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## Merchants push sales to avoid yuletide slump

By Tedd Schnolder  
staff writer

At LeRoy's Jewelers, the company president came in last week to chat with customers and hopefully generate extra sales.

Kohl's ran a triple promotion that included a special price on men's dress shirts, a pre-holiday sale and Sunday/Monday bonus days.

Even Santa Claus is stepping up his schedule, taking an earlier flight. He will arrive Saturday morning at Westland Center.

Westland Center merchants are hyping Christmas a little earlier than usual this year as part of an effort to boost holiday sales in what retail experts across the country have termed a lackluster, near-recession economy.

"Sales bring people into the store," said Mary Jones, assistant manager of County Seat. The store carries blue jeans and other casual apparel.

Jones said early holiday shoppers haven't been buying as heavily this fall as last year, "although in the last two weeks things have picked up somewhat."

The store cut employees' hours during an October slowdown.

LIZ BIERL, manager at LeRoy's, ticked off a list of fall promotions designed to increase holiday sales, which she said were flat so far when compared to 1989.

"People seem a little bit more conservative (this year) in terms of how much they're spending," Bierl said.

More people are putting purchases on credit cards or taking advantage of the store's interest-free financing option, she said.

Gerry Abejuro, assistant manager at Richman Brothers, said chain-wide sales at the men's clothier have

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— Liz Bierl

been better than last year. Abejuro worked at the Eastland and 12 Oaks stores before coming to Westland last summer.

Customers this year are more likely to choose less-expensive items, ties and especially sweaters, Abejuro said. "The public is staying away from big-ticket items, I guess because people are a little worried about the economy."

SHAKY CONSUMER confidence in the economy was apparent in lackluster sales reported by major Michigan retailers during September and October, according to retail analysts.

JC Penney reported a sales decline of 6.3 percent for October 1990 compared to stores open during the same period a year ago.

Kmart sales rose 1.3 percent, but the increase was obliterated by a 5-percent inflation rate on consumer goods during the same period, a company spokesman said.

Dayton-Hudson Corp., which operates Hudson's, Target and Mervyn's, reported a 4.1-percent increase for October. Kenneth Macke, Dayton-Hudson chairman, said third-quarter profits would be hurt by increased markdowns needed to generate the sales gain.

Pat Verhoestra, manager of the WestRidge Plaza Target store, said she hasn't noticed a major slump

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Lynn Cracraft of Plymouth looks through the holiday sale racks at the County Seat store in Westland Center.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

## An early holiday gift list

Ay, carumba.

Bart and the rest of the Simpsons will end up under more Christmas trees than just about anything else, according to local toy and gift stores and national retailing experts.

Of course there's a huge array of T-shirts and other apparel featuring characters from the popular television series. Holiday shoppers will also find "The Simpsons' Xmas Book," by series creator Matt Groening and even a "Simpsons" Nintendo game cartridge, which should hit stores between now and January.

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While most expect Simpsons paraphernalia to be the season's big seller, at least one local expert thinks there could be backlash due to overexposure of the animated TV family.

"Most of my customers are getting tired of them, especially Bart," said Debbie Williams, head of the video games department at the Toys R Us store at Westland Crossings, Wayne Road at Warren Road. Among the expected hot-selling holiday gift items listed by Westland Center merchants were:

- Tunic-length sweaters
- Boyfriend jackets in bright colors
- WWF Wrestling action figures
- Madonna's greatest hits album
- "Pretty Woman" and "Total Recall" videos
- "Realities" cologne from Liz Claiborne
- Lower-priced cellular telephones and camcorders.

## Frost students receive letters, Mideast lesson

By Mario Chestnoy  
staff writer

Frost Middle School seventh graders only have to glance at a tabletop clock to know what time it is in Saudi Arabia.

The students in the school which serves northern Westland in the Livonia school district have been absorbed in Mideastern life ever since U.S. troops arrived there in August and Fran York began teaching her students about Mideastern countries in September. The clock is set for Saudi time, seven hours ahead of the time in Livonia.

One of the first tasks the students plunged into was to write letters to soldiers stationed in Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert

Shield. On the blackboard, York had written an address for the students to use.

You can imagine the students' surprise when two of them got letters back.

"My mom got the letter and brought it to school," said Kerri Verardi.

Kathy Dudley received not only a letter but also a packet of light-brown sand from the faraway desert of Saudi Arabia.

"I asked for it and he sent it to me," Kathy said.

However, after Kerri read her letter in class, the students got another surprise. The two-page letter, filled with descriptions of the harsh desert climate, came from Greg York, Fran York's son.

BECAUSE SHE knew it by



Kerri Verardi (middle) and Kathy Dudley both received letters from soldiers stationed in Saudi Arabia. Rose Tessmer (left) is one of the many youngsters in Fran York's seventh-grade class who donated items to be sent to one of the soldiers at Christmas.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

heart, York had written her son's address on the blackboard: Soldier, C Company, Third Engineering Battalion, 24th IN Mechanized, Desert Shield, APO New York, N.Y. 09315.

But she never expected her own son would answer. And she had decided for personal reasons not to tell her students that her own son

was in Saudi Arabia as part of Desert Shield.

"I asked him to give the letters to the men in his unit who didn't get much mail," York said. "I never told the students about my connection to the Middle East. I was shocked when my son wrote Kerri."

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## Probe continues in park attack

An investigation into the Oct. 18 attack on a woman in the Corrado Park area is continuing, police said Tuesday.

Police last week questioned and released a Wayne man pending further investigation, Detective Sgt. Michael Terry said.

The man was arrested following an anonymous phone tip, Terry said. The woman told police she was walking on Gladys near Flamingo when someone grabbed her from behind.

The woman was thrown to the ground and punched in the face, but managed to fight off her attacker and probably escaped being sexually assaulted, police said.

The woman, who lives in the neighborhood, was treated and released from Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

**Police last week questioned and released a Wayne man pending further investigation. The man was arrested after an anonymous phone tip.**

She described her attacker as a white male in his late 20s or early 30s, 6 feet 1 inch tall and 210 pounds with a clean-shaven face and shoulder-length brown hair. He was wearing a dark jogging suit.

Anyone with information about the attacker may call Terry, 721-6311.

## Head injuries focus of Observer series

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

Deceptive. Disabling. Devastating. A description of head injury, an affliction that strikes an estimated 1 million citizens annually, rendering them in its most benign form, confused or forgetful, and at its worst, wheelchair bound with little or no control over any bodily function.

Auto accidents account for the majority of injuries, but a slip on the ice or a bump from the kitchen cabinet can do it too, sufficiently jarring

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or scarring the brain into foreign behavior with profound consequences for victim and family alike.

A continuing mystery to most people who perceive it as an emotional disorder, mental illness or retardation, head injuries are deceptive, carrying disabling effects that are often devastating.

On Page 5A, begins the first of a series of three articles on head injuries. We meet survivors, as they call themselves — those who are living with the wreckage caused by injured brains.

Next, we meet the families, who day-by-day attempt to cope with loved ones whose lives have been changed forever.

Finally, we look at Michigan's no-fault auto insurance that finances the comprehensive and often long rehabilitation essential in overcoming brain injuries. The most progressive program of its kind in the nation, it



is under attack. State Sen. Dick Posthumus, R-Lowell, and state Rep. Paul Wartner, R-Portage, have introduced legislation to do away with mandatory coverage.

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# Merchants move up shopping calendar

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this fall and expected the store to do well during the holiday period.

"We're keeping our outlook very optimistic at this point," Verhoestra said. "The kinds of things we carry like toys and basic clothing should probably still sell OK."

THE WESTLAND branch and other Target stores will promote a sale on Mattel toys this month.

Jones of the County Seat clothing business agreed that sales of traditional and lower-cost items seem to be holding up while expensive, trendy gifts may take a beating.

"People are still coming in and getting your \$90 overalls, your \$60 Guess? jeans, but there's less of that," Jones said. "More people are coming in for \$20 sweaters and buying three of them (as gifts) for different people."

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assistant manager  
County Seat

nature of mall retailing means that when one store has a sale or promotion, others in the same building have to do something similar to avoid losing customers.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer  
Gerry Abejuro, assistant manager at Richmond Brothers, says holiday sales figures at the men's clothier are running slightly ahead of last year's pace.

# Recyclables are ticket to EcoFair

Churchill High School's first EcoFair takes place Saturday amid representatives from many well-known environmental groups.

The fair at the school, which serves northwest Westland, is designed to promote awareness of environmental issues and will feature speakers from groups such as Friends of the Rouge, Greenpeace, the Michigan Humane Society, Amnesty International, the American Lung Association and the Sierra Club.

Admission is free. The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking will cost two recyclables or a small donation to Stand Up, an environ-

mental group made up of Churchill students.

Guest speakers for the groups will appear at the following times: Friends of the Rouge, 2:15-2:45 p.m.; Earth Network/Greenpeace, 3-4 p.m.; Michigan State University, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Livonia Citizens for Recycling, 1:30-2 p.m.; Global Releaf, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, 1-2 p.m.; Michigan Humane Society, 10-11 a.m.; and Amnesty International, 12:45-1:15 p.m.

Each group will set up tables of informational material.

# Scholarships auction goal

Madonna College will begin its auction season with an evening of free food, music and fun 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 30, at Roma's of Livonia.

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Guests may join in supporting the students at Madonna College by bringing a donated gift item to the party to be bid on at the scholarship dinner auction on Saturday, April 20, at Laurel Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

The goal of this year's auction is to raise \$250,000 for scholarships.

For reservations to the free auction preview party, call 591-5126 by Nov. 26.

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# Students happy over letters from troops

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With Christmas coming, the students are now collecting such items as toothpaste and thread to mail a gift box to Ray Gulledge, the soldier who wrote Kathy.

Both Gulledge and York answered the many questions Kathy and Kerri posed in their letters.

"What I do is fix all the weapons when they break down," Gulledge wrote. "Most of the soldiers don't have tents so they sleep by their vehi-

cle."

York, a graduate of the Military Academy at West Point, told Kerri that no place he has yet served in the Army could compare to Saudi Arabia.

"The desert is a very harsh and inhospitable environment, with many scorpions, snakes, spiders, desert beetles, flies and camels."

KERRI SAID she was especially surprised to

learn that the hot desert turns into an icebox at night during the winter months.

When she decided to use her son's address for student letters, York said she didn't know how busy her son's company really was.

"It's a very busy unit. They're constantly repairing equipment and are not sitting around. My son told me to have the students write to other units, that they might have a better chance of getting a response."

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## Community Corner

This week's question:

Do you think the U.S. economy is headed for a recession?

We asked the question at Leright's coffee shop, 626 S. Wayne Road.



'No. Business here has been OK.' — Judy Mead



'I haven't thought about it much. It seems to me (the economy) has been steady but could maybe be doing a little better.' — Angellique Rosenberg



'Yes. We're in a recession already. There's a lack of jobs because companies have shipped them overseas. I'm not confident about it at all.' — Curtis Webb Sr.



'Absolutely. Things are pretty lousy. Where I'm at now (Houston County, Tenn.) has the highest unemployment rate in the state. I came back here to find a job.' — Jerry Sisemore



'I think there's going to be one. Sales are down.' — Beth Boster



'I think we're in one now. People are out of work. It looks pretty bleak.' — Maureen Culp

## Park hosts Thanksgiving celebration

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

Westland residents who want a traditional Thanksgiving holiday will find it in nearby Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The park in downtown Plymouth may easily be mistaken for a pumpkin patch next week.

Starting Monday, two tons of pumpkins along with corn stalks, gourds and Indian corn will decorate

the park and adjacent business district, in preparation for "A Plymouth Thanksgiving" Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23-24.

Supporters of this first-time event say it's a natural for the western Wayne County suburb as the first Thanksgiving was held in Plymouth, Mass.

But also, backers see it as a way for Plymouth to drum up a little business on the traditional biggest

shopping day of the year — in contrast to malls which begin promoting Christmas as early as October.

"We're responding to what our community and customers want — they've had it with the over-commercialization of Christmas and dragging the season out for three months," said downtown merchant Nancy Sheehan.

Fred Hill, another organizer, said backers have raised \$11,000 to pay for promoting the event. That sum includes \$3,000 donated by the city commission.

"I think we're just planting a seed," Hill said, adding he hopes the event will continue annually. "Hopefully, it will be maintained as something that will make the community proud."

A highlight of the celebration is a re-enactment at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 in Kellogg Park of the first Thanksgiving — complete with folks dressed as pilgrims and Indians.

Also on Friday, a 10-minute non-denominational service is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the park to commemorate Thanksgiving "and take a moment to recognize our troops

overseas," Hill said. Indian dance demonstrations are scheduled for 2 p.m.

As part of the celebration, folks dressed as pilgrims are to pass out flyers at intersections promoting the event, and "be speaking 1620," Hill said — using "thee" and "thou."

Organizers plan to tie ears of corn donated by a local farmer on signs and parking meters next week. They also plan to erect a tepee and stockade-type fencing in Kellogg Park, where a 50-pound turkey and two 100-pound pumpkins will be displayed, along with farm animals.

Hill said 20 high school drama club students will be dressed in period costume to meet event-goers. Al LaCroix of Plymouth will portray historical figure Gov. Bradford, and will ring the bell announcing the dinner and read a proclamation, Hill said.

Also, MCI communications will dress workers in period costumes in the Cloverdale parking lot, where people can place free phone calls anywhere in the U.S. to wish friends and family a happy Thanksgiving, Hill said.

In a letter to merchants, Hill wrote, "There may be an opportunity for extensive media attention as well as customers voting support for our stand by shopping Plymouth instead of the look-alike malls on this most important retail weekend."

## lunch menu for seniors

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of Nov. 19:

Monday — Stuffed pepper, rice, Italian green beans, Mandarin oranges, corn muffin with margarine, milk.

Tuesday — Beef stew with vegetables, health salad, pineapple, bread with margarine, milk.

Wednesday — Turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, pumpkin pie with whipped topping, wheat roll with margarine.

## carrier of the month Westland

Ted Nelson has been named carrier of the month for November by the Westland Observer.

Ted, the son of Steve and Belinda Nelson of Westland, has been an Observer carrier since August 1989.

He is an eighth grader at Marshall Junior High School, where he has a B+ average.

Ted said his favorite subjects in school are science and English. His hobbies include basketball, hunting, fishing, golfing and snorkeling.

The part he likes most about his newspaper route is meeting people and earning his own spending money, he said. The route has also taught him about responsibility and getting along with others, he said.

Ted's future plans include attending the Air Force Academy and he hopes to become an airline pilot.

Ted Nelson



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# For survivors, recovery can be a long road



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

A 47-year-old Redford woman injured in an auto accident six months ago is overcome with emotion during her first encounter with other victims of head injury at a meeting of a support group in Farmington Hills.

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

A fresh notebook accompanies Karen Near everywhere. The 42-year-old Oakland County wife and mother devotes one page each to her husband and four adult children.

"Anything important they say to me has to be written down," she said in a wispy voice, flashing a broad smile.

"My family tells me I even smiled in the coma."

Four years ago this month, Near's car was crushed beneath a semi-trailer that pulled in front of her. She survived.

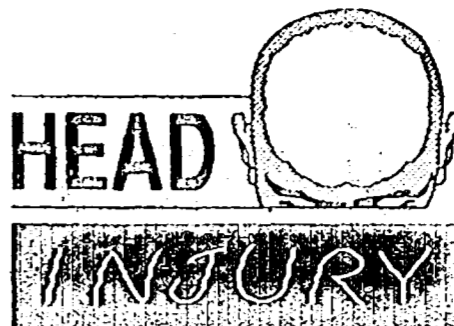
"It was harder on my family. I slept through most of it," two months in a coma at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, four months hospitalization at St. Joseph's in Ypsilanti and a year of intense rehabilitation.

Prior to the accident, Near, once an avid snow skier and ice skater, managed her husband's Novi-based engineering firm. Today, she handles overdue accounts by telephone.

"It's easy. I make notes on the invoice. It's right in front of me," helping her recall the task at hand after dialing the phone. Otherwise, she is apt to forget.

Of the notebook that accompanies her everywhere: "I can't remember what was said yesterday. That hurts," she said, her broad smile perhaps a bit less so in a momentary flash of recall.

Head injuries can be placed in two categories: penetrating injuries and closed head injuries. Closed head injury is the most common type outside a war zone. Although no object penetrates the brain, it may still be severely damaged. Until recently, 90 percent of patients with severe head injury died. Today, at least 50 percent survive but it still is the



number one killer of persons under the age of 44.  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Looking into a fish bowl that hasn't been cleaned in six months is how Dennis Sparks describes the immediate aftermath of a blow to the back of his head after slipping and falling on water at work last February.

Unlike most who suffer head injury, Sparks, 43, of Westland, has full recall of the accident and is vividly aware of the changes in himself since.

"I was devoted to family, whatever was best for them. I was devoted to my job and the American way, making things work. I was a very busy person." A happily married father of three young hockey players, Sparks had not missed a day of work as a skilled craftsman in 20 years.

Today, "I didn't feel guilty laying on the couch. I cry for no reason. Ha-

tred, I guess about what happened. I can't get it out of my head. I take my situation out on my family, the people I'm closest to. The guys I used to work with, only one has come around. That makes me wonder about myself."

Sparks begins to cry softly. "It's hard to figure just who I really am."

After falling, Sparks was examined by a company doctor and in a hospital emergency room. He was sent home from work to recuperate from what was thought to be a minor injury.

He now attends out-patient rehab therapy at Detroit's Harper Hospital and is temporarily residing in a Wayne County support facility. He makes periodic visits home.

The disabling effects of brain injury can be pronounced, even among those who are mildly injured and seem to make a full recovery. There are usually lingering deficiencies, including marked psychological, emotional and personality changes. Changes involve inability to learn, remember, process new information or think abstractly, as well as irritability, anger and depression. Many also suffer motivational problems, leading to frustration and plunging self-esteem.

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## State inmates are aging

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

The phrase, "Lock 'em up and throw away the key," causes penologist William Lovett to pause, especially after leading a recently completed, yearlong study on the grayning of Michigan's inmate population.

"What we are really saying when we suggest throwing away the key, is the state has the responsibility of providing a comparable community standard of care forever. The courts have held that inmates are entitled to such a standard," said Lovett of the state Department of Corrections.

Providing a comparable standard is made more challenging for some 400 prisoners, the estimated 380 men and 20 women serving time in Michigan prisons who are 60 years or older. Sixty-five of the total number are over 70 years of age, five are over 80.

Their numbers are expected to double by 1995, the result of mandatory sentencing and increasing convictions among the elderly for crimes of passion, sexual misconduct and drug offenses, according to Lovett's study.

It is the second group that is perhaps most unsettling, the 233 senior citizens who are first-time offenders.

"YOU ARE BLENDING serious, violent crime with a human twist.

The normal aging process may well have figured in the crime. Less impulse control, senility or forgetting medication may all be precipitating factors," Lovett said.

Some "genuinely forget what they have done," continuing to maintain innocence long after conviction.

Three years ago, a then 74-year-old World War II veteran awarded a Purple Heart, was sentenced to life for murder. Married for 48 years, he was retired from a job where he had been employed 31 years.

He and some 60 other old inmates are incarcerated at the Lakeland Correctional Facility, a single-level former hospital that accommodates wheelchairs, walkers and other paraphernalia of the elderly.

Across the way at the Florence Crane Women's Facility, a grandmother bides time with an estimated 20 other aged female prisoners. On a November morning in 1987, "the past years of mental abuse came to an end" when she killed her husband. She is scheduled for release in 1992.

Another woman, a former manager and buyer for a large corporation and now convicted of murder, speaks of her situation.

"The fact that he was abusive made no difference. The fact that I had never committed a crime made no difference. I became a victim along with my husband. He is dead and I am serving a life sentence."

OF THE ELDERLY who are first-time offenders, 79 are serving life sentences with no possibility of

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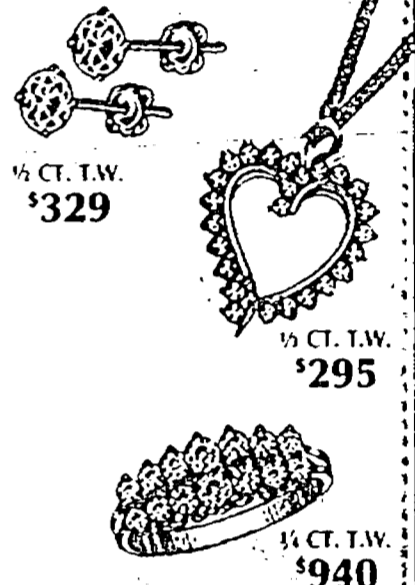
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## Local U.S. Reps feel no backlash

By Wayne Pehl  
staff writer

If area voters are angry with Congress, they didn't show it by voting against their local Congressman.

But they might have shown it by staying home on election day.

All area Congressional incumbents won, as expected. Less expected was that incumbents' percentage of the vote nearly equaled or surpassed that of two years ago — despite nationwide polls showing widespread dissatisfaction with Congress.

It was a smaller voter pool this year, however, compared with presidential election year 1988.

Among individual races, incumbent Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, took a bigger share of the vote in his 2nd District race. Pursell received 63.9 percent of the vote in defeating Democratic candidate Elmer White, an Ann Arbor attorney.

Two years ago, the eight-term congressman received 55.1 percent of the vote in defeating a much tougher foe, state Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor.

The 149,179 ballots cast, however, represented a drop of more than 70,000 from 1988. The district includes northern Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

OTHER AREA incumbents received only a slightly smaller percentage than in 1988.

In the 15th District, William Ford, D-Taylor, received 61.1 percent of the vote in defeating GOP candidate Durl Adkins, a Southgate businessman. Ford, a 14-term incumbent, also defeated Adkins in 1988, capturing 64.7 percent of the vote. The big gainer, at least by percentage, was Libertarian Party candidate Dalvd Hunt of Ypsilanti. Hunt drew 2,536 votes, roughly a third more than 1988 Libertarian candidate Eric

*'I haven't completed my report, but I'd say that about 45 percent of eligible voters voted.'*

— Chris Thomas  
state elections director

Blankenburg received.

Votes were down by more than 50,000 in the 15th District, which includes southern Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Canton.

In the 17th district, five-term incumbent Sander Levin, D-Southfield, received 69.7 percent of the vote in defeating Republican candidate Dennis Flessland of Royal Oak. He received 71.1 percent of the vote in defeating a different GOP rival in 1988.

The raw vote in the 17th, including Redford, was down by slightly more than 60,000.

State elections director Chris Thomas said it was the norm for vote totals to drop between presidential and mid-term elections.

More troubling, according to Thomas, was that vote totals for recent mid-term Michigan elections are falling well below those of a generation ago. As in 1988, less than half of Michigan's eligible voters took time to cast their ballots for governor and other state offices.

"I haven't completed my report, but I'd say that about 45 percent of eligible voters voted," Thomas said. "That's a slight improvement over 1988, but it's still below what we had in the 1960s and 70s."

Back then, Thomas said, turnout for mid-term elections stood at about 55 percent.

The good news, Thomas said, was that about 200,000 more people voted than in 1988.

# Seminar on mental illness is set for tonight

## BOUNCING BACK

Tuesdays, Through Nov. 27 — The Huron Valley Regional Council of Parents without Partners is sponsoring an admission-free program, "Bouncing Back," for single parents. The workshops are designed to help single parents overcome the hurts and confusion felt during or after a divorce. The workshops will be 7:30-9 p.m. in Stottlemeyer Elementary School, on Marquette, between Wayne Road and Wildwood. For information, call Kelly Gorney, 532-1068 evenings.

## MENTAL ILLNESS

Thursday, Nov. 15 — A seminar on mental illness will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in St. Damian's Parish, 29891 Joy. For information, call 522-5383.

## SOCK HOP

Friday, Nov. 16 — A "Nifty '50s Sock Hop" will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the VFW Post 9885, 6440 Hix Road south of Warren Road. Music will be provided by the band "Positive Energy." Tickets are \$10 and include pizza, beverages, and door prizes. Positive Energy is a non-profit organization hoping to be able to sing and dance at nursing homes, church festivals and other events. It is trying to raise funds for sound and technical equipment and to donate to charities.

## LAS VEGAS PARTY

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 16-18 — A Las Vegas Party will be 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday and 4-10 p.m. Sunday in St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road between Wayne and Newburgh Road. There will be big wheel, black jack and dice, drinks and popcorn. Admission is \$1 and all proceeds go to the development building fund.

## BAZAAR

Saturday, Nov. 17 — The Franklin High School Athletic Booster Club will hold its Christmas bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school, 30001 Marquette at Henry Ruff. Exhibitors are needed. There is a \$15 per table rental fee. For information, call 261-1683.

## CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 17 — Memorial School will hold a craft fair will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school, 30001 Marquette at Henry Ruff. Exhibitors are needed. There is a \$15 per table rental fee. For information, call 261-1683.

## BOUTIQUE

Saturday, Nov. 17 — A Christmas boutique will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette, four blocks south of Ford Road and two blocks east of Wayne Road. For information, call 595-2630.

## WINTER RESIDENCE

Sunday, Nov. 18 — A "Winter residence, not everything goes South" tour will be in Holiday Park Nature Preserve. Tour will begin at the Koppernick entrance at 1 p.m. For information, call Wayne County Parks and Recreation at 261-1990.

## GED TESTS

Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 19-20 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard. For information, call 523-9294.

## ARTS, CRAFTS

Saturday, Nov. 24 — Wayne Ford Civic League will hold its arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1661 N. Wayne Road. Tables are still available. For more information, call Kathie at 728-5010.

## VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, Nov. 24 — Las Vegas Night will be 7:30 p.m. to midnight in Dr. Thomas A. Dooley K. of C. Hall, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt. Doors open 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and kitchen, prizes not to exceed

## 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.

**YULE WONDERLAND**  
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 — "A Christmas Wonderland" arts and crafts show will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan, a half mile east of Wayne Road. Admission is \$1. Lunch will be available.

**GRADUATION PARTY**  
Thursday, Nov. 29 — A "Project Graduation" planning meeting will be 7 p.m. in Garden City High School cafeteria. Committees will be formed for the senior's class all-night graduation party. Senior parents are invited to attend and with parents of juniors also welcome.

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## MORE CRAFTS

Saturday, Dec. 1 — Crafters are needed for the Hamilton Elementary Craft Show. For information, call Barb 722-7264, Bobbie 728-4916 or Ed 728-2657.

## PLAY/LEARN

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is accepting registrations for children ages 2½ through 6 years of age for its Play and Learn Program. For more information, call 721-7044.

## DANCERS WANTED

The Polish Centennial Dancers are accepting registrations for fall. Students ages 3 through adults can learn Polish folk dancing, American polkas, along with a touch of jazz and various routines. For information, call 427-2636 or 464-1263.

## CARDIAC GROUP

Mondays — A cardiac support group meets the second and fourth Monday of every month 7-8:30 p.m. in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital classroom No. 1, 6245 N. Inkster Road at Maplewood. The group will offer educational and emotional support of cardiac patients and their families.

## TRAVEL GROUP

Fridays — The Travel Group meets every Friday at 12:45 p.m. in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or special program is planned. Program includes speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents; \$12.50 for non-residents. For more information, call 722-7632.

## SCHOOL GROUP

Fridays — The Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Meeting House (formerly The Rowe House), 37025 Marquette. The group informs citizens of important issues regarding the community schools. For information, call Dave Moranty at 729-1748.

## CLASSES OPEN


St. David's Nursery School, 27500 Marquette, Garden City is accepting applications for the 1990-91 school year. Classes are available for 3- and 4-year-olds. For information or an appointment to visit, call Greta Kennen at 422-3187 or Jenny Schlarer at 295-7790.

## HAIRCUTS

Wednesdays — Haircuts are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Cost is \$5 for men and \$6 for women. Perms are also available. For information, call 722-7632.

