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Workers win pay raise

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

Members of Westland's largest municipal employees union will receive a 20 percent pay increase over four years in a move some city council members argue will be a severe financial strain for the city.

The council Monday voted 4-2 with one abstention to approve a new contract between the city and 118 workers in Local 1602, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

By agreeing to the raises, the city obtained the right to hire non-union, or supplemental employees for some jobs and elimination of Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield as the required health insurance carrier for new employees.

Council members Ken Mehl and Thomas Artley opposed the agreement. Ben DeHart, who is employed by AFSCME as a negotiator, abstained.

Approval of the contract was recommended by Mayor Robert Thomas, a former Local 1602 president.

"WE'RE GOING to be in serious financial difficulties in the next couple of years," Mehl said. "The unallocated fund balance (the city's \$3.9 million surplus as of last Jan. 1) will be zero before you know it."

The contract is expected to cost the city \$1.8 million, according to finance director Mike Gorman.

Artley said his opposition was based primarily on the provision for supplemental employees. "I do not believe the supplemental employee issue is a real gain for this city. I think in the long run, it erodes the union," he said.

Under the contract, which is retroactive to Jan. 1, Local 1602 employees will receive raises of 7 percent this year, 5 percent next year, 3 percent in 1992 and 5 percent in 1993.

The agreement will move the average hourly wage from \$11.55 to \$13.86, or from an annual salary of \$24,024 to \$28,828 for full-time employees.

Local 1602 includes 65 department of public services employees and 53 clerical workers.

Union members rejected a similar agreement in May before ratifying the proposed contract last month.

The contract allows the city to use up to 20 non-union employees, freeing up union employees for other

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Prosecuting attorney Kym Worthy (top left) discusses the case with Arlene Adams, the mother of victim Michele Gerrior. Walter Piszczkowski, defense attorney makes a point during testimony.

Family: Lovers were 'good for each other'

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

Relatives of Jason LaCroix say they don't know if the murdered Westland man's relationship with Michele Gerrior would have blossomed into marriage.

But they are disappointed and bitter that the couple never got a chance.

"They were good for each other," said LaCroix's brother, Brian, 31. "She really straightened him out."

His brother met Michele Gerrior about a year before the December 1989 killings on Fremont Street in Westland, Brian said, when she came into Farwell and Friends, the Westland restaurant and lounge where he was a cook.

Jason LaCroix, 27, had since left the restaurant and was working in construction, relatives said.

Frances LaCroix said Jason, the youngest of her nine children, had much in common with Michele Gerrior, 37. "They both had children they adored (from previous relationships)," she said.

"She was trying to get both of them (Jason and his roommate, Raymond Robinson) jobs at the post office (where she worked as a

mail carrier)," Frances LaCroix said.

"Whether things would have worked out on a more permanent basis, I don't know. I guess we'll never know."

FRIENDS AND family members for both victims, as well as defendant Ronald Gerrior of Garden City, have spent six days since June 25 in a small courtroom at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, listening to testimony in Gerrior's murder trial.

Gerrior, 44, has pleaded innocent to two counts of first-degree murder and one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony in the shotgun slayings of his estranged wife and her boyfriend.

If convicted, he faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

The prosecution rested its case Tuesday. Testimony in the jury trial is scheduled to resume today, with psychiatrist Dr. Emanuel Tanay taking the stand in Judge Robert Ziolkowski's courtroom.

Called as an expert witness on behalf of the defense, Tanay is expected to testify that Ronald Gerri-

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McCusker elected school board president

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

Mathew McCusker knows his work is cut out for him as he takes over the presidency of the Wayne-Westland school board.

"Yes. It's going to be difficult," McCusker said Monday following his election by colleagues on the seven-member board. "The next couple of months will be fraught with emotion and it's my job to keep a lid on things as much as possible."

Other officers chosen by the board for 1990-91 are: Sharon Scott, vice president; Leonard Posey, treasurer; and Kathleen Chorbagan, secretary.

McCusker, who faces re-election to the board next June, will help steer the financially strapped district through \$5 million in budget cuts ordered by the board last spring in the wake of the June 11 millage failure.

Those cuts included elimination of most of the elementary expressive

arts program, dropping one class period from the junior high school day and institution of a "pay-to-play" program for junior and senior high sports and extracurricular activities.

McCUSKER, WHO replaces Andrew Spisak following Spisak's two, one-year terms, served as president in 1986-87. He was elected to the board in a December 1982 special election and won four-year terms in 1983 and 1987.

McCusker presented a plaque to

Spisak and congratulated the outgoing president.

"I always kept my cool," quipped Spisak, who sometimes reacted emotionally to issues discussed by the board or comments from students and parents during his tenure.

McCusker said his "basic role" as board president is to serve as a liaison to Superintendent Dennis O'Neill. He said his working relationship with the superintendent was a good one, "although we have agreed to disagree on numerous occasions."

"He (O'Neill) is a good person, willing to give and take," McCusker said.

POSEY, WHO was sworn in by 22nd (Inkster) District Court Judge Sylvia James, thanked board members and family for their support in his June 11 election to the board.

Posey, the first black elected to the board, was appointed last December to fill a vacancy created by Terri Reighard Johnson's election to the Westland City Council.

12 years later, murder still a mystery

By **LeAnne Rogers**
staff writer

In the nearly 12 years since Westland's Thomas Freno died, questions have remained about who killed him, the motive and where he was killed.

"The case has never been closed but it becomes inactive. We are reactivating it," said Garden City police Detective Sgt. David Harvey.

The investigation into Freno's beating death has been reactivated by Harvey, who hopes someone will come forward with information on the case.

"I am re-interviewing as many

witnesses as I can find. I'm doing the investigation over from the beginning. Someone knows more than they told us or hasn't talked to us. I'd like them to come forward."

AT ABOUT 7:15 a.m. on Nov. 21, 1978, a woman pulled into the driveway at a home in the 29500 block of Elmwood to pick up some youngsters who would ride to school with her children.

The woman saw a man, bleeding from the head, lying on the lawn behind some bushes and called police.

"The original officer found him unconscious and bleeding from se-

vere head injuries. The man had no identification, so he was listed as a John Doe."

Freno, 34, was transported to Wayne County General Hospital, now Westland Medical Center, for treatment. He was subsequently identified through Garden City police officer James Olliverson.

"HE (OLLIVERSION) had been married to Freno's sister. He knew Tom and had a lot of contact with the family."

Freno's family hadn't been able to find him after he didn't meet up with

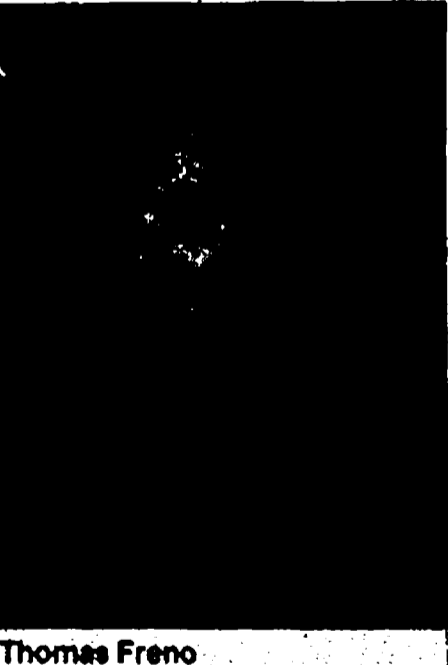
family members as arranged Nov. 20.

"When Jim came in, the report listed a John Doe. He went to the hospital and made the identification."

Freno died Nov. 21 from his injuries, including five blows to the top of the head with a blunt object. He never regained consciousness, according to Harvey.

SINCE FRENO stayed at Jamie's, a bar on Ford Road, until closing, the beating took place sometime between 2:30 a.m. and 7:15 a.m., when

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Thomas Freno

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Name: Kay Beard
 Political background: Wayne County Commissioner, 12th District
 Education: Attended Madonna College, Wayne County Community College, Wayne State University. Holds certificates in gerontology, adult foster care, hotel and motel management
 Residence: Inkster



Name: Terri Reighard Johnson
 Political background: Westland City Councilwoman. Former member Wayne-Westland Board of Education
 Education: B.A., business administration, Western Michigan
 Residence: Westland



Name: Hilliard Hampton Jr.
 Political background: Member, Inkster Board of Education
 Education: B.A., speech communication, Wayne State. Holds an associate's degree from Wayne County Community College, educational certificate from Specs-Howard School of Broadcasting
 Residence: Inkster

Incumbent faces crowded primary

By **Wayne Pool**
staff writer

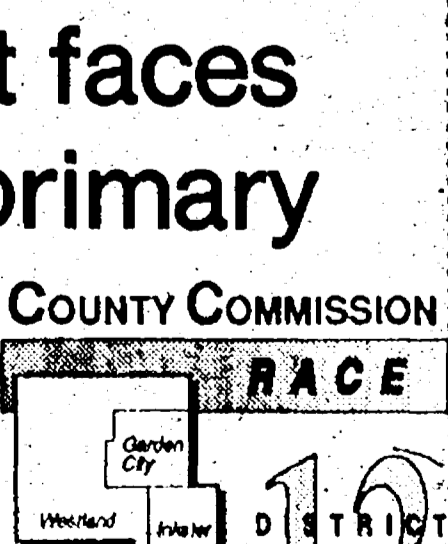
Kay Beard has earned a reputation as a fighter during her 12 years on the Wayne County Commission.

But the veteran commissioner concedes she's going to need all her fighting skill and savvy to survive the crowded Democratic Party commission primary Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Beard, D-Inkster, faces three challengers, one from each of the 12th District's three cities.

"This is probably going to be my toughest race ever," Beard said.

At least two challengers — Westland councilwoman Terri Reighard Johnson and Inkster school board member Hilliard Hampton Jr. — pose a credible threat to Beard's commission seat. The third, Deborah Miller of Garden City, is a minor



candidate who declined to respond to an Observer request for an interview.

According to Beard, she's being "punished" for breaking with county Executive Edward McNamara on a few key issues, including a recent flap over county executive succession.

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Police look for clues in mysterious murder case

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the victim was found on Elmwood, Harvey said.

"He had started playing pool with friends at what is now Frankle's (on Ford east of Merriman). It used to be the Blue Bonnet Lounge. A friend took him to Jamie's at Ford and Radcliff about 1 a.m."

Arriving at Jamie's, Freno met up with a second friend, drinking and dancing until the bar closed, Harvey said. Freno then hitchhiked east-bound on Ford Road, back to the

Blue Bonnet where his car was parked, Harvey said.

"Apparently he had a wallet the night before because he was paying for drinks. He had car keys and identification at the bar. We never did find his wallet or other stuff."

IT WAS speculated that robbery was the motive for the attack on Freno, since he was rumored to have won a large amount of cash playing pool during the evening, Harvey said.

"He played a lot of pool. He was a

real good pool player and made a lot of money at pool."

Although robbery may have been a motive, police believe Freno knew his killer or killers, Harvey said.

"He could have made his way back to the Blue Bonnet. Either he won money off them or there was a prior grudge. We sought one suspect, who passed a polygraph. There were no more leads at the time."

ONE WITNESS did report seeing a white van with its sliding side

doors open stopped at 4:30 a.m. next to where Freno's body was found.

"The witnesses didn't see the body. You couldn't see it from the road, it was under the bushes. The man was outside the open doors and got in, then drove away."

No further description of the van was available, he said, with the man described only as white and in his mid 20s, with shoulder-length hair.

INVESTIGATORS WERE also hampered, Harvey said, by the lack of physical evidence where the body

was found and being unable to determine where the assault took place.

Extremely cold weather during that night also made officers unable to determine a more specific time of the attack, he said.

"The family wants to put this to rest. They have lived with this for 12 years. No justice was done. They don't have a clue who did this. It's not going to bring Tom back obviously."

AS PART of his reopening the

case, Harvey has talked with one of the original investigating officers, John Thomas, who is now retired and living in Tennessee. The other detective, then-Sgt. Ralph Gohlke, later police chief, is dead.

"Besides helping the family, one or two homicides open is a very high percentage for our department. The victim is really the complainant and we'd like to get a prosecution. We owe him that much."

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call Harvey at the detective bureau, 525-8863, or the general department number, 422-1122.

Incumbent faces tough commission race

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"THEY'RE OUT to get me," Beard said. "And it's ironic because I probably vote with the executive 98 percent of the time."

Though the winner will face Republican Gerald Cox of Garden City in the fall, a Democratic primary win is tantamount to election in the heavily Democratic district.

While Beard's traditional union supporters are expected to come to her aid, the anticipated low primary turnout could spell an upset.

To prevent that, Beard said she will campaign harder and raise more money than in past races.

"This is a race that sends a message to the whole commission," she said. "I've been told I not only have to win, but win big."

McNamara staffers say it's likely no endorsement will be issued. But they privately admit the executive seeks a more dependable suburban ally for the occasional in-fighting with urban commissioners — especially with the departure of Alberta Tinsley-Williams, a Detroit commis-

sioner who occasionally voted with the suburban block.

While Reighard Johnson and Hampton have discussed their candidacies with McNamara staff members, both said they received no promises of an endorsement.

A FRIEND of assistant county executives David Katz — McNamara's 1986 campaign director — and Bryan Amann — a ranking area Democratic Party chief — Reighard Johnson said she "would be foolish" not to seek their advice.

Hampton said he understood McNamara staffers might contribute to some of his fund-raising events.

"You don't turn down help, but we're not kidding ourselves," Hampton said. "We know most of our funding will have to come from within the district."

While Beard would like to turn the campaign spotlight on McNamara — and his perceived threat to an "independent" commission — Reighard Johnson and Hampton hope to keep the race focused on Beard's own

record.

Reighard Johnson criticized the incumbent as "reactive" — waiting too long to take action, and then only in vain.

"I like to think I'm more proactive," said Reighard Johnson, vice president of the area trucking firm that bears her family's name.

Hampton said Beard failed to take a leadership role on crime and drug issues — both vital to Inkster neighborhoods.

"SHE SEEMS to become too involved in specifics, I like to look at the broader picture," he said.

Beard favored changing the county charter to prevent the appointed deputy from filling the balance of the executive's term should a vacancy occur.

Hilliard called the executive succession issue — a "smokescreen over the campaign."

Both Hampton and Reighard Johnson opposed the charter change, as did a majority of speakers at a Westland public hearing on the issue. Reighard Johnson said she made up

her mind to run after attending the hearing.

The issue died after county commissioners blocked a special election on the issue by a narrow 8-7 majority.

Beard favored the change — even serving as a co-chairwoman of the county commission committee that would have drafted new charter wording — and said she would do the same again.

"I still believe the people want the chance to vote on this," Beard said.

Despite her opponents' criticism, Beard said she had shown leadership on a number of issues that benefited constituents — including supporting plans that would reduce infant mortality, bring sheriff's road patrol units to crime-riddled Inkster neighborhoods and instituting double bunking of county jail inmates.

Hampton, a sheriff's deputy assigned to Detroit Recorders Court, said he would like to see even more done to reduce crime.

"My home is Inkster, it's down, it's been down a long time and we need to bring it back up," he said.

Reighard Johnson said more should be done to aid the area's senior citizens.

"The programs we have are good, but the system is chaotic," she said, adding she would work toward bringing county programs together under one authority.

Hampton, entering the fourth year of his first school board term, said he would examine whether he could keep both seats, should he be elected to the commission.

Reighard Johnson, elected to the Westland City Council last fall, said she had no qualms about leaving that seat so early in the term.

"The same people who came to me about running for the city council are the ones who approached me about running for the commission," she said.

Beard, long active in party politics, expects her ties to pull her through.

"I'm a good Democrat," she said.

But it will be up to district voters to decide whether they want a "good Democrat" or a new Democrat.

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or was legally insane at the time of the killings.

In testimony Tuesday, Westland police detective Sgt. Jerry Wright revealed details of an oral interview and written statement Ronald Gerritor gave to police after the killings. The statement was admitted into evidence.

IN THE INTERVIEW, Wright testified that the defendant told police he drove to an Allen Park bowling alley on the evening of the murders and "saw the couple embrace."

The defendant identified LaCroix

from a driver's license photo and told police he learned the two were romantically involved from a marriage counseling session he attended with his wife, Wright told the court.

The couple, married almost seven years, separated last October, and Michele Gerritor moved out of their house on the 32400 block of Marquette and into a Westland mobile home park.

Police said earlier that Ronald Gerritor had followed his wife from the bowling alley to LaCroix's house, then drove to his house to get a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and returned to LaCroix's house.

Ronald Gerritor broke into the

house and shot the couple after watching through a bedroom window as they had sex, the prosecution maintains.

On Tuesday, Wright testified that it was unclear from Ronald Gerritor's statement whether the defendant returned home or just walked back to his pickup truck, which he said was parked on a side street west of Fremont.

"He said he made two trips to the house. He didn't elaborate though," Wright told the court.

IN A TRANSCRIPT of the inter-

view read to the jury, Gerritor told police he remembered loading his shotgun as he went through the front door, but not the shooting itself.

"I see my wife and this man having sex. Oh my God, what did I do?" the transcript read.

Several times during the interview Ronald Gerritor declared his love for his estranged wife, according to the transcript.

He also asked to see his mother, Pearl Gerritor, who lives in Antigonish in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia, and to see a Catholic priest, Wright testified.

Runners to raise money for clinic

Runners — even couch potatoes — are encouraged to seek fun for the whole family in the 5K "Wonder Walk" walk-a-thon or 10K "Road Ramble" bike-a-thon, while they tune up in the 5K or 10K competitive run, scheduled in Northwestern Guidance clinic's first run/walk/ride challenge.

The event will take place in Hines Park, between Ann Arbor Trail and Outer Drive, 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. The awards ceremony will be at 10:45 a.m.

The clinic serves residents of Redford and other western Wayne County municipalities.

Mail-in registration is \$10 before Aug. 24 and \$12 after. Registrations are free with \$25 in pledges. Specially designed T-shirts are included.

Funds raised through this first-

time event will aid programs for abused or suicidal children at Northwestern Guidance Clinic, a community mental health agency for youngsters in western Wayne County.

The challenge will offer 12 running groups, eleven based on age and one for the developmentally disabled.

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LAWRENCE J. SERAFIN, and KAREN M. SERAFIN, Plaintiffs,
vs.
KENNETH W. SNIDER, Defendant.
ORDER OF APPEARANCE
FILE NO. 90-066-SP

At a session of said Court held in the Courtroom in the Village of Baldwin on the 11th day of June, 1990.

PRESENT: Honorable RICHARD J. PARABAUGH, District Judge.

On the date of May 14, 1990, an action was filed by LAWRENCE J. SERAFIN and KAREN M. SERAFIN, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, against KENNETH W. SNIDER, Defendant, in this Court to foreclose a land contract dated April 21, 1989.

That the whereabouts of the Defendant is unknown and unascertainable.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, KENNETH W. SNIDER, shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law, within 35 days. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment of Default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

Dated: June 11, 1990.

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***SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road June 18, 1990**

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of June 18, 1990; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

Vice President Sari convened the meeting at 8:03 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Joseph Laura, Richard McKnight, Marjorie Roach, Patricia Sari, Carol Strom Absent: Pat Tancill, Richard Thorderson.

Communications: Letter from Ms. Georgia Gumas in regard to books used for instructional purposes in lower elementary classrooms.

Audience Communications: The following individuals addressed the Board in regard to their opposition to the use of *Scary Tales to Tell in the Dark* and *Scary Poems for Rotten Kids* for classroom instruction: James Gumas, Lyn Gumas, Judy Kanack, Georgia Gumas, Pam Wyer, Valerie Mundy, John Horka, and Michelle Dolan.

Minutes: The minutes and synopsis of the regular meeting of May 31, 1990 were approved as written. The minutes of the closed session of May 31, 1990 were approved as written.

Whole Group Instructional Materials: Motion by McKnight and Laura authorizing the superintendent or designated staff to assist teachers with direction in the use of materials for whole group instruction that are previewed before use, that are consistent with the development level of students, and that take into account the emotional effects on very young children. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: Strom

Recommendation regarding Parent Challenge on Classroom Materials: Motion by Strom and Roach that the Board support the recommendation of the Materials Evaluation Committee and not restrict the use of *Scary Tales to Tell in the Dark* and *Scary Poems to Tell Rotten Kids*. Ayes: McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: Laura

LPS/Redford Union Cooperative Education Agreement: Motion by Laura and Strom that the Board authorize the Superintendent to extend our existing Cooperative Education Agreement with the Redford Union School District into the 1990-91 school year. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

1990-91 Membership - Michigan High School Athletic Association: Motion by Laura and Strom that the Board adopt a resolution which authorizes membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 1990-91 school year. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Recess: Vice President Sari recessed the meeting at 9:25 p.m. and reconvened at 9:38 p.m.

Bills for Payment - June 5, 1990: Motion by McKnight and Laura approving General Funds checks Nos. 167975-168792 in the amount of \$3,593,550.82 for payment. Also move that Building and Site checks Nos. 11129-11130 in the amount of \$1,356.00 be approved for payment. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Bills for Payment - June 19, 1990: Motion by McKnight and Laura approving General Fund checks No. 168793-169457 in the amount of \$4,152,602.92 for payment. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Board of Canvassers Report on Election Results: Motion by Strom and McKnight that the Board acknowledge receipt of the results of the canvass of the June 11, 1990, Annual School Board Trustee Election for Livonia Public Schools, which was certified unanimously by the Board of Canvassers at a meeting on June 13, 1990. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Asphalt Repair and Replacement: Motion by Laura and McKnight that the Board authorize asphalt installation and repair at Webster, Stevenson, Churchill, Johnson, Perrinville, Nankin Mills, Bentley, Whittier, Grant, and Wilson by Cadillac Asphalt for the low bid amount of \$94,030.50; and at Tyler by Metropolitan Asphalt Paving for the low bid amount of \$8,975.00. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Replacement of Boiler Burners: Motion by Roach and Laura that the Board authorize the replacement of the boiler burners at Tyler, CoeLidge, Frost, and Johnson by Car-Bee for the low bid amount of \$59,230. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Hydraulic Lifts: Motion by McKnight and Strom that the Board authorize the purchase of four hydraulic lifts from Seaway in the low bid amount of \$14,500. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Resignation: Resignation was accepted by the assistant superintendent for personnel for Mary Grush effective 6/15/90.

Retirements: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of appreciation for the following individuals upon their retirement: Millicent Chalmers, Ruth Schonhoff, and Ealice J. Shepherd.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Marinelli reported on the following topics: attendance at several LPS activities; review of the district's Strategic Planning Process; Wayne County Association of School Administrators end-of-year meeting; Board meeting with state legislators; and appearance on the cable TV show "Issues Livonia."

Board Committee Reports: Reports were heard from the following Board committees: Building & Site, Personnel, Westland Liaison, Livonia Liaison, Curriculum, and MAISL.

Establishment of Organization Meeting: Motion by Roach and McKnight that the Board hold its annual organizational meeting on June 27, 1990, at 7:00 p.m., in the board meeting room; further, that a regular Board meeting be held following the organizational meeting. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Hearing from Board Members: Board Members reported on the following topics: Board/Legislative Breakfast meeting; Stevenson High School Girls Soccer Team; Stevenson & Churchill High School graduations; and the first annual TMI graduation program.

