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## Board OKs massive cuts if tax hike rejected

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

A split Wayne-Westland school board Monday night approved massive budget cuts that will be made if voters turn down a proposed tax increase in a special March 13 election.

Board member Kathleen Chorbagan called the threatened cuts "a death sentence" for the district and said if they are implemented, "we might as well close our doors."

Board member Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek cast the lone dissenting vote on the seven-member board and suggested that officials explore budget-slashing alternatives, such as the temporary consolidation of small-enrollment schools and the sale of district-owned properties.

The approved cuts include:  
• Eliminating busing except for state-mandated special education programs.  
• Cutting out all sports, the marching band program and other non-academic student activities currently offered on a pay-to-play basis.  
• Reducing the high school day from six hours to five, causing a loss of accreditation.  
• Slashing the entire elementary art, vocal music and physical education programs.

## Teachers ratify new pact with raises

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

Wayne-Westland teachers voted overwhelmingly Monday to ratify a new contract that also won school board approval hours later, signaling an end to rocky negotiations that earlier had threatened a strike.

Ninety-three percent, or 759 teachers, favored the pact that gives them an 11.9-percent pay raise over two years. Only seven percent, or 59 teachers, opposed it.

Just hours after teachers cast their votes at school, the school board approved the long-awaited contract in a unanimous vote during Monday night's board meeting.

**BOTH SIDES** appeared pleased to have a settlement that will allow educators to focus more

on pushing for voter approval of a 7.75-mill tax increase in the special March 13 election.

"I know everybody's happy to have a contract," said William Reece, union president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association. "We're ready to get down to educating the kids and hopefully getting the millage proposal passed."

While the salary schedule calls for an 11.9-percent pay raise over two years, teachers actually will receive 9.8 percent "in-pocket" because the contract expires in August of the second year.

The top salary for union members with a master's degree and at the top of the salary schedule would increase from \$45,755 to \$47,355 for the current school year and to \$51,220 for the following year.

**SCHOOL BOARD** members defended the pay raises Monday night, despite some residents' crit-

icisms that the increases came amid threats of massive school program cuts if the millage proposal fails.

Board member Leonard Posey voiced concerns that Wayne-Westland teachers didn't receive pay increases comparable to those in other districts.

He cited Allen Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Harper Woods, among others, as examples, and said he feared that local teachers might seek more lucrative jobs elsewhere.

"We can't have quality schools unless we have quality teachers, and we can't have quality teachers, whether you like it or not, without paying them quality wages," Posey said.

**BOARD MEMBER** Kathleen Chorbagan

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two years, \$4 million would be used for teacher pay raises.

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT** Dennis O'Neill described the proposed cuts as embarrassing to the district.

"It was with much concern that we made these recommendations," he said.

Kozorosky-Wiacek's opposition to the reductions mirrored her dissenting vote on the tax proposal last month. She had urged separate ballot questions to allow voters a wider choice of which programs to support.

However, she conceded Monday night that "We do need the money." Kozorosky-Wiacek voiced concern about the loss of high school accreditation, saying she feared it could affect college opportunities for Wayne-Westland graduates.

Chorbagan also said she worried about the accreditation issue that would come as her daughter prepares to enter high school next year.

"That breaks my heart," Chorbagan said, stressing that board members, like other local parents, also have children in the school system who would suffer because of the budget cuts.

Despite public criticism, she said, "We are not the ogres we are made out to be. We are not cold and callous."



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

### Fire damage

A Westland house at 8733 Hugh was damaged by a fire that forced a family of five to flee about 6:38 a.m. Monday. The David Archer family escaped with no injuries during the blaze, caused by electrical wire problems. The fire resulted in about

\$40,000 in damage, mostly to the house's porch, though the interior also received smoke damage, said fire marshal Robert Perry. The house is in the Joy-Middlebelt area.

## Elected officials' salaries frozen

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

Salaries for Mayor Robert Thomas and the seven Westland City Council members will be frozen for two years under a recommendation Wednesday by the Local Officers Compensation Commission.

Citing the "present national recession and need for fiscal restraint," the LOCC decided unanimously during a brief session Wednesday to freeze the salaries of elected city officials.

The recommendation was supported earlier by Thomas and council members who agreed with salary freezes.

In proposing the freeze, LOCC member Phil Gram noted that salaries of local elected officials have "increased substantially" in recent years and "are now competitive" with salaries of elected officials in other cities in Wayne County.

Current salaries are \$68,310 for the mayor, \$11,051 for council president Thomas Brown, \$10,551 for president pro tem Kenneth Mehl and \$10,051 for council members Ben DeHart, Terry Reighard Johnson, Thomas Artley, Charles Pickering and Sandra Cicirelli.

Wednesday's recommendation came during the second LOCC session held to discuss the salaries. During the panel's initial meeting on Feb. 4, members had indicated they might call for a two-year pay freeze.

**ONE DAY** after the first meeting was held, Thomas made public his desire for a salary freeze in a memo he sent to the LOCC. Thomas wrote that an economic downturn prompted elected state officials to reject

**The recommendation was supported earlier by Mayor Robert Thomas and council members.**

pay raises recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission, and he suggested that local officials follow suit.

Thomas had pledged during his 1989 mayoral campaign not to accept a salary increase, and LOCC members agreed Wednesday that the mayor's salary was high enough.

"I think he's probably where he should be," said LOCC member Richard Honaker.

The last mayoral salary increase in 1987 gave then-Mayor Charles Griffin a 25-percent raise the first year and a 7.6-percent raise the following year. Council members also received substantial pay hikes that increased their salaries by about 61 percent.

The LOCC had recommended the dramatic increases to bring the salaries of local elected officials more in line with those of officials in other cities in Wayne County.

At that time, the LOCC decided to base the mayor's salary on 75 percent of the earnings of local district judges.

During Wednesday's meeting, however, the LOCC decided to drop that formula now that they mayor's salary is more competitive. LOCC members decided that continuing to link the mayor's pay with that of district judges might not be feasible because of the potential for large increases in the judges' salaries.

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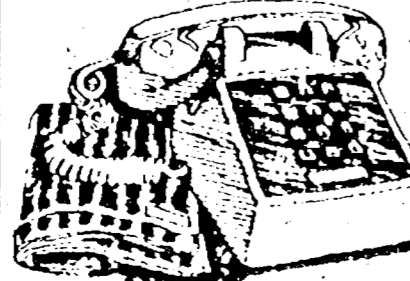
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## Mayor, council split on cable contract

By Leonard Poger  
editor

Despite strong opposition from Mayor Robert Thomas, the Westland City Council is expected to approve a new three-year contract with Dennis Fassett, the city's cable-TV/community relations consultant, two councilmen predicted Monday.

The council held a one-hour study session Monday night to discuss Fassett's proposed contract, which includes a 11.7 percent fee increase, bringing the total to \$181,140 a year.

But Mayor Thomas strongly urged that the contract with Fassett, a city consultant/contractor for nearly seven years, not be renewed. Instead, the mayor has another

**'I want more local programming and less repeats. I want more programs involving local persons and local events.'**

— Mayor Robert Thomas

person ready to be recommended to the council to work for a flat salary as either a city department head, Thomas' first choice, or as a professional consultant/contractor.

Thomas told the Observer after the meeting that "we need someone new," claiming that Fassett isn't producing enough local access programming.

"The quality is not what it should be," the mayor said.

"I want more local programming and less repeats," Thomas said. "I want more programs involving local persons and local events."

The mayor declined to identify who he is planning to recommend as Fassett's replacement, other than to say that the person is currently in a

municipal cable TV position. Predicting approval of the new Fassett agreement were councilmen Ben DeHart and Thomas Artley.

They felt that the council vote, which may come as early as Tuesday night, would probably be 6-1.

**DURING THE** study session, Artley said that he is "thoroughly, thoroughly confused and upset" about the conflict with Fassett and Continental Cablevision Co., admitting there are not clear communications between the two.

Over the years, Fassett has claimed frequently that the company has failed to meet several important elements of the 1984 franchise

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# Residents blast teacher raises, potential cuts

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

A Wayne-Westland school millage proposal, threatened budget cuts and teacher pay raises came under heavy fire Monday night from several residents dismayed by the district's turmoil.

However, others attending Monday's school board meeting vowed to lobby for support of a 7.75-mill tax increase, and they said teachers deserved the 11.9 percent salary increase they will receive over a two-

year period.

Diana Gunn, who favored millage proposals that failed last year, told the board she is "waivering this time" because she's concerned about higher property taxes and teachers who've taken the millage battle into their classrooms.

"Shame on them," Gunn said, noting that a small minority of teachers have pressured students by asking them if their parents support tax-increase efforts.

Natasha Hayes, a 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School, predicted

that many voters who favored the previous millages will balk at the latest proposal because of the school board's "blatant disregard" for the district's future.

By threatening massive budget cuts at a time when teachers receive pay raises that will cost the district \$4 million, school officials "have slapped the voters in the face," Hayes said.

If the millage fails, she said, "blame the people who are really at fault. Blame yourselves."

BUT WESTLAND resident Jim Collins was among the millage supporters who said critics "may be bringing about the educational disarmament of this school district."

"We all have a responsibility to support this," Collins added later.

Eleven citizens addressed the board Monday, voicing strong opinions on the millage, teacher salary increases and possible budget cuts. School officials said the heated remarks were expected as a March 13 election draws nearer for the 7.75-mill tax hike proposal.

One mill represents \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation. Taxes would increase by \$232.50 a year for a person with a \$60,000 home and a \$30,000 SEV. If approved, the five-year millage would pump \$11.5 million a year into the district.

Clifford Johnson of Wayne criticized the board for not splitting the millage proposal and giving voters more choices in what to approve. The latest proposal combines a 2.75-mill renewal that expired with the summer tax collection and a 5-mill increase.

"A lot of people are upset about that because they think you're trying to play a game with them," Johnson said, indicating later that voters would more likely approve a portion of a split millage rather than a combined millage.

"It's better to have part of the loaf than none," he said.

WESTLAND RESIDENT Laurel Raisen raised concerns about massive budget cuts (see related story) that would be made if the millage fails.

"It is just so disappointing to see you take these actions," she said. "The feeling I'm getting from the community is despair. They're angry. . . . I think that you have put this community under a tremendous strain, (and) the morale is just going to keep going down and down and down."

Larry Letke, saying Monday that the board meeting room "reeks in negativism," chastised critics who oppose the millage, and teacher pay raises.

"I am going to work very hard for this (millage) program, not against it," he said.

The citizens' statements gave a clear indication that the millage issue has begun to heat up.

Parent Paul Edwards said an unsigned, anti-millage note was placed on the door of his residence. He said he told his children that "it takes a pretty low person to do something like that who can't put their name on it."

**MILLAGE OPPONENT**  
Rosemary Miller of Wayne lashed out at school officials for a millage-related letter sent home with 7,000 students whose parents are unregistered voters. Miller, a registered voter who apparently received the letter by mistake, said she objected to the district "using kids" in the millage campaign.

In other developments, the citizens group Save Our Schools planned to meet Tuesday night to organize its push to win voter support for the millage proposal. The campaign will include telephone calls to some 25,000 households.

Wayne-Westland voters rejected two millage proposals last year by large margins.

## Teachers, board OK new contract

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charged that "until this community is willing to pay" higher teacher salaries, "we will continue to see the erosion of our educational system."

Chorbagian commended Wayne-Westland teachers for not striking and said they understood that the district didn't have the money for bigger pay increases.

Though she voted in favor of the contract, board member Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said she remained concerned that the teacher raises came at a time when many school district residents, reeling from an economic downturn, received no pay increases.

UNDER THE contract, teachers will get a 3.5-percent raise for the current school year, a 4-

percent increase for the first semester of the 1991-92 school year, and another 4 percent for the second semester of that school year.

When compounded over two years, the increase amounts to 11.9 percent on the salary schedule.

"I'm very happy with those figures," school board president Mathew McCusker said Monday night.

Teachers approved the pact five days after they learned specifics about it during a meeting called by the WWEA. Teachers had been working without a contract since Aug. 27.

Contract talks spanned 10 months and 50 meetings between negotiators who spent more than 300 hours of "direct table negotiations," Bill Tay-

lor, the district's associate superintendent of employee services, said during Monday's board meeting.

THE PACT, retroactive to Aug. 27 of last year, will continue through Aug. 30, 1992. If a third-year salary agreement is reached by Aug. 10, 1992, the contract will be extended another year.

Taylor outlined highlights of the contract, including a change in health insurance.

On July 1, teachers will switch from Super Care II coverage to Super Care I — a move that will save the district more than \$300,000 a year.

In addition, new contract language covering restrictions on dual coverage of teachers whose spouses also have insurance will save the district an estimated \$150,000 to \$400,000 a year.

## Mayor, council divided over Fassett cable contract

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agreement, specifically not providing the promised 76 channel capacity and not producing the required local programming hours.

The firm has consistently denied the claims.

During the council study session, Fassett said he plans to do more local programming in the upcoming fiscal year, including taping of meetings of city council and other local governmental boards and commissions.

He also stressed his role as a watchdog on Continental's compliance with the local franchise agreement.

In his written proposal, Fassett informed the council that Continental has raised rates for basic services annually since awarded the franchise in 1984.

In supporting Fassett's new contract, DeHart told his colleagues he has done a good job but that the consultant may have suffered through

being an effective "watchdog" over the franchise agreement with Continental.

Fassett said that the agreement "deficiencies" saved the cable company a combined \$6 million.

But Thomas said during the meeting that "we'll all be sorry" if the Fassett contract is renewed for another three years.

ON ANOTHER issue, Councilman

Kenneth Mehl opposed the way Thomas went about recommending a new cable director/consultant without seeking input from the council.

The mayor said he has already asked the council to arrange a meeting for his recommended choice to make a presentation.

Thomas said he had been looking for a replacement for Fassett since last summer.

"But you left us out of the picture," Mehl said.

Fassett's current three-year contract will expire March 1 but the mayor and council agreed that it could be extended for several months if they need more time to discuss the matter.

Under the current agreement, Fassett hires employees to handle the local programming for Channel 8 and community relations activities,

such as the Spirit of Westland newsletters and other programs.

IN OTHER related cable TV discussion, the mayor and council voiced their opposition to Continental's recently announced \$2 a month increase, putting the basic service rate at \$16.95 a month.

Fassett told the council there are some ways to stop the increase.

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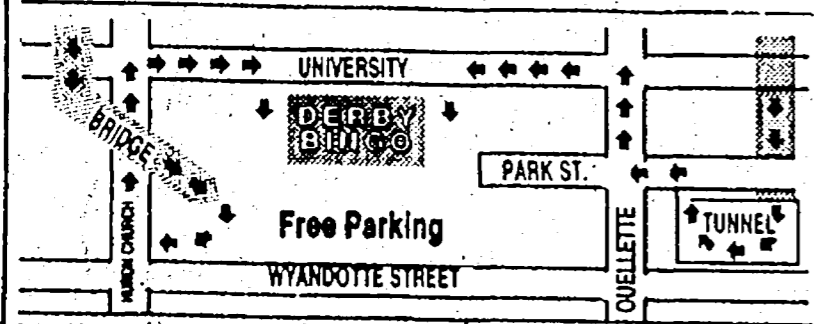
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Doing the tail-feather wiggle during a chicken dance are Taylor Robinson, 8, and father Randy Robinson.



Joe Talamonti combs the hair of daughter Melissa, 2, before the two have their photo taken at the dance.

## Stepping out

### Dads, daughters delight in dance

**S**WING YOUR partner . . . . . Some 50 Westland fathers did just that Tuesday night, and their partners were their daughters during a square dance sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at the Bailey Recreation Center on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

The 10th annual "Daddies-Daughters Dance," scheduled to coincide with Valentine's Day, will be held a second time at the center tonight for

couples who couldn't get tickets for the first square dance or preferred to kick up their heels on Valentine's Day.

For both dances, "we sold out all of our tickets (for 100 couples) in just four days," said MaryLynn Blair, recreation supervisor in charge of special events. "And we had at least 100 additional calls."

The increasing popularity of the dance has prompted parks and rec officials to begin planning for what may be a third dance next year.

On Tuesday, fathers and daughters

danced under the direction of square dance caller Mike Brennan.

Admission was \$4 for a father and one daughter and \$5 for a father who brought more than one daughter. Admission included not only the dance, but also refreshments, Valentine's candy and balloons.

Jennifer DuMouchelle, 4, plays with a helium-filled red and white balloon during the annual daddy-daughter dance Tuesday night.



photos by JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

## 4 non-residents resign from posts; alternative plan hinted

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

Four members of Westland municipal boards and commissions who don't meet residency requirements have submitted letters of resignation sought by Mayor Robert Thomas, but two others indicated they may try to retain their posts.

Thomas called for the resignations after city attorney C. Charles Bokos issued a legal opinion concluding that appointed members of municipal boards and commissions must be local residents.

Thomas has received letters of resignations from Joyce Wheeler of the community development citizens advisory commission, Yvonne Johnson of the cable television commission, Dale Merrifield of the housing rehabilitation review board, and Donald Hoffman of the economic development advisory commission.

But two members of the latter commission said this week that they will try to keep their posts, though

Thomas has asked for their resignations by April 1.

Marilyn Zeigler, operations manager at Westland Center, said she hasn't decided whether she will voluntarily resign from her post.

"I have not made my mind up yet what I'm going to do," she said Tuesday, adding that she believes the Westland Center needs a representative on the economic development advisory commission.

If the resignation isn't submitted, Thomas said he wasn't sure what steps he would take.

"That would be something for the city attorney to handle," he said.

DAN VASIOFF said that while he has written a letter of resignation, he hasn't yet submitted it. Vasilloff said he plans to make an "alternative" proposal to Thomas that would allow members of the economic development advisory commission to keep their posts.

Vasilloff declined to announce details of the plan, saying he didn't

want to make it public until the mayor has had a chance to review it.

Vasilloff indicated that the economic development advisory commission has close links to the quasi-public Economic Development Corporation, whose members will be allowed to remain in their posts because the organization isn't legally considered a city board or commission.

In a letter seeking the resignations of local board and commission members, Thomas stressed that their qualifications "were never in question." His concern stemmed from Bokos' ruling that, under the city charter, the members must be local residents.

Thomas said last week he expects to begin appointing successors to the municipal board members "in the near future."

"I will be looking for Westland residents to fill those vacancies," he said.

## Chairman leaves city library board

James Pratt, Westland Library Board chairman, said he resigned recently because of personal, professional and health reasons.

But Pratt, 42, admitted that he is disappointed with local voters rejecting two library millage proposals in the past four years.

The former chairman, on the library board for nearly four years,

noted that he has had disagreements with Mayor Robert Thomas who said last year he would support a millage proposal for an independent library only as a last resort.

"I don't have the time or energy anymore," Pratt said. "I won't continue to serve if I'm not being productive."

Pratt resigned Jan. 31 in a letter to Mayor Thomas who will select a

replacement. There is also a second vacancy on the five-member board.

The former board chairman said his resignation is based, in part, on his helping his wife, Linda, expand her baking and candy making supplies business in Garden City.

Pratt is a technical support analyst with the company, coordinating computer work.

## 9 Marshall students win art awards

Nine John Marshall Junior High School students have had their art projects selected for the Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Art Awards, and the projects are now on display at the Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township.

More than 5,000 art projects from students in Wayne and Oakland counties were entered in this year's annual contest, which includes competition in 13 different art classifications. Of those entries, 1,000 were chosen for display in the annual show at the mall.

Winning Marshall students, whose art teacher is Robert DiMarzo, and their awards are:

- Brian Smith, certificate of

**The projects are now on display at the Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township.**

merit and gold key, which is the highest regional award in jewelry.

- Todd Peterson, certificate of merit and gold key, the highest regional award in watercolor.
- Toni Dechert, certificate of merit and gold key, the highest award in fiber arts-textile design, and a second certificate of merit in the same category.

- Joby McKay, certificate of merit in mixed media.

- Jamie Brown, certificate of merit in fiber art-textile design.

- Kelly Irvine, certificate of merit in fiber art-textile design.

- Michelle Dzierba, certificate of merit in watercolor.

- Ezio Fortuna, certificate of merit in watercolor.

- Scott Shollenberger, certificate of merit in jewelry.

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## Community Corner

This week's question:

Do you think Wayne-Westland teachers deserve an 11.9 percent pay raise over two years?

We asked this question at Westland City Hall.



'Yes. I always believe you get what you pay for.'  
— Marge Gartz  
Westland



'No. I think they're getting enough right now.'  
— Mary Pastula  
Westland



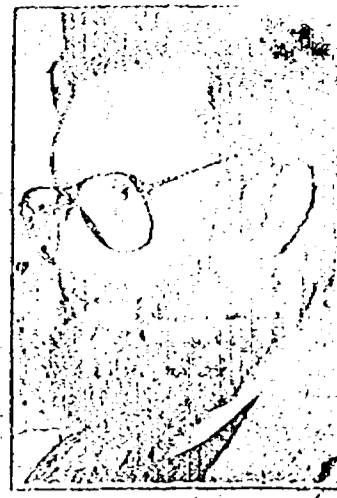
'I would say yes, they deserve it.'  
— Djane Cyn  
Westland



'Yes, 11.9 percent is about the inflation rate, so I don't think that's exorbitant at all.'  
— Neil Spendlove  
Westland



'Education is important, but 11.9 percent is way above the inflation rate. I would have to say keep it (raises) to the rate of inflation.'  
— Jim Elrod  
Westland



'If you have to raise it (salaries) to keep the good teachers here, then I'm willing to pay it.'  
— Don Dumouchelle  
Westland

## lunch menu for seniors

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of Feb. 18:

**Monday — Chef's Day!**

**Tuesday —** Meat loaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, lemon pudding, bread with margarine, milk.

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## 77 Glenn students make honor roll list

Seventy-seven John Glenn High School students listed on the honor roll for the third semester earned a 4.0 or higher grade point average.

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Eleventh graders with straight A's are Julie Ayers, Robert Bloomfield, Ivona Cibulik, Joy Clouse, Mark Davis, Alicia Embury, Stephanie Gainer, Wendy Hale, Lori Hallman, Carl Kaiser, Jackie Kazaleh, Matthew Krizan, Dennis Little, Chad Moriarty, Wendi Mrozinski, Kenneth Renard, Pamela Smith, Melanie Thom, Dawn Wensko, Anna Zhad and Kristi Zimmer.

The 10th graders with all A's are Jennifer Becher, Keith Butler, Deborah Coole, Stacey Derose, Karen Deschaine, Neil Duncan, Yvonne Garcia, Christopher Haldy, Thomas Lillibridge, Mindy Nakamoto, Jessica Peters, Patricia Polaczyk, Alisa Shyu, Gregory Sobczynski, Jason Suchan, Melissa Thompson, Keith Wittkopp, Ryan Zantow and Jonathon Zyck.



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## Jumpin' high

Chris Mazzara was one of many Webster Elementary students in Livonia who took part last week in a Jump For Heart fund-raiser for the American Heart Association. The fund-raiser served a dual purpose — it raised money for heart research and it helped the youngsters develop their own physical fitness.

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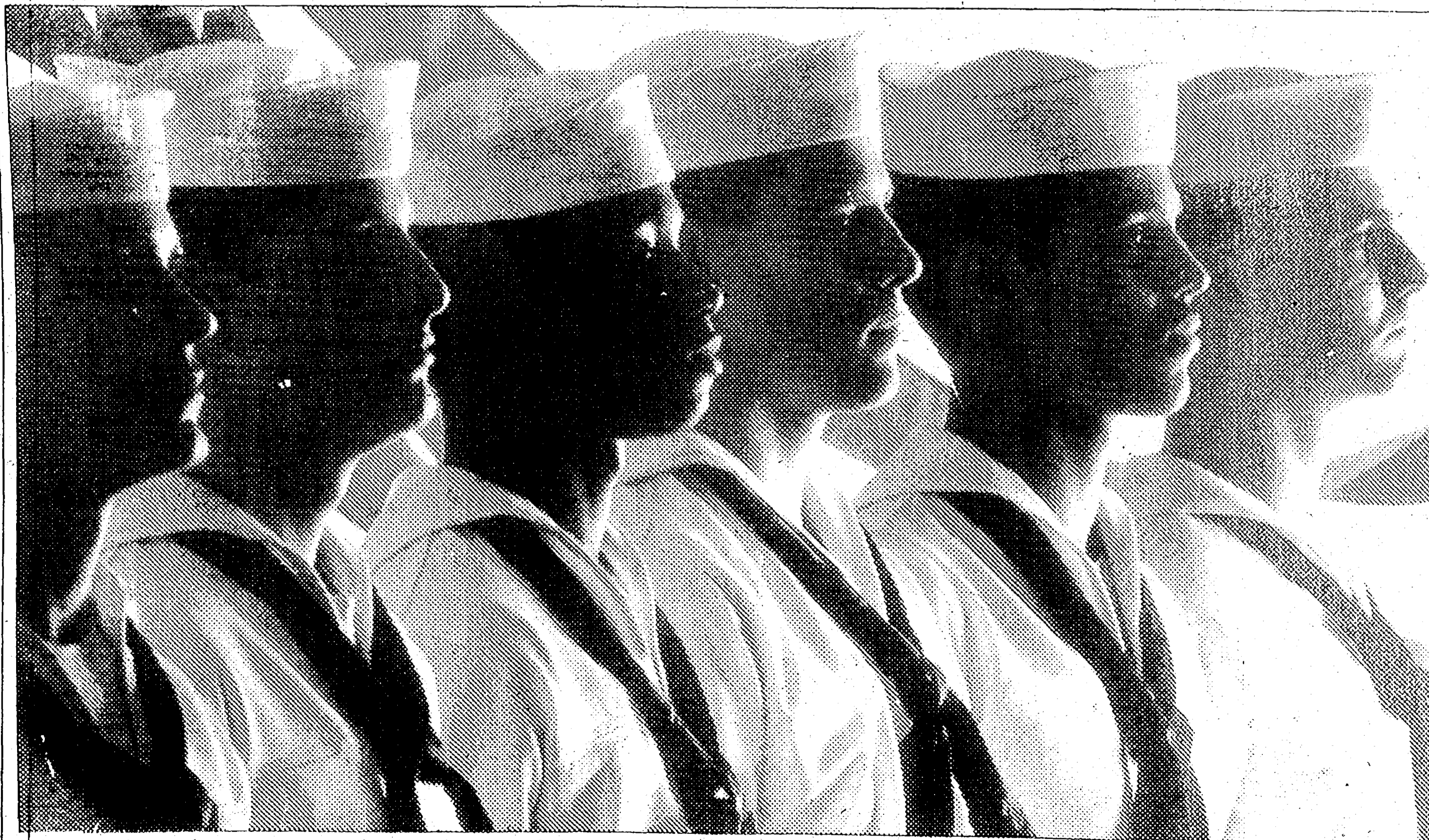
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# GOP rep questions gov on tax cut, school choice

By Pat Murphy  
staff writer

State Rep. Lyn Bankes of Livonia is a rarity. She's one of the few Republicans who voiced concerns about the content of Gov. John Engler's State of the State message delivered Tuesday in Lansing.

Like her GOP colleagues, Bankes applauded frequently and robustly during Engler's 25-minute speech. She described it as "upbeat, terrific."

But Bankes, a member of the House Education Committee, said she is concerned about two Engler proposals — property tax reduction and schools of choice on a statewide basis.

Democrats, in contrast, generally greeted Engler's address with silence or weak, polite applause. "It was very deceptive," said State Rep. Maxine Berman of Southfield.

"He tried to portray anyone who doesn't agree with him as being bad for Michigan or anti-jobs," she said. "He tried to shove his opponents (mostly Democrats) into a corner."

"BUT IN POLITICS, when you shove, people shove back... only harder," said Berman, recently appointed to the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

Prior to the address, his first since he became governor by defeating incumbent James Blanchard in November, Engler said it was not meant as a blueprint for the coming year.

Rather, he said, it was meant as a broad statement of policy, with details for specific proposals — like education — to come later.

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington, said the new governor made clear his intentions of delivering on campaign promises. "He said he was going to downsize government," Dolan said. "And that's what he's going to do."

Dolan said she is particularly encouraged by what she interpreted as a promise by Engler to make government more accountable.

"Programs will be evaluated to see if they are achieving their goals," said Dolan. "If they aren't working, they should be changed or eliminated."

Like Bankes, Dolan also expressed concerns about Engler's call for a 20 percent cut in property taxes.

SHE BELIEVES Engler is concerned about education. "But I worry about how Farmington and other out-of-formula (affluent) school districts are going to make up the loss."

An answer to both their concerns may be provided by State Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, who Tuesday said he is preparing to introduce legislation calling for the 20 percent cut in property taxes.

"I'll introduce it this week," said Honigman. "It definitely includes provisions for state revenues to make up for any loss of school funds."

Honigman said he is "very encour-

aged" at the prospect of schools of choice on a state-wide basis. "It will introduce competition into the market place of education," he said.

"It will also force individual schools to improve their systems. It will force them to be competitive."

"Educational choice is so fundamental, I don't know why we haven't had it all these years," Honigman continued. "I don't trust educators who oppose it, they seem to think they are better equipped to know what's good for others. That's nonsense."

"People do better when they have free choice, and that goes for education as well," Honigman asserted.

Rep. Gerald H. Law, R-Plymouth Township, said Engler's address "set a tone" for reduced spending. "We have this large deficit and we've got to cut spending."

"THIS WAS THE first state of the state message that didn't create new programs and promise additional money," said Law.

Rep. Gordon Sparks, R-Troy, said he is encouraged by the direction Engler's address pointed the state. "He wants to reduce government and reduce dependency on government, with a corresponding reduction in the size and cost."

Sparks said he too is concerned about what a 20 percent reduction in property taxes will do to school budgets. "But I know the governor wants good schools. I'll just have to trust that schools won't be hurt."



State Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, described the governor's State of the State address as "upbeat, terrific" but said she was concerned about property tax reduction and schools of choice on a statewide basis.

Rep. Michael Bouchard praised Engler's address for changing the focus of government. "It's no longer a question of 'if' we make cuts, but 'where'."