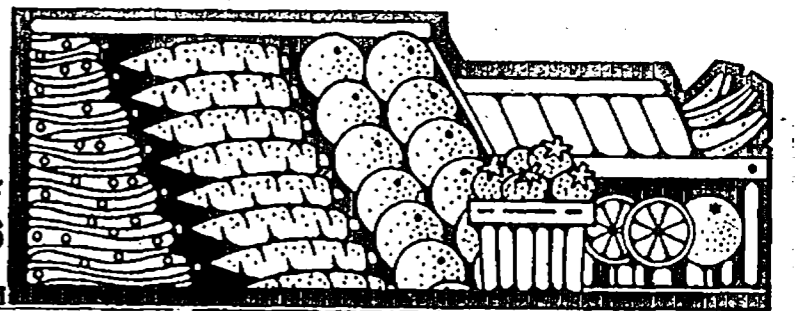
## HYPERTENSION

Hypertension screening will be provided by United Care and Westland Medical Center 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, except for the fifth Monday of the month. A nurse from Home Health Care will provide blood pressure screenings 9-10 a.m. every Thursday. Screenings also will be by appointment with Dr. Szczeciński at 9 a.m. Fridays.



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# Madonna College is pushing commuter student involvement

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

Robert Kimball brings to his new job at Madonna College a belief that commuter students can get more out of college.

"We're going to have a tea, with a string quartet and a major speaker," said the chairman of the education-psychology department at the private Livonia college which serves local students.

It might not sound like much. But involvement in extracurricular activities can help build a sense of pride in teaching among the college's 400 education students, Kimball said.

"To be a master teacher is a commitment," Kimball said.

His work to get commuter students more involved in out-of-class activities "was something I was doing at Mercy College for years." After 16 years at the Detroit college, Kimball started at Madonna College this fall.

Kimball, who holds a doctorate degree in science education, said the college has received a \$622,625 grant from the National Science Foundation to recruit students to join a science teachers education program.

NOW MORE than ever, he said, society needs well-prepared teachers.

"We've come to a point now where there are significant changes in our society and our country, and there are going to be jobs for teachers."

At a recent lunch, Kimball and Livonia school district Superintendent Joseph Marinelli, whose district includes the northern section of Westland, discussed the possibility that as many as 80 percent of that



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Robert Kimball is trying to get Madonna College students more involved in extracurricular activities.

district's teachers could retire in the next 10 years.

"If you extrapolate that to other school districts, it's going to be exciting times for teachers and teacher training institutions."

AMONG IMPROVEMENTS in the way teachers are trained, Kimball cites "the testing issue."

Future teachers are tested upon entering college and before graduation, "so we can really guarantee to the public that we have high-quality teachers."

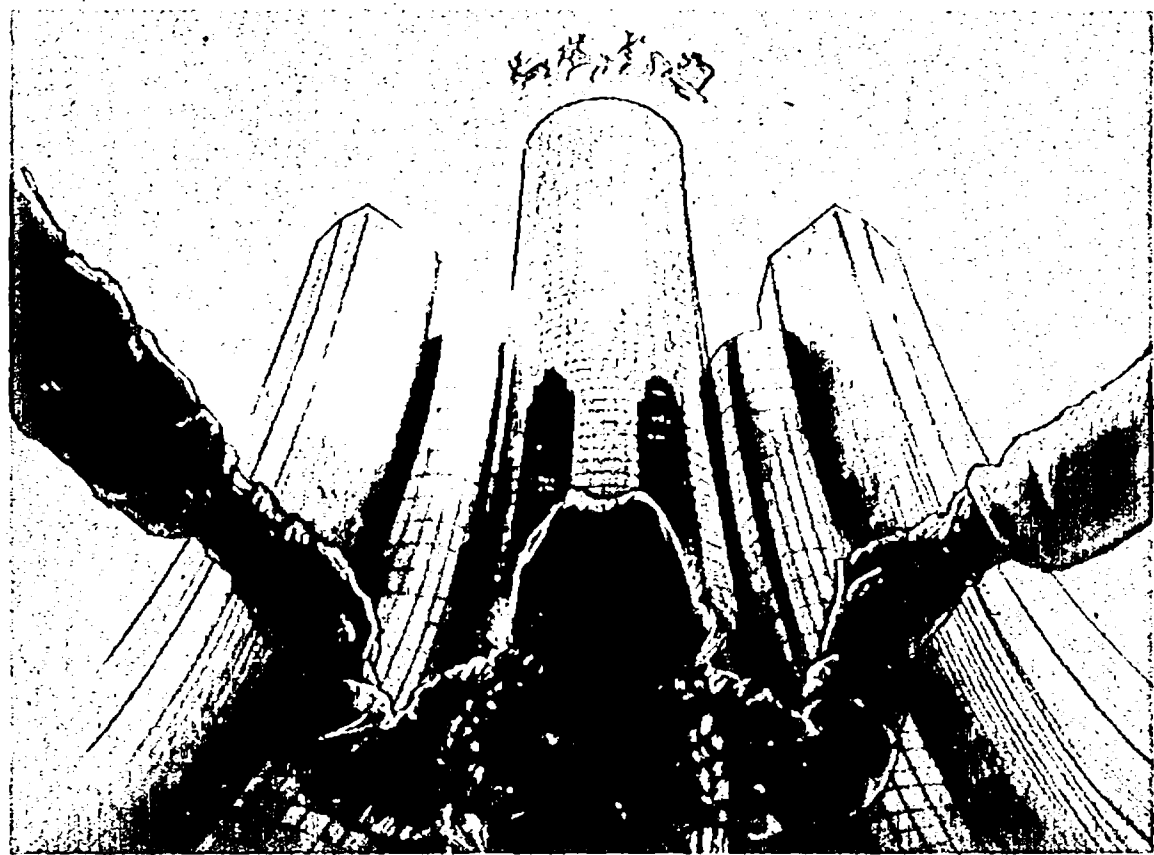
Kimball does not lament the rejection of B.F. Skinner's behavior modification theory by today's educators.

"It was sort of like going at students with a pigeon mentality. We're much more sophisticated now," as teachers now interact more with students to get results, rather than motivate by offering rewards.

A COMPUTER enthusiast, Kimball, a Plymouth resident, has also created five commercial software programs for elementary school children.

Also a longtime bee keeper, Kimball has had as many as 100 hives that produced 8,000 pounds yearly. After a mite infestation last summer decimated his hives, Kimball has quit the hobby for now, but will eventually start again, he said.

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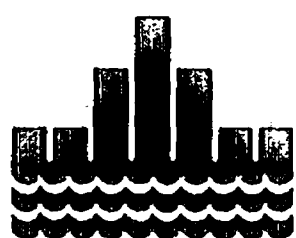
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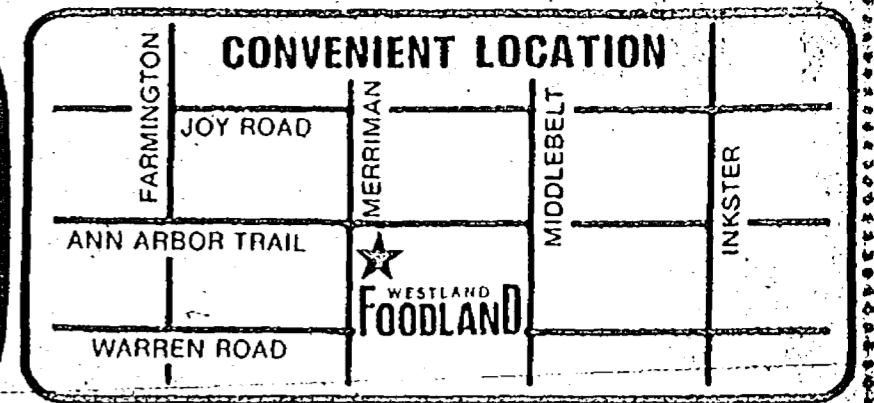
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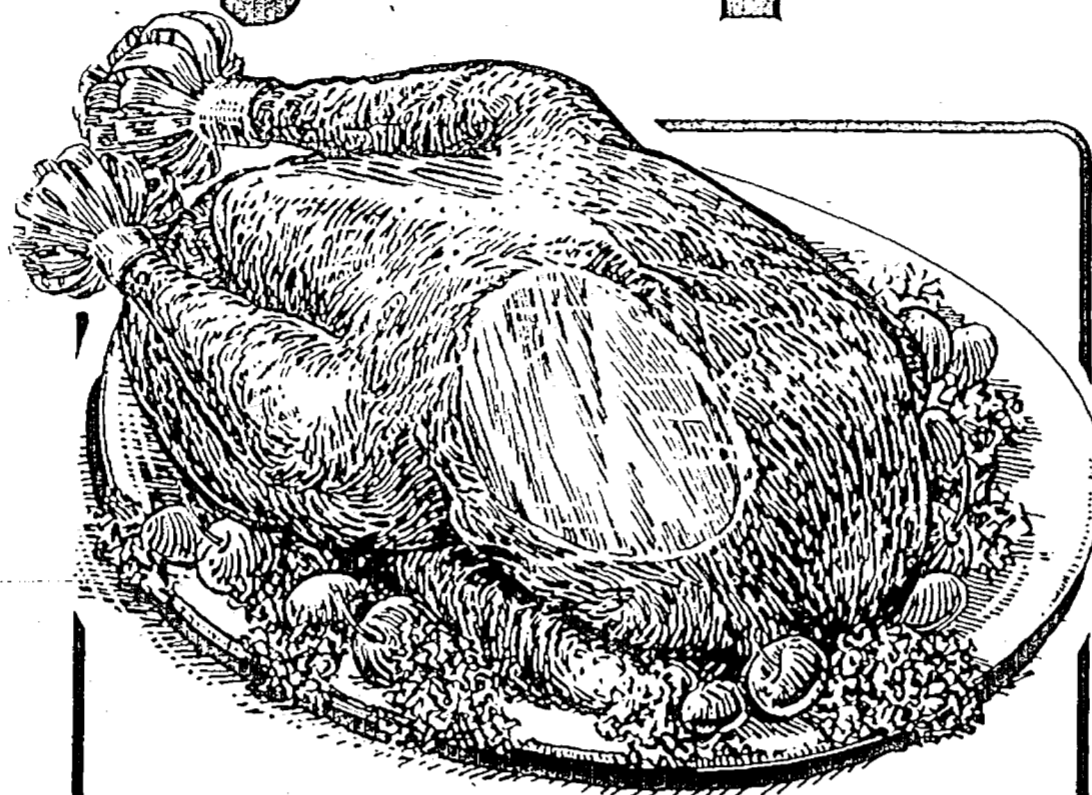
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# Survivors discuss lives, hopes

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## National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation

Shortly after graduating with honors from Michigan State University in 1983, Helaine Bank was on the fast track with a major corporation in Chicago. Less than two years later, she was battling for simple survival after being sandwiched between a truck and a bus while driving home from work.

"I went right back to work. I had something to prove, the Bionic woman," now 29 and living in a Southfield apartment. "I looked the same. But I wasn't the same. The first sign was behavioral problems."

Her problems have since accounted in a series of jobs, each with less responsibilities than the one before. They have also strained relationships with family members unable to understand pronounced personality changes and friends who now find her behavior strange. Perhaps most important is Bank's plunging sense of self worth that causes profound personal pain.

"I'll never forget being told (in 1986) that I was significantly intellectually impaired. I miss me,

myself, who I used to be. It really hurts from people say I look the same. They've forgotten who I really was once. I feel like I've lost my 20s."

Now, "I'm a blend of the person before the accident, the person who witnessed it and the person with the after effects. Trying to explain it is impossible. The more you try, the crazier you sound. There is so much desperation connected to it, getting people to understand.

"A psychologist told me I'm like a sophisticated computer that nobody knows how to use. I'm considered high functioning. I'm very articulate, but that works against me," making it all the more difficult for others to understand or empathize.

"I'm going to need (medical and support) maintenance the rest of my life."

Engaged to be married to an area businessman, Bank was prevented from joining him during an international assignment because of the head injury. "They said I'm not a candidate for overseas residency."

There is a large group of individuals with head injuries who have been all but ignored by the public. These are the uncounted

thousands who seemingly recover from their injuries but still suffer subtle intellectual and behavioral effects that may seriously impair their ability to work and interact normally with other people. Some never lost consciousness and others never even suffered a direct blow to the head, yet brain damage occurred.

## "Personal Health" by Jane Brody

Kathy McEvilly was hurt in a dune buggy accident during the summer of 1973. At the time, she was a 16-year-old cheerleader entering her sophomore year at St. Agatha High School in Redford. Richard Nixon was president, embroiled in the Watergate scandal.

By the time she left the hospital nearly a year later, the United States had a new president, Gerald Ford.

Her recovery continued through Jimmy Carter's term in the White House and when Ronald Reagan campaigned for a second term as president, McEvilly simultaneously attained a remarkable goal.

She graduated with a degree in social work from Michigan State University, the culmination of a "long, long road back" from severe physi-

cal disability at a time when rehabilitation services and facilities for the brain injured were virtually non-existent.

"I'm real grateful I don't have cognitive problems. They're very minimal." Still, "I had to relearn everything, but I'm one of those rare people with a real great memory."

Her problems are primarily physical, diminished speech, impaired motor coordination and poor balance. She walks awkwardly with the aid of elbow crutches. Frequent falls during the winter have severely damaged both knees.

"If this never happened, I'd really be a different person. But I'm happy with the person I've become."

She now lives in an Oakland County support facility.

Nearly all brain-injured people have problems with concentration and memory. Many complain that they think more slowly than before their injury. They often have difficulty reasoning and solving problems. Academic skills also suffer. A former college student may be unable to read a newspaper, write a letter or balance a checkbook. IQ's usually decline, but the scores are not very revealing. One person with an IQ of 85 may be able to carry on an intelligent conversation. Another with the same IQ may be unable to follow even simple instructions.

## "Psychology Today"

Next, a look at families and friends coping with loved ones changed forever as the result of head injury.



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"After 10 months in a coma, I went to a wheelchair, then to a walker, to where I am today," said Jennifer Imlay of Beverly Hills. She was seriously injured in an auto accident two years ago.

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# Prison lifers keep dreaming of going home — someday

By Janice Bruneon  
staff writer

If John Burrows or Leon Lowe of the Western Wayne Correctional Facility in Plymouth are any measure, inmates facing aging and dying in prison prefer ignoring the disturbing prospect.

"I look to get out someday, if I can. I'm hoping," said Burrows, 56, a man of gentle demeanor who is serving natural life for the 1973 slaying of an Oakland County woman he once dated. His only hope of release is a governor's pardon. In eight years, there has been only one granted in Michigan.

Lowe, who has spent 19 of his 59 years in prison and now faces a life sentence for sexual assault, nods. "I'm already old." But, his chances for release are infinitely better. He is now eligible for parole but knows that as a fourth-time offender, it will not be easily granted even though previous convictions were on drug charges.

Both men look for a "light at the end of the tunnel," miraculous release. In the interim, they concentrate on the present.

"PEOPLE HERE don't like to look at getting old," Burrows said. "Prison isn't made for human beings to get old in. It's not for people who are looking to die."

He copes by "doing (time) day by day. Some are good days. Some are bad days." A Michigan native who

has become a master auto mechanic in prison, Burrows' only visitors are three adult daughters who come annually.

LOWE CONSIDERS HIMSELF more fortunate than Burrows because "eventually, I know I'll get out of here."

"John. There's a possibility maybe someday down the road, after he's served 35 years or so. It's extremely hard for guys doing life like him. I've talked to scores of old-timers. They do their time day by day. You can't help but sympathize with them."

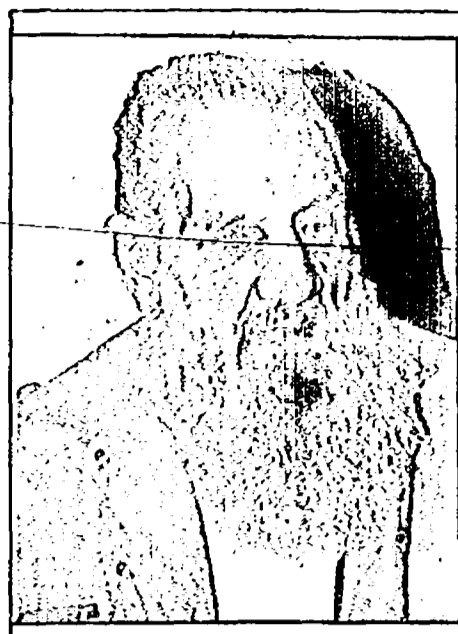
Lowe, an articulate man who has earned a college degree in prison, tutors other inmates enrolled in classes and, until recently, helped coordinate a college program offered by Schoolcraft College.

In terms of time spent in prison, Burrows and Lowe are considered "old-timers," experienced cons who serve as sources of knowledgeable advice for novices or younger and newer inmates.

"Fortunately," Lowe said, "they have respect for John and me. If they need assistance, have a problem, they know they can come talk to us without all the bull."

John is most frequently asked questions about "how'd I go wrong in the street and family stuff, like their wife is mad and wants a divorce. What should they do?"

Lowe elaborates. "The youngsters want information from the old inmates on how to get life in order. I



*'I look to get out someday, if I can. I'm hoping.'*

— John Burrows, 56  
serving time for 1973 murder

don't coddle them, so some don't talk to me long."

In recent years, he has noticed a significant difference in attitudes among many of the new arrivals. "Today, a lot of them are not interested in getting life in order."

EDUCATION IS THE KEY," for successful re-entry into the outside world, both men agree.

"I honestly believe," Lowe said, "if I was on the parole board I wouldn't release a man until he had completed training of some kind, his GED (high school equivalency), vocational training, something. You have to have a marketable skill" upon release.

The correctional facility offers programs in basic and remedial education and vocational training in auto mechanics and building trades. An associate degree program

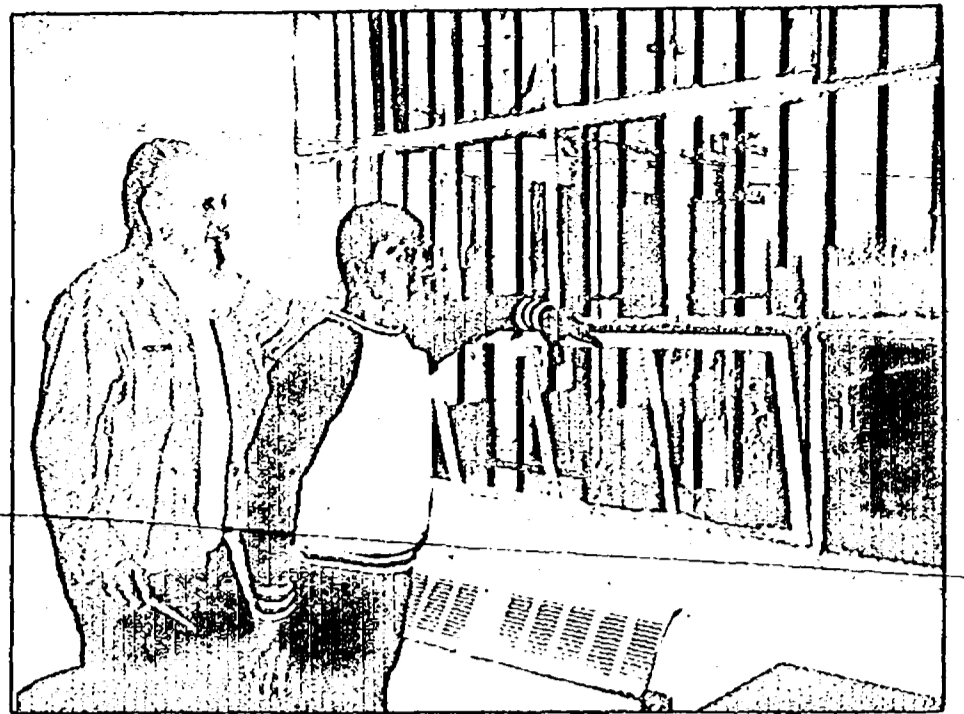
through Schoolcraft College has been temporarily discontinued because of a lack of funds.

"A whole lot of these kids need a chance. A lot of them would like to get into computers and welding. We don't have either," Burrows said, adding education is important. "But they've got to want to do it. You can't force a man."

Lowe expresses one final thought. In view of prison overcrowding and skyrocketing costs in containing prisoners, "I suggest a second look at people like us. Guys like John would be productive citizens if turned loose."

"I think a person who has been in prison so long, should automatically get another chance if they have proven themselves."

Western Wayne is a medium security correctional facility now housing 432 prisoners of all ages.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Like many other state inmates, John Burrows, left, and Leon Lowe could spend the rest of their lives in prison. But care for aging prisoners is an increasing concern.

## Graying prisoners pose state concern

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parole. Another 34 are sentenced to terms of 15 years or more, including two with sentences of 50 years each.

A 62-year old armed robber is perhaps typical of the 69 elderly inmates who are multiple offenders. Serving 25 to 40 years, the sentence reflects Habitual Offender status. He has four prior convictions on the same charge. Still, he is eligible for parole in 11 years, 2001.

The cost of caring for aging inmates is approximately the same as for other prisoners, providing they are in good health, Lovett said. Oth-

erwise, medical costs can be high. There are 200 chronically ill inmates of all ages, including those suffering from traditional aging diseases like hypertension, heart attack and stroke, as well as cancer and AIDS.

The expense of medical care for all inmates reflects that of the general population, according to Lovett, highest in the final year of life and particularly so the last three months.

As a population, prisoners tend to be more prone to illness, either because "they were abused in their formative years or they didn't take care of themselves in later years."

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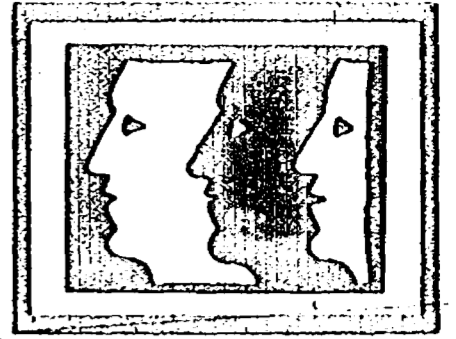






# Suburban Life

Sue Mason editor/591-2300



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## 'Oh, tannenbaum

### Victorian 'delight' as a tree

By Sue Mason  
staff writer

Ron Brahmaer is sure he has enough roses, but if not, no problem. Dave Rischert can whip up a few.

With the speed of an assembly line, Rischert and Brahmaer have turned out 70 rose nosegays at a breakneck pace so that their Victorian Rose Garden Christmas tree will be ready for the opening of the Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall this weekend.

"It's a dream come true for me," said Rischert. "I'm going to be very excited to go down and see it set up with the other trees."

Brahmaer is owner of Blevin's Flowers and Gift Shop in Westland and this is the first year the shop is represented at the annual fundraiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan. Brahmaer, however, is no stranger to the festival. For several years he helped create award-winning trees for the Michigan unit of Teleflora.

"Those were a group effort," Brahmaer said. "We had to work the theme around decorations they had available to us."

While both Brahmaer and Rischert knew they wanted to use roses on the tree, the theme was a group effort of everyone in the shop, according to Brahmaer. The 4 1/2-foot tree will have 70 nosegays of full-sized satin ribbon roses in a true rose color, with silk leaves, glittery baby's breath, lace and pink satin ribbons.

THE NOSEGAYS will be strategically



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Ron Brahmaer (right) and Dave Rischert of Blevin's Flowers and Gift Shop in Westland are using satin ribbon rose nosegays,

placed around the tree along with 500 white lights and pearl beads. The tree skirt will be of lace and satin and the topper will "probably be more rose."

"The Victorian era was very lacy, pearly and fussy," Brahmaer said. "Women were very fussy about things, about their hair and every-

"It was very froufrou," Rischert said.

The two men started decorating the tree last week in hopes of having it 90 percent decorated before carting it to Cobo Hall today. As a veteran of the festival, Brahmaer knows about the difficulties of decorating a tree on site.

"It's hard because you don't have

beads and bows to decorate their Victorian Rose Garden Christmas tree.

everything you need at your fingertips; there's no room to move around; and everybody is on top on everybody," he said.

Doing a theme tree isn't new for

either man. At the age of 16, Rischert bought his first tree. He's been doing them ever since and, at the

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### Christmas trees star at festival

The sixth annual Festival of Trees will be at the Riverfront Ballroom of Detroit's Cobo Hall Saturday, Nov. 17, through Sunday, Nov. 25.

More than 100 trees and vignettes, sponsored by businesses or individuals and decorated by area designers who volunteer their time and talent, will be on display. The trees are sold at a preview night auction or during the festival, with proceeds benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Also featured will be the Aisle of Wreaths, decorated with silk and dried flowers, and a gingerbread village, featuring the work of chefs from restaurants throughout the metropolitan area. The wreaths will be for sale while the individual gingerbread houses will be sold at auction.

In addition to the holiday decorations, the festival will have daily demonstrations on holiday decor and crafts, including tree trimming, bow making and gingerbread house building.

For the little ones, there's Santaland, the creation of Bruce Weber of Weber's Floral Gifts of Livonia. Children under 12 can see Santa Claus, decorate paper ornaments to hang on Santaland trees, have their faces painted and go fishing in the ice fishing pond grab bag for 50 cents, \$1 or \$2. Children can also place phone calls to one of Santa's elves at the North Pole.

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### Fashion 'chic' means wearing own creations

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

Give Susan Foster, 17, of Livonia a credit card and take her to the finest dress shop in Beverly Hills. The store wouldn't look like a ticket-tape parade of charge carbons afterward.

The Livonia Stevenson senior spurns what's hip and trendy in fashion wear; she's seldom caught in jeans or sweat shirts. In fact, Foster prides herself of having nothing

#### off the cuff

bought from a store in her closet.

This Susan Foster. Does she wear a burlap bag?

Not at all. Foster designs and makes all of her own clothes. And not just quickly strewn together threads, mind you, but creative de-

signs featuring a wide array of colors and styles that turn heads in the hallways at school. Some of the students even wear outfits she has designed.

"A lot of kids sew with patterns," said Cindy Fairless, who is Foster's teacher in the fashion merchandising class at the Livonia Career Center. "She doesn't."

Like any 14-year-old, Foster wanted to wear "cool" clothes. Her mother, a professional seamstress, handed her a thread and needle and told her if she wanted to wear hip threads she'd have to make them herself.

So Foster did. She started by tracing patterns of preppy clothes, but adding her own little touches along the way.

Three years and nearly 80 outfits later, Foster has quickly earned a reputation as something of a fashion plate.

HER PATTERNS are entered in the Eastern Michigan University Design Symposium that takes place Saturday, Nov. 10, and in a competition sponsored by San-Martin Bridals. This summer, Foster attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

"Dressing up is my favorite thing to do," Foster said. "The way I dress personally is different from the stuff I design for other people."

On this day, Foster is wearing a teal shirt, which is comprised of half iridescent green and purple silk matched diagonally with olive green knit and a full length skirt with the hemline higher in the front than in the back.

"I made this three years ago," she said. "This is old."

A skirt usually takes an hour to make, Foster said. A top can consume an afternoon of her time. She usually plops down in front of the sewing machine every day as soon as she gets home from school.

Her designs tend to be for "fun dressing." She likes working with colors and shuns subtle gray tones.

To Foster, dressing is more of an attitude. She feels conformity is no longer the rule in high school hallways. People are slowly "daring to be different."

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Susan Foster of Livonia checks the waistline measurement of Heather Sigler, also of Livonia, who is wearing one of the former's creations.

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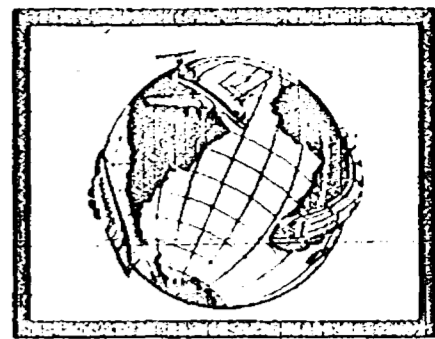






# Travel Scene

Iris Sanderson Jones editor



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The Virgin Islands are lined with boats along their shores. Many of these sailors would agree that the life at sea leaves no room

for decadence. Linda, however, disagrees.

