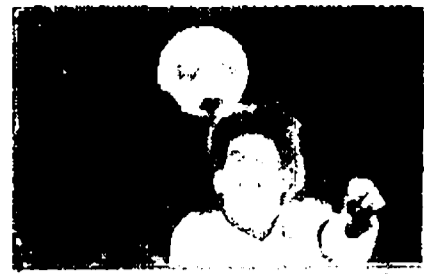


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An estimated 320 John Glenn High School students held a lock in Tuesday night and Wednesday morning to protest potential program cuts.

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Rallying for millage support

Glenn students want to 'lock-in' programs

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Hundreds of John Glenn High School students, in a highly emotional plea to local voters, gathered in their school's gymnasium Tuesday afternoon for a 13-hour rally to draw attention to a budget crisis that threatens to slash school programs.

They pleaded for a tax increase to protect school activities and programs symbolized by 52 balloons that the teens burst — one by one — in a ceremony that brought tears to some students' eyes.

As 11th-grader Kevin Tomaszewski read from a list, student representatives came forth to burst the red, white and blue balloons in a tribute to drama, the marching band, football, chorus, the art club, gymnastics, swim teams and 45 other areas targeted for the budget ax.

As Tomaszewski destroyed the last balloon, the students began observing 55 minutes of silence to show their sorrow over a budget cut aimed at slashing the final class period from next fall's schedule.

"Everything that I've worked for

is crashing down on me," 11th-grader Wally Krause said at one point during Tuesday's school "lock-in," organized by John Glenn's Save Our Schools committee in hopes of winning support for a tax increase.

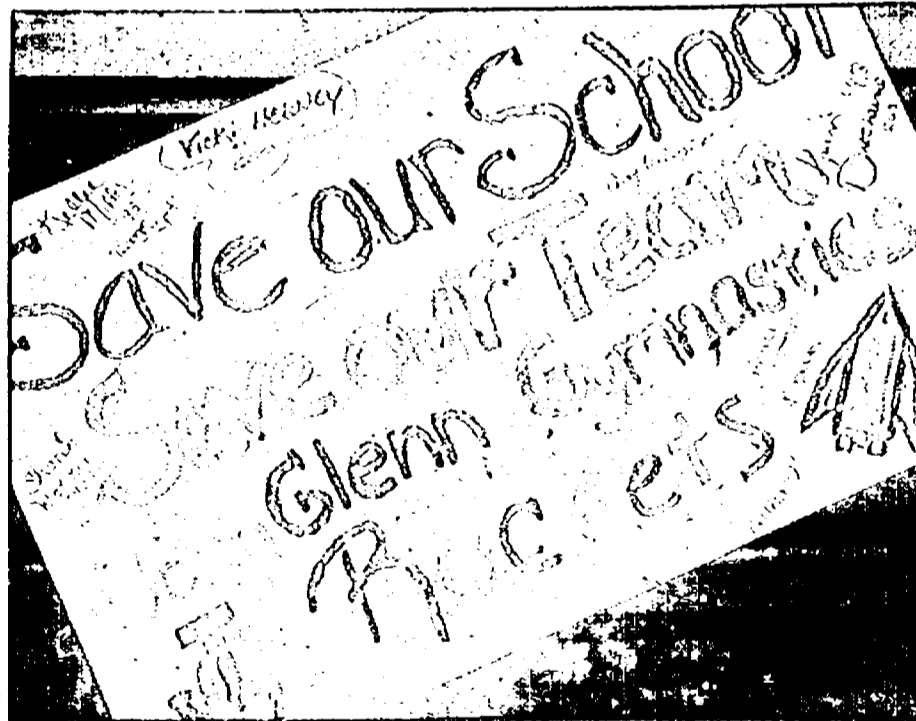
KRAUSE, MEMBERS of the drama club, band and football team, would be affected by the budget cuts. He could no longer act at school, play his bassoon or do his part for a school football victory.

"I'm not any good at math and English," Krause said. "But I'm good at acting. I'm good at playing my instrument."

Many students brought blankets, pillows, textbooks and snacks to the lock-in, which began after school Tuesday and ended shortly before 5 a.m. Wednesday. Scores of posters supporting school activities adorned the gymnasium walls.

Of the 320 teens who attended the lock-in, about 150 stayed until the end, a weary Tomaszewski said about 8 a.m. Wednesday, after he had gone home only to return to school three hours later for classes.

Principal Dennis Connolly and assistant principal Larry Wood also remained throughout the night, he said.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

This sign at the John Glenn High School lock-in signifies the determination of students to preserve extracurricular programs.

The rally drew widespread publicity, as reporters from four television stations, four newspapers and three radio stations covered the event that students hope will

convince voters to support a 7.75-mill tax increase for the 1,700-student Wayne-Westland district.

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Council favors using taxes to redevelop mall

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

The company negotiating to buy Westland Center has asked the city for as much as \$8.5 million to boost the project — a move the city council supported Monday night in a split vote.

The request from Chicago-based Homart Development Co., which has proposed a dramatic expansion of the 26-year-old mall, sparked controversy among city council members who voted 5-2 to support it.

Council member Thomas Artley raised questions about whether the city should agree to provide the money that Homart officials are seeking "to make the project financially viable."

Artley, in opposing the plan, appeared concerned that financial details have not been clearly spelled out.

Deeper opposition came from council member Ben DeHart, who became the council's first vehement critic of the plan to expand Westland Center, the city's biggest retail development and one of the city's largest taxpayers.

Traffic problems around the mall, located on the northwest corner of Wayne and Warren Roads, would only worsen under the proposed expansion, DeHart said.

"I do not believe it's in the best interest of the people who live in that area," DeHart said, commenting after Monday's meeting.

Under Monday's resolution, the city council supported Homart's efforts to buy the mall from Equitable Real Estate Investment Management Inc. by granting up to \$8.5 mil-

lion in assistance through the city's Tax Increment Finance Authority.

OFFICIALS CLOSE to the negotiations said Tuesday that the deal could not be achieved without help from the TIFA, which uses taxes collected in a special district encompassing the mall to spur economic growth.

The TIFA board has "embraced" the proposal that would require an amendment to the TIFA's long-range plan, city economic development director Scott Veldhuis said in a memo to council members.

The proposed sale calls for Homart and the city's TIFA board to enter into a development agreement in which both sides would be involved in outlining Westland Center improvements, developing a project timeline and arranging the financial details.

Monday's resolution came less than two weeks after Ronald Winfrey, Homart senior development director, met in Westland with top-level city officials and TIFA representatives.

ON TUESDAY, Winfrey said the mall's sale is expected to be completed by mid-year "if it occurs." Though many details remain unresolved, Winfrey appeared optimistic about the project.

The expansion is expected to include a Sears store, a second level of some 80 new shops and a parking deck.

No potential sale price has been disclosed, Winfrey said he could not elaborate because Homart officials "are under a confidentiality agreement" with Equitable.

Schools consider 4th tax hike vote

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Wayne-Westland school board members, in a last-ditch effort to avert massive budget cuts, may return to voters in June with a renewed tax-hike proposal, board president Mathew McCusker predicted Monday.

"I think so," he said, when asked if the board will seek a 7.75-mill tax increase in the June 10 school board election.

McCusker's remarks came after a leader of the pro-millage Save Our Schools citizens committee presented the board with petitions signed by 3,693 school district voters who pledged support for a June tax proposal.

"The board has to be impressed with that," McCusker said, after the petitions were submitted to him by SOS co-chair Margaret Harlow during a special board session Monday that drew a standing-room-only crowd.

More than 200 SOS volunteers col-

lected the signatures in the last week during a door-to-door campaign that gained momentum over the weekend, Harlow said.

More petitions will be turned over to the board during another meeting on Monday. SOS members hope to collect 8,000 signatures.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm," Harlow said. "It's really an important issue."

MCCUSKER ACKNOWLEDGED that the petition drive appears necessary to convince board members to renew their battle for a 7.75-mill tax increase that failed by a mere 3 percent in a special March 13 election.

"The board needs to be convinced that there's popular support," McCusker said. He indicated the board will decide the millage issue at its regular meeting on Monday.

The March defeat marked the third time in 13 months that school district voters rejected a millage in-

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Class helps kindergartner stay in touch with mom

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Five-year-old Jessie Odien hasn't seen her mother in 224 days. And her mother probably won't be home for Jessie's sixth birthday on April 30.

Jessie's mother, Debbie, left home Sept. 5 for the Sigonella Naval Air Station in Sicily, where she helped process soldiers into — and now out of — the Persian Gulf War.

She isn't expected to return until next month at the earliest.

"I wish my mama could come back for my birthday," Jessie said.

But Jessie has been receiving a lot of support from her father, Joe, and her 20 kindergartner classmates at Inkster's David Hicks Elementary

Jessie would come to school and she'd cry. At first she thought her mother was on vacation. But when she was away longer and longer, Jessie started really worrying.

— Carol Van Heest

School in the Wayne-Westland district.

JESSIE'S CLASS has sent her mother five letters and, in return, has received letters, postcards, Italian money, stamps and, most recently, Operation Desert Storm T-shirts

for each kindergartner.

Jessie's mother always encloses a special letter to her only child.

Addressing their letters to "Miss Debbie," the youngsters, ages 5 and 6, have been dictating their messages through teacher Carol Van Heest. They wrote about their studies, and

Home Town SOLDIERS

they also sent drawings they made in class.

Jessie would always insist that we put a special note from her in the letters," Van Heest said.

Perhaps the favorite gifts the pupils received were the Desert Storm T-shirts they all wore to school on Monday.

Five-year-old Rhonda Wared said she liked her T-shirt "because Jessie's mom sent it to me."

IN SOME ways, Jessie has been

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Glenn students plead for voter support of millage

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VOTERS HAVE rejected three millage proposals since February 1990 — most recently five weeks ago — but school officials have indicated they will renew their request for more money, possibly in the June 10 school board election.

"All it costs you is a quarter a day to save the future of a student in your community," Tomaszewski said, addressing the crowd Tuesday afternoon. "All the students hope a quarter is not too much to ask."



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Melanie Thom pops a balloon to signify the potential elimination of high school drama program. One balloon was popped throughout the lock-in for each program to be eliminated because of the district's financial problems.

Tenth-grader Erica Goldston, 15, said she hopes to attend school in another district next fall if a tax increase isn't passed and the budget cuts take effect.

"I'm on the track team, and if the millage doesn't pass there won't be any track team next year," she said.

Many students voiced concerns that the budget cuts will take the fun out of school, making it a dreary, uninviting place that could prompt some teens to drop out. The students said they "deserved the same" liveli-

ties their parents had, such as proms, a yearbook staff, marching band parades, student councils, a German club and sports competitions, among others.

"All my life I've wanted to learn about music and have a career in it," said 10th-grader Catherine Mafykov, 16. "I want to sing professionally, but I can't afford a voice coach, and my music teacher (Judith Premin) is really good."

OTHERS EXPRESSED dismay that they will not be able to fit certain classes into their busy schedules because of the elimination of sixth hour — a cut they fear will hurt their college opportunities.

"If we don't win this millage, our future will be destroyed," said 10th-grader Brooke Eggers, 15. "Sports are important, but education is, too."

Dom DeBrincat, a 17-year-old junior, appeared to sum up many students' feelings in comments he made immediately after the 52 balloons lay deflated on the gymnasium floor.

"This is our future, crumbled up, burst out on the floor," he said. "Does this look like John Glenn? Has this ever looked like John Glenn. This is what the community is going to see next year — John Glenn penitentiary."

Board mulls 4th tax vote

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crease, though the margin of loss narrowed dramatically in the latest election.

The SOS petition calls for a 7.75-mill tax increase to restore school programs already slashed and to avert pending cuts, such as the elimination of busing and athletics, a one-hour reduction in the high school instructional day and a freeze on new textbook purchases.

The proposal would raise \$11.5 million a year for the district. School officials have proposed levying the millage for five years.

IN A related development Monday, school board members clashed over whether they should seek a 7.75-mill increase or place separate millage proposals on the ballot to give voters more choices.

Board member Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek renewed her support for separate ballot questions, saying her top priority would be to seek enough

money to provide a full day of instruction at all schools.

"If we separate the proposals, we will get something," she said.

As a last resort, Wiacek indicated she would support the 7.75-mill plan because "I know we need the money." However, she predicted voters would again defeat the proposal.

Though board member Andrew Spisak said he is "kind of in agreement" with Wiacek on separating the millage proposals, he questioned how much additional millage would be needed to restore programs.

Elwood "Woody" London, the district's business manager, said the board would need "well in excess of 6 mills" to provide full instruction.

In addition to McCusker, board members Leonard Posey and Michael Reddy also indicated support for the 7.75-mill proposal. Board members Sharon Scott and Kathleen Chorbagan, both of whom favored the last millage proposal, were absent Monday.

MCCUSKER, EXPRESSING strong support for the plan, said, "We don't ask for 7.75 (mills) out of capricious nature. We ask for it because it's needed."

He added that "to ask for less or to ask for a menu" of separate proposals on the June 10 ballot would be "a disservice" to the district.

McCusker's remarks drew a sharp response from Wiacek, who said, "I think it's an insult to say we're asking for a menu. We're not going out to dinner."

At one point during Monday's meeting, Wiacek asked for a copy of the SOS petitions that Harlow had turned over to McCusker. Wiacek's request sparked an outburst from one audience member, SOS volunteer Cathy Keyes, who helped collect signatures.

"That's insulting," Keyes said to Wiacek. "We were out in the rain Saturday. We were trying to help the kids."



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Jessie Odien, a 5-year-old kindergartner, and her classmates display the T-shirts her mother sent from her Operation Desert Storm post in Sicily. Teacher Carol Van Heest of Hicke Elementary shows a re-creation of a letter sent to Odien's mother.

Mom called to Gulf duty writes to daughter's class

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lucky. Her father, also a reservist, wasn't called to duty in the Persian Gulf.

Still, she has missed her mother in the last seven months.

"Jessie would come to school and she'd cry," Van Heest said. "At first she thought her mother was on vacation. But when she was away longer and longer, Jessie started

really worrying."

In the letters, Jessie said she always told her mother that she loved her.

Her mother "really appreciated everything we sent to her," Van Heest said.

In her letters to the children, Jessie's mother explained in simple terms why the U.S. declared war on Iraq after Iraq invaded Kuwait. "She wrote that a bad man had

taken something that didn't belong to him and that we had to get it back," Van Heest said. "It was something the children could understand."

Jessie said she has enjoyed receiving letters from her mother, though she hopes to see her soon.

When she finally does see her again, she said she already knows the first four words she will say to her: "I love you, mama."

Local library offers series of talks on Ireland

The last of four related talks putting Irish songs, words, buildings and the landscape itself in center stage will take place 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, used by many Westland residents in the Livonia school district.

The talks were about the influence of place and locale on the creative process. They featured four speakers from Ireland with local experts responding to each speaker's topic from a local perspective.

The program is sponsored by the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Irish

American Cultural Institute as part of its Irish Perceptions and is open to the public. The library is on Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

The charge is \$5. Light refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, POET Michael O'Siadhail will talk on "The Chosen Garden: The Journey of a Generation."

His presentation will examine how the poet and his generation — and in a sense Ireland — moved from childhood in the "sheltered" '50s to adult-

hood in the '80s.

O'Siadhail will read poems from his own works plus works by poets such as Seamus Heaney and John Montague.

The local respondent to O'Siadhail will be Dr. William Boyce of the Wayne State University English department.

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School layoffs OK'd, 2 administrators retiring

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

The Wayne-Westland school board swung a reluctant budget-cutting ax at 44 workers Monday, signaling the layoff of 44 bus drivers, custodians and mechanics amid the district's financial crisis.

In other, but unrelated, employee actions, the board accepted the resignations of longtime school administrators Thomas Blacklock and Elwood "Woody" London, who plan to retire June 30.

The board began slashing the district's workforce on Monday in a 4-1 decision resulting in the layoffs of 34 bus drivers, seven custodians and three mechanics.

The board is expected this spring to lay off an additional 60 employees, including teachers and support staff.

The layoffs stem from budget cuts forced by the March 13 defeat of a 7.75-mill tax increase. The layoffs are expected to save the district more than \$1 million in the next year, London said.

Most of the layoffs pertain to transportation workers who will no longer be needed as the district plans to eliminate busing, except for special education students, for next school year.

The loss of busing will affect 6,000 of the district's nearly 17,000 pupils.

THE WORKERS are scheduled to be laid off June 30. In February, bus drivers had told the Observer that they expected to lose their jobs if the proposed millage increase failed in the special March 13 election. It did.

However, the jobs still could be saved if the school board renews its millage effort in the June 10 election and wins passage of what would be the fourth millage try in 16 months.

In a resolution adopted Monday, the board noted its "regrettable but prudent" action in laying off the workers.

Board member Sylvia Kozprosky-Wiacek cast the lone dissenting vote against the plan, continuing her opposition to budget cuts outlined by the board in February.

Board president Mathew McCusker and board members Andrew Spisak, Leonard Posey and Michael Reddy voted to make the cuts, though each voiced regrets. Board members Kathleen Chorbagan and Sharon Scott were absent.

"There will be 6,000 students in this school district who will have to find transportation by some other means," Posey said, adding that many families "can't afford it."

Posey added that he has a school-age son who lives seven miles from school. "I don't know how he's going to get to school in the fall," he said.

Reddy called his vote on the layoffs "one of the hardest things I've had to do" since being appointed

last November to the board. His six children have gone through the Wayne-Westland district, he said, "and I don't know what I would have done had the buses not rolled."

MCCUSKER EXPRESSED concern about the effect the layoffs will have on the workers.

"These are people who have family obligations who will be losing employment," he said.

Meanwhile, board members praised Blacklock, deputy superintendent, and London, business manager, who, at Superintendent Dennis O'Neill's request, had agreed to withhold announcements of their retirements until Monday's board meeting.

Though they had told O'Neill last May they planned to retire, he said he asked them to delay an announcement "so they wouldn't be lame ducks."

"They obviously have a very hard-earned and well-deserved retirement approaching," O'Neill said Monday.

Board members also commended Blacklock's 29 years of service in the district and London's 22 years.

"You did a good job," Wiacek told Blacklock. Turning to London, she said, "I regret that you have to leave. We need you now."

McCusker said he will remember Blacklock and London not only as highly respected administrators, but also "as friends."

Veteran board member pulls out of Livonia race

By Marie Chesnoy
staff writer

Carol Strom's last-minute and unexpected withdrawal from the June 10 school board race means there will be a new face on the Livonia Board of Education July 1.

The veteran board member's decision to step down leaves the door wide open for at least one of two challengers to take her place.

A third challenger, Gerald Parcheta, also withdrew from the race Thursday.

The district serves the northern section of Westland.

STROM WITHDREW minutes before the 4 p.m. deadline Thursday, leaving three candidates in the race for two board seats — incumbent Richard McKnight of Westland and challengers Dennis Epler and James Watters.

Strom apparently decided to step down sometime between the time she filed her petitions to run on April 8, and the time she withdrew on April 11.

Strom, 55, gave no single overriding reason for her decision.

"It's one of the most difficult decisions I've made but I'm not unhappy with the fact that I've made it. Here will be days when I second-guess the decision. There will be a void in my life but now I'll have a lot of time to

devote to other things."

Strom said she will support McKnight in his bid for a second term.

Parcheta, 53, a retired administrator from Detroit Public Schools, said he withdrew for family reasons.

Strom's withdrawal now puts the spotlight on challengers Epler and Watters, at least one of whom will help lead the district in the financially troubled days ahead.

IN ITS 1991-92 budget to be approved May 30, the district is facing its first major belt tightening in years, a tightening complicated by a possible two-year freeze in property taxes.

The district already planned to chop \$4.7 million from its budget; the freeze, if passed by the Legislature, will force the district to chop an additional \$4.2 million from its proposed \$105 million budget.

Strom likened today's financially troubled waters to the traumatic times of school closings she experienced when she first came on the board 16 years ago, in 1975.

But she said the current financial crisis did not dominate her decision to step down.

"Finances are frustrating but that issue alone did not cause me not to run. School finances had something to do with my decision but it did not

weigh anymore than anything else."

In filling Strom's seat, voters in the June 11 election will choose between Epler, a 40-year-old attorney and resident of Roselawn Street who works in Livonia's 16th District Court, and Watters, a 42-year-old resident of Woodside Street who works for First Federal of Michigan.

If McKnight loses, both challengers would occupy the two seats now up for grabs.

EPLER DECLINED to comment on Strom's withdrawal. Watters viewed the race as having dramatically changed.

"It definitely changes the scope of things, when a long-term veteran of the board elects not to continue. I'll have a better chance to achieve a seat on the board."

Board president Patricia Sari agreed.

"I'm unsure if that would have been true if Carol had remained. She had a wide base of support and would have been difficult to unseat."

Sari praised Strom for her years of excellent service and for her expertise in legislative matters.

"She knows a lot of people in Lansing. I'm not sure anyone on the board is as knowledgeable in the legislative area. We're each taking our shot at learning but she has had years of experience."



Carol Strom

If elected, Watters said he would like to use Strom as a professional mentor.

"The school board requires work, effort, time and dedication. She may be willing to be more of a counselor and guide for people like me, who are newcomers."

Strom, part-owner of The Apple Wreath, 32626 Seven Mile, said she has no definite plans for her future.

"I'll have a whole lot of opportunities to do things that are useful and helpful but I have no specific plans."

EVEN THOUGH she no longer will be a trustee, Strom said her interest in education will not wane.

"Our interests do change as we get older but it's important that we all be concerned about schools. Our kids have to be well-educated."

Strom's last school board meeting will be June 17.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Happy birthday

Gene (Santa) Reaves received a Santa Claus mannequin at a party marking his 89th birthday Saturday night in the Wayne Oddfellows Hall. For many years, Reaves has been raising money for several charities by playing Santa at numerous functions. The birthday bash was held to help raise money for Reaves' charities.

City administrators to get raises

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Salaries of appointed officials in Mayor Robert Thomas' administration will increase an average 4 percent under a pay plan approved Monday night by the Westland City Council.

But some city directors could receive bigger increases — and some less — under the plan that provides enough money to raise the overall ceiling on salaries by 4 percent.

The amount devoted to salaries for all appointed directors will rise from \$950,000 this year to \$990,000 in the mayor's newly proposed budget.

ct, said city Budget Director Tim McCurley.

The plan will give the mayor some discretion in deciding how to divvy up the money among his directors, though he could choose not to use all of the funds provided for salary increases.

THE PLAN drew support from six of the seven council members. Kenneth Mehl, who cast the sole opposition vote, expressed concerns that salaries for some appointed officials could increase dramatically.

However, council member Ben DeHart defended the plan and said the mayor has acted responsibly in the past in granting pay raises for

appointed officials in his administration.

The mayor did not raise the officials' salaries to their potential maximum in the current fiscal year, DeHart said, though he indicated that Thomas wouldn't necessarily be wrong if he let some salaries reach their ceiling.

"If I was in one of those positions for five or 10 years and I wasn't at the maximum, then I would think something must be wrong," DeHart said.

Mehl disagreed, saying the appointed officials "are not a bargaining unit, and they never have to get the maximum" pay.

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Striking rail workers picket

About 15 employees at Plymouth's CSX Transportation railroad yard manned a picket line Wednesday, joining a strike by more than 200,000 railroad workers nationwide.

George Munelo, a conductor and spokesman for the Plymouth local of the United Transportation Union, said "wages, health and welfare issues and work rules" were outstanding issues between employees and management, sparking the strike.

There are about 75 unionized employees at the Plymouth CSX yard, all idled by the strike, which began at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Three of the striking railroad unions are represented in Plymouth. Besides the transportation union, representing brakemen and conductors, are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and a local representing maintenance workers.

Munelo said a union representing railroad clerks is not striking, but members are honoring the picket line, at Karmada and Junction.

"There hasn't been a wage increase since 1987, and the cost of living hasn't gone up since 1987," Munelo said. He said railroad workers have been offered a wage increase "that doesn't cover the cost of living."

Management argues that railroad workers' salaries are now higher than wages earned by most other industrial employees.

Unionized employees are against a proposal to reduce train crews from the current three-man crews to one on some trains. Munelo said the union has accepted a reduction to two-man crews.

Congressional leaders said Tuesday they would try to settle the dispute by the weekend.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Leroy Craft and Rick Ramirez, both of Plymouth, picket outside the CSX Transportation yard in Plymouth, as about 75 local workers joined a nationwide strike Wednesday over wages and work rules.

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Westland is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a city. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate living in Westland?

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.



'A 10, especially since it has been built-up. I've lived here all my life.'
— Ed Heuser Westland



'I would say probably a 7.'
— Brenda Bailey Westland



'About an 8.'
— Minnie Hodge Westland



'I'd say it's pretty close to an 8.'
— George Thompson Westland



'Let's go 6.'
— Paula Gulya Westland



'I've lived here all my life. I'd give it about a 9.'
— Barbara Tasker Westland

Judges to hold court at 2 sites on Law Day

lunch menu for seniors

Thursday — Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread with margarine, strawberries, sponge cake, milk.

Friday — Crumb topped scrod, tartar sauce, rice, spinach, tossed salad with dressing, pineapple tidbits, margarine, milk.

Meals will be served at noon at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh at Marquette; Whittier Center on Ann Arbor Trail west of Inkster, and Kirk of Our Savior Church on Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of April 22:

Monday — Barbeque beef on bun, potato salad, green beans, orange, milk.

Tuesday — Tuna noodle casserole, stewed tomatoes, carrot raisin salad, brownie, milk.

Wednesday — Turkey primavera, wax beans, tossed salad with dressing, honeydew, wheat bread with margarine, milk.