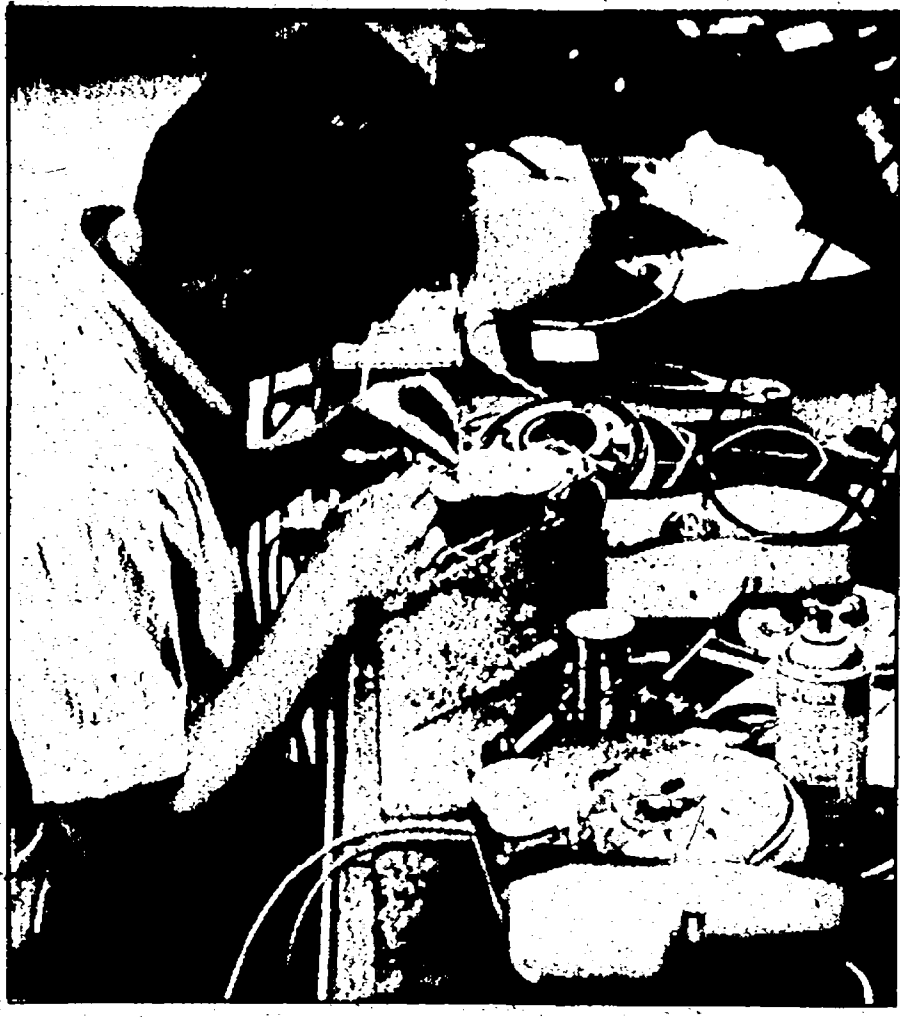
Recess to Closed Session: Motion by Roach and Laura that the meeting be recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Vice President Sari recessed the meeting to closed session at 10:16 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:25 p.m.

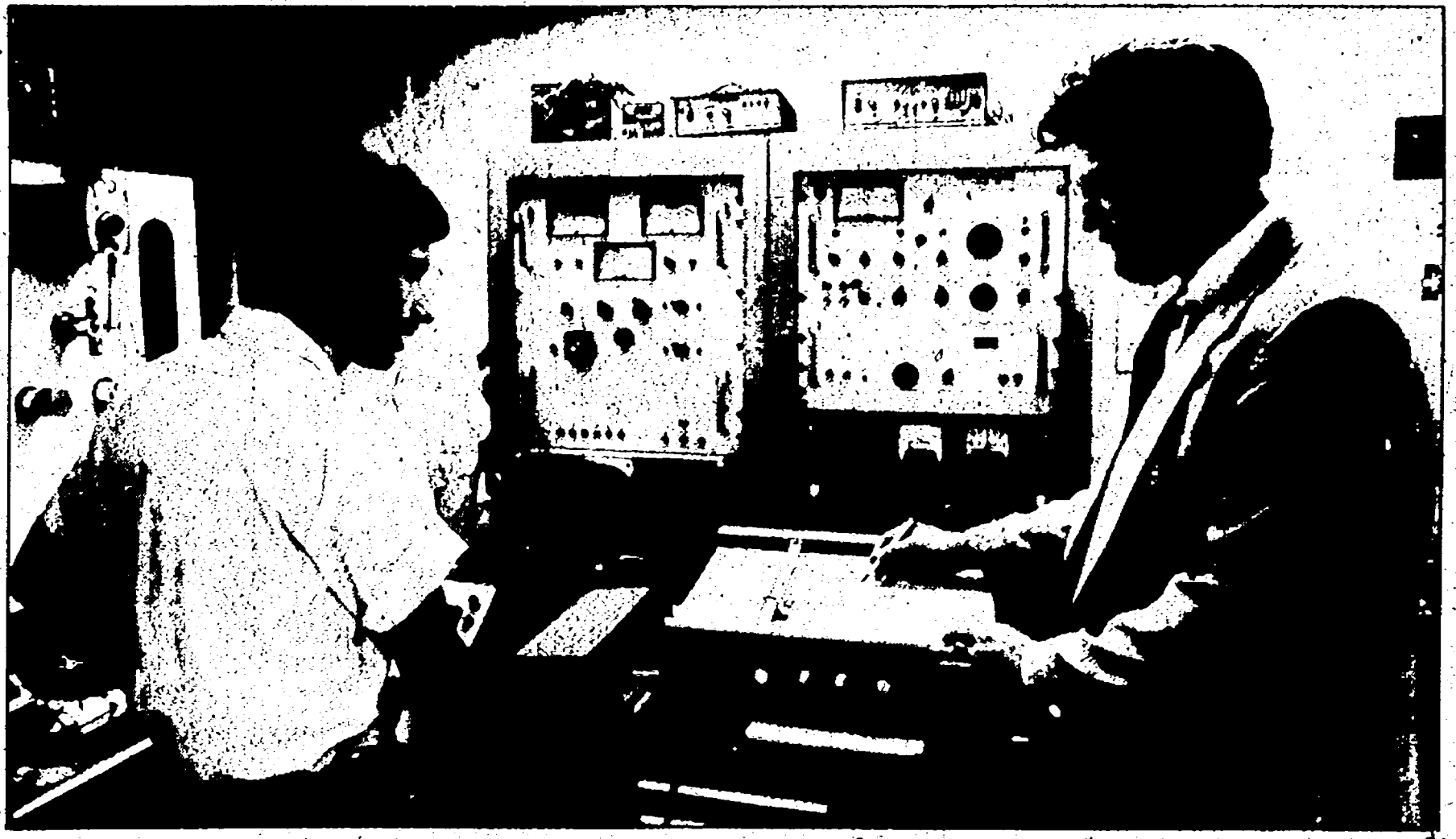
Adjournment: Motion by Strom and Laura that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Strom Nays: None

Vice President Sari adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

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Ron Poore reassembles a boat auto-pilot unit after making the repairs.



photos by JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Owner Eddie Harmon (right) and David Bessen check the performance chart read-out during the final testing of a Servo valve.

Fine tuning

High-tech equipment repair business booming

By Leonard Poger
editor

Eddie Harmon opened his first high-tech equipment sales and service business 15 years ago in a facility smaller than his current office.

Since then, he has bought two other related businesses and now has them under one roof with his \$3 million a year N/C Servo Technology Corp.

He has owned his business since he was 27, starting out first in a small facility in Dearborn, moving to the Garden City industrial park in 1977 and to his current location in the Westland Commerce Park

industrial subdivision eight years ago.

Harmon, 42, talked about his business start and its growth during an open house recently in his office in the Ford-Hix area.

In adjacent rooms were shelves filled with various high-tech aviation, robotics, satellite, and marine equipment to be repaired or serviced.

He started his business from scratch near the end of the 1973-75 recession with a small shop "with a test stand and some benches in a space smaller than my (current) office," Harmon said.

"MY OVERHEAD was only \$200

a month, but I was working seven days a week, including holidays, for about 1 1/2 years and didn't take any money out of the business," Harmon said.

"But it was a good lesson and experience."

While he still puts in 55 to 65 hours a week, he works on weekends "because I enjoy it, not because I have to."

Some weekend work includes programming computers to make the office more efficient.

The growth of his business prompted him to move into a 3,000 square foot building in the Garden City industrial park in 1977 with about half of the space leased to

another business.

Now, Harmon owns two other related businesses, Great Lakes Instruments Service and Quality Controlled Electronics, in his 12,000-square-foot building in the Ford-Hix area.

With the addition of a second floor, his business now occupies 19,000 square feet.

HIS WORKFORCE includes 40 people in the Westland building and four in Montreal. While the Westland service center is the heart of his business, Harmon has sales offices in Chicago, Atlanta, Milwaukee, and Buffalo.



Jim Preston tests a self-contained breathing apparatus, also known as an air pack, used by firefighters when entering burning structures.

Good attitude helps area businessman survive cancer

By Amy Rauch
staff writer

Paul Kadish doesn't look or act like a cancer patient who is about to undergo a bone marrow transplant this week.

The Livonia businessman is a victim of non-Hodgkins lymphoma. But he doesn't consider himself a victim. In fact, he thinks he's quite lucky.

Well-known in Livonia politics, Kadish served as chairman and trustee on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees and was a leader in the Democratic party in Livonia.

Kadish was diagnosed with the rare form of cancer a little more than three years ago. Since then, he has undergone four sessions of chemotherapy.

But Kadish's chances of survival have actually increased since his diagnosis. The latest cancer research has given him a shot at a bone marrow transplant, and a 50 to 75 percent chance of complete recovery after the transplant.

"Three-and-a-half years ago (the time of his diagnosis), bone marrow transplants were unheard of," Kadish said. "My prospects then were not as good as they are now."

If the transplant is successful, Kadish will enjoy a normal life expectancy.

KADISH SAID surviving an illness is a matter of attitude.

"The Big C scares the hell out of people. I have never admitted it would get me.

"It really doesn't get me down, but I can't say I don't think about it. It brings forth your mortality — what you wanted to accomplish and did you accomplish it.

"I'm not afraid to die. I strongly believe that dying is a part of living. You can either live until you die or die until you die. I've chosen the former."

Non-Hodgkins lymphoma affects the immune system. Kadish will undergo an autologous transplant, or the injection of his own bone marrow — which was removed from his hip three months ago — back into his body.

He will undergo eight days of chemical and radiation treatments aimed at killing all the cancer cells in his body before the surgery. The treatments will also kill the remaining bone marrow in his body, hence the transplant.

Because he will be highly susceptible to infection, Kadish will be in isolation for four to six weeks after his surgery.

"With no immunity, the wrong kind of infection can kill you," he said.

Kadish will undergo surgery at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Kadish and wife Ina, both 54 and

'I strongly believe that dying is a part of living. You can either live until you die or die until you die. I've chosen the former.'

—Paul Kadish



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Paul Kadish receives much emotional support from wife Ina for his rare form of cancer.

now living in Farmington Hills, are strong believers in positive thinking.

Ina Kadish found her motivation in a local unity church. Paul's inspiration goes back many years, to a time when he listened to motivational records. It was 1958 and, as a new graduate of Wayne State University, Kadish found himself unable to get a job.

Kadish is the owner of the Associated Group Underwriters, Inc. in Livonia.

He also has been politically active during the past two decades, running twice for the State Legislature, serving on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees for 15 years and as chairman of the Livonia Democratic Party for four, and managing mayoral and congressional campaigns.

IRONICALLY, Ina is the owner of Quartus Photo Design Systems, a company that specializes in decorating the walls and ceilings of offices and hospitals with enlarged photographs of nature.

A gestalt therapist, Ina believes that the scenes calm patients who otherwise would be forced to stare at blank walls during recovery.

"Aesthetics are important," she said. "When the walls are white and plain, people are stuck up there for two months with nothing to look at."

Knowing her husband would be

stuck in that very situation following surgery, Ina took action to set up a fund at Harper Hospital.

The fund is already well under way and Ina plans to get started on the fourth floor of the hospital, where Paul will be staying.

"There are no accidents. That's my philosophy," she said, referring to the ironic tie between Paul's illness and her occupation. "We're really excited about what we're doing. I believe your mind does control your body."

"Maybe we'll decorate the place while I'm there," Paul said.

KADISH SAID he'll keep up the good attitude throughout his surgery and recovery.

"I don't think of myself as sick. Cancer has never put me on my back. Even with chemotherapy, I would work every day."

Kadish said two of the most important elements to recovery are a positive attitude and support from family and friends.

"They grew up with a positive thinker," he said of his three children. "I won't let them get down and they won't let me get down."

In his spare time, Kadish enjoys camping, golf, reading and music. He plans to write a book that will both document his experiences and serve as an inspiration to others.

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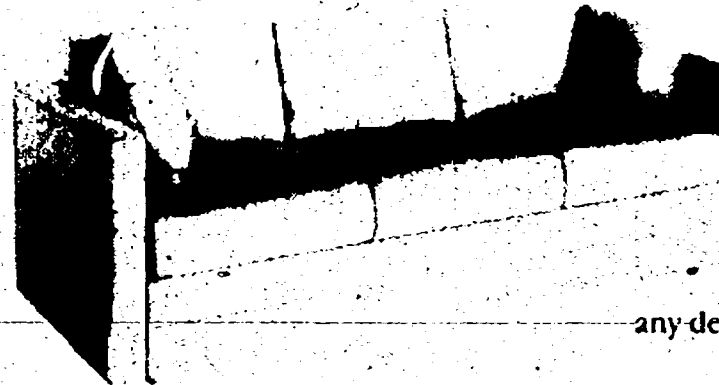
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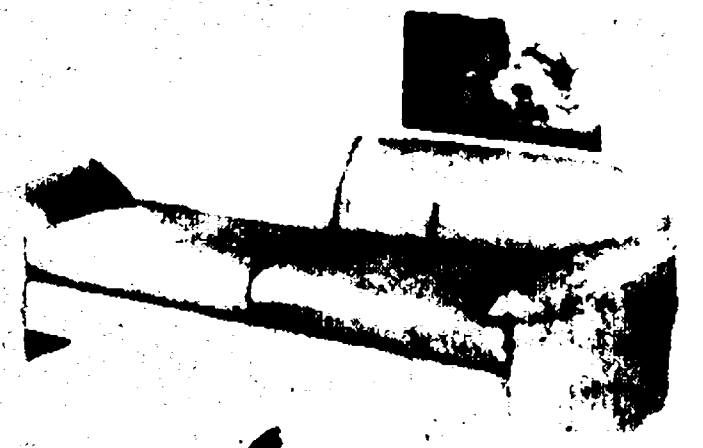
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Community Corner

This week's question:

What's your favorite thing at the Westland Summer Festival?

We asked this question Saturday to Westland residents on the festival midway.



"The classic car show. Our friends have cars entered. My brother-in-law is entering his '66 (Ford) Fairlane."
— Leon Crane



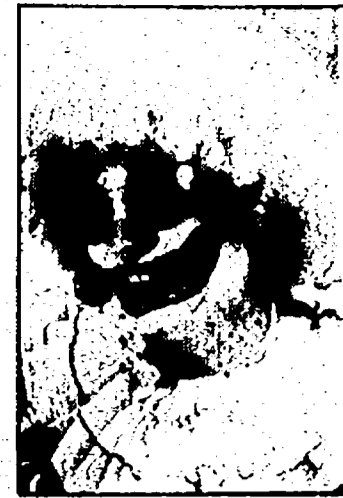
"It's fun. It's the place where people are. I like the boat ride."
— Lexi Tuma, 8



"The rides are the best. The Tilt-A-Whirl."
— Joe Tuma, 9



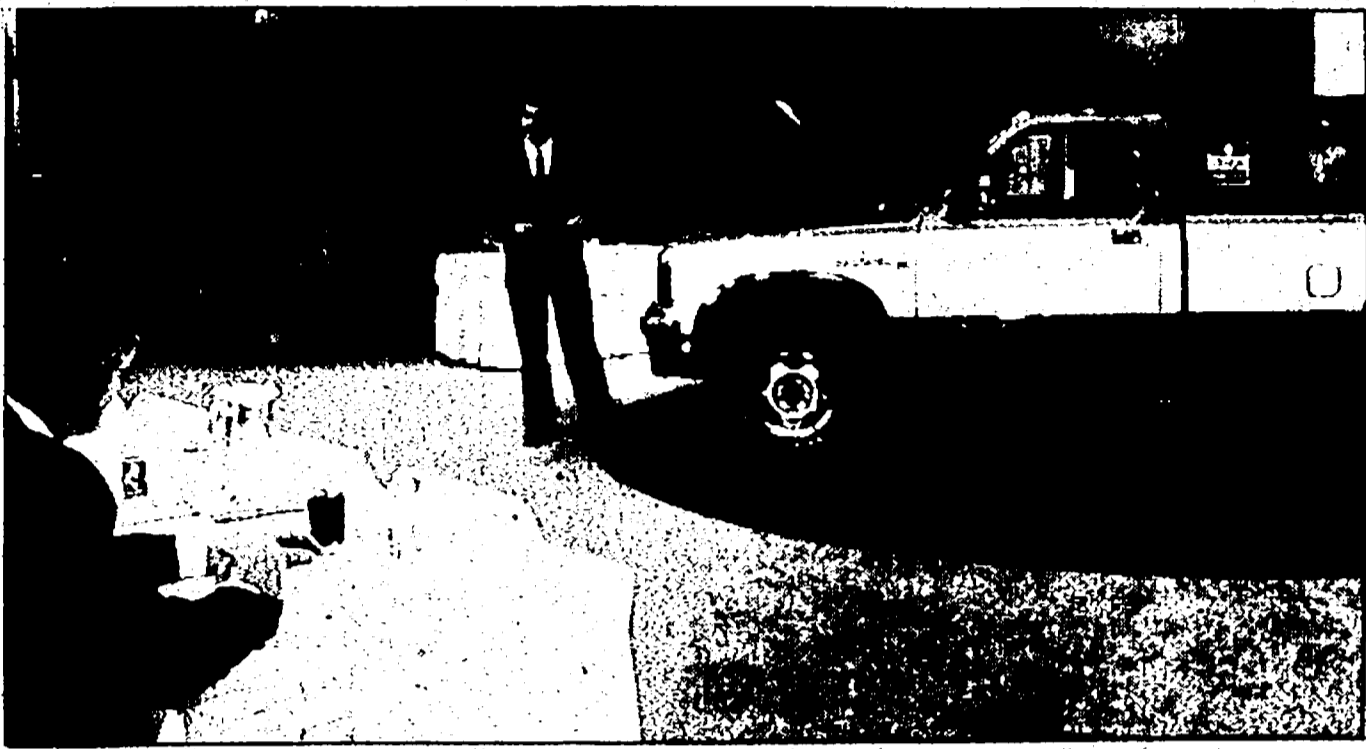
"I like all the activities for kids. The contests. I guess the tractor pull is my favorite."
— Lynda Gervais



"Everything. I love the music, the parade, the food."
— Giggles the Clown (Helen McCarthy)



"The Westland Spirlers (baton troupe). My daughter is in the group and it's fun and a real challenge trying to get every one in line for the parade."
— Darlene Webb



Winning pitch

Nick Engels of Crestwood Dodge on Ford and Venoy won the 1990 national "walk-around competition" held for Dodge sales people. At the national finals in Tucson, Ariz., Engels had to "sell" this Dodge Dakota

truck. The championship meant \$2,500 in travel prizes and a plaque. Engels earlier won four rounds of competition to reach the national finals.

Hospital offers Medicare counseling

A Medicare counseling program is being offered by St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, the American Association of Retired Persons and the Senior Alliance.

The counseling is to help senior citizens understand and function within the complex system of Medi-

care and other health insurance benefits.

The sessions are conducted by trained volunteer counselors who work by appointment on an individual or group basis.

Open to any Medicare recipient in southern or western Wayne County,

the program is free to eligible senior citizens.

Counseling will be at St. Mary Hospital from noon to 4 p.m. every Tuesday. To make an appointment, call the hospital's physician referral service at 464-9355 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Council OKs new contract, pay raises for city workers

Continued from Page 1

work and eliminating some overtime.

Thomas said the use of supplemental employees will "save the city a ton of money" without "trampling on the union."

MEANWHILE, EXISTING employees will be allowed to keep Blue Cross/Blue Shield, but new employees will receive health maintenance organization coverage through

Health Alliance Plan. Gorman estimates that will save the city \$1,224 per employee per year.

Thomas and council members who supported the contract Monday pointed out its cost-saving measures and said the raises would put Westland employees on a comparable level with workers in other metropolitan Detroit suburbs.

"I think what we have to do is look at the contract overall," said councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli. "I'm not happy with every single provision,

but I don't think that's possible."

Thomas said the \$3,889 per employee, per year cost of the contract is substantially cheaper than recent agreements with other unions. He said an agreement reached earlier this year with the police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association will cost \$7,200 per employee annually and a 1989 contract with the Westland Police Officers Association (patrol officers) will cost \$4,254.

The patrol officers are the city's second largest employee group.

Children's invited to health fair

Children ages 5-18 are invited to attend a health fair on Saturday, Aug. 25, in Livonia.

The fair will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Horizon Health Building at 19900 Haggerty in Livonia. The fair is open to the public.

Several physicians and organizations are participating in the event this year, including co-sponsors Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, American Family Care, and participants Beltone Hearing, Allen Apfelblat, D.D.S., Howard Lazar, D.P.M.,

Michigan Eyecare Institute, and others.

There is a great need for medical assistant volunteers and other volunteers. M. Joseph George, M.D., director of the American Family Care Center in Livonia, and coordinator of the fair this year and in 1989, said, "We saw almost 400 registrants last year and hope to see as many or more this year."

Hundreds of volunteers help out providing health screens for vision, hearing, oral/dental, foot exams, fitness testing, height, weight, blood

pressure, etc.

Optional tests include school physicals (\$10), body composition (\$5), and cholesterol testing (\$3).

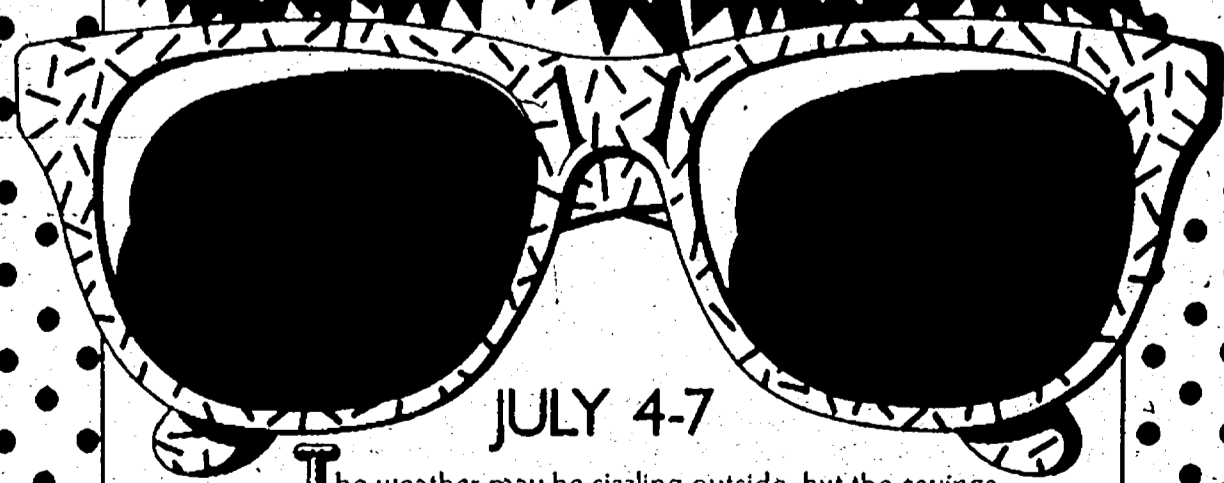
There will be videotaped health messages, balloons, clowns, and health literature from area agencies and organizations. Parents will be asked to sign a consent form. Pre-registration is available by calling 462-1990 weekdays.

