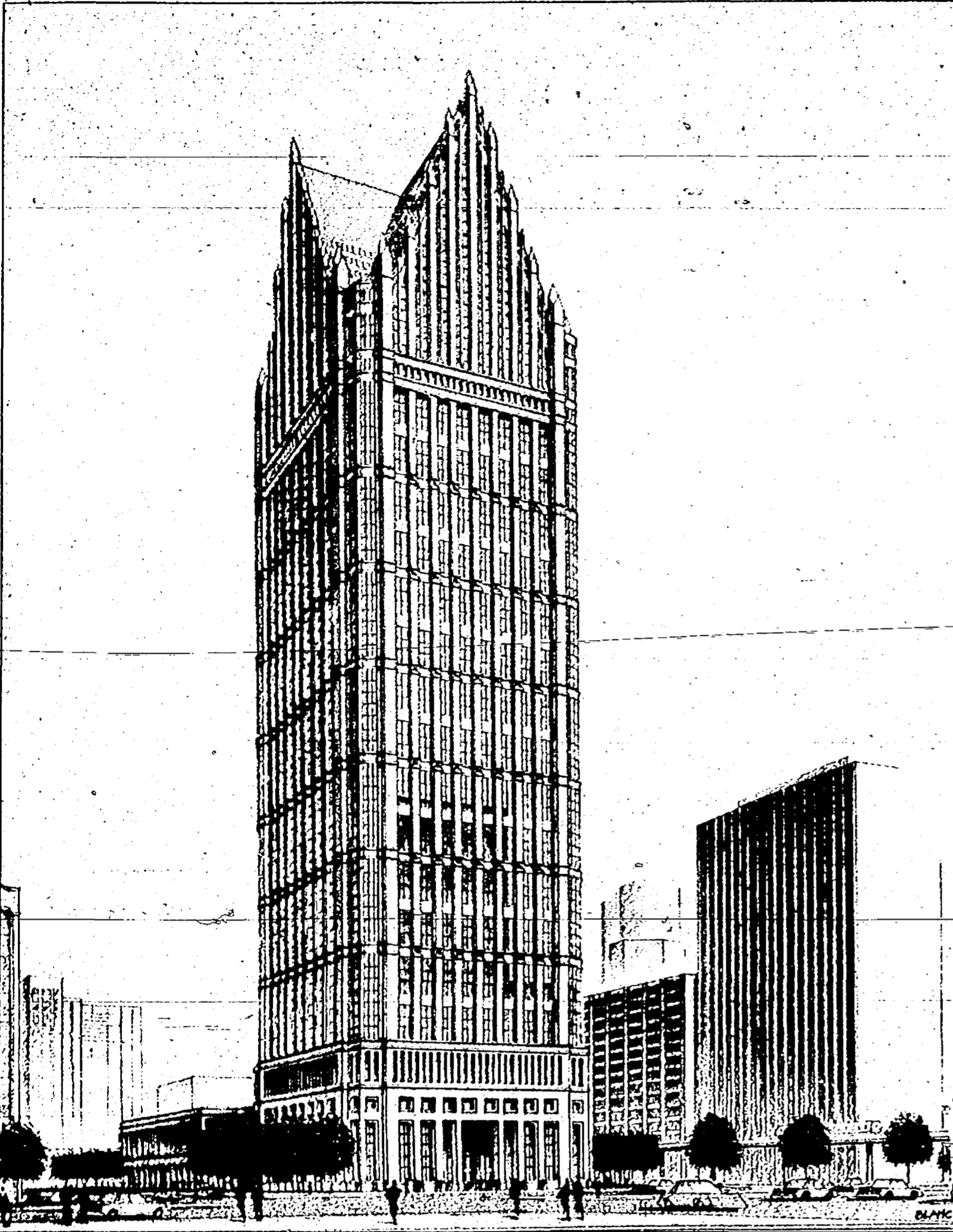
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One Detroit Center is a 50-story office tower designed by John Burgee Architects of New York in the neo-gothic, post-modern style.