The Birmingham Republican endorses the property tax cut. "As I understand it, the governor is committed to cutting spending. Please turn to Page 7

# McNamara counts on working with gov

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Gov. John Engler's first State of the State address is drawing heavy criticism from Michigan Democrats, but Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has yet to join the chorus.

"If anything, McNamara expressed a degree of sympathy for the new governor."

"Poor John Engler," he joked. "Here's a guy whose talking about rearranging the philosophy of state government and, first the war knocks him off the front page, then the indictments against (Detroit Police) Chief William Hart and Ken Weiner knock him off the front page."

While fellow Democrats were lining up to take pot shots at the new governor's tax- and budget-cutting message, McNamara was more guarded in his response.

"He's talking about cutting property taxes by 20 percent and, as a taxpayer in Livonia, I think it's wonderful," McNamara said. "But I hope it doesn't mean the county is going to be hurt."

Already, the executive said, the county expects to lose an estimated \$1 million in federal revenue sharing as a result of the cuts and \$1 million in additional revenue because of its shrinking population.

But McNamara, who will give his annual State of the County address Friday, is apparently putting his faith in his ability to work with Engler to overcome budget cuts.

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Wayne County Executive

The two have met at least three times since Engler's election, McNamara said, including a 90-minute session last month.

WHILE ENGLER has talked about downsizing state government, McNamara said there are two programs he'd like to take off the governor's hands.

Greater county control over welfare and child welfare programs are two of McNamara's key goals for the coming year.

"I think the first person who'll tell you general assistance (welfare) is screwed up is John Engler," said McNamara.

More should be done to find work for the estimated 55,000 indigent county residents, McNamara said.

"Our feeling is don't put people on the dole, put them into programs," McNamara said.

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# Irish music is featured

The 11th annual St. Patrick's Parade fund-raiser will be 1-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington, north of Seven Mile Road.

The theme of the 33rd annual parade is "A Downtown Irish-American Family Affair." The fund-raiser is a celebration of music. A dozen groups of Detroit's best Irish musicians will play non-stop for the benefit of parade supporters.

Returning to perform this year are Murphy's Men from the Tipperary Pub, The Wake's and Wedding Band, Birmingham Celtic Pipe and Drum Band and Strathmore.

There also will be traditional Irish music played in the lounge.

"The United Irish Societies, the parade's sponsor, truly appreciates our fine musicians donating their services for the day in order to help defray the mounting costs of staging the parade," said Sharon Berry, chairwoman.

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# Merger to give management of Annapolis to United Care

United Care Inc. voted overwhelmingly last week to approve the planned merger with Oakwood United Hospitals.

Once the merger is completed, the newly configured United Care will have operating responsibilities for Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, Heritage Hospital in Taylor, Seaway Hospital in Trenton, Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, and will operate as a subsidiary of Oakwood Health Services Corporation.

United Care will also manage Balmoral Nursing Home and other United Care supporting services.

"Our aim is to ensure the delivery of progressive health care in western Wayne and Washtenaw counties," Milton Mack, United Care board of trustees chairman.

United Care was previously known as Peoples Community Hospital Authority, which was reorganized two years ago as a private, non-profit corporation.

"We are very pleased with the United Care membership's approval of this merger, and strongly believe that the merger will provide contin-

ued access to a stable, broad base of advanced health care services," said Mack.

"The trend in health care over the past several years has been the formation of coordinated services between hospitals. By merging United Care and Oakwood United Hospitals, we are able to gain access to additional sources of capital, and make the most efficient use of our facilities and staff, and improve patient care services," said Mack.

The merger came about, in part, as a result of a 1990 study completed by Ernst and Young, an independent consulting firm. The study specifically recommended that United Care merge with Oakwood Health Services, a major health care system that could provide resources, stability and longevity.

UNITED CARE had already established a formal relationship with Oakwood Health Services when, in August, 1989, the two organizations agreed to create a new Oakwood subsidiary, Oakwood United Hospitals, that now leases and manages

Annapolis, Heritage and Seaway Hospitals.

"Our goal as a regional health care system has been to put together the facilities, the technology and the medical professionals necessary to meet the health care needs of the million residents in western Wayne County and the Downriver area," said Gerald D. Fitzgerald, chairman of the new United Care entity and president of Oakwood Health Services.

According to Fred Barton, the new entity's president, "We plan to continue the progress made last year at Oakwood United Hospitals by fully involving the management teams, medical staffs, and employees of the new United Care organization in a concerted effort to continually improve the quality, delivery and availability of services."

"There is a tremendous amount of work yet to be done, and we are fully committed to achieving our goal. With the ongoing support of the residents of our community, we can continue to be a vital and financially strong regional health care system."

# Day care dilemma

## Proposed cuts worry center directors

By Shirlee Rose Iden  
staff writer

When Gov. John Engler recently proposed sweeping away the licensing division for day care operators in the state, his new broom left behind a sorry message, according to one early childhood education expert.

"Licensing doesn't guarantee an outstanding program, only minimal standards, said Janet Pont, a suburban day care operator.

"But those standards include fundamental things like fire, health, cleanliness. I'm very concerned about taking the minimums away from kids.

"Very few voices are advocates for children, which makes early childhood experts worry," she added. "The message to society here is we don't value our children."

Pont, director of a synagogue-based day care program, said her school services about 150 preschoolers and 60 children in mother-toddler classes.

"The proposed cuts will affect day care centers and home care facilities," she said. "We are regulated as a school and still will have some DSS regulation."

Puls suggested that Michigan facilities may have to look to outside organizations to police day care, as is done in some other areas or "police ourselves."

Though many parents may accept the loss of state regulations, others are reacting with deep fear for their youngsters' emotional and physical well-being.

Many "extended-care" children come from single-parent homes, while many others come from families where both work outside the home.

Dorle Fredericks started her child care search three months before the birth of her son, Damien, now nine weeks old, knowing she would return to her job.

"I shopped carefully for something between my home and my work," she said. "I got a listing of centers from the DSS, did telephone interviews and then home interviews of those that sounded possible."

Safety and security were her top criteria as well as a facility that has a good ratio of children to caregivers.

"The key thing for me is that my caregiver is on a food program with the state. She will feed Damien whatever I tell her."

FREDERICKS said the day care personnel have told her the parents are outraged and afraid that without regulations anyone can offer day care.

"I hope Gov. Engler will find another way to cut his budget," she said. "There are just too many working moms and parents involved to do this."

Other parents asked how they will be sure their child will get the proper food and attention and safe environment.

One mother in Fredericks' day care facility noted that centers are regulated, fire extinguishers and smoke alarms are in place and working. "All the things I searched for in a day care will no longer be required," she said.

"Is the state really ready to give up the responsibility for the care of our children?"

# State to end licensing of facilities in March

CINDY PULS, director of another day care center, said when the governor's planned cuts were reported by the media, she was on the telephone an entire day trying to calm alarmed parents.

"Even so, many of our parents are writing to the governor, to legislators, and to commissions to tell of their displeasure," she said.

Her center opened in October 1989 and now serves 32 children and 29 families according to Puls. "We have babies from six weeks of age to five years."

The facility is open 11 hours each day with 18 employees on varying schedules. "Our employees all have college experience in teaching early education and some have degrees in early education," Puls said. "Even the staff aides have some college experience."

Puls said that parents hearing about the licensing cuts were panicked over who would police child care facilities. "But almost all had confidence in our center," she said. "We have parents popping in on us through the day and we have the police nearby."

Beginning March 2, the state of Michigan will no longer license day care facilities or renew those licenses, at least temporarily. Nor will it enforce existing laws or licensing provisions such as those requiring background and criminal checks on adult employees or those stipulating that staff have CPR and first aid training.

Eliminating the L&R function within the Department of Social Services (DSS) will cut 79 jobs and save an estimated \$1.5 million.

DSS director Jerry Miller and lawmakers hope to renew that function by September, so Michigan can qualify for some \$20 million in federal aid. In the meantime, the state will no longer license day care facilities, or enforce laws remaining on the books. Compliance will be up to the individual day care facility with no state oversight.

Michigan has more than 17,000 day care facilities, including 1,724 in

Wayne County and 1,626 in Oakland. They care for an estimated 230,000 Michigan youngsters.

Day care facilities are regulated by the number of youngsters involved. A spouse who stays home to care for his/her youngster — and takes in the neighbor's as a favor, or for additional income — is required to be licensed. A facility taking in 1 to 5 youngsters is classified as a day care home. Facilities with 6 to 11 youngsters are considered group homes. Facilities with 12 youngsters or more are considered a day care center.

DSS is aware that insurance companies are concerned about the lack of licensing and regulation, and that uncertainty will cause rates to fluctuate . . . upward, or course.

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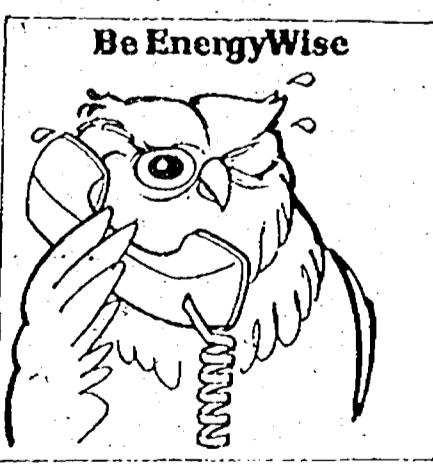
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# McNamara holds off in criticizing gov

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The executive said the county is proposing education and job training programs for welfare recipients with a general assistance check contingent upon their participation. "You could call it 'workfare', but actually, it goes deeper than that," McNamara said. "It involves teaching people how to get a job and helping them find a job."

Child welfare — rehabilitation of young criminals — could cause a major county financial crisis, McNamara said.

"If the county goes back into bankruptcy it will be because of our child welfare bill," McNamara said.

Sending a young offender to a state training school costs the county an estimated \$60,000 annually, McNamara said.

Instead, McNamara is proposing an alternative — based on services and supervision within the youth's own community — that he claims would only cost \$14,000 per child.

If there's an advantage Wayne County holds in dealing with the new governor, McNamara said, it's that Vernice Davis-Anthony, new state director of public health, recently held a similar post with the county. "She's certainly well aware of our problems as well as how efficiently we've been meeting them," he said.

# Engler drawing fire

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Understand it, the state will make up any lost revenue... that's why we're cutting in so many areas."

Freshman State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-West Bloomfield, described Engler's address as "very, very positive... easy to support."

"I like the idea of downsizing state government and making education the state's number one priority... that's the way it should be," Dobb said.

State Sen. Mat J. Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, said he is particularly pleased that Gov. Engler pledged to

review \$500 million in personal service government contracts carried over from the Blanchard era.

REFERRING TO the contracts as an "incubator for abuse," Engler ordered administrators to justify the agreements or cancel them. "Enough is enough," he said.

Dunaskiss also endorsed Engler's proposal to eliminate contributions from Political Action Committees (PACs) as well as Office Holders Expense Funds. Dunaskiss said eliminating both would help restore public confidence in legislators and government.

# Weight loss program offered

Think Trim, a program promoting responsible eating, will be held at Schoolcraft College, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

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# Stemming flow

## McNamara tries to halt population loss

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer



*'It's a cliché, but we have a throw away society. And that's spread into 'throw away' cities.'*  
— Edward McNamara  
Wayne County Executive

Ending suburban sprawl, will be Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's chief message during his annual State of the County address Friday.

At that time, McNamara is expected to unveil plans to help older Wayne County communities retain businesses and population.

Smarting from census losses — and potential loss of as many as two U.S. Congressional seats — McNamara said the county would step up efforts to stem the flow of people and jobs.

"It's a cliché, but we have a throw away society," McNamara said. "And that's spread into 'throw away' cities."

Over the past 30 years, McNamara said, the county has lost roughly 500,000 residents yet seen 75 percent of its open land disappear.

"It's sprawl," McNamara said.

To fight that, McNamara said, teams of county employees are being brought together to work with local officials.

"It includes (county economic development director) Dewey Henry's people, (public service director) Russ Gronewelt's people and members of the county's alternative work force," McNamara said.

Economic development staff would help devise a business-retention strategy; public service workers would provide assistance in building and retaining an infrastructure while the alternative work force — minor criminals sentenced to community service — would help rebuild neighborhoods.

Service could eventually spread to other, less depressed, areas, McNamara said, including Garden City, Redford and Livonia — which each lost about 4,000 residents over the 1980s, according to new census figures.

The program isn't designed to help communities grow, McNamara said, said as much as to keep them from shrinking.

"It's more important to retain your population than it is to look for new population," he said.

Keeping the Detroit Tigers in Detroit is another key goal, McNamara said.

"We can't afford another (Auburn Hills) Palace or another Silverdome," McNamara said. "Even though the Palace was built privately, it's still the taxpayers who end up paying for roads and infrastructure."

McNamara will deliver his State of the County address at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The speech will be televised over WTWS-TV, Channel 56 and broadcast over WWJ-AM.

By McNamara's own admission, the speech will contain few new initiatives, but there will be renewed dedication to the county's anti-violence task force and other recent programs.

The anti-violence program, announced but not yet implemented, would approach violence as a disease similar to alcoholism and work with families to find cures.

New emphasis is also expected to be given the county's infant mortality task force. A new director is sought to replace former county Commissioner Bernard Kilpatrick, who resigned from the board to become county public health director.

In other news, McNamara said the county's homeless shelter — announced last year — is tentatively scheduled for opening in the spring.

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## ● CARNIVAL

Friday, Feb. 15 — Douglas Elementary School, Garden City, will hold its annual school carnival 6-8:30 p.m. in the school on Hartel north of Maplewood. There will be games and refreshments in the PTA-sponsored event.

## ● SOCCER REGISTRATION

Friday, Feb. 15 — Wayne-Westland Soccer League registration will be 6-8 p.m. at the Bailey Center on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. A second registration will be March 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mail-in registrations go to WWSL, P.O. Box 487, Westland 48185.

## ● FISH DINNERS

Fridays, through March 29 — Fish fry dinners will be 5-8 p.m. in St. Raphael's every Friday except March 1 with the hours on March 29 set for 3-8 p.m. Full dinners are \$4.75, half dinners are \$3.75, shrimp or combination \$5.50, fish sandwich \$3.50. Waited tables, carry outs available.

## ● BEYOND THE DREAM

Friday, Feb. 15 — "Beyond the Dream III: A Celebration of Black History, The Global Perspective," will be presented 12:30-4 p.m. at Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, 33500 Van Born between Merriman and Wayne Road. Tickets are \$15. To register, send \$15 check payable to WC RESA, Attn: Carol Dingeldey, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne 48184-2497.

## ● CHILDBIRTH SERIES

Saturday, Feb. 16 — A seven-week Prepared Childbirth series will begin at 10 a.m. in Garden City Hospital. For more information, call 459-7477.

## ● LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, Feb. 16 — St. Mel's Mens Club will hold a Las Vegas Night from 7 p.m. to midnight in the Father John Furlong Activities Building, 7506 Inkster Road, one block north of Warren Avenue. Admission is \$1. There will be craps, dice tables, wheels, roulette and blackjack tables. Cash prizes up to \$500. Refreshments and hot food will be available. All proceeds go to St. Mel's Mens Club General Fund. For more information, call 274-0684.

## ● VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, Feb. 16 — Las Vegas Night will be 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Social Club, 28945 Joy Road. Admission is \$1 and includes cash refreshments and kitchen. Cash prizes not to exceed \$500 per person. For more information, call 271-2486 or 937-1497. All proceeds to general fund.

## ● SWEETHEART SOCIAL

Sunday, Feb. 17 — A spaghetti dinner will be at 2 p.m. in Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh south of Ford. Donation is \$7.50 per person and children under 5 are free. There will be a special appearance by magician, Mike Thornton. Tickets available at City Clerk's Office, Council Office, Cable TV/Community Relations, Friendship Center, American Carpet, Harlow Tire. For more information, call 467-3183.

## ● WINTER TOUR

Sunday, Feb. 17 — A "Winter Nature Tour" will begin at 1 p.m. in Holliday Nature Preserve at the Cowan Road entrance.

## ● GED TESTS

Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 18-19 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. For more information, call 523-9294.

## ● CHILD CARE

Monday-Friday, Feb. 18-22 — Child care during winter break will be available at Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road. Activities will include swimming, arts and crafts, bowling, fitness exercises, outdoor activities and more. Children must be pre-registered. For information and to register, stop in at the Y or call 722-7044.

## ● SEN. COMING

Thursday, Feb. 21 — "A New Governor: Will It Make a Difference? An Insider's Insight," will be discussed by state Sen. Lana Pollack's at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at a town hall forum sponsored by the Garden City Business and Professional Women's Organization by the Garden City High School cafeteria, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren and Ford roads. A question and answer session will follow Pollack's remarks. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the forum. Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, recently began her third term in the Michigan State Senate. She is member of the appropriations, criminal justice and urban affairs and joint administrative rules committees. The BPW, sponsor of the forum, is a national organization of women and men dedicated to elevating the status of all working women.

## ● ANTIQUES

Saturdays — Antique irons and banks are now on display in the Westland Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road. Museum hours are Saturdays 1-4 p.m. For information, call 326-1110 to hear the museum's recorded message.

## 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.

### ● ACT TEST

Registration is open for a mini-ACT workshop aimed to help prepare Garden City High School students for the ACT tests of spring 1991. Workshop dates are March 20 and March 27. For information, contact high school counselor Peg Phenehy, 421-8220.

### ● DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

- Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays, Arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.
- Thursdays, Ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

### ● PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sundays Through February — All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast every Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon at Garden City International Order of Odd Fellows, 6121 Merriman, between Ford and Warren Road. Donations are \$3 and children \$1.50. For information, call 427-6710.

### ● TAX HELP

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to help prepare all tax forms in Westland Friendship Center on the following days:

- Tuesdays — Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; and April 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursdays — March 14 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations of \$10 will be accepted according to your income. If you have income derived from business, rentals or stock sales please notify us at the time you make your appointment. For more information, call 722-7632.

### ● KICKBOXING

Saturday, Feb. 23 — Kickboxing, "Westland Rumble No. 2" will be at 7:30 p.m. in Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$17 and \$15. Tickets available at: Westland Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford Road, Bridge TV & Karate Supplies, 21100 Goddard, phone 292-1990, and Lois of Nichols Karate Supplies, 34904 Michigan Avenue, phone 728-1313.

### ● BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, T-BALL

Saturdays, Feb. 23, March 2 — Baseball, softball, T-ball registration will be Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. and March 2 1-4 p.m. in Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood. Registration fee required, bring proof of age. Family discounts. For baseball information call 355-3908 and softball information call 728-7116.

### ● Y OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Feb. 23 — Open house will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road. There will be a membership promotion, camp information and movies and prizes. For more information, call 721-7044.

### ● ICE SKATING REGISTRATION

Monday, Saturday, March 4, 9 — Figure skating registration will be March 4, 4-6 p.m. and March 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood. The eight-week session is \$32. Classes begin the week of March 11. Classes will be for beginners through advanced, as well as a class for adults on Saturday at 9 a.m. For more information, call the arena at 729-4560.

### ● DESERT STORM

Tuesdays — P.U.T. — U.P. "Parents United Toward Universal Peace," a support group for Operation Desert Storm will be Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh Road between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail. Yellow ribbons are available. For information, call 729-0761.

### ● NURSERY ENROLLMENT

North Dearborn Heights Co-op Nursery located in Cherry Hill Baptist Church, corner of Gully and

Wilson, has opened enrollment for winter term, January through May. Registration for fall for children, 2, 3 and 4 years old is also open. For more information, call 274-1572.

### ● TOPS

Thursdays — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Log Cabin in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman. For information, call 422-2297 or 561-9205.

### ● WEIGHT CONTROL

Saturdays — A support group will meet 11 a.m. in Garden City Hospital Room 3, 6345 Inkster Road at Maplewood. Focus is a holistic approach to weight control. For information, call 261-4048.

### ● FITNESS GYM

Monday-Saturday — The Wayne-Westland Family Y will sponsor a fitness gym 6 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Daily guest pass is \$5 per visit. For information, call 721-7044.

### ● 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.

### ● 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.

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# 10 area residents vie for seat on SC board

Three former Schoolcraft College trustee candidates are among the 10 people who have applied for the board seat being vacated by trustee Jack Kirksey.

Ronaale Bowman, Andrea Taylor and Jeffrey Theodore, all of Livonia, were among the applicants seeking appointment to the board. All three ran for the Schoolcraft board in 1989.

Newcomers applying for the seat include: Willis Brauer, Livonia; Paulette Cebulski, Plymouth; Yvonne Constan, Livonia; Robert Gordon, Plymouth; Stephen Ragan, Plymouth; Subramanian Ramamurthy, Canton; and Patricia Watson, Northville.

**THE APPLICATION** deadline was 4 p.m. Monday.

Bowman is a trainer at the Michigan Training and Resource Center, Westland. Taylor, a graduate of Schoolcraft's culinary arts program, operates a catering business. Theodore is an assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney.

Brauer is a principal at Coolidge Elementary School in Livonia. Ce-

bulski is an assistant director with the University of Michigan Hospital Department of Physical and Medical Rehabilitation. Constan is a social worker in private practice.

Gordon is a doctor, with a family practice in Plymouth. Ragan is an administrative assistant in the Wayne County Division of Airports. Ramamurthy is president of Optimum Management Inc., an engineering and management consulting firm based in Plymouth. Watson is a clinical supervisor with Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital and is also a mental health professional in private practice.

Kirksey, director of community education for the Livonia Schools, resigned from the board in an apparent dispute over selection of the college's new legal representative.

He is expected to leave the board next month.

Board members will decide at the Wednesday, Feb. 27, meeting whether to interview all applicants or screen them beforehand, according to college spokeswoman Sandra Florek.

Kirksey was elected to a six-year

board term in 1989; however, his appointed replacement will only serve from April 24 through June 30. The seat will ultimately be to be decided in next year's election.

In addition to Kirksey's former seat, seats held by Michael Burley and Jeanne Stempien will also be up for election.

**THE ELECTION** is scheduled for Monday, June 10.

Schoolcraft, a two-year community college serves a number of western Wayne County communities.

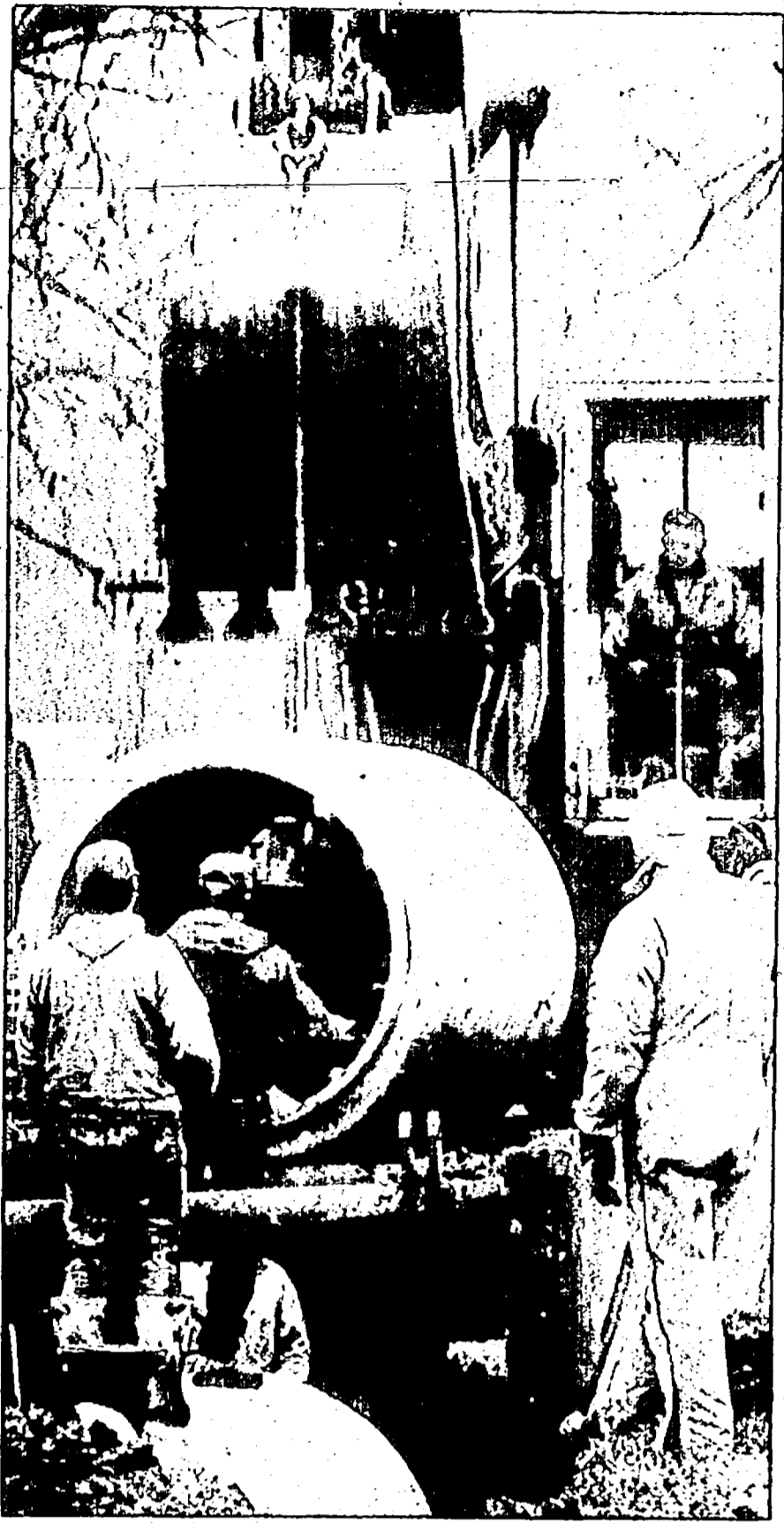
Eligible applicants for any Schoolcraft seat must live within the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville or Plymouth/Canton public school districts.

Trustees oversee the college budget and curriculum and are also responsible for hiring the college president. In addition, trustees oversee activities at the main campus and at Schoolcraft College-Radcliff in Garden City. They also oversee college contracts, including those governing development of Seven Mile Crossing — a Livonia office complex built on college-owned land.

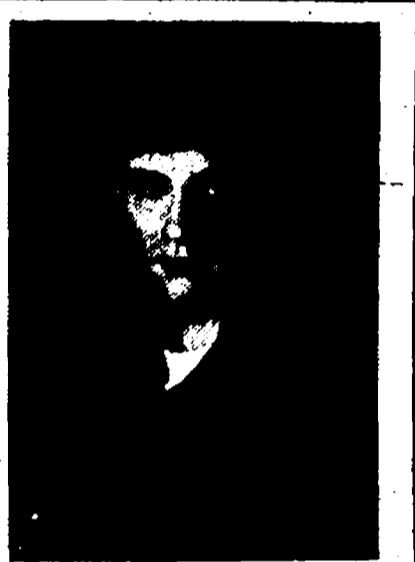
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## Digging the line

Workers continue to complete sections of Wayne County's "super sewer" line, though the line won't be fully operating until next year. Work continued last week along Hines Drive, west of Haggerty, though Hines will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Wilcox until March 21. The sewer line will eventually stretch along the 13-mile roadway.



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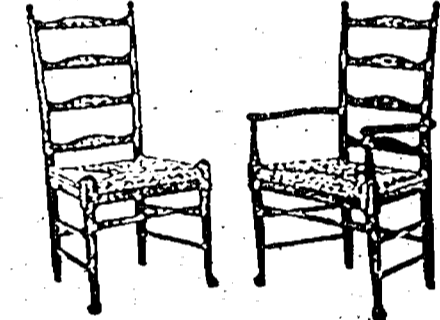
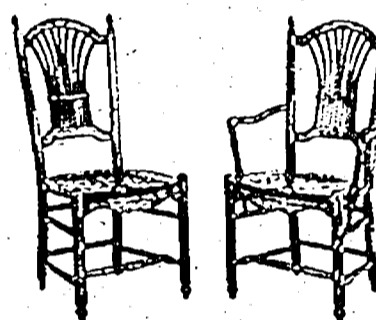
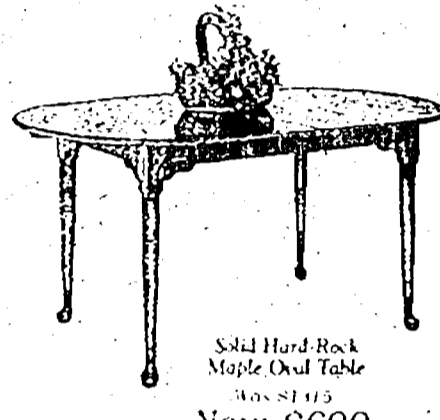
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# Report says residents, hospitals are sickly

## Unpaid bills: Major problem for area hospitals

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Michigan residents — and the hospitals that serve them — are less healthy than the national average, according to a new report.

The Southeast Michigan Hospital Council report stated that Michigan residents exceed national averages for chronic disease at a time when many Michigan hospitals are struggling financially.

The annual report is designed to present a picture of Michigan hospitals and the kinds of patients they serve, said Donald Potter, president of the Southfield-based hospitals council.

"Some people will be more healthy, some will be less healthy," Potter said. "The same is true of hospitals."

The state's higher-than-average death rate from stroke, heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other diseases, reported by the Centers for Disease Control, has already been widely noted.

LESS NOTED was a report from Moody's Investment Services showing that one-third of Michigan hospitals had low financial ratings, more than twice the national average.

The Moody's report showed that 34 percent of Michigan hospitals had bonds rated Baa and Ba1 — among the company's lowest ratings — while only 16 percent of all hospitals nationally shared those below-average ratings.

According to Moody's, however, most struggling hospitals are in Detroit or outstate. Most hospitals serving Oakland and suburban Wayne County residents are on firm financial footing, according to the financial service.

University of Michigan Hospitals was upgraded during the spring 1990 report, while another, Sinai of Detroit, has subsequently been downgraded.