If any organization would like to discuss setting up a health education booth, call the center now at 462-1990.

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S'craft building sets sights high

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

The sky is the limit for Schoolcraft College's new college services building — or at least the third floor.

College officials are considering a building of "two to three stories," according to college vice president for business services Adelard Raby III.

If so, it could make it the tallest building on the college's Livonia campus.

"From Haggerty (Road), it probably would be the tallest," Raby said. "I think the physical education building may be a little taller, but it's down in a hollow."

The new building would include registration, counseling and learning assistance center offices, as well as a new student activities center, among other offices.

GROUND COULD be broken as soon as next spring, Raby said, though the building isn't expected to be occupied until 1993.

College officials estimated the new building would require as much as 57,000 square feet — about two-thirds the size of the entire Schoolcraft College-Radcliff building in Garden City.

College officials are looking at ways of making the building smaller, Raby said, though he doubted it would shrink below 50,000 square feet.

Most campus buildings are one story, though the Waterman Campus Center has upper and lower levels. Waterman, however, isn't a model for the new building.

"That's not really a true two-story building," Raby said. "It's really a one-story building with a penthouse."

College officials are considering adding at least two stories to the new building because of its projected size, as well as the topography of the selected site. Due to a 15-foot slope, Raby said, it would require considerable filling and leveling for a sprawling one-story building.

"WE'VE PRETTY much ruled out a one-story building," he said.

The new building would be paid for through proceeds of Schoolcraft's partnership with Duke Associates, developer of the Seven Mile Crossing office complex on college land.

Its primary purpose is to consolidate services now provided in a series of small houses on Haggerty, south of the college. Those houses would be destroyed, Raby said.

County budget shows surplus

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Wayne County recorded a budget surplus in 1989, for the second year in a row — marking the first back-to-back yearly surpluses since county audits began in the early '70s.

According to audit figures released Monday, the county ended the last fiscal year with a slight \$375,278 surplus. It posted a \$433,000 surplus last year.

"This isn't as dramatic as the days of payless paydays, but it's welcome news," county Executive Edward McNamara said.

The surplus — less than one-tenth of one percent of the county operating budget — will be credited toward this year's budget, McNamara said.

The county was exempted by state law from having to audit its finances until the early '70s.

'This isn't as dramatic as the days of payless paydays, but it's welcome news.'

— Edward McNamara
county executive

The county's new indigent health care plan, implemented in 1988, and reduced sheriff's department overtime, were keys to balancing the budget, McNamara said.

THOUGH THE sheriff's department spending exceeded budget projections, McNamara declined to criticize Sheriff Robert Ficano.

Instead, McNamara praised the department for trimming jail overtime.

Overtime for jail deputies cost the county about \$1.5 million last year, compared with more than

\$2.6 million in 1988. The \$1.1 million saving represented a spending reduction of about 44 percent.

County officials hope the new audit figures will help the county improve its bond rating — making bonds less expensive to issue for a number of county projects, including a new golf course and morgue.

The new county golf course, planned for the Inkster Road/Middlebelt area of Inkster, is currently held up due to a lands dispute with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, McNamara said.

The new morgue is sought for an area near Wayne State University. WSU students have traditionally used the morgue as a learning laboratory.

County bonds are currently rated BB-plus by Standard & Poor's Corp. and Ba by Moody's Investor's Service, Inc. Both ratings are just below investment grade, county officials said.

Investment-grade bonds, given A ratings or better, are less risky and do not have to provide investors with the higher interest rates associated with lower-rated, riskier, bonds.

Wayne County's bond ratings have been upgraded twice within the past 18 months, assistant county executive Lester Robinson said.

THE AUDIT involved Wayne County's \$273 million operating budget. It was conducted by the national accounting firm of Ernst & Young.

Wayne County had an accumulated debt of at least \$135 million before its 1987 debt-reduction agreement with the state. That agreement, which provided the county with new cigarette tax and airport parking tax revenue, is based on the county's ability to keep its budget balanced.

Locals get jump on new county recycling plan

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Westland and Garden City residents could soon begin recycling trash at multiple, rotating sites. Redford residents might soon begin "drive-thru" recycling. And Plymouth Township residents will soon have reusable items picked up curbside.

All area residents are soon going to begin recycling.

Wayne County Commissioners moved recycling a step forward last week, approving a plan that calls for one drop off center for every 100,000 county residents.

"I think this is as strong a step as we could take for recycling that would be feasible," said Wayne County Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, chairman of the county's Solid Waste Implementation Committee. "This is a recycling-driven plan, not an incineration-driven plan."

Though required to begin recycling by Jan. 1, many area communities began developing recycling plans even before Wednesday's commission action.

"I'd say a lot of our communities are already looking at recycling, though some are a little further along than others," said Daniel Gilmarlin of the Conference of Western Wayne.

The move is expected to spur curbside recycling in many communities.

Curbside pickup will begin in Plymouth Township after Labor Day, Supervisor Maurice Breen said.

Breen, who investigated solid waste issues on behalf of the CWW, called the county plan "as good a document as we were going to get."

"AS A practical matter, I don't think we have a problem (with the plan)," Breen said, speaking on behalf of the 18-community conference.

Neighboring Plymouth, the area's smallest community, has operated a voluntary drop off site for nearly a year and recently instituted curbside pickup of yard waste.

"About one-third of our homeowners are using the drop off site," assistant city manager Paul Sincoc said. "For a voluntary site, that's pretty amazing."

Livonia, with more than 100,000 people, might have to develop two sites, while smaller communities can band together into a single site.

Livonia already operates a drop off center, Mayor Robert Bennett said, and plans for curbside recycling could be developed in "30-60 days."

Speculation on a second drop off center, the mayor said, is just that.

"I've heard it mentioned, but I don't think it's going to be neces-

sary," Bennett said. "I think the new census will show us just about where we are (about 104,000)."

In Redford, a drive-through center is being proposed by the township and its trash-hauler, Browning-Ferris Industries.

"It's before our site committee," Supervisor James Kelly said. "We're also looking at beginning recycling, on a trial basis, this summer."

Garden City, Westland and other members of the Central Wayne Sanitation Authority are considering a weekend drop off center that would rotate among all member communities — at least as a temporary step toward recycling.

"It could be in Garden City one weekend, Dearborn Heights the next," City Manager Jon Austin of Garden City said.

Canton Supervisor Thomas Yack said response to his community's drop off site has been so great, a second, mini-site is being added at the township hall.

"People are really getting behind recycling," Yack said.

Sanitation authority members, including Inkster and Wayne, are being given until 1994 to implement mandatory recycling plan because they currently send waste to an incinerator.

Communities without incinerators, including Livonia, Redford, Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships, are given until 1992.

IN ADDITION to recycling, the plan allows for new landfills in Sumpter and Van Buren townships and allows expansion of the Woodland Meadows landfill, Wayne Disposal landfill, Van Buren Township and Riverview Land Preserve.

"The Woodland Meadows expansion is slight," Mack said. "It would probably only give them another year of operation."

Allowing additional landfills wouldn't lessen recycling efforts, Mack added.

"We obviously can't recycle everything," he said. "There's still going to be a need for landfills."

Despite county commission approval, the plan must also be approved by 29 of Wayne county's 43 communities and by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Mack said he was optimistic approval would soon be forthcoming from both groups.

"I think people see recycling as the way of the future," he said. "Wayne County would be leading the way."

Gilmarlin, however, pointed out that collecting trash in only half the battle.

"Collection is really the easy part," he said. "The harder part is going to be finding someone to process it and markets once it's recycled."

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clarification

A photo caption in Thursday's editions of the Observer incorrectly identified an instructor at the

Schoolcraft police academy. The instructor should have been identified as Ronald Proudlock, a Livonia police officer.

There's still time to enroll in basketball clinics

● ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Wednesdays — Members of a support group for Alzheimer's Disease meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren Road. For information, call 728-6100.

● HOST LIONS

Thursdays — The Westland Host Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, in the Red Lobster Restaurant on Wayne Road, north of Ford.

● TOPS

Thursdays — TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Garden City Education Center (the former Harrison School), on Harrison, north of Maplewood. For information, call Delores Grenke at 427-8824.

● PURPLE HEART

Wednesdays — The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall on Ford Road, west of Vandy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded vets.

● CONCERT BAND

Wednesdays — The Westland Concert Band meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in Marshall Junior High, 35104 Bayview, south of Cherry Hill east of Wayne Road. Musicians are sought for the newly formed band. Call Jim Frobe at 729-7386.

● OPEN SWIM

The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family Swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call 721-7044.

● CO-OP NURSERY

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery is accepting applications for 3- and 4-year-old classes that begin in September 1990. Three-year-old classes meet Monday and Thursday and 4-year-old classes meet Tuesday and Friday. For more information, call Cheri Kolodziejczak at 462-3687.

● KARATE

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

● ANAMILLO CLUB

The Anamillo (which means "to speak again") Club meets 2-4 p.m.

the third Wednesday of every month at the Garden City Education Center, 6701 Harrison. The club is a support group offering assistance, encouragement, companionship and mutual support to people and families of people who have lost their loved ones to cancer.

● DIABETES

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

● FOOT CARE

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

● HYPERTENSION

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

● WEIGHT CLUB

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

● EUCHRE

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

● HEALTH CARE

Education classes for "breast and lung care" are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The 30-minute program will focus on a support group, educational breast and lung care seminar. Those with Medicare Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage will have transportation provided to the diagnostic center where a light lunch will be served, after which mammograms and chest X-rays will be done, with return to Friendship Center at 2 p.m.

● RECOVERY

Recovery Incorporated meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841

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.

Middlebelt. It is a community mental health organization that offers a self-help method of will training. The recovery method is a system of techniques for controlling temperamental behavior and changing attitudes toward nervous systems and fears.

● JAYCEES

The Westland Jaycees are conducting their annual recruitment drive. Adults 21 to 40 years of age who are interested in helping the community and enjoying new friendships can call the Westland Jaycee Hot Line, 722-1630. Monthly membership meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month.

● FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness classes for adults are available days and evenings through Wayne-Westland's Leisure Program. Swimming classes include family swim, tot through adult instructional, aquatic exercise, early riser swim (for lap swimmers), and arthritis aquatic. For more information, call 728-0100.

● PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Toastmasters and improve your public speaking skills and gain confidence. Toastmasters meet at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Ram's Horn Restaurant on Telegraph and Plymouth Road. For more information, call Jessie Palmer-Griffin at 421-7925.

● SCREENING

Blood pressure and cholesterol screening are provided noon to 2 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Front Lobby of Garden City Hospital. Blood pressure screening is free and a \$5 fee is charged for the cholesterol test. No appointment necessary.

● WEIGHT LOSS

A new private weight-loss group will meet Mondays at 7 p.m. in Garden City Hospital Room 3 in the basement, 6245 Inkster Road at Ford. The group will focus on overcoming obesity and promoting self-esteem.

● SENIOR MEALS

Westland Medical Center will offer

a hot lunch program for community senior citizens (over 55). The center is on Merriman at Michigan Avenue. Meals will be available daily 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call Nancy Roggero, 467-2790.

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"It's good that they recognized a Filipino," Stella said.

The couple was honored at a formal dinner that also marked the 71st anniversary of the International Institute.

THE EVANGELISTAS were born in the Philippines and received their medical degrees from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. They emigrated to the U.S. in 1968 and moved to Michigan in 1971.

The couple's first stay in the United States was in Chicago, where they interned at the Columbus-Cunep Medical Center and then did their residency there. Stella specialized in pediatrics while Jose specialized in internal medicine.

Stella isn't sure that Chicago is the wonderful town that travel brochures say it is.

"I wouldn't know. We were work-

ing all the time," she said.

Their pace hasn't slowed much since the 1970s, as the couple have become immersed in medical, business and philanthropic pursuits here.

Jose is a past president of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America, the Philippine Medical Association of Michigan and Circolo Pampangueno of America.

He served in key leadership positions for the Filipino American Community Center and the Rizel Day Committee, which involved 32 Filipino organizations.

STELLA IS equally as busy, having served as an officer in both the national and state Philippine medical associations and chairing last year's Asian-American Journalists Association fund-raising scholarship dinner.

She became the first Asian appointed to the Michigan State Board of Medicine four years ago. Gov. James Blanchard recently reappointed her to another four-year term.

Right now Stella is deeply engrossed in final plans for the Association of Philippine Physicians of America convention in August. She

serves not only as convention chair but also as temporary executive director.

Together the Evangelistas plan an annual three-week trip to the Philippines with a group of 12 to 25 doctors, to provide medical services to needy people who require surgery.

"It's nothing of an emergency nature," Jose said. "It's for surgery that could wait until our medical mission gets there. Each of our doctors has a different area of specialty so we can serve all in need."

THE COUPLE visits the country two or three times each year, sometimes purely for medical pursuits and other times to visit family.

Stella has two brothers still in the Philippines while Jose has a sister there. Both have numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in the islands.

Advancing medical education in the Philippines is another pet project for the Evangelistas who work on scholarship committees for several groups that provide either for scholarships for students to attend medi-

cal school in the Philippines or medical faculty to study for a year or two in the United States.

Jose said his chief goal is for foreign medical students to be treated equally with those from the United States, explaining that medical schools now are limiting the enrollment of their foreign students to five percent of the population.

The entrance exam for foreign medical students to enter American schools has gotten a lot tougher as well, Jose said.

"In some training hospitals they would rather have positions vacant than fill them with a foreign student. We want to change that," Jose said.

THE EVANGELISTAS' second oldest son is hoping for follow in his parents' footsteps, already in a pre-med program at college.

The oldest is a business major, while the third just finished high school. The remaining three children are in elementary school.

The couple also is working to

make the Asian community much more active in politics, both for involvement and to become more visible.

"We're trying to get the Filipino community active in politics but we're not politically motivated — we're very laid back. But we're doing it as an Asian group. The Filipinos, Chinese, Japanese — these are small groups so we'll do it together as an Asian group," Stella said.

Outside of the medical field, the Evangelistas have made a go in the area of real estate development, owning a number of commercial and residential complexes throughout the United States.

Despite the many time commitments, Stella Evangelista is going to take on yet one more project.

"There are so many plans in my head, so much I'd like to do," Stella said. "I want to go into training for another specialty — allergist."

Jose likes her choice.

"In Michigan that is a very good specialty," he said.

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The couple recently earned high praise for their numerous efforts when both were entered into the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit's Hall of Fame.

The Evangelistas became the first couple ever accorded the honor and also were the first Filipino recipients.

"It's good that they recognized a Filipino," Stella said.

The couple was honored at a formal dinner that also marked the 71st anniversary of the international institute.

THE EVANGELISTAS were born in the Philippines and received their medical degrees from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. They emigrated to the U.S. in 1968 and moved to Michigan in 1971.

The couple's first stay in the United States was in Chicago, where they interned at the Columbus-Cunco Medical Center and then did their residency there. Stella specialized in pediatrics while Jose specialized in internal medicine.

Stella isn't sure that Chicago is the wonderful town that travel brochures say it is.

"I wouldn't know. We were work-

ing all the time," she said.

Their pace hasn't slowed much since the 1970s, as the couple have become immersed in medical, business and philanthropic pursuits here.

Jose is a past president of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America, the Philippine Medical Association of Michigan and Circolo Pampangueno of America.

He served in key leadership positions for the Filipino American Community Center and the Rizel Day Committee, which involved 32 Filipino organizations.

STELLA IS equally as busy, having served as an officer in both the national and state Philippine medical associations and chairing last year's Asian-American Journalists Association fund-raising scholarship dinner.

She became the first Asian appointed to the Michigan State Board of Medicine four years ago. Gov. James Blanchard recently reappointed her to another four-year term.

Right now Stella is deeply engaged in final plans for the Association of Philippine Physicians of America convention in August. She

serves not only as convention chair but also as temporary executive director.

Together the Evangelistas plan an annual three-week trip to the Philippines with a group of 12 to 25 doctors, to provide medical services to needy people who require surgery.

"It's nothing of an emergency nature," Jose said. "It's for surgery that could wait until our medical mission gets there. Each of our doctors has a different area of specialty so we can serve all in need."

THE COUPLE visits the country two or three times each year, sometimes purely for medical pursuits and other times to visit family.

Stella has two brothers still in the Philippines while Jose has a sister there. Both have numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in the islands.

Advancing medical education in the Philippines is another pet project for the Evangelistas who work on scholarship committees for several groups that provide either for scholarships for students to attend medi-

cal school in the Philippines or medical faculty to study for a year or two in the United States.

Jose said his chief goal is for foreign medical students to be treated equally with those from the United States, explaining that medical schools now are limiting the enrollment of their foreign students to five percent of the population.

The entrance exam for foreign medical students to enter American schools has gotten a lot tougher as well, Jose said.

"In some training hospitals they would rather have positions vacant than fill them with a foreign student. We want to change that," Jose said.

THE EVANGELISTAS' second oldest son is hoping for follow in his parents' footsteps, already in a pre-med program at college.

The oldest is a business major, while the third just finished high school. The remaining three children are in elementary school.

The couple also is working to

make the Asian community much more active in politics, both for involvement and to become more visible.

"We're trying to get the Filipino community active in politics but we're not politically motivated - we're very laid back. But we're doing it as an Asian group. The Filipinos, Chinese, Japanese - these are small groups so we'll do it together as an Asian group," Stella said.

Outside of the medical field, the Evangelistas have made a go in the area of real estate development, owning a number of commercial and residential complexes throughout the United States.

Despite the many time commitments, Stella Evangelista is going to take on yet one more project.

"There are so many plans in my head, so much I'd like to do," Stella said. "I want to go into training for another specialty - allergist."

Jose likes her choice. "In Michigan that is a very good specialty," he said.

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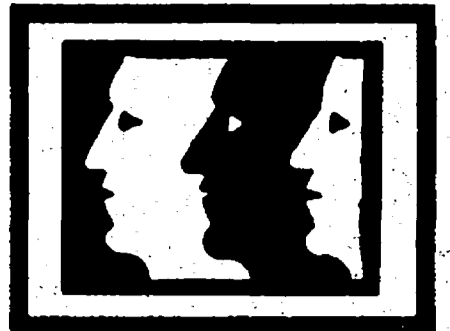
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Socialized into the system

Woman works for kids' sake

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

A WOMAN IN BROWNISH, red hair pulls out a bag of M&Ms and slowly puts a green one in her mouth. A few seats away an older black woman talks about how she can't wait to see her three grandchildren.

"I'm trying to get custody of my grand kids," she says to another visitor. "But with me using drugs . . ."

A woman in a bright yellow dress and a black portfolio in hand coordinates the scene at the Orchard's Children's Services office in Southfield on this Wednesday morning, better known as BFV day. The acronym is for birth family visit, one of several Pam Molyneaux uses in order to get through her day as a social worker.

But the problems of those in the waiting room are not easily summed up in two or three letters. Pam Molyneaux knows only too well.

The woman who eats candy is about to see her son. The child was placed in foster care after her boyfriend physically abused him for wetting his diaper.

The other woman talking about her grandchildren is a recovering crack cocaine addict. She's there to visit the children, ages 9 months, 3 and 4 years, hoping to get permanent custody of the three — one who was born crack addicted and has a special monitor attached to her.

TWO OF THE children belong to a mother who is in a drug recovery program for crack addiction; the other child's mother is extremely limited mentally.

In each case, Molyneaux tries to reunite child with birth parents. Those are happy endings.

And in foster care, those are not written as easy as for a film or a book. Cases Molyneaux deals with include incidents of drug abuse, physical and sexual abuse and emotional neglect. Often, those problems span many generations.

Somehow, some way, Molyneaux is supposed to cut through all the years of dysfunctional past, connect all the wires, wave a wand and send everyone off as one well-oiled familial unit. Yes, happy endings.

Unfortunately, there are never enough of those in what's simply referred to as "the system." But there are just enough to keep social workers like Molyneaux plugging away. The work week is 50 to 60 hours, starting pay is anywhere from \$16,000 to \$20,000 a year and the burn-out rate is extremely high.

For her efforts, Molyneaux has been threatened and her judgment often scrutinized. She's been able to return children to the birth parent in four cases.

"You're never going to be 100 percent sure," said Molyneaux, a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. ". . . Sometimes the clients call and say 'thank you' for all you've done. That's nice."

LIKE MANY who enter the field, Molyneaux became a social worker with altruistic intentions. She was a student at the University of Michigan, studying law.

One day, Molyneaux and her boyfriend were at the zoo when she spotted a child being punched by his mother. She followed the parent to the car, took down the license plate number and called Protective Services.

A subsequent investigation turned up serious child abuse. The kid was promptly removed from the home and placed into foster care.

"I thought, 'If I can do this for one child and get him out of his misery . . .'" she said. "Plus, I love kids."

Love of children is one thing, curing a generation of social ills is another. After two years as a



Pam Molyneaux of Westland has been a social worker for two years with Orchard's Children's Services in Southfield. Molyneaux (top left) talks with a mother and a relative at Wayne County Juvenile Court after a judge ruled to keep the mother's children in foster care. A grandmother (top center) who is a recovering crack addict gives a Molyneaux a hug for all her help. Molyneaux (top right) says goodbye to a child in the foster parent waiting room and (above) tends a hand at the water fountain.

"I thought, 'If I can do this for one child and get him out of his misery . . .'"

— Pam Molyneaux
social worker

social worker, her determination hasn't waned. In the system, the social worker plays all the positions. A friend to foster parents, a foil for attorneys, a foe to birth parents and, most importantly, a fighter for children.

On this day, Molyneaux darts from one area of the Southfield office to the other. Some of the visits between child and birth parent are under total supervision, others are semi-supervised.

She moves across the office to the foster parent waiting area where she discusses a clothing allowance for one intermediate mom. In the hallway, she lifts a child to the drinking fountain, provides both SEMTA and DOT bus tickets in order for a family to get home and receives a hug from the grandmother for all her help.

IN DEALING with birth parents, she is empathetic without being sympathetic. She can be stern.

That can bring trouble from parents who often view the social worker as the evil person responsible for taking their child away.

"One time I had a woman waiting outside for me," Molyneaux said. "She was waiting by my car. I was scared to death but I couldn't let her see that. I said, 'What are you going to do? If you touch me, you'll never see your kid again.' By then, security saw what was happening."

"Some of them are, 'Take my kids, I'll take your life.' Some of them are hostile, especially when they're on crack. You can't take it personally because you know there are underlying problems."

After awhile, a trust develops. Molyneaux works with the birth parent, having them sign a parent/agency agreement that outlines what they have to do in order to get their children back.

Most are willing to prescribe to the treatment plan. Others are defiant.

Between keeping tabs on two birth family visits, Molyneaux talks to one mother's parole officer on the phone. Turns out she has tested positive for drugs and has three warrants out for her arrest.

MOLYNEAUX SHAKES her head as she looks down at the notes scribbled on the small piece of white paper.