New skyscrapers fail to display new forms

By Dale Northup
special writer

The skyscraper has always been considered a symbol of American corporate enterprise and an exclamation point of civic pride. The identity of most American cities are defined by beckoning towers: New York, the World Trade Center (by our own Minoru Yamasaki); Detroit, the Renaissance Center; Chicago, the Sears Tower; San Francisco, the Transamerica Building.

At one time that identity was nearly lost with the advent of what came to be termed modernism. Its promoter was Mies van der Rohe who espoused, as well as exposed, glass and steel as the skin and bones of modern architecture. This took hold on the American architectural scene in New York City with Lever House (1952), which became the prototype for the corporate box, and subsequent anonymity was unveiled with a bland facade.

ARCHITECT ROBERT Stern has referred to these boxes as containers in which the older, more identifiable buildings were packaged. Stern is associated with a reactionary group of architects under the heading of post-modernism. Their ultimate aim is to attach visible reminders of an older style or tradition with which the viewer can identify.

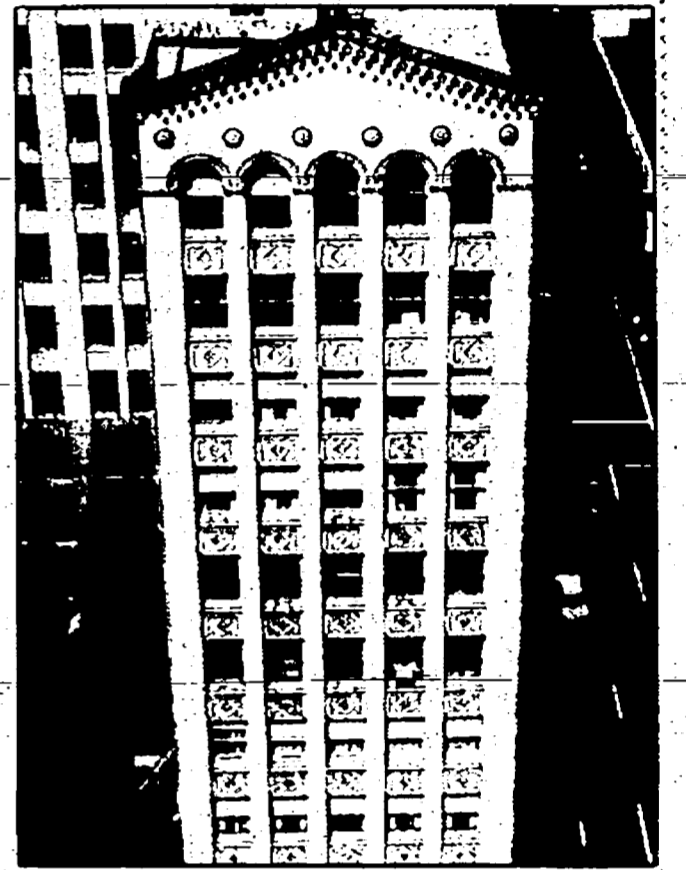
The ancient regime is back on the scene, and one of its promoters is Phillip Johnson, who curiously was once a disciple of Mies van der Rohe. Now labeled a "turncoat," Johnson claims "it is . . . much more old-fashioned to make a glass box than to copy other great periods." And with that statement he embellished the New York skyline with a broken pedimental cap atop the new AT&T Corporate Headquarters in 1978. The building elicited quite a response, with one person referring to the building as a giant Chippendale skyscraper and Detroit architect William Kessler saying that Johnson was becoming senile. Nonetheless it is a new corporate identity blatantly visual and one for which everyone is now scrambling — a new-old countenance of character.

The design of AT&T was conceived the same year when Johnson formed a partnership with John Burgee. Since then they have jointly helped change the complexion of U.S. skylines, most notably with Houston developer Gerald Hines on Hines' home turf: Penzold Place, 38-story trapezoidal towers; 64-story Transco Tower, reminiscent of the early 1900s' commercial buildings; and the 58-story NCNB Center, described as neo-Gothic.