## BAREBOATING in Style

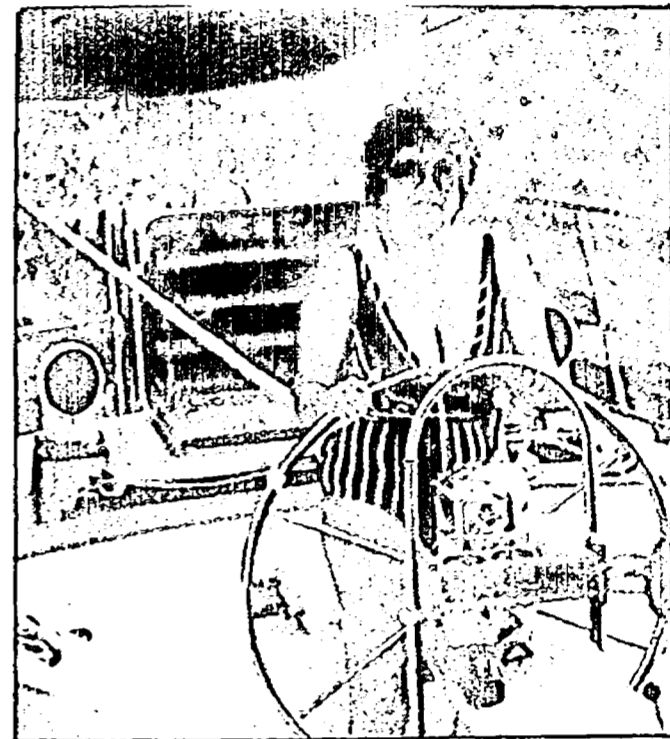


photo by MIKE HUARD

Linda Huard of Brighton doesn't give in to the rugged life on a "bareboat."

## Virgin Islands reveal 'All the charms about Linda'

By Ingrid Tomey  
special writer

There is something in the term, "bareboat" that suggests essence.

Sans captain or crew, shucked of the excess baggage of landlubbing, we would flee the ice and snow of a Detroit winter and set off on a track for the Virgin Islands. There were five of us with this fundamentalist approach to sailing. And then there was Linda.

On a Sunday in early February, Mike and Linda Huard of Brighton, Judy and John Gordon of Traverse City, and my husband, Paul and I of West Bloomfield, taxied from Roadtown, Tortola, the capital of the British Virgin Islands, over to Road Harbor and the home of our charter company, The Moorings.

"LOOK AT all this storage," Judy said, flinging open the closets of "Misty Isle I," our 38-foot Beneteau. We peeked into the aft cabin which stretched sideways for an incredible 10 feet.

As we were stowing our gear, Mike clamored on board and began lowering red Samsonite luggage: five matching suitcases, one bulging carry-on, and an Adrienne Arpel cosmetic case. Linda's curly littlehead poked down. "It's so teeny down there."

As Linda began swooping through, shaking out beaded silks and strappy little heels, the cabin suddenly began looking like Fibber McGee's closet.

"I hope we have lots of water," Linda chirruped after investigating the heads. "I need my three showers a day."

FOR THE next seven days, in spite of the rigors of life afloat, Linda was as fresh as the red hibiscus that she tucked behind her ear as we set out into 18 knot breezes for Marina Cay off the island of Great Camanoe.

As we sat at our mooring at Marina Cay, we were approached by a dinghy from another boat, "Tumbleweed." Fritz Seyfarth, a little bleached leprechaun, was not only collecting a \$10 mooring fee, he was selling his books, "Tales of the Caribbean," and "Mavericks in Paradise." We asked him aboard, bought his books



MIKE HUARD

Ingrid Tomey guides the ship on a sunny Virgin Island day.

and listened for an hour or so to his heartstopping tales of Blackbeard and Bartholomew Roberts.

"Books," Linda said. "Don't you have anything else to sell?" She shook her gold, bracelet-clad arms.

"Only books," Fritz said, looking genuinely regretful.

Minutes later, from below, came the sound of the shower.

*For the next seven days, in spite of the rigors of life afloat, Linda was as fresh as the red hibiscus that she tucked behind her ear as we set out into 18 knot breezes for Marina Cay off the island of Great Camanoe.*

After the shower we heard pans rattling and smelled onions frying. Linda was coming alive below. "I sure could use some garlic salt," she called up. Besides the \$2,800 price of chartering "Misty Isle," we had kicked in \$19 each for provisions.

On Monday we headed into the rising sun toward Virgin Gorda and the famous rocky Baths at the southwest tip of the island. We dinged ashore, leaving Linda to sun on the fine, white beach while we trooped off to find the Baths.

Crawling on our hands and knees between house-size boulders, we came upon a huge, domed cave set like a gem in a blue pool. Beyond, were more rocks to scale and rushing pools full of hidden coral on which we scraped our feet and knees.

IT WAS thrilling but also frightening to be carried along by the whirling currents. An hour later, we carried our scraped and bruised limbs back over the rocks to find Linda glistening in the sun, sipping a rum and Coke. "There's a bar over there." She pointed cheerfully through the palms.

Linda not only sprung for our drinks, she salved our wounds with skin balms which she produced from the bottom of her bag. Dabbing some essence, called Paco Rabanne behind her ears, she settled us chastened children around her for a drink and a snooze in the sun. Then it was back to "Misty Isle" for our three hour sail up to The Bitter End, a resort marina at the northeast end of Virgin Gorda.

Displaying the first bit of curiosity about our course, Linda removed the pillow from her face and called up

from the starboard berth, "Do they have rooms at this place?"

This was the beginning of Linda's relentless efforts to escape from the deprivations of bareboating.

"I could use a bath," she said. "And I don't mean the kind you just had."

BUT THERE were no rooms to be had at The Bitter End. This was high season and the resort was full. As a concession to Linda, we snugged "Misty Isle" right up against the dock, barely noticing that the cost of dockage was about the same as a decent double at the Holiday Inn. Nevermind, it entitled us to free showers and Linda was off the boat with her pink towel and cosmetic case.

That evening, after Linda's coq au vin, we watched the six guests on-board a 90-foot Kalani, aptly named, "The Libertine," making videos of themselves and a mariachi band that they had hired for the evening. They put the mariachi player behind the camera while they drank champagne and took turns pretending they were playing the steel drums.

"Why don't they just stay on land?" Paul said, turning his offended eyes off to the sunset.

Linda looked forlorn, sitting on deck with a mudpack on her face and her hair slicked up with something called "Thick Ends." "That great big boat and they can't even fit two more people on it," she sighed.

By midweek, we were breezing downwind on the northern edge of the island toward Jost Van Dyke. The clean blue of the sky seemed all of a piece with the water. The constant trade winds puffed us merrily along, past Mosquito Island, the Dogs, Beef and Guano, past great, green turtles rising like prehistoric creatures out of the water, and pelicans, and most glorious, two whales, that we and another boat tracked for almost an hour.

"DID YOU ever hear this song?" Linda trilled, looking up from her bottle of Mauve Twilight nail polish. "When I go to sleep, I never count sheep, I count all the charms about Linda."

We were happy. That night we were treating our-

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## Hill House proves it's a small world

Roland Jacques was on a ladder, getting his beam and plaster house ready for painting, when we carried our suitcases out of Hill House. The house has stood on this hill since the 17th century, but it always needs painting.

Youyou Jacques, his wife, was in the house, fetching the old Bible. I had just learned that her grandfather Jules Mussche was born in the Detroit area in 1869.

I often find unexpected connections like that while exploring the world. What surprised me about this encounter is that Youyou once traveled from Europe to America looking for her ancestor.

We found Hill House bed-and-breakfast in a guidebook. For people who love people, the bed-and-breakfast route is more personal and less expensive than a roadside hotel. I called for reservations from the dock at Harwich, on England's east coast, when our ferry from the Netherlands landed in a light evening rain.

I'm glad that I didn't have to find the address: Hill House, The Maltings.



The Maltings, Ramsey, Harwich, Essex.

ings, Ramsey, Harwich, Essex. It was about five miles and a \$5 taxi ride from the boat harbor but the taxi driver knew exactly where to find it.

He drove out of town and turned uphill through spring crops to the two houses at the top of the road. Hill House is set in a garden at the top of the hill with a swimming pool to one side and some buildings behind. The area is called The Maltings because there used to be a brewery on that hill.

Roland led us through the fine old



crossroads  
Iris Jones

house and upstairs to one of several rooms available to travelers. Ours had three single beds, a full bathroom two steps down the hall, and cost 10 pounds sterling per person, which is about \$38 for the night and included a full breakfast.

Roland looks like a sea captain, strong face, square-cut beard. In fact he was in the merchant navy, met his Belgian wife Youyou while sailing around Africa and has spent the last 30 years as a river pilot, guiding seagoing ships through the estuary and into the mouth of the Thames River.

He is retired now and spends his time with his stamp and postcard collection, and looking after Hill

House, where the Jacques have lived for 19 years. Ask to see the "green book" and you will see the house marked on a 1777 road map-that's one year after the start of the American Revolution.

The house actually goes back to 1635. The Hendon family lived in it for 300 years, and were out of town on the day in 1911 when their maid came in to light some of the 13 fireplaces, to warm their return, and nearly burned the house down.

Roland found that maid in an old folk's home and invited her and her sister to tea, so he knows what the house used to look like.

He loves family history, and so does his wife Youyou, who came to Detroit once looking for the grave of her great-grandfather; he was a Belgian brickmaker when he migrated to Detroit in the late 19th century.

Her grandfather, Jule Mussche, was born in Detroit on Oct. 3, 1869, moved with his family to Toledo and returned to Belgium when he was 12 years old.

Unfortunately, Youyou didn't find what she was looking for. She knew



MICKY JONES

The 17th century Hill House is surrounded by spring crops and gardens. When travelling in Europe, this bed-and-breakfast type of accommodation is more personal and often less expensive than a roadside hotel.

that her grandfather had lived in Michigan and Ohio but she couldn't find any trace of him. I empathize with her because I was on my way to search my ancestors in Northern Ireland, and I couldn't find any trace of them either.

Our night in Hill House was only one small experience in a lifetime of travel, but it is the kind of experience that you paste in your mental scrapbook for future browsing. One small unexpected connection made while exploring the world out there.

# Linda ignores the rules of rough and rugged sailing

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selves to a lobster dinner at Harris' Place, a friendly, open air restaurant with Harris' T-shirts pinned along the pink walls. Best of all, Harris had Reuben, a good-looking native in a yellow, flowered shirt. I should say, Linda had Reuben. Mike had slid him a fifty to keep singing to Linda. And he did: "Shrimp Boats," "Day O," even "Red Sails in the Sunset." The only request that stumped him was, "All the Charms about Linda."

We fed like rescued castaways on succulent, steaming lobster, served with rice, potato salad and homemade bread. And Linda pronounced the carrot cake, "pure gold."

We spent the next few days snorkeling in the lavender caves of Norman Island (Stevenson's Treasure Island) and exploring the Wreck of the Rhone, a huge, old frigate splattered on the sea floor between Salt Island and Dead Chest.

Saturday, our last full day of sailing, we headed for Peter Island and the swank harbor of Peter Island Yacht Club. We had promised Linda a dinner here, the swiftest restaurant in the islands. We knew, because sport coats were de rigueur and dresses for the ladies. Linda leaned forward, hands on her knees. "How about rooms?"

This was her last chance. Tomorrow, we would sail the "Misty Isle" back into Road Harbor. Suddenly, she astonished us by whisking the radio receiver off the wall and instantly raising The Peter Island Yacht Club.

In the course of their trying conversation, he revealed that he did have a room — one room — that he would hold until Misty Isle pulled into the harbor at Sprat Bay. Linda was giddy. When we pulled up at the dock, she bounded off the boat like some hairy-chested old salt



Ingrid and Paul Tomey soak up the warmth of the rocky Baths in Virgin Gorda. Woman at left is unidentified.

and raced down the dock, gold bracelets clanking.

By the time we had "Misty Isle" tied off, Linda had completed the sleeping arrangements for Mike and her-

self. She returned, floating in a mist of Paco Rabanne. "The room is beautiful," she enthused. "It's a little expensive," she reluctantly added.

Mike let go of the bumper and stood up. "How expensive?"

"Four hundred and sixty dollars." Even Mike gasped. He pointed soberly at the boat beneath his feet. "This is where we're sleeping tonight."

For the slice of the afternoon remaining, Linda descended into a black funk. She had not had any decent shopping for seven days; she had endured primitive plumbing and the effects of sun and salt air on her skin and hair. In none of the harbors had she been able to locate a smidgen of garlic salt, a jot of brown sugar.

I EMERGED from the V berth and sat down beside her. She raised the pillow from her face and looked me up and down. "You're going like that?"

I looked down at my perfectly serviceable blue sundress.

"You're all wrinkled," she said. Before she was through, she had brandished her travel iron across all our dresses and shirts, jelled back sun-ravished hair and mascaraed our eyes.

I must admit, as we glided arm in arm up the smooth, sun-bleached walkway of the Yacht Club dining room, we all looked pretty swell. Colored lights played against the swaying palms that encircled the gleaming, white expanse of marble. Island music drifted to us from the dance floor.

"First, we'll have banana daquiris," Linda announced to the stiff-frocked maitre'd. He wrote down her command, bowed from the waist and slid obediently away. She looked around the table at us. "Shall we take a spin over the floor?"

We rose in unison, following the sound of gold jingling. The chaste, unfettered life of a sailor was wonderful. But what harm was a small touch of decadence now and then?

## travel bits

### Michigan's French connection

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But the event is not limited to wine tasting. There will be a hayride from Tabor Hill to the Christmas tree farm nearby where participants can select and tag their trees. Then they can return to claim them in December, perhaps during Tabor Hill's Christmas party, Dec. 8-9.

After the hayride there will be time for Christmas shopping and ordering of wine for holiday gifts.

The price for the event is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Advance reservations are recommended as the event is limited to 50 people.

### Flint's AutoWorld

The Christmas season will open at AutoWorld in Flint at noon on Nov. 23.

Santa Claus will arrive at 1 p.m. and "Lunch with Santa" will be presented upstairs in the Bryant House from 1:30-3 p.m. The \$3 per person fee includes a hot dog, chips and a soft drink. And Santa will have a special gift for his guests. At 3 p.m. Santa moves to his snow castle in the rotunda where children can visit and have their pictures taken with him. They may also chat with Benjamin, the talking Christmas tree.

Other attractions include puppet shows in the playhouse, storytelling, songs and skits, rides, movies and shows.

On Nov. 30-Dec. 2, AutoWorld will hold a holiday arts and crafts show.

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# Incubators hatch businesses

If the term incubator conjures up memories of those heated boxes that were used to hatch chicks in an elementary school science class, you haven't been introduced to business incubators.

By definition, business incubators provide new start-up companies with a new and stable and closely monitored environment to "grow" in before breaking out on their own. In his book, "Government Giveaways for Entrepreneurs," author Matthew Lesko says that incubators have been in existence for the past several years and offer entrepreneurs an opportunity to save as much of their resources as possible while developing their new ventures. Everything from use of office space and equipment, technological help, and other professional services are made available either free or at a fraction of the normal cost for companies.

According to Lesko, business incubators are often housed in former factories, empty schools, old



## focus: small business

### Mary DiPaolo

warehouses or government buildings where a number of new companies can do business under the same roof. Unlike shopping malls in which individual businesses operate completely independently from each other, incubators foster a more cooperative environment where the participating companies share common necessities.

Among these are included secretarial help, mail and phone services, maintenance and security programs. Incubator tenants are also supported by a professional staff to help with various aspects of operations management such as accounting, mar-

keting, financial planning and legal services, all of which are usually included in a tenant's monthly rent. Rental fees range from \$300 per month for a single office to \$700 or more for two or more offices. Most incubators also offer tenants the opportunity to rent space on a month-to-month basis.

Incubators are generally composed of copanies that do not directly compete with one another. "In fact," Lesko says, "many of the sponsoring agents will actually put companies in the same incubator that can help each other out. If your company sells memory boards for

computers requiring your memory boards."

Business incubators are typically sponsored by local governments, universities and corporations.

Contrary to popular belief, the restrictions and application requirements for most incubators are not as complicated as might otherwise be assumed. The majority require that prospective tenants have a good understanding of what is being sold and a sound business plan that includes some financial backing and marketing strategies. If you don't have a business plan, some incubators will help you put one together.

Next week, we will offer more information on two incubators operating in the area.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Northville business consulting firm. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Chamber Perspectives."

# Retirees should divest of stocks

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To a limited extent, they may actually make money by giving away such stock. Each year they have given money to both WTVS and to Michigan State University, Bob's alma mater. For donations to certain institutions, including all state-supported colleges and universities, the state of Michigan gives a 50-percent tax credit up to \$100 per person (\$200 per couple). A tax credit is the same as a tax rebate for the amount of the credit.

THE LLOYDS have some stock that they bought at about \$10 per share and which is currently selling at about \$40 per share. If they give 10 shares of this stock to MSU, for example, they would receive a \$400 charitable tax deduction (saving approximately \$130 in the 33 percent tax bracket); they would receive the state of Michigan tax credit for \$200 (a tax savings of \$200); and they would avoid taxes on the \$300 of capital gains on the sale of the stock (saving about \$100 in taxes). Thus, a donation of \$400 in stock results in potential tax savings of \$430.

Bob also asks about his 401(k) plan after retirement.

"I can leave the money in the plan until age 70; I can take the money and roll it over into an IRA, or I can take the money and use the special 10-year averaging tax

treatment. Since I don't need the money now, my tendency is to roll it over into my IRA."

We would suggest that Bob consider taking a lump sum distribution at this time and use the 10-year averaging for his 401(k) plan. With a distribution of this size (\$46,000), the tax, using the 10-year averaging, would be about \$3,200. This is a tax rate of only 7 percent, which is a far lower rate than he would ever pay should he roll it over into an IRA.

If he left the money with his employer and later took a lump sum distribution, he would retain the option of the 10-year averaging under current tax law. But our fear is that Congress could repeal the availability of the special 10-year averaging at any time, and in fact there has been some discussion of this in Congress. By taking the lump sum distribution now rather than later, he ensures the favorable tax treatment on this distribution.

Bob and Betty have worked hard to become financially comfortable. They need to begin giving real consideration to what they wish to accomplish during the rest of their lives. They are in the fortunate position of having choices to make. They have many productive years ahead of them, and we suggest they focus their attention and activities on those areas that give them the greatest inner satisfaction.

## business people

Dr. Frank Roth of Livonia has been recertified as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Prac-

tice after passing a recertification examination.

James Smith of Livonia was pro-

moted to director of training and supervision with Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs Inc. in Livonia. Smith had been a store supervisor/director of training for the company. In his new position, he will direct store opera-

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# Social factors contribute lack of public transit

By Dan McCosh  
special writer

Hopefully my daughter, who spent a year or so riding a bus from Grosse Pointe to her job in Birmingham, a two-leg trip that takes the better part of two hours through downtown Detroit, won't see a recent story in which a 20-year-old Detroit woman claimed she couldn't get a job because of the lack of public transportation to suburban jobs.

My daughter proved it could be done. On the other hand, she eventually bought a car, like any reasonable Detroiters end up doing in this town, which has the worst public transportation of any big city in the country, except for Los Angeles,

which tends to follow Detroit in most trends.

This is all the fault of the auto companies, which long ago bought up all the subways and streetcars in Detroit and buried them so that people would buy more cars, according to the popular myths.

Actually, Detroit once did have a superior public transportation system that included electric street cars, electric buses and a high-speed rail link that, in 1915, ran from the river to what now is Orchard Lake in about 45 minutes.

Ultimately, these system died from simple lack of use, as the car took over as the commuting method of choice. But even more significantly, by rejecting streetcars, De-



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trolters could also end streetcar housing.

The reality of a commuting line of any sort is that first you have to walk to the station. As it turns out, to get enough people living within walking distance to a subway stop to sustain the system, they pretty much have to live on top of one another in some equivalent of a five-floor walk-up apartment.

Unfortunately, the arithmetic isn't much better even for a bus line. Sprawling, low-density suburban housing (which also describes most of the neighborhoods in the old city of Detroit) makes for a walk a half mile or more to a bus that inevitably would only be partially filled.

Today, four out of five Detroiters live in suburban neighborhoods, and a uniformly accessible public

transportation system is physically impossible. Frankly, this isn't so bad for most people, since the same low density makes for relatively easy parking and auto mobility. (Yeah, I know you won't believe this waiting to get off I-696 at 6 p.m., but try New York at a bridge entrance some day).

Still, there seems to be some kind of primeval urge to walk to the store and mingle, just like a real city. I'm convinced the latest housing trend that seems to gravitate to the small, older downtown areas such as Plymouth, Farmington and Royal Oak is a direct result of this urge.

On the other hand, the layout of the land has isolated both the young

and the old. The irony of the Detroit woman's complaint is that while Detroit's bus system is lousy, it is far better than service in the suburbs, where a generation has grown up oddly isolated and dependent, more or less stuck in their homes through adolescence.

Meanwhile, both of my daughters have moved, one to New York, the other to Chicago, and live in apartments something like The Honey-mooners, where people make noises on the other side of the walls.

And they can ride the train to work.

Dan McCosh is the automotive editor of *Popular Science*.

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Monday, Nov. 19 — "How to Write, Design & Edit Newsletters" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Detroit. Fee: \$275. Information: 577-4449. Sponsor: Wayne State University school of business administration.

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Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 27-28 — "Introduction to Object-Oriented Technologies" 6-9 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Livonia. Information: 663-0564. Sponsor: Argo Technologies Inc.

**○ INCOM MEETING**  
Wednesday, Nov. 28 — "Wrapping a Business Around a Product" presented in the evening in Livonia.

Fee: \$5. Information: 963-0616.

**○ JAPAN-AMERICA RELATIONS**  
Friday, Nov. 30 — Japanese-American business relations discussed by Kinoshita Toshio at 3 p.m. in Southfield. Information: 591-5197. Sponsor: Madonna College humanities division.

**○ DESIGN FOR ASSEMBLY**  
Saturday, Dec. 1 — "Concurrent Engineering and Design for Assembly Workshop" 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Madonna College, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Fee: \$295. Information: 591-5188. Sponsor: Madonna College continuing education department.

**○ TRAVEL INDUSTRY**  
Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2 — "Travel Industry Overview" for people interested in travel industry career 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Detroit. Fee: \$395. Information: 689-8282 Ext. 260. Sponsor: Walsh College.

**○ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**  
Thursday, Dec. 6 — Evening seminar, "Writing a Business Plan," in Novi. Fee: \$50. Information: Lisa Pajot, 796-6200. Sponsor: Deloitte & Touche.

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## marketplace

Les Bebe's de Bea Ltd., which sells porcelain dolls and vinyl collector-series dolls, opened at 774 Starkweather in the Old Village of Plymouth. The telephone number is 451-5525.

International Real Estate opened Paragon Technology Park and Bel-den Industrial Park. Both are in Livonia.

Chelsea Industries Inc. sold its RS

Electronic Distribution Group in Livonia to two of the group's former executives. The new company will continue to do business as RS Electronics and will retain the name of its Olive Electronics and Fairmont divisions within their respective markets.

Valvoline Instant Oil Change Inc. opened a quick-lube service center at 8827 Telegraph in Redford Township. The center also will accept used motor oil from do-it-yourself oil changers.

Sears, Roebuck held a grand opening for its remodeled Livonia Mall store, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

Small-business owners in Michigan can call the U.S. Small Business Administration's toll-free "Answer Desk" telephone service to get help on problems connected with their business and the federal government. The telephone number is 1-(800)-368-5855. It is staffed during normal business hours.

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vice directory is available to any Michigan company doing business abroad. The directory is designed also to help foreign companies move to Michigan. To get a copy, call Mark Santucci at 1-517-373-6390.

The Michigan International Business Services Directory is available to aid Michigan companies that do business abroad. The free directory is compiled by Oakland University's Center for International Programs. To get a copy, write the Michigan Export Development Authority, 4th floor, Ottawa Building North, P.O.

Box 30017, Lansing 48909.

The Better Business Bureau/Detroit and Eastern Michigan is looking for volunteers to become arbitrators. Arbitrators conduct informal hearings and give final decisions in disputes concerning products and services. For information, call 962-0550.

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**Q.** I have been accumulating stocks for 3 1/2 years. I would appreciate it if you would tell me if I should buy more of the same stocks or add more to my portfolio. Here is what I own (see accompanying table).

**A.** The above question was put to Ralph Seger, a money manager in Birmingham, recently. Seger pointed out that the portfolio was an excellent holding of growing companies for a young person to have put together. He suggested increasing the holding of Wal-Mart as long as purchases were made under \$31 1/2. Waste Management has had excellent growth but is 20 percent of the holding, and that is enough of one stock.

Reuters Holdings is a British company that is growing attractively at 30 percent a year. Its price is very

volatile, but the company seems well able to continue its growth.

**ST. JUDE** Medical and Stryker are both exceptionally good companies growing at an excellent rate. The two constitute 30 percent of the portfolio, which is too much concentration in one field. However if the size of the portfolio were to be increased, adding to Stryker would be a good idea.

Tseng Labs is far below the quality of the other stocks in the portfolio but is showing very strong growth. Its price would seem to be down because of the current disfavor of computers, not because the company itself isn't doing well. Recognizing the risk, an increase in that holding would seem to be justified. Clayton Homes has an excellent record in a very cyclical industry. As a long-term holding, it could be increased.

ConAgra is also a company with an excellent growth record, and adding to it would be in order.

**THE PORTFOLIO** is an interesting selection of large and small companies, all with excellent records.

Seger suggests a number of other companies that would be added to the list such as Hibernia Corp., "A," a Louisiana bank selling at about \$25; American Home Products, \$46 1/2; McDonald's Corp., \$30; and H.J. Heinz, 32 1/2.

The last three companies would build the "large company" portion of the portfolio and not harm the growth potential.

Other companies such as American International Group, \$70; Sigma-Aldrich, \$58; Juno Lighting, \$17 1/2; and Community Psychiatric Centers, \$24 1/2; would add additional variety.

Thomas O'Hara of Bloomfield Hills welcomes your questions and comments but will answer them only through this column. Readers who send in questions on a general investment subject or on a corporation with broad investor interest and whose questions are used will receive a free one-year subscription to the investment magazine Better Investing. For a sample copy of Better Investing Magazine or information about investment clubs, write Today's Investor, PO Box 220, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

company	total amount	cost	price	value	gain/ (loss)
Wal-Mart	25	\$684	30 1/2	\$763	\$79
Waste Mgt.	80	1,919	38 1/2	8,060	1,141
Reuters Holdings	46	1,950	57 1/2	2,645	695
St. Jude Medical	145	2,400	31 1/2	4,549	2,149
Tseng Labs	100	548	4	394	(154)
Clayton Homes	100	1,047	11	1,100	53
Stryker	50	1,148	26 1/2	1,338	190
ConAgra	50	1,351	34 1/2	1,719	368
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## Kids need to be guided to math, science careers

A crisis in American industry is imminent unless business and academia can reduce the fear of learning math and science-based disciplines among the nation's youth, a General Motors executive recently told presidents of the nation's top technical universities.

"The United States awards the smallest proportion of science and engineering degrees of all industrialized nations," said Robert A. Frosch, vice president of the GM Research Laboratories.

"The National Science Foundation predicts a shortfall of 450,000 engineers and scientists by 2010. Clearly, we have a serious national problem."

Addressing the Association of Independent Technological Universities, Frosch called for "hands-on" programs to change the American youth attitude that science and engineering fields are either too mundane or too difficult to pursue.

"This country has created a culture where it's considered acceptable for students to skip these subjects," he said. "Junior high and high schoolers are conditioned to believe they can't do it — that trigonometry and physics are just for the brainy kids. Many average students would do very well in math and science if properly motivated."

"Money helps, but it's not the only answer," Frosch said. "Although GM contributes some \$42.4 million annually to support educational programs, we believe that active involvement, community by community, is necessary to make any real progress in promoting technical education."

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AS AN EXAMPLE, Frosch outlined an ongoing program at the GM Research Labs where engineers and scientists volunteer time with students from local schools in Warren.

Students visit the GM facility, and researchers speak to science classes at the school.

"Even one eye-opening day can make a difference," he said. In total, GM sponsors nearly two dozen pre-college instructional programs or competitions to spur interest in science and engineering.