"I talked to her and she said she was clean," she said. "If I didn't call, I might've recommended that her children be given back to her in September with all the lies she was feeding me."

As the parents and children filter out of the office, Molyneaux retreats to her desk. A mound of paperwork awaits her. She orders a salad for lunch and begins writing.

The second half of her day is spent in Wayne County Juvenile Court in Detroit. She will be asked to testify in a case where two children were placed into foster care and the mother wants them returned.

Molyneaux describes the mother as extremely limited mentally and who has epileptic seizures.

The mother's first child died at seven months due to medical neglect. As a result, the other two children were placed as wards of the court.

"This one said, 'I'll keep having kids until I can keep one,'" Molyneaux said. "I suspect she is pregnant again."

MOLYNEAUX RECOMMENDS they go to a suitable relative instead of the mother.

She is promptly called to the witness stand. Attorneys representing the Department of Social Services, the mother and the child's father who recently escaped from Jackson Prison are present.

Questions pertain to home visits, parent/agency agreements. Molyneaux is asked if she offered parenting classes to the mother, if she pro-

Writer has organizational sense

singles connection

Dear Ms. Green,
Over the years, your column has interested me, causing me to wonder what you would say, if I should submit my "chicken scratching."

So, Ms. Green, now is the time and I await a subsequent column to learn about myself which I hope and pray will impress my dear wife! Do your best for me - I can take it!

C.W.,
Bloomfield Hills

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In many ways, you feel you can do the job as well as or better than others. You can work either on your own or with others. However, you appear to have a little problem with authority figures. This could be a liability in a subordinate role.

You are neat, orderly and systematic in what you do and are most at ease when things around are the same. There is a sense of beauty here, telling me you also like to be surrounded by an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere.

You are not living just for the moment. You are goal oriented and strive for perfection in all that is important to you. Many of your goals are high placed and you do not sidestep the hard work involved in accomplishment.

TIME, RESOURCES and talents are used with discretion. You are not inclined to waste them on anything you consider unworthy. "Charity begins at home" is a hackneyed but meaningful cliché for you.

Often you are unresponsive to new ideas and/or tenets. Others may perceive you as close-minded. Once your mind is made up, you become rather firmly based.

Seemingly, you are more secure with the familiar without considering the possibility that the ideas or suggestions of others could prove better. This need for the security of



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Lorene Green

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You are aware of the impression you make on others and may come on a tad strong in your effort to make a favorable one. Some self-consciousness here may make you alert to criticism.

You have a dazzling way with words and are never at a loss for ways to express yourself. Your facility with language, especially your sophisticated humor, helps you handle situations skillfully. Have you ever considered why you feel the need for sarcasm when you feel threatened?

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VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles will meet 5-9:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8, for a picnic at Rotary Park, No. 3 Shelter, Six Mile and Hubbard roads, Livonia. Hamburgers and coffee will be provided. Bring a food dish, tableware, beverage and lawn chair. There will be a \$5 charge for those without a dish,

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OBSESSIVE DISORDERS

The Plymouth Chapter of the Never Say Never self-help group for people suffering from obsessive compulsive disorder will meet every other Thursday, starting July 5, at First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. For information, call 522-3022.

DRUG AWARENESS

"Intervention: The Direct Approach to Treatment and Recovery" will be the topic of the first of six community education programs offered by Brighton Hospital, 12851 E.

Grand River, Brighton.

The program will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, in the hospital chapel. Brian Duguay, the hospital's intervention specialist, will be the guest speaker.

Other monthly programs include "Substance Abuse: It's All in the Family," Aug. 7, "Cocaine and Marijuana: What Everyone Must Know" Sept. 4, "Drug-Free Kids: How Adolescent Chemical Dependence Is Treated" Oct. 2, "Intervention" (a repeat of the July 7 session) Nov. 6 and "Treatment and Recovery from Chemical Dependency" Dec. 4.

For more information, call 227-1211, Ext. 276.

GOLF BENEFIT

The third annual Golf Benefit for the Disabled Child, sponsored by the Detroit Institute for Children will be Friday, July 13, at the Links at Pine-wood in Walled Lake. Proceeds help support diagnostic and treatment services for disabled children. For

more information or registration materials, call 832-1100.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Volunteers of the American Heart Association will conduct free blood pressure screenings 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. The screenings are designed to detect high blood pressure and provide counseling on diet and medication.

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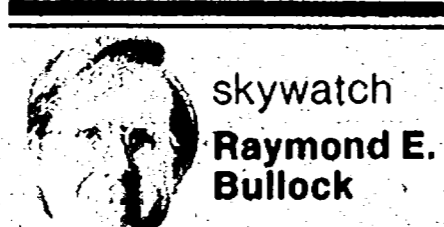
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July sky features meteor shower, lunar opposition

In July, the earth is farthest from the sun, two planets are at opposition while two others are in conjunction with the sun, there is a meteor shower, and there is a total eclipse of the sun (which is not visible from our area).

The length of the day begins to decrease in July. Sunrise on the 1st was at 5:59 a.m.; sunset was at 9:12 p.m., allowing for a possible 15 minutes of sunshine. On the 31st, these times are 6:23 a.m. and 8:53 p.m., for a possible 14 hours and 30 minutes of sun. This is 43 minutes less light than we had at the beginning of the month.

Earth was at apogee (AP oh gee) at 1 a.m. on July 4. We are at our greatest distance from the sun; 152,089,120 kilometers (94,503,798 miles).



skywatch
Raymond E. Bullock

The orbit of the earth is not circular. Like all the other planets, our orbit is elliptical (oval). We have a closest point and a farthest point from the sun in our orbit. Surprisingly, we in the Northern Hemisphere have the hottest weather when we are the farthest from the sun, and the coldest weather when we are the closest!

Our seasons are caused by the tilt of the earth's axis, rather than our distance to the sun. If we had no tilt,

we would have no seasonal changes. In July, the Northern Hemisphere is tilted toward the sun; we receive more direct rays of sunlight. In January we are actually closest to the sun, but our hemisphere is tilted away from the sun at that time, so we receive less direct sunlight, hence colder temperatures.

The moon has a very close conjunction (grouping) with the star Antares (an *TAR* ees), the "heart" of Scorpius, on the evening of July 4. The moon passes 0.2 degrees below Antares. When will the moon pass Antares again? (Use the moon's sidereal period which is given above.)

The planet Neptune is at opposition on the 5th. Neptune is located opposite the sun, as seen from the earth. That means Neptune will rise in the southeast as the sun sets in the northwest. The bad news is because of Neptune's great distance, it is

only visible through a telescope. **FULL MOON** occurs at 9:23 p.m. on July 7. This could also be considered a "lunar opposition!" The moon is opposite the sun and fully lighted. The moon will rise in the southeast as the sun sets in the northwest and be visible all night. About six degrees to the east (left) of the moon is Saturn.

If you consider just the sidereal period of the moon, you can calculate when the moon will pass this part of the sky again. But now you have to consider the motion of Saturn as well! Unlike stars, which never seem to change their positions,

planets have an orbital motion all their own. Because Saturn is moving westward through the stars of Sagittarius, the moon will pass Saturn in less than 27 days.

You might also assume that you can use the sidereal period of the moon to determine the date of the next full moon, but that is not the case. The phase of the moon depends on the alignment of the moon, the earth and the sun. During the 27 days it takes the moon to complete its sidereal period, the earth is also moving around the sun.

In order to get back into the full phase, the moon must move an addi-

tional two days and five hours worth to make up for the movement of the earth. So the total time to get from one full moon (or any particular phase) back to another is 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and 2.8 seconds. This is called the synodic (sun OD ic) period.

Saturn is 1.5 degrees north of (above) the moon on the morning of the 8th. Saturn will be at opposition on the 14th.

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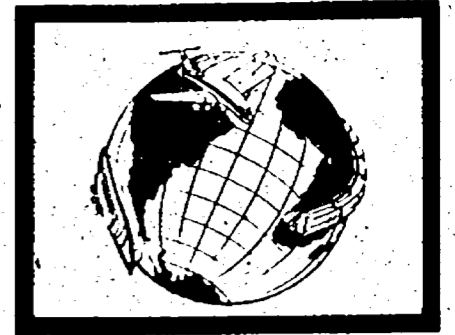
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Cruising the inland waterways

Touring through the canal locks and lifts of Wales

By John Handley
special writer

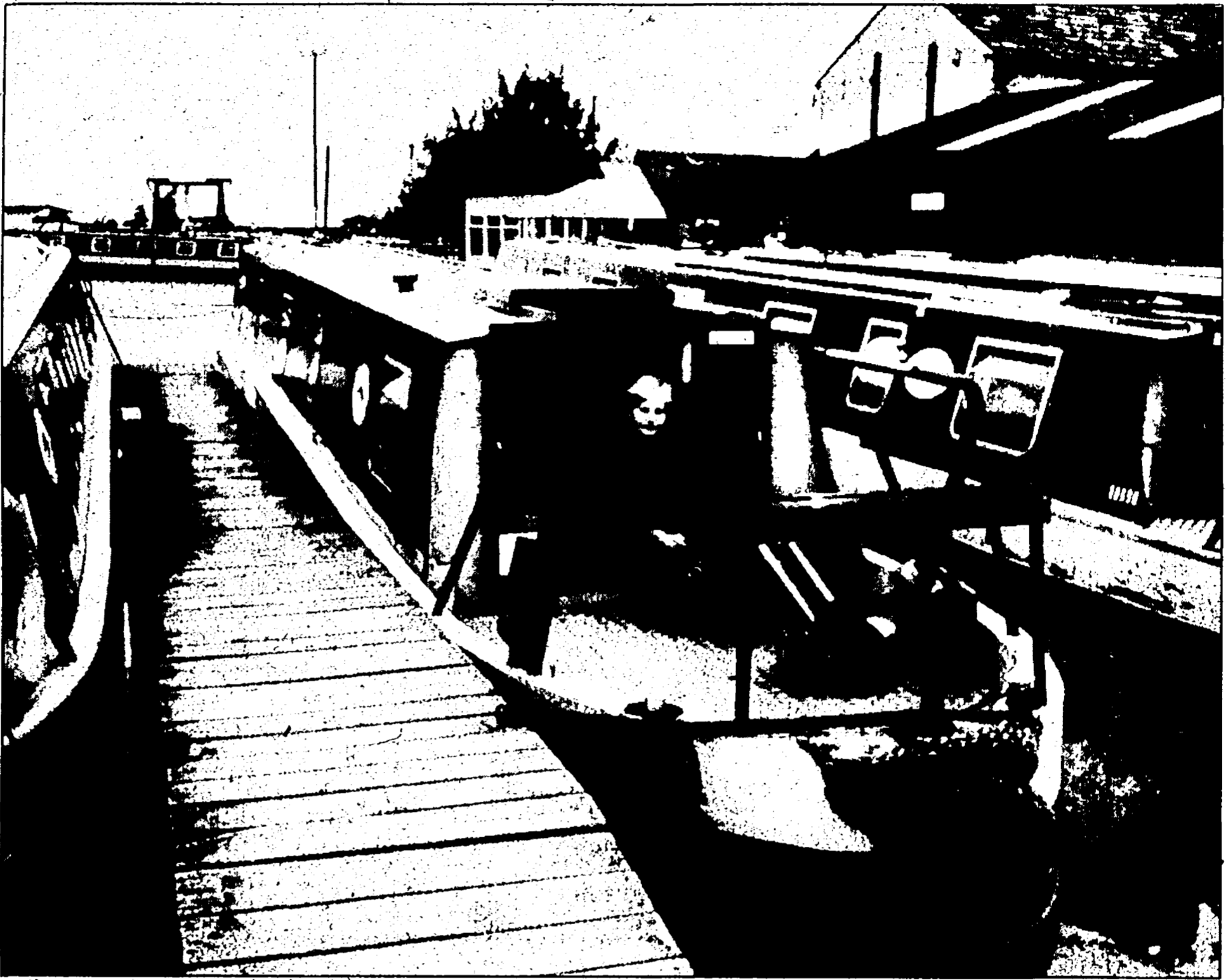
"There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats..."

When Kenneth Grahame put those words into the mouth of the Water Rat from his book, "The Wind In The Willows," pleasure boating on the canals of England was not yet the major vacation activity that it is today. But for five good friends who tried it, the words would express the delightful week spent cruising the inland waterways of Shropshire and Wales on the Llangollen Canal in the Water Bramble.

The Water Bramble is an updated version of the canalboats that were towed by horses along the waterways more than 180 years ago.

The five crew mates were: myself, alias, Skipper; first mate, Kay, of Lathrup Village; and able seamen, Maggie Brown of Boston and Ned and Alison Collett of Brewster, Mass. We've been friends for more than 35 years and it was a good thing; the confines of a 7-foot wide canal boat are no place for mere acquaintances.

The canals that line the British Inland Waterways system for hundreds of miles are the result of a canal-building boom that spanned a period from 1780 to 1840. The original purpose of the canals was to provide transport for the raw materials of industry and finished products, to factory and marketplace in a growing industrial England.



Leisure cruising takes over the British inland waterways where travelers capture some of the most beautiful countryside views of Wales.

TODAY, THE English and thousands of boaters from all over the world cruise the waterways. As one fellow boater put it, "It's the fastest way I know to slow down."

Our cruise began on a Saturday in late September from the Cheshire town of Nantwich, near the border of Wales. Nantwich is an attractive community on the Shropshire Union Canal. Several marinas in Nantwich provide boat rentals for those who plan to spend a week or more cruising this part of the canal system.

We planned to prepare most of our meals in the galley of our rented boat, so Kay, Alison and Maggie spent time shopping in Nantwich grocery stores and the weekend farmer's market.

We skippered the ship ourselves, no hired boat person came along, so we had to negotiate the canals and work the locks on our own.

The Water Bramble is a 60-foot-long, 7-foot-wide steel canal boat. Designed to sleep six people, it is powered by a small diesel engine which chugs along at a leisurely four miles per hour.

The boat was snug inside with a small toilet including a wash basin and shower, a galley with a small fridge, gas stove, a sink with hot and cold running water, and a "telly" tucked in one corner. Settees doubled as seating space during the day and sleeping accommodations at night.

Our outbound route had been planned to take us to the town of Llangollen in Wales, about 46 miles from our starting point. The countryside rises slowly over that distance for a gain in elevation of about 142 feet. This means we travel through 21 locks over 46 miles which lift us up and over the hills.

THE LOCKS on the Llangollen Canal are barely seven feet wide, which accounts for the narrow beam required of the boats that use them, as well as the term "narrow boats." Guiding our 60-foot-long craft into the narrow confines of the lock chamber proved to be something of a challenge at first and we rattled a few tea cups before getting the hang of it.

Fortunately, the boats are built to take a few bumps and you're not expected to be experts the first day. After negotiating four sets of locks Saturday, we moored for the night, confident that we could manage.

Mooring is simply finding a convenient stretch of bank on the towpath side of the canal, driving in a cou-

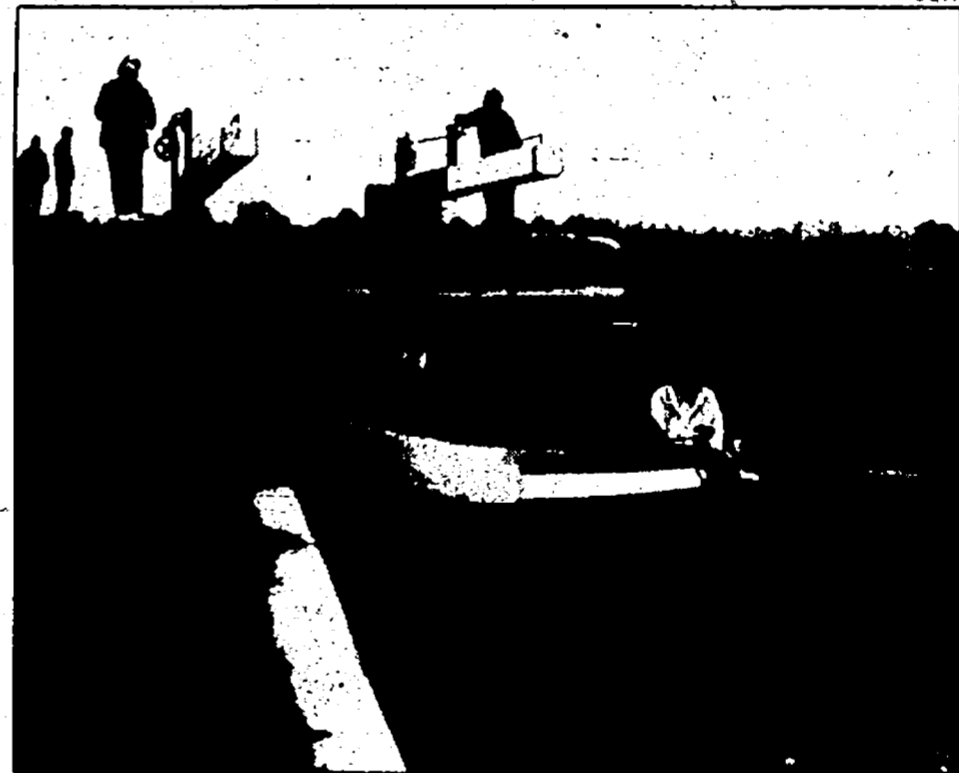
ple of mooring stakes and tying up securely. While Ned and I made sure we wouldn't drift away while we slept, the rest of the crew got busy in the kitchen and we were soon enjoying our first meal aboard; fresh fish purchased that morning from Nantwich. We tucked in early in anticipation of a leisurely cruise the next day in lovely English fall weather.

The next morning we were greeted with clear skies and the promise of a lovely day. But leisurely, it was not. Before we moored for the night, we negotiated 15 sets of locks, including the famous Grindley Brook "staircase" and cranked up and down an uncounted number of lift bridges, all by hand!

Working the locks is quite simple, but a very physical task. When in doubt, we consulted the instruction books provided by the boat leasing company.

THE LLANGOLLEN Canal took us through some lovely countryside, most of it in Shropshire. The canal winds peacefully through rolling meadows dotted with sheep and cows. We saw country villages in the distance with steeped churches silhouetted against the skyline, and flowers and ferns were seen growing from the canal bank. In many places the canal-side is heavily wooded

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While preparing the Water Bramble for the voyage, Kay Handley takes a break in the hatchway.

JOHN HANDLEY

Sea World splashes in with summer

By Roberta Schwartz
special writer

Six live shows feature a macho male, his buxom consort and plenty of jiggle.

Sound like a Las Vegas review?

No way. Shamu and his mate, Namu, show off to the delight of kids at Sea World. The jiggle comes strictly from marine blubber.

Once again, it's family fun time at this beautifully landscaped marine life park outside Cleveland, Ohio.

Sea World is easily accessible from Ohio Turnpike exits 12 and 13 and is the largest attraction of its kind.

This year from May to September, these 90 acres of marine life come to age. Sea World celebrates its 21st birthday by offering more than 20 exhibits and attractions.

The Royal Lipizzan Stallions, daring waterskiers in cat costumes and performing wild birds have given joy to families and educated kids for years, but the sentimental favorites continue to be Shamu and Namu.

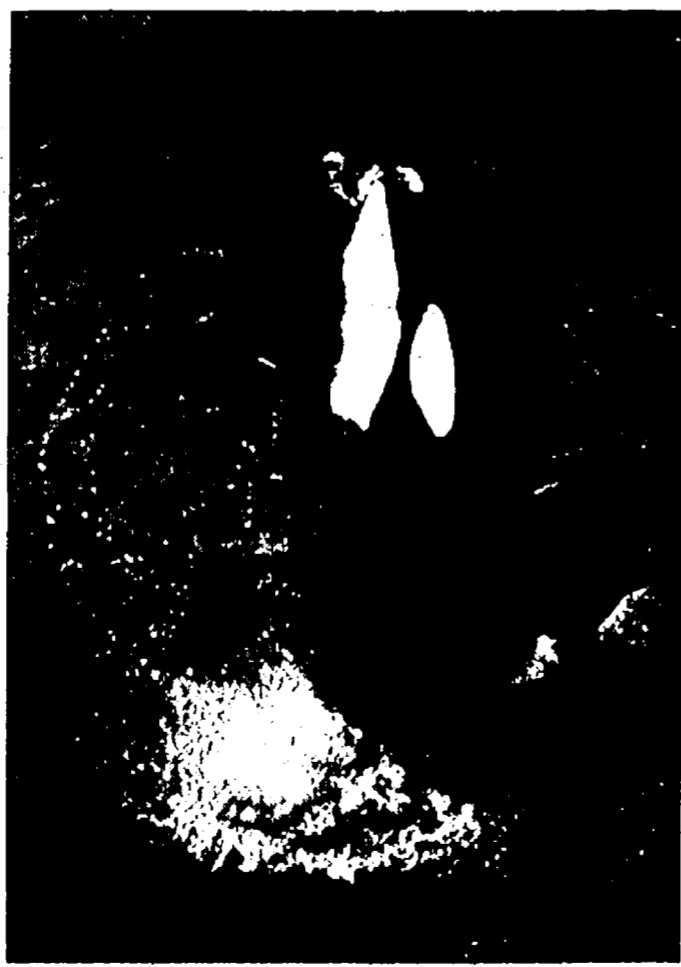
These majestic killer whales seem to dance and dive just to get folks in the grand stand all wet.

Shamu and Namu have their own family marine apartments at Sea World stadium since they are both stars. Their lofty status has not prompted them to snobishness.

Weighing more than three tons, Shamu loves to kiss kids brave enough to risk getting wet. Namu seems equally friendly when the fans approach her tank at the end of each show.

Bottlenose dolphins also demonstrate their strength and agility and jump extremely high for the rewards of applause and a few tasty fish. At the dolphin petting pool, youngsters get a closer look at these intelligent, affectionate creatures.

The Royal Lipizzan Stallion show makes its summer



Shamu and Namu are Sea World stars. Shamu shows off with instructors at Sea World stadium.

home at the park, which is about a four hour drive from Detroit. Fourteen snow-white stallions and mares perform in a new section, romantically called "The Vienna Woods."

Since 1562 they've performed for kings, and in the 20th century the horses have pleased full houses at Madison Square Garden and Radio City. Now the Lipizzans prance in a riding area with seating for 3,000 in a lovely wooded area of Sea World.

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Anchors away for summer

You've heard all those wonderful statistics about Michigan being the boating capital of the world — more boats per capita than any other state and 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline.

Please salute the Michigan flag and John Savich, director of the Michigan Travel Bureau, who has done more to promote Michigan in recent years than anyone else I know.

Savich certainly mentions all those fishing boats when he sells Michigan in London, Ontario, or London, England, but I'm not sure whether he mentions the most important boating events of the Michigan season. The Milk Carton Regatta, for example, or the Rubber Duck Race.

I LOVE boats, but they don't always love me, so I'm proud to talk about the 18-pound coho salmon I caught while fishing Lake Michigan. But I'm not so proud of the fact that I had to be taken ashore while the rest of the salmon population was leaping around me, begging to be hooked.

That's why I love all boat-related events that we can enjoy this weekend and next. I can don a sailor's cap and root the boats on, but I don't have to get seastick.

My kind of boat race is the Milk Carton Regatta, which winds up the Traverse City Cherry Festival every year on Lake Michigan at the shoreline of Clinch Park. It has to be very near the shoreline because all the boats must be floated on milk cartons, and they don't make it more than 100 yards or so.