By Janice Brunson staff writer

Law Day U.S.A., an award-winning judicial tradition aimed at educating the public about the law, is scheduled this year in two Westland locations, John Glenn High School and the Thomas Taylor Towers apartment complex.

Westland's two 18th district court judges will conduct court May 1 in the John Glenn auditorium, overseeing civil and criminal proceedings before gathered students. On May 6, court representatives will address issues of concern to the elderly at Taylor Towers, a housing complex for senior citizens.

Both events are aimed at inform-

ing the public about the workings of the courts and the legal system, according to David Wlasek, administrator for 18th District Court.

"A 17-year-old can be tried as an adult and often is. We feel this is one of the best ways to educate high school-aged students about what the court does and what judges do," Wlasek said of court proceedings at John Glenn.

Judges Thomas Smith and Gail McKnight will officiate, hearing cases normally scheduled for the day. Smith, credited with promoting joint court and school activities since his election as a judge in 1987, will officiate from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. McKnight will officiate from 12:30

to 2:30 p.m.

DEFENDANTS, NOTIFIED beforehand by mail about the change in location, and prisoners from county jail will be transported by bus from district court on Ford Road to the school.

In activities at Taylor Towers, court representatives will discuss home security, going out after dark, driver license regulations and social security benefits. This is the first year activities have been expanded to include residents at the housing complex.

During a recent meeting of the Westland City Council, a resolution was enacted, declaring "Law Day as a time for all citizens, businesses,

service clubs and schools to commemorate the role of law in our lives."

In previous years, efforts in Westland have received recognition from the American Bar Association.

The association presented the community with public service awards in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1989. Previous activities include student essay competition and courtroom participation by students.

Founded in 1957 by a member of the American Bar Association, this year's Law Day event is entitled "Freedom Has A Name: The Bill of Rights." In 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower formally proclaimed the event.

Students create Indian exhibit

The American Indian comes to life Wednesday at a Wayne-Westland school district elementary school when a museum exhibition prepared by fifth grade students is officially launched in the classrooms of teachers Michael Phillips and Carole Sokel.

Peace pipes, clothing, jewelry, drums, pottery and other items crafted by Taft Galloway students will be displayed alongside genuine Indian artifacts, according to Phillips. The project is part of fifth grade social studies class on American history.

Phillips and Sokel relied on the Wayne-Westland Indian Education program for assistance in the project. "There are lots of items with feathers," Phillips said, adding other items of interest are face masks crafted by students.

The display will remain on exhibit through the end of the school year and features items representing woodland Indians, plains Indians and Indians of the Southwest and north-west coast.

Wayne County is home to the largest concentration of American Indians in Michigan, Phillips said.

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The plan sets new ceilings on salaries for some 20 appointed officials. The increase comes in a year in which salaries were frozen for Mayor Robert Thomas and the seven city council members.

THOMAS HAD recommended a two-year salary freeze for elected officials, including himself and council members. The Local Officers Compensation Commission — the panel that sets salaries for elected officials — agreed, citing a souring economy and the need for fiscal restraint.

However, Thomas has said some of his directors deserve raises. He has not yet disclosed a breakdown on increases for specific officials.

Under the pay plan, a top salary of \$54,023 will be set for the positions of city clerk, public service director, finance director, fire chief, police chief and personnel director.

Among the officials in those positions, Finance Director Michael Gorman's current salary of \$51,425 comes closest to the newly proposed ceiling.

THE PAY plan establishes a ceiling of \$47,253 for the positions of mayoral executive assistant, city as-

essor and the directors of community development, economic development, parks and recreation, planning, senior resources and the building department.

The current highest-paid official among those is George Gillies, parks and recreation director, whose salary is \$44,981.

Elsewhere, the plan sets a top salary of \$41,331 for the posts of city controller, budget director, water and sewer department director, and construction and maintenance chief.

Among those, the current top-paid officials are Budget Director Tim McCurley and Controller Diane Kil-

nebril, who are paid \$39,343 each.

Meanwhile, the council balked at a proposed plan to let appointed officials be paid a lump sum for unused vacation days accumulated during the year. The council supported a move by member Thomas Artley, who said the officials should "use it or lose it."

Council OKs pay raises for administrators

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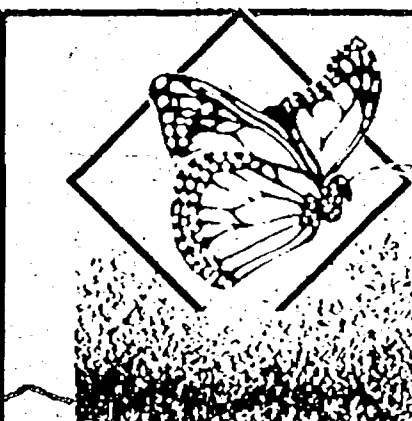
local programming on cable TV

The Westland Community Relations-Cable TV department has announced the following programming for this week on Channel 8.

THURSDAY
6 p.m. Town Meeting
7 p.m. Cartoon Classics
7:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations (Gymnastics)
8 p.m. Soviet Hockey Team Visit
9 p.m. What About Waste
9:30 p.m. Artist Profile (Dolls)
10 p.m. 5 Star Chamber Fashion Show
10:30 p.m. City Department Update

(Senior Volunteers)
11 p.m. Metro Spotlight (The Decades)
11:30 p.m. Performer Profiles (Debby Couch)
Midnight, "The Big Heat" Movie

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Conference seeks to reduce prejudice

Richard Lobenthal, director of the Michigan office of the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, will deliver the keynote address at "Transitional Stages of School Climate," an educator's conference that seeks to reduce prejudice and build multi-cultural sensitivity.

The conference is scheduled 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Farmington Hills Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road.

It is designed for teachers who have participated in the "A World of Difference" program sponsored by the league, in conjunction

with the Skillman Foundation.

Program coordinators report that 1990 census data shows vast increases and shifts in Southeast Michigan.

School district that have participated in the program include the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Rochester, Wayne, Westland and West Bloomfield public schools. Instructors at Madonna and Oakland universities have also participated.

Additional information is available by calling the ADL/A World of Difference office, 355-3730.

County health care could face cuts

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

Health services for Wayne County's poorest residents could be cut, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said, if the state Legislature enacts a two-year freeze on property tax assessments.

"It would just be devastating," McNamara said.

The assessment freeze could cost the county as much as \$9 million, McNamara said. He added that figure was a "wild guess."

Whatever amount is lost, the county's CountyCare health program could be in jeopardy.

"We really don't have that many other discretionary expenditures to cut," McNamara said. Most county activities are either mandated by the county charter or the state. CountyCare provides health ser-

vices to county residents generally too poor to qualify for Medicaid. An estimated 54,000 people are eligible for the county health care program.

McNamara was expected to discuss his concerns this week with legislators.

The executive isn't alone in protesting the proposed property tax assessment freeze. Many area school districts, fearing losses of their own, are also actively opposing the proposal.

THE COUNTY executive said he had no problem with the freeze itself -- provided it didn't cost the county any money.

"It's wonderful if they just put a line in there saying that revenue would be made up for those who lost it," he said.

That, however, is deemed extremely unlikely. County Commissioner Kay Beard,

D-Inkster, long an advocate for needy county residents, said she feared cuts would be coming.

"It's irritating that they're talking property taxes when Lansing doesn't benefit from property taxes," she said. "Any cuts fall to us and the schools."

Property tax reform is necessary, Beard said, "but it shouldn't be on the backs of the poorest citizens."

Health care for indigent county residents was a major political issue as recently as 1987. Health-care payments were blamed for a large portion of the county's then-massive debt.

Though county payments for health-care programs were supposed to be capped under a previous agreement with the state, health care was running at least \$30 million a year.

In December 1987, McNamara ordered cuts in county health-care services to balance the county budget.

CountyCare, which went into effect in 1988, has been credited with curbing debts by allowing the county to screen patients in advance for eligibility and more closely monitor treatment costs.

Earlier this month, the state Senate voted 33-0 to roll back this year's property tax assessments and freeze 1992 assessments at current levels.

The state House is now debating the measure.

During his 1990 State of the County address, McNamara listed service to needy county residents as a key administration goal.

Staff members are currently meeting with representatives from Gov. John Engler's office to discuss McNamara's bid to have the county assume welfare payments for county residents.

"It's something we're interested in looking at, but there's been no agreement," Engler said.

Weekend college fair set

High school students will receive the opportunity to meet with representatives of more than 150 colleges and universities during the Metro Detroit College Fair, April 21-22 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Admission and parking are free. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

The fair offers the opportunity to receive professional counseling and advice on college admission tests, minority admission programs and athletic eligibility, among other programs.

The fair is sponsored by the National Association of College Admission Counselors.

Lion to appear at sports show

Detroit Lion defensive back Bennie Blades will be giving free autographs at a sports collectors show, Saturday, April 20, at Eddie Edgar Arena, Livonia.

The show is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Blades will appear noon to 2 p.m.

The show is sponsored by Friends

of Livonia Parks and Recreation and the Livonia Family YMCA.

Admission is \$2 for adults; \$1 for youngsters 5-17. The arena is behind Ford Field, on Lyndon, east of Farmington Road, north of I-96.

Additional information is available by calling 261-2161 or 261-2260.



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VEGAS NIGHT

Friday, April 19 — St. Raphael Catholic School will hold a Vegas Night from 7 p.m. to midnight in the parish hall, Merriman at Beechwood, to raise money for support of its bus fleet. Donation is \$1.

SCHOOL PLAY

Thursday and Friday, April 25-26 — John Glenn High School's Theatrical Guild will produce "Clockwork" at 7:30 p.m. both nights in the school auditorium, on Marquette, west of Wayne Road. "Clockwork" is a mystery-comedy.

ITALIAN MENU

Fridays, through April — Buffet-style Italian dinners will be served 4-8 p.m. Fridays in the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh at Marquette. There will be Italian music, a bake sale, all homemade Italian dinners, beer and pop. For reservations, call 722-7632 or 722-7628. Tickets for adults are \$5, all you can eat \$6, children \$2.50 (12 and under).

Proceeds go toward purchase of "Our Friendship Bus."

BASEBALL

Saturdays, through April — T-ball and baseball registration will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1661 N. Wayne Road. For information, call Neal or Russ at 728-5010.

HOLIDAY CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 20 — An "Earth Day Cleanup" project will start at 9 a.m. in Holiday Nature Preserve, Joy Road entrance between Wayne and Newburgh Road. There will also be an "Earth Day Tree Planting" at the Newburgh entrance, meet in the parking lot. Planting to be done by local scout groups and student organizations at 1 p.m.

READING TUTORS

Saturday, April 20 — The Western Wayne County Literacy Council will have a workshop to train tutors for reading 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Canton Library. For information, call 427-6644 or write the council at 28901 Cambridge, Garden City 48135.

GED TESTS

Monday-Tuesday, April 22-23 —

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.

Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard at 5 Mile. For information, call 523-9294.

WALK MICHIGAN

Tuesday, April 23 — "Walk Michigan" kick off walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Log Cabin in Garden City Park. For more information, call Val O'Rourke 525-8846.

DYER CENTER DINNER

Thursday, April 25 — The Wayne-Westland school district senior adults will hold its club dinner and birthday celebrations at 1 p.m. in the center, 36745 Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, April 25 — A spaghetti dinner will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Garden City High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 5-12 years old, children 4 years old and under free. Tickets available at Garden City High School or call Pat Brozek 522-1158 or Judy MacKenzie 522-6259. All proceeds benefit the all-night graduation party for the class of '91.

AARP

Thursday, April 25 — Dearborn AARP leaders from 14 chapters in the Detroit Metropolitan Area will hold their spring workshop at the Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus Hall, 23663 Park, Dearborn. Marion Hornyak AARP assistant state director for the Detroit Metro Area will preside. For more information, call Marion Hornyak at 562-3208.

REGISTRATION

Through Friday, April 26 — The Dad's Athletic Club of Westland is taking softball registrations for boys and girls, age 7-18. For information, call 728-7746, 595-4232 or 722-4323.

EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday-Sunday, April 27-28 — The Polish Centennial Dancers will perform Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. in Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road north of Joy Road. Donation \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. For tickets call, Joanne 464-1263 or Linda 427-2636.

tion, call the Jaycees at 729-5083 or 722-1630.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Wednesdays in April — A series of lectures on adolescent chemical dependency and prevention will be 7:30-9 p.m. in Annapolis Hospital-Westland Center, 2345 Merriman between Palmer and Michigan Ave. For information, call Susan Kozak at 467-2600.

REGISTRATIONS

St. Mel Catholic School is now accepting new registrations for Grades K-8 for the 1991/92 school year. For information, call 274-6270.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Thursday — A support group for the families and friends of those with chronic mental illness meets the first Thursday of every month 7-9 p.m. in Annapolis Hospital-Westland Center Conference Room A, 2345 Merriman Road.

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.

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 Pheny, 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.

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 in Cherry Hill Baptist Church, corner of Gully and Wilson, has opened enrollment for winter term, now through May. Registration for fall for children, 2, 3 and 4 years old is also open. For more information, call 274-1572.

TOPS

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.

CARDIAC GROUP

Mondays — A cardiac support group meets the second and fourth Monday of every month 7:30 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.

DANCERS WANTED

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

SCHOOL GROUP

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

Man killed in freak accident

A Garden City man died of injuries suffered in a freak auto accident early Saturday morning in Livingston County.

Michael Anthony Mitchell, 32, was killed when the car he was driving swerved to miss a couch that fell off a vehicle in front of him, went off the road into a ditch and flipped over

when it came out of the ditch, said the Brighton State Police Post.

In the car with him was Margaret Mitchell, 27, and Gregory Donahue, 29, of Westland. They were injured and treated at McPherson Hospital in Howell.

The accident happened on I-96 near Chilson Road in Brighton Township.

obituaries

MABEL BLAS

Services for Mrs. Blas, 87, of Garden City were April 16 from the John Santelmo and Son Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert McDonald of Fair Haven Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Mrs. Blas died unexpectedly April 13 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born Jan. 27, 1904, in North Carolina, Mrs. Blas was a retired railroad telegraph operator and a member of the Rebekka Lodge.

Survivors are daughters Jacqueline Bradbury and Elaine Casterline; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and sisters Paul and Jackie.

ROBERT L. CHIAVERINI

Services for Mr. Chiaverini, 89, of Garden City were April 4 from St. Raphael Catholic Church with the Rev. Raymond Marshall officiating. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

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Commissioner resigns

Heintz leaving to work in Engler administration

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Susan Heintz, vice chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission, has resigned from the county board to take two jobs with Gov. John Engler's administration.

Heintz began work Tuesday as director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office and liaison to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The Northville Township resident, the county board's lone Republican, has already recommended a successor.

"I'm supporting Plymouth Town-

ship Supervisor Maurie Breen as my replacement," she said from her office Monday as she wrote several letters of resignation.

"The county board makes the appointment within 30 days. Under the charter, it must be from the same political party (Republican). So the Democrats must appoint a Republican. The voters wanted it that way."

Voters would nominate and elect a permanent replacement during special elections. As of Tuesday, it was uncertain when elections would be scheduled. Elections must be within no less than 30 days of the June 10 school elections.

Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Ink-

ster, said she expected a replacement and new vice chairman to be selected today.

The commission district includes Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

HEINTZ, 43, gives up not only her commission post, where she earned \$47,396 as vice chairwoman, but also resigned from three other positions: suburban member of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Board (unpaid), executive committee member of SEMCOG (light refreshments) and a gubernatorial appointment to the Michigan Commission on Intergo-

vernmental Relations (\$50 a meeting, three times a year).

"It's an opportunity to work with Engler — a tremendous job. It takes in everything I've ever done," said Heintz, who will be paid about \$62,000.

In James Blanchard's days, the governor's regional office was headed by Julie Dade and earlier by Sam Turner (now a judge) with a staff of six to eight. Connie Shorter was liaison to SEMCOG.

"Engler is combining a bunch of jobs," said Heintz, who will have a staff of three. Her office will be on the 20th floor of the state office building overlooking the Lodge free-

way in downtown Detroit.

"We'll do constituent work, like any district office. I'll represent the governor at different governmental and quasi-governmental events, like the Downriver Community Conference and Western Wayne Conference."

COUNTY DISTRICTS are due to be reapportioned for the 1992 election, but she said it's likely Northville and Plymouth would be in the same district.

Heintz is the fourth commissioner to depart from the board since the end of last year.

Veteran Canton-area commissioner Milton Mack resigned to become a county probate judge. Clarence Young of Ecorse, the dean of the commission, died after a long illness. Bernard Kilpatrick of Detroit resigned early this year to join McNamara's staff.

Heintz served as Northville Township clerk and supervisor before becoming a county commissioner. Heintz frequently has been men-



Susan Heintz
Engler's contact

tioned as a candidate for higher office, such as the Legislature and even the state ticket.

Daughter of former Mount Clemens Mayor Bert Vande Vusse, Heintz said she'd call on her ties to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties in her new posts.

She's seen as boosting the outstate governor's presence in the tri-county area.

Wayne Peal contributed to this story.

obituaries

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try, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Chiaverini died April 1 in his home. Born in Italy, he was a 28-year area resident and a retired Chrysler Corp. repairman.

Survivors are wife, Amelia, and a sister in Italy.

Arrangements were by the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

KATHALEEN CURNOW

A memorial service for Mrs. Curnow, 86, of Garden City will be at a date to be announced. Mrs. Curnow died April 15 in Hope Care Convalescent Center, Westland.

She was born Oct. 1, 1904, in Im-lay City. A retired teacher who was in the Garden City schools for 24 years, she was a former member of the Garden City Presbyterian Church, member of First United Methodist Church of Garden City and former member of the Rebekka Lodge. She was active in local senior citizens groups.

Surviving are daughter, Shirley Salminen of Garden City; son, William of Garden City; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister, Carol Brown of Rochester, N.Y.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Foundation with envelopes available at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh at Marquette, Westland.

ROBERT L. FERRARI

Services for Mr. Ferrari, 60, of Westland were April 17 at Fairlane Assembly of God, Dearborn Heights with interment in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Ferrari died April 15 in his home. He was a maintenance man for a carpet company.

Surviving are wife, Bobbie; daughters Donna Aldridge and Barbara; sons James and John; 12 grandchild-

ren; father, James; and sister, Mary Peters.

Arrangements were by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

JOSEPH J. JASKULA

Services for Mr. Jaskula, 77, of Garden City were April 6 from St. Raphael Catholic Church with the Rev. Timothy Murray officiating. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Jaskula died April 3 in Garden City Hospital after battling cancer.

Born Nov. 27, 1913, in Detroit, he was a retired railroad supervisor.

Survivors are wife, Julia; daughter, Theresa Wise; grandchildren, Kenneth Wise and Kristen Fadoir; brother, Andrew; and sister, Wanda Helen Jaskula.

Arrangements were by the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

FLORENCE IRENE OXFORD

Services for Mrs. Oxford, 77, of Westland were April 10 in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with Gordon Turner of the Ridge Road Church of Christ, Ypsilanti, officiating. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Oxford died April 8 in the Westland home of her son, Raymond.

Born July 1, 1913, in Calumet, Mich., she was a homemaker and a Garden City resident for 51 years.

Besides her son, other survivors are daughters, Dorothy Minch of Livonia and Jeanne Jackson of Kettering, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

JOSEPH PESCI

Services for Mr. Pesci, 85, of Westland were April 15 from St. Theodore Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Molnar officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Pesci died April 13 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born Jan. 31, 1906, in Malta, Mr. Pesci was a retired Chrysler Corp. auto assembly worker.

Survivors are wife, Anna; sons, Gerald of Troy and Daniel of Westland; daughter, Johanna Robins of Farmington Hills; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

PAULINE SCARLETT

Services for Mrs. Scarlett, 88, of Garden City were April 15 from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Livonia, with the Rev. Robert Clapp officiating. Interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Scarlett died April 12 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne.

Born July 8, 1902, in Michigan, Mrs. Scarlett was a homemaker and a life member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors are son Joseph and 10 grandchildren.

WILLIAM J. SKRATEK

Services for Mr. Skratek, 72, of Westland were April 15 from the John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City, with the Rev. Thomas Duffy officiating. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Skratek died April 11 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne.

Born Feb. 23, 1919, in New York, he served in the Navy during World War II and was a retired Ford Motor Co. foreman.

Survivors are daughters, Carolyn Curtis and Sylvia Skratek; son, Dan; grandchildren, Christopher, Eric and Matthew; great-grandchildren, Monica and Michelle; and sisters, Jean Roberts, Helen Dysarz and Florence Wilhelm.

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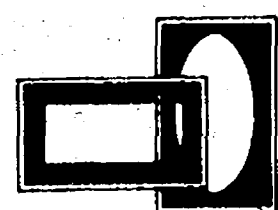
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McNamara blasts UAW, state party

AP — Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has accused the United Auto Workers of trying to control the state Democratic Party, and said he doesn't need the union's help should he seek higher office.

McNamara, widely mentioned as a Democratic candidate for governor in 1994, said recently that he is "a little disgusted" with his party and the UAW. He said the union wants "to control (the party) and not to win."

McNamara said he doesn't need the UAW "to get elected, to get re-elected, or for something else." He

said the union operates in an "undemocratic" manner within the party.

The dispute became public after McNamara skipped the state party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner in Detroit on April 6.

Democratic State chairman Gary Corbin said he was concerned about the widening gap between McNamara and organized labor, an important Democratic constituency.

"I consider Ed a very important person," Corbin said. "I'm trying to bridge the gaps. I'm working at it very hard."

Ex-MADD president questions changes

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Helen Molnar is mad at MADD. She recently resigned as president of the Wayne County Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapter in a dispute over the organization's direction.

"Too much is going for wages and benefits, not enough is going into programming," said Molnar, whose 17-year-old son was killed by a drunk driver in 1983.

The end result, she said, is that friends and relatives of drunk driving victims are being eased out of MADD hierarchy in favor of paid professionals.

"I THOUGHT — damnit, this is an organization that started for the victims, the victims should be No. 1," Molnar said. "I don't want someone to be a spokesperson for me, they're not a victim."

While some of Molnar's other reasons for resigning may have been

personal — she said MADD staffers balked at taking orders from her — it is clear the organization has grown larger and more sophisticated since its 1980 founding.

Molnar, who lives in Taylor, is not the first person to question the change. Even MADD founder Candy Lightner eventually parted ways with the national organization.

MADD staffers, however, said changes were necessary for the organization to flourish.

"We need a staff," said Sandi Wolf, the western Wayne Chapter's director. "We need someone here to answer the phones, to answer people's questions."

Wolf denied charges that victim's relatives were no longer vital to MADD.

"They're the people who go sit in courtrooms," she said. "They also form a coalition of support for one another. Really, we're here for them."

Begun as a grass roots organization, MADD has grown into one of

the nation's largest charitable organizations. It also has become a potent political force credited with helping toughen drunk driving laws throughout the nation.

MADD raised just under \$43.5 million in 1989 according to documents on file with the state attorney general's office. Of that, 60 percent went into programs, the rest for staff and fund-raising activities.

Though outside observers such as economist Jane Bryant Quinn have called a 70/30 split the acceptable standard, guidelines for charitable organization spending are few.

"WE SAY that an organization should spend at least 50 percent of what it raises for programs," said Margaret Bower, a spokeswoman for the Council of Better Business Bureaus in Arlington, Va. "But it's a voluntary standard."

MADD is licensed to operate as a Michigan charity through June. It was recently granted a six-month extension before having to file again.

The western Wayne County chapter has three paid staff members, Wolf said.

Operations are directed by a five-member volunteer panel as well as the volunteer president, she said.

Finding volunteers is increasingly difficult, Wolf said.

"Volunteerism is different today," Wolf said. "It's harder to find people."

But Molnar said the organization may have grown irrelevant. Victims, she said, can help themselves and each other on their own.

"I'll continue to do what I can (to fight drunk driving)," she said. "But I'll tell people not to donate to MADD."

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January and June classes of 1971. Information: Gail, 453-0613, or Mary, 538-8593.

● Classes of 1960-61, June 29, Troy Marriott. Information: Fred Mengel, 464-3163.

● DETROIT MACKENZIE

Classes of 1964-67, April 27, Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. Information: Rita Whitley, 746-9643.

● January and June classes of 1945. Information: Evelyn Dienes Mayer, 24306 Simmons Drive, Novi 48374, or 349-5245.

● January class of 1961, Nov. 9. Information: Sharrille (Kozell) Brown, 661-0215.

● Class of 1956, Sept. 7, Novi Hilton. Information: Joel Johnson at 477-9239.

● DETROIT MUMFORD

Class of 1961, Nov. 30, Novi Hilton Inn, Novi. Information: Lorraine Silverman Feber, 399-5309, or Laura Silverman Roth, 855-4654.

● Class of 1981, Aug. 24. Information: Miss Carter, 331-9965, or (313) 773-8820.

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Classes of 1963-1968, Sept. 21, Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. Information: 746-9643.

● DETROIT NORTHWESTERN

Class of 1941, Sept. 6, Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy. Information: 465-2277 or 263-6803.

● Classes of 1944-49, Sept. 15. Information: (313) 773-8820.

● Classes of 1934-36, Sept. 7, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. Information: Elthea Sorensen Luoma, 937-8573, or Don Knapp, 565-3194.

● Class of 1966, Aug. 24, Ramada Inn, Southfield. Information: Joe Barber, 837-8373 or 837-7821.

● DETROIT OSBORN

January class of 1966, Sept. 13. Information: (313) 773-8820.

● June class of 1966, Oct. 4, Club Monte Carlo, Utica. Information: 465-2277 or 263-6803.

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Class of 1966. Information: 531-897.