U-M Hospitals rose from A1 to the Aa rating, which it now shares with two of the region's other giants — Henry Ford Health Care Corp. and William Beaumont Hospital, Royal

Oak and Troy.

Among other hospitals, Detroit Medical Center received the A rating. DMC, new name for the former Harper Grace and Huron Valley Hospitals, leads the region in annual admissions with more than 79,000. While Moody's praised the unit's "well-qualified physician staff" and "strong utilization," concerns about restructuring led to a slightly lower rating from the A1 held by the company in 1985.

Crittendon, Rochester also received the A rating.

Crittendon was praised for its "strong historical financial performance," but Moody's noted concerns about the hospital's highly competitive service area. The hospital also received the A rating during its last evaluation in 1983.

Sinai bonds had been rated A one year ago, but were dropped to Baa this year.

Moody's noted its decrease in pa-

tient volume due to "increased pressure from competitors."

The Mercy Health system, with 10 statewide hospitals, also received the A rating. Mercy's area affiliates includes the Sisters of Mercy Health Corp., Farmington Hills, Catherine McAuley Health system, Ann Arbor and Mount Carmel Mercy and Samaritan hospitals, Detroit.

The region's lowest rated hospital bonds belong to Pontiac General. The city-owned hospital received the Baa rating. Moody's, however, said the hospital's "(s)trong liquidity position helps to mitigate some concerns related to a weak source area economy."

Moody's primary investment-grade bond ratings, from highest to lowest, are Aa, A1, A. Below investment-grade ratings, for riskier bond issues, are Baa1, Baa, Ba1 and Ba, from highest to lowest.

In issuing the report, Moody's noted the wide differences in finan-

cial strength of Michigan hospitals, calling it one of the widest in the nation.

Five Michigan hospitals closed or consolidated since 1985, Potter said.

Uncompensated care is the biggest financial problem facing hospitals, according to the report. Figures weren't provided for individual hospitals, though some regional breakdowns were provided.

Unpaid bills at metro Detroit hospitals rose by 15-25 percent a year from 1985-88, the report said. While figures have leveled since then, southeastern Michigan hospitals provided \$223 million in uncompensated services in 1989, the last year for which figures were available.

While most of that is linked to indigent care, hospital council chairman Ralph LaGro said seniors and many working people also have trouble paying their bills.

"You have to take into account people who have no insurance and

elderly people without 'Medigap' (private, extended coverage for Medicare recipients)," he said.

A recent federal General Accounting Office survey indicated Michigan had the fewest number of uninsured people among any of the 15 largest states. The survey, however, indicated an estimated 646,000 Michigan residents lacked health insurance.

SOME HOSPITALS are "swallowing their equity," LaGro said, to offset losses. Except the rising number of Michigan residents without health insurance, LaGro acknowledged hospitals may be to blame for some of their own problems.

"I'm not here to say every hospital is as well run as it should be," he said.

Not all the news is bad, officials said.

The good news is that area hospi-

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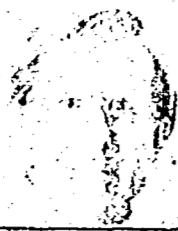
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Look for the waxing (growing) crescent moon in the west on the evening of the 15th. The bright "star" 11 degrees above and to the south (left) of the moon is Venus. On the following night, the moon is six degrees above and to the west (right) of Venus. On the 17th the moon is 14 degrees directly above Venus.

Regulus (the star that was visible



skywatch

**Raymond E. Bullock**

in the west before sunrise in early February) is at opposition on the 18th. It is opposite the sun as seen from the earth, will rise in the east northeast as the sun sets in the west southwest, be visible all night, and set as the sun rises in the morning.

Mars, Aldebaran, and the Pleiades form a large triangle, high in the south, on the evening of the 19th. Mars is eight degrees above Aldebaran. Watch as the moon joins this group in two days.

First Quarter moon is at 5:58 p.m. on Feb. 21. It has completed the first quarter of its orbit around the earth. The moon will be located between Mars and the Pleiades later in the evening. By the 22nd the moon has moved past Mars.

**WATCH THE MOON** move through the constellations of Gemini, Cancer, and Leo starting on the 24th. The moon forms a triangle with the stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation of Gemini. Castor is the star above Pollux. Each star repre-

sents a "head" of one of the twins. On the 25th the moon is in Cancer, about three degrees above and to the right of Jupiter. (Good luck seeing the Beehive with the bright moon so close!) On the evening of the 26th the moon moves from Cancer into Leo. The moon is three degrees below and to the right of Regulus (the lion's "heart") on the 27th.

Full Moon is at 1:25 p.m. on Feb. 28. The moon, still in Leo, is opposite the sun. It will rise in the east and be visible all night. Note Regulus, due east, 14 degrees above the moon.

An excellent aid for learning constellations and keeping up to date with the sky is the monthly "Sky Calendar." A one year subscription is \$6, and is available from Abrams Planetarium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, 48824.

*Raymond Bullock is former coordinator of the planetarium and observatory at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. He now works for a Troy firm which specializes in laser displays and effects.*



## Heintz named

Wayne County Commission Vice Chairwoman Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, has been appointed to a four-year term on the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners. Heintz will provide suburban representation on the water board. Heintz' county commission district includes Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

## Report says hospitals are struggling financially

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tals have kept emergency rooms open, officials said, avoiding the kind of emergency care crisis that has erupted in Chicago and Miami.

While Michigan residents appear highly susceptible to many diseases, AIDS isn't the problem here it is in other large metropolitan areas.

Drug abuse, however, remains a major problem, with the Detroit area exceeding New York, Chicago and Philadelphia in emergency room visits related to cocaine or heroin abuse.

The problem is not limited to the city.

Potter said he heard a report 30 percent of applicants for one group of entry level jobs posted at a suburban supermarket failed drug screening tests.

In other news, the current recession might not be felt by the hospital industry for several years, La Gro said.

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# Opinion

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## Tax timing Conflicting arguments prevail

**T**HERE ARE always good times and bad times to seek a school millage increase from voters.

The Wayne-Westland school district has had mixed results in the past four years in the timing of successful and unsuccessful tax issues and the factors in the campaigns.

In some cases, millages or bond proposals are approved in the first few months of a new year when people are busy filing their federal and state tax returns. Normally, that would be considered a bad time to ask for a tax increase, based on the assumption that many voters have had to send in a check and may not be in a mood to approve higher taxes.

There have been political axioms that public officials should never seek a tax increase during a recession or a period when car sales are down.

But local voters have rejected by overwhelming margins separate police-fire and library tax proposals in good times when the Dow Jones Index was soaring, car sales were booming and local residents were enjoying plenty of overtime pay.

There also is no correlation between successful tax campaigns and the date of the week the elections are held.

**SOME PROPOSALS** on a midweek election ballot were approved while others were rejected.

Other school districts conclude that Saturday election dates are usually successful. But others found that there is no pattern to the success or failure rate of the weekend votes.

A new wrinkle to the coming Wayne-Westland school district millage increase election is the impact that the just-ratified salary raises for local teachers may have on the tax campaign.

On paper, the teachers' union will receive a near-10 percent pay raise over two years, which turns out to be a 11.9 percent hike when you fig-

*There doesn't seem to be any pattern on when school millage elections are held and whether they are approved or rejected.*

ure in compounding.

Is a pay raise of 5 or 6 percent, depending on how you view the raises, too much for local residents during a recession?

We don't think so.

Mindful of the recall of four school board members eight years ago over what some felt were excessive pay raises, we should point out a few things for those with short memories.

**THE ANNUAL** increase in the rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, is just over 6.1 percent, according to the U.S. government.

So a pay raise of 5 or 6 percent certainly isn't outrageous.

While an unemployed resident may find it hard to understand why he/she must pay higher taxes to finance pay raises for public employees, we should note that most of the community's workers are employed.

Besides, we heard the same comment from homeowners during a booming economy that public employees shouldn't expect the same pay hikes as those in the private sector.

Voters aren't required to be logical or consistent when they cast their votes on the March 13 millage proposal. But we're obligated to point out the inconsistencies which traditionally surface during a campaign.

## Not real School choice offers no hope

**S**CHOOLS OF CHOICE could improve public education — if the concept was based somewhere in reality.

But it's not and taxpayers should be wary of politicians bearing the gift which they claim schools of choice to be.

Unfortunately, too many schools of choice supporters believe that the strength of the concept is based on the competitive model.

Erasing public school attendance boundaries, they say, will allow parents to choose "good" schools for their youngsters, while forcing "bad" ones to make changes.

While that sounds good on its face, the reality is that the so-called "bad" schools have no way to make a comeback, no way to raise the funds necessary to operate in a classical American competitive marketplace.

"Bad" schools would simply fail and the "good" schools would soon be overcrowded, overburdened and simply not as good.

Reality also dictates that the temptation for some high school coaches would be just too much to resist. Recruiting students for their athletic prowess could become an epidemic which would be difficult to eradicate.

**PRACTICE ALSO** suggests that parents will make choices on factors other than quality, putting perfectly fine facilities at risk of being withdrawn from the educational loop.

## Fresh look Legislators must earn raises

**W**E'RE GLAD Michigan's legislators listened to the people who put them in Lansing and overwhelmingly rejected their proposed pay raises.

That's one less conflict to interest the public at a time when the state's budget seemingly is in an irreversible tailspin.

When the raises first were proposed, we suggested here that members of the state Senate and House can have them, provided they earn them — performance equals percentage increase. Legislators now have a year before their merit reviews.

Unlike others, who have poured over the remnants of Jim Blanchard's administration looking for clues on how to proceed, we think it's better to go into this with a fresh approach. Engler is in his overall mandate is lower property taxes without further sully an already pathetic problem throughout the state's school districts.

**SPECIFICALLY, ENGLER'S CURRENT**

*The reality is that the so-called 'bad' schools have no way to make a comeback, no way to raise the funds necessary to operate in a classical American competitive marketplace.*

A preliminary study from Minnesota — a leader among schools of choice states — indicates choice is based more on convenience than academics. The study indicated many parents based their choice more on nearness to their workplace — or babysitter — than on school programs.

Nonetheless, there's nothing sacred about attendance boundaries. There's also no reason why area school districts can't work together — as well as with nearby colleges and universities — to offer challenging new educational programs.

Already, Oakland County is drafting plans for a regional high school for math and science.

While that approach holds some promise, it could only benefit a few students.

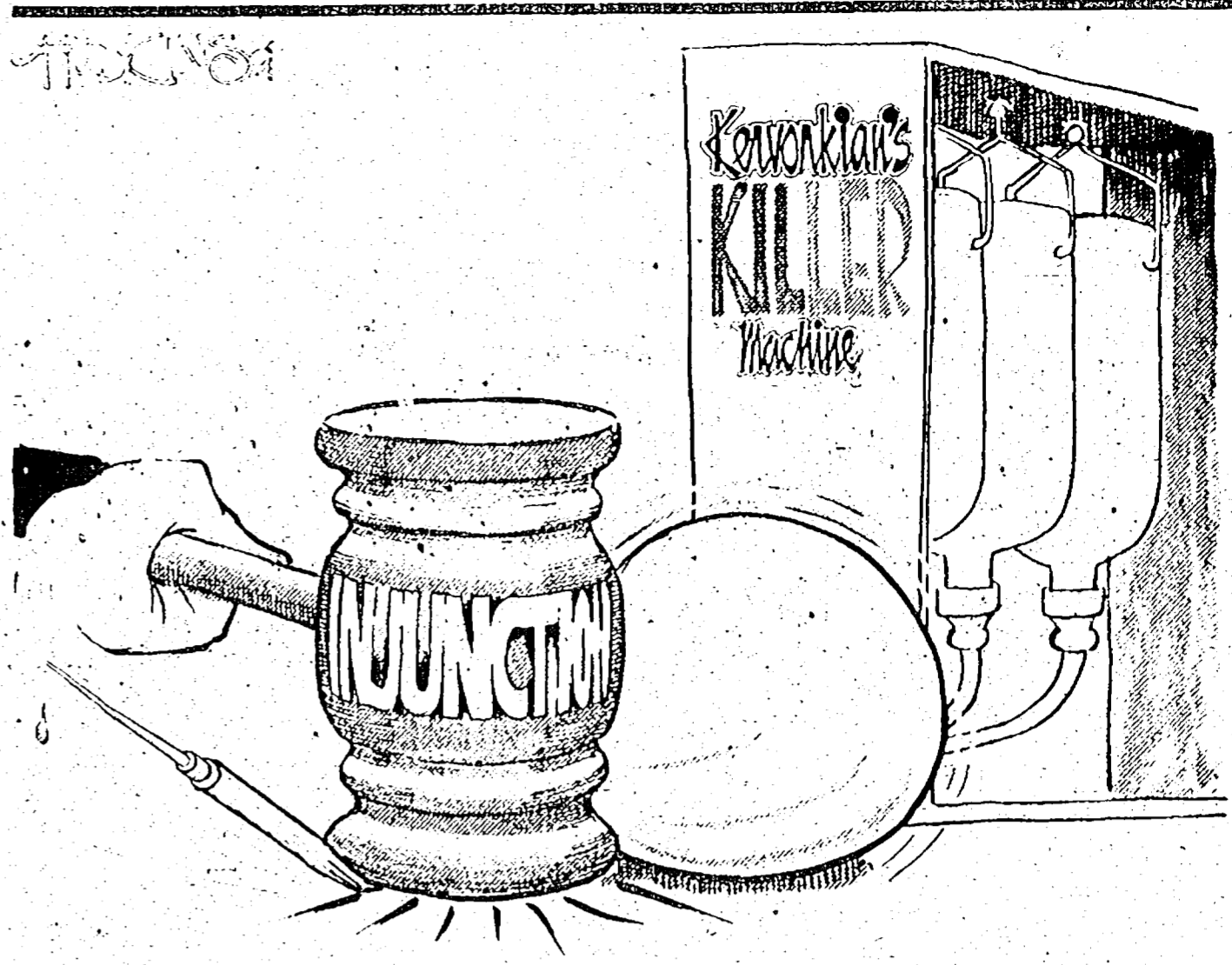
Instead of creating new schools, we'd much prefer programs that make better use of resources already at hand.

proposals gut the state's welfare system with a planned 17 percent decrease, beginning Feb. 23. Day care licensing also is within Engler's rifle scope, which would adversely affect almost a quarter million children.

And how many prisons are enough? Who will staff them? Is the National Guard really going to pace the catwalks in the place of out-of-work prison guards?

If Engler is really serious about saving, let him closely examine the millions wasted on a bloated state police bureaucracy and a National Guard system which is simply a waste of money.

These are not easy problems, nor is this list all-inclusive. But doing a good job fixing any of the above would give legislators something to point to next time raises roll around. Perhaps if concrete fixes are made, and legislators propose raises more closely aligned with the cost of living instead of wishful thinking, they'll earn an increase.



## Educators must think of all our kids' needs

**WITHIN THE LAST** two weeks, we have witnessed defeated attempts to hike school taxes in two of our communities which traditionally support their schools' requests for money.

West Bloomfield schools lost in an unusual tie vote. (A recount showed malfunctioning of voting machines in two precincts, so those voters are being repolled.) Two proposals by Farmington schools lost resoundingly.

Both saw organized opposition spring from unlikely sources as they attempted to make up revenues lost when the state reallocated funds to needier districts.

— Within the West Bloomfield area, the Orchard Lake City Council went on record against the proposed tax increase. In the Farmingtons, Richard Headlee, whose insurance company is one of Farmington Hills' largest taxpayers, waged an all-out campaign against both tax hikes.

It is unfortunate to see one political body come out against another. It is also unfortunate to see one wealthy businessman have more clout than one vote in an election.

**BUT IT IS** also true that to some degree, educators who preside over wealthy schools have defeat coming. Their view of education extends only to the borders of their district. In a field that should be rampant with

ideas, they confine their vision.

Now that they too are hurting, perhaps they will see that many children in this state have never had the programs they say they are forced to cut.

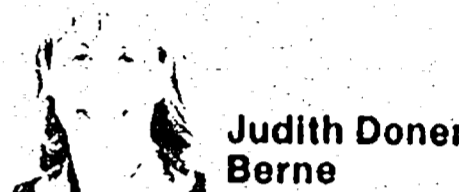
Those school districts with the biggest problems — children from dysfunctional or poverty-ridden homes — need more money per student than districts with a higher percentage of stable, comfortable families.

But what exists is just the opposite.

What happens if the college-bound student at Livonia Stevenson High School doesn't get that computer class? Well, guess what, he takes it in college. What happens when that non-college student at Redford Union (which by the way just passed a millage renewal) doesn't get the computer class he needs? He may just miss out on a way to earn a living.

But these days, schools aren't only in the business of teaching. With the breakdown of the family, they are also into counseling — for substance abuse, parental neglect, teen pregnancy. Probably all school counselors have a heavy load these days. But poorer districts, which may have a higher percentage of problems, have fewer human resources too.

**THE CRY** of the wealthier districts has been — raise the level of



**Judith Doner Berne**

state aid for the poorer districts, just don't take away from us. That just doesn't make it any more.

What we need is a united effort of unselfish educators and school boards to apply their very creative minds to the issue.

It is not only a question of dollars, but it is also a question of new approaches.

One example of a creative solution is the proposal for an Oakland County high school for math and science. It would draw students from districts across the county — a La Cass Tech in Detroit or Bronx Science in New York.

But Bloomfield Hills Superintendent W. Robert Docking, whose opinion I normally respect, said: "I don't think it will offer things our kids can't get now."

"Our kids." It's time to consider all of our kids.

*Judith Doner Berne is assistant managing editor for the Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.*

### from our readers

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### Critic gets criticism

To the editor:

Recent published comments of Mr. David Moranty border on "maniacal." I really think it discredited the Wayne-Westland School District (which is probably what he is trying to do) and also appears revolting when he compares the "Wayne-Westland school scene" with (Sad-dam) Hussein. How low are these people (and this committee) going to go to continually malign the Wayne-Westland School District and school board?

This committee is always bringing up objectionable comments like the Mr. Moranty's quote, "a school district which lies and cheats its own state fraudulently out of state aid." We all know that it was only three individuals that were charged, not the whole district, but I see this is brought up every time by this committee.

Some of Moranty's remarks almost border on slander, and the community is getting "sick and tired" of it. I am "sick and tired" of your committee.

It also doesn't say too much for the city of Westland, who elected a mayor who has not even supported one millage election.

There will be a millage election on March 13, and the Save Our Schools Committee is going to work even harder this time to get it passed. So, watch out, Mr. Moranty. You may have to eat some crow.

Marsha Stenko,  
Wayne

### School board is criticized

To the editor:

Let's assume a financially troubled school district plans to have a special millage election to raise additional revenues. The mayor of that district states in a formal speech: "I will vote for, and support, any millage increase proposal that our school board requests."

Do you believe for a moment the members of the school board would be "outraged" and describe the mayor as "ignorant," "unconscionable," or "irresponsible?"

Is Mayor Robert Thomas being criticized for taking a stand on a future tax issue or for the stand he took? He has as much right to disagree with the leaders of the Wayne-Westland district as did previous mayors to agree.

Let me point out that in previous years our school district was financially sound, offered a quality education and adequate extra curricular programs. To be honest, a mayor would have trouble disagreeing with that. Mayor Thomas, however, is faced with a district that has been lead to the brink of financial disaster. The few fine arts programs that were not eliminated have declined in quality and our extra curricular activities are "pay to play."

Is there anyone in this entire district that is satisfied with the education this school board is offering to our children? Can we feel confident our educational dollars have been managed responsibly? Can we believe a millage increase will restore

our programs rather than pay for wage increases? (Is it just a coincidence that the new wage increases will not go into effect until after the election?) Has our school board again agreed to a contract knowing they do not have the funds to pay for it? Are we really as gullible as they think we are?

Mayor Thomas took a good, hard look at our educational system and stated what he felt. He refuses to wear the "rose colored glasses" that our board would like us all to wear. The defeat of the recent millage proposals suggests the voters have too.

Phyllis Runton,  
Westland

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# Engler grabs hold of bureaucracy

NANCY MARSHALL sank into a chair and sighed, "It's great to have weekends again."

She does appropriations subcommittee work for state Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, but he loaned her services to Gov. John Engler during the transition from the outgoing Blanchard administration.

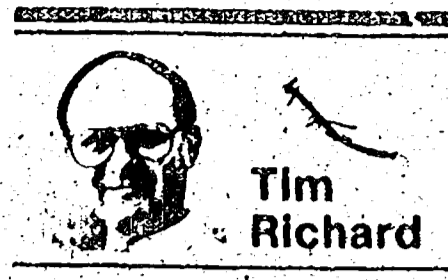
"We put in 15-hour days, seven days a week," Marshall says of the transition.

Anne Mervenne, a former aide to state Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, now works for Engler and provided the numbers: Engler had 1,000 jobs to fill, several hundred of them posts that James Blanchard didn't fill in his final year in office.

USUALLY IT takes a couple of years to get hold of the bureaucracy because seats on boards have staggered terms.

Engler has been able to put his stamp on state government more in a month than most governors can do in a couple of years.

One reason is that Blanchard was typically slow to fill vacancies. And in 1990 Blanchard let a lot of the



Tim Richard

work slide because Engler, in control of the Senate, would have been able to make political mincemeat at will. Blanchard wanted to wait until he was re-elected to a third term to make the appointments.

"I'm grateful for the opportunities he left for me," Engler said, chuckling in an understatement. "In the future, all boards will be named on a timely basis."

BLANCHARD'S AGRICULTURE director bailed out when Engler nearly replaced that body. The new commission picked former congressman Bill Schuette, the 1990 U.S. Senate candidate. Ditto at Natural Resources.

Engler made four new appointments of six seats on the Transporta-

tion Commission. The governor, rather than the panel, appoints the department director, but it would have made no difference. Engler's choice, Patrick Nowak, is in.

That was why the Marshalls, the Mervennes and Engler's inner circle were working 100-hour weeks.

ENGLER HIMSELF personally knows more Michiganders than any human being I've met.

The former farm boy, despite some middle-aged pudginess, has a nearly inexhaustible supply of energy. He was the only prominent Republican to show up at Bill Lucas' 1983 inaugural as Wayne County executive, he spent part of a holiday in Mother Waddles' soup kitchen, he would call Democratic Wayne County officials from his car phone and inquire about their problems.

After consulting hundreds of GOP leaders, Engler virtually dictated the 1990 ticket, and did it so skillfully that there wasn't a mutter of protest at the state convention.

So filling 1,000 jobs in two months became do-able.

ENGLER DEPARTED from three decades of practice in appointing regional university boards. Governors try to pick alumni of the university. I asked him why.

"I suppose I was conscious of it by not being conscious of it," Engler replied. "I chose to go for the best talent available. I thought the condition of many university boards was such that there be prompt appointments of superbly qualified individuals. Many are people I've known or been aware of over the years."

So Engler tapped University of Detroit graduate L. Brooks Patterson for the Oakland University board; IBM vice president Robin Sternbergh of Bloomfield Hills, a graduate of Pomona College and the Harvard business school, for the Eastern Michigan board; developer Bob DeMattia of Northville, another U-D alum, for Eastern; and so on.

Whether you care for his budget priorities or not, this guy Engler is a workhorse.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional news.

# Be mine for V Day, but safely!

IF LOVE MEANS never having to say you're sorry, then this could be the safest Valentine's Day on record.

It could be, that is, if what seems to be the latest trend catches on. Then again, maybe it will just be one of the strangest ones. Who knows?

In the first place, February is National Heart Month (that has nothing to do with the hearts and flowers — and candy — usually associated with Feb. 14). So if you really care for your lover, you won't give her (or him) chocolates. Bad for the cholesterol level, which is bad for the heart.

That information comes from a news release sent out by the Shaklee Corporation, the vitamin people, who are pushing something called Heart Plan, a fruit-flavored drink that the company claims contains five grams of soluble fiber per serving, the same amount you'd get by eating six apples or 3½ bowls of oatmeal.

If you're concerned about your valentine's health, forget the chocolates. Give her a glass of fruit-flavored fiber.

AND WHILE we're on the subject of press releases, the folks at Fanny Farmer sent one out reminding us that chocolate is still the gift of choice on V day and that that company gets started in the middle of November to produce more than 100 tons of chocolates (which contain 70,000 pounds of sugar and 25,000 pounds of nut meats) to meet the demand.

Speaking of sweets, the chairman of the American Sugar Alliance joined the press-release corps to say that Valentine's Day is a fitting time to give thanks to the farmers who produce all that sugar.

She points out that, thanks to the sugar-producers who generate a total of \$18.5 billion in wages and revenues annually, the average American pays less for a pound of sugar than does his counterpart in 14 other leading world capitals. And that, according to the release, is "the Valentine gift our farmers give us."

That message is a bit saccharin for my taste.

I'm more intrigued with the activities of some people who are trying



Jack Gladden

to keep this holiday for lovers safe in another way.

"Down in New Orleans they were passing out the traditional purple, green and gold Mardi Gras beads with a little something extra attached — a condom.

"People laugh when you give them beads with a condom on them," one of the distributors said. "But at some point you have to take those beads off and when you do, you have a condom right there if you need it."

NEW ORLEANSIANS aren't the only ones pushing this kind of safety. A Bloomfield Hills company is distributing something called "Safe Sox" — a pair of socks in your choice of colors — white, black or white with pink trim — with a brightly colored latex condom stuffed into a Velcro-locked pocket in each sock. They go on sale today through the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project.

And another group is marketing earrings that look like those little chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil. Only instead of chocolate, each foil-wrapped earring contains a condom — always there if you need it.

And down in Springfield, Ohio, the West Central Ohio chapter of Planned Parenthood is selling combination packages of heart-shaped chocolates and foil-wrapped condoms in a campaign to link Valentine's Day with National Condom Week, which began Sunday.

I have to admit, with the critical and still unsolved problem of AIDS all around us, I think it's a pretty good idea.

Still, imagine the feeling if, in a dimly lit room with Montovani playing on the stereo, that special someone opens the gift you've just offered, reaches in for a cherry cordial and comes up with . . . you get the idea.

Feb. 14, 1991. Valentine's Day in America. Be safe.

# Engler sold out mentally ill people

By Dolores Howell  
guest columnist

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan-Oakland County, who hosted Gov. John Engler during his campaign, and provided him a forum to express his policy on mental health, now has second thoughts.

In August 1990, then Senator Engler spoke about the "troubled mental health system." He was critical of the Department of Mental Health for "treating ordinary stresses, anxiety, marital difficulties, and the worried well, instead of focusing on the primary job of treating the seriously mentally ill." He was also concerned that there is no rational formula for distributing funds to the counties, which are simply based on what they got the previous year and not on their actual needs.

We distributed his speech to our state membership of several thousand, simply because we felt he was sensitive to the plight of the mentally ill.

NOW WE ARE confronted with budget cuts out of the Department of Mental Health, which appear to be a

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meat axe approach and renege on the governor's earlier promise, that mental health services are of the highest priority. We feel the 9.2 percent cuts of \$534 million, already voted on, plus the Executive Order of \$450 million, due to the recession, then the \$300 million, resulting from the 20 percent property tax cuts promised in the campaign will cripple the department. To close four children's facilities, and two mental hospitals, including Lafayette Clinic, the only research facility in Michigan, is unconscionable.

There are not enough programs or housing in the communities in exis-

tence to place the seriously mentally ill, who according to the mental health code, are a priority. This policy is especially true of Oakland County, where our Community Mental Health Board has not accepted the responsibility of providing these services.

The cuts in social services, such as General Assistance (which will be eliminated), will be devastating for the thousands of those who suffer mental illness and are disabled. Even for those who might be able to hold part-time jobs, there is no transportation to job sites. We need job programs!

THIS APPROACH will result in more of the same fiasco as when patients discharged from psychiatric hospitals found themselves homeless and without services.

We urge the Legislators and administration to place a moratorium on budget cuts until a rational plan and formula for reallocation and redistribution of mental health funds can be worked out. On that premise, we oppose the budget cuts.

In 1988, our Alliance chapter filed a class action lawsuit because of our frustration with the Oakland County Community Mental Health Board, the Department of Mental Health, and Clinton Valley Center. The reason for that lawsuit still exists and will now be exacerbated.

Dolores Howell is president of the Oakland County chapter of the Alliance for Mentally Ill.

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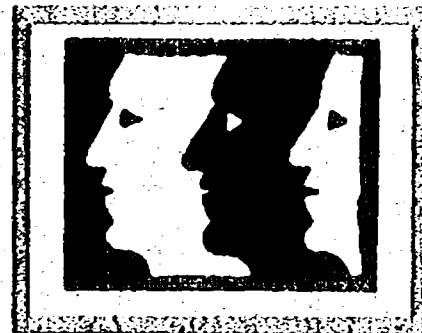
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## A change of habit

### Marketing God's work in the '90s

By Sue Mason  
staff writer

You won't find a help wanted sign on the front lawn. Nor will you find a blurb in the classified section of the newspaper.

You might find a Madison Avenue style ad stuffed in an occasional church bulletin. But don't take the lack of promotion to mean that help isn't needed. When it comes to religious communities in the Archdiocese of Detroit, new members are always needed.

There are 2,202 sisters and 107 religious brothers in the archdiocese and according to Sister Barbara Seleski, the archdiocese's Delegate for the Religious, "We could use as many as they could send us; there's certainly enough work to accommodate them."

"The general reality is that each congregation would love to have many more recruits goes without saying," she added.

Fifty-five religious communities have members ministering in the Detroit archdiocese. But working here and recruiting members here are two different things. The archdiocese for the most part focuses on recruiting young men for the priesthood. Bolstering the ranks of sisters is left up to the individual religious communities.

According to the Rev. Larry DeLonney of the archdiocese's vocations office, only recently have collaborative efforts been launched to recruit both men and women for religious life through the Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations Association.

**DAVA IS MADE** up of representatives in charge of recruitment for the various religious communities. Its work has focused on talks in schools, support groups and vocational retreats for men and women like the one held earlier this month at the St. Mary Conference/Retreat Center in Monroe.

At one time, young men and women were joining religious communities in large numbers. Today, a large number may be a single digit.