THE SKY and Houston are no longer the limit for Gerald Hines. He has now enlisted John Burgee Architects (Johnson is semi-retired) to design the 50-story One Detroit Center on Woodward in downtown Detroit.

The new tower will contain approximately one million square feet of space. It has a gabled roofline that will have a major presence on the Detroit skyline. Clad in warm, light beige granite and gray glass, materials that will make it compatible with older surrounding buildings. One Detroit Center will feature high-ceilinged lobby and granite-paved plazas outside relating to the pedestrian level. The facade has a strong vertical thrust accentuated with piers that terminate in small pyramidal caps.

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The former Vinton Building was designed by Albert Kahn in 1917. The building has the clarity and simplicity of Kahn's industrial buildings with a triangular cap.



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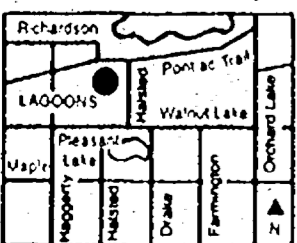
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Building copies a classic

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suggesting Gothic architecture already reclaimed in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh, also by Johnson/Burgee.

Cylindrical, pavilion-like corners mediate the four sides of the building. Thankfully they relate to the central tower of the Renaissance Center two blocks away, creating some contextual venue that brings the Renaissance Center visually closer to the central business district.

As exciting an addition One Detroit Center is to Detroit architecture, it does not represent anything new in terms of local architectural vernacular. Right across Congress Street to the north is the original Vinton Building done by Albert Kahn in 1917. Only a 12-story building, it has the clarity and simplicity of Kahn's industrial buildings that first expressed the metal-reinforced concrete frame, the early "bones" of 20th century American commercial architecture later espoused by Mies van der Rohe.

The piers have a verticality accentuated by recessed spandrels and are terminated with a gabled roofline.

Thus One Detroit Center is an amplification of an adjoining building making it a kindred spirit, or sort of a big brother or sister. Perhaps the Spirit of Detroit statue to the south was instrumental in exercising some zeitgeist on John Burgee.

AN ENGLISH writer, John Gloag, exclaimed upon viewing the World Fair of 1933 in Chicago: "... that (something) is always slightly bewildering to an English mind attuned to the belief that in America new ideas have a better chance of life than anywhere else." He also relabeled the fair, which was called "a Century of Progress" "a Century of Safety First put over as Progress."

In a similar vein, architectural precedent has again repeated itself in the automobile center of the world, the reputed purveyors of public taste. Post-modernism has been described as artistic novelty or gimmickry by critics. Perhaps they were right. In our aerodynamic, industrial technological society we are deserving of newer forms.

Dale Northup is a college professor and architectural historian.

HOST applications placed on hold

By Robin Gaines special writer

The state is no longer accepting applications for participation in its Home Ownership Savings Trust program because of the volume of applications.

Since January, the state treasurer's office has received more than 2,000 applications, according to Lynn Rycus, public affairs assistant.

"We don't know how many participants in the program we actually have until we start receiving payments, but the response has been fantastic," she said.

Proposed by Gov. James Blanchard last year, HOST will allow a savings program to provide a down payment toward the purchase of a house for a first-time buyer. Buyers will be able to pre-select the value of the home they wish to purchase and the amount of down payment they want to save for in a specified number of years. Once the figures are determined, participants will make monthly payments to the state. The

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The program is similar to the Michigan Education Trust, which allows residents to save for their children's college education.

ONE OF THE chief criticisms leveled against HOST when it was introduced was that Michigan taxpayers would have to bail out the program if the treasury department's predictions about housing inflation and rates of return on bonds are incorrect.

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idea of whom the program should be targeted toward in the future, Rycus said. So far, it does not seem that applicants are concentrated in any one section of the state.