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January and June classes of 1951, Sept. 28, the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Information: Pat Smith, 356-1866, Judy Robertson Neihoff, 626-6643, or Bob McGuigan, 19561 Mariner Court, Northville 48167 or 348-1113.

● January and June classes of 1971, Oct. 5, Roma's of Livonia. Information: Wendy Maine Sielaff, 459-3041, or Kathy Roth Majawskas, 673-7386.

● January and June classes of 1940-41, May 17, Roma's of Bloomfield. Information: Bob Johnson, 525-6671, or Virgene Jones Wright, 685-3913.

● January class of 1966, June 8. Information: 474-6085.

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Class of 1981, Aug. 31. Information: Miss Hardnett, 837-8385, or (313) 773-8820.

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Class of 1951, May 10, Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. Information: Kay Hardy, 537-4731 or 255-3666, or Pat Donahue, 477-0445 or 477-5201.

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Class of 1971, July 27, Novi Hilton Inn, Novi. Information: Dana Marczuk Murphy, 534-5613, or Sam Carolla, 478-1385.

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● Class of 1956, Sept. 27-9, Troy Marriott Hotel. Information: Rose (Prainito) Greene, 646-3979, or Peggy (Johnson) Nunneley, 649-6032.

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● Class of 1986, July 26, Roma's of Garden City. Cost: \$20 per person, \$40 per couple. Information: 421-1696.

● East/West classes of 1966, Oct. 19. Cost: \$32.50 per person; \$65 per couple. Information: Ann Zaron, 471-2358, Karen Domanski, 427-7012, or Shirley Polen, 425-6458.

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Class of 1981, Nov. 9, Dearborn Hyatt Regency. Information: 881-0215.

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Class of 1966, Aug. 16, Roostertail Restaurant, Detroit. Information: 465-2277 or 263-6803, or Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

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January and June classes of 1945 and 1946, April 20, American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. Information: Art Skorupa, 755-2940, Bill Hapiuk, 937-3228, Henry Golota, 278-3711, or Lila Mathamel, 565-0192.

● January and June classes of 1939, Sept. 15, Polish Century Club. Information: Ed Gullick, 477-3153.

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Class of 1971, Aug. 17, Troy Hilton. Information: Vicky Presley, 549-4145, or Ron Nagy, 398-3674.

● Classes of 1930s-40s, Oct. 2, Ukraian Cultural Center, Royal Oak, Warren. Cost: \$18.50. Deadline: Sept. 21. Information: Vince Greeson, 626-2020, Lois Ryan, 565-0951, Bill McAdam, 544-4738, or Marge Duffy, 543-1588.

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January and June classes of 1945-47, Nov. 9, Lawrence Technological University. Information: Gayle Gerow, 646-4754, or Mary Ellen Menold, 542-2107.

● HOLY REDEEMER

Class of 1931, May 19, Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. Information: Mary Heitman, 525-9027, or Eunice Kurche, 644-8421.

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Class of 1970, Nov. 29. Information: (313) 772-8820.

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Contractors say services have been bargain for DSS

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Gerald Miller, Gov. John Engler's director of social services, said he wants to restore family welfare benefits to the federal floor of \$436 a month next year.

But Miller wants to cut other welfare programs, and last week the administration took a lot of heat from contractors who provide the services.

"This contract has been a bargain to Michigan taxpayers," said Amanda Good, who gets \$78,000 a year to run an outreach program for street girls in southwest Detroit.

GOOD TOLD a Senate appropriations panel headed by R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, that DSS isn't renewing her contract.

Besides a shelter and residential drug treatment, Good said her staff of 1.5 plus volunteers scout the Michigan-Wyoming avenues area approaching "girls who have been beaten up by pimps and boyfriends, with high risk of AIDS and herpes. We give them condoms, food and clothes."

She told of Vanessa, a prostitute who just turned 18 whom she had approached four times before making contact.

"She left home at 12 after three years of sex abuse by two brothers who gave her marijuana and alcohol to make her compliant. She has herpes in remission," Good said.

SWAN ATTY, coordinator of teenage pregnancy programs for an Arab social program based in Dearborn, said her clients have language barriers and can't be served by any other agency.

Her organization is called ACESS — Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. "This is the only bilingual and culturally sensitive program for Arab Americans," Atty said.

"Many girls are encouraged to drop out of school at 15 or 16. Their husbands have no jobs, little education. There is no family planning. There are few unmarried teens," Atty said.

She told of a 15-year-old, married a year earlier in Syria, whose heroin-addicted husband has been threatening her. "We were able to help her," Atty said.

Nancy Adadow Gray, head of ACESS, said it serves 21,000, up 70 percent in two or three years.

"There are no alternatives," she said.

The program is due for cutting and would be transferred from DSS to the Public Health Department under Engler's budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Funding of a program to aid Arab Americans, concentrated in Dearborn and the Farmington Hills-Southfield area, was begun by Gov. James Blanchard.

LANDLORD Elaine Arnold of Hazel Park asked that those who rent to social services recipients get "vendor" checks directly from DSS because people on welfare often don't pay their rents.

"A renter can accept a shelter grant (from DSS) and go behind (in rent). It's unfair. It's a waste of tax dollars."

"We are the only business denied payment for the product. The gas and light companies receive arrears. Is it because we (landlords) don't have a big lobby?"

Arnold held up a handful of food stamps which she said were purchased on the black market for 30 cents per \$1 of stamp. "So I'm not buying that kids are going hungry," she told Geake's panel.

She gave her formula for "how to encourage a kid to quit school: Give him a general assistance (GA) grant for a party pad."

MILLER, HEAD of the state's largest department, said DSS is doing a better job estimating the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) caseload than was done by the Blanchard administration.

"Whatever the policy decisions, we ought to adequately fund them and not underestimate the caseload so that we don't need supplemental appropriations," he said. Miller referred to Blanchard's late 1990 re-

quest for nearly \$500 million to supplement the adopted \$2 billion welfare budget. Current AFDC caseload is 240,000.

Miller said the Engler administration is recommending these changes:

- Placing the 1992 AFDC grant at \$436 a month, the same as the federal floor. Blanchard's 1991 budget set the base at \$451, or \$15 higher than the floor. When the budget had to be cut in mid-year, the current level was set at \$374.

- Eliminating the general assistance (98,000 adults) and Job Start (11,000 youngsters) programs. In their place would be a program for 9,700 disabled people. "Single adults need to be ranked below families and other priorities of government," Miller said.

IN PREPARED remarks, Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. spokesman Patrick J. Murray criticized the Engler proposal to cut funding for energy assistance programs.

Murray said the proposed cuts "will leave all but a small percentage of the current population without any reasonable assurance of energy service."


Engler proposed eliminating a specific "energy" grant in return for a "flat," all-purpose grant at a reduced level. Murray said the impact on a typical AFDC family of four would be to reduce their grant from \$1,100 a year to \$590.

"This funding level is inadequate to meet the energy needs of over 80 percent of the MichCon customers who participate in the positive billing program," Murray said. Some 75,000 MichCon customers in Detroit, southwestern Wayne county, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas participate.

The program is a combination of direct DSS payments to MichCon and energy conservation.

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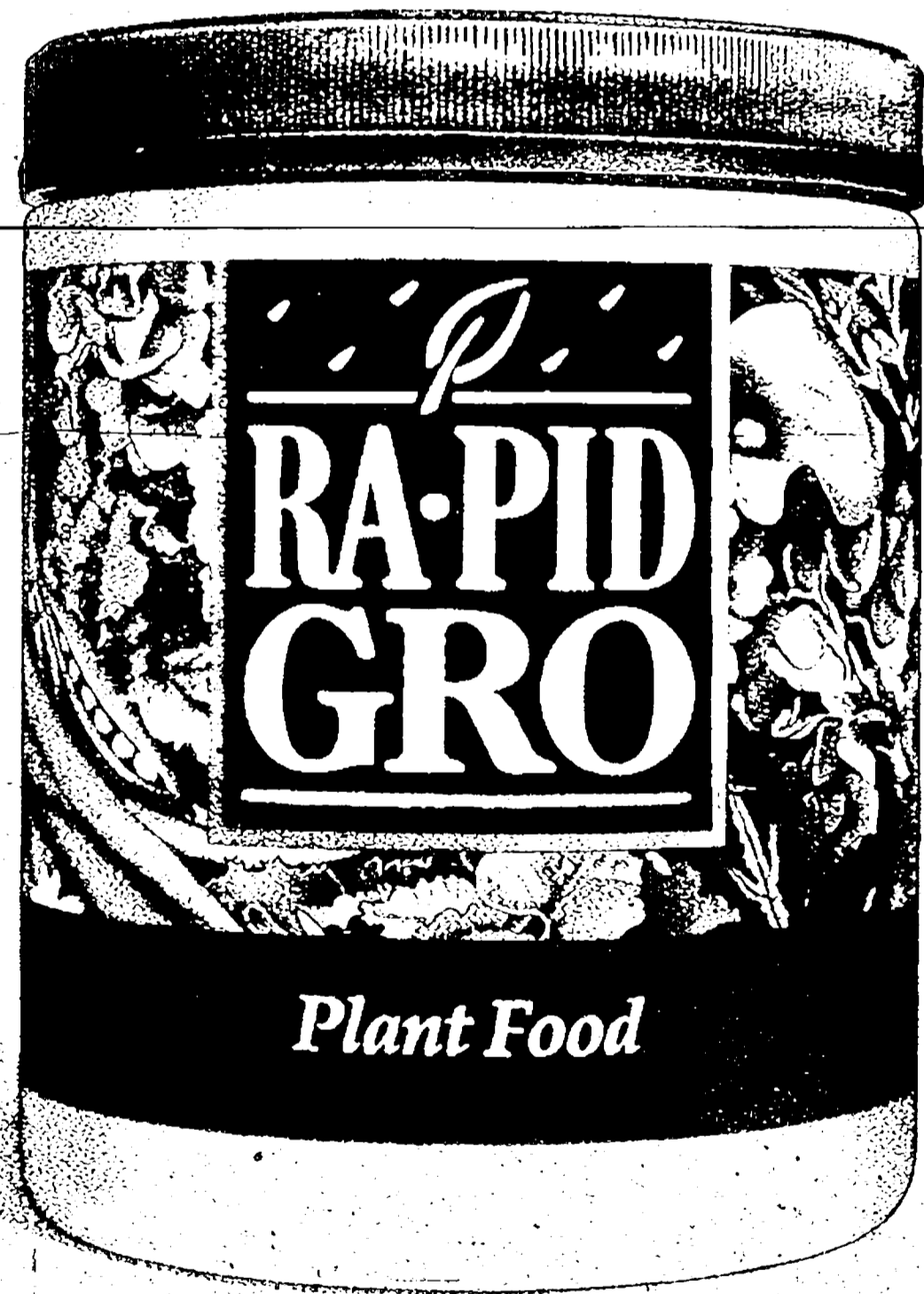
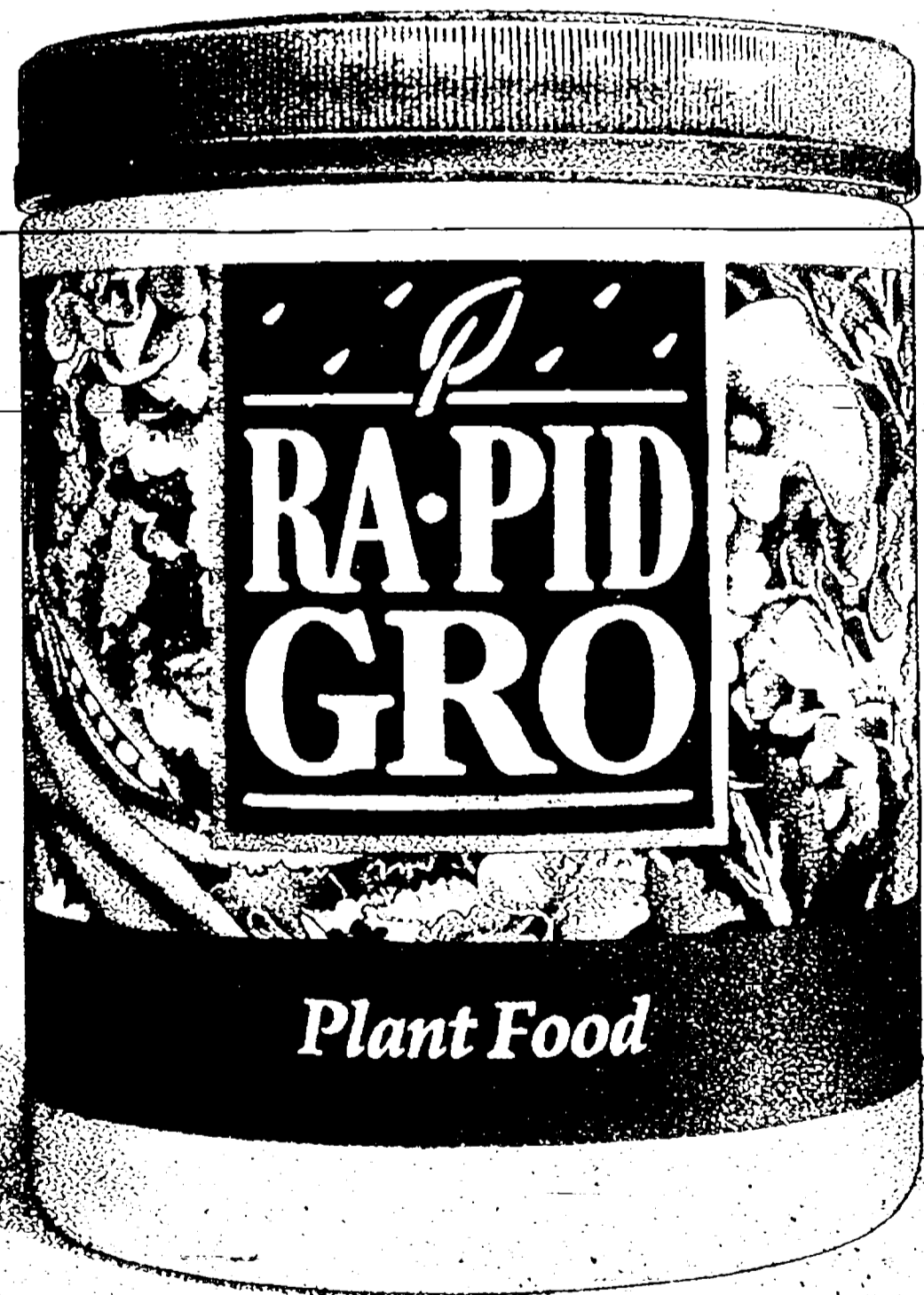
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Presenter Larry Whitmarsh is a certified quality engineer, currently involved in supplier development engineering at General Motors Corp.

He has 14 years of experience in quality systems and has developed courses for Schoolcraft College.

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Senate backs move to extend law allowing low-income housing aid

The Michigan Senate has adopted Sen. Fred Dillingham's resolution asking Congress to extend the life of a law allowing states to assist low-income housing.

"Michigan would no longer be able to sell bonds for low-income housing" if a federal law is allowed to expire, said Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, whose resolution won unanimous voice support last week. The federal law is due to expire at the end of 1991 unless Congress renews it.

"The Michigan State Housing Development Authority provides low-cost mortgage loans and home improvement loans to moderate-income working families and senior citizens," he said.

A second portion of the law, a low-income housing tax credit, helps senior citizens, too, he said.

Here is how Michigan is affected:

- More than 40,000 families with average incomes under \$22,000 have been able to purchase homes due to

the availability of mortgage revenue bonds.

- The bonds also have financed 19,000 home improvement loans for homeowners with average incomes of about \$11,000.

- Since 1987, more than 12,000 rental apartments have been constructed or maintained because of low-income housing tax credits.

Dillingham's resolution said the Senate expresses "deep concern" at the losses if the law isn't renewed.



Japanese education

Merry White, considered the nation's pre-eminent authority on Japanese education, will discuss Asian education 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Madonna University. White holds a doctorate from Harvard and is an associate professor of sociology at Boston University. She recently returned from Chiba, Japan, where she was visiting researcher at the National Institute for Multimedia Research. She is currently working on a book about Japanese teenagers. Her appearance is co-sponsored by Lawrence Technological University and the Panasonic Foundation.

Madonna offers a minor concentration in Japanese studies, including language and culture. Additional information on White's visit or the Japanese studies program is available by calling Robert Rann, 591-5197.

Deal reached on property tax freeze

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Gov. John Engler, and House and Senate Democratic and Republican leaders reached an agreement Wednesday on a property tax freeze measure. The House is expected to approve the measure today.

The deal calls for:

- No freeze or rollback of local property taxes in 1991.

- In 1992 assessments would be frozen at the 1991 level. It is uncertain whether the state will reimburse local units of government for lost revenue.

- The Legislature would put before voters in 1992 a constitutional amendment to cap assessment growth at the rate of the consumer price index or 5 percent a year, whichever is less.

Rep. John Bennett, D-Redford, said the freeze bill as passed by the Senate would "not only upset the schools, but put them in a box."

That's because the Senate version would have frozen taxes immediately with no state reimbursement.

Rep. Lynn Bankes, R-Livonia, said local cities would have been hard hit by an immediate assessment freeze without reimbursement. According to Bankes' figures the cities of Livonia and Southfield would have lost \$1.1 million apiece; Birmingham, \$855,000; Westland, \$450,000; Rochester Hills, \$251,000; and the Village of Beverly Hills, \$144,000.

In another development House Speaker Lewis Dodak and Democratic leaders offered Republicans another deal on major property tax cuts. Dodak suggested that the Legislature put both the House Democratic and Gov. Engler's property tax cut plans on the 1992 ballot for voters. The House Democratic plan would exempt the first \$15,000 of state equalized valuation on residential property. It would make up most of the revenue by raising business taxes. Engler is calling for a 20 percent rollback in school operating property taxes across the board (residential, commercial, industrial and mining). Engler would pay for the cuts by reducing other state spending.

The Senate still must act on the bill.

Motorcycle classes set

Schoolcraft College's motorcycle safety program is offering classes for experienced riders and those who wish to be riding instructors this spring.

The experienced rider course emphasizes advanced riding skills for those who ride sport or large touring motorcycles. The one-day class will be offered Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, June 9. Fee is \$20.

The motorcycle safety prep instructor course includes 80 hours of classroom instruction and outside assignments. Successful graduates receive certification by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and State of Michigan. Class begins Friday, April 12. Fee is \$20. Application packets are available by calling the college continuing education services division, 462-4448.

Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

Earth Day events on tap at park

Earth Day 1991 will be celebrated Sunday, April 21, at Maybury State Park, Northville Township.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. with a 10-kilometer run and two mile walk. Registration and warm-ups begin at 8:30 a.m. at the park concessions stand.

Entry is \$8 for the run, \$6 for the walk through Friday, April 12. After that, registration is \$11 for the run, \$7 for the walk.

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City, schools 'get growing'

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Come April showers, it's raining trees in Westland where, it is Arbor Day and "let's get growing", and adopt-a-tree campaigns are under way, resulting in countless new seedlings planted about town.

Friday, young students from Nankin Mills Elementary School precipitated a shower of trees, planting 150 Colorado Blue Spruce in Nankin Mills park. The seedlings were donated by McDonald's restaurants as part of a national program, "Let's Get Growing America."

Come Saturday, April 20, the city's first Arbor Day kicks off with the annual Adopt-A-Tree program, co-sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and Friends of the Museum in honor of the city's 25th anniversary celebration.

In special honor of the anniversary, the Red Sunset Maple has been designated the city's official tree. Two sunsets, donated by museum friends and state Representative Justine Barns, will be planted Saturday at the Westland Historical Museum in ceremonies scheduled at 12:30 p.m.

Following the planting ceremony, merchants and others are urged to adopt a seedling of choice from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 857 North Wayne Road.

Seedlings available are white pine, Colorado blue spruce, Scotch pine,

black oak, sugar maple, tulip trees, black walnut, white birch, autumn olive and northern bayberry.

ONE-HUNDRED FIFTY seedlings and an equal number of second, third and fourth grade students set the mood Friday for Westland's April shower of trees.

Cavorting about a sloping hill in Nankin Mills Park, children swarmed about, busy hands spading earth and planting Blue Spruces donated by McDonald's.

Dyana Masood, 8, a second grader in Sue Bliss' class at Nankin Mills Elementary, said "it's fun. Planting trees saves our environment."

"Cool," Brad Holman, 10, said of the project, but only after much prompting by Dean Masood, also 10. "Say cool, it's cool, cool," Dean prompted. Both are in Lisa Maude's fourth grade class.

Look-alikes Nicole Pickens, 7, and Julie Jenkins, 8, second graders in Lynn Carey's class, said they have previously planted only flowers. After much prompting, Christine McPharlan, 8, a third grader in Cathy Collins' class, acknowledged she liked trees. Chris Garbutt, 8, ignored questions about trees.

A second grader, Chris was busy sliding down the hill. He was not alone. The hill, denuded of growth other than low ground cover, proved a perfect place for sliding. Most youngsters completed their planting chore in short order and quickly followed Chris' lead.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Computers coming

Debbie Dahl drops her Kroger Supermarket receipt in one of nearly 20 boxes to help buy computers for suburban schools. Kroger began the program last year in which it will buy an IBM

computer and printer for every \$200,000 worth of receipts turned in by customers.

Mayor makes appointments, replaces non-resident commissioners

By Darrell Clom
staff writer

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, saying all appointed members of local boards and commissions must be city residents, has replaced six members who do not live in Westland.

Thomas has made the new appointments, even though two ousted

officials still have not submitted the letters of resignation that the mayor had requested by April 1.

The two replaced members, Dan Vasiloff and Marilyn Ziegler of the Economic Development Advisory Commission, will not have voting privileges if they attend commission meetings, Thomas said.

Though Vasiloff and Ziegler earlier had said they wanted to remain on

the commission, they did not indicate that they would mount an official challenge to the mayor's new appointments.

Thomas rejected an offer from Vasiloff in which the city could keep the EDAC members on board by hiring them as consultants. Vasiloff suggested the legal maneuver could be achieved by paying EDAC members \$1 a year in consulting fees.

But Thomas, saying the city charter demands that board and commission members be city residents, decided to proceed with his plans to replace Vasiloff, Ziegler and the other four appointed officials who already have resigned.

THOSE WHO have quit their posts include Don Hoffman of the EDAC, Yvonne Johnson of the cable com-

mission, Dale Merrifield of the rehabilitation review board and Joyce Wheeler of the community development citizens advisory panel.

New board appointments include Dorothy Smith, Allen Brooks and Rella Baxter to the EDAC, Bruce Priestly to community development, Steve Mexicotte to cable and Nancy Barrons to rehabilitation review.

The EDAC appointments will re-

quire city council approval, which Thomas plans to seek "as soon as possible."

The appointments became effective April 1 — the deadline Thomas had set for former appointees to resign.

The mayor said he expects no major transition problems as the new members assume their duties.

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Participants will learn how to understand the assessment requirements, assign responsibility for each section of the assessment questionnaire and determine organizational areas that need to be strengthened,

among other topics.

Presenter David Dillingham is a former purchasing manager of supplier quality for GM Hydromatic. He owns a quality consulting service.

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AirMichigan '91, the former Wayne County Air Show, is scheduled June 8-9 at Willow Run Airport. The new name reflects the air show's broader scope, county Executive Edward McNamara said.

"Our goal is to make Air Michigan one of the premier family entertainment events, not only in the greater Detroit area, but throughout the state," McNamara said.

A five-year air show master plan calls for more ground and air attractions, as well as improved layout.

Other changes include increased opportunity for corporate sponsorship and the addition of preferred seating and increased hospitality options.

"To ensure our success, we are looking for the support of the corporate community throughout greater Detroit," McNamara said.

THIS YEAR'S show honors the 50th anniversary of Willow Run. A vintage B-24 bomber, like those built at Willow Run, will be displayed. Other displays will recognize Wayne County as a center for the aviation and aerospace industries.

Featured performers are scheduled to include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Other military aircraft, including planes like those used in Operation Desert Storm, are also expected to be featured.

Others scheduled to appear include U.S. champion aerobatics performer Patty Wagstaff, the Holiday Inn Aerobatics Team and the Miller Six-Pack skydiving team.

Hollywood stuntwoman Lori Lynn Ross, a Southfield native, will also be featured, as will gliders, helicopters and other acts.

INFORMATION ON scholarship, hospitality and preferred seating options is available by calling Robert McDowell, AirMichigan '91 director of marketing, 482-0070.

General air show information is available by calling 482-8888.

Nursing grad class is set

A five-day class for graduate nurses will begin Saturday, May 11, at Schoolcraft College.

The class reviews nursing concepts and guides participants in answering questions similar to those on the NCLEX-RN state exam. Fee is \$180.

Test-taking strategy will be emphasized. Topics to be covered include applied pharmacology, surgical, medical and obstetrical nursing, pediatrics, psychiatric nursing, nutrition and diet therapy, laboratory data and diagnostic measures and stress management.