For the Sisters of Mercy, based in Farmington Hills, the 36-year-old woman who became a candidate for religious life in 1990 represented a 100 percent increase over 1989. The Felician Sisters of Livonia have fared somewhat better; two women became candidates in their community.

What the communities are finding is that women entering religious life are entering at an older age. Few, if any candidates are in their teens, some are in the 20s and 30s. Some decide to join a religious community after having a career. Some are widowed and after raising a family, have decided to become a sister.

Sister Arlene Bennett entered the Mercy community in 1945 at the age of 17. At the time, it wasn't uncommon for 30-35 year women a year to enter a religious community.

**SHE REMEMBERS** the province's "heyday" when there were 800 members. But those numbers dropped with the "exodus" following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. Today, the community has about 360 members in 14 states and four foreign countries.

She describes herself as a member of the "bridge generation," sisters who entered the community under the centuries-old traditions and watched changes that mirrored the upheaval of 1960s society.

"One of our great joys was that we could do everything for ourselves, and now because we have to, there are more lay (non-religious) people involved," she said. "Now, sharing our ministry with the lay people is one of our delights."

Religious life was — and is — an alternative lifestyle. Before the feminism movement of the '60s, options for women were few. After high school, the choices for the most part were getting married, teaching school or being a nurse. Religious life offered more.

"In the convent, there was a corporate ladder; our sisters were CEOs of corporations although they didn't enter to be a CEO," said Sister Maria Klosowski, the order's vocations director. "The girls who were 17-18 joined mostly out of idealism, and when you were devoted to service to the church that's how you did it."

**WITH FEWER** young women making such a choice, the Sisters of Mercy are looking at different ways to keep their community viable into the 21st century. The first is their Mercy Image Project, four printed and seven radio advertisements designed to provide a contemporary image of the religious community.

The campaign seems to be working. The young woman who became a religious candidate in 1990 did so after seeing the ad as an insert in her church bulletin, Sister Klosowski said.

The community is also looking at shorter commitments. When taking their final vows, the sisters make a lifelong commitment. What the community is looking at is service for a number of years rather than an entire lifetime.

"Today, it is difficult for people to make a permanent commitment," said Sister Klosowski. "What we have to look at is that maybe people will be called to our way of life for a number of years."

"They are coming from a culture that is very individualistic and materialistic, so asking them to make a permanent commitment and share everything with the community is asking for a big commitment."

**ANOTHER WAY** of bolstering its ranks is the Mercy Corps, the religious community's answer to the Peace Corps. Lay men and women — married, single or divorced — are associated with the religious community

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Sister Anita Marie swapped a career as a reading teacher to become a member of the Felician Sisters of Livonia. After four years as a perpetual professed nun, she is now working with candidates for the community at the provincial house in Livonia.

### She trades teaching for more spiritual life

By Sue Mason  
staff writer

She is quick to smile and quick to laugh, possibly an outward sign of nervousness at being interviewed.

"I'm not certain why they picked me," she says leading the way through a set of double wooden doors. As an aside, she adds, "You know this is a treat. Usually, you're not allowed on this floor."

Squares of light, marking doorways, break across the general darkness of the long hallway. In a small visiting room, she asks her guests to have a seat.

Sister Anita Marie disappears out the door and down the hallway, off to get her two novitiates ready for a photograph.

At 42, she is the director of novitiates for the Felician Sisters of Livonia. By age, she falls somewhere in between her two charges. Sister Bernadette Marie, 28, is a first-year novitiate. Sister Mary Angela, 47, is a second-year novitiate.

"Did she tell you she's the only second-year novitiate in North America?" Sister Anita Marie asks.

The novices have begun their studies — that can last up to nine years — to become members of the religious community. It is Sister Anita Marie's job to help them "get in touch with the Felician way of life."

She remembers her novitiate years. They turned out, she said, to be "a beautiful two years." She recalls them like they were yesterday which is understandable. Sister Anita Marie has been a perpetual professed member of the community for only four years.

**SHE ADMITS** the idea of being a nun was with her even as a child. Sister Anita Marie is like many young women who are answering "God's call." She made the decision to enter religious life after sampling secular life.

"Mine (calling) was a nagging feeling that had to be fulfilled or I wouldn't be at peace," she said. "You know, it's there until you say 'OK, Lord.'"

Sister Anita Marie wanted to "do something that would have an impact on the world." Her first choice was social work, but she decided she could have the most profound effect as a teacher, a reading teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

She loved the work, but after three years with the district, she decided she needed a change for her physical health and transferred to the Flint schools. Away from home for the first time, she had time to delve into her spiritual side, to look at what she really wanted to do with her life.

That's when she realized there was something to the childhood dream. After 4½ years with the Flint schools and at the age of 28, she decided to look into becoming a nun.

"For me, I needed time to grow to find out who I really was and what I really wanted," she said. "I'm grateful for that time because it made me stronger and more sure of what I wanted."

**SHE TOOK** two years to "discern" her vocation.

A product of public education, her contact with nuns came through religious education classes at St. Genevieve Church. Her teachers were the Felician Sisters and she liked them.

That, coupled with her pastor's recommendation, led her to the Felician Sisters. She spent time with the sisters, attending live-ins and similar programs. She took into consideration that unlike some religious communities, the Felician Sisters still wear a habit.

"I think that that's an outward sign of God's presence," she said of the habit. "Hopefully, that's what it brings to people when they see a sister."

At the age of 30, she took the plunge, becoming a postulant with the Felician community.

"I like their prayer life and the community life," she said. "I read about the foundress and liked her spirit. It really sparked me. I was attracted to what she had begun."

Sister Anita Marie admits she was "a little afraid" to take her initial vows as a novice because of what it would entail. Those two years of looking at herself and seeing if religious life was what she wanted were "beautiful."

**SHE HASN'T** looked back since.

"I have no regrets," she said. "It's not all that easy, but I know this is what God has for me. I feel quite sure of it inwardly."

"I feel challenged and feel the future will call me to even more challenges and more growth. And the community affords me the opportunity for these challenges and growth."

Two years after taking her final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Sister Anita Marie was approached by the community's religious leaders about working with the novitiate program. They felt she could relate well to the newer sisters because of her background — entering the community later in life.

The young sisters' daily routine includes morning prayers, devotions, Mass, classes,

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## Religious work replaces nagging feeling

By Sue Mason  
staff writer

In a materialistic society, it's hard to understand how a person can chuck it all — a successful career, a nice home and furnishings — and take on a simpler life style. Many people would shake their heads in disbelief.

Mary Beth Sutton doesn't. She smiles and nods her head in an understanding way. Last year she did just that and three months into her new life style, she is happy, "very happy."

In October, at the age of 36, Sutton began a two-year candidacy, the initial step in becoming a Sister of Mercy. In the community's Detroit Province, she was the only woman to make such a decision in 1990 and the first one to do so since 1988.

Sutton was looking for something, something she didn't find in her successful insurance career, something she didn't find in a failed marriage or in her independent lifestyle. The only time the nagging feeling of nonfulfillment seemed to disappear was when she did volunteer work.

"For today, this is where I want to be, and it's an excellent choice for me," she said. "I'm doing this one day at a time, and I believe today that this is how I want to finish out my life."

Sutton's quest for a simpler lifestyle began in 1983, when she acknowledged the fact that she was an alcoholic and began the long road back to long-term sobriety.

"**THROUGH ALCOHOLICS** Anonymous' 12 steps, I started to find a new spirituality or a new way of looking at myself different from my Catholic upbringing," she said. "I looked at my addiction and asked why I was able to begin a successful attempt to recover when in my addiction I didn't think so. I began to think there was a higher power."

Sutton's new found spirituality led her to want something more out of life. With 12 years of success in the insurance business, she decided that "more" meant having her own agency in Florida. But she found that what made her happiest was with her parish youth group, even though she pooh-poohed the idea when first approached about it.

"I found I really enjoyed working with the group," she said. "I found that I could get up and go to work and that was OK, but that wasn't when I was the happiest."

By 1987, Sutton was seriously thinking about service to others. She began a process of getting her life in order

and thinking about religious life as the vehicle to fulfilling her need.

She sold her agency and returned to Michigan. She rejoined the insurance company she had worked for before moving to Florida and even bought a home in Farmington Hills.

"**I THOUGHT** that if I bought this house and maybe remodeled it, that it would be enough," she said. "I eventually decided the house was OK and fun, but it wasn't enough."

"I needed more. I was the kind of person who needed a challenge. I was a young person who was able to achieve a lot as a young person, but it wasn't enough for me."

Having "hedged" long enough, Sutton decided to take a look at religious life, figuring she could get dispel the notion and get on with life. Call it fate, call it karma, that Sunday she found an advertisement for the Sisters of Mercy tucked in the church bulletin.

Sutton met with Sister Maria Klosowski, the vocational director for the Detroit Province, and started a yearlong process of discerning if she had a vocation. She went to dinner with the sisters, went to meetings with them and the more contact she had with them the more she was attracted to the community.

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Donations are always welcome at the GOTS homeless shelter at 28 Peterborough, Detroit, where Mary Beth Sutton, a candidate of the

Sisters of Mercy, counsels Charles Crawford, 43, a former drug addict and a long-term shelter resident.

# Writer has rather a modest perception of herself

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You have a caring nature and can feel empathy for others. You are also quite tactful, even charming in

your interactions. This fact may have you saying what you think others wish to hear.

Still your approach to other people appears to vary. At times, you make a conscious effort to act friendlier than you may inwardly feel. But this approach can not always be maintained. Then a more reserved approach is taken. This may have a way of confusing your friends, leaving them wondering where they

stand with you or what they have done to bring on the change.

In the area of work, you are not one to jump right into a job or task. Seemingly, you require warm-up time to think and/or talk yourself into actually becoming involved in what you know must be done.

Currently, your interests appear to be somewhat limited. However, music and art are areas which hold appeal and possibly talent for you, A.E.

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### WESTSIDE SINGLE

Westside Singles will have a Valentine dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Roma's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster. Admission is \$5. Women will receive a rose at the door. For information, call 562-3160.

### TRI COUNTY

Tri-County Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Airport Hilton Inn, I-94 and Merriman, Romulus. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for women). For information, call 842-7422.

### SATURDAY WESTSIDE

Saturday Night Singles Westside will have a Valentine dance with a live band 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Roma's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$4. For information, call 277-4242.

### SHRINE SINGLES

Shrine Singles will have a games night 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Shrine Activities Building, Woodward Avenue, south of 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak. For information, call 541-3219.

### TALK IT OVER

Single adults can attend Talk-It-Over, an evening of information and discussion, that takes place 7:45 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 22 and March 8 and 22, in the chapel of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, near Six Mile Road, Livonia. The Talk-It-Over meetings are sponsored by Ward Presbyterian Church. For information, call 422-1854.

### SINGLES STATION

Singles Station will have a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesdays at Character's Night Club, 32501 Van Dyke, between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads, Warren. Admission is \$3. For

information, call 680-7778 and 842-0443.

### SINGLES INSTITUTE

"Betty Byrd's Guide to Relationships for Singles/An Educational, Social and Travel Program for Singles" will be offered 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays, starting March 5 or 7. Fee is \$60 for six weeks. The class includes handbook, materials and an events calendar. For information, call 355-4843.

### BETHANY

Bethany, a group open to all faiths, will have a support group meeting for recently divorced, separated or widowed people. Meetings scheduled Sunday, Feb. 24, March 10 and 24, April 7 and 21. For information, call 471-2708 or 478-0533.

Bethany Plymouth-Canton will present the Rev. Dave Blake speaking on the topic, "Stages of Divorce," 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. Kenneth Church Hall, 14951 Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth. For information, call 422-9161, 455-1809 or 464-4023.

### CATHOLIC ALUMNI

Catholic Alumni Club, a group for practicing Catholics who have a bachelor's degree and who are free to marry in the Catholic Church, will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile. Frank Alongi, coach of the Wolverine Pacers Athletic Club, will be the guest speaker. For information, call 981-8197 or 644-1328.

### WEDNESDAY DANCE

Wednesday Suburban Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph and Eight Mile roads. Admission is \$3. For information, call 842-0443.

# Seminars to focus on women in '90s

The 1990s are here, presenting a whole new set of challenges for women. In recognition of Women's History Month, the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, the University of Michigan M-Care Health Centers in Northville and Plymouth and Health Care and Retirement Corp., will sponsor a five-part seminar, Resources for Women in the '90s.

The seminars will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 20 through March 20. The seminars will meet in Room LA 200 of Liberal Arts Building on Schoolcraft's Livonia campus, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. Participants can attend one or all of the seminars.

The seminars will address many of the issues that will challenge women in the '90s. The speakers will show participants how to access local resources in dealing with those issues.

Elizabeth Poage Baxter, coordinator of management development training and seminars at the University of Michigan, will kick off the series with "Repeating Patterns for Success." Baxter will offer techniques to help develop behavior patterns that will lead to success.

THE FEB. 27 session, "Day Care for the Sandwich Generation," will be presented by Susan Ganotte, director of day care services for Oakwood Hospital Corp., and Patricia Jamison, regional marketing manager for Health Care and Retirement Corp. They will discuss the aspects of combined adult/child day care, child care facilities and extended adult care in a nursing environment.

On March 6, Linda Campbell, divisional vice president for Lord and Taylor and general manager of its Twelve Oaks store, will present "Fashion, Flair and Flourish." She will look at trends and traditions for the spring and summer wardrobe and discuss how to maximize your wardrobe.

The March 13 session will focus on "Women's Health Issues." A panel of physicians from M-Care centers in Northville and Plymouth will discuss health issues and changes that take place when women age. Breakout groups will discuss birth control and pregnancy, osteoporosis and menopause and estrogen therapy.

Closing out the seminars will be "Relationship Addiction: Co-Dependency and Recovery" on March 20. The presenter will be Sandy Parker,

former director of the Birmingham Women's Resource Center who is in private practice as a therapist specializing in co-dependency and addiction.

THE SEMINAR will provide guidelines to explore various relationships and participants will learn how to make their relationships clear, healthy and functional

whether at home or at the office. Registration for the seminars must be completed one week prior to the sessions. The cost is \$45 for the series (\$29 for senior citizens) or \$12 (\$9 for senior citizens) for the individual sessions, plus a \$5 registration fee.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at 462-4443.



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# Love of antiques leads to the Elmwood Station

By Sue Mason  
staff writer

You won't hear a train whistle at Elmwood Station. Nor will you hear a conductor holler, "All aboard!"

Now, you will hear a lot of talk about things like Eastlake (the furniture, not a new resort), Willow (the china, not the tree) and Chippendale (the furniture, not the dancers).

Elmwood Station is the latest addition to the club circuit. The group is part of Questers, a women's international study organization meant to stimulate an interest in antiques and the preservation of historical landmarks.

"We came up with the name from reading 'Footpaths to Freeways,' the history of Livonia," said member Diane English. "It's basically the area where most of us are located."

THE CHAPTER got its start in May 1990 with the help of two members from the Sauk Trail chapter, also based in Livonia.

The chapter has 10 members and two associate members (the twosome from the Sauk Chapter), with room for about five more women.

Chapters are kept small, about 15 members, because club meetings are in private homes.

Members come from Northville, Redford, Livonia and Westland. At

present, Carol LaTorre is president of the fledgling chapter.

Guest speakers are usually members of other Quester chapters who discuss their interests, everything from antique hat pins, cast-iron toy banks and Willow ware. The group's first meeting was a tour of the Livonia Cemetery, on Farmington near Five Mile.

"WE HAVE A nice age range within the group, from the early 30s to the early 60s," said member Andrea Schuldt. "All of us are interested in antiques and preserving old buildings."

There's usually a business meeting along with the presentation at the monthly get-togethers, but English said at times it's hard to get the meetings going because of the all the talk about antiques.

"Someone will bring something they just bought and people will get to talking that it's like 'Let's hurry up with the business meeting so we talk about antiques,'" she said.

The chapter has attracted members by word of mouth.

It got its start at a party when several started talking about Questers. One thing led to another and they decided to "try it on our own," Schuldt said.

THE ELMWOOD STATION chap-

ter was formed and received its charter in May.

Through dues and raffles within the club, members raise money for preservation projects. Each chapter has its own project.

The Sauk Trail chapter works with Greenbelt, while the Elmwood Station chapter is still in the process of selecting a project.

"We've talked about our pet project being the Clarenceville Cemetery," Schuldt said. "We'd handle the upkeep and do rubbings of the headstones in case there's damage to the stones."

THE QUESTERS was founded in 1944 by Jessie Elizabeth Bardens of Fort Washington, Penn. Bardens viewed antiques as "a part of human history, a tangible record of the things of everyday living."

By 1950, there were six chapters in Pennsylvania and interest expressed in forming more.

Today, there are 900 active chapters throughout the United States and Canada and some 15,000 members.

THE CHAPTERS select names that reflect either local history or a regional geographic name.

Elmwood Station was one of three stops of the Howell and Detroit Railroad in Livonia.

The station sat at the intersection of what is currently Middlebelt Road and the railroad tracks between Plymouth and Schoolcraft roads.

It provided a base around which a combination store/post office (in 1858) and a cheese factory were established. In 1869, Elm School was built south of the railroad tracks.

Women interested in the Elmwood Station chapter of The Questers can call Diane English at 421-4147 or Andrea Schuldt at 522-8117.



JIM JAGDFELO/staff photographer

Carol LaTorre (from left), president, and Andrea Schuldt, vice president, of the Elmwood Station Chapter of the Questers talk with guest Patricia Ervin about her collection of Blue Willow china. The pattern is more than 200 years old.

# Her decision is easy to live with

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spiritual reading and work in the laundry or at St. Christine's soup kitchen. They also work on projects like making quilts for infants afflicted with AIDS.

She helps them adjust to religious life. Each sister in her own way must adjust, giving up apartment, cars and other material things. For Sister Anita Marie, that time was more of "seeing if I would be able to do God's work in this congregation."

"I DON'T think I had trouble leaving," she said. "Part of me wanted to be more a part of the church than a lay person. This is a commitment,

a personal commitment to Jesus."

She is pleased with the work of the younger sisters. And smiles broadly when Sister Jose, a student from Brazil enters the room. Sister Jose, she explained, will be the novice director when she returns to that South American country. For now, she "adds a flavor, teaching us about Brazil."

Sister Anita Marie nods sadly when asked if anyone has left the novitiate program. One novice left six months after she became director of the program.

"I would like each one of them to stay, but you have to want what's best for them which is ultimately what's right for us."

# New lifestyle makes her 'very happy'

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"The more I went through, the more I was convinced that this was something I wanted to invest more energy in," she said. "I was struck by how well I was received, by the kind of sisters they were and by what they do with their ministries, working with the poor."

IN EARLY 1990, she applied to the religious community and was accepted as a candidate in April. She put her house up for sale, sold most of her furnishings and prepared for her new life. She entered the community in October.

"I didn't have to sell the house, but I wanted to live a simpler life and I figured if I kept the house, it would be real easy to go back," she said. "I decided the best way was to get rid of the real estate, all of the furniture and jump in with both feet."

Sutton also changed careers, landing a job as a counselor with the transitional services program at the COTS homeless shelter in Detroit, working with long-term residents.

Sutton and three other caseworkers work with 81 clients — 20 of whom are elderly, mentally impaired or physically impaired and the remainder substance abusers. She helps the clients access services, getting them in school or training, if they need it, and working with them to set goals so once they finish the program they won't ever be homeless again.

For Sutton, the rewards are many. And she has no regrets.

"I'VE PUT MY priorities in a different order," she said. "Now, it's nice to have a couch but it doesn't have to color coordinate with the carpet and drapes."

Sutton lives in a rented home on the westside of Detroit. The home is called a formation house set up for people new to the community. She shares it with a novice who has yet to take her vows and two professed sisters.

Sutton admits that if someone had told her she would be a candidate for religious life when she was a teenager, she would have scoffed at the idea. Yes, she says, the idea crossed her mind in the eighth grade, but

such a lifestyle wasn't an option for her then. Now, it is.

"I had to experience what I did along the way to get to this point," she said. "I think people are called to do different things at different times in their lives. Personally, I feel we are all called in one way or another

by God to do something and it's up to us to figure out what that something is."

"I really feel very fortunate to have made this decision. A call to religious life is more than an angel coming down and saying you've got the calling. It's more like a decision."

# Orders revamp recruitment

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"in prayer, community and service," Sister Klosowski said.

The sisters admit that change hasn't come easy to the community and that the lack of young candidates has forced it to look to new ways of recruiting members although they haven't left everything to chance. Prayer is still one of the tools utilized.

"You never want to change until you're forced to change," said Sister Klosowski. "If we were still getting 30-35 young women a year we wouldn't be thinking of people coming in with temporary commitments."

For the Felician Sisters of Livonia, recruiting new members is a three-pronged effort. The community has had a vocational director for five years. A combination of her work, that of the community as a whole and the individual members is devoted to finding new members.

"We adopted a vocational action plan and every sister is committed to her own plan," said Sister Mary Janice. "But the strongest component is prayer. We don't go out and hit the street looking for recruits like Uncle Sam."

THE FELICIAN Sisters have 3,026 members worldwide. Within the Livonia province, there are 334 members, including 11 members — ranging from postulants (candidates) to temporarily professed — who have yet to make their final vows.

The community also has one affiliate and five pre-affiliates, women in the process of discerning their vocation.

As the average age of members of the community has increased, so has the age of new candidates. Of the six temporarily professed sisters, only one came to the order directly from high school. The rest were in their 20s, 30s and 40s, Sister Janice said.

For the affiliates, the sisters stage prayer and discernment weekends throughout the year. Two are scheduled for March 16-17 and April 27-28. The weekends are especially helpful for women who don't know where to start in pursuing their religious vocation, according to Sister Mary De Sales, vocational director.

"When you speak about a vocation today, all of us receive a calling from God at the moment we're baptized," said Sister De Sales. "That calling can take different shapes and sizes."

Sister De Sales visits churches and schools and talks to youth groups. She also works with DAVA in getting the word out.

But for the Felician community the emphasis is on prayer — through prayer, the community will continue to flourish and grow. The sisters have formed a special group of lay men and women, the Angelus, who pray for vocations.

"The sisters begin with family members and people we're associated with," Sister De Sales said. "A vocation doesn't spring just from the self, it also comes from the community."

And while the aging of religious communities tends to mirror an aging society — Sister Bennett estimates the average age of a Mercy Sister at 60-65 years — the sisters are optimistic about the future of their religious orders.

"I believe religious life will continue, but it will look a lot different," said Sister Klosowski. "I think we need a remnant or pocket of people who have time to reflect and pray."

"I have mixed emotions in seeing us get older and seeing what we are about. But I see out future in God's hands."

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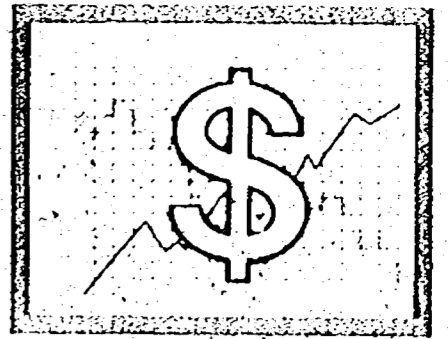




# Business

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ENTERTAINMENT INSIDE



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## Attention to customers, not flash or gimmicks, counts, sales whiz says

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Harold Shepherd knows Audis — or at least how to sell them.

Shepherd, who works at Bill Cook Imported Cars in Farmington Hills, moved more new Audis — 108 — last model year than any other salesman in the United States.

When you toss in the Volkswagens, Porsches and Lotus, his sales number jumped to 166. That averages to more than one sale every other workday in a highly competitive field.

"Sales people are driven by competition and ego," Shepherd said. "I feel good for my own personal accolades and good for the dealership."

Shepherd has worked in the auto retail business 28 years. He started out dusting bins in a parts department and variously has served as a parts manager, sales manager and general manager. He's found a niche the past seven years as a salesman at Cook.

"The only pressure I have I put on myself," Shepherd said. "When you're in management, no matter how things are going for you, pressure is always on you to get others to perform."

"I think peace of mind, and the fact I control my own destiny is most stimulating about sales. And the opportunity to meet people on a one-on-one basis and different people every day."

**REPEAT BUSINESS** and referrals are the bread and butter of new car sales, Shepherd said. He also volunteered that sales people, himself included, don't operate in a vacuum but are part of a team.

"Last year, 43 percent of my business was repeat customers," he said. "As much as I like to give myself credit, I think you have to give credit to the service and parts departments for that. You do what it takes to preserve the customer. There's a lot of dynamics to that."

Taking the time to do a good selling job with anyone who walks through the door is Shepherd's standard

method of operation.

"It's important for me to realize this isn't an everyday experience. I have to make it pleasant, informative, fulfilling without being dull or disinterested in his interest."

"I do 110 percent with people I talk to," Shepherd said. "The nature of the business is people tend to short-cut. I never do that. I never try to qualify if a guy is or isn't a buyer. I always keep selling."

"I give the customer as much information and time to buy the car as he will allow me to do. One of the biggest problems in this business is the customer doesn't give you enough time. He's in a hurry."

"The difference in sales people a lot of times is persuasive ability to slow the customer down and get the opportunity to make a proper presentation. When you can do that and are willing to do that, you can make a sale," he said.

Audi buyers tend to be upscale and inner-directed, Shepherd observed. They probably own a domestic model or recently owned one but have developed higher expectations about the entire car experience from performance to dealing with a dealership, he said.

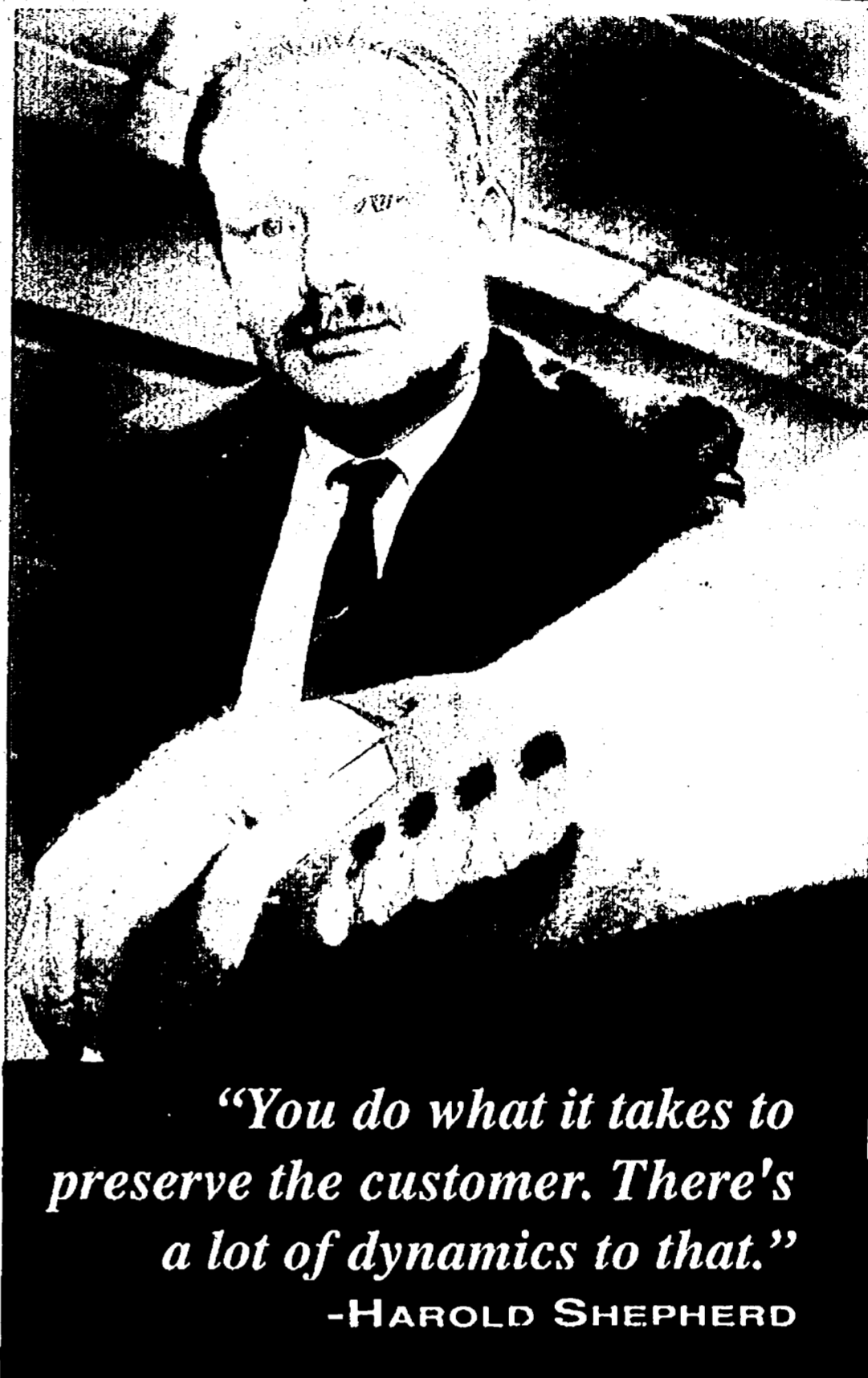
**SELLING AN Audi customer** is no different than any other, Shepherd said. But his mettle was tested a couple of years ago when allegations surfaced of unintended acceleration problems.

"You just kept doing the best you could," Shepherd said. "Fortunately, we had a lot of loyal Audi customers who figured (media) accounts were incorrect. The car was totally vindicated by the government."

Tenacity apparently pays off. Shepherd said he generally works 50-55 hours per week, 50 weeks a year. He doesn't go to lunch or dinner.

"I think you have to have a certain degree of mental sharpness and be ready to work every day," he said. "I might not always be here at 9 every morning, but when I do get here, I'm ready to work."

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Harold Shepherd sold more Audis last model year than any other salesperson in the country. Shepherd attributed the accomplishment to attention to detail on his part and similar efforts of colleagues in the service and parts departments at Bill Cook Imported Cars in Farmington Hills.