THE NATIONAL Cherry Festival starts this weekend July 7, so you can expect this marine spectacular to take place Saturday, July 14, as the sun goes down and the festival ends. Mariners from around the bay will wear their silliest costume and get very wet as their boats sink close to shore.

Never has a navy armada been cheered with such enthusiasm.

This enthusiasm also accompanies the Rubber Duck Race July 12 when 1,500 rubber duckies race down the Boardman River in Traverse City vying for honors that

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Iris Sanderson Jones



the Spanish Armada would envy. Call (800)-TRAVERS for information.

If you prefer more stately marine activities, you will probably choose the Michigan Brown Trout Festival July 14-22 in Alpena, where nearly 800 anglers will compete for \$30,000 in prizes while we shoreline sailors eat and drink our way through these summer days. Call (800) 582-1806 for more information.

SPEAKING OF stately, the U.S. Coast Guard celebrates its bicentennial this year, so there will be fun and games at the Coast Guard Festival July 21 through Aug. 5 in Grand Haven. The boats will parade down the river as they always do. Onlookers will carry their chairs to their spot on the grass as they always do. You can pinpoint the special events by calling (616) 846-5511.

I know some of you like to sing Old Man River without getting your feet wet. The Chesaning Showboat Festival July 8-14 at Chesaning is designed just for you. Climb aboard, go around the bend (I like that part) and let the professional entertainment take the stage. For information, call (517) 845-3055.

MOST OF that is in the slow lane, which is where most of us are during this Fourth of July season, but if you prefer living at a hundred miles an hour, consider the International Outboard Grand Prix July 13-15 in Bay City. Top competitors from all over the United States will be doing 100 mph on the Saginaw River. Call (517) 893-1222 for information.

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A narrow adventure through the canals

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with centuries old trees arching over the waterway.

We had chosen the Llangollen Canal because it included in its length some unusual features, among them, underground canal boating. The early canal builders found it easier to take the canal through a hillside rather than over or around it. The Ellesmere Tunnel is a perfect example. For nearly 87 yards, the canal is underground.

Another tunnel, near Chirk in Wales, was even longer, stretching one quarter of a mile. The underground canals are only wide enough for one boat at a time and along side of our boat in the dark, was the narrow ledge used by the horses as a tow path many years ago.

Not long after negotiating the Ellesmere Tunnel, we met another of the reasons we had chosen the Llangollen for our cruise; the water bridge or aqueduct. To reach the town of Llangollen, the canal must cross two deep valleys, the Ceiriog and the Dee. To accomplish this, the canal designers built first the Chirk Aqueduct, and to span the River Dee, the Pontcysyllte, one of the most astonishing pieces of canal architecture in the world.

This 1007-foot-long aqueduct carries the Llangollen Canal a dizzying 120 feet above the foaming waters of the River Dee. Crossing it is as close to flying as one can come in a canal boat.

THE TOWN of Llangollen lies prettily in the Dee Valley and is a popular tourist spot. Among the many attractions is a country home perched on one of the surrounding hills called Plas Newydd or Npw Hall.

Plas Newydd was the home of Lady Eleanor Butler and Miss Sarah Ponsonby from 1780 until Lady Eleanor's death in 1829. The two Irish women were known as "The Ladies of Llangollen" and were found to be more fond of each other than was thought proper at the time. They left Ireland in 1778 to live together in England.

Plas Newydd is now open to the public and the small cottage is surrounded by beautiful gardens and strong scents of purple Heliotrope which fill the flower beds.

Near Plas Newydd, we enjoyed a lunch of steak and kidney pie in a small tea room along the banks of the Dee.

Our return trip to Nantwich offered several stops to explore nearby villages and poke about in the churchyards and shops.

Our boat rental cost for the seven days was \$1050 and included everything except food. For a party of five or six, it makes a reasonable holiday abroad.

Arrangements for canal boating in Great Britain can be made through Ambassador Travel in Colorado. Call (800) 234-8040.



JOHN HANDLEY

The Water Bramble crew stops to enjoy the view near Whit-bridge.

Boats chug along

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There are, of course, lots of land-based events this week. The Manistee National Forest Festival through July 8, for example, in Manistee,

home of lumberjack exhibitions, parades, forest and saw mill tours, canoe and raft races.

Stay tuned, Michigan-lovers. There's more to come.



MICKY JONES

Boating season keeps the lakes crowded near the mouth of Grand River where it enters Lake Michigan in Grand Haven.

Shamu and Namu give kisses to brave kids

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The master of ceremonies explains each movement and the series of majestic leaps and kicks called, "airs above the ground." Performances are choreographed to the music of the classical masters.

These dancing horses of Vienna were rescued by General George Patton during World War II and returned to Austria to breed.

The Lipizzans were the subject of the movie "Miracle of the White Stallions."

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At Penguin Encounter, snow and chill temperatures keep polar birds and weary visitors cool. More than 130 penguins swim, waddle, dive and chatter. Guests watch educational videos and observe the penguins from a moving walkway.

These days Sea World is the largest employer of youth in Portage County, hiring nearly 1,200 workers

every season. To date, total paid attendance has passed 25 million. More than 1.5 million students have taken part in Sea World's educational programs.

Sea World is a first-rate marine research center. Baby animals are born and hatched every year. A modern tonal language system has been installed at Shamu Stadium.

Platters, Sea World's largest sit-down restaurant, prepares chicken in all its juicy forms, fried and baked, and serves it family style with gravy and mashed potatoes. Waitresses top the meal off with aromatic apple pie. They bring flower crowned dolphins as samll gifts for kids. A family can eat well at Platters cheaply. Among 17 eateries, Platters is a Sea World standout for excellence.

The trout fishing contest looks like plenty of fun to kids, but they are required to keep whatever they catch. At 45 cents an inch, two fish cost about \$10. It's great to hook these wiggly trout and take photos of the kids, but it's not much fun to pay the fees including an extra charge for scaling.

Sea World is about 30 minutes southeast of Cleveland and you can call (800) 63-SHAMU for more information.

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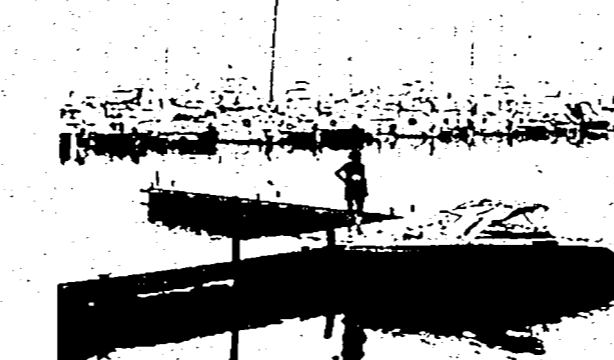
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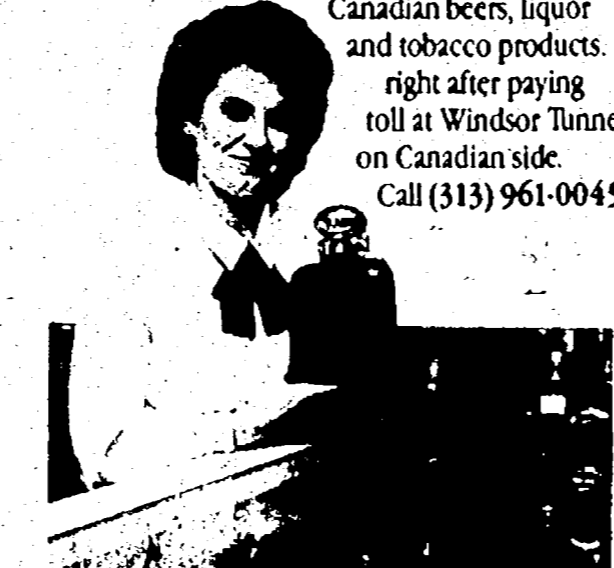
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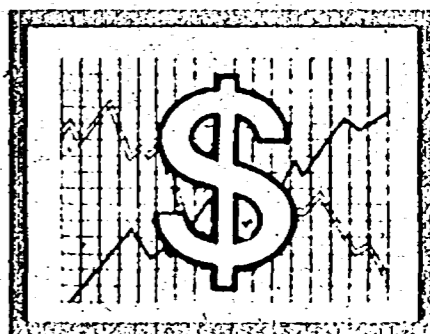
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Franchises peg business for medical training

Seconds count during a health emergency. But many employers and co-workers aren't adequately prepared for those pressure-packed moments before EMS arrives, maintain Donald and Sharon Stern.

The Sterns have formed a corporation called O2 Emergency Medical Care Service in West Bloomfield to counteract that situation.

Like generals, they've established a business plan to supply offices, factories and stores with oxygen units, first aid kits and first aid training.

Now they're looking for an army of national franchisees to implement the plan.

"I don't think there's anyone who hasn't read, heard about or know of an accident that's happened," Donald Stern said. "The cost is really minimal for what can be done to preserve life. You can't really put a price on health and safety."

Oxygen units are the cornerstone of the program, although first aid kits and instruction in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation are important elements, too, Stern said.

"YOU'RE MORE more apt to see someone having a heart attack in a bank, office or complex than a fire," said Sharon Stern. "Anywhere you see a fire extinguisher, you should have an oxygen unit."

According to O2's business plan, franchisees — individuals or other companies that want to diversify — would pay an initial fee of up to \$36,000.

For that fee, franchisees would get exclusive rights to a territory, the business plan handbook, an initial inventory of oxygen units and first aid kits, leads on personnel to provide first aid training to business customers and start-up supplies like business cards and fliers.

"Not only do we teach about sales and marketing, but if they've never run a business, how to set up an office," Stern said.

The only other payment due O2 from franchisees is a fixed monthly fee per oxygen unit placed.

"We're looking for the individual looking for true independence and security," Stern said. "They can go out directly and market because the market is so large."

"A majority of people don't realize in this type of franchise opportunity, you don't have an employee problem, a location problem. You don't have the hours running a retail business or restaurant six or seven days a week.

"There are no other franchises in this line," Stern said. "You may have individuals who go out and do it, but no franchises."

Franchisees could set their own prices for services, but Stern recommends a rate of \$325-\$350, which would include one oxygen unit, a couple of first aid kits and first aid training for two to four employees.

THE TRAINING could be held at a client's business during working hours or, more likely, at a central location to include employees from several companies evenings or weekdays, Stern said.

Stern admits that it's been slow lining up franchisees while incorporating his company, registering in 41 states and setting up a business plan.

Stojadin Naumovski, a doctor and immigrant from Yugoslavia yet to

be licensed to practice in the United States, is the only franchisee so far. He has purchased franchises in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

"As a medical doctor, I have a lot of experience with emergency situations. . . so I understand practically what oxygen means to victims," Naumovski said.

"As a business, an individual doctor won't make a lot of money unless he's in a group practice. This is a long-term, profitable business."

Knowledge of and use of first aid techniques provided in the training sessions also could go far in emergency settings before paramedics arrive, Naumovski said.

"Some people might look at this as commercial, but it's a highly needed service," Stern said. "It's almost recession proof."

Red Cross delivers basic first aid class to business sites

The American Red Cross, through its contract services division, has offered a series of first aid classes to business owners and their employees since 1982.

The most popular offering, according to Red Cross spokeswoman Debbie Stroup, is an eight-hour class that covers CPR and basic first aid. The class can be completed in one day or two at the employer's option.

"They talk about heart attacks, what to look for, what should I do, how can I be healthier," Stroup said.

The basic first aid class also addresses severe bleeding, broken bones and the Heimlich Maneuver to assist choking victims.

The Red Cross provides one instructor for every 12 learners. Employers are billed \$200 per instructor. First aid manuals are an additional \$16 a piece.

"We do about five classes a day in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties," Stroup said. "Business doesn't have to send their people out. We'll come right to their location. That's why it's so popular."

Classes can be arranged by con-

tacting Stroup in Oak Park at 987-1028.

Individuals also can take the basic first aid/CPR course without charge through area Red Cross service centers. Those classes are funded by the United Way.

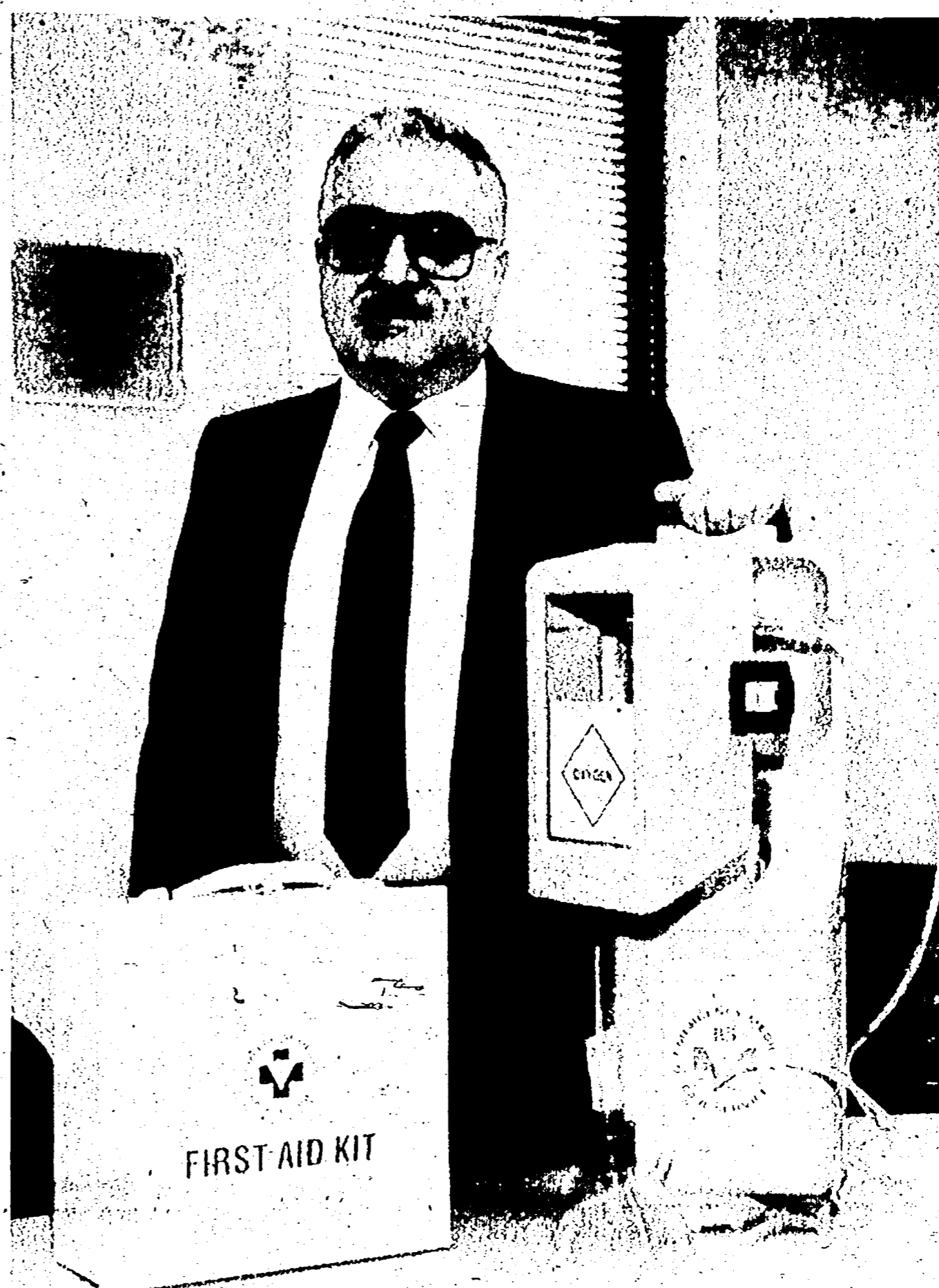
Specific details may be obtained for the Oakland Regional Office in Bloomfield Hills at 334-3575, or the Northwest Office in Livonia at 422-2787.

Kevin Kanoyton and Susan Weinberg provide first aid instruction at businesses for the Red Cross.

"The majority of classes we put on clients are pretty receptive," Kanoyton said. "Sometimes, some people who have to be at these at first seem a little unhappy, but by the end of the day, they're glad they came."

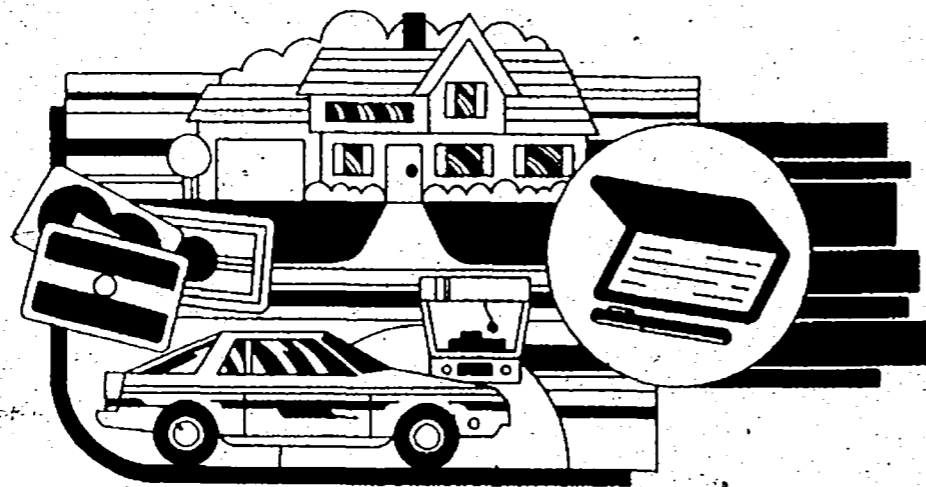
"More and more classes are being booked because people are getting more conscientious," Weinberg said. "What's nice about the business classes is they also realize information learned in the classes can be used in their personal lives."

The Red Cross also sells first aid kits but doesn't sell oxygen units.



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Start off on firm financial footing



When the honeymoon is over, newlyweds often come face to face with financial reality — and some of the most divisive questions in a marriage. Do you need a household budget? Should you merge your individual savings into a joint account? What happens if your spending style differs radically from that of your spouse?

To help you steer clear of some of the most common pitfalls in money management, the Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of CPAs suggests that newlyweds consider these basic financial tips.

First, talk money. Fights over money often stem from differences in lifestyles, personal goals and family histories. Someone who spends his or her childhood watching parents scramble to pay the monthly rent is bound to react to money differently than someone whose parents were able to afford family trips to Europe.

The road to a financially sound marriage begins when you sit down with your spouse and discuss your feelings about money. What does money mean to each of you? How comfortable are you dealing with money matters? How much money would make you feel financially secure? Don't just talk about how you feel about your finances as they exist today. Talk about your goals.

Try not to judge your spouse's responses. Now is the time to listen and understand. Once you have a grasp of your differences and similarities concerning money issues,

you will be better equipped to deal with the details of money management.

THE NEXT STEP is to write down your goals. Be as specific as possible. For example, if you want to save for a down payment on a house, agree on the amount as well as a time frame. If you cannot settle on a single set of goals, don't force the issue. Instead, list common goals as well as your individual priorities.

One of the most common questions newlyweds ask is whether they should merge their assets into a joint bank account. There is no correct answer. While most choose joint accounts, more and more are opting for separate accounts, with each partner taking responsibility for particular expenses. For example, the husband may pay mortgage and utility bills while the wife takes care of all household expenses. Others choose to set up one joint account for mutual living expenses, while keeping two other separate accounts for individual use, such as hobby expenses. If you do opt for a joint account, consider setting limits on how much either one of you can withdraw without first consulting the other spouse.

Next, decide on who should handle the paperwork involved in managing money. Keep in mind that for some the task of balancing a checkbook is as appealing as a trip to the dentist. At the same time, some people actually enjoy reconciling bank statements and credit card bills. The

most successful system is one in which spouses share the recordkeeping task according to their likes, abilities and schedules.

If one of you tends to be less financially responsible, don't automatically assume that he or she should be relieved of any responsibility for financial recordkeeping. Rather, try to work out a compromise. Perhaps one could manage the smaller household bills while the other handles the rent and utility bills.

AFTER YOU AGREE on a way of handling your accounts, it's time to build a budget. List your monthly and yearly expenses, including such fixed costs as rent or mortgage payments, insurance premiums, automobile and educational loans, utility bills and commuter expenses.

Next, calculate your combined income, including any dividends or interest payments that you receive on a regular basis. If you cannot meet all your expenses, including your savings goal, it's time to look at your finances — and budget — more realistically.

Anticipating tragedy may be the last thing either of you want to do. Nevertheless, you must take steps to protect your financial future. First, make sure you have adequate life insurance. Second, consider your other insurance needs, such as disability and homeowner's policies. Finally, write your wills. By doing so, you can be sure that your assets will be distributed exactly according to your wishes.

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focus: small business

Mary DiPaolo

Location important, but not 1st concern

I've bred dogs at home as a part-time business since 1987 but now want to start a pet shop. Recently I noticed available lease space within a new strip shopping center in my neighborhood. I haven't developed my business plan yet, but I don't want to pass up what could be the perfect business location for my future shop either. How should I proceed?

Selecting the right location is very important when starting any new business. But there are several other major decisions that need to be made before the location issue can be successfully addressed. Unfortunately, many new business owners ignore or put off these decisions (such as those required as part of business plan development) in favor of the site selection process, which is more fun.

This is a serious mistake because the location ultimately chosen should be based on the crucial finance and marketing-related decisions that define the specific nature and extent of your operation - not the other way around. As the third major reason contributing to half of all small business failures in this country, choosing a bad business location is one mistake you can't afford to make.

At this point I suggest that you take advantage of the information and experience that others in the same business have to offer. You can start by obtaining a copy of Entrepreneur Magazine's "Pet Shop Start-Up Manual" (No. X1007), which is available for \$69.50 by calling 1-800-421-2345. Once you have had an opportunity

to review the manual, you may then want to schedule information interviews with one or more area pet shop retailers to answer any additional questions you have. Taken together, this information will assist you with the development of your own business plan as well as the best location-related options you should consider.

Is there any significant trend that you see as representing "the one to watch" for a specific type of small business or industry?

In our age of specialization, a growing majority of nightclubs and restaurants have opened and closed their operations as often as every six weeks to create a "limited time only" customer mentality. New York's Area nightclub changed its interior decor, seating and menu every six weeks to capitalize on specific themes (such as circus, space odyssey and Mardi Gras). In Tokyo, The Earth restaurant is currently open just for a seven-month period and boasts lines of up to 1,000 waiting patrons per day.

This "here today, gone tomorrow" marketing strategy has been used over the years to promote products ranging from limited edition collector's plates to cars. Whether this trend will serve to benefit entire business operations catering to fickle markets remains to be seen.