To register, or for additional information, call the college continuing education services division, 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 186700 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

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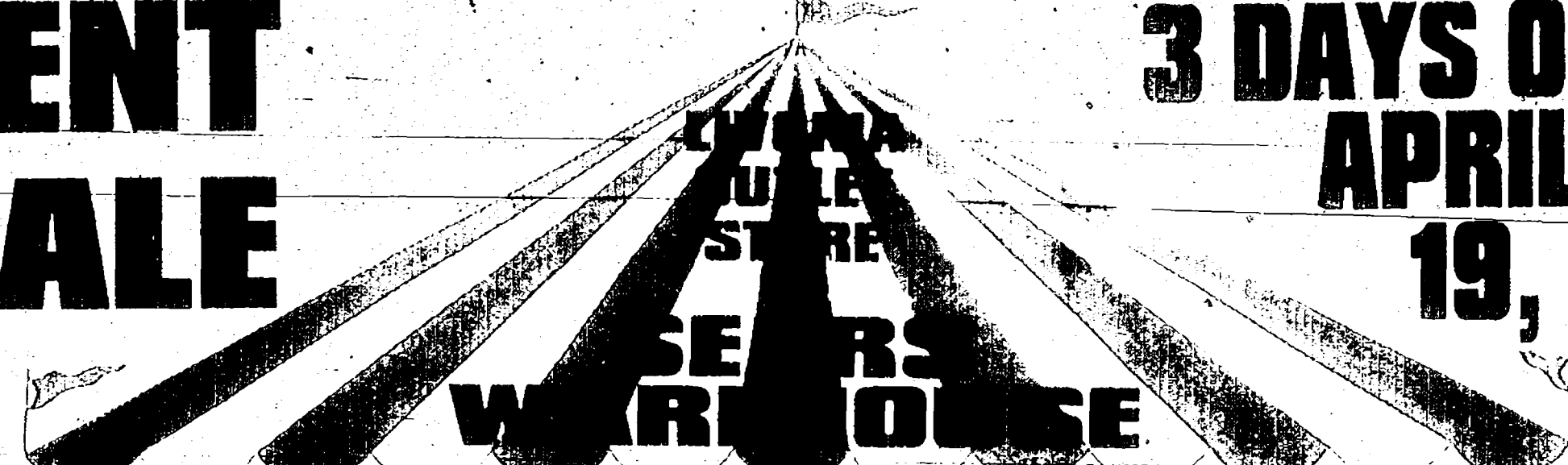
In honor of Earth Day, car owners will be able to get a free auto emission test (AET) from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday to check their exhausts for the presence of hydrocarbons that contribute to the so-called greenhouse effect and damage the ozone layer.

The AETs take about 10 minutes and normally cost \$10. Michigan requires the tests before reregistering automobiles.

clarification

Money from a recent lawsuit settlement involving the Detroit wastewater treatment plant will not be going directly to Friends of the Rouge, as reported. The money will be going to the University of Michigan-Dearborn to develop a school-based water pollution testing program in conjunction with Friends of the Rouge and area teachers.

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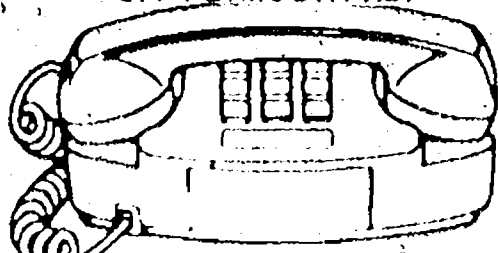
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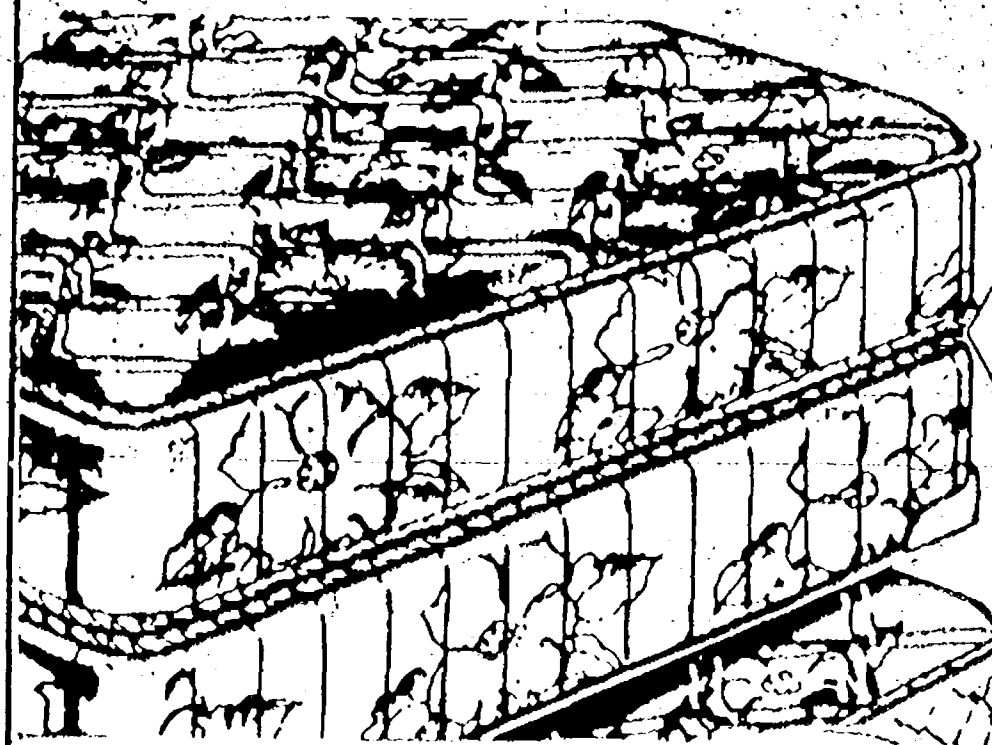
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Rep. Ford pushes education, labor agenda

AP — He waited 25 years for the chairmanship of his beloved House Education and Labor Committee. So it's no surprise that in his first 100 days at the helm, Michigan's Rep. William Ford, whose district includes Garden City, Westland, Canton Township and part of Livonia, has resembled a kid turned loose in a candy store.

Ford, a Democrat, has driven the committee at a furious pace since it convened in January. It has delved into some of his most cherished issues, racing ahead with legislation that may lead to bitter showdowns with the Bush administration.

Already, the panel has:

- Approved a revised version of civil-rights legislation President Bush vetoed last year. It is awaiting floor debate.

- Approved a bill requiring employers to give workers time off to care for sick children or parents. Bush vetoed similar legislation in the last congressional session.

- Conducted hearings on a bill that would prohibit businesses from hiring permanent replacements for legally striking workers. The committee may vote on the bill this week.

- Approved a package of technical amendments to the Higher Education Act, including a provision allowing students who served in Operation Desert Storm to delay payments on their college loans. Bush has signed the bill into law.

- Begun work on reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, a complex undertaking in which Ford will push for changes in the troubled student loan program.

An ambitious agenda. Yet one could argue that pushing it through a committee long regarded as a liberal bastion is nothing special.

Indeed, observers say the panel's

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clout has faded since the 1960s and early 1970s because it champions

causes that fell out of fashion with the rise of conservatism.

The real challenge for Ford is to shepherd his controversial legislation to passage by the full House, which may be less receptive than his committee.

And if he succeeds there, the ultimate test of his leadership will be gaining support of the Senate and the Bush administration. He'll confront difficult choices on whether to stand his ground and risk seeing entire bills stall, or compromise and accept half a loaf.

FORD, 63, is known for bulldog tenacity.

He battled for 14 years before winning approval of legislation to require advance notice of plant closings, helped by a shift in public mood that led Democrats to make the bill a rallying point.

But getting this year's agenda from his committee to Bush's desk will require considerable skills at negotiating and persuading.

In an interview last week, Ford offered impassioned arguments in support of his stands, which he's certain to repeat in rousing floor debates and tense backroom deal-making sessions.

Take civil rights.

Ford says his bill contains explicit guarantees that businesses won't be forced to establish racial quotas. But won't many companies hire a safe number of minorities anyway, as opponents contend, to guard against lawsuits?

"That's a pretty insulting thing to say about businesses, isn't it?" he asked rhetorically. "We have language that says no court shall read this bill to permit quotas or encourage quotas. The president doesn't even have that in his bill."

On striker replacement, Ford

warns that protecting against firing people engaged in legal walkouts is the only way to avoid increasingly bitter — and dangerous — labor-management strife, such as the violent New York Daily News showdown.

"We had 50 years of relatively calm collective bargaining with the incidence of violence practically non-existent," he said. "But if this striker replacement persists... instead of having a rational, peaceful way to balance the conflicting interests of two sides, you're going to have open guerrilla warfare."



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Orchestras set concert

The three orchestras of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic will present its spring concert Sunday, May 5, in the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth Township.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in the church at 45201 North Territorial, one-half mile west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Admission is free but a free-will offering will be taken.

The junior string and advanced string orchestras are directed by Andrew Sewell and the philharmonic orchestra is directed by Attila Farkas.

A guest appearance by the Lansing Lyric Chorus will be featured.

THE JUNIOR string orchestra will perform "Gavotte" by Lully, overture of "Atys" by Lully, "March, Musette, and Gigue" from Suite of Six Pieces and "Humoresque" by Dvorak.

The advanced strings will perform "Eine Kleine Nacht-Music" by Mozart, "Girl with the Flaxen Hair" by Debussy, "Concerto in A minor" by Vivaldi, "Marriage at the Eiffel Tower" by Harrison and "Farandole" by Bizet.

The philharmonic will perform the First Movement of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7," and "Mass in C" with guest appearance by the Lansing Lyric Chorus.

ORCHESTRA MEMBERS are from Livonia, Redford, Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Wayne, Northville, Novi, Farmington, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Ypsilanti.

Livonia participants include: violins: Brandon and Ailise Scott, Dipa Sashita, Dantelle Carlonus-to, Jenine Lawson, Melissa Mitchell, Erika Lietzau, Carolyn Duda; violas: Amy Tyza, Diane Morin; Ashley Vartogian; cello: Tony Bonamici, Brandon Scott; bass: Samir Shah; trumpet: Robert Karl; Jeffrey Kumpula; flute: Johanna Knopsinder.

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic also will be performing at the Livonia Spring Festival at 7 p.m. May 22 at Ladbroke-DRC.

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Mayoral move Study panel a positive move

MAYOR ROBERT Thomas has been publicly criticized this year for opposing a Wayne-Westland school millage increase.

Whether he was leading public opinion or reflecting the public mood is debatable.

But to his credit, the mayor did hear the complaint that if he is opposed to a public proposal, he should be doing more than just complain. Members of a pro-millage group urged him to do something positive.

He has.

Thomas has proposed an 18-member blue ribbon study committee to review all financial aspects of the school district and make recommendations to the school board.

In recommending the 18 members (of which six have already agreed to serve), Thomas is making a major effort to heal the political and

community wounds created by the divisive tax controversy.

The mayor carefully picked people who were publicly identified with both sides of the millage dispute and others who are neutral, but have a strong financial background.

His recommendation for a study group comes several weeks after the school administration quietly named its own five-member study committee to review the district's financial condition and verify that a substantial millage boost is needed to maintain educational programs and services.

In recommending a blue ribbon group representing all views, the mayor is taking a positive step to solve problems, something that he is in a unique position to do as Westland's major political leader.

Disservice Schoolcraft harms process

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE trustees did a favor for two trustees running for reelection, but a disservice to the elective process, by appointing a replacement for resigned trustee Jack Kirksey.

With a mere two meetings left before the June 10 board election, it was hardly necessary to fill Kirksey's vacated seat.

Curiously, candidates for the appointment were interviewed Monday, April 8 — the cutoff date to apply for the June election.

It's more than curious that eight of the nine people who applied for appointment filed for the open four-year board seat, instead of the six-year seats held by incumbents Michael Burley and Jeanne Stempien.

Incumbent status, however brief, gives any

candidate an edge in a coming election. That alone is reason the board should have left the seat open.

But with an appointment up for grabs, it's not surprising so few hopefuls chose to risk the wrath of the incumbents — and lose the appointment — by filing for the six-year seats.

The practice is hardly unique to Schoolcraft. Wayne County Commissioners recently hand-picked a candidate for a western Wayne County commission seat, only to see that candidate lose in the subsequent party primary.

Whether we support them or not, all incumbents should be challenged. It's encouraging that at least one candidate did so.

But we wish all three Schoolcraft races were as hotly contested as the one for the open seat.

Decisions Bill outlaws assisted suicide

ASSISTED SUICIDE, for all assurances to the contrary, is a legal, social and moral minefield that will do untold harm to families and diminish the value of human life. It can only make it easier to ignore the causes and concerns of those most likely to take their own lives.

The state Senate has passed, and the House is considering, legislation to outlaw assisted suicide, as 22 states and three U.S. territories already have. The final bill should be worded carefully to define what constitutes assisted suicide. And it should be passed.

The bill, as approved by the Senate, makes the key distinction between allowing someone to die in peace vs. actively helping someone kill himself or herself. The proposal amends the state penal code, making the distinction between murder, assisting suicide and allowing an individual to die:

• Anyone who knowingly or intentionally causes another to commit suicide, by force or duress, would be guilty of murder.

• Intentionally providing the means by which another could commit or attempt to commit suicide would be considered "criminal assistance of suicide," a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

• Withdrawing or withholding medical treatment under the consent or direction of a competent adult would not be considered assisted suicide.

SUICIDE IS not a crime in any U.S. state or territory. If a person chooses or attempts to take his or her own life, the law allows it. That is a personal decision. And there are even groups, such as the Hemlock Society, that prepare an individual for that possibility.

But psychological literature suggests that suicide assistance may well be a response to coer-

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cion and manipulation exerted by the suicide "victim" against the assistant.

A relative or friend of someone in great physical pain could be made to feel guilty or responsible for the plight of that person and could be coerced into helping that person commit suicide.

By the same token, as long as a person so requests, the law would not punish any individual, institution or doctor who withholds medical services, such as the use of a respirator, that would keep someone alive.

OPPOSITIONS SAY it is too broad a bill and would punish someone who, for instance, intentionally leaves a bottle of sleeping pills out at a spouse's direction so that spouse can more easily take his or her life.

They also argue that someone in poor enough physical or mental health might botch his attempt at suicide if left to do it by himself.

There is no reason to believe an assistant would not also make a mistake while helping someone commit suicide. That person at some point might feel obligated to finish the deed — becoming more than an assistant.

A DECISION to take one's own life must be the responsibility of that person. A state, institution, doctor or spouse actively helping a person take his or her own life is trying to make a judgment that only the suicide "victim" can make.

Legalizing assisted suicide would bring on the specter of Michigan as a "state of suicide," with people coming from all over the country to take advantage of "suicide machines," such as the one promoted by retired Royal Oak physician Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

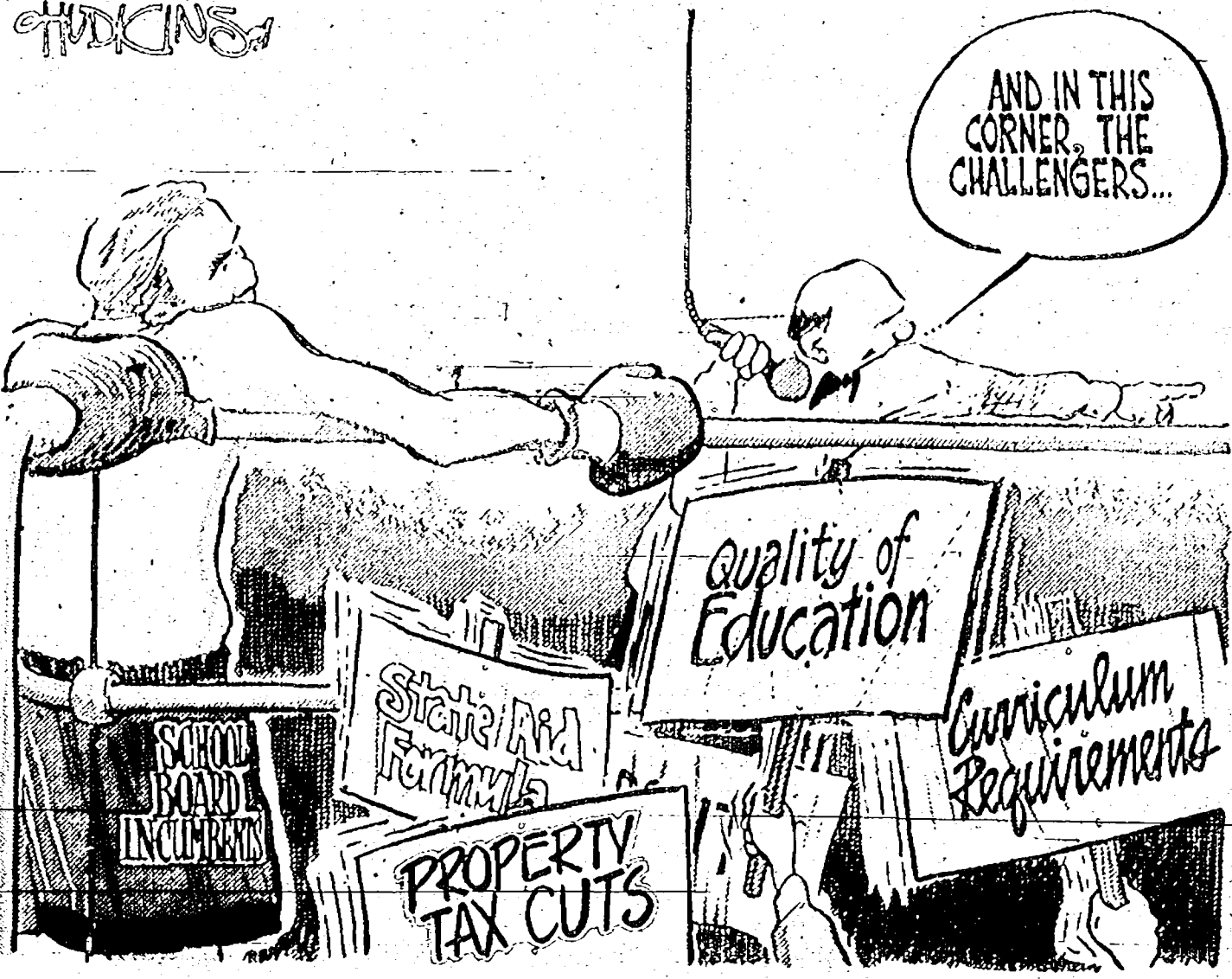
If the bill doesn't pass, assisted suicide could turn into a perverse "growth industry" for the state and eventually bring all kinds of other problems, such as teens assisting other teens in suicide. After all, teenagers commit suicide at a rate higher than most other age groups.

Not passing a law dealing with assisted suicide is the same as legalizing it, since murder charges against an assistant — which in Arizona, Florida and Montana would have stuck — could not, and should not stick here. But charging Kevorkian with murder was the only alternative under current state statute.

The House should pass this law and not allow an interpretation of the criminal code that would condone the practice of assisted suicide.



STUDENTS



Employers must seek high skills guarantee

THIS WEEK is filled with news of education. President Bush announced his new proposals. In Lansing the Legislature keeps moving forward on authorizing schools of choice and even thinking of requiring a state competency test before graduation.

All good — as far as it goes. But most discussion about educational reform so far has been directed at the supply side: schools, teachers, curriculum and so forth.

It's odd that so little attention has been paid to the demand side — to what skills and knowledge employers want in young people who leave school and enter the work force.

They're entitled. Employers pay a large part of the taxes that support the schools. And employers provide the jobs that school leavers leave school for.

They're influential, too. I suspect that local schools would shape up if local employers got up on their high horses and demanded — in a harsh shout — that the schools produce graduates with a given set of skills.

I GAVE a speech on education and job training to the Brighton Chamber of Commerce. Most leading employers in town were there, as well as the superintendent of schools and some school board members.

Employer after employer got up and complained about the lack of skills in recent hires. Can't do simple math or use a computer keyboard. Can't spell. Let alone write a clear sentence. Can't understand and follow written instructions.

I asked if the employers ever had come together to tell the schools what skills they wanted in new hires.

I suspect that local schools would shape up if local employers got up on their high horses and demanded — in a harsh shout — that the schools produce graduates with a given set of skills.

Nope. Why not? Well, nobody had thought about it.

It seemed that the schools went along on one path and the business community went along on another. They never came together.

That happens in community after community throughout Michigan. The stake employers have in insisting on high skills levels from high school graduates is rarely articulated.

THERE ARE lots of reasons. The structure of school governance — locally elected school boards picking superintendents, who in turn select principals — doesn't place employers at the center of things. It's rare for a local chamber of commerce to endorse school board candidates, for example.

Employers, for their part, are not well organized. Getting employers to jointly work out just what skills level they want from their new hires is not easy. It took, for example, nearly four years for the state Task Force on Employability Skills to come up with their report, now buried.



Philip Power

German employers, by contrast, are at the center of a large and well organized system of worker training which picks up after a kid leaves school. Employers define what skills they must have for entry level employment, and a joint employer-trade union commission determines what skills are to be taught in the apprenticeship programs that cover just about every job classification in the economy.

THAT'S WHY it's nice to see worthwhile approaches to wire the business community into education.

In the Plymouth-Canton schools, each graduate comes equipped with a warranty for employers. If functional skills — in math, reading, writing, ability to communicate and computer literacy — are not up to the local employer's satisfaction, the district promises to take the graduate back and upgrade the skills. No charge.

It's a wonderful idea because it states plainly that employers are customers of the schools, and that customers are entitled to satisfaction.

Other communities might think about trying something similar. — Philip Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

from our readers

Kids loved, not hated

To the editor:

I think it's time to express to your readers, exactly why I was pictured on the front page of your paper, cheering the defeat of the millage proposal. I have no personal score to settle with the district. I am neither a disgruntled school employee or former board member.

I am in fact, the father to two children in the schools. My opposition to the millage is not about hating my children, but loving them. It is not against education, but rather for education. Not for art, not for gym and not for busing.

I support math, science, social studies, English, spelling, grammar, reading and geography. I don't care if my children ever see the inside of a gymnasium again, so long as they can read and fill out a job application when they graduate.

I truly don't understand why the supporters of the millage are wasting their time by demanding justification from people like me. It's the board of education that needs to be held accountable.

For example, shouldn't the board be asked to justify why our teachers received an 11.9 percent pay raise from a district that was already in financial straits? It was the ratifica-

tion of this contract that cost us our busing, not failure of the millage. Have you ever stopped to think what teacher's salaries amount to if calculated on a full-time equated basis? Let me assure you, it comes to a whole lot more than the average income in this district.

Shouldn't the board be questioned as to why our district spends more on "other expenses" than any other district in Wayne County outside Detroit? Or, why our district is the only one to have a figure in the millions column, under the heading of general administration? Our board must also be accountable for the fun and games being played in our classrooms. How many Disney movies does the average student need to see in a month?

The simple fact is, this district wants more money for more wages. The only way this can be achieved, is to force the taxpayers into higher tax payments. The best way to force us into higher tax payments, is to take away one of our most essential needs — busing.

Historically, no district that has ever lost its busing has ever turned down a millage. Let's face it, they found our hearts and now they're ripping them out. So far they've failed. As long as they continue failing to rip into my heart and family budget, I will proudly stand up and cheer.

Steven Lind,
Wayne

Kids still top priority

To the editor:

I am responding to (published comments) in an April 7 story entitled, "Group threatens school board recall." Judy Bailey says that people are "wondering what they can do." Recalling the school is not the answer. If anything, it will only add to more inner turmoil.

People are not looking at the main problem. Equitable school funding. The only way the Wayne-Westland school district can generate more funds is to increase the millage rate. If Judy Bailey has been attending the school board meetings, obviously she hasn't been listening to the facts.

The school board members do not want to make these program cuts but they have no choice. I feel the board and the administration has shown enough proof that the funds are not there. The books have been audited by the state and this information has been made public. What do you people want?

I still see the children as our first priority and we must see that the educational programs are there for them. The only way this can happen is to support the millage increase if placed on the ballot in June.

Marsha Stenko,
Wayne

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IT'S APPARENTLY OPEN season for trying to get around Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

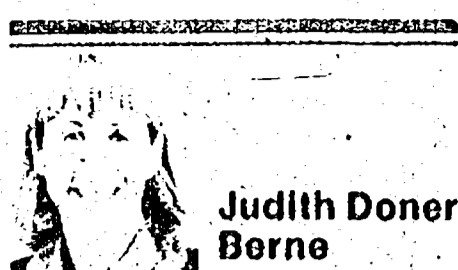
Now occasional violations come up from time to time in the communities we cover. But I don't recall such a rash of attempts to get around the Open Meetings Act as is currently making headlines in our newspapers — in Livonia, Southfield, West Bloomfield and not one, but two instances by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The basic intent of the Open Meetings Law is to strengthen the right of all Michigan citizens to know what goes on in government by requiring public bodies to conduct nearly all business at meetings open and accessible to the public.

Those elected or appointed officials who find ways to wend their way around the law — by making other priorities more important than the public's right to know — quite clearly shouldn't hold office.

For example:
 • There's the Livonia City Council, which doesn't include on its regular meeting agenda a time for residents to speak to the council. The council does allow residents to speak out at study sessions, committee of the whole, and committee meetings. But the council does not accept public comment at regular meetings, when the critical votes are taken.

The Open Meetings Act provides that "a person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body." The attorney general in 1977 stated that participation rules may not limit



Judith Doner Berne

the subjects on which a person may speak and may not require a resident to exhaust other remedies before addressing the council.

• Then there's Southfield where council president Suzanne Goldstein recently told a resident that he could not comment on the minutes. At the next meeting, she acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act said otherwise, but then attempted to cut him off because she didn't like his tone

At the same time, the Southfield Board of Education is considering tightening rules for public comment — particularly public criticism of district personnel, which the Open Meetings Act allows as long as it is job-related.

• Then comes West Bloomfield, where interviews for the position of police chief were held by committee in private and the public interview of finalists by the township board was hastily scheduled for a Friday, get that, Friday night. The Open Meetings Act provides that "all interviews" by a public body for employment, or appointment to a public office, shall be held in an open meeting pursuant to this act." And holding final interviews on a Friday night certainly must be considered

against the spirit of the act.