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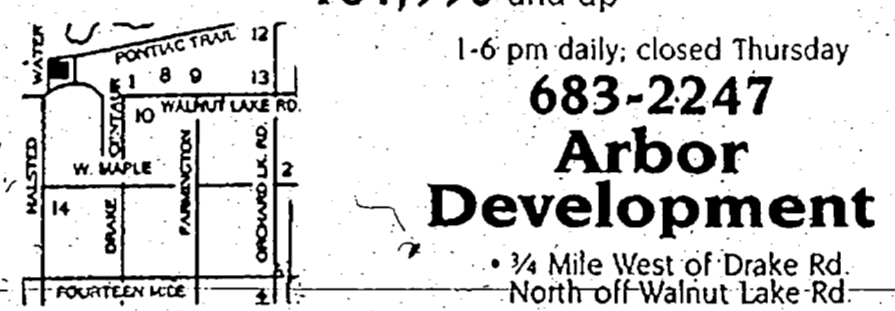
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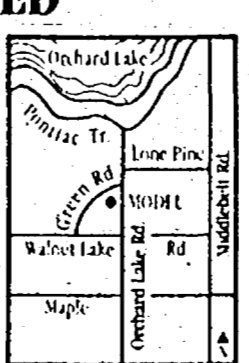
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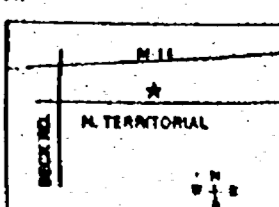
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Nearly 40 million Americans have a permanent disability, the number of Americans 45-64 is expected to increase by one third in the next decade, and more children than ever are helping with housework.

Manufacturers are becoming more sensitive to the needs of people with physical limitations, older people and the very young. Today's products reflect these needs, especially in the kitchen.

Considering the needs of the least-able user is the key to modifying or designing houses, work areas and products that everybody can use. This might range from simple and inexpensive measures such as using a potato masher to turn knobs on a range; removing cabinet doors for easier access or something more extensive, such as building a kitchen around an adaptable "universal design."

A universal design includes wide, barrier-free aisles and smooth floors to allow for wheelchairs and walkers to move easily about. Work surfaces of varying heights accommodate those who are short or tall or who work seated. Good contrast between cabinets and appliances and in graphics on control panels are helpful to those with limited vision.

In the cooking area, built-in products are the most adaptable to special needs. Installing a drop-in range or cooktop at 32 inches — compared to the standard 36-inch counter height

— can be a boon for wheelchair cooks — or at a higher level for a person who can't stoop or bend.

Microwave ovens are especially useful for people with limited physical abilities. They can be installed at any height. The shallow cooking cavity is easy to reach, there's no flame or heating element, and the interior stays cool.

Side-by-side refrigerator/freezers have narrow doors for easier handling. Some models have deep door shelves and bins, baskets and shelves that pull out for easier access and use.

There are many simple in-home modifications that can help physically limited people. For example, elevate appliances with front-opening doors (dishwashers, clothes dryers) to the height needed for a wheelchair user or someone who can't stoop or bend. Lower a built-in oven for wheelchair use or raise it for someone with back problems.

Whirlpool Corp. offers use and care guides and microwave oven cookbooks in Braille, large type or on audio cassettes. Control panel overlays for many kitchen and laundry products are done in Braille that are free to visually impaired owners of Whirlpool appliances. For assistance, call the Whirlpool Appliance Connection line at 1-800-253-1301. For TDD users, the number is 1-800-334-6889.

More information is available in brochures from Whirlpool. "Universal Design" looks into the features of the adaptable kitchen; "Designs for Independent Living" offers advice for modifying, remodeling or designing kitchens and laundry areas; and "Tools for Independent Living" emphasizes the use of everyday tools and products as aids to appliance operation.

Whirlpool says its brochures are based on research and suggestions from disabled people, rehabilitation specialists and appliance experts. For a copy of the set, send a postcard to Whirlpool Corp., Dept. NCW, P.O. Box 5551, Kalamazoo 49003-5551.