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Change governs investor

By Sid Mitra
special writer

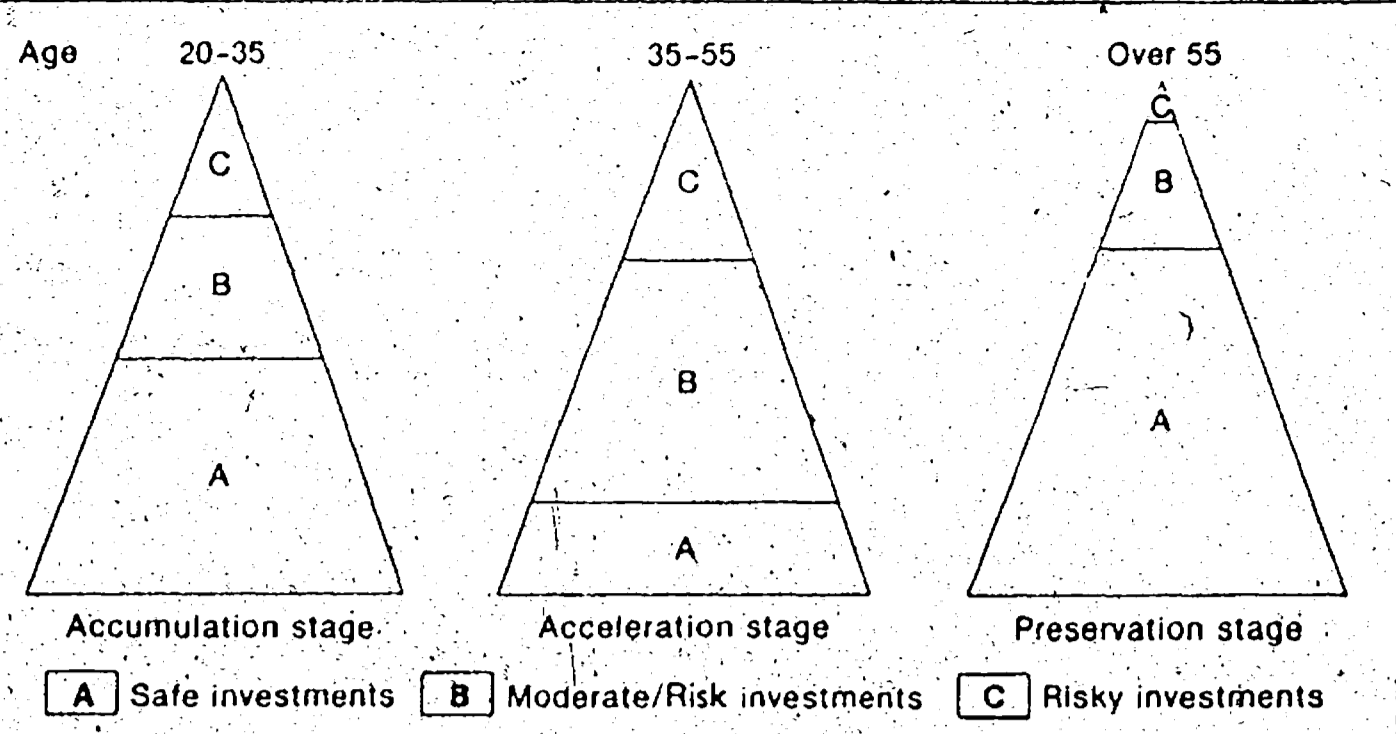
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In today's changing market, an ideal investment portfolio does not remain ideal for very long. Putting fixed percentages of your capital into different types of investments is a form of diversification called Asset Allocation. At a special seminar (details given below) I will discuss in detail appropriate investment strategies.

In figure one I have presented an overview of life cycle stages and an approximate distribution of investment. The accumulation stage begins at the start of your financial life. The acceleration stage is ushered in when you enter the peak earning years and feel secure of having taken care of your basic needs and emergency situations. Finally, the preservation stage begins when you start preparing for retirement. While I would not recommend exactly the same divisions for two persons, Figure 1 comes close to my average recommendations.

Timing Over Business Cycle

Once structured, the portfolio needs restructuring as we move



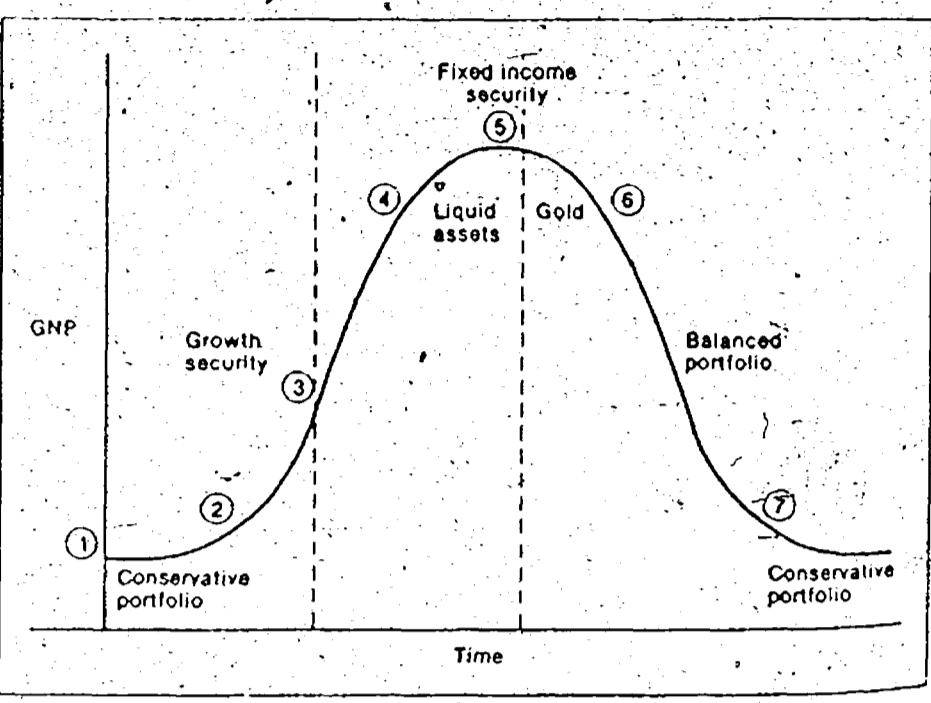
from a boom to a recession (Figure 2). The critical question therefore is: Where are we on the business cycle? The answer is that we are somewhere between six and seven on figure two, and our investment portfolio should reflect this fact.

Next week: More on investment.

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Sid Mitra is a professor of finance, school of business at Oakland University and owner of Coordinated Financial Planning.



IBM has matured into solid growth stock

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better rate than the 7-8 percent increases we have estimated. I believe this suggests our estimates are conservative and within the realm of possibility.

IN FACING up to all the competition of the past decade, IBM has maintained its sales and service organization and that may be a major factor in building business in the years ahead.

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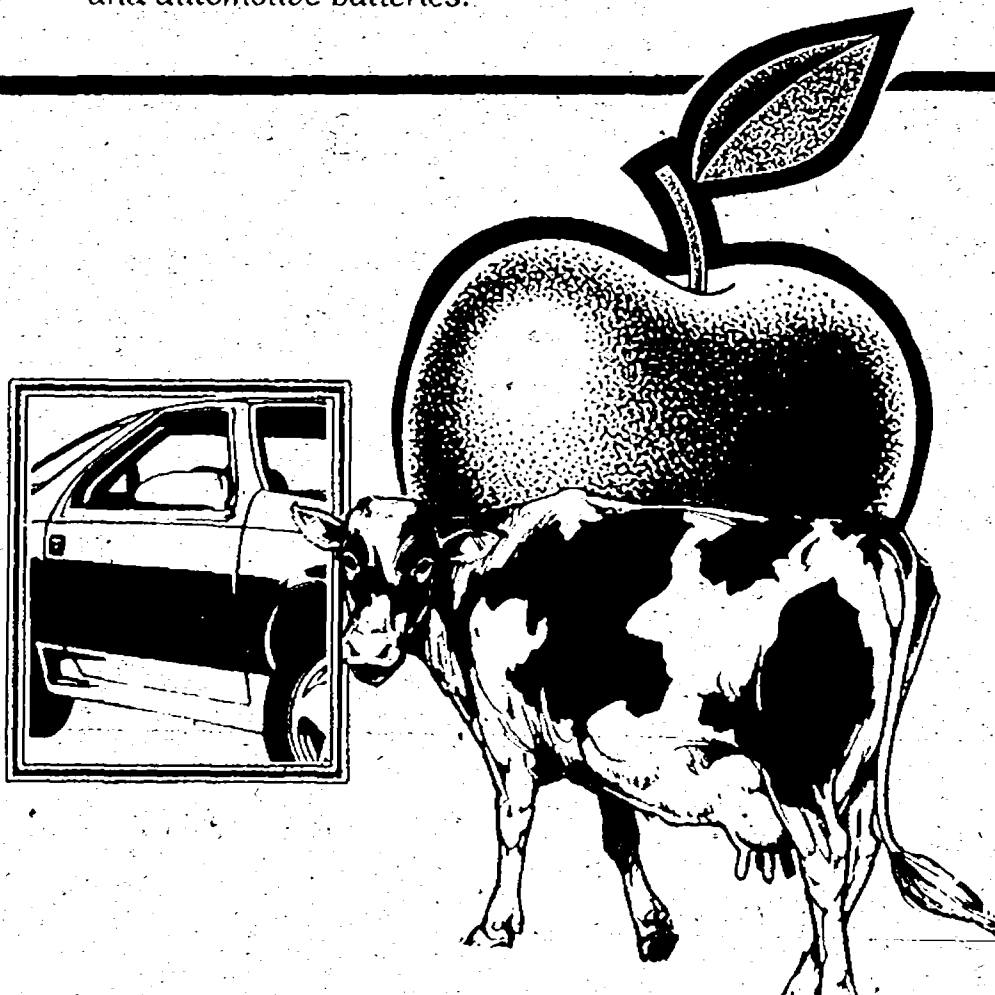
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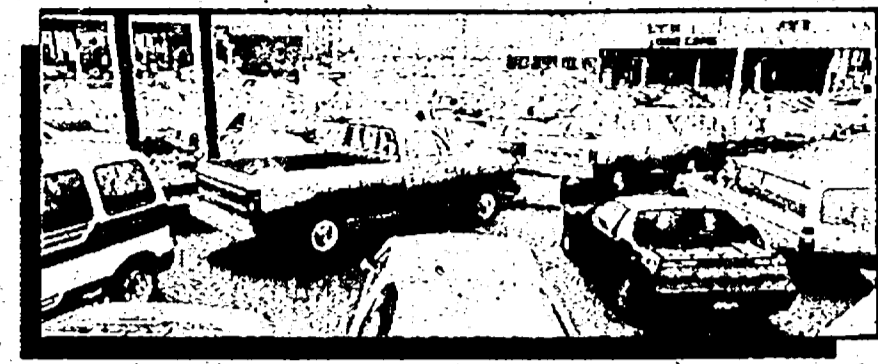
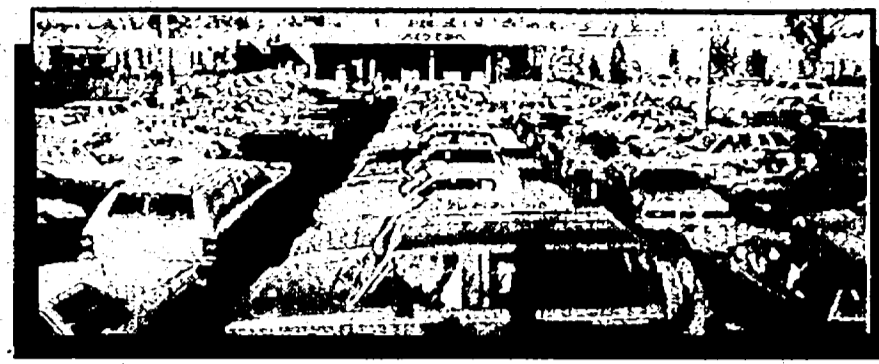
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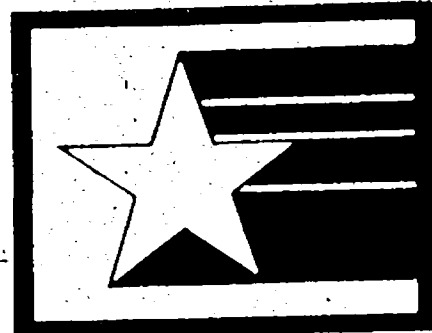
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Broadway veterans are hot again

Ann Arbor Summer Festival presents its 'new' musical

By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

ROBERT WRIGHT IS 76 years old and George Forrest is 75. They are hot. Their Broadway musical, "Grand Hotel," just won five Tonys and director Tommy Tune is taking it to Berlin.

"We were hot at the beginning of our careers, at the middle, and now," said Wright, who likes to be called Bob. Since 1935, when they signed contracts with MGM to rewrite Sigmund Romberg's "Maytime" with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, these two have collaborated on 58 films, 16 musicals, 18 stage revues, 13 television spectaculars and countless radio programs, recordings and cabarets.

This month they are in Ann Arbor, rehearsing a showcase production of a reworked musical, "The Anastasia Affaire." The show is being presented by Peninsula Productions as part of the 1990 Ann Arbor Summer Festival at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 12-14, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 14-15, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre.

For Forrest and Wright, their persistence has paid off financially. It took 30 years to get "Grand Hotel" from a preliminary version in California, starring Paul Muni ("Kringelein"), to Broadway.

THIS "NEW" MUSICAL, "The Anastasia Affaire," already has been to Broadway under the name of "Anya." George Abbott's extravagant 1965 version failed — the last show to be seen at the Ziegfeld Theatre.

"George made a speech to us and the cast before it closed, saying that Chet (Forrest) and I tried to tell him how to produce the show but he didn't listen," said Wright. "He said it is a good show but for us to rework it our way."

Wright, who does the talking for himself and Forrest, explained the

reason they were in Ann Arbor showcasing the production. "In New York, the critics would immediately associate this new version with the "Anya" failure, and we would not be successful."

In the last 25 years, Wright and Forrest have written five different versions of the show. In all, they have created 43 songs, only 16 of which are now in this reduced version, not including the one they wrote for the famous "18th Variation of Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini." (They lost the rights to the melody.)

Last October, the musical was produced in Massachusetts with Tony-award-winning stars Len Cariou ("Sweeney Todd") and Judy Kaye ("Phantom of the Opera"). Still, the duo was not satisfied.

THIS TIME Ken Cazan, veteran of the Santa Fe Opera and other major opera companies and now the Opera Workshop Program at the University of Michigan, is adding his ideas.

During rehearsal, Cazan carefully worked out staging, while Wright meticulously demanded particular word pronunciations, for humor and authenticity.

"An-au-stah-sia," said Wright, using the short sound of the vowel "a," he corrected the singers cast by Cazan. Wright obviously was pleased with the legitimate voices. Forrest remained silent.

"These gentlemen are good collaborators," Cazan said during a break. "I have never had so much fun in a production." Since he has not seen any of the previous four productions, this staging is his own creation.

Wright and Forrest call themselves brothers and have been writing music and lyrics since they were both 15 in Miami. When they signed at MGM in 1935, Forrest (whose real name is George Forrest Chichester and likes to be called Chet) was not yet 21. "We lied about his age," said Wright.

"HE IS MORE creative than I am," said Wright about his silent partner. "I am more organized. We don't know who writes more lyrics or music. It is pretty much an equal effort."

After seven years of ghostwriting musical scores for MGM, with little credit or recognition, they found their lives changed by Pearl Harbor. The two were drafted and went to New York City to do a radio program pushing war bonds for the U.S. Treasury. (Recently they won a 16-year-old lawsuit against MGM for an undisclosed figure.)

In 1944, they produced their first "adaptation," "Song of Norway," using the music of Edvard Grieg. Nine years later came their greatest success, the Tony-award-winning "Kismet," adapted from the music of Alexander Borodin. Frank Loesser, who wrote "The Most Happy Fella" and "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying," suggested another adaptation to Wright and Forrest. This time it was for the 1965 play about Anna Nielsen, using Sergei Rachmaninov's music.

The story follows the life of Anna and a love triangle formed between Anna (Constance Barron), General Bounine (Barry Busse) and Prince Paul (Michael Lackey). It takes place in 1930 in Berlin, after Anna has recovered from amnesia and claims to be the dead daughter, Anastasia, of the Russian, Czar Nicholas II.

Later in life, Anna married a history professor in Virginia, refusing all interviews. "No we never met her," Wright said. Wright's collaborator, Guy Bolton — one of the authors of the 1965 play and the book from which this musical is adapted — did meet her.

"THERE WAS ONE piece of information that only she could have known that proves that she was

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Robert Wright (left) and partner George Forrest have been rehearsing the show at Peninsula Productions in Ann Arbor. Here they are

shown with actress Claribel Baird, who plays the Empress Dowager in "The Anastasia Affaire."

table talk

D. Dennison's

A second location for D. Dennison's Seafood Tavern is at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, where the Champlin Grill, under the same ownership as Dennison's, has been renamed. Customers familiar with Dennison's in Farmington Hills reportedly asked to have the seafood restaurant concept at the Livonia location. A rawbar offering chilled shrimp, oysters, clams or a platter of all three has been added to the new Dennison's.

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Restaurateur-chef Keith Famie opens his first Famie's Chicken on

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Boston baked hickory beans, steamed sweet kernel corn and oven-roasted spiced potato wedges. Besides rotisserie chicken sold by the piece or in a meal, there will be Famie's Chicken Sandwich, chicken pot pie, southwestern chicken vegetable chili, rotisserie chicken salad, chicken apple salad and chicken pasta salad. Fresh fruit salad, garden salad and Famie's Cole Slaw are other offerings. Jalapeno corn bread

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• SUMMER SHAKESPEARE

Performances of "Romeo and Juliet" presented by Summer Shakespeare continue at 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 13-15, outdoors at Stony Creek Metropark in Washington Township. Summer Shakespeare is an outreach program of Richmond Community Theatre, and also a newly formed troupe of area actors and technicians who have come together for the program's second year. "Romeo and Juliet" is being presented along with "West Side Story," Summer Shakespeare's musical offering this season, in a tent by Stony Creek Lake.

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• CHRISTIAN SINGERS

The first of four free preliminary Bobbi Starr Christian Singers Competition Concerts will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 6, at Mt. Zion Temple in Clarkston. Talent will compete to see who will be finalists for the grand prize of a record made and distributed for sale and radio play on Christian stations. The second of four free preliminary Bobbi Starr Christian Singers Competition Concerts will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Evangel Temple in Warren. A freewill offering will be taken at each concert.

• NEW SEASON

Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, announces its 1990-91 season, to be presented in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. The season opens Oct. 17 with "The Merchant," a period drama by Arnold Wesker. Performances run through Nov. 4. "A Rosen by Any Other Name," a comedy by Israel Horowitz, opens Dec. 19, with performances through Jan. 6. "Bitter Friends" by Gordon Rayfield, about a controversy reminiscent of the Pollard spy case, opens Feb. 13, with performances scheduled through March 3. The JET's "March Festival of Staged Readings" includes four plays (to be announced), to be read March 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28. "Cantorial," a

near-fantasy by Ira Levin, opens April 24 and runs through May 12. Tickets range from \$8 to \$18.50. For tickets and information, call the

JET at 788-2900 or Ticketmaster at 645-6666.

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Broadway veterans are hot once more

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probably the daughter Anastasia," Wright said. "She knew about the visit of an uncle to Russia during World War I."

Wright and Forrest understand amnesia. In 1974 in New York, Forrest was returning home when someone clubbed him, leaving him for dead in an apartment building parking lot. After a four-hour operation by two neurosurgeons, it took five years of physical therapy for him to return to normal life. He still cannot remember anything that happened for the two-year period surrounding

the incident.

"If anything, he has become more creative than ever," Wright said.

Forrest had remained nearly silent for the two-hour interview, interjecting only alert eye movements and smiling facial expressions.

"You cannot not believe her story," he said, his sole comment for the afternoon.

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Restaurants make your birthday special

By Mary Quinley
Special writer

Looking for something beyond the traditional cake and ice cream to celebrate a birthday? Search no further. Several area restaurants offer special treats to birthday customers. Listed below is a sampling:

Confetti's, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 626-3341 — With advance notice, Confetti's computer will print personalized menus for all guests at the birthday table.

"Anything you want to say can be typed on the top of our menu," said Brian Gallagher, chef. There is no charge for this service. The dessert tray offers Bailey's chocolate chip cake, white chocolate macadamia nut cheesecake, fresh fruits and more. Dessert is complimentary for the birthday person.

Blakeney's Ranch House, 28333 Grand River, Farmington, 477-8545 — "About a year ago, we started our birthday special. We never thought there were so many birthdays in a

day," said co-owner Dick Blakeney. "We have had an absolutely incredible response." Birthday customers can order anything from the menu, excluding dessert and drink, and receive \$8.50 off their bill. To receive the discount, customers under 12 are asked to order from the children's menu. A birth certificate is required for older children, and adults are requested to show a driver's license.

The Original Pancake House (two locations) 1360 S. Woodward, Bir-

mingham, 642-5775; 19355 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, 357-3399. — Both pancake houses invite birthday youngsters under the age of 11 to order a Junior Plate (\$2.25) or any item of equal value from the regular menu. Kids love the plastic rings and balloons, and your entire party receives a dish of ice cream. There is no charge for this service. The invitation, however, is not valid Saturday, Sunday or holidays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

R.I.K.'s, 6303 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 855-9889 — Birthday celebrants — save room for desert. Tiramisu, an Italian pastry made with lady fingers, is soaked in espresso, topped with mascarpone cheese, layered, and dusted with cocoa and shaved chocolate. "My kids like it," said owner Rick Halberg. "However, it is more of an adult dessert because there is a lot of espresso." Tiramisu (\$3.95 for non-birthday patrons) is only one of several complimentary desserts offered to the

birthday person.

Sweet Afton Tea Room, 985 N. Mill, Plymouth, 454-0777 — All ages will enjoy celebrating with the traditional British birthday favor called a "cracker." "The cracker is a crepe-paper novelty item," said Sylvia Thacker, proprietress. "It is used in Britain at Christmas time and birthdays." The cylinder-shaped treat is held by the birthday person and shared with another guest. Simultaneously, both ends are pulled, producing a low-level fireworks sound. Inside the favor is a paper hat, shaped like a crown, a joke and trinket. A small music box which plays "Happy Birthday" is brought to the table. Those customers celebrating an 80th birthday or more can have a Polaroid picture taken. Both the cracker and picture are complimentary.

celebrations. Currently, for a charge of \$15, birthday guests receive: multi-colored helium balloons, a 6-inch "Best Wishes" cake and "Happy Birthday" greetings sung by the wait staff. Completing the package, a "Congratulations" banner is hung over a black-and-gray booth. For patrons who prefer a little less fanfare, a cake can be purchased for \$6.95.

Smith Bros. & Co., 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy, 643-0881 — "People are really excited and shocked when we offer a bottle of champagne," said Mary Ellen Barrett, head waitress. The "to go" bottle of champagne is wrapped and presented to birthday patrons 21 years or older. For the younger crowd or adults not preferring champagne, birthday cake is served at the table. Both the champagne and cake are complimentary.

Note: To avoid disappointment, it is always a good idea to call the restaurant first. Enjoy!

upcoming things to do

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CHARLEY'S CRAB
Jazz pianist Henry Gibson, Jr., performs early weekend evenings at Charley's Crab in Troy. Gibson plays his own compositions, as well as jazz standards, from 5-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. As a member of the group Horizon, Gibson performed at the 1989 Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival. Horizon has been selected to play at the festival again this year. Rayse Biggs of the band Was Not Was helped Gibson produce his second album, "Galactic Love," which is available on LPs and cassettes.

DINNER DANCE
The 18-member Big Band Express will entertain with big band and dance music Sunday, July 8, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event is a fundraiser for leukemia victim Diane Zeigin, a longtime Livonia resident. Reservations for the Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner are \$30, or guests can come for cocktails and dancing only for \$15 each after 7:30 p.m. More than 100 items of merchandise and services will be available for a silent auction. The auction

and cocktail hour starts at 4 p.m., with dinner set for 6 p.m. and dancing till 11 p.m. For dinner reservations call Pat Norp, head of the Diane Zeigin Memorial Fund, at 255-0770.