Many of the activities are aimed at minorities and young women. On the higher education level, about 80 percent of GM's cash grants, scholarship assistance and equipment donations support science and engineering curriculums.

Within the company, GM has a tuition refund policy for employees

pursuing college degrees as well as an on-site Technical Education Program for engineers and managers. The award-winning Technical Education Program brings technical degree courses to the workplace from 40 participating colleges and universities around the country.

**FROSCH CHALLENGED** the universities to get more involved in pre-college programs to increase technical degree enrollment by developing qualified and interested high school students. He also complimented other businesses like GTE, IBM, Monsanto and Borg-Warner for sponsoring mentoring or educational programs in selected cities.

"That's the kind of involvement this country needs," he said. "We must get at the root cause of the problem. Junior and high school students must first believe they can tackle math and science, and secondly, that they'll enjoy both the work and the rewards that come from a technical career."

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# For animals, body language really gets messages across

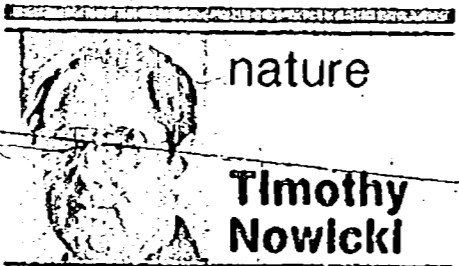
Body language is a silent form of communication people use everyday without even thinking. When we unexpectedly meet an old friend, our eyebrows quickly flick up and then down unconsciously. This movement relays a message of pleasure that is perceived by the friend who does the same to you.

Crossed arms, lowered eyebrows, or a wrinkled nose are, just some of the other ways people use body language to communicate to one another.

Animals use a great deal of body language to communicate, too. They have vocalizations which are interpreted by others of their species and sometimes by other species. But postures and behaviors communicate a great deal also.

Fox squirrels in our yards communicate frequently with their tail. When their tail is waving in gentle arches back and forth, they are usually involved with a member of the opposite sex. It serves to communicate appeasement and intent.

A tail that is being flicked or



nature

Timothy Nowicki

jerked back and forth abruptly is a sign of alarm. Other squirrels in the area, which are frequently relatives, will see this movement and seek shelter or investigate the situation.

Tail fluffing is a sign of disturbance, or possibly frustration. Subtle changes in the movement of the tail can communicate something very different.

In addition to a signaling device, a squirrel's tail has several other functions. On sunny days it may serve as a shield to shade the body from overheating. If it should rain, it can serve to protect the body from rain for a period of time. Protecting the body with its internal organs is very important.

When cold winter weather arrives, squirrels curl up in their leafy nests or tree cavities with their tail wrapped around their head. Jumping from tree to tree requires precise balance in order to avoid injury. Moving the tail can adjust for balance and direction when needed.

Similarly, when a squirrel is swimming it can use its tail as a rudder to adjust for direction, or to capture air and serve as a floatation device.

The most useful kinds of devices are those which serve more than one purpose. Next time you watch a squirrel in your yard, see if you can determine any other uses for their tail.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

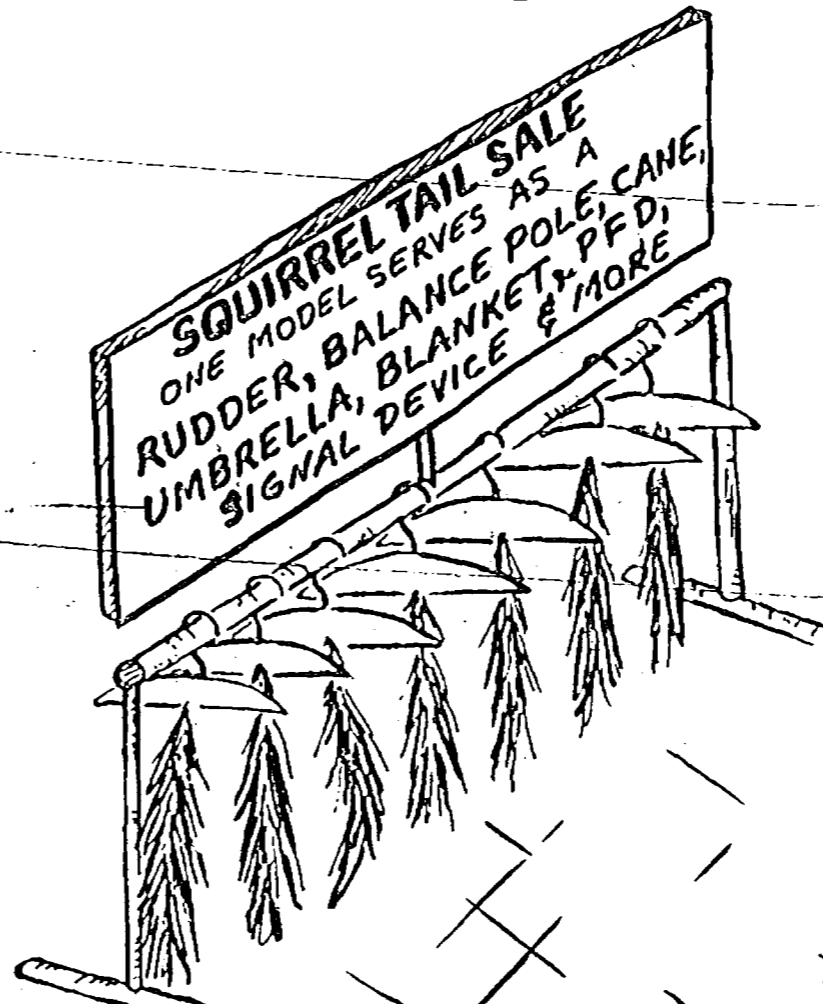


Illustration by Tim Nowicki

For squirrels, a tail is more than just a balancing device, it's also a way to communicate.

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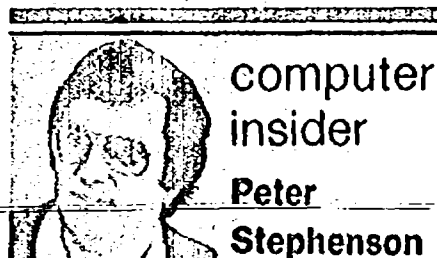
Secretaries are dumb! Not only that, their time isn't worth anything. At least that's what an awful lot of companies must think about the folks that I put just behind the company receptionist in importance (the receptionist is the first person you talk to when you call the company. How you view the company is in her or his hands. That's pretty important, in my book).

I have frequently observed this attitude with a mixture of wonderment and disgust. But a couple of weeks ago I got a panic call from a woman who had gone to war with her office computer and was losing big time. That surprised me a bit. This gal has

her act together and works for a local megacompany in the computer biz.

Apparently being a computer company doesn't mean you know your head from a three-penny nail about why people use computers. Here's an example. Our young woman does file transfers from her company headquarters about a million miles from here.

These file transfers take around an hour, and she does them fairly frequently. Do you think the company she works for would set her up with a serious PC that can do the file



computer insider  
Peter Stephenson

transfer in the background while she does something else? Not on your life! It would cost too much. Now, I ask you . . . which costs more, an hour every couple of days or so of completely, 100-percent wasted time, or \$500 worth of upgrade to

her computer?

Here's the point. Computers can replace many of our tedious tasks . . . if we use them intelligently. Once this secretary gets the file transfer started, she has no reason to mess with the PC again until it's finished. She could type a report, set up a spreadsheet, analyze sales figures, all sorts of things. The computer certainly doesn't need her help for the file transfer job. That's what computers are for: to do the things they do well, so people can do the things they do well.

People should have every tool

available to make their jobs easier. Listen to me: THEY COULD DO MORE WORK! Not only that, you wouldn't have to pay any more than you would anyway (I know, that's another discussion). And if you have any idea that clerical types can't handle all this high technology, you haven't been listening.

Companies of all sizes need to give serious thought to why they use computing machinery. They need to learn what computers can do well, left pretty much to their own devices, and configure the machines accordingly. And, for goodness sake,

remember who uses PCs. You'd be surprised at the talent sitting right under your nose if you provide the right tools to get the job done. And that's the inside scoop.

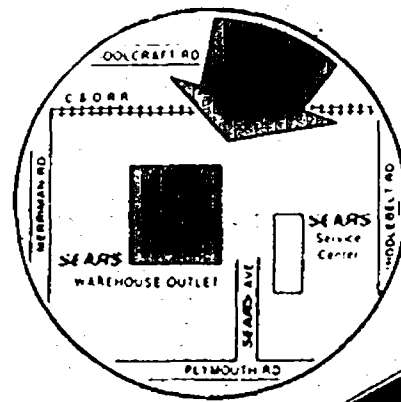
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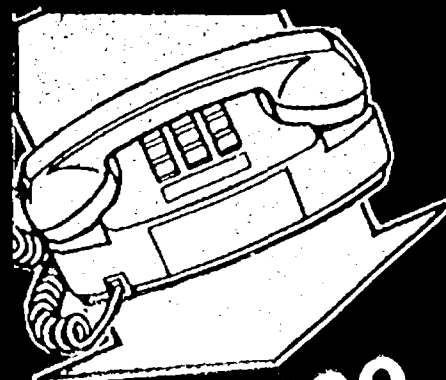
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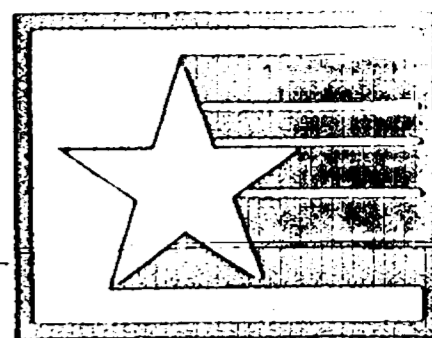
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David Brogren stands outside his Birmingham home, where he is building a performance area above the garage. Brogren presents a different American music artist each month at la Casa, in his living room.

## La Casa is home to music

By Stewart Francke  
special writer

DAVID BROGREN is standing on his son's bed, which, for the time being, is a mattress on the den floor. He is singing, eyes closed. The song is "Winnipeg," an unrecorded song written by a Brooklyn country artist and friend, Tom Russell.

Brogren's son, Nels, stands quietly on the stairs behind me in full Ghostbusters regalia, a purple plastic laser thrust toward his enraptured father. As Brogren ends the song, full of beautifully detailed imagery, Nels quietly says, "Dad, you're standing on my bed."

Welcome to show day at la Casa, the one Saturday night of each month in which Brogren and his wife, Annie, transform their living room into the most intimate live performance venue in the area. On this night, they will be seating close to 40 people, just five feet from their kitchen.

Despite this impromptu performance, Brogren is not a performer. Instead, he is an American music infatuate, an altruistic folk impresario. His "stable" income is derived from owning his own Birmingham-based insurance agency. His commitment to music is one of passion, not money. Tired of booking and promoting shows featuring

legendary songwriters such as Russell, Guy Clark, Townes Van Zandt, Fred Koller and Carl Brouse at largely uncooperative clubs in the area, Brogren turned iconoclast.

IN 1989, he and Annie began bringing the shows to their home in Birmingham. They quickly dubbed it la Casa, began a postal promotional system and brought in the artists.

When it comes to Brogren's "mission" — la Casa — he is the best of zealots — an emerging self-effacing fan. "I feel a part of the creative process when I produce these shows," he says. "I consider myself an artist. I mean, my canvas is a little different, but there's no denying that this is an artistic function."

One Saturday a month, one of the new Nashville's finest singer-songwriters makes a stop at la Casa. David, Annie and their two children then surrender their sleeping quarters to the traveling musicians, explaining this current communal den.

"Everybody makes an allowance in their lives," Brogren said, "whether it's to go to the beach or country club. Our allowance is having these people come in and share our house one weekend a month. That's not a weird deal."

The music, which Brogren simply refers to as "American music," is

the narrative song of the everyman. It is the closest in ethos to country, yet shares the instrumentation and rural heritage of folk. It is a vigorous hybrid of American cultural expression; some of the performers espouse the social conservatism of country music, while many are part of the counter-culture explosion of the '60s and '70s.

SEVERAL OF THE artists who play la Casa — Koller, Hal Ketchum, Russell, Guy Clark — have written country hits for others or are blossoming stars in their own right.

"For a long time," Brogren says, "there was a small clique of us here who loved this counter-culture music. We thought we were right on top of it. But now that I'm diving into it, I find it goes layers deep."

The shows at la Casa, which Brogren largely built himself, are promoted out of a sense of love and purpose, not with the thought of getting rich. "Certainly I could bring in people I'd make money on," Brogren explains, "but nobody's rich in this, everybody's struggling. It's just my bullheaded desire to bring in people I want to see."

Shows average 35-50 people. "I've had people say that they could rearrange what I was doing so I could make money. But I'd

have to change my focus. Given the amount of money that I stand to make or lose, I don't want to compromise content."

Brogren is currently building a 600-square-foot performance area above his garage. This winter, the shows will move out of the living room into the new la Casa. The audiences at la Casa are generally enlightened, already familiar with the featured artists' work or just trusting Brogren's aesthetic premise.

"I'M REALLY proud of the people who attend our shows," he says. "We'll provide them with a venue and great music and they'll have to provide energy."

Alcohol is not served. There is a heightened sense of spirituality primarily due to the intimacy of the setting. "People who come to party don't come back," Brogren says. "They don't enjoy it."

La Casa is a re-prise in the simplistic MTV "event"-type concert. The barriers between seat and stage are many at most common entertainment venues. As is the case in many passionate projects, much of what motivates Brogren is negative. "The days of the beautiful people, and the power of the media, ruining concerts, should be over. It's too manipulative and

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## 'Show Boat' star back in Detroit one more time

"Show Boat" runs Friday, Nov. 16, through Sunday, Nov. 25, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. For ticket information call the MOT Hotline, 874-SING, or Ticketmaster at 645-6666.

By Mary Jane Doorr  
special writer

WHEN EDDIE BRACKEN steps on stage at Detroit's Fisher Theatre on Friday evening with Michigan Opera Theatre's "Show Boat," it will not be the first time he has played Cap'n Andy Hawkes or the first time he has played the Fisher.

"I have been here so many times I think I own the place," said the "poor little rich boy" star of silent pictures "Our Gang" whose career has spanned every form of visual entertainment for 70 years. During the run of "Show Boat," Bracken will hit his 13,500th performance on the legitimate stage, setting an unofficial all-time record for an actor.

This "Show Boat" run is especially nostalgic. In 1938, on the national tour of the successful "Brother Rat," the cast stayed at the Leland Hotel while playing the Cass Theatre. Bracken's future wife, Connie Nickerson, was on that tour. This "Show Boat" company is staying at the Ramada, the old Leland Hotel.

"I introduced Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball during the movie 'Too Many Girls,'" said Bracken, who declares anyone can figure out his age. "They were married here three days after the movie ended."

Another vivid memory is when he was in Detroit playing "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running" and Deborah Kerr was appearing in "Tea and Sympathy" at the old Michigan Theatre. Bracken sent her a telegram saying, "How great can an actress be!"

ONCE HE WAS playing at the Cass Theatre, and he remembers Julie Harris came back and asked for his autograph.

His telephone conversation is short, spanning decades in his legendary life. In recent months, he has done episodes on "Wiseguy," "Golden Girls" and "Empty Nest," which are scheduled to air this month. Only in town for two days to brush up on staging, he is flying out to California to shoot the latest Sylvester Stallone movie "Oscar."

"The young people don't know who I am so I have to get myself back on the national scene," said Bracken. "I



Eddie Bracken plays Cap'n Andy

am concentrating on being home more now. So my time on the road now is more sporadic."

Home is in Glen Ridge, N.J. Bracken and his wife have been married for 51 years and have five children and eight grandchildren. Susan is a professional artist. Carolyn is a world-renowned children's book illustrator, of recent "Mother Goose" fame. David wrote the theme song for President Bush — "Take Pride in America," sung by the Oakridge Boys. Judy is president of a sporting goods company and Michael

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## Local actors in MOT show

A number of area residents are featured in the cast of the Michigan Opera Theatre production of "Show Boat," opening Friday and continuing through Sunday, Nov. 25, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

They are Mary Denawetz of West Bloomfield as the young Kim; Joe Denawetz of West Bloomfield, supernumerary; Jay Peterson of Southfield, ensemble; Virginia Rosemary Winters of Southfield, ensemble; John Hopkins of Westland, dancer; Donna Lewis (daughter of Diana Lewis of WXYZ-TV) of Farmington Hills, ensemble; Judith Szeft of Troy, ensemble; Paul Silver of Troy, as Steve, lead actor on the show boat; Elizabeth Wingert of Birmingham, ensemble; Richard Marlatt of Birmingham as Sheriff Vallon, and Jim Wilking of Walled Lake, ensemble.

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phony. The system is essentially corrupt. We're going back to the audience defining the event."

Despite the inconvenience endured by his family and the uncertain financial condition in operating La Casa, Brogan doesn't question his purpose. "The greatest moment," Brogan recalls, "was when Carl Brouse came from Boston last March. Everybody in the audience was real warm — very

nuturing — yet the energy level was very high... and he finally said, 'I feel like my plane went down in Lake Erie and I'm in heaven.' It gave me chills. I know it sounds corny but it made it all worthwhile."

Next performance at La Casa will be at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, when the renowned acoustic duo of Nathan Bell and Susan Shore play songs from their highly acclaimed new album, "L-Ranko Motel." Call 540-9031 for more information.

## upcoming things to do

### PLYMOUTH THEATER

Performances of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "You Can't Take It With You" continue through Saturday at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. For ticket information call 349-7974.

### AUDITIONS OPEN

Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for the comedy-drama "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley at 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 3-4, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital. The cast consists of four females and two males, ages 24-30. Anyone interested in auditioning or helping out behind the scenes should call 453-8306.

### SHE'S 'MAME'

Juliet Prowse stars as Auntie Mame in Jerry Herman's hit musical "Mame," opening Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Performances run through Sunday, Dec. 9. For ticket information call 645-6666.

### 'STEEL MAGNOLIAS'

Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre presents "Steel Magnolias" at the Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak, beginning Friday and running through Sunday, Dec. 2. For reservations and further information call the ticket office at 541-6430.

### JUST JAZZ

The Modern Jazz Quartet comes to Orchestra Hall in Detroit at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, as part of Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall's 1990-91 Michigan Bell "Just Jazz" series. The quartet originated in 1952 and is comprised of Milt Jackson, vibraharp; John Lewis, piano and musical director; Percy Heath, bass, and Connie Kay, drums. Tickets are \$40 (box), \$21.50, \$16 and \$8.

### TREES FESTIVAL

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# Star plays Detroit once more

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is an insurance salesman.

Bracken says he has only done one television commercial, for Skippy Peanut Butter, with Betty White. His most wonderful movie memory is of Chevy Chase in the 1983 film "National Lampoon's Vacation." He loved working with Judy Garland on "Summer Stock" because of her sense of humor. Betty Hutton became a good friend in their numerous films. He has worked for every major studio in Hollywood — 20 pictures for Paramount, notably "Miracle of Morgan's Creek" and "Hall the Conquering Hero."

"THE TOUGHEST role I ever played was Felix," said Bracken about his Broadway appearance in "The Odd Couple." "Tony Randall was Felix offstage, but I found it emotionally upsetting. The more serious I was, the funnier I was."

Bracken also took over on Broadway for David Burns as Horace Vandergelder opposite Carol Channing in "Hello, Dolly!" For that he received a Tony Award nomination.

Cap'n Andy is Bracken's favorite role. He has played it for 10 years all over the country. He took the Detroit

appearance because he loves the part, even though it caused some complications with his Stallone movie.

When "Show Boat" was first produced in 1927, it was just four years before Bracken's own Broadway debut in 1931 in "The Man on Sills."

"Show Boat" first opened in Washington, D.C.," Bracken said. "The original was 5 1/2 hours long. Dialogue had to be cut, along with some songs, and several plots were taken out before it went to Broadway. In those days song pluggers were hired to go out and sing the songs. Helen Morgan had already made them famous and they did not need pluggers. Everyone already knew them."

Bracken's early days in the theater were as a child playing saloons and back alleys in New York City. His brother, Red, would tell people he could sing and dance. The audience would throw money on the table and he would take it home to his parents.

Bracken's next venture will be to write his memoirs. He has a contract with Simon and Schuster.

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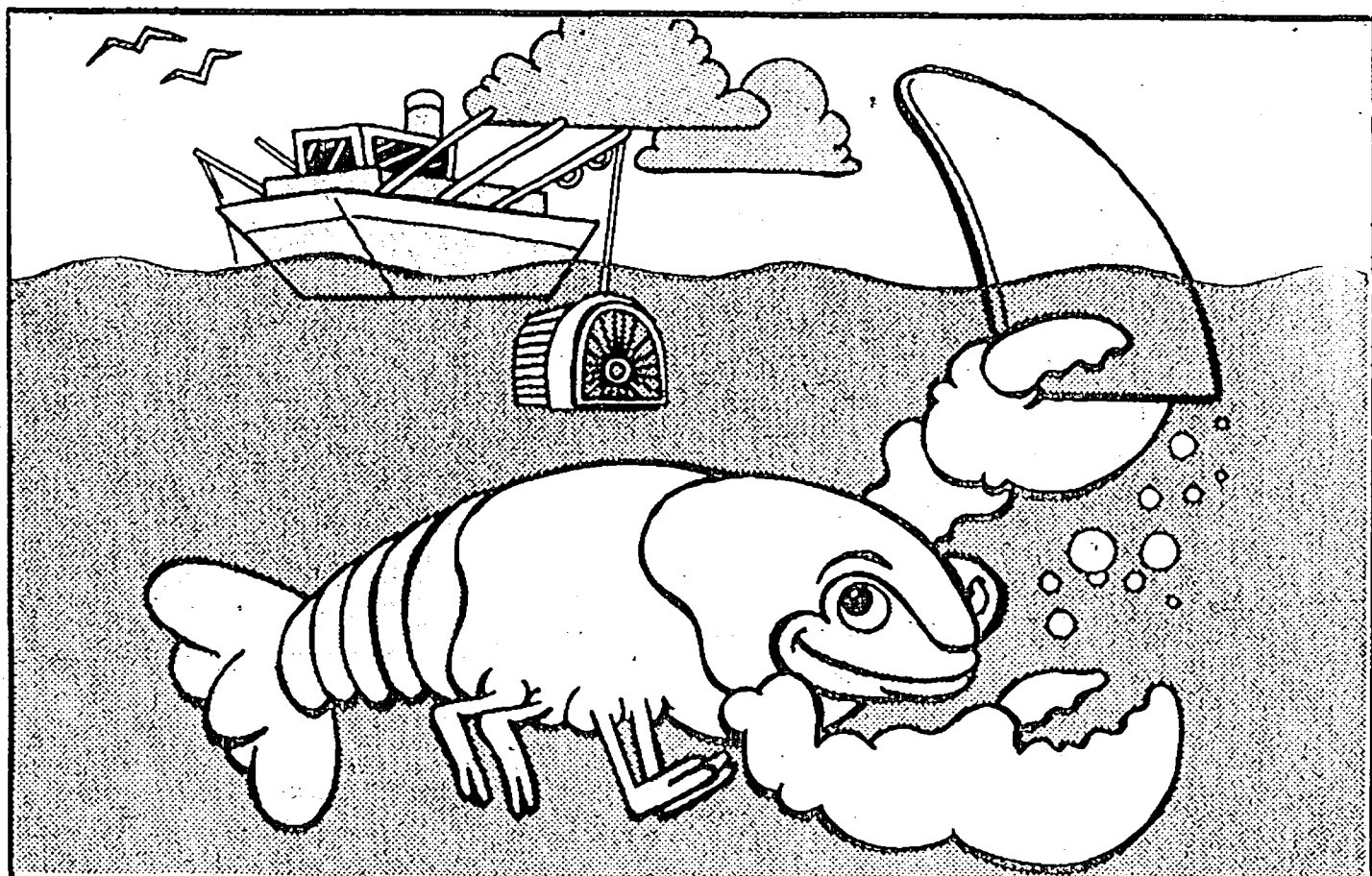
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# Detroit (American) Concert Band plays on

By C.L. Rugenstein  
special writer

**T**HE MUSIC IS stilled. The band shell has fallen into disrepair. The summer evening concerts on Belle Isle, a tradition dear to the hearts of many former Detroiters who grew up in the '50s through the '80s, are long gone.

But the band of the Island, the Detroit Concert Band, lives — and plays on with the help of veteran members like Herman Kushner of Southfield.

Kushner will be in his customary place where he has been for the last 40 years, playing first clarinet when the band performs its annual Thanksgiving Eve concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Royal Oak Dondero High School.

All the concerts Kushner played with the band's founder, Leonard Smith, are special, he thinks, but the one he remembers most took place at the old Michigan Central train depot.

**THAT'S WHEN** the whole band went down to welcome Edwin Franko Goldman, conductor of the renowned Goldman band in New York City.

Not only was Goldman the driving force behind the Goldman Band, which used to play concerts in Central Park, but he was also Leonard Smith's former conductor. Smith was a solo cornetist for Goldman's band for six years, before he came to Detroit and formed his own band in 1948.

But, "People don't go to band concerts like they used to," said Giuseppe (Joe) Merenda of Livonia, a former West Bloomfield resident. Merenda is another longtime band member, who also taught music in the Detroit Public Schools for 25 years before retiring.

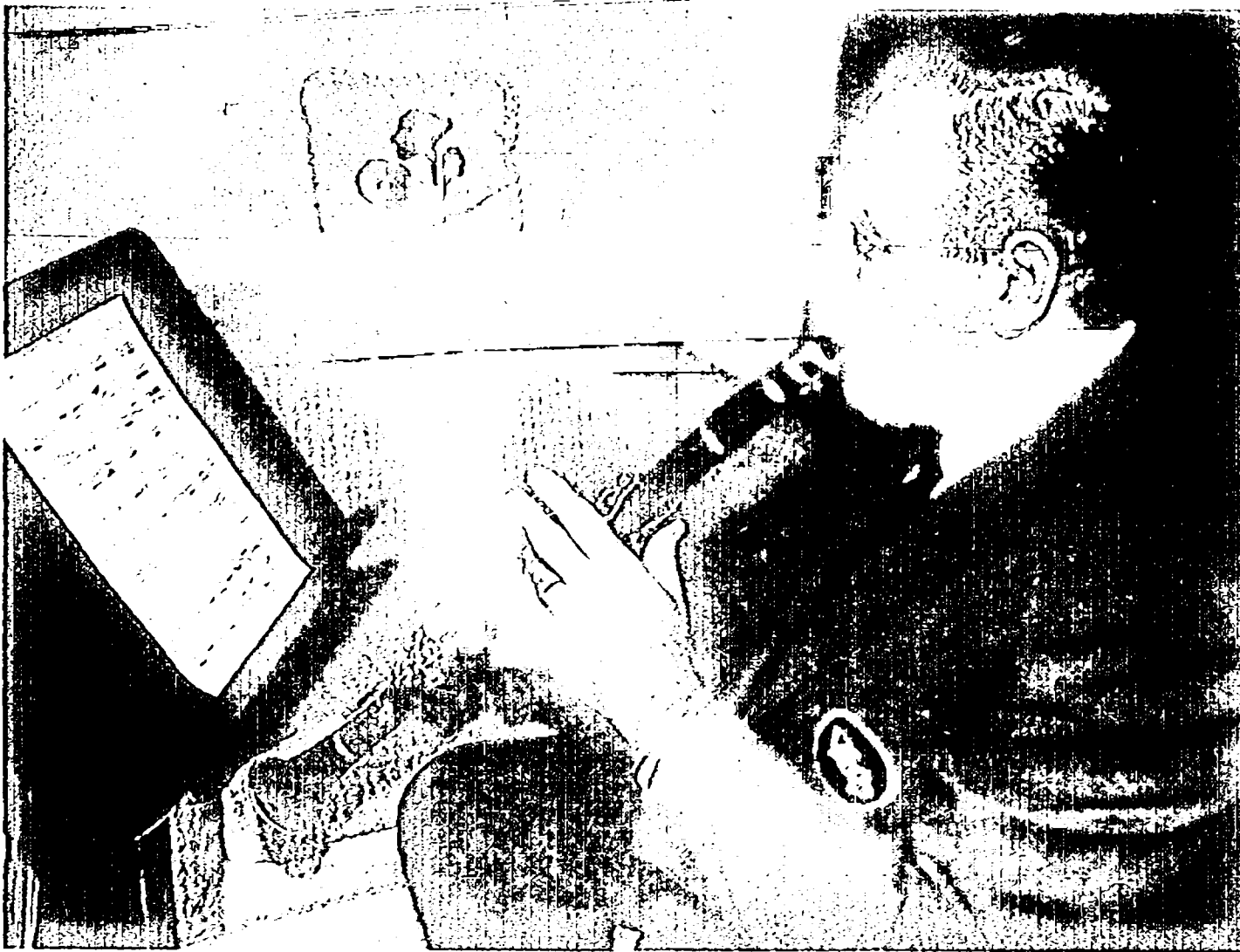
According to Merenda, attendance for the concerts peaked in the early '70s despite the 1967 riot in Detroit, and concerns about safety.