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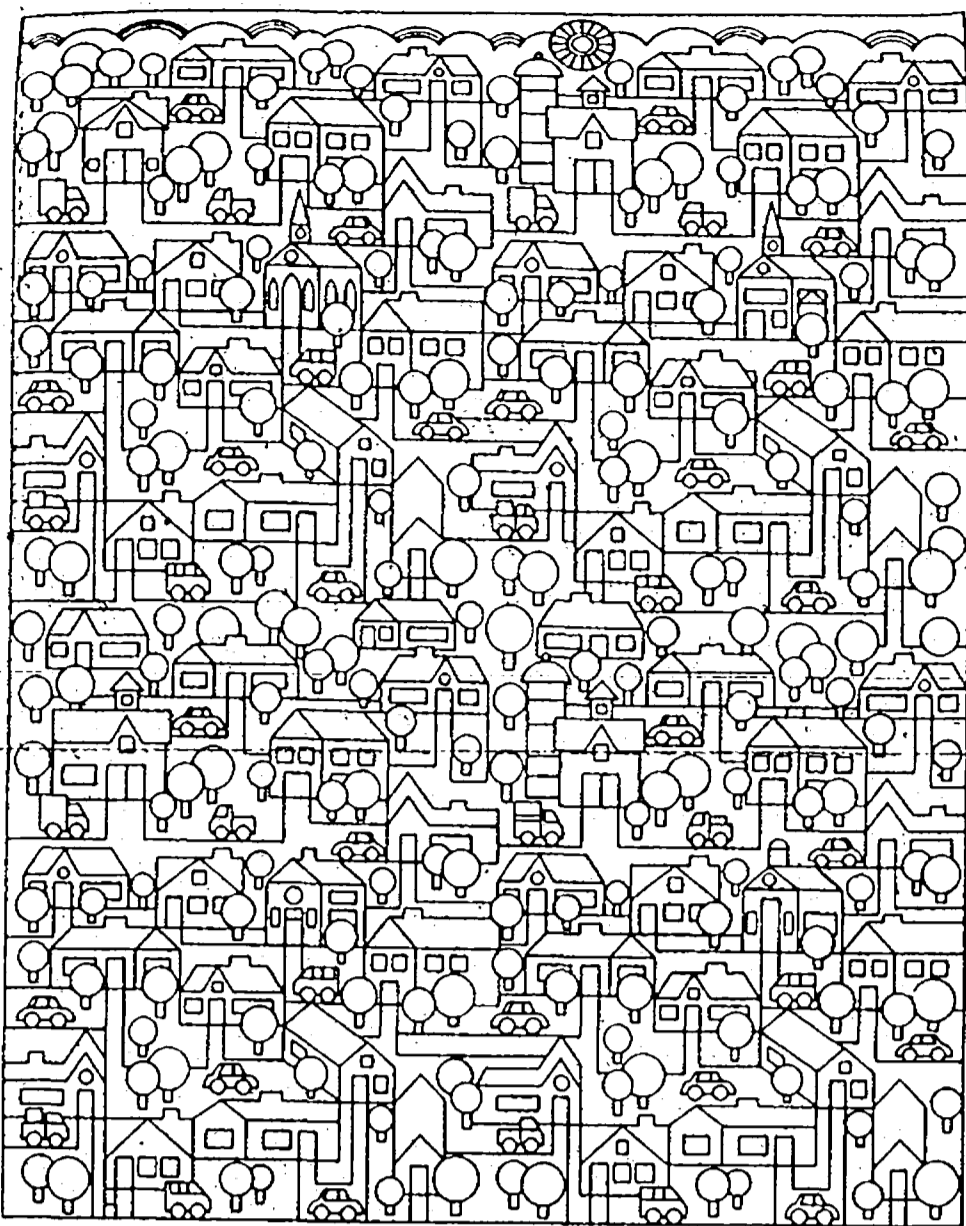
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Housing demand to be come sharply segmented



As the baby boomer starts worrying about retirement and the baby bust matures, housing demand will become more sharply segmented than in the past, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors.