• Last, but equally blatant, was the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, which on March 12 asked a member of the audience to stop using a tape recorder as commissioners were discussing the county's controversial solid waste program during a Republican caucus. The Open Meetings Act empowers anyone to record, or televise, public gatherings as long as he or she does not interfere.

• And, 20 of the 27 commissioners from this same county board discussed this same solid waste program at a March 17 meeting called by board chairman Roy Rewold while they were far, far away from Oakland County — in Washington D.C. at the National Association of

Counties convention. Rewold, a Republican from Oakland Township, said he thought the Michigan Open Meetings Act wasn't binding as long as they were out of state.

Huh?
 If that were the case, there's no doubt that developers in Windsor and Toledo would be riding high. They'd have to quadruple their meeting room space to rent out to the public boards, commissions and councils from our suburbs which would be scurrying there at every opportunity to avoid the public's right to know.

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

Next time, they'll wait for the video

I DON'T KNOW when the second-grader began to talk about people with names like Jordan and Jonathan and Donnie and Danny and Joe. I don't know when I first realized that when she mentioned "New Kids on the Block," she wasn't referring to the people who had just moved in down the street.

I don't know when the tapes in her Barbie Tape Player changed from Barbie and the Rockers and Gem and the Holograms to male voices singing songs like "Step by Step" and "Hangin' Tough." It just happened. Somewhere along the way.

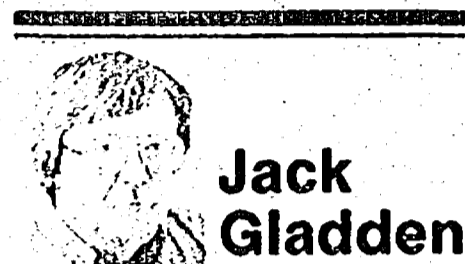
Then came the posters. And the comic books. The dolls (or maybe they were "action figures," I'm not sure.) And more tapes, which we listened to every day on the way to school.

Soon the audio tapes were augmented with "videos," which featured concert footage and interviews with Jordan, et al. The "New Kids on the Block" became "New Kids" in my life — in all our lives. I even came to think that "Valentine Girl" wasn't such a bad song.

OF COURSE, there were the down times. That business with Tiffany caused more than a little consternation in our family circle. But we survived it.

Until... they actually came to town. "I wanna go to the New Kids concert."

"No way," her mother said. "I'm not driving all the way to The Palace to a New Kids concert. If they come to Cobo or Joe Louis or someplace



Jack Gladden

like that... maybe."

Then it happened. Just a small blurb in the Saturday paper.

"The New Kids are coming to Joe Louis. Maybe we should take her."

"Sure," I said. "Why not?" I mean, I went to a Jimmy Buffet concert once and it was pretty good. So why not the New Kids?

"Nosebleed seats!" my son said when he looked at the tickets. "Row 20 in the upper deck. I feel sorry for you, dad."

Nosebleed? Row 20? I didn't understand. But the second-grader was ecstatic. I even printed out a calendar for her on the computer — a New Kids Countdown calendar. Every day she marked it off and noted: "Just 14 days until the concert." Then 13 days. Then 12. And then one.

So there I was, climbing the Detroit version of the Matterhorn and trying not to look down, realizing, finally, what "nosebleed seats" meant.

The noise was painful, even before the warm-up bands came on stage. After that it was excruciating.

Thousands... thousands!... of teenage girls shrieking at decibel levels that I would have sworn were

beyond the range of the human voice.

There were a few parents in the audience. The mothers were either trying futilely to keep their daughters in their seats or looking like idiots as they joined them in the wave or what passed for dancing. The fathers were the ones with the Pepto-Bismol expressions on their faces and the cotton in their ears.

AFTER ABOUT an hour of warm-up groups, five young men in pop-cloored outfits bounded onto the stage and began singing. I think they were singing.

We could see nothing but the swaying rear ends of teenagers and the only thing we could hear were screams that would have caused the inhabitants of Dante's Inferno to plug their ears. After another hour of that, the second-grader said she wanted to leave.

Outside, heading back to the parking garage, she had tears in her eyes.

"What's the matter, sweetie?" her mother asked.

"They spoiled it," she said.

"Who spoiled it?"

"The audience. They spoiled it."

They did that, all right. She had come to the concert to see and to hear. All she saw was thousands of teenyboppers who had come to be seen and to be heard.

Maybe she learned something from it. I hope so. I'll let you know in a few years.

Commuter tax could fund arts

GOV. JOHN Engler is on solid legal and political ground in backing away from state funding of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

But, you may argue, Detroit is in rough financial shape — deficits and all that. It can't afford to run DIA, the sixth largest art museum in the nation.

ABSOLUTELY FALSE. Detroit can afford it and has the perfect resource to fund DIA fairly.

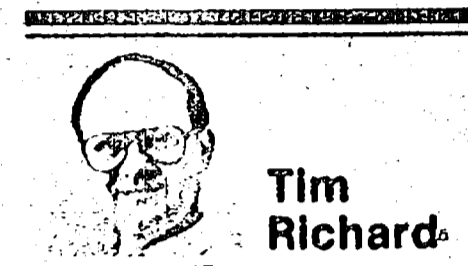
Look at Detroit's overall revenue picture: The mayor has submitted a \$2 billion budget. Some revenue sources are in question, so let's use a conservative figure of \$1.8 billion.

Detroit has about 1 million residents. Thus, the city plans to spend \$1,800 per resident.

Engler, who is being excoriated and picketed by DIA fans, submitted a \$7.6 billion general fund budget for 9.3 million residents. That's a little more than \$800 per person — \$1,000 less than Detroit is spending.

So the deep pockets, relatively speaking, are Detroit's, not the state's.

Detroit leaders choose to spend more than they take in. The city places a low priority on DIA, con-



Tim Richard

tributing only \$500,000 toward its budget while the state has been kicking in \$16 million.

THE PERFECT source of funding DIA is the commuter income tax.

Detroit taxes residents 3 percent of income tax and non-residents who work there 1.5 percent. According to news reports, the income tax brings in \$280 million.

A reliable legislator once told me that the city collected more from commuters than residents.

So let us conservatively estimate that half the income tax revenue is from commuters — \$140 million. The entire DIA budget is only \$26.5 million and the state's portion \$16 million.

If Detroit dedicated one-fifth of its income tax on commuters to the arts, it could cover governmental contributions to DIA and have enough left over to resume funding

another world class arts organization which it abandoned several years ago — the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

MY TAX DEDICATION plan has every possible advantage:

• Detroit continues to own and manage DIA.

• Detroit continues to control the jobs.

• Detroit no longer contributes \$500,000 of its own tax revenues to DIA.

• Suburbanites pay. DIA patrons are rarely Detroit residents or from Marquette, Drummond Island, Onaway, Grand Rapids or Grand Ledge. Where does the DIA Founders Society open its new retail store? In Novi's Twelve Oaks Center, of course.

• There is no need to take bread from the mouths of welfare recipients or shut down a fifth state park to pay for DIA, no need for a state tax increase, no need to set up a tri-county authority with one mill of property tax.

In all this discussion about funding DIA — and DSO — repeat that truth 1,000 times a day. Detroit already has the money.

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Pets of the week

Lacey, a female mixed breed spaniel puppy, and Oscar, a mixed breed collie puppy, need homes. Lacey is described as fun loving and spunky. Oscar is described as friendly and

lively. Both are available through the Animal Welfare League. They can be adopted by calling Kershaw Animal Hospital, Livonia, 421-7878.

Film on child care program honored

"Kidspac," a short film about the Wayne County child care program, has received top prize at the 33rd American Film and Video Festival.

A Blue Ribbon was awarded to producer Sue Marx and director Beth Winsten. The film will be screened at the festival Friday, May 31, in Philadelphia.

The film details establishment of

the child care program for county workers. Founded by county Executive Edward McNamara, Kidspac operates at the Wayne County Building, Detroit.

Television anchorman Bill Bonds is the announcer. The film features music by the Chenille Sisters.

The film has also received a bronze Telly Award and has been named a finalist in the International

Film and TV Festival, New York and the CINDY Awards.

The film aired as a television special on both WXYZ-TV, Channel 7 and WTVS-TV, Channel 56 last fall.

Marx is an Academy Award winner. Winsten is an Emmy winner. The festival is the largest, most prestigious of its kind for non-theatrical films.



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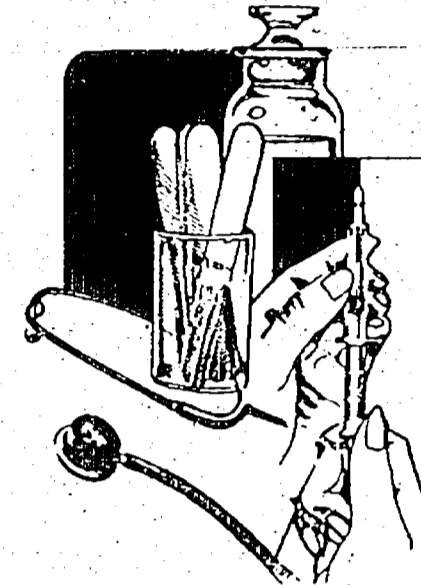
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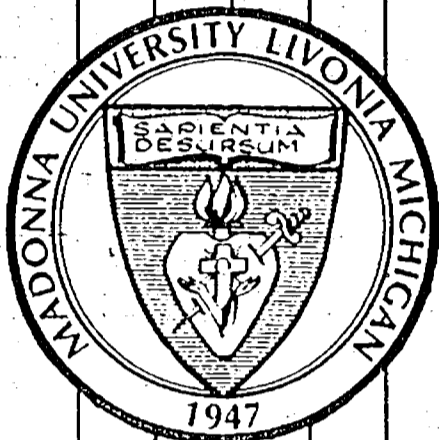
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Striding out

Rob Valentine of Redford Catholic Central stays ahead of the pack during the first leg of the 3,200-meter relay Tuesday in a meet against Brother Rice. For more details, turn to page 4B.

Titan terrors
Stefanski, Tavormina lift streaking U-D

By C.J. Rieck
staff writer

A year ago, University of Detroit-Mercy's baseball team had the same faces in the field but the pitching staff was stronger. The bulk of those starters are back, but the Titans have lost most of their proven pitchers.

Considering the team's 24-25 record in 1990 — including an 11-11 Midwestern Collegiate Conference mark — not much could be expected from the 1991 team. Too many losses had to be accounted for.

But alas: U-D is off to its best start in years. The Titans have won nine games in a row, eight of those in the MCC, and they are atop the conference with an 11-1 mark heading into perhaps their biggest series of the season. They host Evansville in a pair of double-headers at noon Saturday and Sunday.

The MCC title may be decided this weekend — but how did U-D get into the picture? What's the difference between this season's team and the 1990 group?

Start any comparisons with a pair of seniors, shortstop Rick Tavormina and catcher Mike Stefanski. Start with them because they just don't compare with their 1990 counterparts.

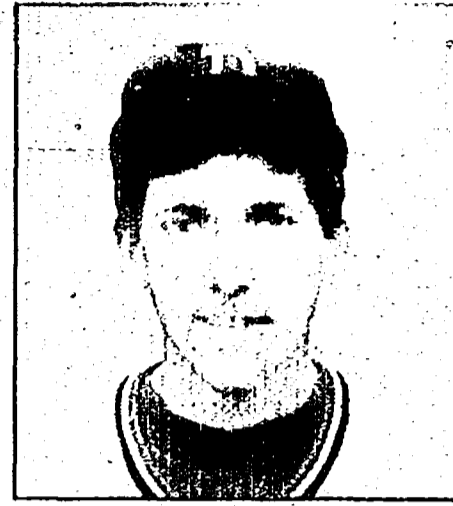
"IT'S REALLY a lot different," said Tavormina, a Westland John Glenn graduate. "Last year, I had a lot of sleepless nights."

The source of his insomnia was easy to find — a .248 batting average, eight doubles, two triples, one home run and just 18 runs batted in in 47 games. He struggled defensively, too.

Stefanski, from Redford Union HS,



Mike Stefanski
U-D's top hitter



Rick Tavormina
RBI leader

was better. He hit .325, with eight doubles, a homer and 22 RBI.

Those figures pale when compared with this year's numbers. Both have surpassed last season's marks. Tavormina is hitting .333, with three doubles, three triples, two homers and a team-high 21 RBI. He's scored 21 runs.

Stefanski is batting a team-best .355, fourth highest in the MCC, and he leads U-D with nine doubles. He also has a triple and three homers, and he's driven in 20 runs while scoring a team-high 25 runs. Stefanski leads the Titans with five game-winning hits; Tavormina is second with three.

Defensively, Stefanski has four errors (a .973 fielding average) and has thrown out 32 percent of the potential base stealers (13-of-41). Tavormina has 12 errors (.910 average) in 28 games.

THEY ARE two good reasons why U-D is 19-8-1 overall and battling for first place, instead of bouncing

around the .500 mark, like last season.

"The concentration level's a lot higher," explained Tavormina. "Everyone wants to win. There aren't any whiners. It doesn't matter if you go 0-for-4 or 4-for-4, you feel the same. Everybody is pulling for each other."

Stefanski gave a reason for the change in attitude. "Basically, it's because we're junior-senior oriented. We have experience at every position. And we're not relying on one guy."

"I've played on good teams before, and that's what happens. Other guys pick you up if you have an off-day."

With so many guys having solid seasons, there's no pressure on a certain player to produce. Joining Stefanski, who was named MCC player of the week last week, and Tavormina in the limelight are junior center fielder Mike Heard and senior first baseman Lance Sullivan.

Heard, a Wayne Memorial grad, and a transfer from Henry Ford CC, is hitting .318 with eight doubles, a

baseball

triple, three homers, 20 RBI and a team-best 34 hits. Sullivan, from Livonia Churchill, is hitting .253 with six doubles and 12 RBI.

OF COURSE, it took more than relying on teammates to come through to turn things around for U-D. Tavormina admitted that last year there were "a lot of off-the-field distractions bothering me. I had a lack of concentration on the field. I'd take my glove to bat and my bat into the field."

"It really screws you up. I'd go to bed at night and I'd always be thinking about what I did on the field that day."

Tavormina has focused his attention this season. His goals remain the same: "Usually the goals I set for myself are team goals. I want us to win 40 games, and I want to hit over .300 and play the best defense I can."

Stefanski has been zoned in on this season for awhile, too. During the off-season he spent a lot of time "working on my hitting, more than anything. I've been more aggressive this year."

HIS DEFENSE, quite apparently, hasn't suffered — although Stefanski said, "I'm never satisfied with my throwing out runners. I'd like to throw them all out."

And, as far as his hitting is concerned: "I'd like to get more base hits going the other way, going to the other field." But, like Tavormina, Stefanski's greatest concern is winning.

What's the count?

Elusive Boles keeps fans guessing

Three strikes and 'yer out!

TONY BOLES: With the NFL draft approaching Sunday, rumor has it that the former Westland John Glenn High star is going to break his 1 1/2-year silence with the media today in Ann Arbor.

I'm not holding my breath. Boles, the former All-Big Ten running back with the University of Michigan, has used a variety of intermediaries to shield himself from the press since going down with a serious knee injury, Nov. 1989, against Minnesota.

Once on his way to Heisman Trophy consideration, but now a longshot to go in the late rounds of the NFL draft, Boles may be coming out from his self-imposed exile. Boles' Cleveland-based agent, former U-M All-America and NFL All-Pro Thom Darden, calls Boles a "different kind of kid."

"A lot of it is fear, he's never said much," said Darden about Boles' silence. "People keep asking, 'Are you 100 percent?' That's a lot for a kid to go through. Right now his leg is feeling comfortable."

Though I know Boles as well as any media member, the relationship is distant at best.

Even my efforts to contact him through his father Daniel, his girlfriend Michelle, his high school coach Chuck Gordon, his friends from Westland, and the "proper authorities" at Michigan have all proven to be fruitless (and frustrating).

While he was recovering from surgery in December 1989, I called U-M's sports information department to inquire about making a visit to the hospital.

"He's not seeing any members of the media," SID Bruce Madej said.

But shortly after that call, one of Detroit's esteemed columnists got preferential treatment and was able to chat with Boles at bedside.

I also tried to send him a get-well card at his residence in Ann Arbor (or, was it Ypsilanti?), but nobody could give me his address.

As late as Monday night I tried contacting him by phone in New York (the number was given to me by his father), but the only response was: "Now is not a good time to talk to him."

Maybe today is the day. As far as his chances of going in the NFL draft?

Depends how you talk to. NFL draftnik-guru Mel Kiper, Jr.



Brad Emons

who will do analysis Sunday on ESPN-TV, lists 76 tailbacks in his pre-draft book with no mention of Boles.

"He won't be drafted because of the injury factor," said Kiper, who is based in Baltimore. "He'll most likely sign as a free agent."

Kiper rates Nick Bell (Iowa), Harvey Williams (LSU), Aaron Craver (Fresno State), Chuck Webb (Tennessee) and Eric Bienemy (Colorado) as the top five tailbacks. Others who earned rankings include Randy Baldwin (Mississippi), No. 9; Jon Vaughn (Michigan), No. 15; Hyland Hickson (Michigan State), No. 18; and Allen Jefferson (U-M), No. 34.

Boles, who gained 1,408 yards in 1988 and over 800 in 1989, before going down with the knee, at one time was a high pick.

"I saw him in Indianapolis (NFL testing combine) and he was not bad coming off the type of injury he had (anterior cruciate ligament)," said Ron Hughes, Detroit Lions Director of Player Personnel. "There may be a point in the draft where you might consider Boles. I like Boles, he's a good running back."

Darden, meanwhile, believes "somebody will take a chance on him in the draft."



Tony Boles
breaking silence?

But another NFL scout, who wished to remain anonymous, painted a bleaker picture.

"Those guys that are unhealthy, stay unhealthy," said the scout. "I've watched him on film and I've studied him and he's just not the same type of back. I sympathize with him. It's a sad thing because he's worked all that time."

"But he's not going to be at the same type of form he was before. Let's not forget, the common service for an average NFL player is only three years."

Boles, who dropped out of school during his final year of eligibility, was rated the eighth best tailback at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis.

He was listed at 6 feet, 1 1/2 inches, 184 pounds; ran a 4.45 in the 40-yard dash; and got an overall rating of 6.51 (could back up as a rookie).

"A lot depends on the position he plays," said one NFL scout. "The type of injury he had wouldn't affect an offensive or defensive lineman as much. But he's in one of the skill positions and that makes it tough."

Whatever happens Sunday or Monday (the later rounds), it's likely Boles will end up getting a tryout from some NFL team.

In the meantime, I'll be holding my breath.

WAYNE WOROSZ: The Michigan AAU/USA Soccer President is staging an all-star boys soccer game Saturday at Schoolcraft College, but I'm getting mixed signals.

The tourney is being billed as the "Elite 64" All-Star Tournament, featuring high school seniors from across the state.

The event seems well-intended enough. One of the four teams will advance to the AAU Junior Olympics, July 23-30 in Jacksonville, Fla.

But although many of the state's top players will be there, many will not, including five All-Observer players. (In all fairness, all five were invited, but have bowed out for various reasons.)

The flier also claims that an abundance of college scouts will be in attendance with scholarships dangling in their hands.

Let's face it, there may be a senior or two that has been overlooked, but most soccer grant-in-aids have already been awarded for the coming year. But after scouring the list of potential players, many definitely do

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Madonna winning streak ends at 8

It had to end sometime! Madonna University's NAIA District 23 baseball win streak reached eight games before bottoming out Friday. The Fighting Crusaders swept a pair at Concordia College Thursday, 8-1 and 10-3, before losing twice at Spring Arbor Friday, 13-3 and 8-5.

The Crusaders rebounded Tuesday, sweeping a twinbill from Nazareth College, 13-3 and 4-0, at Redford's Capitol Park. The two wins kept them atop the district standings with an 8-2 record (22-7-1 overall). Aquinas College is second at 6-2, with Spring Arbor third at 3-3 (11-7 overall). Concordia is 1-5 in the district, 6-16 overall.

Ernie Bowling hit a home run in five of the six games for Madonna, bringing his season total to 10. He has a school-record 37 runs batted in.

Against Concordia, Bowling hit a two-run shot in the fifth in Madonna's 8-1 first-game triumph. Mike Wozniak added a three-run, inside-the-park homer in the third inning and John Bonham had three hits and two stolen bases, scoring twice.

Lou McKaig tossed a one-hitter, striking out nine and walking five. Brian Fehn took the loss.

IN THE SECOND game, the Crusaders led all the way to support T.C. Raptis' seven-hit pitching. Raptis walked two and fanned four. Kevin Streeter was the loser.

Bowling clubbed his seventh homer of the season, a two-run job, in the fourth. Sean Maloney added three hits, including two doubles, with one RBI. Kevin O'Connor slashed a two-run single in the second; and Bill Terski had two hits, one a triple, scored twice and knocked in a run.

Fortunes turned on Madonna Friday. Spring Arbor struck for four runs in the first inning and added three in the second to win easily. Mike Hocking suffered the loss, allowing 11 runs on eight hits and four walks in five innings. Scott Bradley was the winning pitcher.

Madonna managed just four hits in the game, and three were solo homers. Joe Brusseau and Terski both hit homers in the third, and Bowling added his eighth of the season in the fourth. For Spring Arbor, Shawn Hall had a three-run homer in the first and a two-run double in the third. Rich Frederick had a two-run homer in the sixth, and Brad Roth hit a solo shot in the first.

A FIVE-RUN surge in the fifth sparked Spring Arbor to an 8-5 win in the second game. The score was tied at 1-1 entering the inning. Spring Arbor hit four doubles in the inning, with Dan Weller's two-run job the key hit of the rally.

Bonham had two hits and Rich Roy smacked a solo, pinch-hit homer in the seventh for Madonna. Chris Kloc—absorbed—the defeat, falling to 5-2; he surrendered six runs on nine hits and five walks in five innings, striking out six. Dean Sisk was the winner.

Against Nazareth, McKaig survived the first inning — after walking three and giving up a run-producing single — and that was enough, as the Crusaders battled back from a 3-0 deficit to win in a six-inning mercy.

Roy had the big blow of the contest, a pinch-hit, three-run homer in the fifth. Bowling added a solo shot in the sixth. Other top hitters were Wozniak, with three hits (including two doubles) and three runs scored; Maloney, with two doubles, two RBI and two runs; and Brusseau and Terski, with two hits apiece. Brusseau had one RBI.

McKaig allowed just three hits and six walks in six innings, striking out 10 while improving to 5-1. Chad Jansheski was the loser.

In the second game, Raptis handcuffed Nazareth on three hits in posting the shutout. He struck out five and walked five. Rich LaPorte surrendered four runs in six innings to absorb the defeat. Bowling clubbed a two-run homer in the first, and Roy and Terski added run-scoring hits in the fourth, to spark Madonna's offense.

MU softball team takes 3

The hits continued to rain for Madonna University's softball team — and so did the wins.

The Lady Crusaders collected 52 hits in four NAIA District 23 games last week, and they won three of them. They swept Concordia College with a pair of mercies, 11-1 and 12-2, on Friday at Plymouth's Massey Field.

On Thursday, Madonna split a double-header against Spring Arbor at Massey, winning the first 16-6 with a six-inning mercy but losing the second 8-7 in eight innings.

"We did not play well in that game," was coach Dave Racer's reaction to the loss. "You know how it is when you mercy a team. You take them for granted, and wait around for your teammates to do the job. And it never gets done."

What upset Racer is the 4-0 lead his team staked Spring Arbor to after three innings. The Crusaders never did lead in the game, but fought back with two runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh — including a two-run double by Holly Brachel with two out — that tied the score and forced extra innings.

BRACHEL FINISHED with two hits and three runs batted in. Megan Armstrong contributed three hits, and Jenny Marquette and Jill Burt had two hits each, with Burt knocking in a run and scoring two. Janet Hietila started and went the first six innings, giving up seven runs; Joann Donehay was the losing pitcher.

Donehay was the winner in two other games.

college sports

She was touched for 11 hits in the 16-6 win over Spring Arbor, but didn't walk a batter.

Madonna put six runs on the board in the first inning, with Brachel's two-run single the key. Madonna also got a two-run homer from Burt in the third and a two-run triple from Hughana Wilkie in the fifth.

Brachel finished with three hits, three runs scored and four RBI; Burt had two hits, three runs and three RBI; Wilkie had two hits and three RBI; Cheryl Baker had two hits, two RBI and two stolen bases; and Mandy Armstrong collected three hits, two runs and an RBI.

MADONNA SWEPT past Concordia with ease Friday, ending it in five innings in the opener. Marquette, Burt, and Megan and Mandy Armstrong each had two hits, with Marquette driving in three runs and Burt, Megan and Mandy Armstrong knocking in two apiece. Megan also stole two bases and scored three runs.

Donehay was the winner, surrendering eight hits and two walks.

The second game lasted one more inning, but the result was the same — a 10-run margin of victory for Madonna. Marquette slugged a two-

run single in the fifth and a three-run single in the sixth to highlight the hitting heroics.

There were others: Baker Armsstrong had three hits, scoring twice; Mager had a hit and scored three times; Brachel had two hits, two runs and two RBI; and Wilkie had two hits and two RBI.

Hietila was the winning pitcher, allowing five hits and two walks in six innings.

ON TUESDAY, Madonna improved to 17-9 overall by taking two from Olivet College, 10-1 and 4-2, in Olivet. Donehay was near-perfect in the opener, hurling a one-hitter. She walked five and struck out five. The only hit she allowed came with two out in the sixth inning.