*"You do what it takes to preserve the customer. There's a lot of dynamics to that."*

-HAROLD SHEPHERD

## Indiscriminate cuts can cripple in long run during streamlining

By David F. Stein  
special writer

Streamlining, rebuilding, resizing, right-sizing, demassing, downsizing.

During recent years, American business has applied many names to reorganizations in the face of global competitive pressures. But the reality of lost jobs continues, especially for white-collar workers and managers belonging to unwieldy and unproductive corporate structures.

Now, besides continuing to cushion the blow for those let go, companies are looking to the welfare of "survivors" and the lessons learned in downsizing — expected to be a permanent fixture in the business scene.

Professor Kim S. Cameron of the University of Michigan has gleaned some of these lessons from a three-year study of 30 auto industry downsizings, an initial cost-cutting strategy for many manufacturers.

Cameron sees downsizing as positive in the long run.

"Many organizations, maybe even most, are fat and a little sloppier than they ought to be, with too many managers at too many levels," said Cameron. He is a professor of organizational behavior and human resource management.

But the initial downsizing rounds have not all been successful, Cameron said. "The way most companies downsize, it generally hurts them," Cameron said. "Every single firm in

*"When you throw a grenade into a room, you are unsure who will die, what skills will be lost."*

— Kim S. Cameron  
U-M professor

my study did an across-the-board, quick-fix strategy of getting rid of people."

"When you throw a grenade into a room, you are unsure who will die, what skills will be lost."

**DOWNSIZING PLANS** often make the assumption that people are a cost, not an asset, Cameron said, leaving many organizations without enough people resources to survive. Even more surprising to him is the speed with which most downsizings have taken place.

"In another survey of 100 Midwest firms, 94 percent planned and implemented downsizing within 60 days," Cameron said.

"The biggest mistake, however, is pursuing downsizing as a program or target or a one-time thing, rather than a business way of life. Not only do you hurt people who leave the organization, but when done wrong, it hurts the survivors."

Many companies that reduce headcounts, don't redesign work, he said. As a result, survivors may lack necessary skills, or experience, or knowledge to get the job done.

In addition, survivors often experience an odd mixture of envy and guilt. While initially guilty for keeping their jobs, survivors often become envious of the buyout or severance as well as retraining or placement programs given those let go. Extra work and salary freezes may add to the envy, Cameron said.

But perhaps most important is that companies often lose their best employees.

"Those marketable take the chunk of money, then find employment elsewhere or form a new business," Cameron said. With subsequent downsizings, "it is easy to hurt the organization. The scar tissue is greater; leadership anemia may result."

**SOME ADVICE** from Cameron: Downsizing must be a human resources issue, not simply the management of financial ratios.

"Companies have to redesign work as well as downsize," Cameron said. "Every employee needs to be put in charge of downsizing. How to cut costs and increase productivity becomes a problem for every single employee."

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## Tax effect impacts investments

If you think you're paying Uncle Sam too much of what you make on your investments, you may want to take a closer look at tax-free and tax-deferred investments. Just remember that tax treatment is only one factor to consider when developing an investment strategy, according to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

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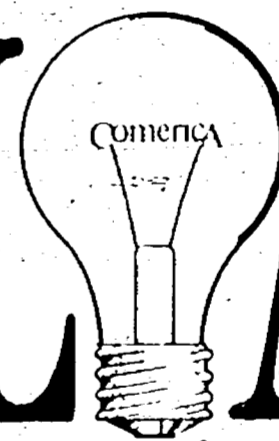
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# 'Pottie people' push Chrysler into facing problem

A friend of mine used to require two subscriptions to Time magazine, since he could only read about half-way through an issue before he came on an article that made him so angry that he would tear the magazine into pieces. Then he needed the second copy to finish the issue.

He had nothing on Chairman Lee, who reacted in like manner to a recent article in Consumer Reports that called the most popular automatic transmission installed in the Chrysler minivan a "lemon" and warned readers to stay away from it.

To his credit, the primary reaction to the offensive criticism was to launch a comprehensive program to go back to the million or so customers who bought Chrysler products with the new transmission, starting in 1989, and offer to inspect, repair,

replace and reimburse those who have had problems.

The transmission in question is one of those low-profile, but innovative designs that caused some ripples in engineering circles when it was introduced in the 1989 model year for several lines of Chrysler products. Called the A604 transaxle, it uses electronics to replace several expensive mechanical hydraulic systems common in most automatics.

Unfortunately, the early production runs were plagued with a defect that began to show up shortly after it hit the market. Chrysler's decision at the time, which is pretty much what most domestic auto companies do as a matter of course, was to plod ahead with a so-called "running change" in the design, while attempting through its warranty sys-



auto talk  
**Dan McCosh**

tem to soothe complaints about those already sold.

It's worth noting that a brand-new automatic transmission design is one of the trickier things to pull off in the multimillion-unit volumes, demanded by the auto industry. Volkswagen, and particularly GM, are among the companies that have had their hands full for years with problems stemming from a transaxle launch. In the case of VW, much of this was in Europe, where U.S. customers didn't see it, but GM owes a

good deal of its lingering reputation for poor quality, only beginning to turn around today, to problems with transaxles it suffered in the early 1980s.

The point being that, contrary to Chrysler President Bob Lutz' statement that "this thing is being blown all out of proportion," the mechanical problems faced with the A604 transmission launch were in all likelihood the most extensive and most costly mechanical problem Chrysler has ever faced.

But all that is in the past, not affecting current models, according to Chrysler officials who never really acknowledged the extent of the problem to begin with. Meanwhile, Consumer Reports finally got around to compiling its complaints about the transmission and discovered that, indeed, there were quite a few.

Iacocca's immediate reaction was to call Consumer Reports the magazine of the "pottie people and showerhead people," as a way of attacking the credibility of a magazine that has been one of the strongest editorial supporters of the minivan and some other Chrysler products for years.

Curiously, he also sent around copies of two so-called "buff magazines" to dealers, to show what the "experts" are saying, without noting

that one of the magazines he likes is proud to do no instrumented testing, while the other compiles no regular data about consumer complaints. See no evil and hear no evil.

Frankly, I think Chrysler blew the chance to do a self-initiated Japanese-style recall that would have created a whole new image of concern for the company, bailing at least something positive out of an expensive warranty problem.

In fact, it appears that is what Chrysler is finally doing now. But it also appears that it wasn't a decision initiated by top management. We have the showerhead and pottie people at Consumer Reports to thank for that.

Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science Magazine.

## Help customer, salesman says

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Shepherd said he doesn't do much cold-call prospecting or resort to gimmicks.

"With the exception of times like this, I stay busy enough with referrals, previous customers and new customers coming in," he said. "Frankly, if you handle that situation correctly, you'll stay busy enough."

AWARENESS OF ebbs and flows through so many years in the business plus a healthy dose of confidence carry Shepherd through the slow times.

"I've been through this cyclical business before," he said. "I come from the school of thought that you can't force the marketplace.

"We've been impacted by what obviously is a recession. I think consumers are somewhat paralyzed by world events and somewhat reluctant to make decisions about major purchases.

"What that means is a lot of pent-up demand when they do feel comfortable with world events. They will eventually have to buy another car. I want to be sure I'm here to take advantage.

"I could sell five or six Audis in the next five days, and I could just as well sell zero," Shepherd said. "I know I will seek my level. What you can't do is change your tactics."

Bill Cook, owner of the dealership, appreciates Shepherd's efforts.

"I THINK Harold is just an outstanding professional," Cook said. "He understands the product, what's necessary in order to financially structure the purchase of a high-line car, and he delivers a high level of service.

"He does an outstanding job taking care of customers, follows up with them and is more than happy to deal with their service needs," Cook said.

## Indiscriminate cuts can cripple company

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Cameron found that the most effective companies had an information system for both those who lost their jobs and the survivors. Successful firms also committed to "trimming the fat" as a clear objective aimed at improving productivity and enhancing competitiveness — a combination of short-term and long-term approaches.

No clear-cut solution exists to prevent the loss of the best employees during downsizing, especially as most companies are still opting for

the apparently "painless" approach of buyouts and early retirements. But there may be a bright side to the economy as a whole.

"Many of these people will own businesses and add vigor to the economy," said William J. Rauwerdink, who has worked on local downsizings at Deloitte and Touche. "The smaller, entrepreneurial companies are quicker in their feet."

OVER THE LAST year and a half, ITT in Auburn Hills, producers of steel and plastic tubular products for fuel and brake systems, has consolidated and streamlined administra-

tion and research and development for Higbie Manufacturing and Baylock Manufacturing companies.

The new unit has seen sales increase 15 percent in the past two years to \$153 million annual sales, said ITT Higbie Baylock president Ralph A. Iorio.

While decreasing accounting and personnel administration staff, ITT Higbie Baylock increased its engineering force from five people four to five years ago to 29 today. The number of quality control personnel doubled. Accounting tasks were redesigned, not eliminated, at the

same time the manufacturing processes were rethought and reorganized.

"Downsizing just for the sake of downsizing can get you in trouble," Iorio said. "You have to downsize without bypassing the basic functions that are being performed."

In manufacturing, and similar areas, Iorio said, today's managers must also have specialized knowledge, not only supervisory and planning skills.

"The days of promoting just for hard work without technological knowledge may be gone," Iorio said.

## Taxes can affect your investments

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on your investment earnings. Treasury bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000 and up, and mature in three, six or 12 months. The bills are issued at a discount, with the interest paid when they are redeemed at maturity for face value. Interest on T-bills is completely exempt from state and local taxes; federal taxes are not due until the year the bills mature.

banks, brokerage firms and other financial institutions offer CDs. The interest earned on CDs is subject to federal, state and local taxes. But because earnings on CDs are taxed in the year you receive them, you can use CDs as a means of deferring interest income. When you buy a CD that matures next year, the interest earns is not taxable until then.

But you should keep in mind that early withdrawals from a CD are generally subject to an interest penalty. If you have to make an early withdrawal, remember that this penalty is deductible even if you do not itemize your deductions.

• Retirement plans: Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), Keoghs and other retirement plans continue to offer liberal tax benefits. These plans represent another way you can defer some of your taxable income. With an IRA or Keogh, not only do you defer paying taxes on the money you invest, but the interest you receive on your investment is also deferred until the money is withdrawn. In addition, some investors can still claim a deduction for the amount contributed to an IRA. Restrictions on deductions are based on your income and whether you are covered by a retirement plan at work. With a Keogh, deposits are deductible regardless of your income, and money in the plan is allowed to grow and compound tax-free until withdrawn.

To be a successful investor, you need to know how to use the tax rules to your best advantage. Used properly, tax planning can be an effective way to minimize current taxes while accumulating greater wealth.

## Ask about retirement

By Sid Mittra  
special writer

Most Americans envision their retirement years as a panorama of pink sunsets, pink sand, pineapple groves, pleasant environment, and pina colodas. The problem is that many folks are far off the mark about what it will take to make that dream come true.

More often than not, they haven't invested enough money, their goals are too ambitious and their investment strategy is just plain distorted. And there may not be anyone whom they can trust to put their financial house in order.

For them, the advice is clear: Don't simply retire from something; have something to retire to.

Why think about retirement now?

For some of us, the truth only hits home when, one morning, we get up and look in the mirror and staring back at us are the first telltale signs — a few straggly gray hairs or those little crow's feet around the eyes. For others, it is watching children sprout like beanstalks or seeing parents grow old.

Whatever the trigger, we all will reach an age when retirement will become imminent. Because it is our future, it's never too early — or too late — to begin planning for retirement.

How much will you need for retirement?

It all depends on the standard of living you want to maintain; that is, on your retirement goals. But what kinds of expenses can you expect in retirement?

Here are the major expenses you should consider: 1. housing, 2. necessities, 3. health care, 4. leisure, 5. major purchases, 6. charitable contributions, and 7. special family needs, such as, taking care of aging

parents with chronic ailments.

Don't forget to take inflation into account. At a 5-percent annual inflation rate, in 30 years the value of the dollar declines to 23 cents.

Where does your retirement income come from?

Whether you realize it or not, you are responsible for your own financial security. Neither Social Security benefits nor your qualified plan, if any, is intended to provide full retirement.

Their purpose is to supplement your own personal savings and investments. Combined, they may provide much of the income you'll need after retirement. The rest is up to you.

That's why you have to take financial responsibility for yourself by making the plans to secure your financial future.

The main sources of retirement income are: Social Security, qualified plans, other sources such as VA income and income from previous employment, and personal investment.

Your own savings and investments are the key to a financially secure retirement.

Retirement goals

To live in retirement in the manner to which you have become accustomed, you must take (or engage someone to take) an active hand in developing your retirement plan. A starting point is the development of retirement goals.

List all the things you will need for a satisfying and fulfilling retirement. Take into consideration where you will want to live and what you want to do. Include travel and recreation in your plans.

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

## Start out small with business from home

By Mary DiPaolo  
special writer

Successfully running a home-based business can represent the best of both worlds for those who are interested in earning extra income while raising a family. According to Cheri Fuller, author of "Ways for Moms to Make Money at Home," veteran home workers share a common awareness of the steps involved to convert a business vision into reality.

Beyond identifying and learning as much as possible about the type of business being considered, Fuller points out that it's important to be realistic about the financial ramifications of starting and managing a home business. Contrary to popular assumption, it is possible to begin almost any business without overextending yourself financially.

The key is to start small and allow each small success to be used in building up the business over time. For example, if your long-term goal is to offer specialty baked goods for sale and distribution, that doesn't mean you should buy a new double oven and immediately begin producing everything that there is to bake.

The same principle holds true when attempting to let people know about a new venture. Rather than spending large sums on paid advertising, remember that word of mouth advertising is free and can be

used in conjunction with fliers, postcards and other methods of introducing current and potential customers to your business at a minimum cost.

Time management is another issue that requires planning in advance. For the at-home parent of infants and preschoolers, Fuller reminds that the time available to work on a home business may be limited to an hour or two during the day. Rose Marsh, mother of three and owner of Four Corners, a Northville woodcarving manufacturer, realizes there are some tasks that she must put off because of the time required to accomplish them.

"My husband and I would never dream of staining finished pieces unless someone else is here watching the children for us or they're being taken out for a day or evening."

She also believes that time restrictions have helped her to be more productive while working.

"Everything we do is set up like an assembly line," Marsh said, "which means we don't waste any time when we get the time to work."

There are several sources of help available in the form of magazines, newsletters and books for the current and prospective home-based business owner. For a free listing of these and ideas for home businesses, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their request to MarketTrends at 46255 Frederick, Northville 48167.

## datebook

- TAX HELP  
Thursday, Feb. 14 — Free group self-help tax preparation 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. No registration required. Information: 421-7338 Ext. 633. Sponsor: IRS.
- LAND SURVEYORS  
Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 19-21 — Michigan Society of Registered Land Surveyors 50th anniversary annual meeting at Radisson Hotel, Plymouth. The group will meet in Plymouth rather than Flint. Information: (517) 484-2413.
- WOMEN IN COMPUTING  
Wednesday, Feb. 20 — Association of Women in Computing meets at 6 p.m. at the Windjammer, 11791 Farmington Road, Livonia. Non-member fee: \$15.75. Information: Lorraine, 427-6144.
- INSTRUCTIONAL SOCIETY  
Thursday, Feb. 21 — Michigan Society of Instructional Technology presents past president of National Society of Performance and Instruction discussing "Performance Management: Success for You and Your Clients" at 6 p.m. at AAA, Laurel Park Place (Six Mile east of I-275), 17380 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. Non-member fee: \$15. Information: Carol Yost, 474-8855.

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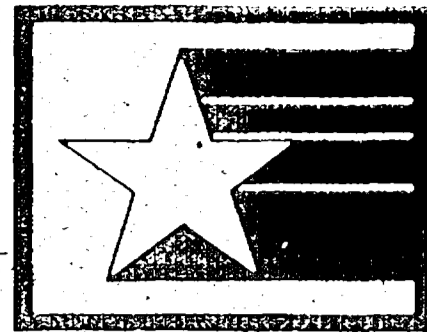
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**Barbara Michals**

## 'Nunsense' is just heavenly

Performances of the Birmingham Theatre production of "Nunsense" continue through Sunday, March 10. For ticket information, call the box office at 644-3533.

By Barbara Michals  
special writer

As one of its songs proclaims, "Nunsense" is indeed habit forming, for it is every bit as joyously funny the third time I viewed it as the previous times. The current production at the Birmingham Theatre is still a happy mix of outrageous puns, spirited tunes and appealing performances that add up to divine fun.

Only the flimsiest of plots surrounds Dan Goggin's wonderful music and lyrics. When 52 nuns of their order succumb to botulism (from a new soup recipe by Sister Julia, Child of God), the Little Sisters of Hoboken (also known as the "Little Hobos") have only enough money to bury 48.

Thus they stage a talent show in the auditorium of their Mt. Saint Helen's School to "clean out the freezer" and defrost the remaining four "blue nuns."

The nuns frequently circulate among the audience, harassing latecomers, admonishing people to sit up straight, administering a quiz on a "lesson" and generally recreating a parochial school atmosphere with good-natured humor. One nun, clearly an astute judge of character, warned my companion, "I'm watching you. You look like a trouble-maker!"

BECAUSE THE role was literally written for her by author Goggin, Marilyn Farina is the consummate Sister Mary Cardella, the

Mother Superior who constantly admonishes her frivolous subordinates to maintain proper decorum but loves to kick up her own heels. Despite the innate haughtiness that goes with her title, Mother Superior is no shrinking violet when she belts out "Turn Up the Spotlight" and "Just a Couple of Sisters" and joins the chorus of several other rousing numbers.

Farina is at her most hilarious when she achieves a sexual high after curiously sniffing at a bottle of "Rush" discovered in the girls' locker room. "Must be something for people in a hurry," she quips.

Alvaeta Gussy is delightful as the impertinent Sister Mary Hubert, the trainer of novitiates and "number two" nun who always tries harder to usurp Mother Superior's authority. With her mischievous eyes and saucy delivery, Gussy is a guaranteed scene-stealer, not an easy feat among this talented company. Her powerful voice adds luster to "The Biggest Ain't the Best," "Just a Couple of Sisters" and the hand-clapping gospel "Holler Than Thou."

Lin Tucci is very funny as Sister Robert Anne, the street-wise nun from Brooklyn with an expressive face and tough demeanor. Her frustrated theatrical ambitions are powerfully rendered in "Playing Second Fiddle" and "I Just Want to Be a Star," and then her voice-surprisingly softens for the ballad "Growing up Catholic."

Barbara Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 16 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

## Israeli singer's music draws global attention

Aleynu/Aish HaTorah will host the Detroit-area appearance of Israeli singer Jo Amar in concert, 25th anniversary tour, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Groves High School Auditorium in Birmingham. For ticket information call the Aleynu/Aish HaTorah office at 948-6900, or any Ticketmaster location. Tickets are \$30 (including an afterglow with Amar), \$20 and \$15.

By Stewart Francke  
special writer

**J**O AMAR HAS PERFORMED for nearly 40 years in the Middle East, Europe and America, and today his music has a revived relevance.

Given the current global fascination with the region Amar comes from — he is a native of Morocco and a part-time resident of Israel — the 60-year-old singer represents more than being the world's seminal performer of Sephardic music and traditional Levantine liturgical songs.

Amar has made more than 50 recordings, with many of his songs becoming standards in the continuum of Middle Eastern music.

"To tell you the truth," Amar told the Observer & Eccentric from his United States residence in Brooklyn, "if you can hold your level of popularity, which I have for 30 years, people will listen to anything you can say. I just came home for a concert in San Francisco. When they asked me to talk about Israel, I just looked at the people listening, really listening. It wasn't just another singer bringing his songs."

BORN IN Serrat, North Morocco, Amar was one of 10 children raised in a traditional Oriental Sephardic home. He began singing in cantorial competitions at 14, yet never considered music to be a career.

He spent several years as a religious instructor in small Moroccan towns before moving his family to

Israel in 1956. There, he continued to teach. At the same time, he began singing at local concerts and writing songs — usually his own musical arrangements with words from the Tanach, as well as strident, socially relevant new compositions.

"I was hurt when I first came to Israel," Amar says. "The Sephardim had very little to listen to. The Ashkenazi looked at the Sephardim at a low level at the time. They were only given the dirty jobs to do. Now, the gap is gone. It (Sephardic music) is very popular."

Mid-'60s tensions in Israel between the Sephardim — Jews with origins in Spain and Portugal who eventually migrated to Morocco, Algeria and Turkey via Amsterdam — and the Ashkenazi — descendants of the Jews who settled largely in Europe following the diaspora — were exacerbated by extreme unemployment and recession. Amar began addressing these conditions in songs of realism. "The Employment Office," an original song of Amar's, became something of an anthem to the jobless Sephardim.

Amar's popularity quickly grew, and as a result, he quit teaching to sing full time. Amar's pluralistic melange of religious and popular material earned him a reputation as a singer of the poor and oppressed. "I asked the chief rabbi once," Amar recalls, laughing, "Can we do this (combine religious lyrics and popular melodies)?" He said "Yes, just make it holy."

YET AMAR SAYS that he never lets anyone discuss religion with him. "It's between me and God. You do what you want, I do what I want. My level of religion is mine and mine only."

After Amar's American debut at Carnegie Hall in 1965, he found himself performing here so often that he moved his family here. Yet he still belonged to the world. He continued to perform on six continents in seven languages, popularizing Sephardic music worldwide.

Twice nominated for a position in



Singer Jo Amar is known for Israeli and Sephardic hits

the Knesset, Amar twice declined. "I can help without being in," he says. "When you're in, you automatically have enemies. I don't want enemies. I want to be a simple guy who sings for everyone, of every opinion."

In 1984, Amar "retired" and returned to Israel to live and host a weekly radio show. When he returned, however, his popularity was greater than ever. "They reacted like I was some new singer," he says.

Today, in addition to his performances in Israel and his radio show,

Amar spends much of his time in the U.S., both to perform and to visit his four children and six grandchildren.

THOUGH THE melodies of folk songs and the liturgy have been known and sung for centuries, Amar has popularized Sephardic music the world over. Yet his purpose remains one of immediacy.

"I like to make people laugh and sing with me," he says. "When I finish and see so many people feeling good, that's all."

### upcoming things to do

#### ● MUSEUM THEATER

A beautiful young witch who has her heart set on romance and revenge sets the stage for enchantment in the classic comedy "Bell, Book, and Candle," playing at Henry Ford Museum Theater at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March 16, with one matinee at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$8 each for reserved seats, available daily at the Information Desk in the entrance to Greenfield

Village, at the Museum Theater box office one hour before each performance, or by calling the Reservations Center at 271-1620. A combination dinner and theater package, at \$25 per person, also is available.

#### ● PATRIOTIC GALA

Detroit-Oakland Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society presents "America — My Home" and champion quartets Blue Grass Student Union and Power Play at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 15-16, at Livonia's Schmidt Auditorium. Tickets are \$10. For details call Bob Rock at 562-1989.

#### ● FILM SEMINAR

Movie fans will get a chance to see what animator Jeff Bloomer has been up to for the last two years when he appears as one of the speakers at this year's "Update 91" on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Update 91 is an all-day screening of short sub-

ject film and video productions from around the world. Besides teaching-media production at the Ford Voc/

TEch Center in Westland, Bloomer spends much of his time making artistic statements on film. His latest

film "Divine Departure" is a 15-min-

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# 'Bitter Friends' is fascinating

Performances of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre production of "Bitter Friends" continue through Sunday, March 3, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. For tickets, call JET at 788-2900, visit any Ticketmaster outlet or call 645-6666.

By Barbara Michals special writer

Asserting that "the questions are more important than the answers," the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's production of "Bitter Friends" is a highly provocative, compelling drama that leaves the audience somewhat

## review

stunned by all the questions it raises.

Gordon Rayfield's play is a fictional work loosely based on the 1987 Jonathan Jay Pollard spy case. Pollard was a United States naval intelligence analyst sentenced to life imprisonment for giving Israel classified information on Iraq's chemical weapons buildup.

In "Bitter Friends," the real protagonist is the activist rabbi Arthur Schaefer (Robert Grossman), who seeks to untangle the truth about accused spy David Klein (Allan Fox). Is the young Klein just a misguided idealist, trying to be a hero, or is he a pawn of the convoluted political maneuverings of the U.S. and Israeli governments? Was Klein himself to blame or was he recruited and then shamefully abandoned by the Israelis? Why did American Jews turn their backs on him, offering no protest to his harsh sentence?

Such somber political issues are presented here without undue talkiness or polemics. The author claims to give a fair representation to all sides without attempting to resolve the issues. However, in actuality the Israeli government comes off looking even more heartless than the anti-Semitic State Department.

AS RABBI SCHAEFER, Grossman is excellent as a man who so values truth that he is willing to concede that many of the basic ten-

ets of his life may have been mistaken. His face conveys the intensity of the questions tearing at him, yet the actor is equally effective delivering sardonic one-liners like a would-be Jackie Mason.

Fox is well-cast as the enigmatic, passionate Klein, quite willing to sacrifice himself for his ideals: William Premin is very convincing as the Israeli ambassador, seemingly gentle and sincere but quite used to the wary cat-and-mouse games of international politics.

Charles McGraw is perfect as the Justice Department's very WASPish Wingate Whitney, more annoyed at being disturbed at his private club than at the hapless Fox's difficult plight. Andrew Dunn is also very believable as Congressman Frank Fitzgerald, a liberal with sharp insight into political realities.

Henrietta Hermelin is icily patriotic as Klein's widowed mother, resentful that all she holds dear has been sacrificed for the good of Israel.

As Rachel, Klein's devoted wife, Stacie Passon borders on melodramatic in her confrontations with her mother-in-law but does much better trying to be the voice of reason to her recalcitrant husband.

Director Randall Forte does a fine job of sustaining the dramatic impact throughout. T. Andrew Aston's lighting and scenic design also contribute, the latter a map of the Middle East that sprawls across the walls and floor of the stage as a stunning reminder of the show's interrelationship with the current Mideast war.

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ute stop-motion, surreal animation that mostly consists of discarded objects. For further information on Update 91, call 737-4240 or 887-2717.

### STEP DANCERS

The Irish Dancers Booster Club presents "A Touch of Ireland" from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. The O'Hare step dancer perform traditional Irish reels, hornpipes, jigs, slipjigs, treble jigs and ceilies, along with musicians who play favorite Irish traditional music. Tickets are \$5. For ticket information call Linda Radtke at 459-3145 or Ellen Sullivan at 261-4379.

### 1-MAN SHOW

The return engagement of Brian Bedford in his one-man show, "The Lunatic, the Lover and the Poet," opens with a special performance hosted by the Understudies, the Hilberry Theatre's community fundraising arm, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit. The evening will benefit the theater's Renovation Fund. Additional performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 27-28. Tickets for the Feb. 26 benefit performance are \$75 Benefactor, and include a pre-party, the performance and an afterglow; \$50, Patron, and include the performance and afterglow. Tickets for Feb. 27-28 are \$25. To make reservations call the Hilberry Theatre box office at 577-2972.

### WILDE COMEDY

Oscar Wilde's comedy masterpiece "The Importance of Being Earnest" opens Saturday, Feb. 16, following a preview Friday, Feb. 15, at the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University in Detroit. It runs in repertory with Peer Gynt through Saturday, April 13. Tickets for "The Importance of Being Earnest" can be obtained by calling the Hilberry Theatre box office at 577-2972.

### PUBS, CLUBS

The site of one of Detroit's oldest industries — fur trading — will be the site of the Detroit Historical Society's Pubs and Clubs Tour, on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Tour participants will have an opportunity to learn more about the early days of the historic landmark, Trapper's Alley, completing the evening with dinner at Pegasus Taverna. The tour will leave from the museum's parking lot, 5401 Woodward at Kirby. Fee is \$33 for DHS members and \$38 for non-members. For further information or to make reservations, contact Joan Belanger at 833-7934.

### SKATING SPECTACLE

The Simpsons television family has embarked on its first North American tour, starting in the new edition of Ice Capades, "On Top of the World!" The 51st anniversary edition of the skating spectacle will appear Tuesday-Sunday, March 12-17 for 10 performances at Joe Louis

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Robert Grossman is Rabbi Arthur Schaefer in "Bitter Friends."

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Robert Wagner and Stephanie Powers, onetime TV co-stars, are paired again in the play "Love Letters."

# Heart-to-heart, a strong drama

"Love Letters" by A. R. Gurney continues through Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. To order tickets by phone, call 645-6666, or call 872-1000 for more information.

By Ethel Simmons  
staff writer

Seated side by side, with their scripts on the library table in front of them, Robert Wagner and Stephanie Powers bring alive the friendship — and love — over a lifetime between two WASPS of very different personalities.

The huge Fisher Theatre stage dwarfs the two actors, who perform throughout the two-act production of "Love Letters" without moving from the table. Using their voices, facial expressions and slight bodily movements, they convey the changes over the years, as the two go from grade school pals to adult friends, then for a time lovers, and back again to loving friends.

In real life, Wagner and Powers have developed followings of their

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## review

own, through their movie and television roles and as costars of TV's "Hart to Hart" sophisticated comedy-mystery series.

Wagner still retains his boyish charm and "cool." Powers her particularly feminine manner and womanly warmth. These characteristics, along with their good looks, serve them well in their portrayals of the two friends who seek happiness in their private lives and careers.

**POWERS HAS** perhaps the most challenging role, appearing as a vibrant female, daughter of wealthy parents but neglected. She struggles to find her way, and fails. Two broken marriages, drinking and mental problems plague her but she maintains a bold, mischievous style.

The entire play is presented with the actors reading the exchange of letters they send, mostly to each other, through the years.

While Powers as Melissa Gardner goes from antic to antic, Wagner as Andrew Makepeace Ladd III attends Yale, serves with the Navy and then becomes a United States Senator. They have a love affair, which he ends to preserve his marriage and political career. Wagner handles all aspects of this characterization — the humor, the seriousness — with finesse.

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Arena in Detroit Tickets for all performances, priced at \$13, \$10 and \$8, are on sale at the Joe Louis and Cobo Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone call 645-6666. For further information call 567-6000.