JAZZ BAND
Chet Bogan's Wolverine Jazz Band featuring vocalist Dixie Belle will appear in concert Thursday, July 12, at Shain Park in Birmingham as part of the free, Thursday night weekly concert series "In the Park." The band has appeared in major jazz festivals across the country. It has performed at the club Lido on the Lake in St. Clair Shores every Tuesday night for 12½ years.

SUMMER FESTIVAL
The Ann Arbor Summer Festival will present husband-and-wife performing team Cleo Laine and John Dankworth in their festival debut concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 7, in the Power Center. Appearing with them will be the Dankworth Quartet. Tickets for jazz performances at the 1990 Ann Arbor Summer Festival, including Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Dorothy Donegan, Chick

Corea and Pete Fountain, are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office in Ann Arbor or at any Ticketmaster outlet or call 763-TKTS.

WINDSOR NIGHT
The 1990 Windsor-Detroit International Freedom Festival celebrates "Windsor Night at Tiger Stadium," as a post-festival activity Friday, July 6, when the Detroit Tigers host the Kansas City Royals. The pregame activities get under way at 7 p.m., with music by the Windsor Police Pipe Band. Stephen Henriksen of the Toronto production of "Phantom of the Opera" will sing the national anthems. Ticket prices range from \$10.50 for box seats to \$4 for bleachers (U.S. funds). They can be ordered by mail, or by phone at 863-7300.

DINNER DANCE
French Bastille Day celebration includes a dinner-dance Saturday, July 14, at the Lansdowne restaurant in Detroit. For information call UFE (French Club of Detroit), or 274-4304, evenings, or 525-4274.

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Music Hall gets beauty treatment

By Deborah Burzyck
special writer

In the 1930s men and women filled the Wilson Theatre to watch Ziegfeld's "Rosalie" and George Cohan's "The Tavern."

In the mid-1940s audiences listened to the Latin Beat of Tito Guizar and the intriguing jazz sound of Lionel Hampton.

In the 1950s people saw movies such as "Around the World in 80 Days" in what had become the country's most successful Cinema.

Now, more than 60 years after it opened, the last of Detroit's original theaters is being reborn.

Music Hall, at the corner of Madison and Brush streets in the heart of Detroit's entertainment district, is undergoing the most comprehensive restoration of its history.

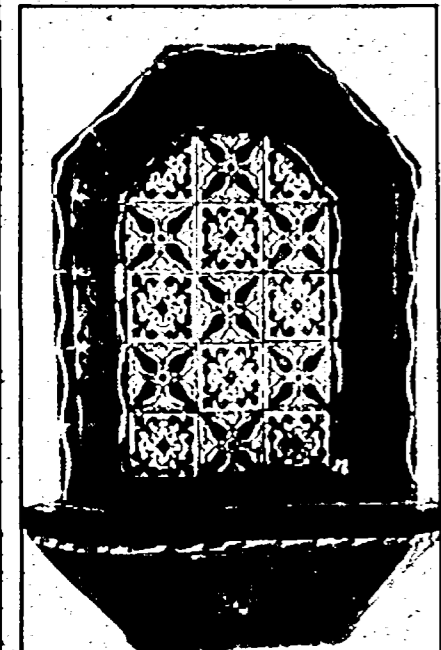
"There have been ongoing conservation efforts. They've never let it deteriorate," said Kim Johnson, director of Music Hall. "But this is the first comprehensive restoration of the building, where we're going to do it all."

The theater, with its art deco exterior and Spanish Renaissance interior, is the fraternal twin of Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.

MATILDA DODGE WILSON BUILT both in the late 1920s to bring the arts — from jazz to comedy to Shakespeare — to Detroit's working class as well as its upper class.

"She believed that with the emergence of the middle class in Detroit that those people would want the same types of entertainment that had only been available to the wealthy," Johnson said.

While some entertainment on the bill was bold for a theater during the 1940s, Wilson wanted people from all cultures to feel comfortable there, Johnson said adding, "Part of her mission was that people would aspire to the same art forms that had originally been available to the upper class. It was



Colorful tile drinking fountain reflects the Spanish influence of the interior.

always multi-cultural. In terms of a community facility, Music Hall has always filled that need."

Wilson built the theater, which has the second largest stage in Detroit, at a time when many people were proclaiming that stage plays were a dying art and movies would monopolize the entertainment industry.

At that time, there were six legitimate theaters in Detroit, which meant they had a trapped stage, orchestra pit and multi-story dressing rooms as well as other features.

Today, only Music Hall remains.

"It was a theater and stage that was built for actors," Johnson said.

Although World War II curtailed the entertainment industry, Wilson Theatre was maintained because of the tenants who had offices on the upper floors.

In 1946, Wilson sold the building to Henry Reichhold, who wanted a home for the Detroit Symphony, and he renamed it Music Hall Center.

A program from the week of Feb. 11, 1946, lists the Grand Opera Quartet, Tito Guizar and Lionel Hampton.

In addition, Hudson's did a weekly fashion show there. Lucille Ball starred in "Dream Girl," and Margaret Truman made her singing debut there.

Music Hall in 1951 became Cinerama Music Hall — the most successful cinerama operation in the country for 12 years, Johnson said.

Later, auto commercials were filmed there. And rumor has it wrestlers grappled with each other on stage.

A PLAQUE ON THE FRONT of the building proclaims Music Hall a Michigan Historical Site. It is on the National Registry of Historic Places as well.

It's easy to feel the theater's magic when walking down the aisle toward the stage. Most of the original building remains.

"A lot of work in restoration is just cleaning and refinishing," Johnson said. "The beauty of the Music Hall is that 98 percent of it is still here."

"From the minute you stepped in, it was the feeling of being in a very festive Spanish setting," she said.

Although the maroon, gold and turquoise carpeting isn't original, weavers recreated the exact pattern. All light fixtures are original and the edges of the rows of seats mirror the ends of Spanish church pews.

Two grand staircases lead to the balconies.

"What's so unusual about Music Hall is how intimate it is," Johnson said. "From the very last row to the stage is only 70 feet."

"The entire building was built to lead all eyes to the stage," Johnson said. "The auditorium is spectacular. What you don't see now and



From her smile, Barbara Smith, shown in Music Hall Center, obviously enjoys being involved in major restoration projects like this one.



Barbara Smith, left, who led the effort to restore Meadow Brook Hall a decade ago, chats with Henrietta Friedholm, chair of the Music Hall board.

what will be restored is all the colors — the golds and turquoises."

Of Matilda Dodge Wilson, Johnson said, "Her attention to detail, her commitment to intimacy and elegance has lasted 62 years. She spared no expense."

"We're going to restore it to its elegance," Johnson said.

In a sense, the spirit of Wilson also is being restored through

women like Barbara Smith, wife of General Motors chairman Roger B. Smith, who led the effort to restore Meadow Brook Hall in the last decade and Henrietta Friedholm, who chairs the board of Music Hall.

"I think women feel very strongly connected to historical ties, and especially family ties," Barbara Smith said. "Matilda Dodge Wilson was very family-oriented."



The edges of the rows of seats mirror the rows of pews in a Spanish church.

But Wilson, who built the theaters solely from her fortune from the Dodge family, was also keen and practical, Smith said.

Her interest in history was not "just to preserve as a little thing under glass, but to preserve something as a workable business."

Artist moves deftly between realism, abstract

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

Anybody who's saved a shoebox full of stuff "too good to throw away" — or squirreled away nails, nuts and bolts, pieces of string, empty spools and rubber bands — can empathize with artist Electra Stamelos.

Her table full of things she didn't want to throw away, in spite of her husband's urging and "friends' amazement, became the subject of her new series of watercolors at Lemberg Gallery of Birmingham through July 14.

She said she's fascinated by the translucent qualities of see-through packaging left after the product has been removed. She likes the shapes of the plastic spacers removed from children's toys after they are taken from the box. While she was saving these, she was picking up other bits and pieces to add to her collection.

"Then," she said, "I took everything out and arranged it so I could look at this table and pick out the shapes. . . . It was to be a collage or a sculpture, but I couldn't get it glued together."

Meanwhile she had surgery, her husband had surgery and the table of things just sat until a friend and fellow artist pointed out that it would make a great painting.

OF COURSE, SHE THOUGHT,

why not? One painting led into another and a series took shape. She was doing what she has done with other groups of paintings — to stay within a theme — but like a composer writing a symphony, she changes keys (color palettes), introduces new elements, reintroduces themes in a slightly different guise and enlarges, reduces or presents them from different vantage points.

Only an artist such as Stamelos, with outstanding drawing skills and one who thrives on challenges, would attempt to do this kind of work, especially since she is first of all a watercolorist. She can create a variety of effects, from pale, off-white tones with thin washes to heavy, rich color shiny with glaze.

What is especially interesting about these paintings, in which every bit of space is filled, is the way Stamelos eases from realism into abstraction.

She quoted a phrase she remembered from her college days, "There's more abstraction in good realism than there is in abstraction," adding, "I like action, I like movement."

Her paintings of flowers and foliage have been shown widely in Michigan, but like these which she also considers flower paintings (there's one plastic flower in several of them) they have unusual perspectives. She likes to challenge herself

with "what if" kinds of questions.

STAMELOS, NOW LIVING in Dearborn, teaches at University of Michigan (Ann Arbor this term) and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

She grew up in Washington, D.C., and attended the National Art School there on a scholarship after she graduated from high school. While in high school, she took classes in drawing at the Corcoran Museum School. As an art school graduate with a major in costume design, she was a window designer for Woodward & Lothrop, a job she says she really enjoyed.

For 15 years after she was married she was a secretary, but the interest in art was still there.

"I didn't go back to school until '64," she said, but when she did, she was determined, studying at Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, getting a bachelor's in fine art at Wayne and a master's, majoring in watercolor from Eastern Michigan.

She said she wants to do more of these paintings of miscellaneous left-overs, but will continue the other flower and foliage paintings as well. There are two of the latter in the show, both done on heavy handmade paper.

The exhibit continues through July 14. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.



BLAKE DISCHER/staff photographer

In her new series of watercolor paintings of ordinary objects with interesting shapes, Electra

Stamelos effectively combines elements of realism with abstraction.

briefly speaking

PHOTO CONTEST

The Livonia Mall Merchants Association will sponsor the third annual photography contest and exhibit July 24-29 for all amateur photographers. A \$300 cash prize will be awarded to the first-place winner.

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Entries may be sent or delivered

to Livonia Mall Merchants Association, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, 48152 on or before Friday, July 20 by 6 p.m. A fee of \$3 per photograph is required.

Entry forms can be obtained from the Livonia Mall Management Office.

BAND TO PERFORM

The Heritage Concert Band will perform at Capitol Park in Redford Township at 7:30 p.m. July 31. A Sept. 9 performance is also scheduled at 4 p.m. at the Manresa in Bloomfield Hills.

The band, which has grown from 14 musicians in 1984 to 52 members today, will perform be playing

throughout the metropolitan area through September.

RUSSIAN PIANIST TO PERFORM

Guest conductor Zdenek Macal will join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Russian pianist Alexei Sultanov, in performances of Tachajkovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 at 8 p.m. July 5 and 8 at Meadow Brook's Baldwin Pavilion on Oakland University's campus.

ART FAIRS HIT ANN ARBOR

The Ann Arbor Art Fairs are comprised of three concurrent juried art fairs in downtown Ann Arbor that collectively attract 400,000 visitors over a four-day period.

The fairs will run July 18-21 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair will be located on S. University, E. University and Church Street. State Street Area Art Fair will be held on N. University, William, Maynard, Liberty and Thompson Streets. And, the Summer Art Fair will be on Main, Liberty and State streets.

ANN ARBOR CONCERT

The Ann Arbor Summer Symphony will present its first concert of the 1990 summer season at 8 p.m. July 12 at the Power Center.

The concert is free and sponsored by the Briarwood Merchant's Associ-

ation. Further information is available by calling Bill Baker at 769-5249.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBITION

The University of Michigan Museum of Art will present the exhibition of Sondra Freckleton: Prints and Watercolors from July 6 through Sept. 2.

The exhibition will feature 50 recent still-life prints and watercolors of the Michigan-born artist. Freckleton's prints and watercolors depict the fruits, flowers and household goods of her domestic environment.

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We all know about grammar in the English language. We know where to place the commas and the periods just as with our cameras we know basically how to set shutter speeds and lens openings.

What is important is to do as the

writer does. He is not as concerned about where the comma goes as to the words flowing from his heart. The writer makes grammar a secondary thing, just as we have to make the mechanics of photography a secondary thing and concentrate on the importance of what we're feeling and trying to "say" with our photographs.

We can all learn to get proper exposure with our cameras. Now let's work on getting proper exposure with our photographic feelings.

Photographs speak in a strong language. They can bring out a person's raw emotions and can make someone happy, sad, even angry.

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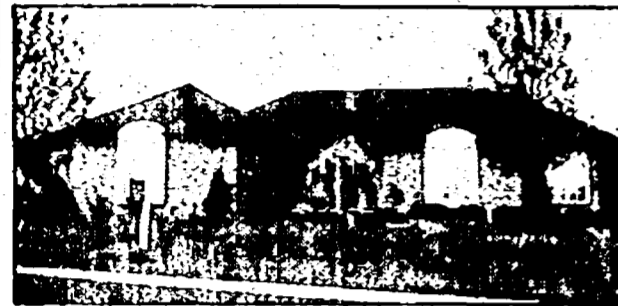
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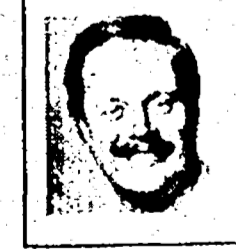
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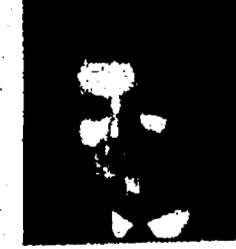
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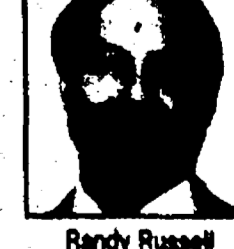
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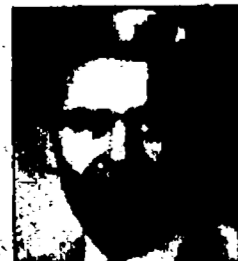
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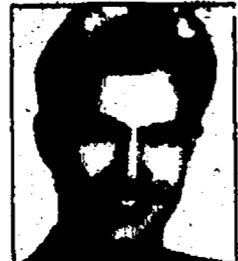
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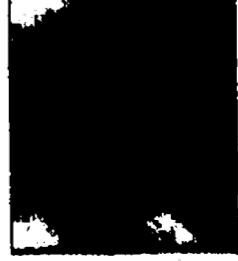
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By David P. Messing
staff writer

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned trying some new media or subjects for the summer. I also mentioned anatomy. I became very interested in anatomy during my college years. Because of my love for anatomy — muscle, bone and proportion — I would drift from whatever I was studying to anatomy.

For example: I would be sitting in the study hall trying to memorize the hardness scale for geology. "Talc, gypsum, calcite, flint, ... Wow, that guy sure has long arms. If he puts his arms down against his side, fingers extended, they should line up half way between the knee and the pubic tubercles. Perhaps his legs are proportionally short? Talc, gypsum calcite. Or maybe long hands?"

Well, believe it or not, I did graduate from college. I am still an anatomical Walter Mitty and it is with particular pleasure I share my interest in anatomy

and life drawing with students and readers.

EVERY ARTIST MUST draw people and most find great difficulty in the attempt. Many artists shy away from drawing the body or they avoid it altogether. They "copout" and "abstract" the human form. But, as in all subjects, I feel you don't have license to abstract a subject unless you can skillfully render it realistically.

In attempting to draw the human body, you should consider both proportion and alignment. Proportion is relating one feature to the whole. Alignment is comparing features in a line.

One popular unit of measure in proportioning is head height. There are 7-1/4 heads in the normal human body. So counting the head as one, there should be 6-1/4 head heights between the chin and the feet. Regardless of whether the person is tall or short, head height proportions usually hold true. Remember 7-1/4

heads is only for youths, 18 years of age through adults. Generally, the head heights is seven for a 14-year-old, 6-1/4 for an 8-year-old, 4-1/4 for a 2-year-old and 4 for a small baby. Oh yes, remember that by the time you are 80 years old, you are back down to just seven head heights.

YOU MAY LEARN to use head heights in proportioning much of the body. There are three heads in the spine and one head each in the lower arm and in the wrist to the finger tips. There are also 1-1/4 heads from the shoulder to the elbow. Altogether, there should be a total of about three heads from the shoulder to the finger tips.

In the upper leg there are about two heads from the ball joint to the knee and 1-1/4 heads from the knee to just above the ankle.

Cubits are also helpful. A cubit is the distance between the elbow and the finger tips.

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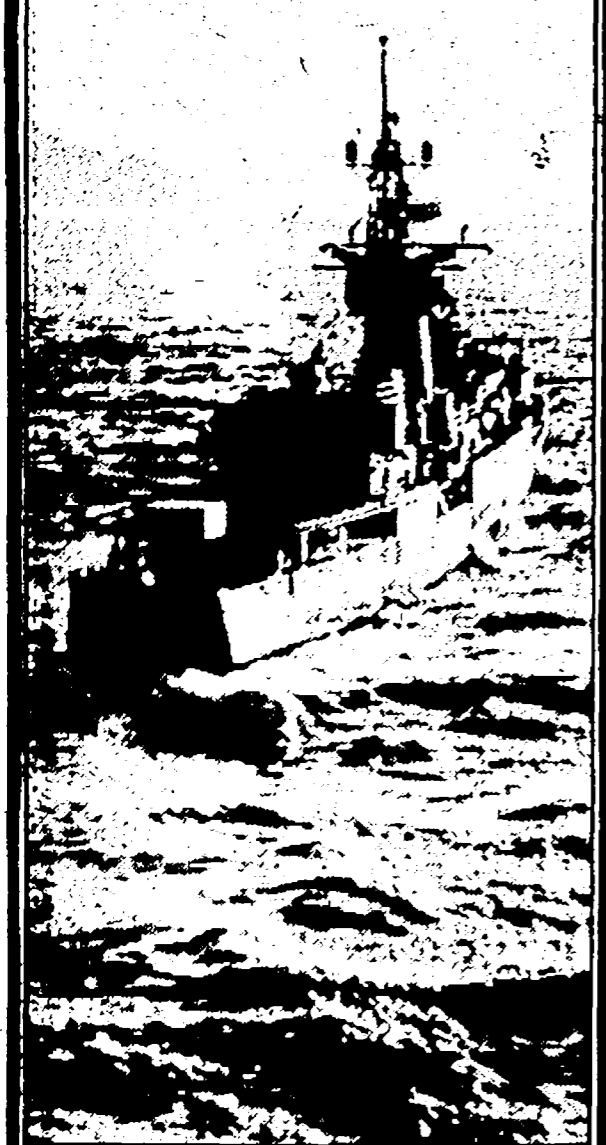
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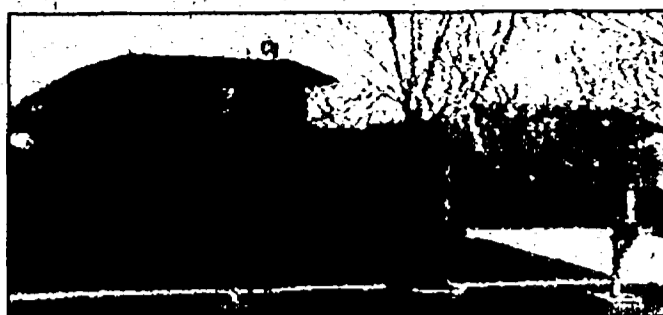
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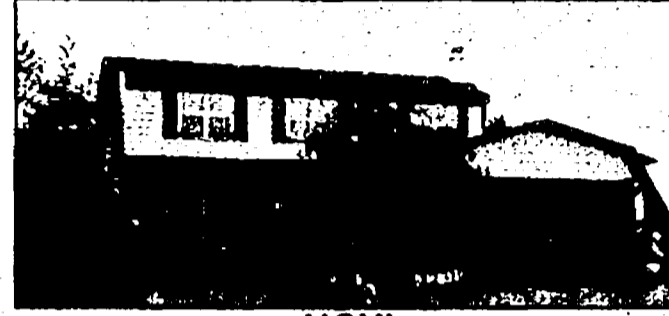
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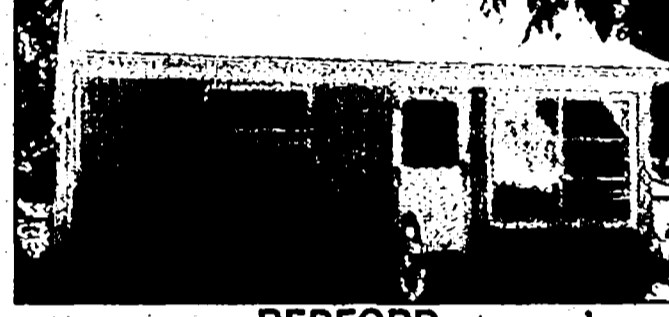
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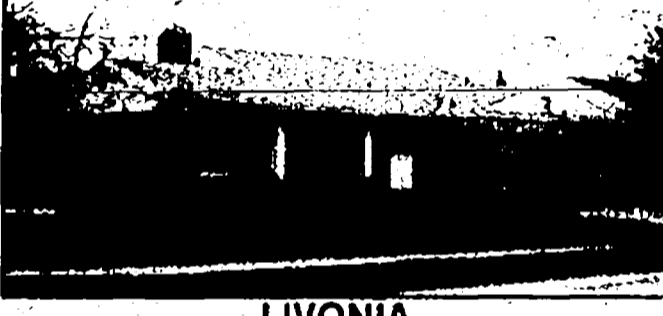
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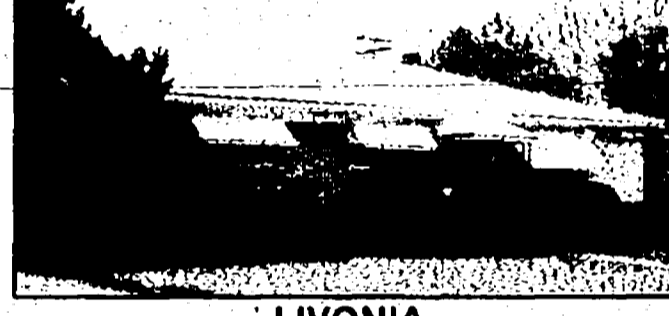
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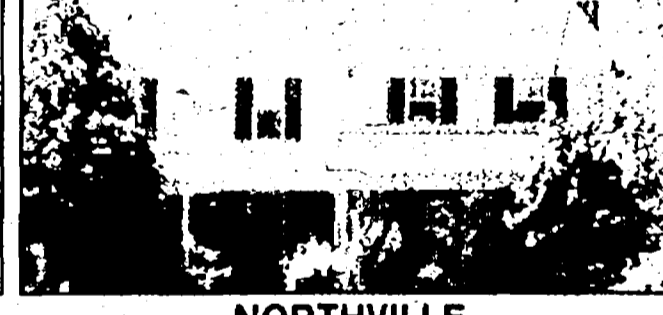
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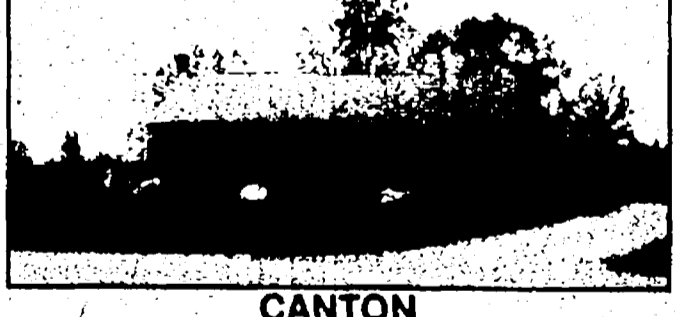
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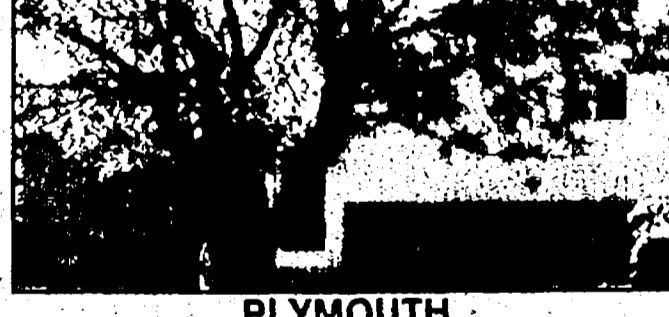
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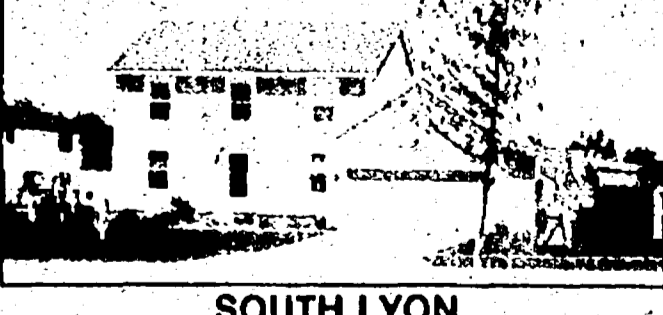
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Janice and Harold Watton are putting the finishing touches on this Livonia house they built themselves.