Wilkie opened the scoring by slugging a three-run triple in the third inning. Mandy Cunningham drove in three runs, scored three and had two hits, including a two-run single in the seventh. Angie Van Dyke also had two hits and two RBI.

In the second game, Olivet used three consecutive singles to score two runs, but it wasn't enough. Madonna's Megan Cunningham slashed a two-run single in the second and Mandy Cunningham had a run-scoring base hit in the fourth to make it 3-0. Kelly Gannon's ground out drove in Brachel with Madonna's fourth run in the seventh. Megan Cunningham had two hits and two RBI for the Crusaders. Hietila got the pitching win, allowing two runs on six hits and two walks, fanning three.

Calcaterra inks with Wayne State

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Randy Calcaterra looms large in Wayne State's basketball future.

The 6-foot-7½ senior center from Livonia Churchill signed a national letter-of-intent last Friday with the Tartars.

"We're very excited because Randy has excellent size and you know what they say, 'You can't coach size,'" said Ron Hammye, WSU's third-year coach. "I think we got ourselves a keeper who is also an excellent student. I think down the road he could be a dominating force in our league (Great Lakes). He's got tons of potential. He's got good hands, a soft touch around the basket and runs the floor well."

Calcaterra, averaged 16.7 points, 13.6 points and 3.8 blocked shots per game last season for the Chargers, who finished 15-9 overall and cap-

basketball

tured their first Class A district crown since 1977.

Calcaterra is the second player to sign with Wayne State. The other is 5-11 guard Mike Moscato, a Rochester High product who played at Macomb Community College.

MOSCATO SIGNED Wednesday (April 10), the first day players could sign national letters.

Calcaterra explored other options, including Albion College, a Division III school, University of Michigan-Dearborn, an NAIA program, along with junior college.

"I wanted to make sure I was comfortable," said Calcaterra, who waited until Friday. "I had commit-

ted to them. I just wanted to make sure."

The lineup at Wayne, which loses only one starter (guard Kevin Heck) off a 13-14 team, will be tough to crack for the All-Observer and All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick.

"I'll have to pay my dues," Calcaterra said. "I may red-shirt or play the first year, whatever feels better at the time. I may need a year to get bigger and stronger."

Calcaterra, a 3.0-plus student at Churchill, plans to major in engineering.

He is the second first-team All-Area player to sign with either a Division I or II school.

Plymouth Salem's Jake Baker signed last November with Central Michigan.

BAKER'S TEAMMATE, 6-6 K.C.

Kirkpatrick, another first-team All-Observer choice, has not committed yet according to his high school coach Bob Brodie.

"I know Wayne State has made him an offer and he's talked to Albion," Brodie said. "Right now he's not sure. He could go junior college (despite a 2.4 grade-point average and an impressive 27 ACT score)."

Meanwhile, in other basketball recruiting news, Schoolcraft College's second leading scorer last season, 6-3 freshman Kwesi McGill (Detroit St. Hedwig), has committed to West Virginia Wesleyan, an NAIA school, according to SC coach Dave Bogataj.

Schoolcraft's leading scorer and All-Eastern Conference pick Randy Waters, a 6-4 swingman from Milford Lakeland, is mulling offers from Lake Superior State and Tiffin (Ohio).

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CC sprinter steams Rice

Eric McKeon scored three wins Tuesday, pacing Redford Catholic Central to a 73-55 boys track victory over rival Birmingham Brother Rice in a Central Division matchup at Farmington Hills Mercy.

The sophomore sprinter captured firsts in the 100-meter dash (11.8), 200 dash (23.1) and 400 dash (52.0). Other CC firsts were recorded by Mike Kasper, high jump, 5 feet, 9 inches; 300 hurdles, 43.8; and Jon Borke, 3,200 run, 10:14.0.

The Shamrocks also won two of four relay races.

Jim Stebbins, Brady Bankow, Jay Czarniecki and Pat Dorrington teamed up to win the 800 relay in 1:40.1. In the 3,200 relay, Rob Valentine, T.J. Kitchen, Aaron Shephard and Steve Witek took first in 9:17.1.

"I'm happy with the performance," CC coach Tony Magni said. "We had a lot of seconds where we could have finished first."

Among the key second places for CC: Freddie Taylor, 100 dash, 12.3; Kitchen, 400 dash, 53.3; and Witek, 800 run, 2:06.0.

State Class A cross country champion John Cowan led Rice by sweeping the 800 and 1,600 runs.

"Anytime you beat Rice it's good,"

track

Magni said. "Before the season I thought we'd have to get better in the hurdles and relays. We have a lot of sophomores on the team, but our seniors are the leaders and they came through for us."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND, led by junior Matt Grams, swept all four relay events Tuesday en route to a quad-meet victory at home.

The host Warriors scored 118 1/2 points, followed by Southfield Christian (90 1/2), Bloomfield Hills Roeper (13) and Plymouth Christian (9).

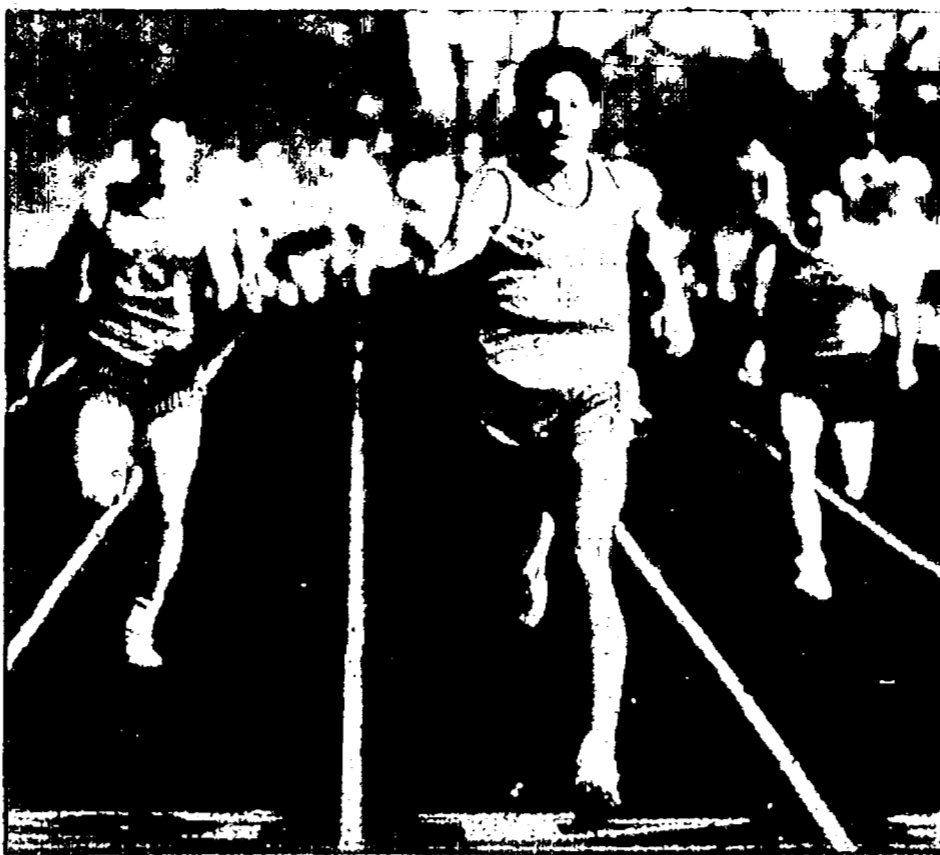
Grams took firsts in the high jump (5-10) and long jump (17-10 1/4).

He also anchored the winning 440- and 880-yard relay squads.

Grams, Jason Olson, Jeff Smolka and Bill Wargo captured the 400 in 48.1, while the quartet of Grams, Jason Haaf, Jeff Lichtner and Jason Leimbach teamed up to win the 800 in 1:41.2.

Leimbach added firsts in the 120 and 330 hurdles in 17.4 and 43.9, respectively.

Warren Provençal contributed victories in the 220 and 440 dashes with times of 24.3 and 52.9, respectively. He also



JOHN STORMZANO/Staff photographer

Eric McKeon (middle) of Redford Catholic Central wins the 100-meter dash, one of three firsts on the day against Birmingham Brother Rice.

teamed up with Brian McCormick, Ken Broderdorf and Doug Johnson to win the two-mile relay in 9:26.4.

The Warriors' other first occurred in the mile relay as Mace Matteson, Broderdorf, Lichtner and McCormick comprised the winning foursome.

BOYS TRACK TIMES: The first Observerland boys track listing will appear on Thursday, April 25.

Livonia Churchill track coach Fred Price will compile the listing. Coaches can update their times by calling him be-

tween 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Sundays through Thursdays at 420-3059. (All times must be converted metrically.)

Schools eligible to participate in the listings: Plymouth Christian, Canton and Salem; Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison; Livonia Clarenceville, Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson; Redford Union, Thurston, Catholic Central, Bishop Borgess and St. Agatha; Walled Lake Central and Western; Garden City, Lutheran Westland, John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

RU's Percy leads romp; Ladywood holds on

Redford Union, boasting one of its best girls track teams ever, ran away Tuesday from non-league foe Madison Heights Lamphere, 95-29.

The visiting Panthers captured 14 of 16 events, including all four relays against the host Rams.

RU's top individual performer was senior Sarah Percy, who captured the high jump (no height available), 100-meter hurdles (16.1) and 300 hurdles (50.5). She also teamed with Jenny Sarafian, Charity Clairmont and Wendy Malecki to win the 1,600 relay in 4:33.0.

The Panthers also had a pair of double winners: senior Kellie Watkins in the shot put (34 feet) and discus (101-0), and senior Liza Mockridge in the 1,600 run (6:03.0) and 3,200 run (12:59.0). (Watkins also teamed with Anika Felton, Sarafian and Jenny Piron to win the 400 relay in 58.8.)

Other firsts were garnered by Felton, 200 dash (29.5); Langley, 400 run, 1:05.6; and Melissa Still, 800 run, 2:41.0.

In the 800 relay, the quartet of Sarafian, Langley, Malecki and

Clairmont posted a winning time of 2:02.0.

In the 3,200 relay, RU's foursome of Laura Wedge, Kendra Johnson, Courtney Connolly and Still took first in 11:17.0.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD edged host Birmingham Marlan in a Central Division battle Tuesday, 65-63.

Senior Rebecca Willey figured in four firsts for the victorious Blazers.

Willey captured the shot put (31-9 1/4), discus (92-10 1/4) and high jump (5-2). She also teamed with Andrea Puttl, Karin Maurer and Nicole Dugas to win the 800 relay in 2:08.33. Mader, Shannon Canfield, Puttl and Dugas added a victory in the 400 relay.

Sophomore Malia Dixon contributed firsts in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 5:39.04 and 12:06.77, respectively. Dixon's win in the 3,200 run clinched the meet for Ladywood.

Other Ladywood firsts were recorded by Jannel Hemme in the 400 dash (1:05.22) and Karyn Nagy in the 800 run

(2:42.36). Michelle Coughlin paced Marlan with firsts in the long jump (15-9), 100 hurdles (20.4) and 300 hurdles (53.87).

LUTHERAN WESTLAND, for the second straight week, won a quad meet.

On Tuesday the host Warriors scored a team-high 125 points. The rest of the field included Southfield Christian (65 1/2), Bloomfield Hills Roeper (21) and Plymouth Christian (4 1/2).

Junior Kristin Hughes paced the victors with firsts in the 100-yard hurdles (19.8) and 220 dash (29.9). Teammate Sarah Pfeiffer added firsts in the long jump (13-9 1/4) and 440 run (1:12.4).

Other first-place finishers for Lutheran Westland included: Jennifer Billand, shot put, 28-10 1/4; Heather Thompson, 330 hurdles, 53.6; Lori Lapum, 100 dash, 12.8; Stephanie Locke, 880 run, 2:31.5; and Jennifer Gerlach, mile run, 5:45.6.

Angel Azzopardi, Tonia Schlicker, Nicole Hines and Lapum combined for a first in the 400 relay (57.7), while Azzopardi, Schlicker, Hines and Pfeiffer won the 880 in 2:04.04.

Shamrock hurlers on target

Scott Kapla and Bob Kummer, a pair of junior right-handers, turned in solid pitching performances Saturday to lead Redford Catholic Central to a double-header sweep in baseball.

The Shamrocks whipped host University of Detroit-Jesuit 13-1 in the five-inning first game as Kapla tossed a one-hitter, and CC dropped the Cubs 6-1 in the nightcap behind a complete game from Kummer.

Both pitchers are 2-0. The Shamrocks are 4-0 in the Central Division of the Catholic League and 5-0 overall. U-D is 1-3 in the division.

Kapla also had six strikeouts and one walk in the opener. He paced CC's eight-hit attack, going 3-for-4 with three RBI. Joe Vondracek hit a two-run double and George Charnley a two-run single.

Kummer worked all seven innings of the second game, allowed only three hits, struck out 10 and walked six.

CC's Jason ...

baseball

and scored a run, and teammates Dan Gusoff and Pat Casey had two RBI apiece. Gusoff drove in two runs with a single in a five-run fifth inning, and Casey had an RBI single and a sacrifice fly.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 10, OAK. CHRISTIAN 2: Lutheran Westland tallied six runs in the first inning Tuesday en route to a win over host Oakland Christian.

Jason Zielinski, Eric Schilbe and Makoto Iwata each homered in the opening inning for the Warriors.

Lutheran Westland (2-1, 2-0) pounded 12 hits. Zielinski and Schilbe each collected three hits and three RBI.

Iwata (2-0) was the winning pitcher for the Warriors. He hurled seven innings, striking out seven and walking five.

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BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Baseball School, in conjunction with the South Farmington Little League, will be from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 8-12 at Drake Field.

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To obtain a registration form, call Gordie Rutherford at 421-4928.

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Schoolcraft College will hold three different sessions of girls basketball camps: Camp I (grades 4-6), 8:30 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, July 8-12; Camp II (grades 7-9), 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 8-12; and Camp III (grades 10-12), 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, July 29 through Friday, Aug. 2. The cost is \$48 per camper, per session.

For more information, call Schoolcraft's Physical Education Department at 462-4400, Ext. 5249, or Dan Freeman at 522-7659.

Tom Teeters will direct two different weeks of volleyball camps for boys and girls ages 10 and up (morning and afternoon sessions):

Monday through Thursday, July 15-18 and July 22-25. The cost is \$70 per session (\$125 for players taking two sessions).

For more information, call 462-4400, Ext. 5249 or 5252.

Van Dimitriou will direct a summer soccer school for advance players, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 15-19 and Aug. 5-9. The cost is \$130 per entrant (\$120 if registered by June 15 or \$110 for each additional family member).

The summer soccer school for beginners and intermediates, also directed by Dimitriou, will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., July 22-27 and July 29-Aug. 3. The cost is \$90 per session or \$160 for two sessions.

For more information on both soccer schools, call 462-4400.

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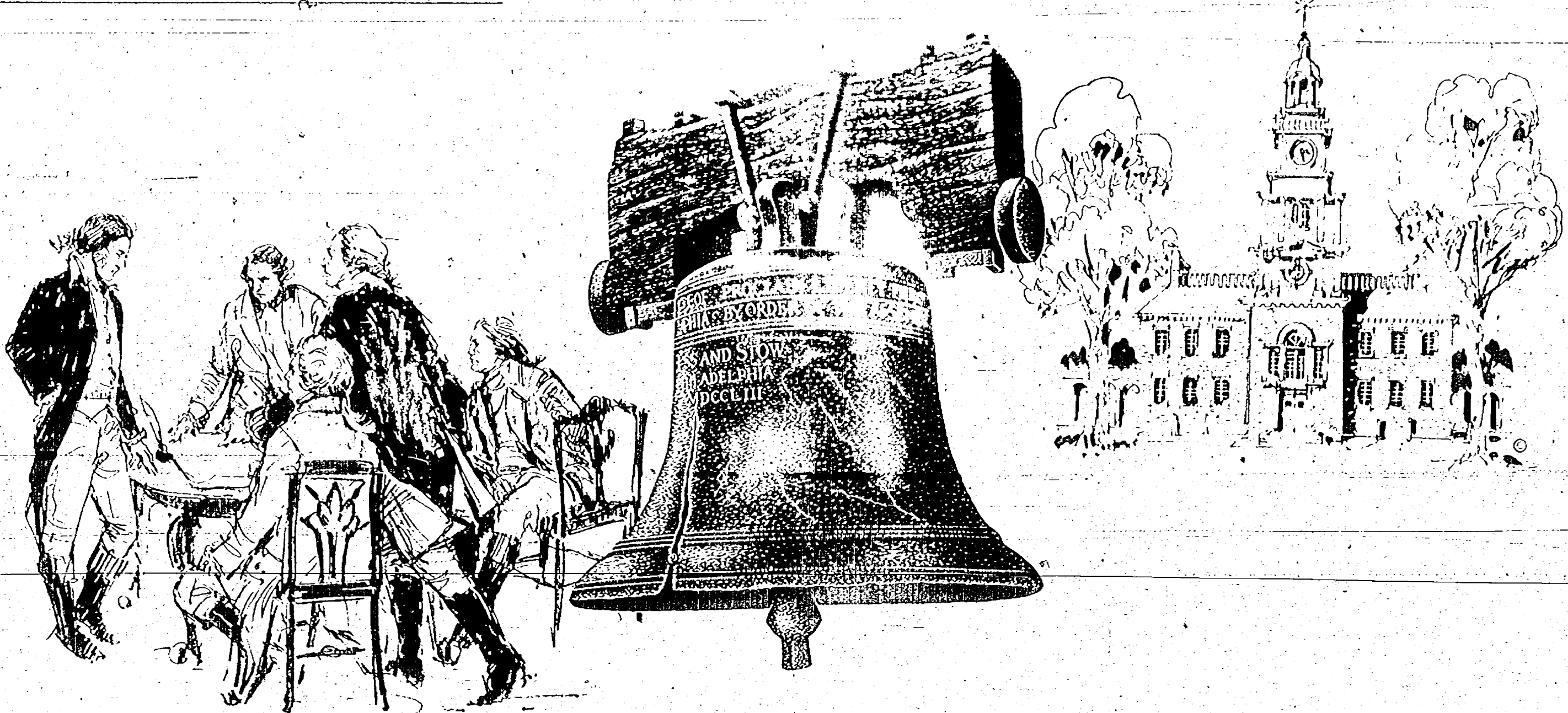
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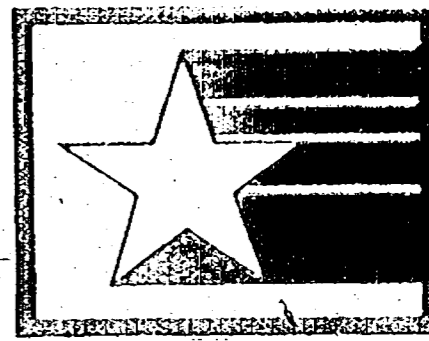
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Mom and more

Actress Barbi Benton is versatile 'Wonder Woman'

By Ethel Simmons
staff writer

BEING A MOM is just one of the many aspects of the life of Barbi Benton, who is starring in the musical "Dames at Sea" through Sunday, May 5, at the Birmingham Theatre.

Benton says her husband and children definitely come first, but she manages to cram all kinds of other activities into the entire family's lifestyle. And she herself belongs to a group called the Wonder Women of Aspen.

last week, Benton willingly posed with her youngsters, Ariana, 2, and Alexander, 4. Then she sent the lively children off with their governess to shop for shoes for them, in Birmingham, and she settled down to talk.

"The kids have been here a week. They're going home with 'Mr. Mom,'" Benton said, referring to husband George Grodow, at home in Aspen. Grodow was in Birmingham for a couple of days last week, when he came down for opening night.

of dark, curly hair and her big smile, which she flashes frequently. She was dressed in a smart outfit of soft pink and green separates.

"Playboy After Dark," where she was supposed to pretend to be his date on the show. "Hef is writing a book now," Benton said, "on people who were important in his life. He's writing a very honest book."



Barbi Benton sings and dances as the vamp Mona Kent in "Dames at Sea," musical about Broadway in the 1930s, at the Birmingham Theatre.

STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

AN ENERGETIC personality. Benton has an enthusiasm for almost everything. One of her comments during the interview was, "You don't let opportunities go by," and this seems to be the key to many of her pleasures, that include cooking, hiking, photography and travel, as well as show business.

You don't have to try hard to get Benton to talk about herself and her family. She's a real talker, and a doer, too.

In Aspen, "I'm very involved in the arts there, so I'm on all the boards," Benton said. Each year she chairs a benefit, the last one a party for the ballet, where guests watched and shared in the offbeat fun of the cult classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Many people still associate Benton with Hugh Hefner and his Playboy empire. Of course, "Hef," as she calls him, is married now and apparently is a stay-at-home, at least when it comes to travel. "When I was dating Hef," they used to do a lot of traveling, she said. Now, "It saddens me," that he doesn't travel at all, she said. But, Benton remarked, he seems quite content.

Benton is still as cute as a brunette Barbi Doll, with her masses

IN "DAMES AT SEA," Benton plays Mona Kent, the seductive and conniving star of a Broadway musical of the 1930s. "I just give it the vamp," she said of her part. "I've been battling a cold. I got a cold the day I arrived in Birmingham. On opening night, I had laryngitis and had to sing above it. It was kind of good for the character. It lowered my register."

In the musical, Benton performs with Don Goodspeed, Trisha Gorman, Michael Scott, Lisa Merrill McCord, Keith Savage and Dick DeCarreu. "The talent in this show is as fine as any show I've been in," she declared.

There's lots of tap dancing in "Dames at Sea." "I started tap 20 years ago. That's what intrigued me about this play," she said.

Benton, who is from Sacramento, Calif., started her professional performing career at 18. She was a pre-med major at UCLA in Southern California but decided to switch to theater arts. In college, "I was a regular on 'Hew Haw,' 'Playboy After Dark' and 'Laugh-In,' in the party scenes." She said you would have to look hard to find her in "Laugh-In," "but now they bill me," on television. She first met Hefner on the set of

HEFNER'S INTERVIEWER for the book talked with Benton, and, "He knew a lot of very personal details." Benton spent nine years with Hefner, and they parted 15 years ago.

Benton met husband George through a friend of her mother, in Los Angeles. Asked by the mutual friend, "When are you going to get married?" he had replied, "When I meet Barbi Benton." (He had admired her, seeing her on TV's "Sugar-time" series.) That was when he discovered the friend knew Benton's mother.

Grodow at the same time, and the ruse was to tell Barbi he was a financial adviser she might want to employ. Now a retired lawyer, he is a real estate developer. "He used to dress in three-piece suits — very square — so I took him shopping. He has since become the funkiest dresser you've ever seen in your life," Benton said.

She also taught him how to dance and to ski. Interiors for their new house in Aspen are being designed by Benton, and include a discoteque, where the couple likes to dance.

upcoming things to do

MEADOW BROOK

Victor Borge, Smokey Robinson, the Righteous Brothers, Cleo Laine, Mel Torme, Doc Severinsen, Dionne Warwick, and Peter, Paul and Mary all will appear this summer at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. "Elephant Show" regular Eric Nagler and Alvin and the Chipmunks will make their Meadow Brook debuts in the children's series.

Symphonic pops concerts will continue, this year including two with the Meadow Brook Festival Orchestra, conducted by Skitch Henderson and by Charles Greenwell, and the Boston Pops on tour. Also continuing are 15 concerts presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, whose residency at Meadow Brook dates back to 1964.

To make concerts affordable for families, children 12 and under will be admitted free on the lawn when accompanied by an adult. Also, Meadow Brook is instituting a rain check policy. When there is a significant amount of rain, lawn patrons may mail their ticket stubs to the box office for free admission to another selected concert. Golden Circle seating, at \$5 more per concert, for the best 500 seats in the house, will be available for certain concerts.

Series tickets are on sale now only through the festival. Call 377-2010 on Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets for individual concerts go on sale Friday, May 17, at Ticketmaster only. The festival box office opens Saturday, June 1, when tickets will be available at both the box office and Ticketmaster.

FOLK DANCE

Music and dance from 11 countries, plus food and drink from 12 more foreign lands, will bring the cultures of the world to the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion from 4-7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, for the fourth annual International Folk Dance Festival to benefit the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. Tickets are \$13.50 in advance or \$15 at the door and include all performances as well as the full buffet. Call the institute at 871-8600 or the city of Southfield at 354-4854 for tickets or more information.

DESERT DANCE

A "Bring 'em Home Dance," presented by the Desert Storm Fund of Michigan and the Social Dance Community, will be from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at the

Northfield Hilton in Troy. The dance is in support of the U.S. troops and to raise money to aid Michigan service people in the Gulf. Featured will be a Color Guard, Top 40 ballroom tempos by D.J. Dorian Deaver and a special dance show by Lance Shermoen and Shariot Jansen, National U.S. Open Swing Dance champions. There will be a cash bar. For tickets at \$20 a person call Carol Jackson at 652-2688.

THE PALACE

Australian rockers AC/DC return to the Palace of Auburn Hills with special guest LA Guns at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 2. Tickets at \$20 reserved are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster centers. Ticket also may be charged by calling 645-6666.

BIG BAND

Roma's and CKLW present Big Band Dance Party, "The Music of Your Life," featuring the Austin-Moro Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 20, at Roma's of Bloomfield in Bloomfield Hills. Price is \$10 a person. For more information call 332-9237.