The thing he remembers most, however, is the recording sessions with Maestro Smith.

The band has recorded 36 albums of classic band music, including a 10-volume set of every march ever published by march king John Philip Sousa — or 116 marches in all.

"Besides the fact that Smith is a perfectionist, the recording 'takes' had to be just perfect," Merenda said. "We didn't have time to do 30 or 40 takes."

**MERENDA AND** the other 54 members of the band are enthusiastic supporters of Smith's goal to complete his "Gems of the Concert Band" series of classic band music.



Former West Bloomfield resident Giuseppe (Joe) Merenda practices his clarinet at home in Livonia. He is a longtime member of the Detroit Concert Band.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

**Band history even includes a couple of romances and a lot of family tradition. Bill and Karen Lane of Farmington Hills married during their stint with the band.**

It will document a dying tradition for posterity, band members believe. The recordings "are in great demand by colleges all over the world who want to know how the great band music, especially the Sousa marches, should be played," Merenda said.

Redford resident Ernie Matchulak, a 25-year member of the band, said Smith is probably the world's greatest expert on Sousa's music.

Many band members, including Matchulak, Merenda, Bernie Okin of Bloomfield Hills and Eugene Hanson of Birmingham, have a common denominator — they all have taught or are teaching music in their respective school systems.

Okin retired but still teaches mu-

sic to an autistic class. Hanson said he has probably taught at every school in Birmingham before he retired after 26 years. He spent the last 20 of those at Groves High School.

Percussionist Hanson said every Smith concert is a special event because the attitude Smith expects of his band is "the most important concert I've ever played is the one I'm going to play tonight."

**BAND HISTORY** even includes a couple of romances, and a lot of family tradition. Bill and Karen Lane of Farmington Hills married during their stint with the band. Their story, however, was "heart-breaking for about 10 years," Karen said, tongue in cheek.

Bill, trombone soloist since he joined the band just after high school in 1963, sat very near Karen in the band. (Karen joined the band in 1973, after graduating from the University of Michigan. She won the position of first French horn in the audition.)

"Everytime I came out for a solo I had to pass by her chair," Bill said. "I always clapped the loudest, and

you never noticed," Karen said, with a laugh.

Nevertheless, they finally started dating and married in 1983.

The Detroit Concert Band was a family tradition for Brian Moon and Judy Peters. Moon, a Rochester resident, got a double exposure of band music. His father Benny played with another Detroit parks concert band under the direction of Mark DeLeonard. He also took young Brian, an aspiring trumpet soloist, to hear the Detroit Concert Band.

Moon was impressed with Smith's solo coronet performances. "I can remember many times hearing Leonard play 'Carnival of Venice,'" he said. "and it was always impeccable."

**SAXOPHONIST PETERS** is the third generation of her family to play in Smith's band. Her late father Russell and her grandfather John Peters preceded her.

Peters, director of the Berkley High School band, said Smith "epitomizes band music. He tries to recapture the flavor of band music as it was years ago, before it got lost in

the electronic age."

Smith is a musical tradition himself. During radio's heyday he played the trumpet solos for the "Lone Ranger," "Green Hornet" and "Call of the Yukon" radio programs.

The band remains in the Detroit area, but Smith, in his 70s now, has relocated to warmer climates in Arizona. He also has changed the band's name to the Great American Concert Band.

Whatever they are called, they will still be a part of a lot of their fans' personal history. Many fans who attended the Belle Isle and Michigan State Fairgrounds concerts will turn out for the Thanksgiving eve performance.

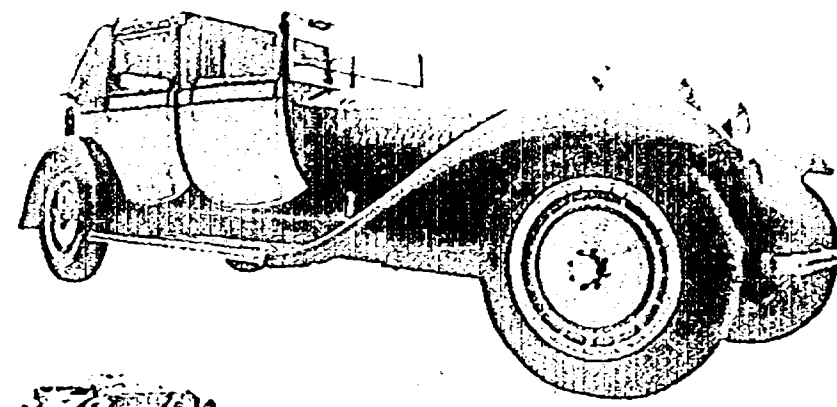
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— Giuseppe (Joe) Merenda

Tickets for the Great American Concert Band's Thanksgiving eve concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 17 and under. Tickets may be purchased from the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce (545-4000), the Royal Oak Library (541-1470) or Dondero High School (541-1700).



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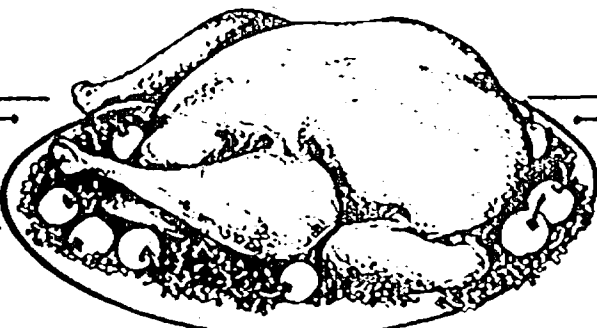
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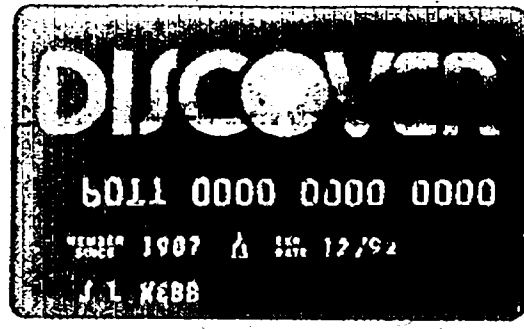
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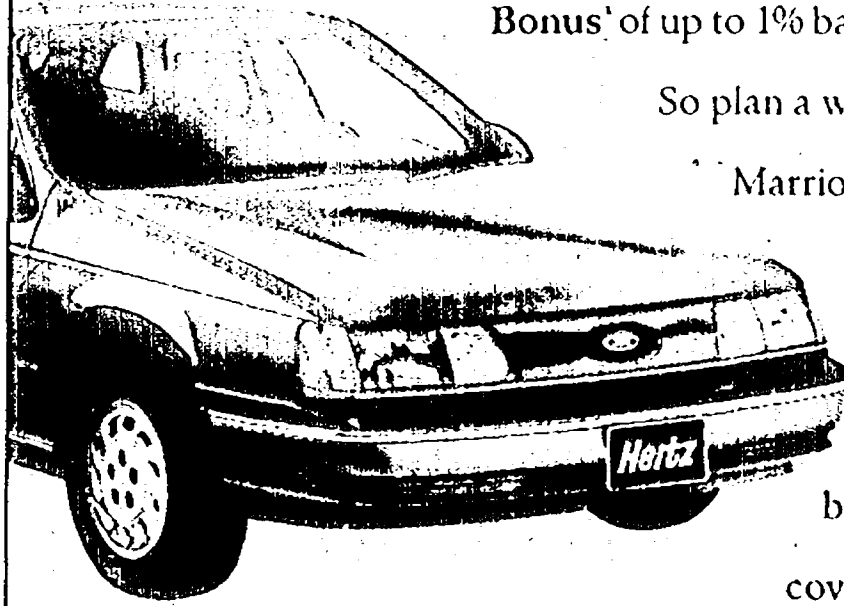
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per body workout burning additional calories. For more information write: Exerstrider, Inc., P.O. Box 3313, 614 Clemons Avenue, Madison, Wis. 53704.

● Some of the best advice you can give a friend is to "take a walk." Walking programs can substantially increase heart-lung fitness, improve the blood fat profile, and reduce body weight and fat stores. These benefits generally occur if one

walks at least eight to 10 miles per week.

● Regular walking can increase bone density and slow the progression of osteoporosis in older women.

● According to Robert Sweetgall, world famous walker, "M & M candies are football fields."

In other words, to burn off the calories in one plain M & M, you need to walk the length of a football field (100 yards).

Barry A. Franklin is director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and associate professor of physiology, Wayne State University School of Medicine.

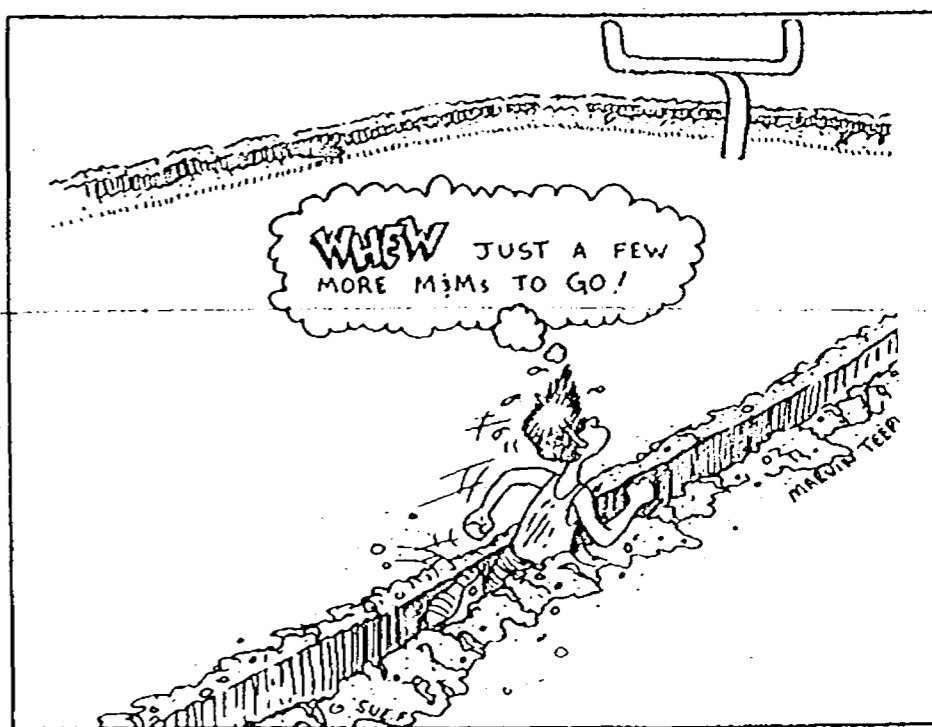


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You can burn off those excess calories by running — but it takes a lot of running.

# New moon, meteor showers coming this weekend

New Moon is at 4:05 a.m. on Nov. 17. The moon is between the Earth and sun and is not visible.

The second meteor shower of the month, the Leonids (LEE oh nids), is at its peak on the morning of the 18th. This shower is named for the constellation of Leo. Leo will be high in the southeast by sunrise.

Like the Taurid shower, the Leonids are not one of the year's best. Expect an average of 15 meteors to be visible each hour. Unlike the Taurids, there will be no interference by the moon. The moon will set long before Leo rises, so there is a better chance to see the fainter members of the shower.

We may be building up toward a very good display of Leonids. The Leonids have set the sky ablaze with meteors in the past. In 1833 and again in 1866 an observer would have seen as many as 200,000 meteors in the span of a few hours!

It is believed that the Leonids are caused by the remains of a comet that disintegrated. This comet had a period (completed an orbit) of 33.3 years. Although the earth passes through the Leonid stream every year, the display was incredible every 33.3 years as we passed through the greatest concentration of debris. The displays of 1899 and 1933 did not live up to expectations, but in 1966

## skywatch Raymond E. Bullock

observers in some southwestern states saw as many as 140 meteors per second. The closer we get to 1999, the better the Leonids may become!

MARS WILL BE at its closest to the earth at 11 p.m. on Nov. 19. It will be a mere 77,330,000 kilometers (48,000,000 miles) away. The south-

ern hemisphere of Mars it tilted eight degrees toward the earth and it is late "summer" there.

Mars' orbit around the sun, like the orbit of all planets, is eccentric (oval). Mars takes about two years to complete a single orbit, but there is also a cycle of 15 years where the orbits of the earth and Mars bring

them unusually close to each other.

During the present cycle, Mars was closest to the earth on Sept. 22, 1988. Every two years since that date, the "closest" point is at a greater distance. The next time Mars will be closer to the earth than it is on the 19th will be June 21, 2001, but Mars will be poorly placed for viewing. On Aug. 27, 2003, Mars will be exceptionally close, very prominent and exceedingly bright.

Look for the waxing (growing) crescent moon in the southwest on the evening of the 20th. The moon is at the "top" of the "teapot" that marks the constellation of Sagittarius. The bright star far above and to the south (left) of the moon is Saturn.

On the following night the moon is four degrees below Saturn, and by the 22nd is well-past Saturn.

First Quarter Moon is at 8:11 a.m. on Nov. 25. The moon has completed the first-quarter of its orbit around the earth.

Mars is at opposition on the evening of the 27th. Mars is opposite the sun, as seen from the earth and (like the full moon) will rise in the east northeast as the sun sets in the west southwest. Mars, now at its maximum brightness, will be visible all night.

JUPITER IS stationary on the 30th. It has been drifting slowly eastward through the faint stars of Cancer.

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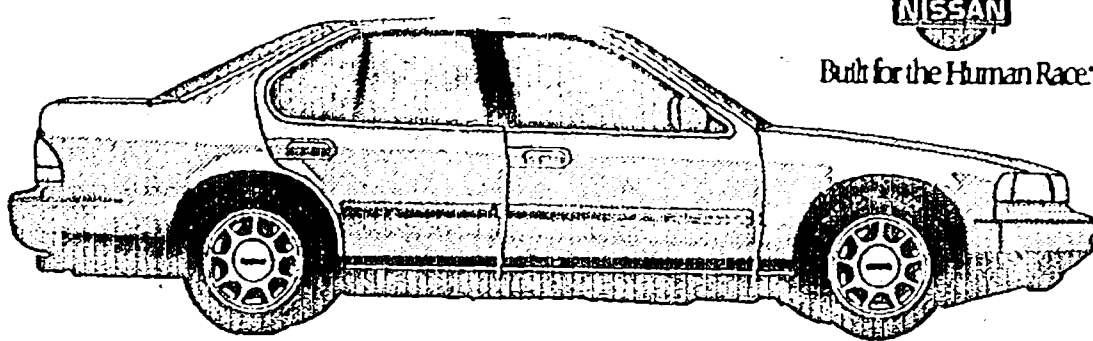




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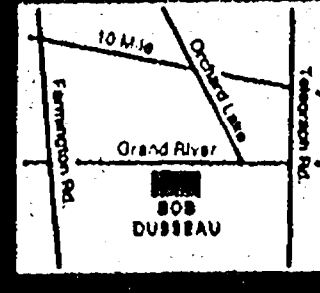
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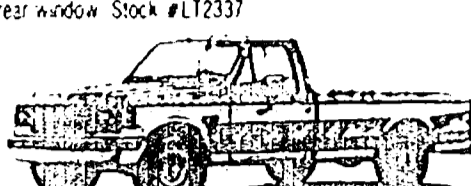
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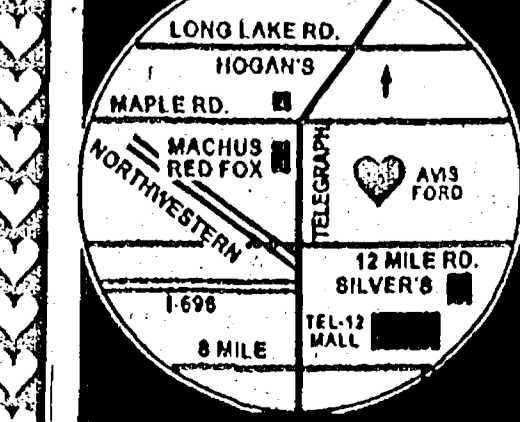


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The all-NAIA District 23 volleyball team has been announced, and several Madonna College players have been honored.

Tonia Smith, a 5-foot-9 sophomore outside hitter from Walled Lake (Central), Dana Hicks, a 6-0 freshman middle hitter, and Stacey Girard, a 5-9 sophomore outside hitter from Redford (Livonia Ladywood), were all chosen to the 12-person first team.

Named to the second team were Madonna's 5-5 junior setter, Penny Baker, and 5-10 sophomore outside hitter, Melissa Mars (Redford Bishop Borgess).

Madonna was 32-18 overall, 5-2 in district competition. The Fighting Crusaders placed second to Northwood Institute in the district tournament.

Also honored were Madonna junior Jenny Sladewski (Livonia Stevenson) and University of Michigan-Dearborn junior Carrie Dul (Redford) — both were named to the district's all-academic team.

Kalamazoo College had the best volleyball team in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and one reason why was junior setter Rocky Cibor (from Livonia Stevenson). Cibor was one of three Hornets chosen to the six-member all-MIAA first team.

Another all-MIAA selection: senior Janine Whittemore (Farmington Hills Harrison), a middle-blocker at Hope.

Bill Pye, a senior from Canton, has been instrumental in Northern Michigan's ascension to the No. 1 ranking in NCAA hockey. The veteran goalie posted a 5-0-1 record with a 2.63 goals-against average in NMU's first six games.

Included was a 6-0 shutout of North Dakota and a pair of impressive performances in 6-1 and 4-2 triumphs over Wisconsin. Another major contributor to NMU's success: Mark Beaufort, a junior from Livonia (Stevenson), who had five goals and five assists (10 points) in the Wildcats' first seven games.

Other hockey news: Brian Baldrice, a junior defenseman at Ohio State from Canton, ended a long scoring drought with a goal in the Buckeyes' 3-1 victory over Miami (Ohio) Nov. 3. It was his first goal since Jan. 28, 1989. For the season,

## college sports

Baldrice had one goal and three assists.

Mike Gilmore, from Farmington Hills, had a 2.62 goals-against average for Michigan State, appearing in four games. His record: 1-2-1. The Spartans are 3-4-3 this season.

Kent State won one of its first three games this season, but sophomore Brian Mulcahy (Livonia Stevenson) was impressive in all three. Mulcahy scored three goals in the opener and added two assists in each of the next two games.

Leading off a bunch of soccer news is Carrie Maier, the freshman phenom from Farmington who's made quite an impact at Wisconsin. The Badgers not only landed a berth in the NCAA tournament, they got a first round bye. They'll play the Colorado College-Southern Methodist University winner Sunday.

Maier, a midfielder, has five goals and seven assists (17 points) for fourth-ranked Wisconsin, tying her for fourth on the team in scoring. The Badgers are 16-1-1 overall.

Jennifer Russell, a freshman forward for Kalamazoo College, was another impact player in her first season. Russell, from Plymouth Canton, sparked the Hornets to a 16-1 season by scoring a school-record 22 goals. She also added 13 assists for 57 points.

Central Michigan's men's team didn't enjoy a particularly successful season, but it certainly had its moments — particularly down the stretch. The Chippewas won their finale, beating Western Michigan 3-2, thanks to a goal and an assist from sophomore Kurt Will (Livonia Stevenson). Will tallied nine goals and three assists on the year.

Jerry Smolenski, a freshman from Stevenson, was largely responsible for another highlight, blanking Michigan State 1-0. CMU finished the season 10-9-1.

Siena Heights' run through the NAIA tournament ended Sunday, but the Saints — who finished 8-9-1 — got some good performances from local players, like senior Ted Hanosh (Plymouth Salem) with four goals

and two assists; junior Joe Cosenza (Salem), one goal and two assists; and sophomore Andy Masal (Farmington), one goal and two assists.

Football stuff: Pat Pettit, a sophomore flanker from Westland (John Glenn), was offensive Bulldog of the Week at Ferris State after the team's 21-14 loss to Saginaw Valley State. Pettit had four catches for 103 yards, which brought his season totals to 26 receptions for 447 yards (a 17.2 average), with one TD.

The news isn't good out of Michigan State, where sophomore offensive tackle Toby Heaton (Redford Catholic Central) has been lost for the season with a fractured fibula. Heaton helped clear the way for a ground game that was averaging 251.6 yards per game.

Holy Cross was 7-1-1 going into last weekend's game against Fordham, and cornerback Chris Kovath (Redford CC) had been a key contributor. In the Crusaders' 43-14 win over Bucknell, Kovath had 11 tackles. He has 88 tackles for the season, tying him for third on the team, and he leads the Crusaders with three interceptions.

Another CC standout helped University of Toledo the Central Michigan for the Mid-American title. Nick Varajon, a senior defensive lineman, contributed 39 tackles (two for losses) and two fumble recoveries to the Rockets' 7-1 MAC season.

And then there's Pete Mazzoni, the senior quarterback from Livonia (Stevenson) who once again had a superb season at Adrian College. A two-time all-MIAA selection, Mazzoni hit 54 of 104 passes (52 percent) for 673 yards, with seven interceptions and seven touchdowns, in league play to rank second in the MIAA. Adrian finished 2-2-1 in the league and 4-4-1 overall.

In volleyball, Nikki Stubbs (from Garden City and Schoolcraft College) and Stacy Graham (John Glenn) continued their superlative play for Eastern Michigan. The Hurons were 24-2 overall, 4-2 in the MAC.

Stubbs leads the team with 301 kills (a .301 kill average) and 307 digs; Graham is second with 256 kills (a .345 average, which is first on the team) and she leads the team in solo blocks (37) and block assists (83).

# Nationals feature S'craft hopefuls

By C.J. Bleak  
staff writer

The approaches taken by Schoolcraft College's soccer coaches as the two teams — for the first time in school history — both head to their respective National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament are quite different.

Women's coach Nick O'Shea had a two-page scouting report on his first-round opponent, Anne Arundel CC (from Arnold, Md.), by Monday. He had talked with several coaches familiar with his foe and had already prepared a game plan.

Men's coach Van Dimitriou had no such information at his disposal as his team prepared for the 12-hour bus trip to Trenton, N.J., Tuesday. Dimitriou figured it wouldn't take long to figure out which players on his first-round opponent — Passaic County CC (Paterson, N.J.) — would need special attention once the game started.

"We plan on shutting them out," said Dimitriou of his strategy. "We got three (shutouts) in a row going, and we've got the same people playing. No reason to expect it to change."

SOUNDS A BIT too confident, perhaps. But after all, this is the first trip to the NJCAA Tournament SC's men's team has made in a decade. Indeed, O'Shea — the women's coach — played for the last SC men's team to make it this far, in 1980.

And Dimitriou's approach might work. His plan seems simple: Make the opponent play SC's game. Force the play, make them adjust.

"Assuming we have the same lineup, I think we'll be right in there," said Dimitriou of his team's chances. The Ocelots, 12-1-1 against NJCAA competition, enter the eight-team tournament ranked eighth in the nation. Passaic (16-2) is fourth.

Should SC beat Passaic — their match is at 1 p.m. today — it would advance to the NJCAA semifinals Friday. Another win, and the Ocelots would be playing for the national championship Sunday.

For SC to get that far, it will have to at least match its level of performance at the Inter-regional Tournament. The Ocelots blanked both the College of DuPage (1-0) and Lewis and Clark CC (4-0). Their play against Lewis and Clark, in particular, was outstanding.

But the trail won't get easier, that's certain. Khaled Zeidan, who scored three goals against Lewis and Clark, together with Jeff Vandemerger and Chris Crawford will have to apply pressure offensively. Dave Dingile and Jeff Saylor will have to provide steady defense, and keeper Scott Hauman will again have to be unbeatable.

THE WEARISOME three-games-in-four-days schedule is nothing new to O'Shea. Besides his own playing experience in the tournament, he coached SC's women's team to the NJCAA title in 1987. His current squad hasn't the abundance of talent and, with just 11 team members, there is no depth.

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But don't count the Lady Ocelots out.

Anne Arundel has been beaten soundly by teams SC tied. Which would seem to put the Lady Ocelots in the favorite's position, at least for their opener. O'Shea is taking nothing for granted, however.

"I know they have two decent forwards, a good sweeper and a good stopper," he said in analyzing Anne Arundel. "Their midfielders are real average. They don't play a lot of possession. They look to attack quickly."

His own team, ranked fourth in the NJCAA with a 7-3-4 overall record (Anne Arundel was ranked eighth), will have some changes to deal with. Cindy Bowman, the Lady Ocelots' high-scoring striker, will be in goal throughout the tournament. That leaves the scoring burden with Nikki Johnson, Sara Hayes and Bonnie Boyle.

O'SHEA EXPECTS the game, which is also at 1 p.m. today, to be decided in the midfield, patrolled by Boyle, Donna O'Brien, Lindy Tatale and Jennifer Whitfield.

"If my midfield can dominate theirs, we'll win," predicted O'Shea. "We have to contain their two forwards and put enough pressure on them to keep their sweeper and stopper back. If we can put enough pressure on them, they won't be able to attack."

Should the Lady Ocelots survive their first-round test, they'll play the winner of the Brevard (N.C.) College-Florissant Valley CC (St. Louis) match Friday.

That should be their biggest test in what has shaped up as a less-than-powerful field. Flo Valley is ranked No. 1 and has beaten and tied SC, while Brevard, ranked second nationally, edged the Lady Ocelots 3-2 in overtime in Brevard.

"Even though we lost to Brevard, I thought we played them evenly," said O'Shea. "We'll play them the same way, but we'll put Bev (DeJohn, SC's best marking defender) on their No. 21 (striker Jennifer McMaster)."

SHOULD FLO VALLEY beat Brevard, O'Shea would make other changes in his lineup. "We'd have to make changes against Flo Valley," he said. The reason? "They have an amazing center midfielder in Laura Goecke," answered O'Shea. "She's not fast, but she's real skilled with the ball."

"We'll have to mark her man-for-man. And we'll bring Bev into the midfield to mark her. Their team goes through (Goecke). If we can mark her well, we can shut down a lot of them."

Although Bowman has looked good in her short stints in goal, there's no doubt that SC's defenders — Jennifer Marshall, sweeper Angie Stiglmaier, DeJohn and either Whitfield or Tatale — will be tested. So will the team's durability and stamina.

## Watters, McGill pace SC cage win

The season opened successfully for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team — and success has been a rare experience for the Ocelots the last few seasons.

Despite an appalling 34 turnovers, SC — behind a sharp shooting effort — leveled visiting Kellogg CC 108-95 Saturday. The Ocelots led 48-39 at

the half and were never in serious trouble.

SC will win some if they get efforts like those given by Randy Watters, who notched a triple-double, with 23 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. Watters also had four steals. Kwesi McGill also played superbly, netting 30 points and seven

boards.

SC hit 38-of-70 floor shots (52 percent), 27-of-35 free throws (77 percent) and outboarded Kellogg 39-29.

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# football

## ALL-METRO CONFERENCE 1990 FOOTBALL TEAM

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**Sparks, Detroit Lutheran West; Scott Hultra, Hamtramck.**  
**Linebackers:** Randy Wallace, Livonia Clarencville; Dan Young, Harper Woods Lu- theran East; Brian Wells and Dan Slater, Mount Clemens-Lutheran North; Clarence Leavings, Detroit Lutheran West.

### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

**Backs:** Larry Thompson, Harper Woods; Darrin Kraatz, Mount Clemens Lutheran North; Euriok Williams and Nathan Wil- liams, Detroit Lutheran West.

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

**Backs:** Keedrick Harrington, Livonia Clarencville; Kevin Woodmore and Ron Ro- ddbagh, Auburn Hills Avondale; Josh Ball, Mount Clemens Lutheran North.

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Clarencville:** Dan Nunery, Bill Van Exp and Carl Holston.  
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**Lutheran West:** Reggie Dalton, Greg Posey and Dwayne Walker.  
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**Hamtramck:** Maurice Wright, John Koltz, Nik Shkrell and Albert Mason.  
**Lutheran North:** Mike Abdella.  
**Cranbrook:** Terry Gray, John Slack, Steve Elder and Gregory Bourgon.

### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

**Backs:** Aaron Moore, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; Bray Vibert and George Wil- liams, Auburn Hills Avondale; Jim Roland, Mount Clemens Lutheran North; Brian

# CC, Saginaw eye semifinal

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may be the most talented we've faced all year. They've got you spread out all over the place and that makes lanes for running. I don't think a one TD lead would be very comfortable with Saginaw."

An interesting matchup could take place between CC's 6-2, 215-pound senior fullback Jon Barbara and Smith, who also plays on Saginaw's defensive line. Smith goes by the nickname "Tank."

"What a tiger," Genyk said of Bar- bara. "It'll be a good matchup be- tween him and Tank. Tank's the one who really helped us shut down Traverse City."

**ONE OF SAGINAW'S** defensive tackles is Roshawn Williams, a 6-8, 270-pound senior.

"This whole season, we've been outplayed, from King to (Detroit St. Martin) DePorres," said Barbara, who leads CC with 666 yards on 149 carries. "But we keep on winning. We've got confidence in our defense to get us where we want to go. The D makes the big play and our offense will take it in. We know we have two

**'They've got you spread out all over the place and that makes lanes for running. I don't think a one TD lead would be very comfortable with Saginaw.'**

— Tom Mach  
Redford CC coach

more to play and there's no state title without a victory."

Defensive tackle Rob Sylvester, an All-Catholic choice for CC, lines up next to Gary Gurgold, who leads CC's defense with 81 total tackles. The Shamrocks are strong at the ends with Brian Chaney and Dave Dominick. Mach is hoping to have in- jured seniors Mike Thomas (tall- back/defensive back) and Jack Da- vidson (wide receiver/defensive back) back in the lineup.

Both were expected to practice this week, Mach said.

# swimming rankings

This is the ninth instalment of the best area girls swim times. Schools in the Livonia-Redford-Westland Garden City-Plymouth-Canton-Farmington-Oakland area are urged to phone in their best times to Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Wellman, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday or Friday at 451-6605, Ext. 313 (Canton pool).

Ellen Lessig (Churchill)	1:02.52
Nancy Warson (Stevenson)	1:02.78
Candi Bosse (Salem)	1:03.17
Becky Weary (Farmington)	1:03.47
Karrie Kranz (N. Farmington)	1:03.66
Erica Smith (Mercy)	1:04.05
Mandi Fak (Thurston)	1:04.10

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (State cut: 1:59.09)	
Farmington Hills Mercy	1:53.15
North Farmington	1:53.59
Livonia Stevenson	1:54.99
Plymouth Canton	1:55.11
Plymouth Canton	1:57.95

200 FREESTYLE (State cut: 2:01.59)	
Kerry Doran (N. Farmington)	1:55.88
Karrie Kranz (N. Farmington)	1:59.26
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill)	2:00.00
Poly Tenuta (Mercy)	2:00.33
Jamie Anderson (Stevenson)	2:01.10
Michelle McCaffrey (Mercy)	2:01.58
Nicole Bosse (Salem)	2:03.58
Holly Palmeri (Stevenson)	2:03.62
Erica Smith (Mercy)	2:03.91
Sherril Richardson (N. Farmington)	2:04.01

500 FREESTYLE (State cut: 5:24.59)	
Kerry Doran (N. Farmington)	5:08.24
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill)	5:14.05
Poly Tenuta (Mercy)	5:22.80
Jamie Anderson (Stevenson)	5:24.78
Kate Hamann (Churchill)	5:30.10
Linda Goldstein (Mercy)	5:31.25
Erica Smith (Mercy)	5:32.86
Michelle McCaffrey (Mercy)	5:33.67
Sherril Richardson (N. Farmington)	5:35.16
Emily Shively (N. Farmington)	5:35.29

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (State cut: 2:19.99)	
Linda Goldstein (Mercy)	2:11.69
Kerry Doran (N. Farmington)	2:12.52
Anna Palmer (N. Farmington)	2:18.03
Carrie Worthen (N. Farmington)	2:18.24
Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	2:18.41
Katie Knipper (Mercy)	2:18.93
Karrie Kranz (N. Farmington)	2:19.24
Mandi Fak (Thurston)	2:19.30
Liz Sokock (Churchill)	2:19.44
Shannon O'Brien (N. Farmington)	2:20.56

200 FREESTYLE RELAY (State cut: 1:46.59)	
Farmington Hills Mercy	1:43.78
Plymouth Canton	1:43.94
Plymouth Salem	1:44.14
North Farmington	1:44.15
Livonia Church Hill	1:44.74

100 BACKSTROKE (State cut: 1:05.29)	
Julianne Markey (N. Farmington)	1:01.73
Linda Goldstein (Mercy)	1:02.53
Jenny McCombs (Mercy)	1:02.83
Kristin Stackpoole (Salem)	1:04.76
Jennifer Miller (Thurston)	1:05.01
Stacey Krause (Harrison)	1:05.22
Janet Roberts (Canton)	1:05.51
Jenny Beatrise (Franklin)	1:05.67
Julie Petridis (Stevenson)	1:06.30
Rebekah Turner (Harrison)	1:06.37

100 BREASTSTROKE (State cut: 1:12.89)	
Katie Knipper (Mercy)	1:09.02
Mandi Fak (Thurston)	1:09.80
Jill Knapp (Stevenson)	1:09.89
Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	1:10.00
Anna Palmer (N. Farmington)	1:10.59
Carrie Worthen (N. Farmington)	1:11.13
Joan Huellmantel (Mercy)	1:12.57
Amy Dombrowski (Mercy)	1:12.88
Shelly Rogers (Salem)	1:12.88
Amy Roselli (Churchill)	1:13.88
Amy Homan (Salem)	1:13.88
Julie Petridis (Stevenson)	1:13.98

400 FREESTYLE RELAY (State cut: 3:52.59)	
North Farmington	3:44.10
Farmington Hills Mercy	3:46.98
Plymouth Canton	3:50.43
Livonia Stevenson	3:51.03
Livonia Church Hill	3:51.63

100 BUTTERFLY (State cut: 1:02.59)	
Kerry Doran (N. Farmington)	1:00.02
Linda Goldstein (Mercy)	1:00.45
Katie Knipper (Mercy)	1:01.95

DIVING (5 first places)	
Elaina Trager (Harrison)	235.50
Amy Kodrik (Canton)	232.80
Becky Hoisington (Canton)	213.25
Alycia Solos (Salem)	206.00
Kim McCormick (Salem)	184.00
Amy Dombrowski (Mercy)	184.00
Shelly Rogers (Salem)	175.65
Amy Roselli (Churchill)	172.75
Mandy Terrell (N. Farmington)	172.15
Erin Shriber (Canton)	170.00

# sports roundup

## COACHES WANTED

• Redford St. Agatha needs a varsity volleyball coach for the up- coming season. Those interested should call athletic director Jim Murphy at 535-1200 (office) or 533-6094 (home).

• Livonia Ladywood needs a head coach and assistant for track in the spring. Those interested should contact athletic director Kim Lininger from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 591-1846.

## SOCCER TRYOUTS

• The Michigan Wolves '75 boys under-16 Livonia Y Premier Club soccer team will stage open tryouts for the winter 1990 and spring '91 seasons (Little Caesars Ilitch Divi- sion) at 10 a.m. Sunday at Jaycee Park in Livonia. For more informa- tion, call head coach Bruce Thomas at 473-5650. (His assistant coaches are Dan O'Shea and Brian Thomas.)

• The East-West Soccer Amba-

sadors, an athletic organization which selects players between the ages of 11 and 19 to represent the U.S. in international competition, will hold a pair of tryout clinics on Sunday: 10 a.m. until noon at the Canton Soccer Dome, and 4-6 p.m. at Total Soccer in Southfield.

Players are asked to bring their own ball and a \$15 application fee. Each participating player will receive a T-shirt. For more informa- tion, contact East-West at 216-248-0200.

## SOCCER CHAMPS

• Livonia United '77, affiliated with the Livonia Youth Soccer Club, recently won their second Michigan Premier (under-14 girls) Soccer League (Division I) title with a record of 10-0.

United '77, coached and managed by Pat McCaul, Rick Bernedowsky and Nancy Lawrence, outscored their opponents 50-3.

Members of the squad include:

Amber Berendowsky, Lisa Bernardo, Lindsay Bryant, Jo Buck, Dianna Dean, Emily Lawrence, Kelly Loef- fler, Alissa Lord, Christine Mahon, Wendy McCaul, Suzanne McQuaid, Heather Richards, Jean Roy, Marie Spaccarotella, Janess Vartanian and Margaret Wirth.

• The Livonia Breakers, an un- der-16 girls team affiliate with the Livonia Youth Soccer League, fin- ished the fall season recently with a 12-0 record.

Members of the team, coached by Don McDougall and assisted by John Gosz, include: Lori Amey, Rachael Bowser, Erin Craig, Maureen Dra- bicki, Jacqueline Gosz, Karl Kopin- ski, Kristy Kosky, Holly Klumbe, Kristy Lucas, Lisa MacIasz, Laura

McDougall, Lesley McDougall, Angela Moloney and Jill Waugaman.

• The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Strikers '81 boys team, coached by Terry Howery and Linda Gajda, fin- ished first recently in the Michigan Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 9-1 mark. The Strikers '81 captured nine straight, including six by shutout, outscoring their opponents 38-8.

Members of the Strikers include: David Biegas, Christopher Cizewski, Stephen Dickinson, William Fischer, Brand Gajda, Adam Guyot, Adam Heselnie, Darrell Howery, Mark Krauziewicz, Patrick Peterson, Kurt Pfankuch, Kenny Schraufnagle, Ken- vin Sierzega, Andrew Stevens, Phillip Szumlanski, Nicholas Williams and Wesley Yarnell.

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The all-NAIA District 23 volleyball team has been announced, and several Madonna College players have been honored.

Tonia Smith, a 5-foot-9 sophomore outside hitter from Walled Lake (Central); Dana Hicks, a 6-0 freshman middle hitter, and Stacy Girard, a 5-9 sophomore outside hitter from Redford (Livonia Ladywood), were all chosen to the 12-person first team.

Named to the second team were Madonna's 5-5 junior setter, Penny Baker, and 5-10 sophomore outside hitter, Melissa Mars (Redford Bishop Borgess).

Madonna was 32-18 overall, 5-2 in district competition. The Fighting Crusaders placed second to Northwood Institute in the district tournament.

Also honored were Madonna junior Jenny Sladewski (Livonia Stevenson) and University of Michigan-Dearborn junior Carrie Dul (Redford) — both were named to the district's all-academic team.

Kalamazoo College had the best volleyball team in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and one reason why was junior setter Rocky Cibor (from Livonia Stevenson). Cibor was one of three Hornets chosen to the six-member all-MIAA first team.

Another all-MIAA selection: senior Janine Whittemore (Farmington Hills Harrison), a middle-blocker at Hope.

Bill Pye, a senior from Canton, has been instrumental in Northern Michigan's ascension to the No. 1 ranking in NCAA hockey. The veteran goalie posted a 5-0-1 record with a 2.63 goals-against average in NMU's first six games.

Included was a 6-0 shutout of North Dakota and a pair of impressive performances in 6-1 and 4-2 triumphs over Wisconsin. Another major contributor to NMU's success: Mark Beaufait, a junior from Livonia (Stevenson), who had five goals and five assists (10 points) in the Wildcats first seven games.

Other hockey news: Brian Baldrice, a junior defenseman at Ohio State from Canton, ended a long scoring drought with a goal in the Buckeyes' 3-1 victory over Miami (Ohio) Nov. 3. It was his first goal since Jan. 28, 1989. For the season,

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Baldrice had one goal and three assists.

Mike Gilmore, from Farmington Hills, had a 2.82 goals-against average for Michigan State, appearing in four games. His record: 1-2-1. The Spartans are 3-4-3 this season.

Kent State won one of its first three games this season, but sophomore Brian Mulcahy (Livonia Stevenson) was impressive in all three. Mulcahy scored three goals in the opener and added two assists in each of the next two games.

Leading off a bunch of soccer news is Carrie Maler, the freshman phenom from Farmington who's made quite an impact at Wisconsin. The Badgers not only landed a berth in the NCAA tournament, they got a first round bye. They'll play the Colorado College-Southern Methodist University winner Sunday.

Maier, a midfielder, has five goals and seven assists (17 points) for fourth-ranked Wisconsin, tying her for fourth on the team in scoring. The Badgers are 16-1-1 overall.

Jennifer Russell, a freshman forward for Kalamazoo College, was another impact player in her first season. Russell, from Plymouth Canton, sparked the Hornets to a 16-1 season by scoring a school-record 22 goals. She also added 13 assists for 57 points.

Central Michigan's men's team didn't enjoy a particularly successful season, but it certainly had its moments — particularly down the stretch. The Chippewas won their finale, beating Western Michigan 3-2, thanks to a goal and an assist from sophomore Kurt Will (Livonia Stevenson). Will totalled nine goals and three assists on the year.

Jerry Smolenski, a freshman from Stevenson, was largely responsible for another highlight, blanking Michigan State 1-0. CMU finished the season 10-9-1.

Siena Heights' run through the NAIA tournament ended Sunday, but the Saints — who finished 8-9-1 — got some good performances from local players, like senior Ted Hanosh (Plymouth Salem) with four goals

and two assists; junior Joe Cosenza (Salem), one goal and two assists; and sophomore Andy Masal (Farmington), one goal and two assists.

Football stuff: Pat Pettit, a sophomore flanker from Westland (John Glenn), was offensive Bulldog of the Week at Ferris State after the team's 21-14 loss to Saginaw Valley State. Pettit had four catches for 103 yards, which brought his season totals to 26 receptions for 447 yards (a 17.2 average), with one TD.

The news isn't good out of Michigan State, where sophomore offensive tackle Toby Heaton (Redford Catholic Central) has been lost for the season with a fractured fibula. Heaton helped clear the way for a ground game that was averaging 251.6 yards per game.

Holy Cross was 7-1-1 going into last weekend's game against Fordham, and cornerback Chris Kovath (Redford CC) has been a key contributor. In the Crusaders' 43-14 win over Bucknell, Kovath had 11 tackles. He has 88 tackles for the season, tying him for third on the team, and he leads the Crusaders with three interceptions.

Another CC standout helped University of Toledo tie Central Michigan for the Mid-American title. Nick Varajon, a senior defensive lineman, contributed 39 tackles (two for losses) and two fumble recoveries to the Rockets' 7-1 MAC season.

And then there's Pete Mazzoni, the senior quarterback from Livonia (Stevenson) who once again had a superb season at Adrian College. A two-time all-MIAA selection, Mazzoni hit 54 of 104 passes (52 percent) for 673 yards, with seven interceptions and seven touchdowns, in league play to rank second in the MIAA. Adrian finished 2-2-1 in the league and 4-1 overall.

In volleyball, Nikki Stubbs (from Garden City and Schoolcraft College) and Stacy Graham (John Glenn) continued their superlative play for Eastern Michigan. The Hurons were 24-2 overall, 4-2 in the MAC.

Stubbs leads the team with 301 kills (a .301 kill average) and 307 digs; Graham is second with 256 kills (a .345 average, which is first on the team) and she leads the team in solo blocks (37) and block assists (83).

# Nationals feature S'craft hopefuls

By C.J. Rieak  
staff writer

The approaches taken by Schoolcraft College's soccer coaches as the two teams — for the first time in school history — both head to their respective National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament are quite different.

Women's coach Nick O'Shea had a two-page scouting report on his first-round opponent, Anne Arundel CC (from Arnold, Md.), by Monday. He had talked with several coaches familiar with his foe and had already prepared a game plan.

Men's coach Van Dimitriou had no such information at his disposal as his team prepared for the 12-hour bus trip to Trenton, N.J., Tuesday. Dimitriou figured it wouldn't take long to figure out which players on his first-round opponent — Passaic County CC (Paterson, N.J.) — would need special attention once the game started.

"We plan on shutting them out," said Dimitriou of his strategy. "We got three (shutouts) in a row going, and we've got the same people playing. No reason to expect it to change."

SOUNDS A BIT too confident, perhaps. But after all, this is the first trip to the NJCAA Tournament SC's men's team has made in a decade. Indeed, O'Shea — the women's coach — played for the last SC men's team to make it this far, in 1980.

And Dimitriou's approach might work. His plan seems simple: Make the opponent play SC's game. Force the play, make them adjust.

"Assuming we have the same lineup, I think we'll be right in there," said Dimitriou of his team's chances. The Ocelots, 12-1-1 against NJCAA competition, enter the eight-team tournament ranked eighth in the nation. Passaic (16-2) is fourth.

Should SC beat Passaic — their match is at 1 p.m. today — it would advance to the NJCAA semifinals Friday. Another win, and the Ocelots would be playing for the national championship Sunday.

For SC to get that far, it will have to at least match its level of performance at the Inter-regional Tournament. The Ocelots blanked both the College of DuPage (1-0) and Lewis and Clark CC (4-0). Their play against Lewis and Clark, in particular, was outstanding.

But the trail won't get easier, that's certain. Khaled Zeidan, who scored three goals against Lewis and Clark, together with Jeff Vandemergel and Chris Crawford will have to apply pressure offensively. Dave Dinglie and Jeff Saylor will have to provide steady defense, and keeper Scott Hauman will again have to be unbeatable.

THE WEARISOME three-games-in-four-days schedule is nothing new to O'Shea. Besides his own playing experience in the tournament, he coached SC's women's team to the NJCAA title in 1987. His current squad hasn't the abundance of talent and, with just 11 team members, there is no depth.

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But don't count the Lady Ocelots out.

Anne Arundel has been beaten soundly by teams SC tied. Which would seem to put the Lady Ocelots in the favorite's position, at least for their opener. O'Shea is taking nothing for granted, however.

"I know they have two decent forwards, a good sweeper and a good stopper," he said in analyzing Anne Arundel. "Their midfielders are real average. They don't play a lot of possession. They look to attack quickly."

His own team, ranked fourth in the NJCAA with a 7-3-4 overall record (Anne Arundel was ranked eighth), will have some changes to deal with. Cindy Bowman, the Lady Ocelots' high-scoring striker, will be in goal throughout the tournament. That leaves the scoring burden with Nikki Johnson, Sara Hayes and Bonnie Boyle.

O'SHEA EXPECTS the game, which is also at 1 p.m. today, to be decided in the midfield, patrolled by Boyle, Donna O'Brien, Lindy Tatala and Jennifer Whitfield.

"If my midfield can dominate theirs, we'll win," predicted O'Shea. "We have to contain their two forwards and put enough pressure on them to keep their sweeper and stopper back. If we can put enough pressure on them, they won't be able to attack."

Should the Lady Ocelots survive their first-round test, they'll play the winner of the Brevard (N.C.) College-Florissant Valley CC (St. Louis) match Friday.

That should be their biggest test in what has shaped up as a less-than-powerful field; Flo Valley is ranked No. 1 and has beaten and tied SC, while Brevard, ranked second nationally, edged the Lady Ocelots 3-2 in overtime in Brevard.

"Even though we lost to Brevard, I thought we played them evenly," said O'Shea. "We'll play them the same way, but we'll put Bev (DeJohn, SC's best marking defender) on their No. 21 (striker Jennifer McMaster)."

SHOULD FLO VALLEY beat Brevard, O'Shea would make other changes in his lineup. "We'd have to make changes against Flo Valley," he said. The reason? "They have an amazing center midfielder in Laura Goecke," answered O'Shea. "She's not fast, but she's real skilled with the ball."

"We'll have to mark her man-for-man. And we'll bring Bev into the midfield to mark her. Their team goes through (Goecke). If we can mark her well, we can shut down a lot of them."

Although Bowman has looked good in her short stints in goal, there's no doubt that SC's defenders — Jennifer Marshall, sweeper Angie Stiglmair, DeJohn and either Whitfield or Tatala — will be tested. So will the team's durability and stamina.

## Watters, McGill pace SC cage win

The season opened successfully for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team — and success has been a rare experience for the Ocelots the last few seasons.

Despite an appalling 34 turnovers, SC — behind a sharp shooting effort — leveled visiting Kellogg CC 108-95 Saturday. The Ocelots led 48-39 at

the half and were never in serious trouble.

SC will win some if they get efforts like those given by Randy Watters, who notched a triple-double, with 23 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. Watters also had four steals. Kwesi McGill also played superbly, netting 30 points and seven

boards. SC hit 38-of-70 floor shots (52 percent), 27-of-35 free throws (77 percent) and outboarded Kellogg 39-29.

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# State qualifiers lead girls squad

## Ladywood harrier finishes strong

By Steve Kowalski  
staff writer

**IT WAS A PRODUCTIVE** year for Observerland girls cross country teams.

Start with Redford Union, which won the Northwest Suburban League, a Class A regional and placed fifth in the Class A team meet. Livonia Stevenson won the Western Lakes Activities Association and placed second in the regional, just ahead of league-rival Plymouth Salem.

So it's only fitting that Stevenson and RU be honored with having a total of five runners on the 1990 All-Observer first team. Stevenson placed three runners (Stacy Prais, A.J. Koritnik and Carrie Creehan) on the honor roll, while RU has two (Tracey James and Michelle Daraban).

No Salem runners made the first team, but the future looks bright for the Rocks, who did not have a senior among their top five runners. Salem was 18th in the team standings at the Class A meet.

Livonia Ladywood failed to qualify for the state meet, but the Blazers had the area's top runner, sophomore Malla Dixon.

Bob Ouellette, who led RU to the above titles, along with the Schoolcraft Invitational championships, is the coach of the year.

Following is a profile of each first-team member:

### FIRST TEAM

**Malla Dixon, sophomore, Livonia Ladywood:** Dixon played basketball as a freshman for the Blazers, but this season she decided to blaze the cross country trails. She did so in impressive fashion, winning the Marshbank Class A regional in a time of 20 minutes, 2 seconds. Dixon had the area's best finish at the Class A meet, taking 15th place in the individual standings at 20:27.

Dixon peaked at season's end, but she also was consistent early on, taking fourth place in the Schoolcraft (20:25), Ypsilanti (21:03) and Gabriel Richard (20:22) invitationals. She won three league dual meets and was fourth place at the Catholic League meet.

"Malla focused early in the season on becoming the best runner she could be," Ladywood coach Rich Dixon said. "She stayed mentally and physically prepared throughout the season, trying to achieve a better time each race."

**Tracey James, junior, Redford Union:** A co-captain, James helped lead RU to a fifth-place finish at the Class A state meet. She placed 23rd (20:42) individually in the team race after taking fourth place at Marshbank Park.

An all-Northwest Suburban League choice, James placed third (20:53) in the league meet and helped RU capture its own invitational.

"Tracey has outstanding talent," coach Bob Ouellette said. "When she accepts the idea that she is state-champion class, she will be unbeatable, tall, strong and fast — it's all there."

**Stacy Prais, sophomore, Livonia Stevenson:** Prais played in the Stevenson marching band last year as a freshman, but this fall coach Paul Holmberg is singing his praises about her as a runner.

"Stacy is probably the biggest surprise of the 1990 cross country season," Holmberg said. "She was consistently one of the head runners in every meet and invitational. She is a dedicated, hard working runner with a very bright future."

Prais' fourth place individual finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet helped assure the Spartans first place in the team standings. She took second at three invitationals and 29th individually (21:00.11) in the Class A team race. Prais was third (20:34.5) in the regional at Marshbank Park and third (20:20.19) at the Schoolcraft Invitational.

**Jennifer Gerlach, senior, Lutheran Westland:** Gerlach broke the 20:00 barrier twice and capped a fine career with a 15th place finish (20:21) in the individual Class C race. Gerlach earned a trip to the state meet by taking third place (20:08) at the Marshbank regional.

She was second place at the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference meet. "Jenny has always been a strong runner," coach John Gerlach said. "Re-

placing her will require a lot of hard work for someone next year."

**A.J. Koritnik, sophomore, Livonia Stevenson:** Another first-time runner, Koritnik made a strong first impression with a first place finish at the Ypsilanti Invitational. She was ninth (21:03:48) at Schoolcraft, sixth (20:46) in the WLAA and fifth at the regional (20:41.5).

Koritnik placed 43rd (21:15.81) in the Class A team race.

"A.J. had a great year for her first year of cross country competition," coach Paul Holmberg said. "Her best time at Cass Benton (20:26) ranks as the third best-ever run by a Stevenson girl."

**Stacy Hewett, senior, Livonia Franklin:** A senior, Hewett will graduate with the second-best 5,000-kilometer time (20:46) in the history of the school. She was 32nd (21:10.22) in the individual race at the Class A meet, and ninth (20:52.7) at the Marshbank Park regional.

Hewett finished fifth in the WLAA meet and fourth in the Livonia meet.

"Stacy is a highly competitive and gutsy runner who will be greatly missed next year," coach Sue Tatigian said.

**Heather Meyer, senior, Plymouth Canton:** Meyer was a model of consistency for the Chiefs, who took second in the WLAA meet. A team captain, Meyer 12th in the RU Invitational, seventh in the Ypsilanti Invitational and eighth at the Carlson Invitational.

She placed seventh (20:51) in the WLAA Meet, 16th (21:10) in the Marshbank Regional and 29th (21:03.57) in the Class A individual race. Her best time at Cass Benton was 20:51.

"Heather was injured all last year and most of her sophomore year so this makes her accomplishments truly exceptional," coach George Przygodski said. "She matured as the season progressed, peaking in time for the 'Big Three' (the WLAA, regional and state meets). A lot of fine runners have worn the red and white (of Canton) but none have worked harder or been a better leader than Heather."

**Michelle Daraban, senior, Redford Union:** A four-year letterwinner and two-year captain, Daraban ran 20:59 in the Northwest Suburban League meet and placed 21st (21:24) in the Class A regional at Marshbank Park.

Daraban finished 40th (21:14) in the state Class A team meet, which RU came in fifth.

"Michelle is a great leader who does her best for the team and leads by example," coach Bob Ouellette said. "She is a very good runner and an even better person. She's a pleasure to coach."

**Sharmila Prasad, sophomore, Farmington Mercy:** Prasad's best time (20:25) came at the Centerline Invitational. She placed seventh (21:07) in the



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Michelle Daraban  
Redford Union

*all-area girls  
cross country*



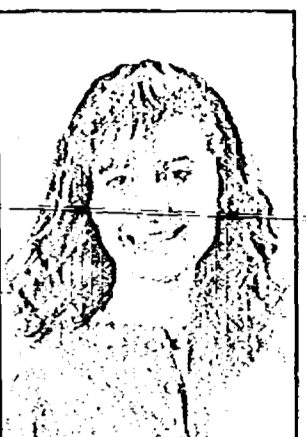
Stacy Prais  
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Heather Meyer  
Franklin



Sharmila Prasad  
Mercy



Jennifer Gerlach  
Lutheran Westland



Carrie Creehan  
Canton



Carrie Creehan  
Stevenson

Catholic League Meet, 15th (21:09) in the Class A regional and 15th (21:21) at state.

"Sharmila was the surprise of the season," coach said. "She had an outstanding first full season for a sophomore. She is a very hard worker and a leader in practice."

**Carrie Creehan, senior, Livonia Stevenson:** The only senior for Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg performed like a

seasoned veteran at several meets. She was fourth at the Shrine-Shamrock and sixth at the Wayne Invitational. Creehan also took 10th (21:04.49) at the Schoolcraft Invitational and eighth (20:51.7) at the regional.