Sweat equity Do-it-yourselfer builds house from ground up

Some people might call Harold Watton a glutton for punishment. Others would salute his skills and patience.

But there's no denying his accomplishment.

Watton, who drives a cement truck for a living, has nearly finished building what will be a 1,700-square-foot house on a secluded street in central Livonia.

He's done virtually all the work himself, hiring out only highly specialized tasks like extending water and sewer lines from the street and setting basement wall panels before pouring concrete.

"I knew there was no way I could hire somebody to do the things I wanted done, to look the way I wanted them to look," said Watton, an admitted perfectionist.

Watton designed the house, prepared floor plans, pulled building permits and dug the basement with a backhoe. He did all the carpentry, interior plumbing and electrical work, drywalling, flooring and roofing.

He installed a furnace and ducts, windows, cabinets and vinyl siding. He and a friend put in a brick fireplace. He even did the landscaping.

"TO ME, it's all very basic and very simple," Watton said. "I've always had an interest in it. I've always had mechanical abilities and a real easy time calculating and figuring. I can see things in my mind."

Watton was well-prepared for the task. He was chief of a carpenter crew for a decade erecting garages, and he built a house himself in Livonia in the early 1980s.

His most recent creation, a two-story structure that looks like a farmhouse, is a compilation of different designs observed during jaunts to communities like Plymouth, Northville and Sallie.

Watton's wife, Janice, found the lot during a drive on a lunch break. Watton set to work Sept. 14, 1985. He remembers the date well — his 44th birthday.

The couple and children Jill and Jeffrey lived in apartment while the house took shape. Watton did much of the work during 10-week stretches during winters while he was laid off from his cement job.

Janice, the kids and relatives sometimes helped out.

"Everyone pounded nails, everyone carried bricks," Janice said.

HAND-CUTTING roof rafters probably was the hardest part of the job, Watton said. He often

worked alone, nailing first one end, then the other to form the roof.

The family moved into the house in February 1988.

While some work like construction of a second large bedroom and finishing touches on the stairs and moldings remains, the house is basically done.

Highlights include:

- A living room of roughly 19-by-17½ square feet with a large fireplace, a bay window and a 9½-foot high ceiling with a pine finish.

- A country kitchen/dining area of some 320 square feet with a hardwood oak floor, pine ceiling and a bay window.

- A ground floor laundry with an adjacent toilet and shower.

- A sewing/sitting room currently being used as a bedroom, a toilet and bathtub, a master bedroom and a second large bedroom under construction.

MANY FIXTURES and appliances, though fully functional, reflect an old-style country look enjoyed by Janice.

The Wattons financed construction by tapping personal savings, borrowing the cash value of life insurance policies, borrowing from relatives and using credit cards.

The family obtained a conventional mortgage when the house was habitable and paid off many of the construction debts with the proceeds.

Watton figures he's spent about \$70,000 so far for the lot, building materials and furnishings. He estimates that he could sell for upwards of \$140,000.

It isn't that rare for individuals who aren't licensed as builders to attempt to construct their own homes, said John Fegan, chief building official in Livonia.

"I would say most go along pretty good," Fegan said. "A lot depend on our inspectors to give expertise and help them. It's our policy to do that."

Fegan confirmed that the building department had no problems during construction of the Watton house. Non-professionals must pull the same permits and meet the same construction standards through inspections as licensed builders, he added.

"There's something intriguing about it," Fegan said of do-it-yourselfers. "People who wouldn't think of drilling their own teeth or taking out their appendix think they can build their own house."



The country kitchen/dining room (left) with a pine ceiling has a bay window that overlooks the front yard. The house has a country look (below) with hardwood oak floors and antique furnishings.

EPA review no guarantee radon tests are accurate

(AP) — Homeowners can't be assured that all radon tests are reliable despite government attempts to verify their accuracy, congressional investigators said.

The Environmental Protection Agency annually monitors test procedures and the accuracy of radon test kits from hundreds of testing companies and allows manufacturers to promote the fact that their kits are EPA approved.

But officials of the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, told a House Science, Space and Technology subcommittee recently that the EPA review does not necessarily assure homeowners that the test information is accurate.

"The voluntary nature of the (government) program allows firms to market devices that fail the program or that have not been tested," said Richard Hembra of the GAO.

GAO investigations, he said, have shown that some companies sell test kits that did not meet government standards or kits that had not been reviewed by the EPA. In a few cases, companies submitted one type of device for review and put another type on the market, he said.

Various public interest groups also have complained that the EPA monitoring program for radon test kits allows companies to know beforehand when one of their test samples is being examined so special precautions can be taken.

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THE EPA ESTIMATES that as many as 20,000 lung-cancer deaths are attributed to indoor radon contamination, making radon the second greatest cause of lung cancer after smoking.

If radon levels in a home are found to be greater than 4 picocuries

per liter of air, the EPA said levels should be reduced.

Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas emitted from the earth. The concern arises when the gas becomes trapped in closed homes and accumulates to unhealthy levels. A radon problem often can be

resolved by increasing ventilation, authorities say.

A rapidly growing radon-testing industry has emerged in recent years, although the EPA does not require testing for radon.

Hembra cited a GAO study last year that indicated many of the test kits don't meet federal standards and said additional reviews continue to raise questions about test accuracy.

"Even with the increased number of firms demonstrating proficiency in measuring radon, EPA and the public still cannot be assured that all companies meet proficiency standards or that measurement results are accurate on a day-to-day basis," Hembra said.

Because EPA review is voluntary, Hembra said some testing companies can continue to market kits that have not been reviewed by the EPA or failed EPA scrutiny. The agency also does not require companies to implement quality assurance programs.

Henry Habicht, the EPA's deputy administrator, said the agency was expanding so-called "blind tests" during which companies are not aware that one of their kits is under agency scrutiny.

He said the EPA also is requiring that testing companies in the review program develop quality assurance programs, but acknowledged participation remains voluntary.

Return on investment varies with remodeling

(AP) — There's no question that remodeling will add to the value and resale price of your home, not to mention the comfort and satisfaction you'll have in a more enjoyable environment.

Here's a look at some new trends in some of the most popular remodeling projects and a rundown on the kinds of returns you can expect to get for your investment.

● **Remodeled Kitchen:** The kitchen can have more impact on the

market value of your house than any other single room. The trend today is toward opening up the kitchen to living areas and bringing in natural light via skylights, greenhouse or clerestory windows.

Sleek, Eurostyle cabinetry — made of either natural wood or high-quality laminates — are still the rage, as are countertops of granite, and marble look-alikes such as Corian and Avonite.

Many renovators are also going to

top-of-the-line appliances like sub-zero refrigerators whose doors accommodate panels to match your cabinets, and Jenn-Air ovens that feature range-top broiling with down-draft exhaust.

All this has raised the cost of kitchen renovation to \$19,500 on average, with some makeovers reaching as high as \$100,000. While returns on this investment are high — 75 percent to 90 percent of the project's cost — you're better off

from an investing standpoint opting for a medium-cost renovation than an ultra-expensive one.

● **Replacement doors and windows:** Replacing weather-beaten doors and windows remains the most popular residential remodeling project. And today's emphasis on high-quality wood or steel doors, unique window designs — such as round-tops, box, bays and clerestories — and technologically advanced high efficiency designs are paying off in higher returns. Expect to recoup as much as 75 percent of this investment now compared to just 40 percent about seven years ago. But the higher quality comes with a beefier price tag. Replacing all exterior doors and windows for a modest house can run from \$7,000 to \$18,000.

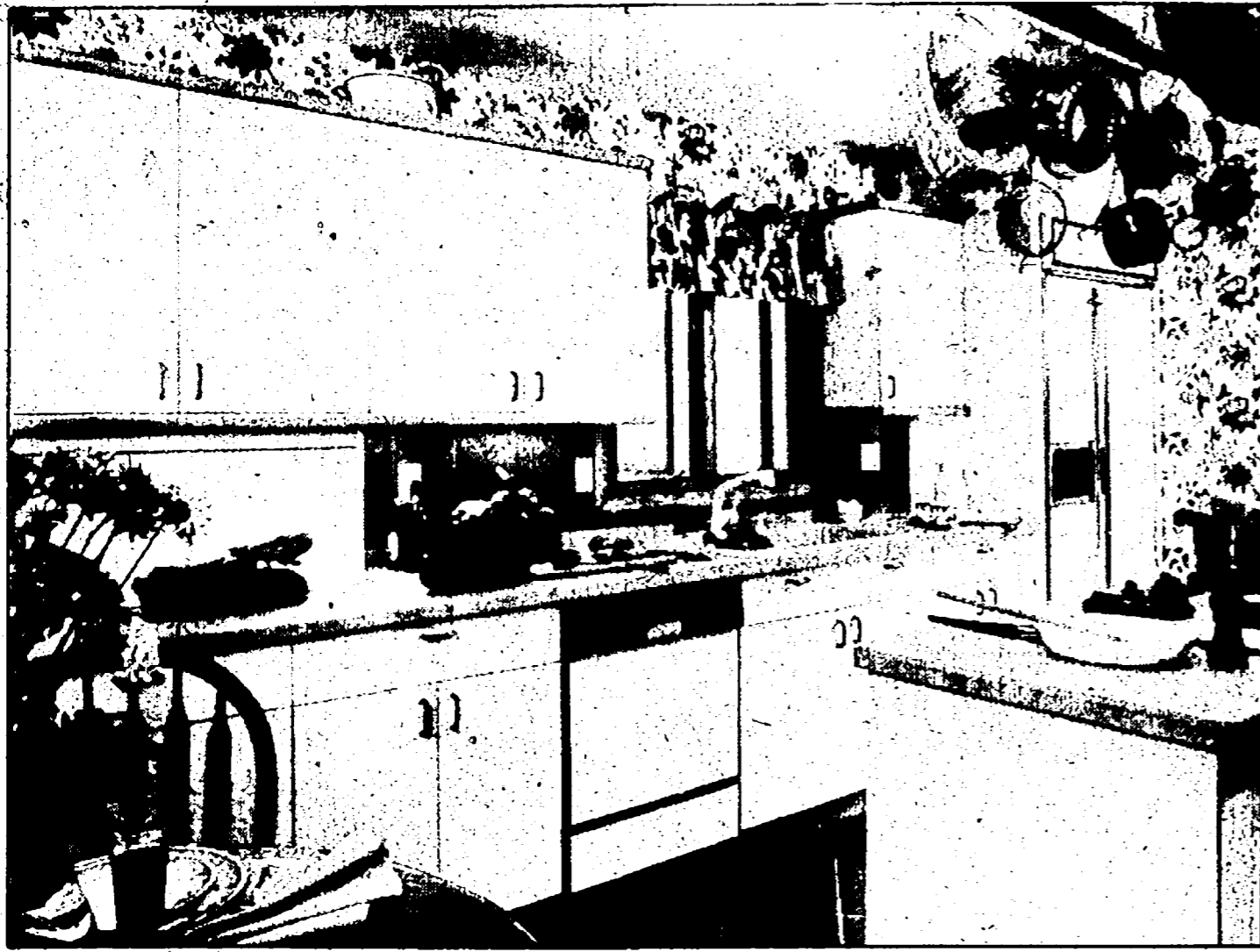
● **New siding:** Installing new siding with insulating board is far less expensive — just over \$6,000 on the average — and can boost your home's resale price by 75 percent to 100 percent of the project's cost. Higher energy efficiency accounts for some of this project's value, but more important is the enhanced curb appeal it gives your home.

Vinyl and vinyl-coated aluminum siding remain the most popular because they require little maintenance, but owners of more expensive homes may be better off going with natural wood. It's more expensive and, if painted, more difficult to maintain, but is generally preferred by home buyers at the upper end of the market.

When renovating your house's exterior, pay special attention to creating a dramatic entry — for example, a landscaped brick path leading to a carved door flanked by fluted pilasters and topped by a classical pediment. This feature alone can help swing sales negotiations to your favor.

● **Room addition:** Building a 15-

by-25-foot room addition is costly — close to \$30,000 on average — and has a relatively modest recovery rate — about 70 percent if you sell within two years. But if you like your present location and simply need more space, you're often better off adding a room or even an entire second floor than buying a larger house. To get the best return on resale, make sure the addition blends in with the layout and architectural character of the house. Also, a multi-purpose room will do better than one restricted to a single purpose such as a gym or workshop.



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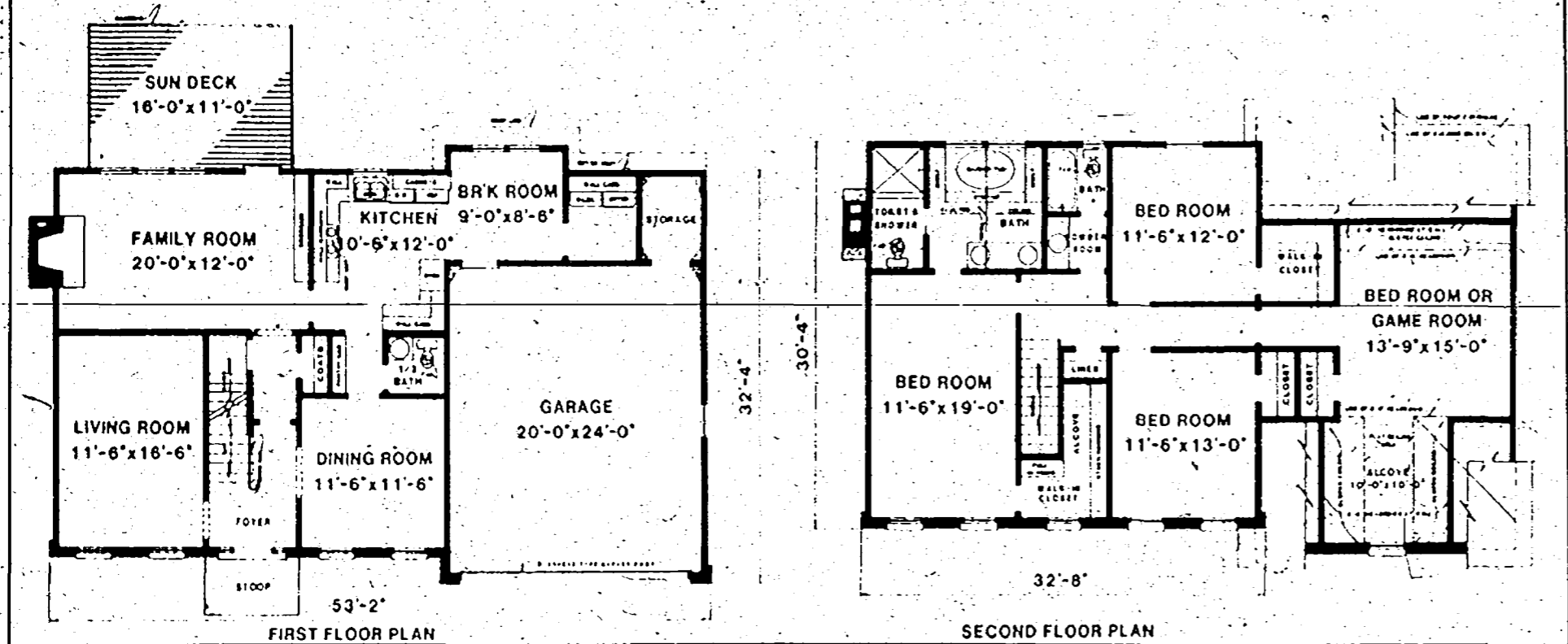
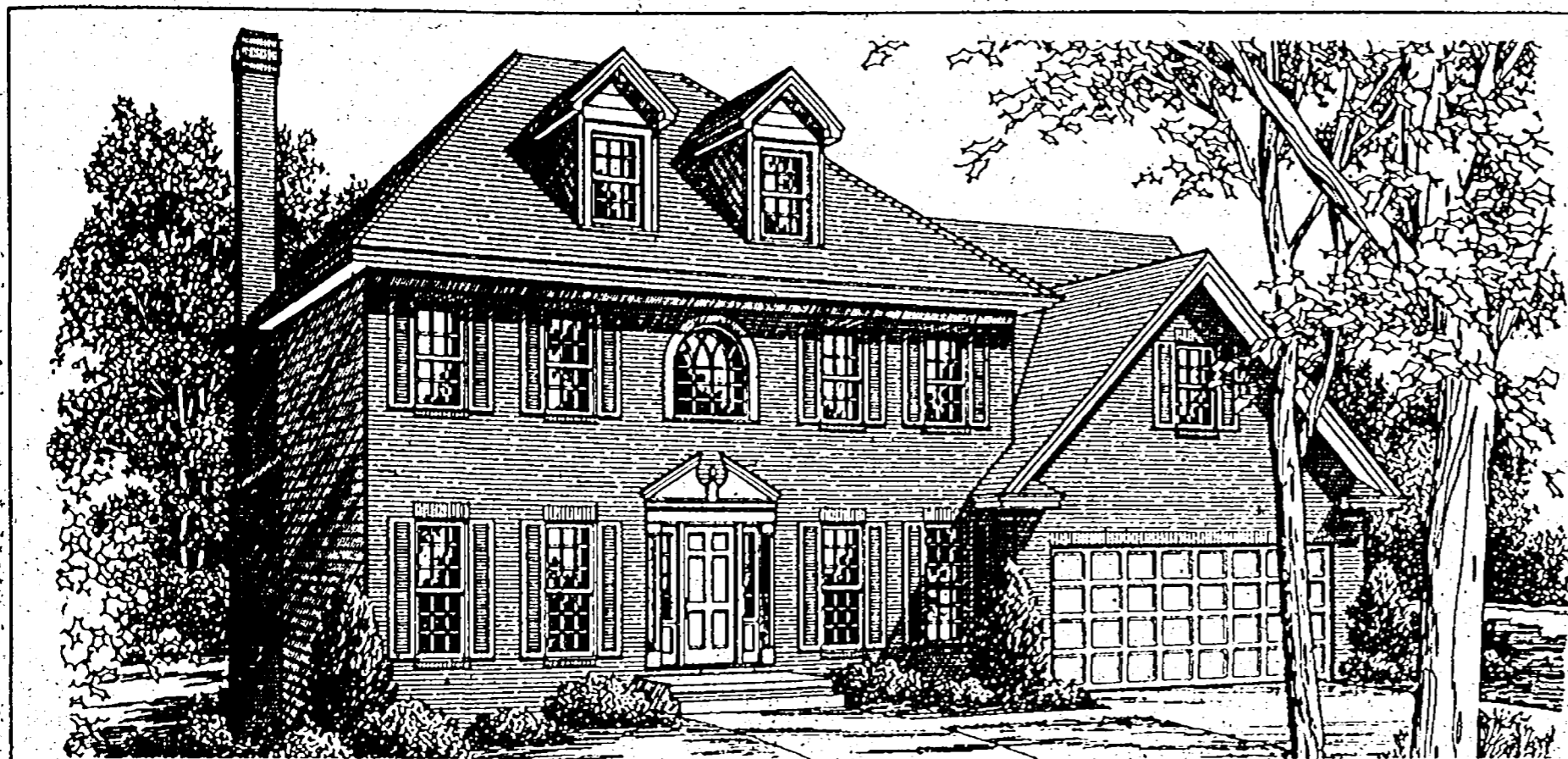
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TOP 10 CORPORATE RELOCATION MARKETS



Source:
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| Atlanta | New York |
| Chicago | Orlando |
| Dallas | Pittsburgh |
| Los Angeles | St. Louis |
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Average house prices in the top 10 relocation centers are: Los Angeles (Los Angeles County), \$300,000; New York (White Plains), \$210,000; Washington, D.C. \$200,000; Atlanta,

\$135,000; Chicago, \$140,000; Dallas/Fort Worth, \$96,000; Minneapolis, \$125,000; Orlando, \$100,000; Pittsburgh, \$55,000; St. Louis, \$88,000.

Economic expansion, changing market conditions and corporate takeovers all played a part in the relocation of 550,000 U.S. employees in 1989 at a cost to U.S. companies of more than \$18 billion, according to the Employee Relocation Council and Runzheimer International, based on a study commissioned by Century 21 Corporate Relocation Network.

The average cost per employee was \$37,000 and ranged from a low of \$4,000 to a high of \$100,000. The majority of employers hired third-party corporate relocation firms and national real estate networks to help the relocating employees sell the current home, move the family and buy another house.

The study named the traditional U.S. business centers — New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. — and the more recent additions to the upper echelon in corporate relocation — Atlanta, Dallas, St. Louis, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Orlando and Pittsburgh — as the top 10 markets for corporate relocation.

Although a few high-profile corporations recently moved from higher-priced Manhattan headquarters, most companies simply prefer to stay put. Consequently, the New York City area and other major business centers on the list should continue as major centers for corporate relocation.

These cities combine well-earned business reputations with civic and cultural amenities still unmatched by the smaller markets. Employers

are also successfully luring employees to the larger markets with comprehensive relocation benefit packages that more than compensate for cost-of-living expenses.

THE RESEARCH showed similarities about the smaller markets on the list. All are growing transportation hubs and have lower relative costs of living and housing. Commer-

cial real estate is substantially less expensive than in larger cities. For example, Class A office space in Plano, Texas, lists for \$10-\$16 per square foot, compared to \$27 per square foot in White Plains, N.Y. Many of the smaller markets offer tax incentives and liberal zoning codes.

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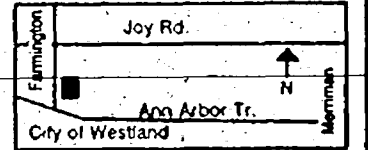
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