### ● POLISH CULTURE

The Wisla Song and Dance Ensemble is seeking individuals interested in promoting Polish culture through song and dance. For more information, contact Laura Cerankowski at 891-2403.

### ● AUDITIONS OPEN

Northville Players announces auditions for its spring melodrama, "Her Fatal Beauty (or a Shop Girl's Honor)" on Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 25-26, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. There are parts for three men (ages 20-50) and five women (ages 18-50). Anyone interested in trying out should attend one of both audition times. Call Russ Dore for further information (349-1052) or Judy Kohl (348-2678).

### ● 3 BANDS

Tango's Bistro in the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Southfield will rock and roll with three different bands from 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays in February and March. Through Saturday, March 2, it's the Top 40 sounds of Loving Cup. Then, Tuesday-Saturday, March 5-9, Cheers rolls in. Following Cheers will be the Whiz Kids, Tuesday, March 12, through Saturday, March 30. Whiz Kids plays a variety of music including Top 40 as well as show tunes.

### ● COUNTRY STARS

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Jeff Bloomer is a speaker at "Update 91" on Saturday, Feb. 16, at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Jones, Doug Stone, Kevin Welch, T. Graham Brown and Jo-Ei Sonnier are featured as Budweiser presents the first Horizon Show at the Palace of Auburn Hills, in association with Kowalski Sausage, at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 6. Tickets at \$20 Gold Circle, \$15 and \$10 are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets may be charged by calling 645-6666.

### ● FOLK MUSIC

La Casa Folk Music Series will host three folk/country acoustic performances in the coming weeks, all at 8:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Uni-

tarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Admission price is \$10. Concerts are as follows: Monday Feb. 25, Butch Hancock, Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Jesse Taylor; Saturday, March 2, David Olney, and Monday, March 18, the Tom Russell Band. Call 540-9031 for information.

### ● ON STAGE

The Farmington Players' production of the play "Days To Come" will be performed Friday-Sunday, Feb. 15-17 and 22-24; Thursday, Feb. 28; Friday-Sunday, March 1-3, and Thursday-Saturday, March 7-9, at the Farmington Players Barn in

Farmington Hills. "Days To Come" revolves around an Ohio family in the 1930s and the conflicts that arise when the employees of the factory they own decide to go on strike. For further information or reservations call 553-2955.

### ● 1-DAY EXCURSION

The Community House in Birmingham is offering several one-day excursions in February, March and April. A group will visit the Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre and Tres Vite Cafe in Detroit from 11:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20. The play is "The Importance of Being Earnest." Price of \$43 per person includes transportation by motorcoach to and from the Community House, lunch, main floor theater seats and tour escort. Register by calling 644-5832.

### ● HARBOR/CHORALE

The West Bloomfield Harbor Choral, directed by Carolyn Thibideau, will begin rehearsals for its fourth season at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at Roosevelt School in Keego Harbor. Music of great American songwriters will be prepared for Cabaret Concert which will be presented Friday, May 10, at Roosevelt School. All interested singers are being invited to participate. A nominal fee will be charged. For further information contact Carol Harvath at 626-0106.

### ● EAST STREET

"In Paris and In Love" will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Price for the show is \$8; students, seniors and OCC staff, \$4. For reservations or more information contact the 24-hour hotline at 471-7700.

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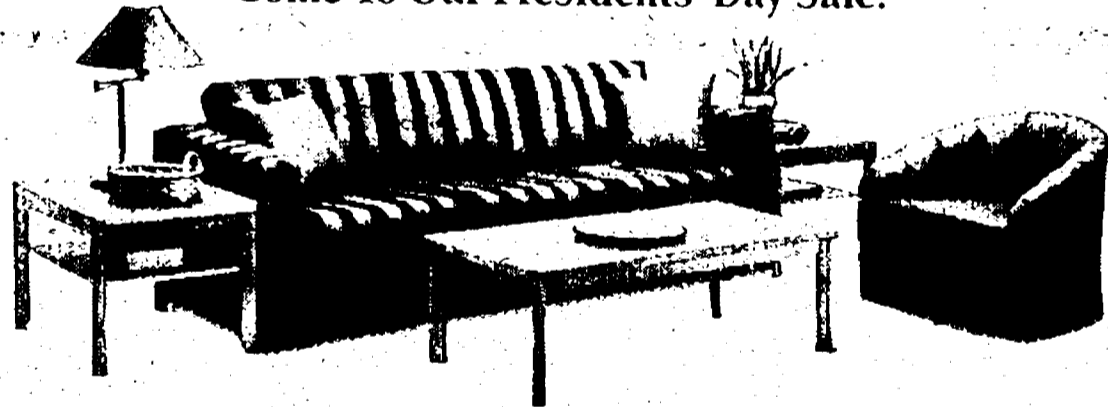
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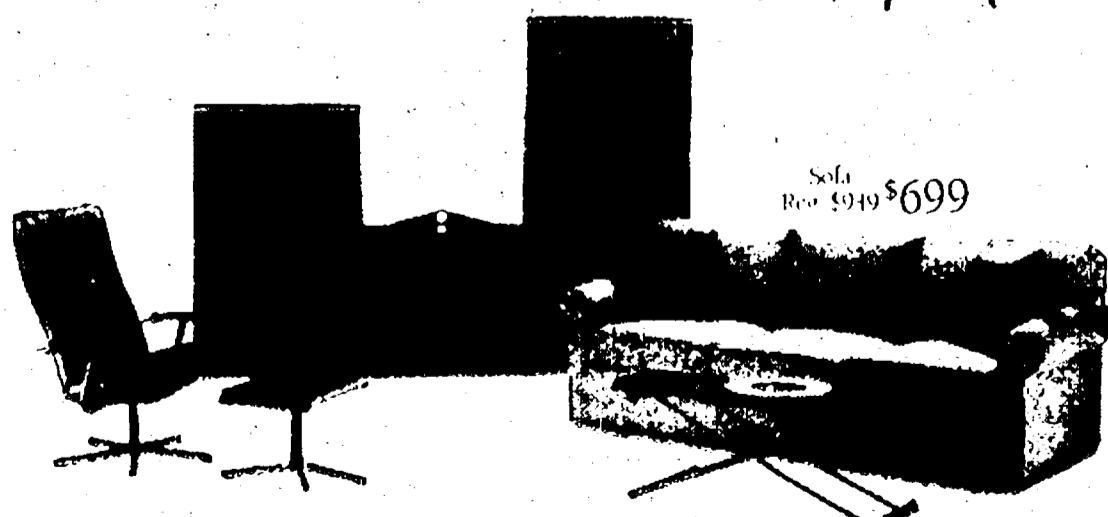
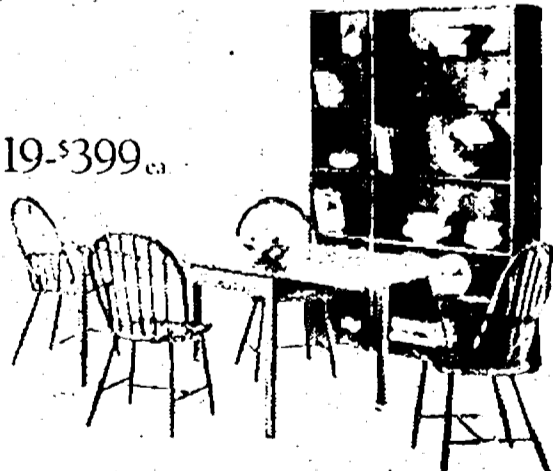
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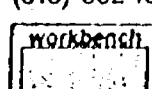
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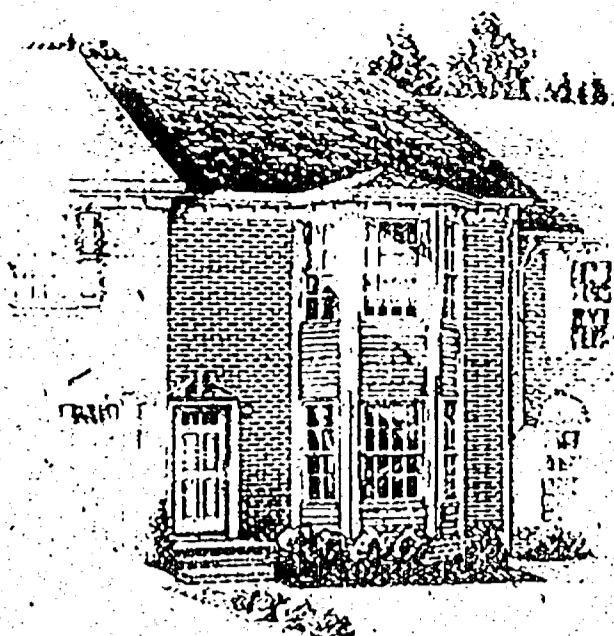
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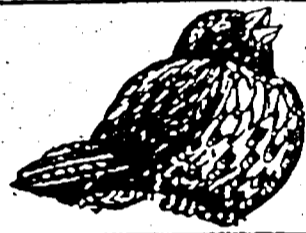
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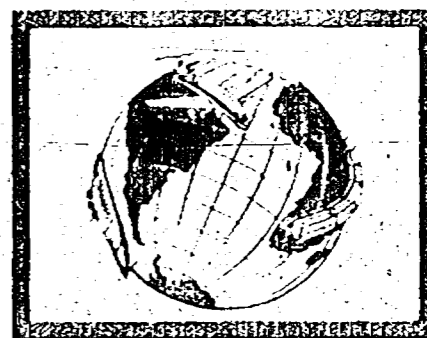
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The resort is rated as one of America's 10 best cross-country ski areas by "Cross Country Skier" magazine. Garland's 50 kilometers of groomed and woodland trails offer a terrain for every skill level from never-tried novice to strong snowplow skier.

The 1 1/2 kilometer easy-rated "Carousel" trail is lighted until 9 p.m. weeknights and 10 p.m. weekends. Trails wind through woods and rolling hills, past strategically-placed wildlife feeding stations.

On site are a lighted outdoor ice rink, ice fishing, sleigh rides, parlor games and movies. Garland guests also have on-ice privileges at Lewiston Curling Club, one of three curling rinks in Michigan.

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With 3,500 acres on the premises at Garland Resort near Gaylord, there's plenty of elbow room for cross-country skiers. Also available are sleigh rides, a sunrise activities, movie night, northern lights night, gourmet lunch ski tour, ice fishing, ice skating, skiing tours and curling.

## Area secretaries send bosses to resort

Some secretaries would like to send their bosses to the moon, but I talked to several secretaries who sent them to Garland Resort instead, as part of a promotion by WJR Radio.

Joe Attard of Livonia, building official for the city of Northville, didn't have the faintest idea what his staff was doing when his name went into the pot.

Ed Carlson of Troy was also com-

pletely in the dark. He was at work when he heard that he and his wife had won a weekend at the 3,500-acre resort near Gaylord.

Part of the deal was that the secretary of the winner would get a day off. Ed offered his secretary Christmas Day, but she wouldn't buy that one. She's waiting for summer.

Don Maybee of Maybee Associates Inc. in Brighton was completely in the dark until the call came saying he had won.



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Iris Jones

The excitement started at Maybee Associates when secretary Donna Funk of Brighton heard the promo-

tion on the radio. Send your boss' name in and if we pick that name in our lottery we'll give your boss and his or her spouse a weekend trip and you will get a day off.

"We decided that Don and Jill Maybee needed a break," Donna said. "Sue and Larry Banas joined in the conspiracy, and we each sent in three or four cards."

When the conspirators heard that their boss had won, they had to call

frantically around town to find him. "The weekend was a tremendous gift," Don Maybee said. "We took a sleigh ride, pulled by two horses. We saw deer. We went cross-country skiing on the trails."

"The facilities are first class. The buildings are a log-cabin design. The main lodge has guest rooms and conference rooms. There are single-bedroom villas in the pine trees, with ice

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## Crystal Lake hotels specialize in couples

By Iris Sanderson Jones special writer

Valentines Day always makes me think about hotels at either end of Crystal Lake, and of two Plymouth families: Lorenz and Powell. It's probably the couples rooms that do it.

Kirk Lorenz, of the Mayflower Hotel Lorenzes, and Pam Powell, who once worked at the Mayflower, have been happily ensconced as owners and direction-finders at the Brookside Inn for several years now.

The Brookside is at one end of Crystal Lake in the town of Beulah, just southwest of Traverse City. Pam's brother, Scott Powell, manages the Hotel Frankfort at the other end of Crystal Lake in the town of Frankfort. Both hotels specialize in couples rooms, each one individually designed and decorated and containing a Polynesian spa.

The Hotel Frankfort is a two-story Victorian place with pointed rooms and balcony. It's been in the middle of town for a long time.

The Brookside is a roadside motel, built on the site of an ice cream parlor that the Lorenz family visited regularly when Kirk was a child. Kirk and Pam have added rooms — up, out and back — so it keeps getting bigger.

They are both romantics at heart. They toured the world looking at hotels for the right ideas. They honeymooned in the Pacific. They decided that every hotel room should have a hot wet place for guests to sit and soak together, and that no hotel guest should be forced to wrap an inky-dinky towel around a wet middle.

The result is: couples rooms. Each room is different but they all have big comfortable beds, a large hot pool and a variety of funky decorating themes ranging from stuffed bears to medieval knights.

Couples rooms are sold on a bed-and-all-meals basis to discourage couples from stopping for a brief overnight and moving on. Kirk and

**Each room is different but they all have big comfortable beds, a large hot pool and a variety of funky decorating themes ranging from stuffed bears to medieval knights.**

Pam believe that couples should have time to get to know one another, to sit over dinner and breakfast. So their rates, starting at \$170 a night per couple, cover accommodations, dinner and breakfast.

For information, contact your travel agent or Kirk and Pam Lorenz at the Brookside Inn, (616) 882-7271. That's 268 miles from Detroit in northwest Michigan.

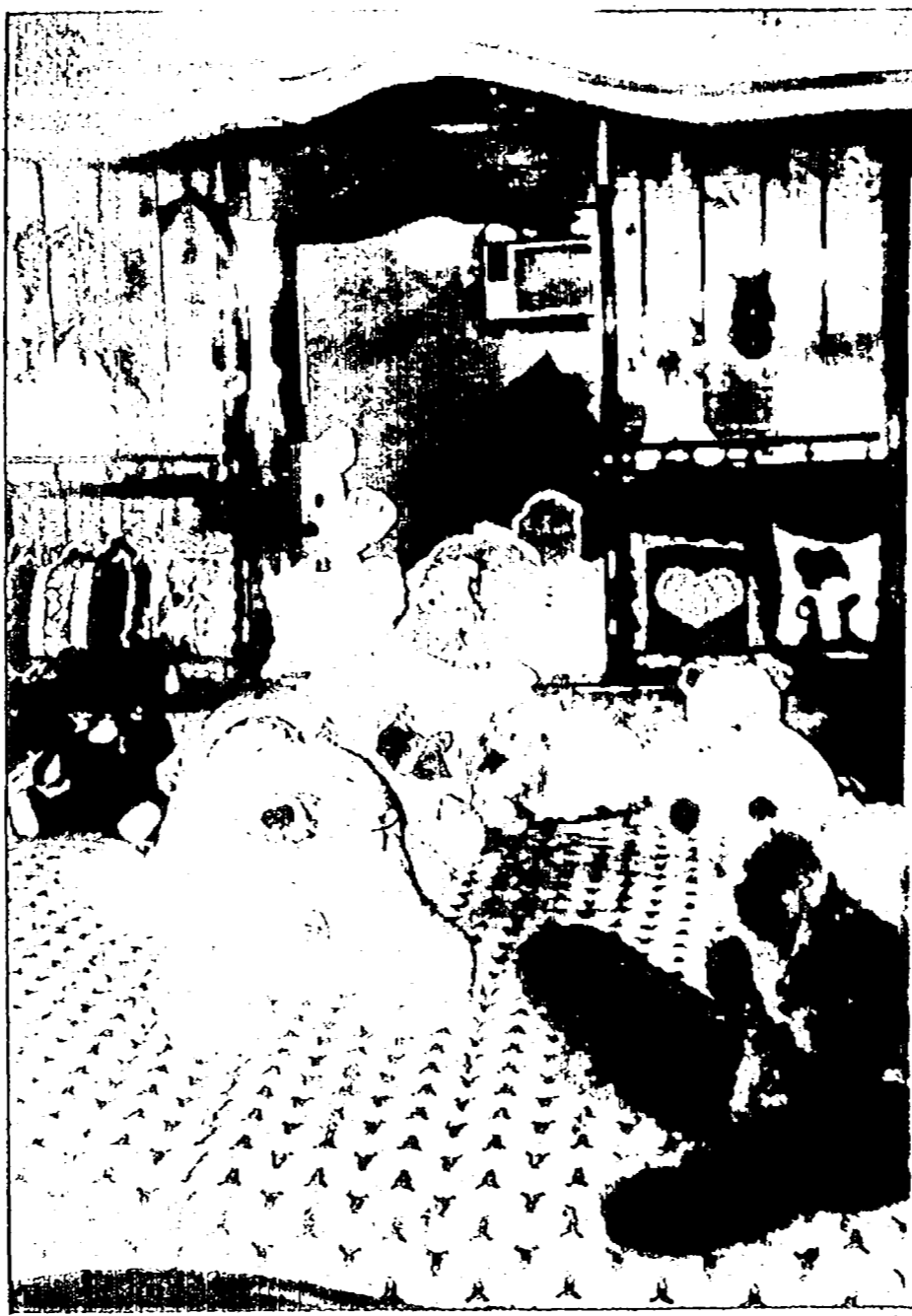
Other places that you might consider for getaways:

**BIG BAY LIGHTHOUSE**, in the upper peninsula on Lake Superior, is about 474 miles from Detroit. It's said to be one of only two working lighthouse bed-and-breakfast inns in the nation. Call Buck and Marilyn Gotschall in Big Bay for room rates, (906) 345-9957.

**NORDEEN HEM**, in Gaylord, is about 225 miles from Detroit. Cross-country skiing available at nearby Sylvan and Garland resorts. Call Mike Husby, (517) 732-6794.

**BRISSETTE-WHEELER HOUSE**, an Eastlake Mansion in Three Rivers, is about 140 miles from Detroit. Holiday packages available year-round and live entertainment. Call Bobbi Greenwood, (616) 278-8147.

**KIMBERLY COUNTRY ESTATE**, in Harbor Springs, is one of Michigan's newer bed-and-breakfast inns, about 278 miles from Detroit. Downhill and cross-country skiing available at nearby Nubs Nob and Boyne Mountain resorts. Call Ron or Billie Kimberly, (616) 526-7646.



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All the Hotel Frankfort's couples rooms have themes. This one is decked out in stuffed animals and cushions. But don't take the animals home. They do not come with the room.

**CHICAGO PIKE INN**, in Coldwater, is a renovated, turn-of-the-century colonial mansion decorated with Victorian-era antiques, about 109 miles from Detroit. Call Rebecca Schultz, (517) 279-8744.

**GARFIELD INN**, in Port Austin at the tip of Michigan's thumb, is a state and national historic site due to the connection with former president James A. Garfield. Built in 1830, the inn has been restored to its original state with oak pub and other

amenities. Call (517) 738-5254. **TWIN GABLES COUNTRY INN** is in Saugatuck across the street from Lake Kalamazoo. Nearby cross-country skiing is available. Package deals with local restaurants and entertainment can be arranged. Call (616) 857-4346.

**SPRING BROOK INN**, in Prudenville, offers a quiet weekend getaway. Themed rooms, and room packages that include breakfast and dinner are available. Call Russ Hoover, (517) 366-6347.

## King Momo marches through Puerto Rico

(AP) — The picturesque Plaza las Delicias, heart of the quaint Caribbean town of Ponce, Puerto Rico, is usually placid.

Elderly citizens sit on old-fashioned wrought iron benches while children scamper around neatly groomed shrubbery and romantic young couples stroll beneath stately shade trees.

But in mid-February each year, the square sizzles with excitement as crowds gather to celebrate Ponce's Carnival.

It's late afternoon. After hours of waiting, a child's gleeful cry of "Here they come" signals a resounding cheer that all but drowns the sounds of an approaching band.

King Momo, wearing a huge monarch's mask that dwarfs his body, dances into view at the head of a parade of musicians. They're playing the tantalizing plena — Puerto Rican folkloric music featuring a lively blend of guitars, tambourines and guiros (loud percussion instruments). The music and the instruments represent the island's three cultural influences — Spanish, African and Taino Indian.

The rhythms seduce spectators to join the dance. The parade swells, overflowing the plaza into the side streets of Isabel, Reina, Pabellones and Lolita Tizol, lined with restored turn-of-the-century houses.

The annual event, beginning on a Thursday and lasting for six days before the start of Lent (this year it's Feb. 14-19), is Puerto Rico's answer to Rio's Carnival or New Orleans' Mardi Gras. Ponce's version is particularly popular with tourists because it seems less frenetic than the others and because it has special, very attractive features.

Primary is the appearance of devil-like creatures dancing in the streets, as celebrants don extrava-

gant papier-mache monster masks made by Ponce craftsmen using generations-old techniques. The brightly colored masks have dozens of protruding horns, some four feet long, with twisted smaller horns sprouting from them.

These creatures are called "vejigantes" because they carry "vejigas," dried and inflated pigs' bladders, with which they playfully threaten to bop spectators on the head. The vejigantes are popular with children, who enjoy taunting them and evading their mock attacks.

Carnival's schedule also includes breaking a giant Mexican-style pinata, and there are more parades. Friday night's procession honors the carnival queen, Saturday's honors the junior queen and on Sunday, there is a long parade of colorful floats from other towns around the island. Monday night is "la danza." Couples dress in elegant turn-of-the-century costumes, stroll around the plaza and attend a masked ball.

As Carnival culminates, celebrants stage a mock funeral march to "bury the sardine." Costumed men and women shedding crocodile tears follow a huge fish-shaped pinata into Plaza las Delicias. As they attack the pinata, candies and coins scatter and everyone dashes after them. The sardine thus "buried," celebrants concentrate on religious aspects of Lent.

Ponce is on Puerto Rico's southern coast, a 90-minute drive across the island from the capital city of San Juan. Known as "the Pearl of the South," the town is Spanish colonial in style. Ponce, traditionally a center for culture and the arts, boasts a superb museum, fine theater and an excellent university.

Contact Puerto Rico's Office of Tourism at (800) 223-6530 or (212) 599-6262 for further information.



# Volunteers help restore important wetland habitats

The natural world can provide people of all walks of life with a variety of rewarding opportunities.

Working to solve some of the hundreds of mysteries that have persisted for years can be accomplished without having a technical degree. A desire to learn, perseverance and a sense of adventure are the most important requirements for the task. There also are opportunities where volunteers can work with professionals on already established projects

and become an integral productive member.

One program a volunteer may involve themselves with is to serve as a "wetlander" for the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation. As a result of a joint project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the two organizations are combining their efforts to identify and restore wetlands in Michigan.

Volunteers who choose to participate will receive training from qual-

ified staff of each organization. After training, the volunteers would be instrumental in identifying potential land owners who might like to participate in this restoration project. Not only would volunteers learn about wetlands, they would spend time in the field, meet others interested in the natural world and make a contribution by helping restore important wetland habitats.

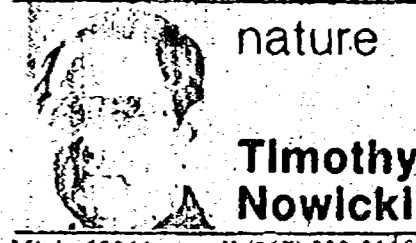
Michigan has lost half of the wetlands originally found in the state.

Wetlands are very productive in terms of both plant and animal life and serve to filter water and store excess water. This project will restore lands that were drained at one time by removing drain tiles and restoring the land to its original form. In turn, landowners who agree to participate will sign a 10-year conservation agreement.

Joining forces with a progressive productive organization like the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Founda-

tion would be a very rewarding experience for anyone. This group recently was awarded the Miles D. Pirnie Wetland Award from the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunters Association. It is projects like "wetlanders" which has made this group so effective and deserving of such an award.

To learn more about this volunteer program, write the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, 6425 S. Pennsylvania, Suite 9, Lansing,



**Timothy Nowicki**  
 Mich. 48911 or call (517) 882-3110.  
 Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence-Oaks County Park. He lives in Livonia.

## Classes target workplace safety

Workplace safety is the goal of two special safety administrator classes being offered March 12-14 at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

The classes are designed for people whose job responsibilities include workplace safety.

Participants will explore a number of occupational safety issues including state record-keeping requirements, accident investigation and costs and substance abuse issues, among others.

Classes are offered through the Michigan Department of Labor.

Advance registration is required. The \$45 class fee includes lunch.

Registration is available by calling Ronald Kanack, 271-1620.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village is at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

## Scholarship info available

College scholarships of \$1,000 are available through the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation.

High school students interested in applying for scholarships should request applications by Friday, March 15, from the foundation, 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5002, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045-5002.

Students should submit a note stating their name, address, city, state, zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation.

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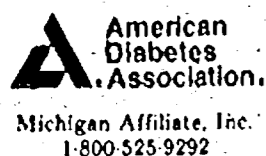
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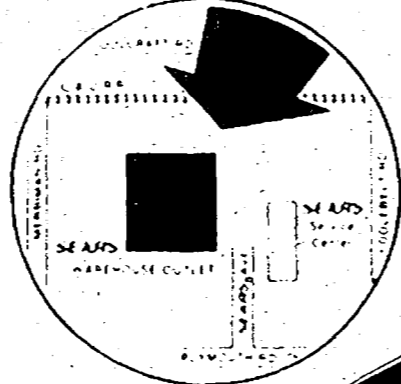
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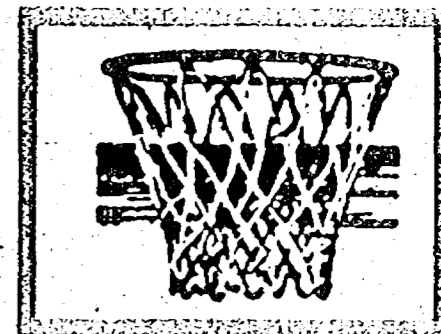
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# Sports

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## Churchill spikes Schoolcraft field

### Chargers topple Wayne for crown

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

Livonia Churchill entered Saturday's 18th annual Schoolcraft Volleyball Invitational undefeated, but untested.

After an exhausting 13-hour day, the Chargers were still undefeated and getting A-pluses for their performance. They eliminated Wayne Memorial in an all-Observerland final, 15-5, 15-17, 15-5.

Churchill ran its record to 30-0 by winning all eight matches at the 29-school event. The Chargers went unbeaten in pool play and whipped through four elimination rounds, including an impressive 15-1, 15-6 semifinal win over state-ranked Livonia Ladywood, following a 15-5, 15-1 victory over defending Schoolcraft champ East Kentwood. See statistical summary.

"You can't be ranked until you beat teams that are ranked," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "They've talked about being ranked, but they understand why they weren't."

Hughes admitted the Chargers had played a suspect schedule, despite winning tournaments at Howell and Wayne State.

**BUT AFTER SATURDAY'S** impressive showing, the Chargers earned their just reward, cracking the top 10 in the Class A coaches poll on Monday.

"We knew we had good athletes, but the question was whether we could play at another level," Hughes said. "The kids played well all day long."

The Chargers' demolition of Ladywood served notice that Churchill meant business.

Ladywood, behind the setting of Mary Jo Kelly and the serving of Keli Haeger, had just come off a stirring 7-15, 15-6, 15-10 quarterfinal win over Livonia Stevenson.

## volleyball

### SCHOOLCRAFT INVITATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Championship: Livonia Churchill defeated Wayne Memorial, 15-3, 15-17, 15-5.  
Semifinals: Churchill def. Livonia Ladywood, 15-1, 15-6; Wayne def. Temperance-Bedford, 15-6, 11-15, 15-10.

Quarterfinals: Churchill defeated East Kentwood, 15-5, 15-1; Wayne def. Birmingham Marian, 15-9, 15-10; Bedford def. Walled Lake Central, 15-7, 15-5; Ladywood def. Livonia Stevenson, 7-15, 15-6, 15-10.

Elimination round: Stevenson def. Grosse Ile, 15-3, 15-5; Churchill def. Harper Woods Regina, 15-1, 15-6; Bedford def. Grand Blanc, 15-7, 15-9; Marian def. Fenton, 15-8, 12-15, 15-7.

### POOL RECORDS

(top 2 qualify)

Pool A: 1. Ladywood, 8-0, 2. Fenton, 5-3; 3. Plymouth Salem, 3-5; 4. Anchor Bay, 2-6; 5. Farmington Harrison, 0-8.

Pool B: 1. Churchill, 8-0, 2. Grand Blanc, 6-2; 3. North Farmington, 3-5; 4. Garden City, 2-6; 5. Redford Thurston, 1-7.

Pool C: 1. Wayne, 7-1; 2. Stevenson, 6-2; 3. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 5-3; 4. Howell, 2-6; 5. Taylor Truman, 0-8.

Pool D: 1. Bedford, 7-1; 2. Regina, 6-2; 3. Dearborn, 5-3; 4. Plymouth Canton, 2-6; 5. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 0-8.

Pool E: 1. East Kentwood, 7-1; 2. Marian, 6-2; 3. Burton-Alherton, 4-4; 4. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 2-6; 5. Dearborn Fordson, 1-7.

Pool F: 1. Walled Lake Central, 8-1; 2. Grosse Ile, 5-2; 3. Farmington, 2-7; 4. Lansing Catholic Central, 1-6.

But in the next round the Blazers encountered a buzzsaw in Churchill.

"Consistency is the key for Churchill," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said. "They're all consistent players and they have a bit of power offensively. If you don't match up with them, they'll wear you out."

Senior middle hitters Alyssa Belaire and Christina Garry provided a strong one-two punch for the Chargers.