"Carrie was the leader of Stevenson's cross country team," coach Paul Holmberg said. "She was a coach's dream — always there on time — and ready to work 100 percent. She will be missed."



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Stacy Prais was one of the mainstays for the Livonia Stevenson girls team, which captured the Western Lakes Activities Association crown this year.

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College madrigal singers begin the program, entering the hall at 7:30 p.m. in full costume. Their entrance is followed by a presentation of the wassail and toast to the Christmas season.

Each course, including the tradi-

tional boar's head, is presented with trumpet fanfare and ceremony. A court jester will entertain during dinner. After dessert, the madrigal singers will perform in concert.

The menu includes a hot wassail, brandied fruit, compote with honey butter, prime rib au jus, harvest mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, roasted red skin potatoes, horseradish sauce and Old English fruit pudding with rum sauce.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be ordered in advance. Checks or money orders are the preferred form of payment and should be

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Checks or money orders should be mailed in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Madrigal Dinner, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 48152-2696.

Because of the event's traditional popularity, ticket orders should be made as soon as possible.

Additional information is available by calling 462-4452.



## Early auction

Betty Jean Awrey, left, of Awrey Bakeries and Paul Paparelli of Roma's of Michigan are helping Madonna College will kick off its auction season from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 30, at Roma's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft. To make a reservation, call 591-5126 by Monday, Nov. 26.

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### ANDOVER

The class of 1971 is planning a reunion. For information, call (800) 397-0010.

### BIRMINGHAM BALDWIN

The class of 1941 will have a reunion at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, 1991, at the Birmingham Community House. For information, call Patty Lewis, 644-2095, or Ginny Turner, 646-4981.

### BIRMINGHAM GROVES

The class of 1980 will hold its reunion Friday, Nov. 23, at the Troy Hilton Inn, Troy. For more information, call 549-5630.

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Aug. 10, 1991, at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For information, write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046, or call 465-2277 or 263-6803.

### BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Saturday, July 13, 1991, at the Northfield Hilton, Troy. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

The class of 1980 will hold its reunion Saturday, Dec. 22, at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

The class of 1985 will have a reunion at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Community House, Birmingham. Cost is \$25. For information, call Tom Hartle, 647-2674.

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The class of 1965 will hold its reunion July 14, 1991. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS LASHER

The class of 1980 will have a reunion Friday, Nov. 23, at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For information, call Audrey Kowalski, 873-8200.

### DEARBORN

The class of 1953 will hold its reunion Friday, Nov. 23. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

### DEARBORN EDEL FORD

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### DEARBORN FORDSON

The class of 1956. For more information, call Diane (Stephens) Rader, 563-9224, or Dolores (Wojcik) Loos, 582-5254.

The class of 1941 will have a reunion Friday, Aug. 2, 1991, at St. Clement Hall, Dearborn. For more information, call Dale Johnson, 338-3191.

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS RIVERSIDE

The class of 1980 will have a reunion Saturday, Nov. 23. For information, call Judy Neam Folk, 427-8143.

### DETROIT CASS TECH

The class of 1970 will hold its reunion Friday, Nov. 23, at the Roostertail in Detroit. For more information, call 534-6424 or 835-6350.

### DETROIT CODY

The January Class of 1966 will have a reunion April 6, 1991. For information, call Dolly, 478-4364.

### DETROIT COMMERCE

The classes and staff of 1937-39 are planning a reunion for the Spring 1991. For information, call Vinita (Riley) Morton, 545-2511, or Rita (Scaglion) Pavlick, 777-7657.

### DETROIT COOLEY

The January and June classes of 1965 will hold a reunion Friday, Nov. 23, at the Novi Hilton. For more information, call Lynn and Bob Rivers, 981-5185, or Greg and Maria Campagna, 684-2886.

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The class of 1970 will hold its reunion Friday, Nov. 23. For more information, call Ron Williams, 526-7254.

### DETROIT HENRY FORD

The class of 1975 is planning a reunion. For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Reunion, P.O. Box 681, Hamburg, Mich. 48139.

The January and June classes of 1971 are planning a reunion. For more information, call Gail, 453-0613, or Mary, 538-8593.

The classes of 1960-61 will have a reunion June 29, 1991, at the Troy Marriott. For more information, call Fred Mengel, 464-3163.

### DETROIT MACKENZIE

The classes of 1957-1962 will have a reunion Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. For more information, call 746-9643.

The classes of 1964-67 will have a reunion Saturday, April 27, 1991, at the Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. For information, call Rita Whitley, 746-9643.

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The class of 1970 will hold its reunion Saturday, Nov. 24. For more information, call Cill, 255-4254, or 20274 Chapel, Detroit 48219.

The class of 1960 will hold its reunion Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Sheraton Southfield Hotel. For more information, call Rosie Meckler Schussel, 355-2270, or Caro Owens Rosenberg, 532-7112.

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The January and June classes of 1971 are planning a reunion Oct. 5, 1991, at Roma Hall in Livonia. For more information, call Wendy Maine Sleafiff, 459-3041, or Kathy Roth Majawskas, 673-7386.

The January and June classes of 1940-41 will have a reunion May 19, 1991, at Roma's of Bloomfield. For more information, call Bob Johnson, 525-6671, or Virgene Jones Wright, 685-3913.

### DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN

The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For more information, call Demetria Johnson, 343-0486, or write P.O. Box 241043, Detroit 48224-1938.

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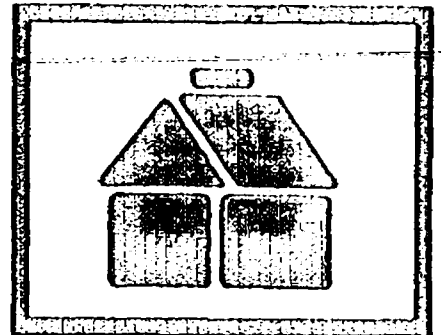
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"Dies Irae" is one of a series eight commemorative bronze panels. One of the sculptor's favorites, it's in his back yard.

## State art grant helps sculptor cast in bronze

By Joan Boram  
special writer

**T**HE SCULPTOR is jocular. "Fix your eyes on this, Sergio," says the photographer, pointing to a

lightstand. Sergio De Giusti tries to obey. He tries glaring at the lightstand, as if his muse is giving him a painful message, but it's too much. His eyes sparkle, he quivers, he bursts out laughing.

They try again—this time, a model for one of Sergio's sculptures falls over, smashing a wax model of a jackal. The sculptor becomes convulsed. "It brought good luck to the Egyptians, but it can't help itself," he roars.

The photographer then hands Sergio a small bronze and a modeling tool. "Hold them close to your face, Sergio," he said. Sergio obeys. He even manages a tiny, artistic frown.

The photographer is satisfied. He packs up his gear, goes to his next

*'I stuck to my guns and did what I believed in. I never made art to decorate living rooms.'*

— Sergio De Giusti  
sculptor

assignment. "Come back some day. We'll split a bottle of wine," Sergio calls out after him.

Sergio De Giusti, 49, has probably always qualified as the happiest sculptor, but these days he has good reasons to be elated.

IN AUGUST, De Giusti received a \$10,000 grant from the Michigan Council of the Arts for three new sculptures cast in bronze. Visual arts applications totaled 631; 88 grants were awarded, seven to sculptors.

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A plaster cast for "Tales of a New America." Created for the State of Michigan Library and Historical Center, the sculptor decided it was too pessimistic and didn't submit it.



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Left: Sergio De Giusti adds finishing touches to artistic pieces he created for his planned show at Troy's Belin Art Center next June.

Right: Birmingham artists Judith Ann Corba and Nicolas van Krijdt worked as a team to create their Route 10 Gallery exhibit, "A 26 by 14 Foot Room." Outside the gallery door is one of the exhibit installations, van Krijdt's "Easy Chair." Built from a recycled cement patio, the chair, if commissioned, is estimated to cost \$2,000-\$4,000, depending on the environment it's created for.



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## Benefit on tap

### Avant-garde exhibit at Route 10

By Linda Ann Chomlin  
special writer

Birmingham artists Judith Ann Corba and Nicolas van Krijdt refer to their avant-garde art exhibition, "A 26 by 14 Foot Room," as a minimalist environment.

The show runs through Nov. 29 at Route 10 Gallery, Farmington Hills. It features abstract oil paintings and van Krijdt's functional and non-functional art furniture.

An artist's reception will be Saturday, Nov. 17, at Route 10 to benefit

the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Outside the gallery door sits one of two installations in the exhibit, van Krijdt's unconventional "easy chair," built of recycled cement, jack-hammered from an unwanted patio.

"Not counting the time spent jack-hammering concrete," van Krijdt said, "it took about 20 hours to install the stone chair."

As you enter the gallery's 26- by 14-foot room, the second installation greets you with its nonconformist, minimalist philosophy. An accumu-

lation of discarded objects, both man-made and materials recycled from nature (twigs, branches) form an installation in the gallery's interior.

Two glass windows in white wood frames are suspended from the ceiling. Two cement porch steps and dual railroad ties define the parameters of the installation area. A lamp made from an auto exhaust pipe converges with the frames, ties and steps to create the collaboration by Corba and van Krijdt.

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## Hall of Famer deserving; help boost young artists

SPANNING THE arts spectrum:

• It was long overdue. Emily Helen Butterfield, Michigan's first woman architect, was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Oct. 25.

And the good members of Alpha Gamma Delta, an international collegiate women's fraternity that Butterfield helped found, deserve plaudits for the former Farmington resident's induction. The Michigan Women's Studies Association sponsors the Hall.

"This is an honor that we who knew and admired her, long after she first gained some recognition, have been anxious to secure for her memory," said Novi resident Elizabeth Lee, a fraternity sister.

To say Butterfield, who died at 74

in 1958, is deserving of the MWSA's Life Achievement Award is a classic understatement.

Butterfield graduated from the Syracuse University School of Architecture, the first woman to do so.

She then teamed with her father, Wells, Farmington's first mayor, in the Farmington architectural firm of Butterfield and Butterfield until his retirement in 1930.

Their architectural designs include businesses, industrial and public buildings, homes, churches and schools. The Glen Oaks County Park Clubhouse in Farmington Hills and the First United Methodist Church of Farmington are among them.

But Emily's life skills didn't stop at the drafting table.

She also was a watercolorist, an author, a poet, an artist and a call-



Bob Sklar

graphist. She was one of the five women who started the Detroit Business Women's Club. And she enjoyed actively working with young people.

Elizabeth Lee thanked me for 'whatever space is available to recognize this woman who has truly added much to the place of women in the community.'

There's no need for thanks. Leo is right: "This entire effort to give credit to women who have been so often ignored is worth the considera-

tion of all of us."

• Think music. And enter a worthy young musician in the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition.

It's one of the few such competitions left but it has lost none of its luster. Prize money totals \$3,000.

It's open to all young Michigan artists, including instrumental, piano and vocal students. Contestants will be judged on musicianship, technique and stature as a possible performing artist.

Everyone with a passion for the arts should applaud the LSO for extending a boost to aspiring musicians statewide.

Past winners include Tomoko Mack-Brzozowski and Howard Watkins, both accomplished pianists who've performed overseas.

Call Nancy Richard at 471-7049 for entry forms.

• His artistic touch and flare bagged a second place award in the 1990 American Floral Service Great American Design Contest in Orlando.

David Schroeter of Farmington Hills, with assistance from Harvey Bresch of Boynton Beach, Fla., designed six different arrangements under strict guidelines and time requirements.

I've watched the stunning success of the 29-year-old floral designer in local competition through the years.

And it's no surprise he's a member of the exclusive American Institute of Floral Designers, an international group limited to the top designers in the world.

• He's never short on words. And I must share with you state Sen. Jack Faxon's telling thoughts about tearing down parts of our past "In the name of progress."

Says the Farmington Hills Democrat: "Progress is not necessarily new — progress is respecting the old. And our public response to this must be to maintain an everlasting vigilance upon any of those public agencies of our state that seek to demolish the treasures and legacies of the past."

No community has the right to let the wrecker's ball level a reminder of its heritage without compelling reason and public approval.

Bob Sklar is the O&E's assistant managing editor for special projects.

# He pursues baroque romanticism

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The grant is a subsidy, not a commission. De Giusti has complete control over the sculptures' forms and subjects.

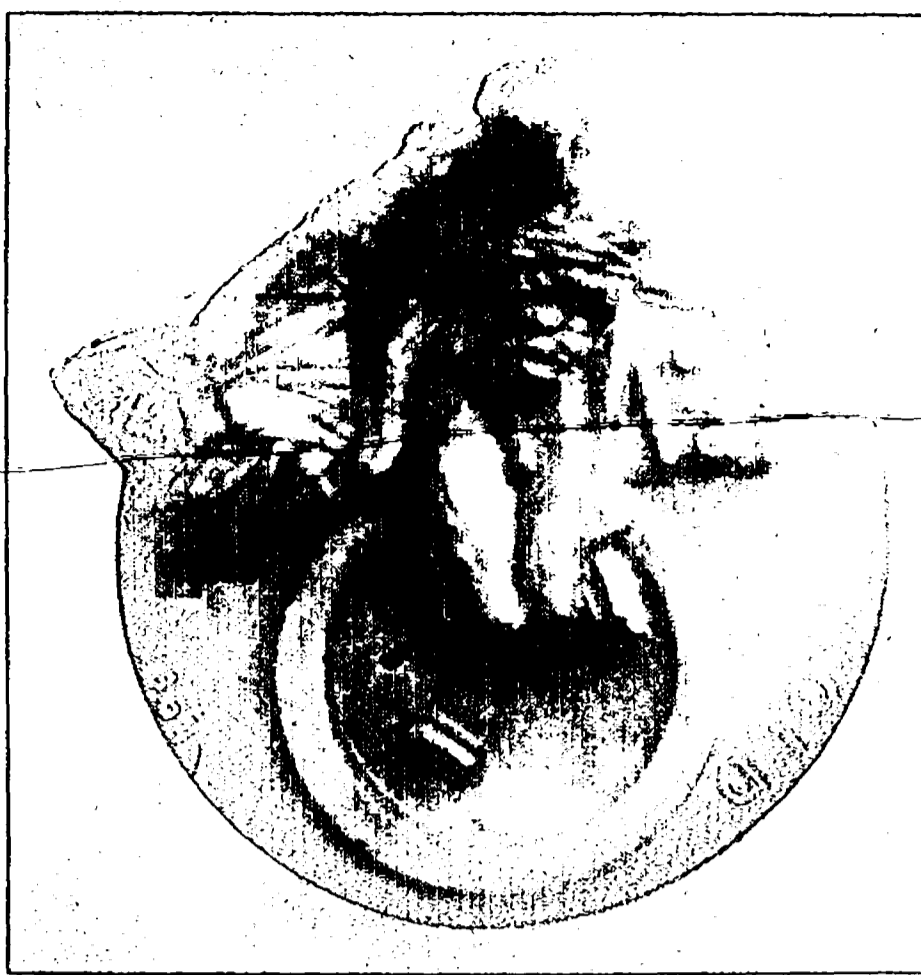
"I was sitting on my front porch," De Giusti said, "when the mailman brought a letter from Redford's state representative, John Bennett, congratulating me for receiving the grant. That's how I found out about it. It was the last thing on my mind."

In 1985, the artist won a commission to produce 12 panels for the new State of Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing. The bas-reliefs are in four niches of the central rotunda. They contain elements of Michigan's landscapes.

"The work for the library took 2 1/2 years," De Giusti said. "It was hard work, very physical. I did almost all of the work myself. The pieces were cast at the Center for Creative Studies, where I do most of my casting, even including the bronze doors I made in 1988 for the 200th anniversary of the church in my hometown, Maniago, Italy."

The library commission was the greatest thing that ever happened to me. It was confirmation of all the work I've done over the years. I never compromised. I could have been a portraitist. I love pottery. I could have been a ceramicist. But I stuck to my guns and did what I believed in. I never made art to decorate living rooms."

THE LIBRARY commission and the Michigan Council for the Arts grant have relieved the sculptor of the necessity of teaching. He taught art history at Wayne State (where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts) for 14 years. His wife, Lori, was one of his students at Wayne State.



"Das Rheingold," one of a series of four medallions from the artist's personal collection, depicts his interpretation of Wagner's "Ring" cycle.

De Giusti also taught life drawing and sculpture at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association for 24 years.

"Very few people are trained in relief sculpture. It's an Italian tradition," said the Italian-born De Giusti. "In this area, there's only Jack Pappas at Eastern Michigan University and myself. When people want relief sculpture, they call Pappas or me."

De Giusti now is working on a

commission for the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza at Eastern Michigan University. Four bronze reliefs will record major events in King's life. The wax model for the first panel, depicting the "I have a dream" speech, has been completed. It will soon be cast at the EMU foundry.

De Giusti's refusal to produce decorative or hyperrealistic art extends to his portrait sculptures.

"I don't do high school yearbook portraits. For me to accept a com-

*"My portraits are intuitive: a psychological response to the sitter. I don't like to do young people. There aren't enough clues, there isn't enough character."*

— Sergio DiGiusti

mission, the subject has to have a unique face. Faces are clues — the way the mouth looks, the lines around the eyes — reveal the person. It's like a geological map: each is unique. My portraits are intuitive: a psychological response to the sitter. I don't like to do young people. There aren't enough clues, there isn't enough character."

HE ADDED: "I only accept commissions from people who are open-minded, who are willing to put the sculpture first, and the portrait second. For them, I put down a couple of lumps of clay, and something happens. I finish in about an hour. A portrait painter takes up to 125 hours to finish a painting. I could never do that."

"People who have my portraits like them very much, but they take getting used to. It takes a unique person to like them."

De Giusti's statement about his panels at the Michigan library could well apply to all of his work:

"I tried to convey a baroque romanticism, a play of shapes representative of what I do as an artist without being obvious about it. I didn't show much detail because the interpretation has to be a personal one."



Wayne State arts professor Dennis Tini will take part in the Livonia Symphony's All-Russian music concert.

## Concert to offer All-Russian fare

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Chorus of Wayne State University will join to present an evening of all-Russian music Saturday, Nov. 17.

Dennis Tini of Wayne State University's School of Fine and Performing Arts will lead the 80-member vocal ensemble and orchestra in a reading of Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms." The "Polovtsian Dances" from "Prince Igor" by Alexander Borodin will be sung under the baton of LSO conductor Francesco DiBlasi.

Concert time is 8 p.m. in Livonia's Churchill High School, Joy and Newburgh. For tickets, call the symphony hot line at 422-8090. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens.

DiBlasi will offer orchestral programming of "Overture to Russian and Ludmilla" by Glinka, excerpts from "Scheherazade" by Rimsky-Korsakov and Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet."

Tini, who holds a bachelor and master's degree from WSU in music, said he first performed the Stravinsky with the Robert Shaw Chorale at Meadow Brook in 1965.

"I was greatly taken by the ritu-

alistic character of the piece, its intense setting and texts chosen to elicit Stravinsky's reaffirmation of faith."

WSU singers have not performed the "Polovtsian Dances" in more than 20 years.

THE SYMPHONIC Chorus is comprised of students from the Concert Chorale, Choral Union, Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale. In addition to Tini, they are rehearsed by Janice Fulbright and Deborah Smith.

Tini, a Farmington Hills resident, grew up in the Detroit area and is a co-founder of the Jazz Studies Program at WSU. He studied with Robert Shaw, Sixteen Ehrling, Malcolm Johns, Howard Swan and Charles Hirt.

President-elect of the 7,500-member International Association of Jazz Educators, he has conducted for Hollywood movies and national corporate musical productions and composed for documentaries and commercials.

He has appeared with his own quartet, the Detroit Symphony, Brazael Dennard Chorale, Buddy Rich, J.C. Heard and Don Ellis.

## Route 10 hosts avant-garde exhibit

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CORBA AND van Krijdt formed their minimalist philosophy while living in near-wilderness in Fort Bidwell, Calif., for a year without "clocks or calendars."

When asked to explain the philosophy behind the installation, Corba said, "We had all these elements, we said, 'What could we do with them to create a space that catches the eye?'"

Lining the gallery walls, Corba's abstract oils on canvas use lines and squares of color to create mood and brighten the minimalist environment.

"Long Time Coming" took Corba

over a year to paint. "I started the painting right after the San Francisco earthquake," Corba said. "It was a very bloody red and dark piece. It needed light."

Corba said she was so frustrated with the painting, she took it outside and drove her car over it. Van Krijdt rescued the piece, and for a fifth time, Corba repainted the canvas. Rocks and twigs embedded in the painting build texture under the oils. Ochre gives the piece brightness.

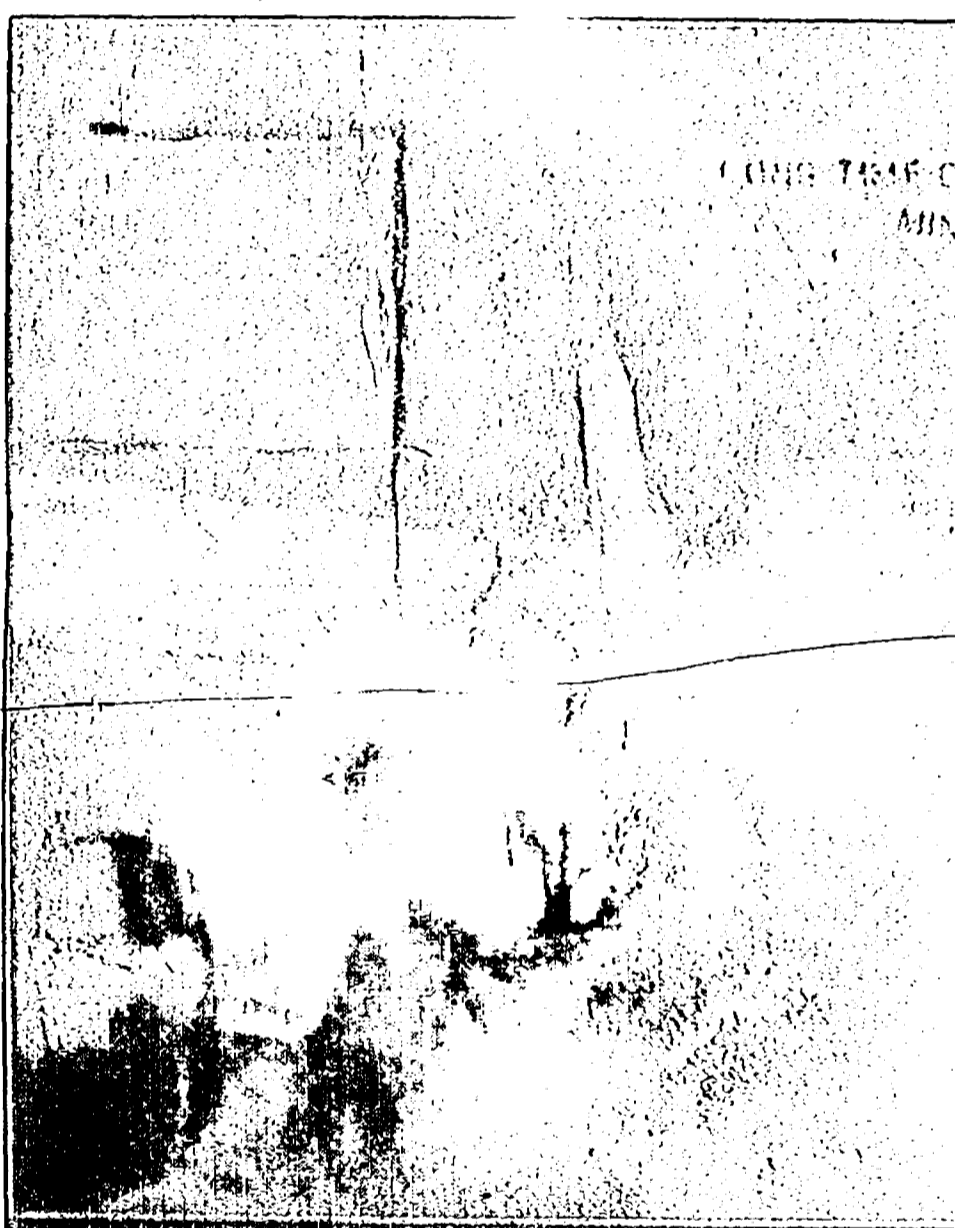
CORBA AND van Krijdt's collaborated end tables have simple lines with Corba's oil canvases adhered to the tabletop surface. Their designs destroy the idea of furnishing interior space.

The artist's reception at Route 10 runs 6-10 p.m. Saturday. For a contribution of \$20, you are entitled to a gourmet buffet dinner at the nearby Vineyards Cafe. A silent auction and a percentage of all gallery sales during this special event will benefit cancer research.

The benefit is the idea of gallery owners Doree Schwartz and Terri Shapiro. In 1988, they opened their first gallery, the Homestead, in Walled Lake. A year ago the went was increased, so they moved to their present location, 32430 Northwestern Highway.

The gallery shows 50-75 artists who create canvases, raku ware, sculpture, blown and fused glass, and jewelry. Prices range from \$20-\$2,000. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and Thursday until 9 p.m.

To make dinner reservations for the Nov. 17 benefit, call Colleen Brown at the Michigan Cancer Foundation: 833-0710 Ext. 245.



SHARON LeMIEUX/staff photographer

This oil on canvas painting, by Judith Ann Corba, is entitled, "Long Time Coming." The lower third of the painting is turquoise. A white horizontal band runs through the middle of an ochre background. The painting is priced at \$725.

## Yule ball to benefit symphony

"Christmas Fantasy," a Christmas ball to celebrate the season while supporting the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Plymouth Symphony League, will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth.

Cocktails with a cash bar are at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will follow.