ICE SHOW

Figure skater Linda Fratianne will join the city of Southfield's Ice Company in celebrating its 20th anniversary during the show's opening-night performance Wednesday, April 24. Fratianne, a Winter Olympics women's figure-skating silver medalist and winner of U.S. and world championships, will perform two skating numbers at Southfield's Civic Center Ice Arena. The opening-night performance begins at 7:30

p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Oakland County Special Olympics, which also is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Tickets for all performances, including Opening Night with Linda Fratianne, are now on sale at the ice arena. For more information call 354-9357.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The 10th annual Body/Mind/Spirit Festival will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. This is Michigan's largest expo of astrologers, psychic readers, herb distributors, crystal collectors, career counselors and stress relief specialists. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information call 569-3888 or 837-8460.

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The Roches — Terre (left), Maggie and Suzzy — will sing in three performances, Friday-Saturday, April 19-20, at the Attic Theatre in Detroit. For ticket information call 875-8284 or 645-6666.

1-MAN PLAY

Tickets are on sale for one-man play "Brady of Broadway," which will have its world premiere Friday-Sunday, May 17-19, in Royal Oak. The new play about Civil War photographer Mathew Brady will premiere in the intimate 387-seat Lila Jones Johnson Theater at Oakland Community College. Tickets at \$15 may be purchased at the Book Beat at the Lincoln Shopping Center in Oak Park. Curtain time is at 8 p.m. May 17-18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19. For further information, call the Brady Hotline at 423-6827.

SINGING SISTERS

The Roches, singing sisters, appear at the Attic Theatre for performances at 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, and 7:30 and 10 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Tickets at \$18.50 and are available at the Attic Theatre box office, 875-8284, or Ticketmaster outlets, 645-6666.

'ATTIC CHRONICLES'

People Dancing — Whitley Setrakian and Dancers performs "The Attic Chronicles," a concert of new and repertory works, with special guest artist, blues singer Robert Jones, at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 24-25, at the Attic Theatre in Detroit's New Center Theatre District. Tickets are available through the Attic Theatre box office. To charge tickets call 875-8284. Tickets are \$14, or \$10 for students with valid identification.

Highly charged drama of reality and fantasy

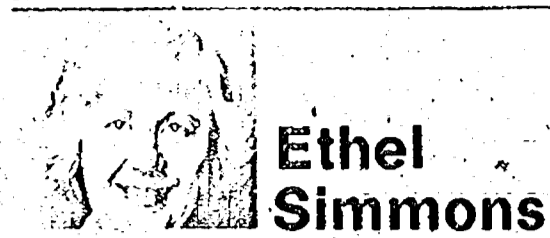
"M. Butterfly" continues through Sunday at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. For ticket information, call the box office at 871-1132.

"M. Butterfly" by Chinese-American playwright David Henry Hwang is a unique theatrical experience.

This ambiguous drama raises many questions, especially about reality vs. fantasy, and leaves most of them unanswered. But it's an intriguing journey no constant theatergoer will want to miss.

Philip Anglim, who starred in the original Broadway production of "The Elephant Man," takes on another fascinating role, as Rene Gallimard, a lower-echelon French diplomat who eventually becomes vice-consul in Beijing. What makes him special, according to his superior, is that he has become privy to the mysteries of the Chinese community, by taking a Chinese woman — an opera star — as his mistress.

When the play opens, Gallimard is in prison, where he tells his tale through flashbacks that re-enact what happened over the last 20 years. Some of these scenes are seemingly real memories, while others may be pure fabrication. But even Gallimard's "reality" is fantasy based, and he admits during the compelling drama to preferring belief in a fantasy, where dreams come



Ethel Simmons

true, rather than an ugly reality.

THE ACTOR'S ability to portray a man somewhat bumbling in his personal life, who struggles to achieve control and command, is expertly handled. Anglim shows Gallimard's weaknesses, his attempts to be clever, and throughout manages to enlist our sympathy and understanding.

Balancing his role is that of the character who becomes his "Butterfly" — A. Mapa as Song Liling, the graceful, submissive Chinese mistress who is the opposite of Gallimard's big and practical wife Helga, well played by Alma Cuervo. As most theatergoers already know from pre-publicity about the play (which is a fictional account taken from elements in a real-life espionage case), Song Liling turns out to be a man in the guise of a woman.

How — and why — Song Liling kept up the facade for more than 20 years is the barely believable part of

this startling story. But onstage, the incredibly versatile A. Mapa, who played Song Liling on Broadway, makes us able to accept him as a woman, with a bell-like voice and delicate gestures, yet later reveals himself as a swaggering man.

Stage design for "M. Butterfly" is stark, yet stunning, with a giant sweep of red coloring the background in some scenes, red grillwork adding drama in others. The plot not only examines the love relationship and shifting sexual roles of Gallimard and Song Liling, but it contrasts East and West and suggests the Western world views itself as masculine and "strong" and the East as womanly and "weak."

Set in Paris and Beijing during 1960-1986, it views the West's role in Vietnam and also Chinese Communism and Mao's Red Guard. The mood of the play is exotic, but the humorous dialogue throughout is very contemporary and funny.

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table talk

Culinary salon

The 18th annual Michigan Hospitality Industry Culinary Arts Salon will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. The salon features creative works of more than 300 entrants from all areas of food service. The annual food show traditionally features individual competitions in both professional and amateur categories. The salon is open to the public. Admission is \$5 at the door.

White Fish. The dishes, priced at \$7 and \$7.50, are available throughout the day.

Menu updates

The Summit, River Bistro and Cafe Rio, three restaurants at the Westin Hotel at Renaissance Center in Detroit, have updated their menus. Prawns and Scallops in Paul Prudhomme's spicy seasonings, at \$32.95, is one of the sauteed specialties on the dinner menu at the Summit.

Medieval Feast

A Medieval Feast will be presented by Trinity House Theatre on Saturday at the Great Hall of Trinity Baptist Church in Livonia. Authentic medieval cuisine will be served. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$60 for Royalty, \$40 for Freeman and \$20 for peasants. Patrons are encouraged to come in costume. For more information call 464-6302.

St. Regis

The Hotel St. Regis in Detroit's New Center Area celebrates the 25-year anniversary of its opening, through Sunday. The hotel is providing a variety of special events highlighting the European flavor of the hotel. High tea, a favorite English custom, is available 3-5 p.m. in the hotel's lounge, through Friday. A special anniversary brunch will be hosted by the hotel from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. The brunch will feature Chef Joe's entrees, and desserts. For reservations call 873-3000.

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"It's Only a Play," a revision of Terrence McNally's earlier play "Broadway," opens at 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Theatre Guild playhouse in Redford. Performances continue Saturday, April 20, and Friday-Saturday, April 26-27 and May 3-4. For ticket information and reservations call 538-5678.

MAKE VIDEOS

Crossfire Visuals has set up a studio at Tremors nightclub in Livonia, where customers can make their own videos from 7 p.m. to closing time Thursdays, April 18 and 25. The videos, complete with sound and special effects, are given to the patrons to keep, at no charge. Tremors provides costumes and props, as well as a list of more than 300 songs from oldies to Top 40 hits. The finished videos are ready instantly and resemble an MTV show with patrons as the star.

LEAD ROLES

Livonia residents Sue and Kirk Krekeler appear in the leading roles of Audrey and Seymour in the North Rosedale Park Players musical production of "Little Shop of Horrors," continuing Friday-Saturday, April 19-20 and 26-27. Senior and student discounts are available. Several performances include a meal. For more information call 272-7706.

CIVIC CHORUS

Livonia Civic Chorus, Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, presents "Meet Me in the Park," a musical variety spectacular with Kevin Bylsma, director, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, at

Clarenceville High School Auditorium. Tickets at \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors or students are available the evening of the performance before showtime, or at the Livonia Parks and Recreation office.

DINNER DANCE

The Palace Theatre Company presents "Spring Rhapsody Dinner Dance," featuring the big band sound of the Southfield Velvetones on Saturday, April 27, at Wayne Community Center in Wayne. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. Dancing is 8-11 p.m. Ticket price is \$25. For tickets, call 738-SHOW or 525-2886, or buy tickets at the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

BROADWAY CONNECTION

Northville's historic Marquis Theatre presents, in conjunction with Michigan Opera Theatre, "Broadway Connection" continuing through Sunday, April 28. Featured are songs, music and dancing from "Student Prince," "West Side Story," "Evita," "Little Night Music" and "Big River." Ticket price Tuesday is \$9; Friday and Sunday, \$10; Saturday, \$11, and special matinees, \$7.50. Tickets may be bought by calling 349-8110, or at the Marquis Theatre box office. Senior citizen discount is available.

STAGING MELODRAMA

The Northville Players will present a melodrama "Her Fatal Beauty" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the New School Church at Northville's Historical Mill Race Village. Tickets at \$5 may be obtained at Bookstall-on-the-Main in Northville (phone 348-1167) or by calling Judy Kohl at 348-2678.

TWIN GUITARS

Blues guitarists Lonnie Mack and Robert Ward will both perform Friday, April 19, at Sully's in Dearborn. Mack is touring fresh off the release of "Live-Attack of the Killer V" on Alligator Records while Ward's latest release, "Fear No Evil," is on Black Top Records. Ward is credited with influencing two generations of blues guitarists, including the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and Mack himself. For ticket information, call 846-5377.

THREEPENNY OPERA

Bertolt Brecht's most popular play, "The Threepenny Opera," with music by Kurt Weill, opens at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, following a preview Friday, April 19, at the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University in Detroit. It will run in repertory through Saturday, May 18, which marks the close of the 1990-91 Hilberry season. The entire Hilberry company appears in "The Threepenny Opera," including Michael Quimet as the sinister Macheath, Tami Evans as Polly Peachum and Catherine Coscarely as Jenny Diver. Tickets may be purchased at the theater, or charged by calling the box office at 577-2972.

COUNT BASIE

The Graystone International Jazz Museum presents the Count Basie Orchestra under the direction of Frank Foster from 6-10 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the New Latin Quarter in Detroit. Jimmy Wilkins and the Kansas City 7 also will appear for this fund-raising dance. Tickets at \$20 may be purchased at Ticketmaster



In a scene from the Theatre Guild production of "It's Only a Play," everyone reads the opening night reviews. The cast includes Clair Burris (top, left), Howard Egan and Charles

VanHoose; Sandra Martin (bottom, left), David Podulka and Jennifer Jones. The drama opens Friday, April 19, at the playhouse in Redford.

outlets or at the Graystone International Jazz Museum from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday at the jazz museum in Detroit. For additional information, call the museum at 871-

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Mexico plays Japanese hardball

Smuggling used school buses into Mexico isn't exactly the kind of thing they teach you in Junior Achievement, but it was lucrative enough a few years ago to appeal to a friend of mine, who figured out a way to island-hop a shipment into the Yucatan, where they eventually found their way into use transporting farm workers to their jobs.

The buses were worth smuggling because of a high protective tariff Mexico levies on imported products, including many items they don't even manufacture in that country. Something as innocuous as a used school bus becomes de facto contraband under the complex tariff structure Mexico has developed to protect what little manufacturing industry it has. Mexico, in fact, has been mainly following the Japanese model of international trade, albeit with considerably less success — which is to export anything it can, while importing as little as possible.

This is anathema to the supporters of free trade, which is a theoretical doctrine that rightly postulates that if everybody cut this nonsense out, the world would function as one giant economy, and poverty would disappear in the face of booming growth.



auto talk
Dan McCosh

THE CONCEPT of free trade becomes somewhat academic to people busy erasing "Country Day Academy" off the sides of contraband school buses, however. The hard fact is that there is no unrestricted border anywhere in the world where commerce is concerned. Instead, free trade has been mainly supported in the United States as a way of sustaining imports from countries who figure that most Americans today are still in the same frame of mind where they started — willing to sell Manhattan for a handful of beads.

The contraband Mexican school buses came to mind when I read that the United States is embarking on an effort to get a free trade agreement with Mexico. This likely will have a strong impact on the U.S. auto industry, which so far has been mainly interested in Mexico as the only place

it can get seat belts made cheaper than by the grandmothers who used to sew them up in Romeo, Mich., for minimum wage. Mexico also has attracted the likes of Volkswagen, which makes most of its Volkswagen models there today that are shipped to the United States, along with some U.S. models, notably the Mercury Tracer.

The Mexican auto plants exist behind a wall of highly protective tariffs, and in fact likely wouldn't exist at all if Mexico allowed U.S.-built cars into the country duty free. This despite the \$3 or so an hour paid to Mexican auto workers. The reason is that surplus production in the United States would easily handle the 500,000-a-year Mexican car market, with no further capital investment — which is the expensive part of manufacturing, rather than labor.

The new free-trade theory envisions a North American economy that encompasses the United States, Mexico and Canada (hopefully, even French Canada, which doesn't even want any part of the rest of Canada).

It's not a bad idea, although I can't see why it takes any "agreement," particularly with Mexico. Practically all the walls and tariffs have been instituted by the Mexican government, which doesn't need any deal with the U.S. to eliminate them.

Somewhat, I suspect the U.S. government isn't really interested in encouraging free shipments of U.S. goods to Mexico, but instead is willing to make a unilateral effort to open more foreign markets to Mexican exports — mainly the United States and Canada. We have been down this one-way street before, mainly with Japan, but also nearly any other country except the ones that owe us a lot of money, like Brazil, which we seem to prefer to be broke.

Frankly, I've become cynical, and no longer believe there is such a thing as free trade devoid of national self-interest. I'm waiting to see the result of this proposed deal with Mexico.

marketplace

Great Lakes Sales Co. of Livonia is offering a three-pack of paper toilet seat covers for \$1. The telephone number is 464-9051.

Garden City. The telephone number is 522-5950.

Wrightman Trailer in Livonia was awarded a U-Haul dealership. The new dealership is at 29040 Joy. The telephone number is 421-4600.

Voice-Tel of Michigan, which is based in Livonia, is now offering nationwide digital networking.

AnnTaylor Inc. will open three stores in southeast Michigan this year, including one in Laurel Park in Livonia. The Livonia store is scheduled to open in the fall. The other two are in Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn and Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor.

American Speedy Printing Center in Redford Township was bought by Peter Brewis. The address is 14651 Telegraph. The telephone number is 531-3384.

Management and Marketing Consultants Inc., a management services company, opened at 17177 N. Laurel Park Dr. in Livonia. The phone number is 591-1860.

Future Three Software Inc. of Livonia has formed a user group. The telephone number is 261-5609.

Red Wing Shoe Store was remodeled and expanded at 33145 Ford in

Spartan Tire of Livonia will hold its grand reopening 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at 29100 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Reln Nomm & Associates Inc. of Plymouth has been hired by Clifford N. Wright Associates in Birmingham to provide marketing and public relations support.

Some insurance companies can be trusted

Several weeks ago, the financial newspapers were running front-page stories on the woes of Equitable Life Insurance Co. On April 12, the front page of the Wall Street Journal carried the news of the bankruptcy of the First Executive Corp.

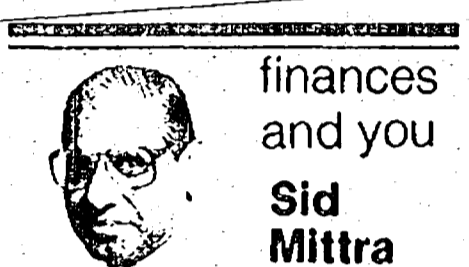
It's little wonder that the first question asked by most annuity investors is about the solvency of the insurance company. This widespread concern stems from the fact that many life insurance companies have been heavily investing in junk bonds and real estate.

So, when these investments sour, the foundation of the insurance companies investing in them is badly shaken. The question therefore is this: How should an investor determine if an insurance company selling life insurance or annuity products is sound.

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Other rating agencies
Besides Best, other companies rate insurance companies. These include Standard & Poor's Corp., Moody's, and Duff & Phelps. The highest rating of these companies is AAA, which is comparable to Best's A+ rating. However, not all companies are rated by these three because the insurance companies have to pay a hefty fee to have themselves rated.

Other variables
For those so disposed, it is advisable to go beyond the key ratings.



finances and you
Sid Mittra

Here are some suggestions:

1. Examine the ratio of junk bonds to total investable money. A disproportionate amount of junk bonds in the portfolio could indicate a major weakness in the company's financial foundation, as was the case with Los Angeles-based First Executive.

2. Check the company's total capital to its invested assets. That is a good measure of the cushion the company has to absorb big losses in either its business or its investment portfolio. Total capital of less than 5 percent of invested assets is generally unsatisfactory, although that cannot be considered as the only measure of the general health of the company.

3. Note the degree of risk the company takes in its investment portfolio. A company with both low surplus and a high concentration of high-risk assets is potentially a weak company. Holding some high-risk assets is acceptable, but they should not make up a large part of its investments.

In general, if you have, or are contemplating dealing with, a reputable insurance company, you have very

little to worry about. In fact, overreacting or cancelling an insurance policy or an annuity contract on the basis of rumors or unfavorable write-ups may be a costly mistake.

The best advice I can give you is to trust your financial planner, who should be convinced that you are dealing with a safe insurance company. If you can't trust your financial planner, it's time to change financial planners.

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

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WILLIAM MONTGOMERY is an attorney in Garden City. He is President Elect of the Garden City Kiwanis and former chairman of the Garden City Planning Commission.

CITY	DATES	LOCATION	TIMES
Canton	Tues., April 23	Canton Public Library 1200 S. Canton Center Rd.	3:00-5:30 and 7:00-9:30
Garden City	Tues., April 30	Maplewood Community Center 31735 Maplewood	3:30-5:30 only

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Message of cooperation draws praise of students

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Deming received a standing ovation after the session.

"He was very impressive, just in his views, his age and what he's accomplished," said Cristy Noch, a Madonna senior majoring in business management.

"There's a lot of pressure on grades and not learning. At the end of the semester, it's like a brain dump," she said. "I don't know if I agree with his point on performance reviews. I think they (employees) need some idea of how they're doing, how they can improve."

"HIS IDEA is get rid of the hier-

archy," said Anita Skinner, a junior business major. "And, basically everyone has some feeling for work. They do it because they like it, not money."

Robert English, a junior business major, believes that many of Deming's ideas will catch on, but it will take some time.

"As far as abolishing grades in school, absolutely," said English, who is a supervisor in the water department for the city of Wayne. "Employee evaluations, I agree those should be abolished, also. Dr. Deming feels intuition is dangerous. I feel you need some intuition based on, of course, after you review all

alternatives," English said.

"He has really given us a lot of food for thought," said Ben Tasich, who owns a sporting goods store in Livonia. "It's going to force me to take a second look at how I run the business."

Tasich said he was especially impressed with the cooperation versus competition message.

"We're brought up from day one to be competitive," Tasich said. "We're not taught to cooperate. What he's asking us to do is alien to us, foreign to us. What he's asking us to do is rethink our whole existence. Change is frightening."

New tool orders show upswing

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In the last few years, tool makers have closed unproductive plants, diversified their product lines and undertaken large modernization projects. In addition, they have benefited from a weaker dollar, which has sent more foreign customers to their doors.

"What were seeing in the machine tool industry is a rather intriguing set of circumstances," said Ronald Tracy, chairman of the department of economics at Oakland University in Rochester. "During the recession, a lot of manufacturers let some of their employees go, and because there isn't as much activity going on in factories, it makes sense to modernize and retool to prepare for the next upswing. It really has put the

machine tool industry in a strong position."

BUT THE INDUSTRY'S recent past is not as rosy as the present. In the early 1980s, tool makers were ravaged by intense foreign competition from Germany and Japan, and more recently by reduced spending by large domestic industries. But since overcoming these problems, industry executives say recent sales have been robust. Stiffer competition within the auto industry has forced manufacturers to make major changes in body styles, power trains and interiors more often, which adds to the demand for machine tools.

"The name of the game is to be diversified, strengthen distribution

networks and expand into foreign markets," said Larry Von Moll, director of market development for Cincinnati Milacron, a large tool maker based in Cincinnati which operates a technical center in Farmington Hills.

Economists say the current economic recession, which most predict to be mild, seems to have affected consumer spending more so than capital-goods spending. But there is concern smaller tool makers, who find it difficult to diversify because of the large initial investment required, have not fared as well as their larger competitors.

"In 1991 so far, our sales have been flat, but business was up 20 percent in 1990 over 1989," said Dave Demarest, president of Dave Demarest & Co. in Livonia, which employs 15 people.

"Last year at this time we started right from the get go, but so far things this year have been quiet. A lot of our automotive supplier customers plan to make orders, but they're waiting for things to pick up before they make that kind of investment."

But Demarest believes there will be continuing increases in capital spending in the 1990s.

business people

Linda M. Malec was re-elected board chairman of Dearborn Federal Credit Union. Also re-elected were vice chairman David Hagen and secretary Vic Malkhasian of Plymouth.

Nancy McClain of Canton Township was appointed supervisor of accounts payable at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Before joining Oakwood, McClain worked eight years for the city of Romulus as supervisor in the finance department.

Richard K. Paschke joined A-1 Transmissions Inc. in Livonia as director of corporate advertising. Most recently, Paschke was executive vice president and management director at Campbell-Mithun-Esty advertising agency in Southfield. For six years there, he had been responsible for directing the media department and new business department.

David H. Karjala of Novi was named vice president for North American sales and marketing with ATS America Inc. in Owosso.

Charles J. Kehoe, president of Re-Craft Inc. of Plymouth, passed the Certified Relocation Professional examination. Kehoe is a member of the board of directors and is chairman of the education committee of the Detroit-based Relocation Resource Exchange.

Kathryn A. Owens was promoted to vice president of finance with A&W Restaurants Inc. in Livonia. Before joining A&W Restaurants in 1982, Owens was assistant controller of Applied Manufacturing Systems Inc.

MaryAnn Pallise of Garden City joined WKQI-FM as an account ex-

ecutive. She had sold selling systems for the Tandy Corp. and is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Robin R. Bingham was named sales and marketing manager for Ladbroke Racing Corp. in Livonia. Bingham will be responsible for the development of national sponsorships at racetracks owned and operated by Ladbroke in the United States. Bingham had been associate brand manager for the Stroh Brewery Co., where she was responsible for marketing strategies for Value Brand Beers.

Tina Creguer of Plymouth was promoted from senior copywriter and production manager to associate advertising manager of the research information services business sector of University Microfilms International in Ann Arbor. She has been with the RIS advertising department for two years.

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CPA TAX UPDATE

Thursday, April 18 — "Tax Update for CPAs in Industry" at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Fee: \$215. Information: 855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION

Thursday, April 18 — National Association of Accountants meets at 6 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Fee: \$20. Information: Mary Newland, 522-6711.

REACH YOUR GOAL

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NON-DISCRIMINATION

Monday, April 22 — "Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action" in Livonia. Information: Personnel Management Program Service, (517) 355-9591. Sponsor: Michigan State University.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

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BUYING A HOUSE

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STRATEGIC BUDGETING

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TRADE FAIR

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REALTORS LUNCHEON

Friday, April 26 — Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi. Non-member fee: \$15. Information: 478-1700 Ext. 5.

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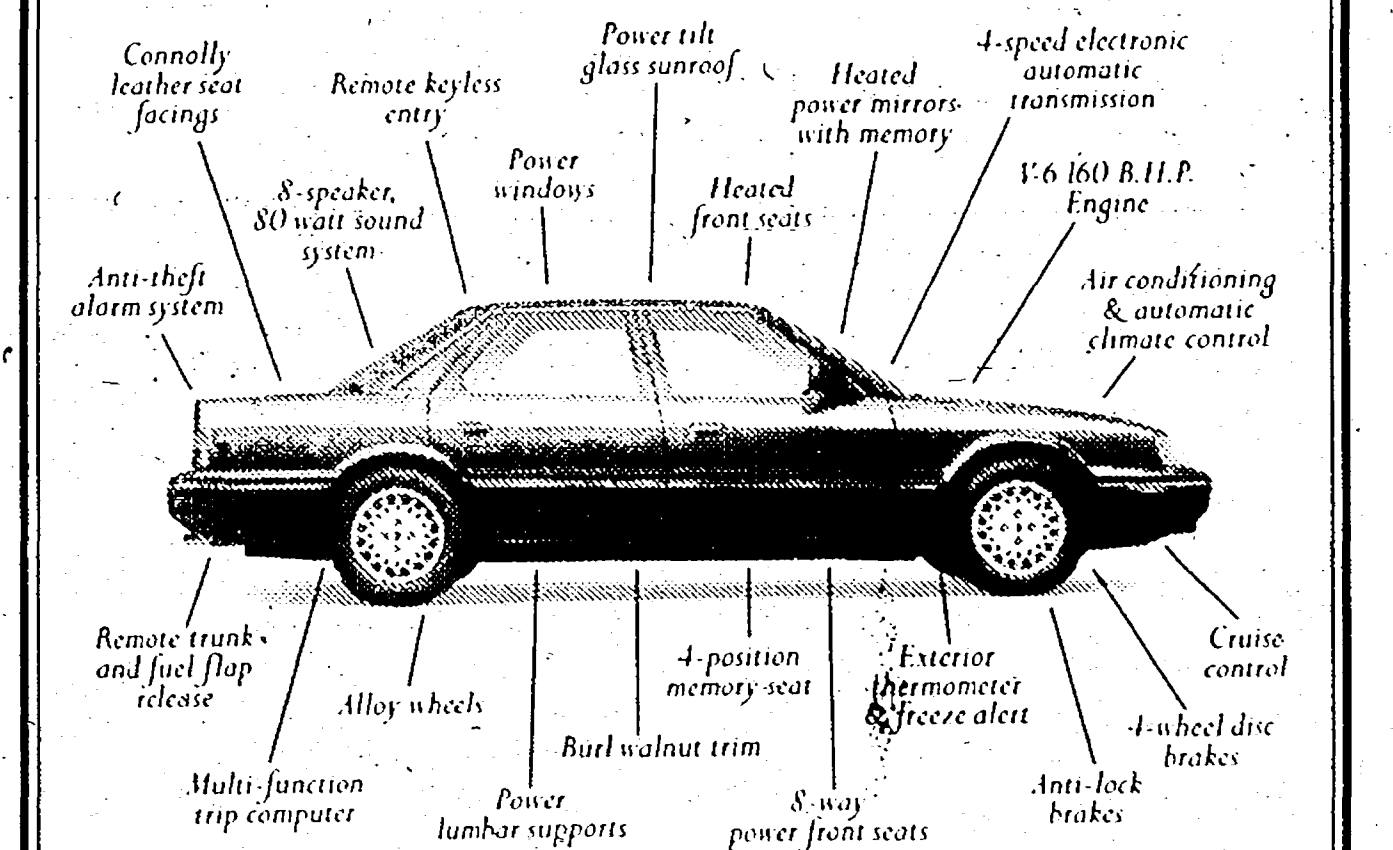
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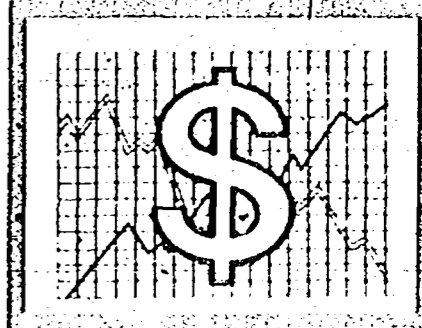
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Get a handle on expenses, would-be retirees told

By Dan Boyce and Alan Ferrara special writers

Local financial planning experts reviewed the data of the family profiled here and made general recommendations based on the participants' resources and goals. The information is for educational purposes only; references are not intended as discrimination or endorsements by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers or the advisers. To receive a free financial planning brochure or to obtain a questionnaire to have your finances reviewed in this column, contact the Center for Financial Planning, Dept. 100, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 604, Southfield 48076, or call 948-7900.