The study, "Demographics in the U.S. - The Segmenting of Housing Demand," anticipates strong housing demand and stable house values over the next decade in spite of the smaller baby bust population producing fewer prospective buyers than the baby boomers.

The demand will be fueled by widely varied housing needs - for affluent trade-up baby boom couples, baby boomers thinking about retirement and growing numbers of non-traditional households and immigrants, the report says.

"THE HEALTHY markets will offer diversity. They will have a variety of niche-oriented housing," said NAR President Ira Gribbin.

The study explores several cur-

rent and projected demographic changes that may have the greatest effect upon the housing industry over the next decade. Foremost among these are the changing age structure and housing composition of the U.S. population.

The total number of households in the nation rose by an average of 1.3 million annually during the 1980s, dropping from 1.7 million annually during the 1970s. The population ages 25-34, the group at which household formation is typical, is getting smaller, while the age group 65 and older is getting larger.

The number of married-couple households is declining. The decline is being countered by an increase in single-person households, female-headed households, non-family households and a larger number of 18- to 24-year-old men living with their parents. Additionally, the average household size dropped from 3.13 people in 1960 to 2.66 people in 1987.

HOUSEHOLDS ARE moving

more frequently, which is causing and will continue to cause a higher housing turnover rate. Legal immigration, notably by Asians and Hispanics, is increasing. The average rate of 570,000 was 30 percent higher in the 1980s than in the 1970s.

Increased demand by foreigners seeking to rent or buy in the United States will contribute to housing demands in the 1990s, the study says.

The changing needs of changing households will help offset a drop in housing demand due to the smaller baby bust population, said NAR chief economist John A. Tuccillo. Predictions that house values will sour due to a decline in demand are too simplistic, and such projections fail to consider the continuing effect the baby boom generation will have, Tuccillo said.

INCREASED SAVINGS by baby boomers, combined with a smaller federal deficit and a larger Social Security trust fund, likely will push interest rates lower over the next

seven years, he said.

Baby boomers previously unable to buy houses will be buying. "As the leading edge of the baby boom moves through its peak earning years, demand will pick up for second homes and retirement homes," Tuccillo said.

He predicted that demand will shift significantly toward "smaller units in sunny climates."

IN SPITE OF house purchases by baby boomers and baby busters, houses will continue to be too expensive for poorer consumers. According to the study, it appears that a widening gap in household demographics is accompanied by a growing disparity in house-buying power.

For example, the study says, typical real incomes for families in the highest-earning fifth of the population rose by more than 29 percent between 1970 and 1986. But real income for families in the lowest-earning fifth rose by just 9 percent.

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Bowman has been with Schostak Brothers for 18 years, most recently as operations manager for Wonderland Mall, Laurel Park Place and Lakewood Shopping Center.

neering and planning firm of Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates has named four new assistant division directors.

They are Daniel Meloche, assistant director in electrical engineering; Michael Proctor, assistant director of construction; Ken Stamps, assistant director of site planning; and Stephen Sussman, assistant director of interior architecture.

Ghafari Associates of Livonia, an architectural/engineering firm, has

added facilities management to its services under the direction of Patrick Smithbauer, executive vice president.

In other moves, Thomas R. Woodbury of Canton Township has assumed the newly created position of team manager for facilities management services. He went to Ghafari from Michigan National Corp.

Maureen Dritsan, business development manager, will lead marketing for facilities management. She was formerly marketing director with Walbridge Aldinger and was

with R.E. Dailey & Co.

Cushman & Wakefield of Troy has been named the leasing agent by Vantage Systems of Farmington Hills to find tenants for a 50,000-square-foot commercial development to be built on two acres on Big Beaver between Crooks and Livernols.

Joseph DiRado, president and owner of Brickscape Inc. of Northville, has received the young entrepreneur award from the U.S. Small Business Administration.



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- full basement
- ceramic tile
- skylight
- dishwasher, range
- floor laundry hook-up*

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