But equally effective in their roles were Stephanie Speen, Janine Sproul, Keri Hawkins and setter Amy Baron. The Chargers also got lifts off the bench from Julie Campau, Kristi Szymanski and Ellen Lessig.

**BELAIRE**, who at 5 feet, 7 inches, plays an all-around game, served nine points to beat Wayne in the opening game of the championship, 15-5. Hawkins added four service points.

The Zebras, also out to prove they were for real, came storming back in the second game behind the hitting of Brandy Caincross, the 6-foot senior bound for Ferris State.

Playing with two pins in her right pinky resulting from a broken finger, Caincross was given clearance by her doctor to suit up for Saturday after missing the last couple of matches.

And behind the serving of Kathryn Corwin and Gerri Ruffing, along with the defensive play Denise Walsh, Wayne was able to win the second game, 17-15.

With the score deadlocked at 15-all and Churchill serving, Wayne junior Dana Walls made the play of the game, saving a ball well behind the back row and turning it into a point when ball grazed the net.

Vicki Rohraff then served the final two points to pull Wayne even in games at 1-1.

"THERE ISN'T a lot of luck involved in volleyball, but at that time the momentum had turned against us," Hughes said. "But we had some lucky things happen to us earlier in the day, too. It all balances out. We were just glad to have a chance at another game."

Churchill left little doubt about the final outcome in the decisive third game.

Garry, a 5-8 senior who hits a heavy ball, registered one block and five kills that went for points.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Julie Campau makes the set for Livonia Saturday. Churchill defeated Wayne Memorial Churchill. She was instrumental in the Chargers' conquest of the Schoolcraft Invitational for the championship.

Baron served four points, including an ace, as Churchill captured its first Schoolcraft title ever.

"What we do well is play defense because we're not very big," Hughes said. "We block well for kids our size. That's just comes from desire."

"And we have six senior athletes that are just outstanding. They have experience and that's why they're able to play well. Four were varsity kids as sophomores. They've been excellent. They've played well all season and they're awfully good people. They're good

students and that makes a difference."

Wayne coach Ann Kolnitys, whose team is 27-5-1, was impressed with the way Churchill played.

"THEY HAD ALL six playing in this match (the final) and we did not have all six," she said. "They don't make mistakes. No play is impossible for them. They play with a ton of confidence."

Wayne also can play confidently, especially when Caincross, the area's most feared hitter and blocker, gets on a roll.

"She (Caincross) did great," Kolnitys said. "We put her through two tough practices and it (the finger) doesn't hurt at all."

Wayne also served notice in pool play that was ready for bigger and better things, topping No. 4 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and splitting with Stevenson.

In the semifinals, Wayne ousted always-tough Temperance-Bedford, 15-6, 15-11, 15-10.

"This was a stepping stone, I thought," Kolnitys said. "I think we learned that we can play with more than the teams we see in the Wolverine A (League)."

## Spartans erase 30-0 mark

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

Livonia Churchill apparently couldn't stand prosperity.

The 30-0 state-ranked Chargers, fresh off their conquest Saturday of the prestigious Schoolcraft Volleyball Invitational, came crashing down to the earth Monday, losing the first match of the season at home to city rival Stevenson in a Western Lakes Activities Association showdown, 15-13, 10-15, 2-15, 15-12, 15-0.

"Give Stevenson credit," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "They played excellent volleyball. It was obvious they came into our gym ready to play."

"Their kids should be proud and we don't have any excuses."

Riding the crest of their Schoolcraft triumph, Churchill appeared to have things well in hand, despite losing the opening game, 15-13.

The Chargers, behind the hitting and all-around play of seniors Christina Garry and Alyssa Belaire, took the next two games, 15-10 and 15-2, and were in control during the fourth game, taking a 8-2 advantage before Stevenson got hot.

The Spartans erased the deficit in the fourth game behind the hitting of

Teresa Sarno (five kills) and Sue Bell (three), along with the serving of Alicia Smith (six points) and Laura Zatorski (five). Their efforts helped Stevenson post a come-from-behind 15-12 win.

**THEN IT WAS** no contest in the final game (15-0) as the 5-9 Sarno and 6-1 Julie Martin controlled the net. Collette Rockwell and setter Patty Diamond served six and five points, respectively to leave Stevenson (23-6-6 overall) as the only unbeaten team in the WLAA.

"Churchill might have been more tired than we would have been on Saturday," said Cagle, whose team reached the quarterfinals of the Schoolcraft tourney before losing to Livonia Ladywood. "It would have been easy for us to lose the fourth game, but our girls hung tough. I think our pool Saturday (at Schoolcraft) with Forest Hills (Central) and Wayne (Memorial), got us ready."

"Then they started to believe in themselves. We got some hits across the court and to the middle."

The Stevenson coach also made a defensive adjustment.

"We played a different defense than we played all year," he said. "We adjusted our front and back

rows. We didn't leave a hole in the middle and we were able to counter their dinks and dumps."

Stevenson neutralized the hitting of Garry and Julie Campau up front, while getting solid defensive plays from Rockwell, who is just returning to the lineup after being out a month with an injury.

"COLLETTE GAVE us a big lift defensively and she's always been a solid passer," Cagle said. "I think in the fourth and fifth games we served with more authority and passed the ball better. And (Patty) Diamond made all the right sets at the right time."

The Spartans were flying high by the fifth game after rallying to win the fourth.

"You just seem to get up quicker and higher on the blocks," said the Stevenson coach. "Things just started going right in the fifth game and everything was working."

Churchill, playing before a sizable home crowd, left the court somewhat in shock. Hughes held a brief meeting with his players following the match to calm and reassure his squad.

"It's hard to tell how they'll react," he said. "It's a little bit difficult, but Stevenson was clearly the better team. They passed, hit and set better... and they played great defense. They made us do a lot of bad things. And Cagle outcoached me."

Although both teams have their division titles locked up — Stevenson in the Lakes and Churchill in the Western — the match was more than just a WLAA crossover.

"IT'S FOR BRAGGING rights, psychologically it means a lot," Hughes said. "We learned that if we get to the conference (playoffs) championship, it's time to get serious. You have to be on your toes or you'll go home early."

"We just hope to play better in the conference championship."

Cagle echoed Hughes' sentiments. "We both knew this would be very important," said the Stevenson coach. "We really didn't want to face each other on Saturday (at Schoolcraft). This was really important for our seniors because they had never beaten Churchill. It's good for their confidence and their self-esteem. Churchill is a good a team and they do things wonderfully, that's why I'm so happy with the win."

## Ladywood gains final

Livonia Ladywood swept Dearborn Divi: 2 Child (15-8, 15-8) and Harper Woods Regina (15-4, 15-4) on Monday to gain a spot in Wednesday's Catholic League A-B Division volleyball finals against favorite Farmington Hills Mercy. (Results of the final will appear in Monday's Observer.)

In the quarterfinal victory over Divine Child, Mary Jo Kelly and Rebecca Willey spearheaded the Blazers with six kills each. Keli Haeger contributed nine assists, while Val Adzima had six digs.

Haeger and Willey each recorded eight kills in the lopsided semifinal win over Regina. Kelly added 12 assists, while Julie Wilson collected eight digs.

Jannel Hemme added two solo blocks and two block-assists, while Liz Gunn served three aces. Ladywood is 36-10-2 overall.



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Keli Haeger of Livonia Ladywood makes the hit during Saturday's Schoolcraft Invitational.

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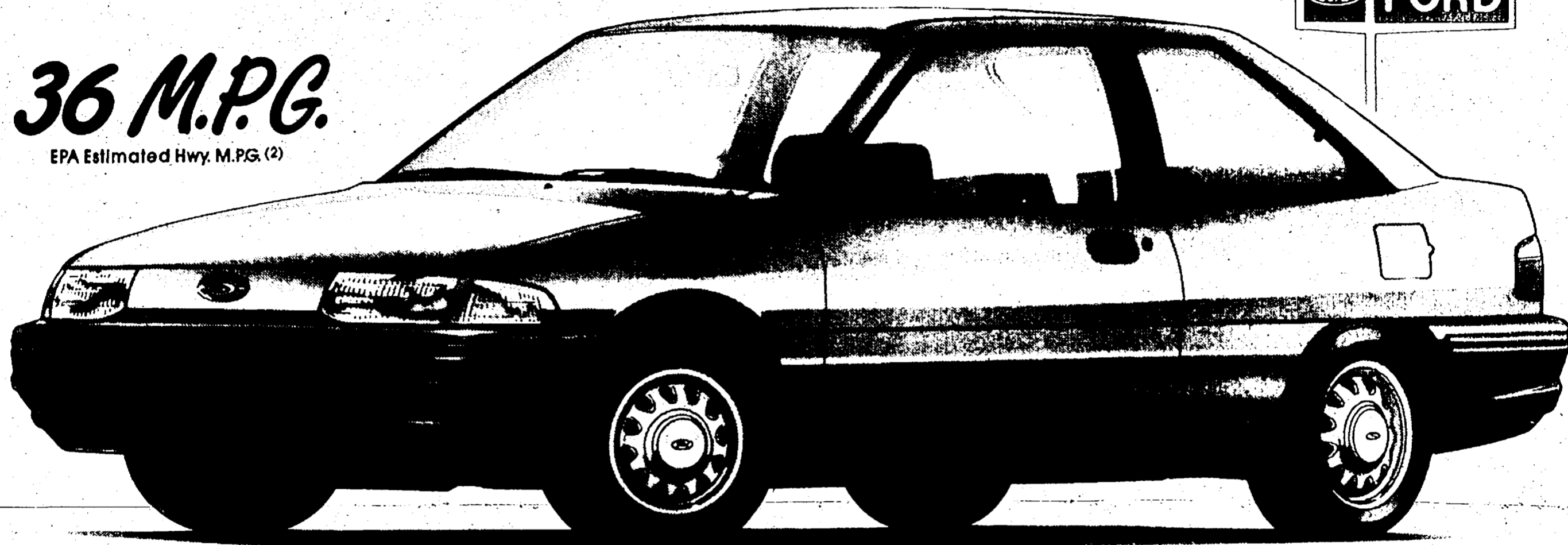
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## Renowned pianist to play with LSO

By Linda Ann Chomin special writer

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Guest artist will be internationally renowned concert pianist David Syme. The West Bloomfield resident will perform Sergei Rachmaninoff's

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"Rachmaninoff speaks directly to the heart," Syme said during a telephone interview while recording a new album in Arizona.

"Although usually considered a modern composer, Rachmaninoff is a throwback to the romantic period in music."

Concert time is 8 p.m. in the James P. Carli Auditorium, Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh in Livonia.

INITIALLY, SYME performed the second concerto by Rachmaninoff with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at age 18. Since then, he has

appeared an additional eight times with the DSO.

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"Rachmaninoff communicates directly to the audience with the second concert. It is an emotional and passionate work. The audience can get very involved in it."

Syme, a graduate of the bachelor and master programs at the Juilliard School in New York City, completed his initial studies with Mischa Kottler.

HE SPENDS 100 days a year on the concert circuit. Besides the United States, Syme

and his piano performances have entertained audiences in England, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, Scotland, Russia, Yugoslavia, Mexico and Canada.

His classical records total seven. On three of them, he performs with London's Royal Philharmonic.

HIS FIRST solo album, "Play it Again, Syme," was released Aug. 1, 1990, on Syme's label, JB Records.

Since then, radio shows from Dallas to Washington regularly include the musically diverse recording in their programming schedules.

From the "complete 'Rhapsody in Blue'" by George Gershwin to Bee-

thoven's "Für Elise," the album seeks to please a variety of music lovers.

"The album is a mixture of classical and popular. If I can play things accessible to more people, then I at least stand a chance of reaching them with the classical music."

Syme's second solo album, "Pumping Ivory," currently being recorded, mirrors the philosophy of "Play It Again, Syme." It is scheduled for release "in about two months."

Syme spends as much time on the radio talk shows as he does on the concert circuit, he said.

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Art fair goers call Arlene Schultz "The Sun- sunglasses, featuring painted cactus and glass Lady" for her decorative line of ceramic palm trees.



Arlene Schultz, who began doing ceramics five years ago, shapes the walls of a mug on a potter's wheel in her Farmington Hills home.

## Potter's wheel fashions contemporary clayworks

By Janice Tigar-Kramer special writer

IT'S NOT unusual for potter Arlene Schultz to pick bits of dried clay from the kitchen phone before making a call.

Between chauffeuring her two boys to hockey practice and running up and down basement stairs to work in her ceramics workshop, the Farmington Hills artist has little time to bother with the whereabouts of a little excess clay and plaster dust.

Schultz, who started doing ceramics just five years ago, often works a full seven- or eight-hour day at home, creating a contemporary and somewhat whimsical line of decorative and functional pottery.

Often called "The Sunglass Lady," Schultz is becoming well known among art fair goers for her unusual line of ornamental, pastel-colored sunglasses, which are decorated with palm trees and cactus.

Schultz also molds an affable and colorful snake with a pair of

*'I learned there's a big difference between being artistic and just throwing a pot.'*

— Arlene Schultz potter

black sunglasses resting on its erect head.

"The sunglasses and the snake are cute and just unusual enough to be popular. People always comment on them," Schultz said.

BESIDES THE fun, decorative items, the artist also makes a functional and attractive line of bowls, cheese trays, tea and toast sets and vases. Her colorful mugs and baskets, often used as desk accessories, feature a raised palm tree or cactus.

The tea and toast set, which includes a matching plate and mug, come in a black and white geometric design, rose and black

check, or a series of triangles, dots and slashes of black, rose and white. Each glazed piece also is finished on the bottom for greater durability. Schultz's work, sold by the name Contemporary Clayworks, is priced at \$15 to \$120.

The potter appears in about eight juried art shows throughout the area every year. She also sells her work to shops and galleries in Florida, California and Massachusetts and to Escapades in West Bloomfield and Route 10 Gallery in Farmington Hills.

Schultz, who also does acrylic painting and calligraphy, always has been adept with her hands. She signed up for a beginning ceramics

class at Oakland Community College's Royal Oak campus about four years ago simply because it looked like fun.

"A good friend of mine is a potter and it just looked like something I wanted to do," Schultz said. "Besides, it's one of the few things you can do where it's OK to be messy."

SCHULTZ QUICKLY learned that pottery making is harder than it looks.

To master her Wheel Throwing I class, the artist showed up at school every day until the walls of the cylinders she was required to produce were perfectly shaped. In fact, she finished all of the required work for the course in the first two weeks of school.

"I was determined to learn the technique. I never go into anything halfway," she said.

Schultz went on to take at least a dozen other ceramics classes and even repeated some to refine her wheel throwing technique or to work on special projects.

"I learned there's a big difference between being artistic and just throwing a pot," she said.

She participated in the college's Pottery Market, the annual show of students' work. And she remembers watching buyers leave the sale with her ceramics in hand.

"I was in the customer service booth when I noticed someone carrying out my work. What a thrill to have a sale," Schultz said.

ANOTHER THRILL came just last year when the potter was invited to sell her work at Ann Arbor's annual State Street Art Fair. There, Schultz met buyers from the East Coast who since have placed two and three orders from her line of about 20 pieces.

Though, admittedly, wholesaling is something new to Schultz, she had quickly learned to pack, ship, meet deadlines and invoice her customers.

"The artist next to me in Ann Arbor gave me a lot of advice and encouragement when I was approached by out of state buyers.

"I thought, why not give it a try?" she said.

Hoping to expand her market, Schultz recently loaded her van with enough samples to show wholesale buyers at Beckman's Gift Show at Chicago's Merchandise Mart.

The artist's home workshop, with a potter's wheel, slab roller and kiln, includes everything she needs for a day's work. And since firing in the kiln takes up to seven hours, she has plenty of time to do paperwork, shipping or carpooling for 15-year-old David and 12-year-old Jeff. The boys and her husband, Jack, even help her set up at shows and stay at the weekend events to help out.

Schultz knows she has found a creative field with no limitations and she is grateful for her rapid success. But she believes everyone can find his or her niche.

"When I hear people say they envy artists, I always say, 'But I can't play the piano.' I think everybody has something to offer."

## Help find award-worthy artists; Blue House on track

NOTABLE NOTES from the creative calendar:

• Honored artistry — It's a distinctive award.

But I'd still like to see more classical musicians nominated for the Farmington Area Arts Commission's Artist In Residence.

The award, carrying a cash prize and public display of the winner's work, is the Farmington area's top arts honor.

Past winners range from legendary photographer Joe Clark in 1976 to accomplished painter Lena Massara in 1990.

"I couldn't believe it could happen to me," says 1988 winner Gwen Tomkow, a nationally known watercolorist and vice chair of the Farmington Artists Club Foundation. "I'm

thrilled to death I won it. Three years later, people still call me Artist In Residence."

Adds Tomkow, who in 1977 shaped her skills under Ede Joppich, herself a former Artist In Residence: "When you achieve a consistency in your work, it gives you such a good feeling when other people perceive artistic value in it."

To nominate someone, call arts commissioner Debra Grant: 478-2566.

• Historic blueprint — The people of Livonia are a bit closer to giving the Alexander Blue House a new lease on life as a historic setting for parties and meetings.

Four years ago, the 141-year-old, Italianate-style house was moved from the American House Retirement Residence site on Middlebelt to



Bob Sklar

Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village, at Eight Mile and Newburgh.

Today, the former home of Alexander Blue — once a county auditor, township supervisor and justice of the peace — sports fresh paint and a graded lot.

Roof and chimney repairs, thanks to \$35,000 in funding from the city, continue. The Friends of Greenmead chipped in \$8,000 for the basement floor and furnace.

The Livonia Historical Society will cover the \$6,000 cost for architectural restoration drawings.

Society members hope to see the two-story, 11-room house used as a reception hall for nearby Newburgh Church at Greenmead. Period furnishings will reflect 1880s Livonia Township.

No timetable has been set for the \$250,000 phased restoration plan. So far, about \$100,000 has been raised, including major contributions from the city and Livonia's 16th District Court.

"A Michigan Equity Grant doesn't look like an option any longer, given the way state government is going," said Sue Daniel, who chairs the Blue House restoration committee.

One idea, she said, is to invite the Junior League of Detroit to host an

interior design showcase at the Blue House.

Furniture stores would each adopt a room and furnish it. The public then would be invited to tour the dressed-up house for a small donation.

• Canton's roots — Today, it's the Canton Historical Society Museum.

But the little red-brick building is fondly remembered as a one-room rural schoolhouse. Canton Center School was built in 1884 by Hargreave Stittlington.

The building's arches and raised brickwork may have been modeled after the nearby Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, built in 1882.

Both buildings are typical of rural schoolhouses of that period," reads a state historic marker outside the museum, on Canton Center Road,

south of Cherry Hill. The schoolhouse ceased as a grammar school in 1954. In 1977, the Plymouth-Canton School District donated the building to the Canton Historical Society, which renovated it. It opened as a museum in 1982.

The adjacent Bart Berg Memorial Building displays large historical artifacts as cemetery stones, cornerstones and farm implements. The open-air structure went up in 1984.

The same year, the historical society dedicated a time capsule on the museum's front lawn.

In commemoration of Canton's 150th birthday, the time capsule "was dedicated to the future citizens of this community." It's not to be opened until 2034.

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.



# MOT slates Dance Days in Livonia

Michigan Opera Theatre will host Dance Days on Saturday in Livonia to highlight the March presentation of Cleveland San Jose Ballet's "Coppelia" in Detroit.

The free pre-performance event will be noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, in the Grand Court at Laurel Park Place, Newburgh and Six Mile.

Storytellers will regale young audiences with the amusing tale of the doll Coppelia and her creator, the eccentric toymaker Dr. Coppelius.

Face painters will transform children into the dolls of the world that populate the toymaker's workshop.

Muriel's Doll House in Plymouth will create a doll display. Children

will have the chance to win a doll. Selections from the classical ballet will be performed by Dearborn Ballet Theatre.

Everyone will have a chance to enter a drawing for free tickets to the performances of "Coppelia" at Detroit's Masonic Temple.

MOT will present the family-oriented ballet in four performances at the Masonic Temple: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 8-9, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10.

THE FAIRY tale tells the story of the irascible toymaker Dr. Coppelius and his life-like mechanical creation Coppelia in a small European vil-

lage. It blends comedy, color and magical surprises.

When the peasant boy Franz becomes infatuated with Coppelia, the toymaker's favorite doll, his jealous and mischievous fiancée Swanilda pretends to be Coppelia and wins him back.

Cleveland San Jose artistic director and Detroit native Dennis Nahat created the lively, original choreography for his "Coppelia," incorporating the flavor of many European customs and traditions. Costumes and sets reflect the charm of traditional Europe.

MOT will host a free pre-performance party 12:30-1:45 p.m. March 10

in the Masonic Temple.

The fare will include face painters and storytellers. Younger children can color ballet cartoons with crayons. Traditional shortbread has been provided by Walkers Shortbread Ltd., Scotland.

BUY ONE ticket at full price and buy up to two more tickets for children 17 and younger at \$10 each, subject to availability. Call the MOT ticket services office: 874-SING.

Single tickets are available through the Ticketmaster charge-line: 645-6666. Or visit any TicketMaster, including at Hudson's Harmony House and Sound Warehouse.

A student/senior matinee is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 7. All seats are \$7.50 and available for groups of 10 or more. Call Kathleen Bordo Crombie, group sales manager, 874-7878.

Target Stores has provided \$5,000 to allow underprivileged children and their families to the matinee at 2 p.m. March 10. Call Sandi MacDonald, MOT marketing director, 874-7850.

MOT will host the third in its series of pre-performance luncheon lectures at noon Sunday, March 10, in the Crystal Ballroom before the 2 p.m. curtain of "Coppelia." A member of Cleveland San Jose Ballet's

artistic staff will speak. Cost is \$20 per person. Call the MOT lecture line: 874-7835.

ALL DETROIT performances of "Coppelia," are dedicated to the memory of flight attendant Heidi Marlene Joost, a victim of the December airline accident at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The Dearborn resident was a lifelong student of dance and had studied at the Ricardeau Studio, which provided training for Nahat.

Her parents, Cleveland residents, have established a scholarship in her name for students at the School of Cleveland Ballet.

## Artist's theme: 'In the Spirit of Protest'



"In the Spirit of Protest," an exhibition of paintings by Henrietta Mantooh, continues at Meadow Brook Art Gallery on the Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills, through March 17. Her paintings and drawings show the influence of this artist/journalist's more than two decades of living and traveling in Venezuela and Brazil. This award-winning artist depicts life as she sees it with a sympathetic view toward the oppressed. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 2-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and 7-8:30 p.m. when there is a Meadow Brook Theatre performance.

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# Tracking trends in kitchen and bath color

I had the opportunity to speak with Ellen Cheever, director of educational services for the National Kitchen and Bath Association, while she was here as keynote speaker at the Michigan Design Center and Schoolcraft College.

Here are some of her remarks on trends in the kitchen and the bath:

**Q: Could you first give our readers a capsule summary of overall trends you see influencing the design and color of kitchens and baths?**

**A:** The most influential trend is the emerging family unit: more often than not, it consists of two working adults with children, or various combinations of adults without children.

No longer is Mother exclusively cooking for the family. The responsibilities are shared and so is the kitchen space.

Consequently, kitchen planners and designers are using a zoning concept that separates the different functions of the kitchen, allowing

two or more people to work together without getting in each other's way.

Further, creation of the Great Room in residential design has influenced kitchens by integrating them more with other home furnishings.

Meanwhile, the square footage of the bedroom has decreased, as the bath assumes greater importance for relaxation and exercise, and not only personal hygiene.

**Q: What are people spending for their kitchens?**

**A:** The average kitchen now cost about \$18,000 and much more for upscale kitchens. No matter what the cost, we at the association like to think of the expenditure as having a high return on investment because the returns include personal satisfaction as well as functional consideration.

Without being wasteful, we encourage people to renovate and redesign their kitchens and baths when their tastes change, and not wait until things wear out, which



all about color

Helen Diane Vincent

will probably be never.

**Q: Who are the trendsetters in kitchen and bath design and to what extent do European manufacturers influence American taste?**

**A:** American manufacturers monitor many sources and deliver a good product to the public. There's a great deal of reciprocity in design: one industry can influence another.

European design is very influential on upscale levels but much of their use of extreme color or wood tone contrast isn't acceptable to the American market.

We find American taste polarized between two extremes: the sleek,

contemporary Eurostyle on the one hand, and the warm, country style on the other.

Here at the Michigan Design Center, the Italian Snaidero line and the German SieMatic are examples of very high style, contemporary European design.

The English company, Smallbone, using a lot of oak and pine, has capitalized on the casual, country look.

Many Americans who do not gravitate to either extreme opt for the eclectic look in a wide variety of wood finishes.

Michigan, with its automotive industry, and many people with an engineering background seem to prefer contemporary styling with a lot of fine detail.

**Q: Given these circumstances, what do you feel are the color trends for the kitchen? And what about brass and metals? I understand they're important too.**

**A:** Brass and even 24 carat gold, in railings and accents, has already been successfully introduced. Now

what we're watching is the use of stainless steel.

At the last Cologne kitchen fair, an all-stainless steel kitchen was shown. We feel stainless steel will be increasingly used, though more as an accent to color and other materials.

Although 60 percent of kitchens are white, color will become gradually introduced through other neutral and pastel tones such as light grey, peach, pink, and beige.

Brighter and darker colors will also be used in a highly selective way as focal points in an otherwise white or neutral colored kitchen.

The backsplash area of the kitchen, the area above the counter, is one way of introducing the brighter color accents. Black, introduced a while ago, can be overpowering as a massed surface, and is suitable only for very dramatic and sophisticated installations.

**Q: What about color trends for the bath?**

**A:** Color for the bath falls into three categories: the kid's bath, the

powder room and the adult bath, or bath suite.

For kids, all we can recommend is a no-nonsense approach. For the powder room, anything goes, and the more dramatic, the better.

As far as the adult bath is concerned, white, as in the kitchen will continue, but more color in the form of soft pastels will increase. So will bright or dark accents used to provide a focus to a room. For example, a very dark green can be used for the sink and combined with other fixtures and tiles in white, or other neutral colors.

In summary: the kitchen and bath will both see the increased use of color in highly selective combinations allowing color to provide a focal point. Both kitchen and bath manufacturers as well as many tile and laminate resources are gearing up for the increased and more complex use of color.

Helen Diane Vincent is a Troy-based design writer.

## Concert pays tribute to St. Valentine's Day

"In Service of Venus and Mars" a down-to-earth variety of music, costumes, mime and dance in tribute to St. Valentine's Day, will be given at 8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Feb. 14-15 at Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

This Renaissance entertainment, performed in period costumes and with reproduction instruments of the time, is sponsored by the OU Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

The Oakland Chorale and the Renaissance Ensemble have reached back a few centuries to find bawdy Elizabethan English songs and passionate madrigals and dances of early 17th century Italy.

The English portion will feature instrumental pieces such as "Tickle My Toe" and madrigals by Weekles and Morley. A couple of short, lusty "Jiggs" (sung street plays) will feature Jodi McQuade and Dawn Berger of Mt. Clemens, Kate Penny of Davison, Shari Neher of Troy, Ivan Gesse of Utica,

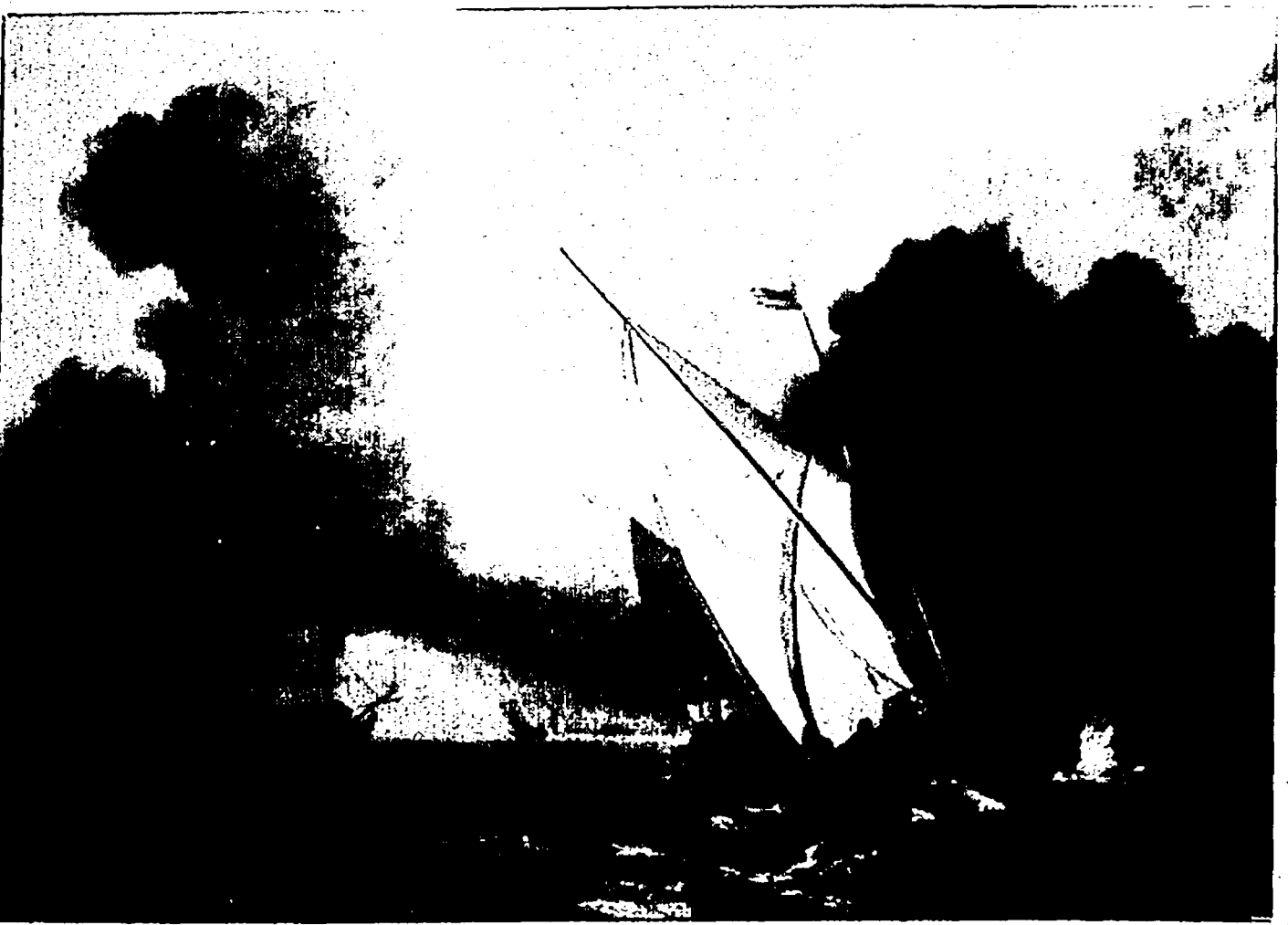
Trevor Rutkowski of Linwood and Michael Ameloot of Romeo.