Cost is \$85 per couple (single tickets are \$32.50). Tickets are available at Evola Music Center, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, and me and mr. Jones, 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

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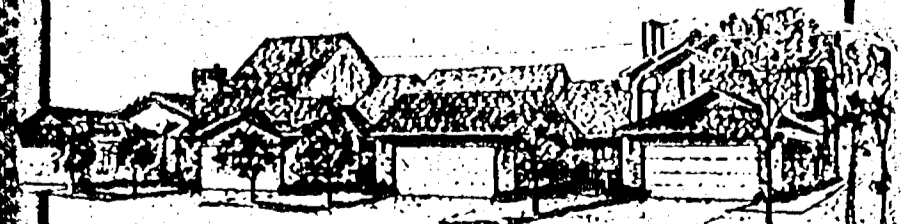
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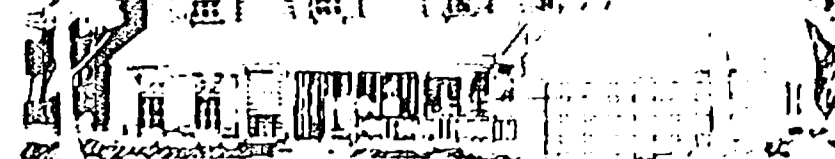






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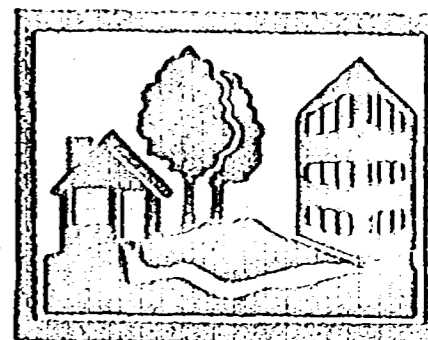
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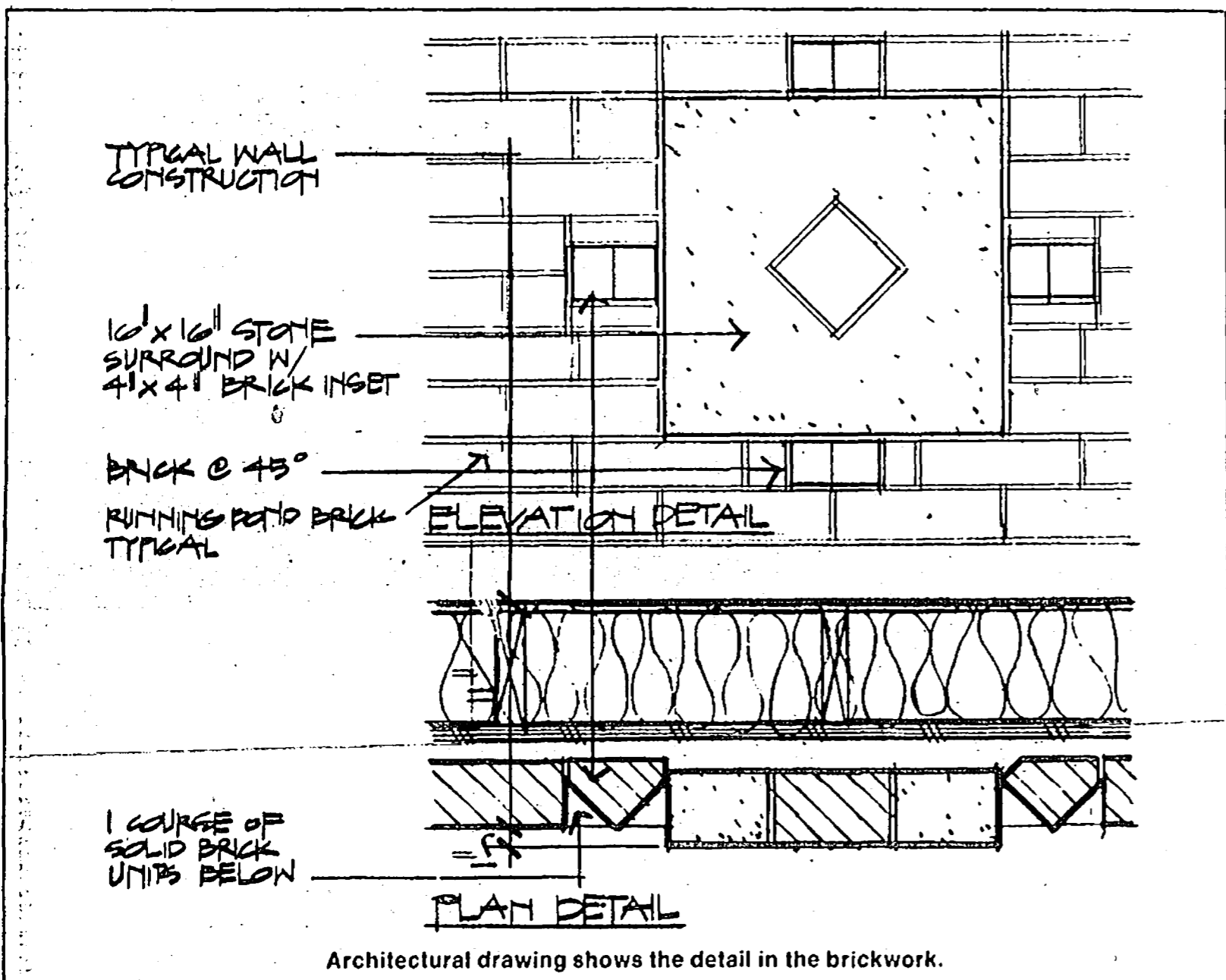


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After tearing down two houses on Merrill Street, architect Victor Sarocki, together with developer Brian Timlin, decided the vacant 207-foot wide lot would serve as the site for Merrill Park Townhomes.



Architectural drawing shows the detail in the brickwork.

## Back to the literary past with townhouses

By Dale Northrup  
special writer

Merrill Park Townhomes in Birmingham evoke architectural images from the novels, "Washington Square" by Henry James and "The House of Mirth" by Edith Wharton. Both 19th century authors used the townhouse as a backdrop for the development of their protagonists. This setting played a role in the early growth of Baltimore, Boston and New York and marked the formal street presence of these cities. The townhouse on the eastern seaboard was also a transplant from the London of Charles Dickens.

Now it is transplanted to Birmingham. After tearing down two houses on Merrill Street, architect Victor Sarocki, together with developer Brian Timlin, decided that the logical solution for the vacant 207-foot wide lot was a group of townhouses. With associate Greg Aerts, Sarocki scoured New York and Boston looking for examples of townhouses that they could adapt to the urbane fabric of downtown Birmingham. These dwellings have proven to be an answer to urban land use complemented by increased land values.

The seven three-story individual townhouses on Merrill comprise approximately 3,600 feet with 1,200 on each floor. Three are slightly smaller due to setbacks that contribute to the individuality and visual interest of the units. Aerts pointed out that the staggered arrangement is a compromise between consistency and diversity. The consistency is seen in the chimneys and gable end rooflines. The

diversity is marked by individual polygonal and semicircular bay windows. Each of the front entrances have their own classically styled portico.

Assorted treatments of design are revealed in the stone and brick details. Vetter stone, which was quarried in Minnesota, is used in the course work around the second floor windows and in the block-like detail underneath. This same stone was used on the library and museum at Cranbrook. The density of the stone holds up well in an industrial climate. The brickwork is occasionally staggered at a 45-degree angle lending visual interest to the facade. Brick columns with iron gates wrought by a craftsman highlight the entrances to the townhouses.

Since the new, so-called "monster" houses of Birmingham have become a heated issue of domestic incongruity, perhaps the Merrill Street townhouses will serve as an answer to good street design. While serving as enclosure, they also satisfy a sense of direction that defines the street and urban matrix.

Chicago architect Bertrand Goldberg is an advocate of urban density. He believes that density represents the number of people who create human fission, which, in turn, establishes community. Rather than have houses that are reactive, perhaps the townhouse can be come proactive, further adding to the charm of downtown Birmingham. Earlier precedent was set with a group of townhouses on Brown Street by builder/developer Bill Mulloy who also did another grouping on Chester Street.

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## Office growth expected to stagnate for rest of century

By Ralph R. Echlinaw  
staff writer

Blame it on the baby boom, technology, early retirees and pregnant women.

A newly issued report from the National Association of Industrial & Office Parks says the office building boom has ended, citing the four things above as causes.

Worse yet, the NAIOP report says the reduction in office-space need is no temporary phenomenon, but rather a change that will persist beyond the turn of the century.

"Unlike past downturns, there is no boom around the corner to pull the market out of its doldrums," the report says.

In the Detroit market, office employment is 379,642 this year, having grown by 84,950 people since 1980. But NAIOP expects the metro Detroit area to add only 7,558 office workers in the next 10 years.

The overall office vacancy rate in the metro area is 20.3 percent, according to Cushman & Wakefield of Michigan, a Southfield-based commercial real estate firm. The NAIOP report estimates at least 10 years must pass for the metro Detroit vacancy rate to drop to 6 percent.

TO UNDERSTAND why the office boom has ended, you must first know what caused it. The report analyzes this in depth.

The baby boom, brought on by the Great Depression and World War II, injected a lot of new people into the U.S. population in a short period of time, creating a tidal wave of humanity that changed everything around it and entered the work force in the '70s and '80s.

Concomitantly, most of the boomers landed in white collar jobs.

"Almost 45 million jobs have been added to the economy since 1987, a 68 percent gain, and not one of these jobs has been in manufacturing," the report says. "The war babies clearly have sought white-collar work and found it."

Technology, in the form of jet engines, computers, satellites, fiber-optics, and so on, made possible the rapid birth and growth of many companies, companies that dealt primarily with information and needed boucoup office space.

As international trade expanded after 1945 to the extent that the U.S. is now the world's largest exporter of goods and services, foreign traders needing bases in this country added to the demand for office space.

These stimuli led to the massive office-building extravaganza.

"By 1980 we had still built only about one-quarter (27 percent) of the office space existing today," the report says. "Said

another way, 43 percent of all office space ever built in the United States was built in the past 10 years and about 60 percent has been built in the past 20 years."

COMING FULL circle, the forces that caused the office boom in turn helped bring about its demise, according to the NAIOP.

As the last of the baby boomers entered the work force, a sharp decline in employable bodies hit the job market. In addition, the so-called baby boom "echo" never materialized to the extent predicted.

"As a consequence, the number of new entrants to the work force will fall sharply during the next 10 years," the report says.

To make matters worse, the group expected to grow fastest between now and 2000 are the 45- to 60-year-olds, many of whom are retiring at unprecedentedly early ages.

The report calculates the overall growth of the labor force will drop from 2.4 percent per year in the '70s to 1.1 percent in the '90s.

"In short, in the 1990s we will be having a severe labor force shortage of a sort we have not experienced in recent memory," states the report.

Even pregnant women are to blame, in part, for the labor shortage, the report says. While women bolstered the earlier labor boom by entering the job market in significant numbers, many of them are now dropping out of the work force to raise children, the report says. Ergo, the sharp rise in the female labor force participation rate is expected to level off.

TECHNOLOGY IS also to blame for the office-building dirge.

"Productivity is finally reaching into the service sector," the report says. "Computers, telecommunications and related devices are eliminating millions of clerical and middle-management jobs in the service sectors, and the trend will only accelerate in the 1990s."

Keith Sant of Cushman & Wakefield agrees the office-building boom is over, but questions the NAIOP reasons. He places the blame mostly on a growing reluctance on the part of investors to put their money in real estate.

In metro Detroit communities, the vacancy rate has declined two-tenths of a percent since Cushman & Wakefield's second-quarter report. The third-quarter report predicts the vacancy rate will continue to fall throughout 1990.

But Sant and the NAIOP agree on one point. There's been a fundamental change in the office-building environment and the downturn in construction will last a long time.

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# New home sales dip

(AP) — Sales of new homes nationally tumbled 6 percent in September to the lowest level in nearly eight years, the government said. But sales in the Midwest dropped only 2.2 percent. Analysts saw little hope of improvement for months.

Sales totaled a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 503,000 last month, the Commerce Department and the Housing and Urban Development Department said in a joint report.

That was the lowest level since October 1982. September marked the ninth drop in 12 months and the steepest decline since March. Sales had fallen 1.8 percent in August and 0.9 percent in July.

"There are a lot of bad things going on that make people unwilling to make the commitment to buy a home," said economist Richard Peach of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

"We've got an increasing unemployment rate. We've got plunging consumer confidence because of the Mideast crisis and now we've got increases in taxes" in the recently passed budget, he said.

He predicted sales would remain slow through mid-1991.

During the first nine months of the year, 435,000 new homes were sold, down 15 percent from the same period of 1989.

Though weak sales are hurting home builders, they are helping home buyers.

**THE MEDIAN PRICE** of a new home dropped to \$115,000 in September, meaning half the homes sold cost more and half cost less. That was down from \$118,400 in August and \$120,000 a year earlier.

Analysts said home shoppers expect prices to fall further, adding to the current sales lag.

"People don't want to buy a new home if they think they can buy it for less in three or six months," said economist Paul Getman of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

"Prices are falling pretty much across the board, and I think they're likely to continue to fall," he said.

At the September sales pace it would take 8.4 months to exhaust the inventory of unsold new homes, up from a backlog of 7.9 months in August, the government said.

**THE SALES SLUMP** was most severe in the Northeast, where sales dropped 15.6 percent to an annual rate of 54,000, also the worst since October 1982.

Sales shrank 7.9 percent in the South to 223,000 units, 2.2 percent in the Midwest to 91,000 homes and 0.7 percent in the West to 136,000 homes, the lowest since August 1984.

Builders' groups had been calling on the Federal Reserve to stimulate sales with lower interest rates, but economists said it would take a substantial cut to overcome consumers' lack of confidence in the economy.

"You'd have to see rates really come down to help. A quarter-point drop may eventually translate into 10,000 more sales, but that's not very much," said economist Mark Lasky of McGraw Hill, a Lexington, Mass., forecasting firm.

# Townhouses mark cityscape

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In a recent article in *Architectural Digest*, Louis Auchincloss, commenting on the New York City brownstones, said they had a "sober gentility and middle class primness, a curious air of tempered

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Dale Northup is a college professor and architectural historian.

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# Furniture fashions stress nostalgic return to past

(AP) — Country and 19th-century styles made a strong showing at the High Point, N.C., fall furniture show. At least a half-dozen large new groups of nostalgic furniture and accessories and many single pieces with painted finishes or paint motifs were introduced to retailers.

Furnishings won't be on retail sales floors for several months, but there are several "strong" design themes to look for:

• Folk and ethnic looks for upholstery and furniture. Greens, yellows, browns and reds are particularly important for upholstery whether in the earthy shades of the American Southwest, the more intense hues of Indian blankets or the sheen of East Asian fabrics.

• The white hunter theme interpreted in peeled rattan furniture,

and leather and animal skin upholstery. Details of hardware shaped like elephant tusks emphasize the point.

• An abundance of neoclassic furniture with strict lines and an orderly simplicity in light finishes. These styles provide formal modern and traditional furniture for a city home or apartment.

• The breakdown of sharp distinctions between traditional and modern as designers of both styles use a full vocabulary of shapes in their pieces. One example of the trend is Jay Spectre's Perimeters group for Century. Nominally modern, the honey-colored primavera and maple furniture partakes of art deco and Biedermeier influences. Likewise, a modern sofa by John Mascheroni for Swaim bears obvious

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Sheraton influences.

A DOWNTURN IN the real-estate market and flat retail furniture sales so far this year contributed to the lack of novel style departures for furniture and the increase in accessories. The industry says people buy new furniture mainly when they set up a home. Between times, they're

more likely to upgrade decor with accessories.

Rather than relying on the furniture to sell itself, a number of companies chose to tie in new lines with proven names in television and the decorative and fine arts. The Home Furnishings Council announced the appointment of TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford as a promotional

spokesman. Thomasville Furniture Industries' large "Country Inns and Back Roads" collection is inspired by the travel guide of the same name. A company executive described it as a marketing concept for consumers who don't have time to scour the country shops and antique stores that dot America's back roads.

"The World of Bob Timberlake," a line introduced by Lexington Furniture Industries, relies on the reputation of the North Carolina artist who paints in a style that has been compared to Andrew Wyeth's. Timberlake's personal collections of patchwork quilts, rustic American pottery, old toys and decoys were models for accessories that accompany the 100 American country pieces. Some upholstery fabrics are in-

spired by quilts and Indian blankets.

BROYHILL FURNITURE Industries' 75-piece "Old Country Collection" includes painted pieces and oddities such as a baker's rack and a glass-shelved plant stand. It was created by Jena Hall, a designer and decorating columnist. Hangtags with decorating advice will be placed on each piece, and the company plans a separate publication to help consumers coordinate the furniture with fabrics and paint colors.

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## Dress up your bedroom

AP — Coordination of color and fabric is the key to decorating today's bedroom, says Ron Splude.

Since the bed is the focal point of the room, says Splude, design director for Du Pont interior textiles, you should select a bedspread or comforter with a rich, colorful pattern. Choose sheets in a coordinating style — perhaps pinstripes or a small floral design to accent a bold floral print.

Splude says to create a more luxurious-looking bed, combine at least six pillows in varying shapes and sizes and add a pair of oblong or square boudoir pillows with shams and cases that are compatible with the sheets and comforter.

For the window, he says, try draperies or fabric window shades combined with puffy balloon top treatments in easy-care fabrics.

Extend the room's color scheme or theme to accessories — from fabric-covered picture frames to soaps, potpourri and sachets. The adjoining bathroom, too, can be decorated with coordinating fabric for the shower curtain and window treatment.

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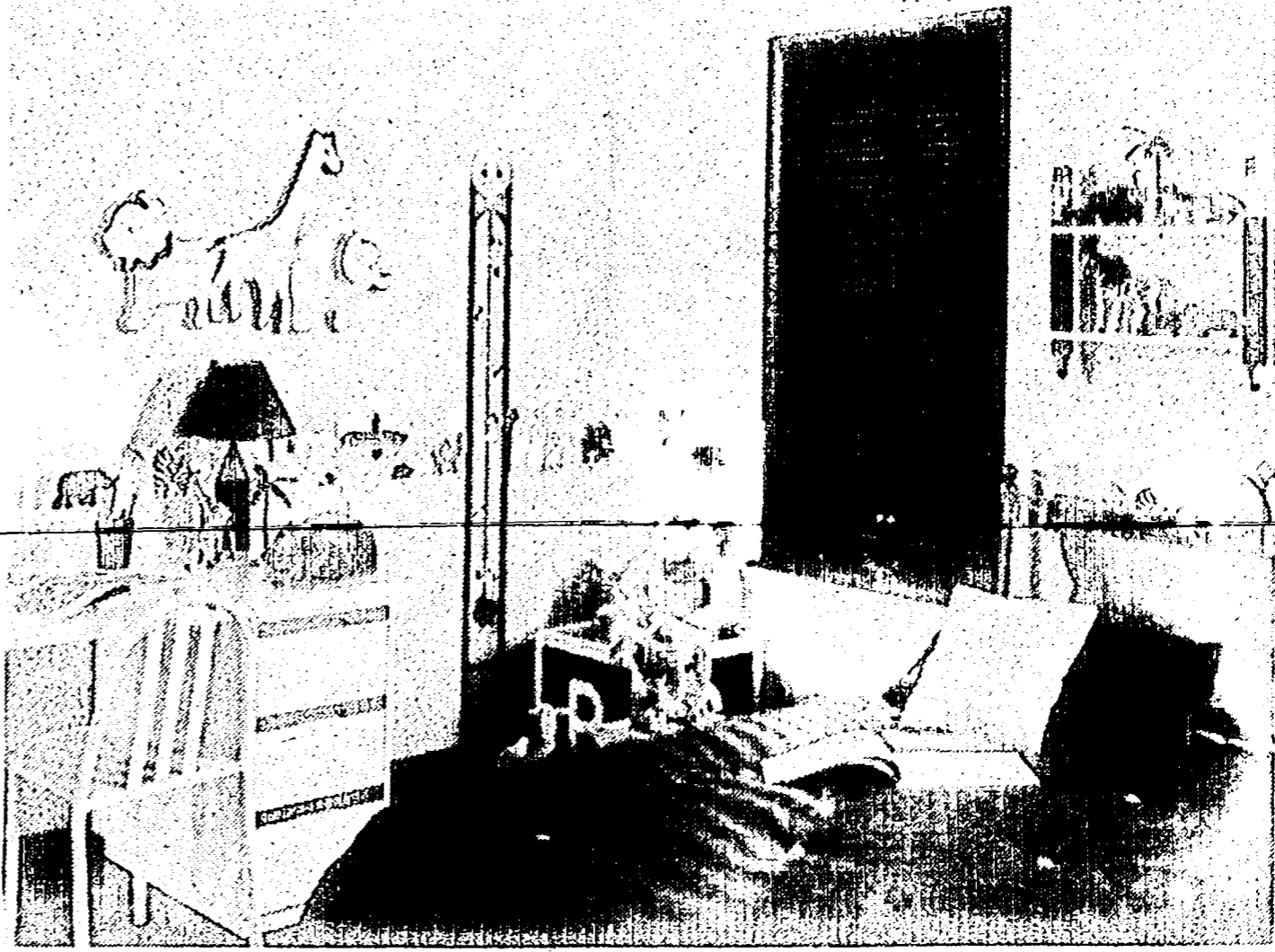
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Wall coverings, borders and panels can put the "kid" in a kid's room. Some children's decorator items are designed to teach as well as be decorative. The height chart in this room teaches measurements and the basics of telling time.

## Pint-size decorators deserve a say about their room's style

A child's room can be whimsical and witty, fun and fanciful, or demure and dainty, but it must also be functional.

So advises Patty Bernardi, designer for Forbo-Mayfair, who makes "Whizz Kids" collection of kid-style, mix-and-match wall coverings.

Bernardi believes that the child should participate in the planning of his room, and that youngsters as young as 5 or 6 can add ideas.

"Remember that it should be the child's personal space where he can feel happy and comfortable," Bernardi says. "Don't force space-age themes on a pint-size traditionalist, who loves frills and pastels. Pattern her room with pink stripes or pastel dots and furnish it with white wicker."

Bernardi says putting wall coverings, borders and panels to work is the easiest and least expensive way to dress up a child's room.

"Today's patterns make it easy to balance the tastes of parent and child. Stay with an age-neutral wall covering — one that spans age brackets, so your decorating scheme can grow up right along with your child. If you like blue, and your child likes red, compromise. Pick a wall covering that has both blue and red in it. And let the child pick borders and panels. They're easy to replace when he has outgrown a march of Noah's Ark animals or a teddy bear parade. By then he may have developed an interest in dinosaurs, the galaxy or skiing."

Borders can be used in many ways. The most common is to run a border around a room at chair rail height, with coordi-

nating wall coverings placed above and below the border. Another is to use the border at ceiling height, and still another is to run it just above the baseboard. Non-directional borders can also frame windows, doors, mirrors and built-ins.

There is no law that says that borders must also be used with wall coverings. If you've already painted the walls and find they look dull, just adding a border or a height chart will probably do the trick. Designers often use two different borders in a room, one at chair rail height and other by the ceiling. But the borders must be color and design-coordinated, so it is smart to pick them from the same collection.

Here's some tips for the do-it-yourselfer:

- Always choose peelable wall coverings for kids' rooms. That way it is easy to change decors.
- The wallcovering for a child's room should be scrubbable and tough. Solid vinyls are perfect.
- Recycling is an important part of today's world, so show your how imagination and some wall covering scraps can give an old table or chest a new lease on life. Cut motifs from borders or wall coverings and paste them — decoupage style — on the piece of furniture. Or cover the whole thing with wallcovering. A coat of polyurethane will render the item tough.
- Wall covering needn't be limited to the walls. Some of the most enchanting children's rooms feature ceilings covered in wonderful patterns.

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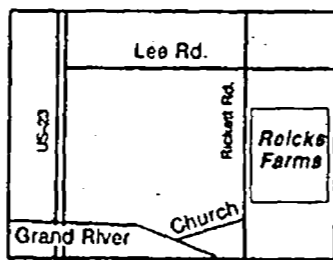
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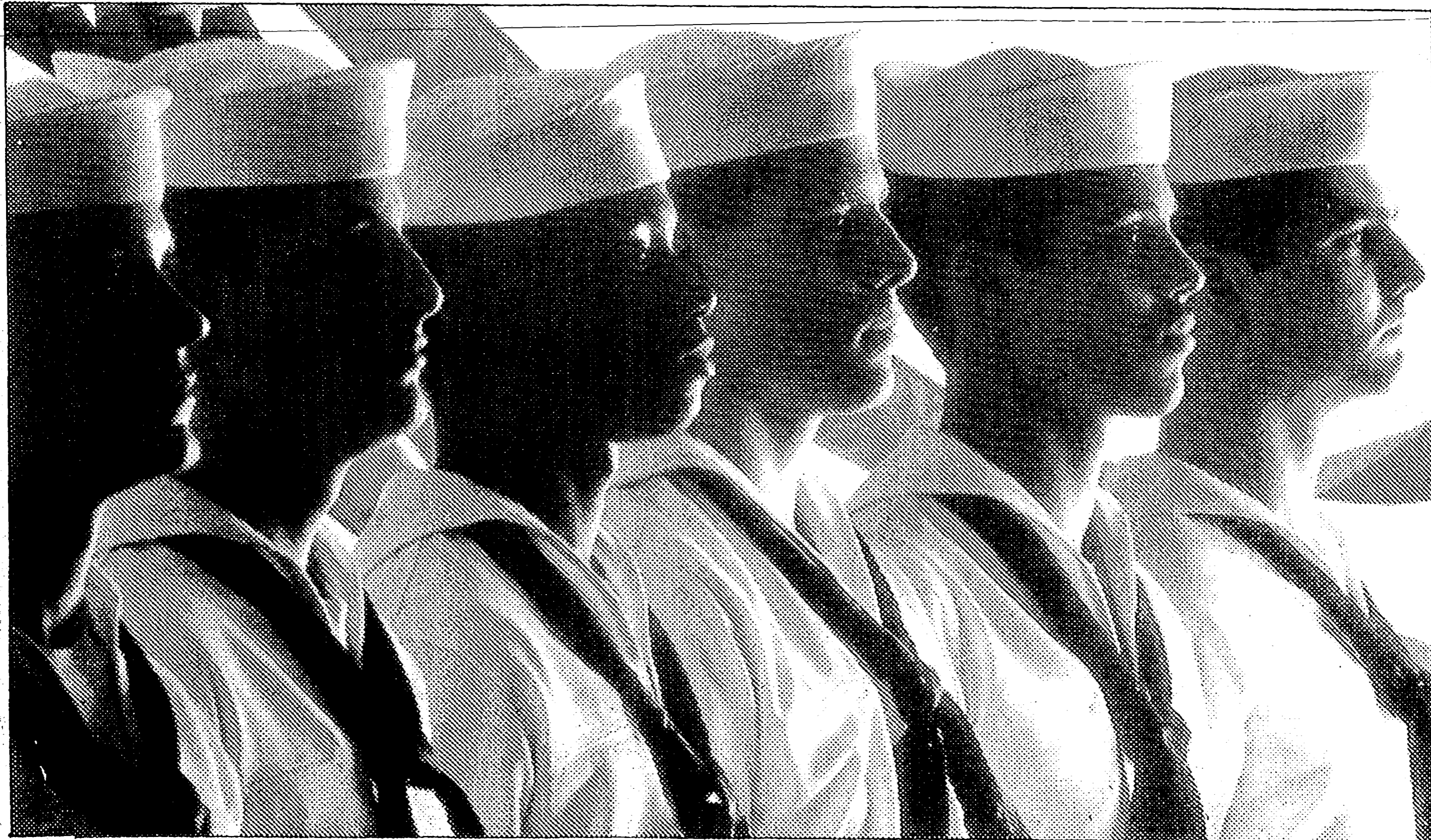
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Here's a dictionary of terms compiled by the Consumer Education Research Center of Orange, N.J.:

**Forget about a "kicker" in terms of sports.** That is not what is meant when the person using the term is a landlord or a lender. To these folks, it means an extra charge in addition to the rent or principal and interest. For instance, if a store is rented for \$1,000 per month, the landlord may ask for a "kicker" of 3 percent extra for all the business you do over \$30,000 for the month. A lender of an income property might add a "kicker" that gives him a portion of all rents over a certain dollar amount.

**Boller plate** does not refer to the walls of your furnace when you are dealing with those involved in law or real estate. Boller plate is the pre-printed form that contains most standard clauses for the type of contract, lease or mortgage that you will be asked to sign. Before you sign the boller plate contract, the names of

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**Lintels** are not used for soup. Lintels are beams over open spaces in your walls such as doors, windows or fireplaces. They spread the weight from above over a longer span and decrease the pressure on the door frame.

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**Get the point?** To a lender or borrower, points are a percentage of the amount to be borrowed that is paid to the lender to increase his profit. Each point is 1 percent. For instance, four points on a \$50,000 mortgage would be \$2,000. This is in addition to whatever interest is being charged.

Although you might suspect that a party wall is a place to lean during conversation at a cocktail party, to a

builder it is the common wall between two buildings.

**ANTE TO A lawyer** is not money put in a pot during a poker game. Ante is simple Latin for "before."

There are hundreds of common English words that don't mean the same things to professionals and the layman.

If you find a bird dog at your door, don't call the ASCPA. She is a can-

asser trying to get leads, which could result in real estate listings or home improvement sales.

To help translate the jargon you need to know when buying, renting, insuring or mortgaging property, the Consumer Education Research Cen-

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# Splash of paint dresses a house

AP — The color of a home makes a first and lasting impression. For people who have been playing it safe the last few years by painting the exterior of the house white or beige, now may be the time to consider splashing on a little color.

According to Do It Yourself, color works its magic by altering proportions, calling attention to details, helping a house to blend with its surroundings and masking flaws. Best of all, it can give the house a fresh new look without seriously denting the family budget. An average-size house costs about \$2,000 to paint.

**COLOR CONSIDERATIONS:** Homeowners should start by thinking about the kinds of colors with which they feel the most comfortable. Cool sea colors, warm earth tones and restrained neutrals are all very different options. Each choice would result in a different image — from a conservative facade to a bold expression. Family taste should be considered before making a decision.

Then, consider how color can help achieve the desired results.

- Perk up a boxy house with colorful trim around windows and

doors, along the eaves, and on the porch.

- Unify the look of a home with subtle paint colors in the same color family.
- Emphasize architectural detailing with a contrasting color.
- Tie together a sprawling house by using a strong trim color all around.
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