THE ITALIAN half of the concert will feature madrigals of Luigi Rossi and a "ballo" by Claudio Monteverdi. Carol Halsted, associate professor of dance, choreographed the piece, which features Angel Starkey of Port Huron as the poet.

Lyle Nordstrom, professor of music, is director of this 14th love concert. He is a nationally recognized authority on the performance of early music.

His group, Musicians of Swanee Alley, has recorded several albums, and its music is frequently heard on classical radio stations in the United States and Canada.

Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$3 for OU students. For details, call 370-3013 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free, lighted parking is available at Varner Recital Hall.



### Spirited artistry

"Mirror of Empire: Dutch Marine Art of the 17th century" continues on display at the Toledo Museum of Art through April 28. It is the first major exhibition devoted to this subject. It includes 125 paintings, maps,

charts, atlases and globes by Dutch cartographers who set new standards in the field. Pictured is "Ships in a Stormy Sea" by Willem van de Velde the Younger, done about 1672. For tickets, call 419 243-7000.

### Prof to talk on Da Vinci

Dr. Eric F. Glasgow will give a program, "Leonardo: Artist or Anatomist?" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

He is associate professor at Monash University of Melbourne, Australia, and professor of human anatomy at Stanford University School of Medicine. He spends six months at each university.

His local friends, Julie and Peter Dawson along with Phebe Goldstein, have worked to bring him to this area.

Julie Dawson reports that this talk has been well received in many areas and that it has appeal for people interested in art, science and medicine. It is being jointly sponsored by the Graphic Arts Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Regular admission is \$7, students \$5. For information, call 645-3230 or 833-9830. Reservations suggested.

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## Shakespearean fest on tap



Shakespearean actor Brian Bedford will bring a one-man Shakespeare festival, "The Luatic, the Lover and the Poet," to the Michigan Theater Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. Calling upon his past performances as Shylock, Prospero, Richard II, Hamlet and Romeo, Bedford weaves a portrait of Shakespeare, both his life and works. Tickets are \$26.50; \$24.50 for Michigan Theater members. The box office, at 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, is open weekdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. To charge tickets, call 668-8397.

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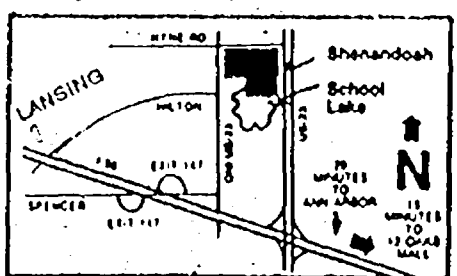
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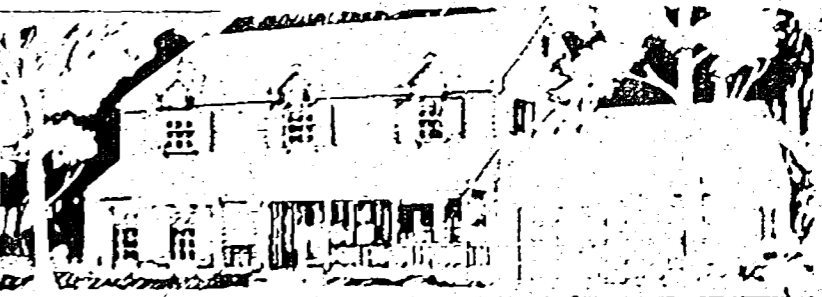


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special writer

When the Detroit Institute of Arts opened its doors to the public in 1927, a certification of civic status was conferred on the city of Detroit.

The arts commission had previously examined museums in both the United States and Europe and came to the conclusion that the architectural ingredients of the old were more admirable.

They reported that, although care had been taken in developing the efficiency of the modern buildings, the old Italian palaces were far more pleasant to visit and afforded more agreeable backgrounds for the works of art exhibited in them.

Paul Philippe Cret, then professor of architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, was hired as the DIA architect. Cret had been trained at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

HE PRESENTED the commission with a modified, one-story Italian Renaissance structure enclosing galleries based on axial symmetry. The grand entry on Woodward Avenue was defined by a flight of marble stairs ascending to three great arches resting on Ionic, classical columns. The association with the Beaux Arts tradition served to define the museum's cultural identity.

In the years following, the museum collection grew considerably, later necessitating two additions — the south (Ford) wing in 1966 and the north wing (Cavanagh) in 1971. The additions were covered with polished, black granite that provided dramatic backdrops for the original museum while providing the much-needed space within. But, as with many additions, the traffic pattern proved to be circuitous and confusing to the museum patron.

Now the museum, which ranks sixth in size among U.S. museums, needs more room and improvements to maintain that status. A \$75-million Phase I of a master plan, under the direction of art commission president Al Taubman of Bloomfield Hills, was unveiled, with Michael Graves chosen as the project architect.



Photo by Tom Bernard

The John R entrance as seen from the proposed Cultural Gardens sponsored by the University Center Cultural Association.

**BUILDINGS DESIGNED** by Graves display a multiplicity of forms, shapes and polychromy that often contradict the canons of modernist doctrine. Among his completed projects are: the Humana Building in Louisville, Walt Disney World's Swan and Dolphin Hotels in

Orlando; the addition to the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

As a result, Graves has been placed at the forefront of the current post-modernist architectural movement. Ironically, the proposed addition to the DIA reiterates a more

traditional Beaux Arts accent of formalism and symmetry.

The 122,500-square-foot addition, including the north and south wings, will be covered in a light brown stone complemented by incised joints, blind windows and free-standing columns that tie in with the origi-

nal Cret building. A new education center and expanded museum shop is part of the addition that fronts John R.

The total square footage will increase the museum 20 percent; permanent collection space from 115,000 to 161,900 square feet; tem-

*The John R entrance warrants equal consideration with Woodward Avenue. It has the distinct position of providing a dramatic focal point.*

orary exhibition from 12,535 to 27,000 square feet.

The education center, including space for student groups, volunteer and public orientation, will more than double in size, considerably expanding the educational role of the museum. The 20th century galleries will be expanded.

Temporary and special events spaces, restaurants and the museum shop are planned to be independent from the rest of the museum, which will allow for extended hours of the museum.

Although Graves concedes that the Woodward Avenue entrance will continue to function as the formal entry to the museum, the John R entrance is a disappointment.

If one didn't know what was on the other side of the new addition, one could mistake the entrance for a Cultural Center Marriott Hotel. Perhaps all the controversy surrounding Graves' addition to the Whitney museum has softened the architect's disposition with the DIA addition.

**THIS ENTRANCE** warrants equal consideration with Woodward Avenue, particularly since it will front on the proposed cultural gardens proposed by the University Center Cultural Association. It has the distinct position of providing a dramatic focal point.

Further adding to the significance of John R is the fact that the Woodward Avenue entrance was diminished with the addition of a waterfall fountain that cuts off direct access to the entrance.

Conceivably, how the museum functions on the inside is even more

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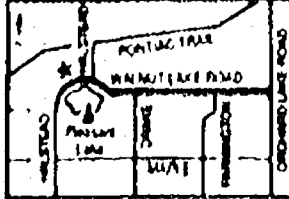
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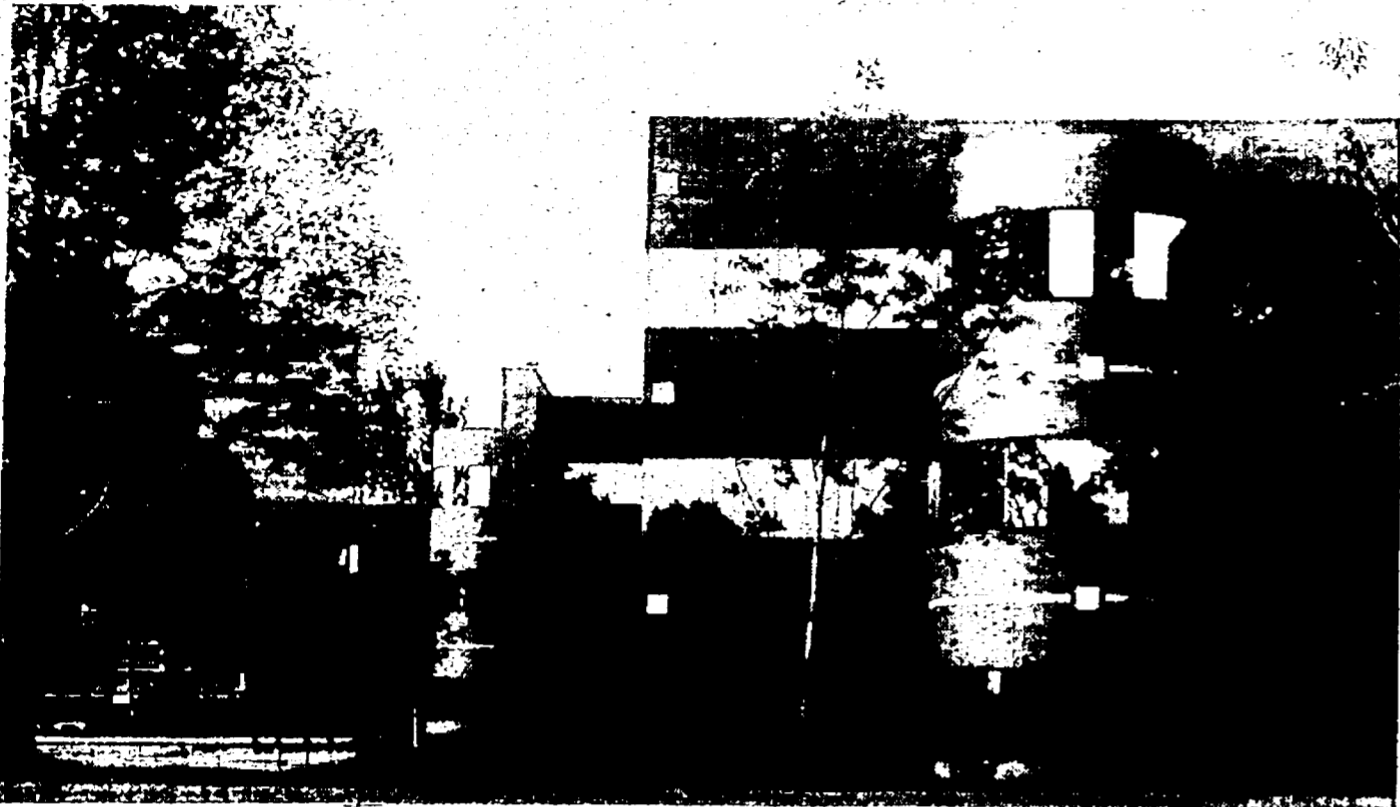


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# Institute applauds design excellence

Five building projects and their architects have been recognized for masonry design excellence in the 16th annual M awards program.

Sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan, based in Farmington, the awards will be presented March 2 at a banquet at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

Architectural firms cited for design excellence include:

• Luchenbach/Ziegelman and Partners, Birmingham, for the Michigan National Corp. Headquarters, Farmington Hills.

Jury comments: "Nice contemporary interpretation of traditional forms. Massing helps scale — but not overpowering. Details, special shapes, 'hand-burned' brick bands give attention to human scale. People friendly — pedestrian use. Interior courtyards exceptionally nice. Discussion of shutters — inappropriate with context of building — takes away from overall design. Why are they there? Nice proportions. Base of arches should be near ground instead of halfway up."

• Neumann/Greager & Associates, Southfield, for the 4,500-square-foot addition to the Bloomfield Hills residence of Mr. & Mrs. John Rakolta Jr.

Jury comments: "Creative use of stone and materials continue and reinforce the vocabulary that previously existed. Looks like it was built at one time. Design of new details was nicely done. Interesting details were added, but were still compatible with existing. Weak area: circulation from existing to new (could have used strong connection)."

• Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates, Southfield, for the City Center Office Building, Southfield.

Jury comments: "Good job of

making speculative-type building interesting — works well in site — good restraint. Punctuation marks at critical points. Massing and shapes carry project. Portal elements at entry do good job of identification. Entrance — lack of followthrough between portal and seems relatively unimportant after passing through a grand entrance portal. Well-detailed lobby."

• Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, Detroit, for the BASF Corp. Coating and Colorants Division Research & Development Center, Southfield.

Jury comments: "Exquisite job of detailing with large facility — great scale — showroom expressed properly with glass between solid 'masses' — creative and new ideas — excellent. Nice integration of louvers into elevation. Nice entrance, arrival point. Applaud client and architect for use of innovative details. Effort appreciated. Integration of bullnose shape at windows and masonry well integrated and conceived. Timeless piece of modern architecture. High-tech expression in brick (a 'traditional' material) handled extremely well. Indirect natural lighting at showroom area works well. Provides

high-tech image quite appropriately without being 'cold.'

• Straub, Associates/Architects, Troy, for the St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church, Mt. Clemens.

Jury comments: "Feeling of rising from earth materials to other forms — uplifting and spiritual like a flame. Appears to be climbing. Fenestration is well conceived. Warm tone of brick and color of door framing work well together. Modern interpretation of today's vernacular. Curves generated by structural members expressed well in interior of building. Flexibility of floor and individual seating are in line with current church vernacular."

Winners were selected from 42 entries submitted by members of the Michigan Society of Architects. Judging was by a panel of architects from Memphis, Tenn.

Two masonry institute member contractors that were involved in the projects will be recognized. They are: Monte Costella & Co., Novi, for BASF Corp. research building and City Centre Building; and Robovitsky Construction, Southfield, addition to Rakolta residence.

## Family business probed

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# DIA addition disappointing

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critical. Of particular importance is what museum director Samuel Sachs II points out as an environmentally safe "envelope" needed to provide the museum with the best regulated temperature and humidity control to protect the art collection.

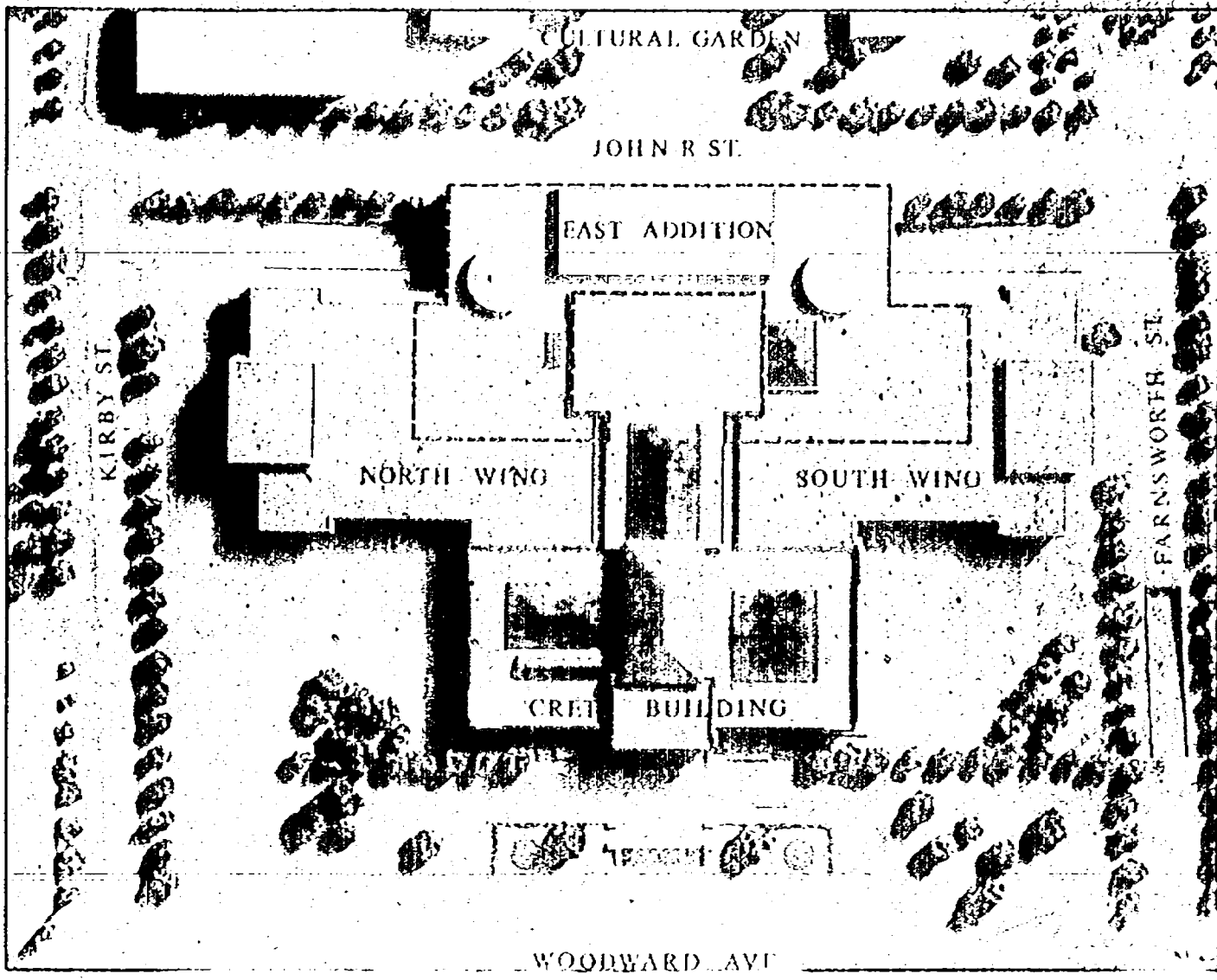
THE CLIMATE control and mechanical plant are high priority items. Portions of the original 1927 building also need repair, including restoration of the Great Hall and auditorium.

Consideration is also being given a

clear, legible circulation pattern through the museum along the north-south and east-west axes as well as vertical connections between main and ground floors at critical locations.

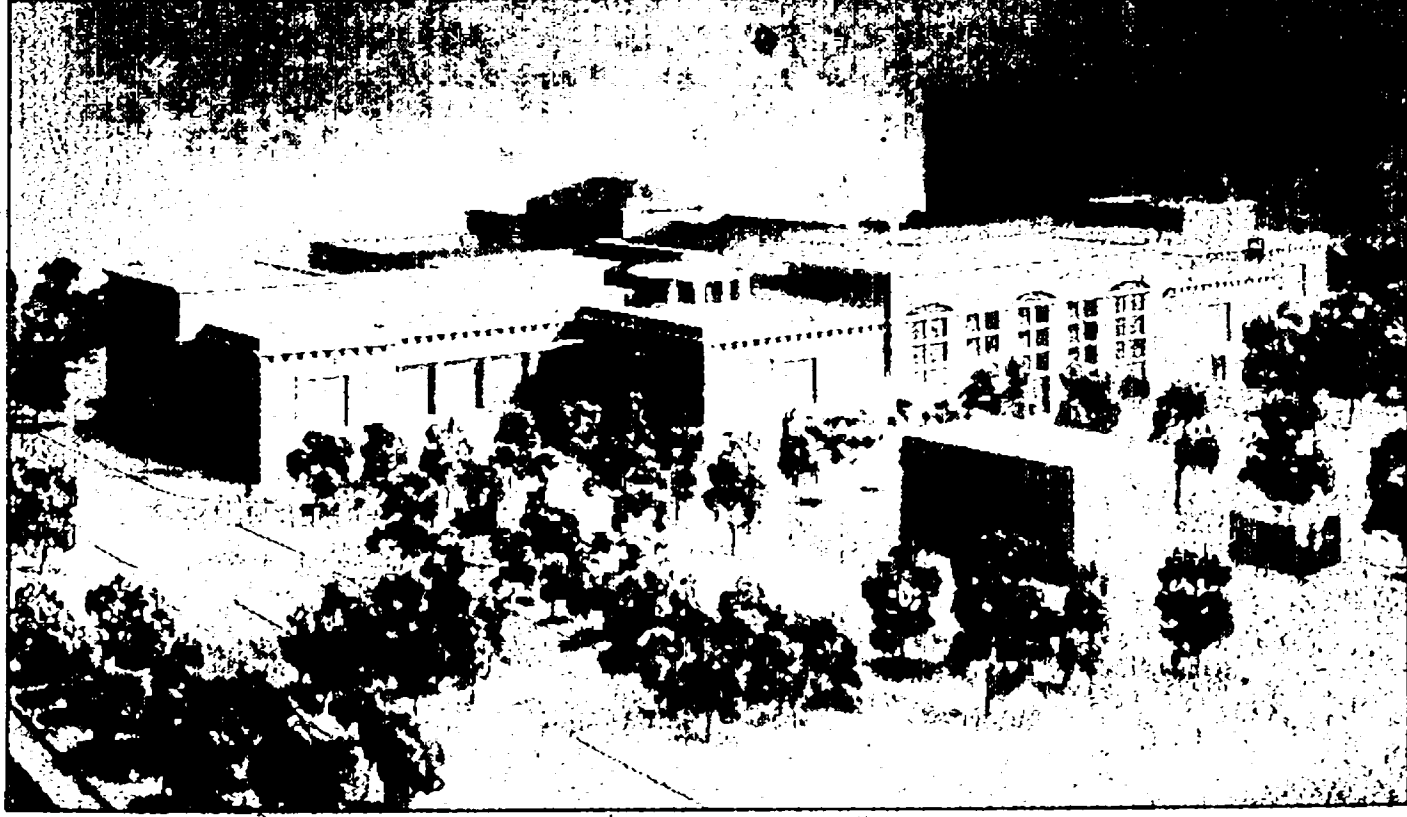
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Dale Northrup is a college professor and architectural historian.



Overhead view of the Detroit Institute of Arts master plan model shows the expansion as indicated by perforated lines.

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The model view from the southeast shows the proposed Cultural Gardens and the east addition to the museum. The block-like structure in the foreground is the Scarab Club with John R Street behind.

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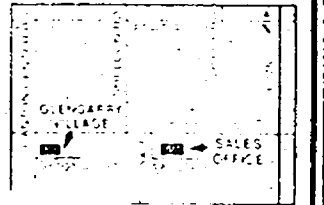
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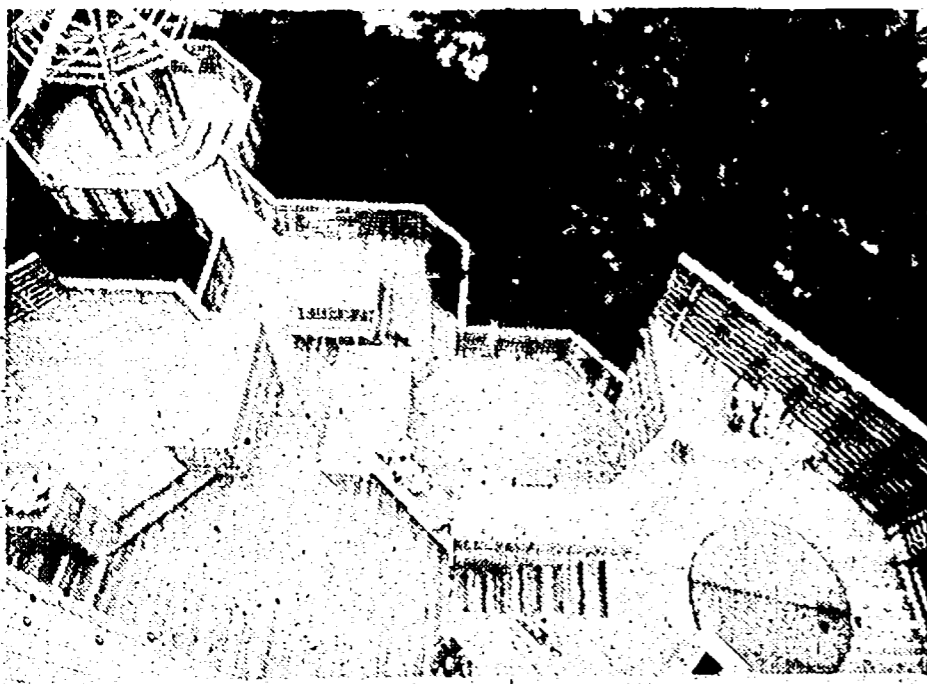
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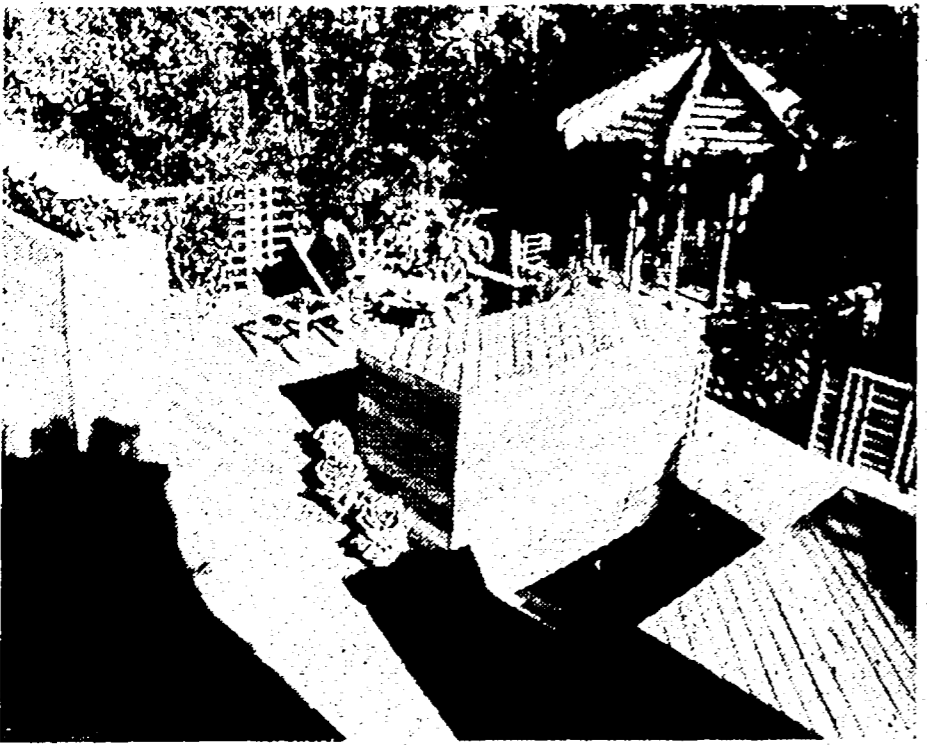
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# Decks: more than add-ons

(AP) — Adding a deck to your home can give it new dimensions — a spot to entertain, an area for children to play or a secluded spot for a spa tub or sunbathing.

The ideal deck addition is designed to look like part of the house, according to House Beautiful magazine, rather than a tacked-on appendage on which you park the lounge chairs and barbecue.

Skimping on size is the most common planning error, say architects and professional deck builders. The loose rule of thumb is two square feet — a 4-by-5-foot space — for each person who uses the deck.

You also will want to factor in lot size, topography and budget.

A minimum of 64 square feet is suggested for a dining table and chairs, with more square footage if you want to include a separate seating area, a built-in grill or spa tub.

Allow for traffic to flow around, not through seating, cooking and play areas, and provide at least three feet of clearance between activities.

If you want leisurely weekend breakfasts in early morning sun, build your deck on the south side of the house. If you long to laze away the afternoon in a shaded hammock, consider the east side of the house. Except in midsummer, the north

side gets little sunshine and is susceptible to mildew.

A DECK MAY expand living and dining spaces when located near the dining room or kitchen, while a second-story deck outside the master suite provides a private treetop retreat.

A deck should be planned for comfort as well as utility. Keller Donovan, a New York City interior designer, recommends your plan include several types and groups of seating — rockers, lounge chairs, benches fitted with comfortable cushions. Built-ins add architectural interest, but fixed benches create an inflexible arrangement and should not be your only seating.

Your design should include a table big enough for a buffet, plus smaller movable side tables.

"Decks tend to be hard-edged," Donovan said. One way to soften the look is by planning a multilevel deck that makes a gradual transition from house to garden.

"But," said Larry Benze, a Cranbury, N.J., landscape architect, "be careful not to make any level so small as to be nearly useless. The number and size of your deck levels should be determined by the functions you intend them to have."

To enhance the transition from

house to garden, provide a place to display hanging plants or cultivate a container garden. If possible, incorporate an existing tree into your design.

PROPER LIGHTING is essential, if you use the deck at night. Do not try to recreate the brightness of daylight by hanging a big spotlight off the house and training it on the deck. It will provide an unnatural glaring light and draw insects.

Instead install a spotlight or floodlight in a tree some distance away. Augment it with all-weather reading lamps on the deck, then add the soft glow of hurricane candles or oil lamps.

Here are some further deck do's and don'ts:

- If your deck is large, try to provide more than one approach to it from the garden to avoid bottlenecks.
- If your plans call for dining space, make sure to allow for easy access to the kitchen.
- Steep or angled steps and multilevel decks can be troublesome for youngsters and the infirm.
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A long, narrow deck is less effective than a square or nearly square one.

• Install your barbecue out of the flow of traffic, away from play areas and at a distance from doors and windows so smoke doesn't enter the house.

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Take I-696 to I-94 East, I-94 to 23 Mile Road exit (M-29) east 10 minutes to the Marina. From the north, take I-94 west to the 32 Mile Rd. exit, to Palms Road, south to M-29 (Dixie Highway), ending immediately west of the Marina.

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