Things often go wrong when people decide to let things happen instead of making them happen. This month's profiled couple, Jerry and Fran Skiles of Troy have spent a good many years concentrating on helping to finance their children's education.

They have five children, all of whom are financially independent, except for one who may need help with graduate school expenses. But helping their children has left Jerry, 57, and Fran, 56, precious little time to prepare for their retirement.

A point in the Skileses' favor is that during the "lean years" when educational expenses were the primary focus, they have continued to contribute to their tax-deductible retirement plans at work. Through these accounts, they have established a reasonable asset base for retirement.

THEIR JOINT goal is for both of them to retire early and do extensive traveling. Jerry would like to retire from his white-collar position at Chrysler in the spring of 1992. Fran is a teacher who has decided to work two more years until she qualifies under the state of Michigan rules to receive a pension immediately upon retirement.

Their projected income after retirement includes a fixed pension from Jerry's employer of \$2,000 per month and, when Fran retires, \$700 per month from her pension.

Jerry and Fran believe they will need about \$3,300 per month (\$40,000 per year) for living expenses after retirement. They have considered making up the income shortfall with investment income until age 65, when they plan to add Social Security benefits.

LET'S LOOK briefly at the assets available. The Skileses currently have \$140,000 in investments.

Invested at a 7-percent rate, the money would easily make up the shortfall. At retirement the Skileses plan to sell their \$130,000 residence and replace it with an \$80,000 condominium, freeing up \$50,000 of additional equity for investment.

When the Skileses downsize their residence by selling their home, they need to carefully consider whether to take the once-in-a-lifetime capital gain exclusion for the increase in the value of their home.

As a couple, they can exclude up to \$125,000 of gain from the sale of their home under the exclusion. Because Jerry and Fran would recognize gain of less than \$125,000 on the sale, they would lose forever any unused exclusion.

WE WOULD suggest that they seek advice on the matter from their accountant or financial planner at the time they consider the sale. In our experience most people would want to use the exclusion sooner than later, and this might be especially appropriate in their case.

The Skileses do not appear to have a good handle on their current expenses, let alone the expenditures they will likely incur at retirement (which would include significant travel expenses). We would suggest they immediately start to track their current expenditures on a month-to-month basis so they have a better idea what their needs will be.

THEY MAY want to consider taking Social Security benefits beginning at age 62. The general rule of thumb is that, if eligible, age 62 is a

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Automobiles	5,000
Other Personal Assets	10,000
Total Non-Investment	\$145,000
Total Assets	\$285,300
LIABILITIES	
Home Mortgage	\$12,000
Total Liabilities (minus)	\$12,000
NET WORTH	\$273,300

The Bottom Line	
Financial Strengths:	
✓ Own their own home with very small mortgage	
✓ No consumer debt	
✓ Good benefit packages at work	
✓ Adequate basic insurance coverages	
✓ Have accumulated a retirement "nest egg"	
Financial Weaknesses:	
✓ Need supplemental income before receiving Social Security	
✓ Income will be substantially lower at retirement	
✓ Uncertainty regarding expenditures required in retirement	
✓ Fixed pension benefit erodes in purchasing power due to yearly inflation	

FAMILY FINANCES

more advantageous time to start drawing Social Security, even though payments are 20 percent lower. The income received between the ages of 62 and 65, on average, will more than make up for the lower income in the future after age 65.

There are instances where it may be desirable to wait, but in the Skileses' case it will allow them perhaps to let their nest egg accumulate further through reinvestment of some of the investment income to offset future inflationary pressures.

FUTURE INFLATION is a major concern with their situation. Though Jerry and Fran may be able to generate sufficient income immediately after retirement, as the cost of living moves inexorably up, they will be forced to either restrict their standard of living or begin the downward

spiral of dipping into their principal, risking the eventual depletion of their assets.

It is almost always an excellent idea to have at least a modest increase in investment assets during the early years of retirement to offset inflation. This is particularly true in their case, since a major portion of their retirement income, Jerry's pension, is a fixed amount.

WHEN JERRY leaves Chrysler, he will receive a lump sum distribution of his 401(k) plan, which is presently worth \$23,000. We project that at retirement he will have a total of about \$34,000 in the plan.

When he receives the lump sum distribution, he has the option of rolling it into an IRA or taking favorable 10-year averaging tax treatment.

Because Jerry and Fran will need the income and because of the relatively small lump sum distribution amount, we believe that 10-year averaging will probably be the more favorable alternative. Jerry should review this with his financial adviser at the time he retires.

THE SKILESES have asked if they should pay off their small mortgage and be debt-free by the time they retire. Because the mortgage interest rate is low (7½ percent), we would not suggest they do this because paying it off would simply tie up some of their current capital.

They need to maintain flexibility at this time. Perhaps when they downsize their house, they might want to buy the new residence outright rather than taking a new mortgage.

Fran has expressed a desire to use income from her tax-sheltered annuity at retirement. She will be under 59½, and she understands that she will be penalized 10 percent on her withdrawals. Under normal situations, any distributions from qualified retirement plans prior to 59½ subject the amount withdrawn to a 10-percent penalty equal to the amount in addition to any tax payable.

THERE ARE exceptions to this rule, which Fran might use, including an exception that provides for a waiver of the 10-percent excise tax if the distribution is paid in substantially equal periodic payments over the life of the taxpayer or the joint lives of the taxpayer and designated beneficiary.

In addition, these payments would not be modified before the earlier of five years from the date of the first payment or when the taxpayer reaches age 59½.

While they have adequate insurance coverage and good benefits from their employers, there are a few additional items to be discussed.

They may want to consider long-term-care coverage, which would have a low current cost at their ages and protect their assets in the event of any long-term medical problems requiring custodial care. Some such

policies carry an inflation rider and home care provisions, which would be desirable features.

THEIR HOMEOWNERS policy should have a replacement cost rider that would provide for replacement of articles in the home equal to the current cost rather than original purchase cost. They should also check with their agent to see whether personal property riders are needed for Fran's jewelry and some antiques that they own.

While the Skileses currently have wills that provide for the distribution of their property at their respective deaths, they may want to consider executing durable powers of attorney. This allows another individual to act on your behalf in the event you become incapacitated.

THAT PERSON could then take care of your business affairs without being required to seek court approval for an appointment of guardianship and conservator. The state of Michigan has recently passed legislation that allows a patient advocate designation.

This allows a person to appoint another to make medical decisions. We would suggest that everybody consider both durable powers of attorney and patient advocate designations to ease the burden on family members.

While time is limited, Jerry and Fran can make the best of their time by learning what they are doing with their money now and plan accordingly. With such planning they can help make things happen instead of just letting them happen.

Dan Boyce, a certified financial planner at the Center for Financial Planning in Southfield, has been recognized by Money magazine as one of the top financial planners in the nation. Alan Ferrara is a partner in the Farmington Hills law firm of Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar. Both serve on the board of directors for the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning.

Message of cooperation draws praise of students

By Doug Funko staff writer

Cooperation rather than competition is the key to success in business, education and government.

That was the gospel preached last week at Madonna University by W. Edwards Deming, a professor and consultant in statistical studies whose name in some quarters is synonymous with manufacturing quality control.

"A system requires cooperation," said Deming. "Individual gain or striving for individual gain is destructive. There is no place for individual reward or merit."

Deming, born in 1900, called for an abolition of grades in school and personnel ratings in business to encourage cooperation. He described his perfect business world as an interconnecting web of knowledge, systems, aims and management.

Several hundred attended the lecture and question/answer session.

"By a system, I mean a series of components to accomplish the aim," Deming said. "I propose that the aim of a company should be return on investment, better quality of life for everybody, including suppliers and



W. Edwards Deming

customers, and respect for the environment."

KNOWLEDGE BASED on prediction is the common denominator.

Managing a system requires a general theory of knowledge, knowledge of a system, knowledge of variation, and knowledge of psychology, Deming said. "They're interdependent."

A much needed transformation of management in this country must come from outside rather than within an organization, Deming maintained. "A system cannot understand itself. It stays in a rut. I call it profound knowledge when it comes from outside."

Cooperation, where there are many winners, rather than competition, with only one or a few, should be the ultimate focus, Deming said.

"People are born with self-esteem, yearning for learning, intrinsic motivation," he said. "What do we do in industry and education? Destroy... by grading and a management system that ranks people."

STUDENTS LEARN facts instead of relationships. Employees may do their ill-defined or competing jobs so well that the organization suffers as a whole, he said.

And students and employees may become dispirited if they don't measure up. "All people ask for is the chance to work for pride and joy," Deming said. "Pay is not a motivator."

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New tool orders show upswing

By R.J. King special writer

While many industries have been hit hard by the dual effect of war in the Persian Gulf and an economic recession, new orders for machine tools, often an important indicator for the economy as the equipment is used by a host of manufacturers, are exhibiting surprising strength.

After plunging 22 percent in 1989, orders from automobile, aerospace and appliance companies rose 5.4 percent last year, helping to boost the bottom line for many area tool makers. And industry executives say more orders are on the way.

Machine tools, which cost \$500,000 or more, are complex machines that cut, drill, grind, bend or shape the metal parts that go into everything from Lincoln Continentals to Whirlpool refrigerators. Economists view

an uptick of new orders as a viable indicator that manufacturers are investing for future growth.

"Our orders have been strong over the last two years, and the biggest strength in our revenues came about because of orders from the automotive industry," said Richard Priebe, director of public affairs for the Cross & Trecker Corp., a large tool maker in Bloomfield Hills that employs 3,000 people.

Priebe said revenues last year were \$431 million, up considerably from 1986, when revenues were \$350 million. Sales could increase again this year if several engineering contracts, a prelude for orders, bear fruit over the next few months, he said.

"We saw a big surge in orders during the late '70s as the auto makers were making more fuel-efficient engines because of the energy crisis

and foreign competition. Now, because new engines need to be developed to comply with federal clean-air legislation, retooling is picking up again."

ACCORDING TO the Association for Manufacturing Technology, an industry trade group in McLean, Va., new orders for the first two months of this year were up 15 percent, 27.7 percent in February alone. Meanwhile, foreign prospects have risen, as orders were up 16.8 percent last year. Citing the increase in demand, coming amid a recession and a severe slump in the automotive industry, which is one of the leading customers for machine tools, industry executives say they are in a bullish mood.

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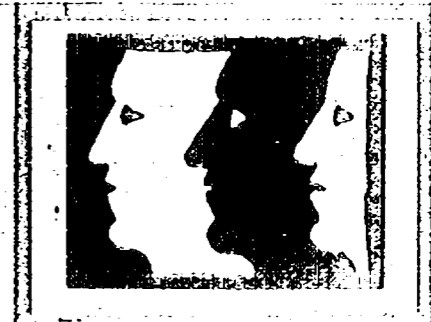
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FASHION

The classic look — a theme for spring

THIS SPRING, classic designs from the past are the fashion in vogue. They are expected to yield high rates of wearability, versatility and expressed individual style.

The investment and its yield can be made to work overtime, extended by new versions of old classics worn both for casual and dressy affairs.

Watch for French culture as a veritable tapestry of their swing shapes. A classic look, for things and done to your tastes in florals, geometric and other flowing designs that work for every occasion.

Your wardrobe is a reflection of your life. The key to investing wisely, for both men and women, is natural fabrics, classic design and attention to detail. A comparison in quality.

Denise Lucas, fashion writer



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Left: Navy silk trapeze top with navy/white polka dot pant by Izzy, \$136, with white lace bow for hair or collar, \$8. Kidz Kloz, West Bloomfield.

Center: Navy/white cotton trapeze dress with white collar and cuffs, \$245. Ray & Ida's, Applegate Square, Southfield. Right: 10-button gabardine Eisenhower jacket, \$395, with white gabardine pocket skirt, \$145. Bette Appel, on the Boardwalk, West Bloomfield.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

A metallic glow in the rain... or shine. Raincoats with a double-faceted fashion life that extends into the night. A silver swing by George David flowing free and easy, \$230. B. Robinson black sunglasses with rhinestone trim, \$200. From Jacobson's, Livonia, Birmingham, Dearborn.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The three-piece ensemble with soft scallop jacket and classic trouser by Moechino mixes Italian high style with classic feminine lines. Black and ivory jacket, \$850. Black pant, \$280, shell top, \$300. James Arped black heart earrings, \$210. Roz & Sherm, Bloomfield Plaza, Bloomfield Township.

All-wool mustard Countess Mara suit, \$490. 100 percent black dress shirt by Via Milano, \$55. Silk neckwear by Stefano Milano, \$65. Kosins Clothes, Southfield.



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Colorful batik print cotton knit sweater, \$96, in brilliant orange, teal, raspberry and white by Richard & Adrienne Villadini white knit pant, \$58. Geometric design headwrap scarf, \$40. From Kathleen Scott, Birmingham.

Handwritings show traditionalism and individuality

Dear Lorene,
Last night my daughter and granddaughter were here and I thought it would be fun to compare the writing of all three. I realize this may not be possible, but I hope it can.

Sample No. 1 is my handwriting. Sample No. 2 is my 45-year-old daughter and Sample No. 3 is my 25-year-old granddaughter. Thanks so much.

L.A.,
Livonia

Sample No. 1:

Grandmother is a traditionally oriented woman with a strong need for approval and acceptance from others. Her behavior usually conforms to the standards of those she holds in esteem.

Early life training and moral discipline had a strong influence on her personality and she continues to adhere to this. Family ties are most meaningful to her and an important part of her life. She is sentimental, sympathetic and emotional. A helping hand is always ready for those who need her. Her intelligence is both cerebral and of the heart.

Her daily lifestyle involves decision and purpose. She is realistic, reliable and has very strong sense of



graphology

Lorene Green

responsibility. Even when she is feeling a tad down, she still perseveres, gaining enthusiasm as she moves toward her goal.

She loves people and is open and frank in her relationships. At times, she can be a bit critical, especially of those who do not meet her high standards. But she is not always serious. A tad of humor can be seen here helping her to also see the fun in situations.

I find no variation between her legible script and signature suggesting to me she is free of pretense.

Sample No. 2:

This 45-year-old mother, like the grandmother, is traditionally oriented. She continues to adhere to many of the behavior patterns learned in her parental home.

She has a wonderful way with people and wants to live harmoniously in her surroundings. She expresses herself very well and her charisma

cannot be missed.

Even though she is the mother of a 25-year-old daughter, there is someone she appears to lean on for emotional support. Does she feel a need to reach out and touch mother frequently? Criticism from others is unsettling for her.

Empathy is a strong part of this lady. She can feel both for and with others and is willing to extend herself to those in need. The positive reinforcement that comes from helping others is also welcome. Both intuition and humor are sprinkled through her handwriting.

Sample No. 3:

This 25-year-old granddaughter does not have the need for a traditional lifestyle like mother and grandmother do. Her unique handwriting suggest individualism. She is a beautiful young lady and may not always be easy for mother and grandmother to understand. I suspect a need to carve out her own

destiny began rather early in life.

Granddaughter is an independent thinker with a controlled but inquiring mentality that thrives on facts. She is both curious and analytical of what she learns and observes.

Creativity and originality weave throughout her handwriting. She utilizes her time effectively. She knows how to take a direct route to problem solving. Her good moods organized and her memory is retentive. In all things of importance to her, she works for perfection.

Many talents are suggested in this small sample of handwriting... art, music and writing to name just a few.

In interpersonal relationships, she is somewhat cautious and reticent about sharing personal information. Still there is a certain magnetism about her which cannot be missed:

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are all helpful. And objective feedback is always welcome.

Last night my daughter and granddaughter were here and I thought

From a distance, the ink blue and green, a le. pen-capped must

Are you blind when you're born, can you see? Are you wise when you sense the air? Can you find your way blind?

singles connection

VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles, a group for those 45 and older, will celebrate its 17th anniversary celebration 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, with dinner and a Hawaiian dance. Cost is \$10. Reservation deadline is Sunday, April 21. For information, call 591-1350.

SATURDAY NIGHT-WESTSIDE

Saturday Night Singles Westside

will have a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Roma's of Garden City, Cherry Hill Road east of Venoy Road. Dressy attire required. For information, call the hotline at 277-4242.

WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 19, at Roma's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road. Dressy attire is required. For information,

call 562-3160.

BETHANY LAKES

Bethany Lakes will have a dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, St. Francis Council, 21900 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For information, call Pete at 422-8625 or Joan at 459-9012.

NEWBURG

Newburg Singles will meet 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. A musical program with voices and instruments will be presented by The Grace Notes followed by fellowship and refreshments. For information, call 397-2087.

TALK-IT-OVER

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors opportunities to Talk-It-Over (TIO) 7:45 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000

Farmington, Livonia. On April 26, Dr. Bill Greenman will present the topic, "Special Families." For information, call 422-1854.

SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

The Single Professionals, a social organization for singles 25 and older, will have wallyball 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile Road, Farmington and Drake roads. There will be roller skating 8:40 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at Bonaventure Roller Skating Center. For information, call 478-9181.

TRI-COUNTY

Tri-County Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road and Eight Mile. Admission is \$4; \$2 for women. For information, call 842-7422.

SQUARE DANCE

Singles Square dancing instruction will be offered 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Berkley Com-

munity Center, 2400 Robina, Berkley. Sponsored by Michigan Council of American Youth Hostels, the cost is \$5 at the door. For information, call 545-0511.

SINGLES MASS

"Singles Celebrate Together," a Mass and afterglow for single men and women, will be 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Shrine of the Little Flower, 12 Mile and Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. The celebration is open to Catholic singles (never married, separated, divorced and widowed) 18 years and older. For information, call Kathy at 756-8514 or the Office of Family Life and Youth Ministry at 237-5892.

WALLYBALL

Single Friends will have wallyball 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in Westland. Admission is \$3. For information, call 531-2756.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Ministries of the

First Presbyterian Church of Northville will offer a four-week growth workshop, "Living and Coping with the Recovering Adult Child," at 7:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday, April 24. Fee is \$24. The workshop will be at the church, 200 E. Main. For information, call 349-0911.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Fathers for Equal Rights meets 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month (April 17) at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., one block west of Coolidge between Nine Mile and 10 Mile. For information, call 354-3080.

WEDNESDAY SINGLES

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

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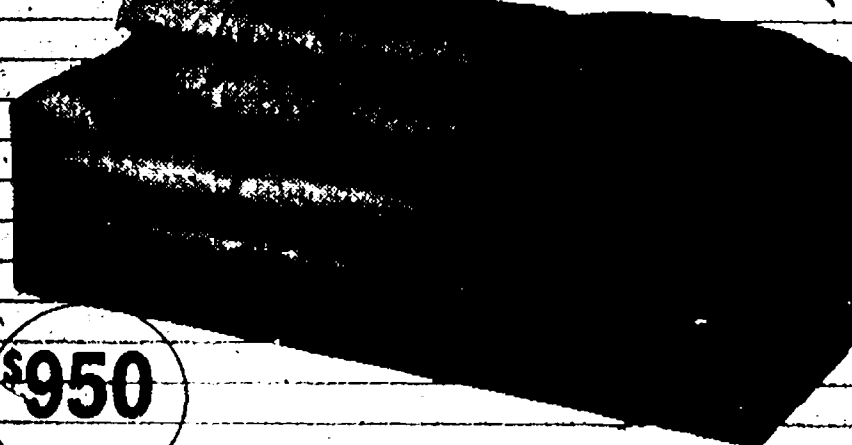


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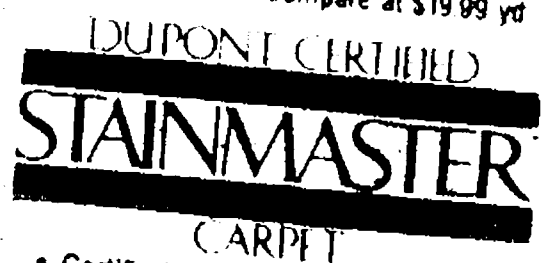
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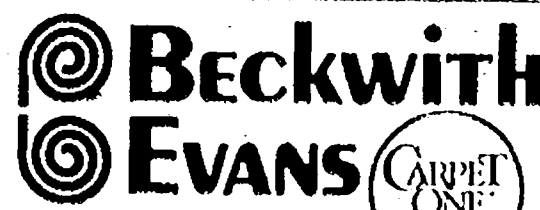
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Hats discovered as an accessory for '90s fashion

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Maybe it's only right that B. Michael's focus be at the top of a woman's body, after all, he literally started his designing career there.

Less than six years after studying at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, the "thirtysomething" designer is introducing his own signature collection of women's hats.

"Hats are making a comeback for a lot of the 'thirtysomethings,'" Michael said during a recent appearance at Jacobson's Laurel Park store in Livonia.

"For them, hats are a new accessory. And they've received a new visibility with women like Princess Di who has encouraged young women by wearing them."

While the revival may not match the popularity of hats in the '50s-'60s, Michael is pleased to see many of today's women traveling with hat boxes.

UNLIKE MANY designers who toil for years before receiving recognition, success has come quickly for Michael, who traded in a job on Wall Street to pursue a childhood interest.

"It drove my wife crazy," he said of his decision. "Here we were with a new car and a new condo and I decide the navy suit and white shirt of Wall Street isn't for me."

The son of a real estate broker and an accountant, Michael studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and then worked at a couture studio in New Haven for about a year. Some of his couture work found its way to Los Angeles and caught the attention of costumer Nolan Miller.

THAT MAY well have been the turning point for Michael. In 1986, Miller commissioned him to create hats that were worn on a segment of "Donahue," then his designs began showing up on television.

For those not familiar with Michael's work, conjure up images of Joan Collins as Alexis Carrington in the TV series "Dynasty." For two seasons, Michael created the millinery for the show, helping to create its elegant look.

He also wound up with the license designing the millinery for the "Dy-

nasty" ready-to-wear collection. But he decided to move to Montreal in 1987, where he designed two collections for the Canadian Hat Co., worried that he would "become known for solely that look."

"I'd like to think that that's when the ratings started to go down," Michael said of his departure from "Dynasty." "It's kind of fun to put hats on ladies. If you want to develop a character, hats are wonderful way to do that."

IN 1988, he was commissioned to design for the Aldo Hat Corp., manufacturer of the Adolfo II and Mr. John Classic lines. He introduced his signature collection of hats, gloves and hat pins in 1989.

His spring collection features hats done in parisol, a woven straw from China that has the feel of sized linen and "dyes beautifully," and Slóitzer straw that can be lacquered and used for wide brims.

For the Mr. John collection, the colors are pastels — celadon, soft pink and peach — while Adolfo II are more classic in navy and white.

His signature line is reminiscent of what is seen on the runways in Europe — hats in color combinations of red and fuscina, turquoise and green or red and orange, "colors my mother told me didn't go together."

His favorite is a turquoise and green French coolie hat with a Tiffany brim and large straw flower.

MICHAEL GETS inspiration for his designs from anything and everything. The contour of a desk or a building, a necklace, old movies and the like have helped Michael produce an estimated 300 designs for each of the three collections.

"I'm always working. On the plane here, I did three sketches. I'm so proud of myself because it could be three days of nothing."

But while the creative juices may not be flowing, Michael uses his down time discovering new technology or new fabrics with which to work. He favors the fall season when he can work with felts and velvets, not to mention faux furs.

And while he's busy designing for three lines, he hasn't forgotten about his first "customer," his grandmother Minnie Brown.

"I'd redesign grandmother's hats and she wore wonderful hats."



Millinery designer B. Michael won't say what the B stands for, but he'll tell you a lot about his signature collection of hats, available at Jacobson's.

JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Crusade in need of help

It's an effort that utilizes more than 1,600 residents in Livonia, Redford, Garden City and Westland and reaches more than 24,000 households.

Starting Saturday, April 27, volunteers will be going door-to-door as part of the American Cancer Society's annual Community Crusade. Volunteers will be delivering educational message and accepting donations from their neighbors for the ongoing fight against cancer.

The 1991 educational focus is on childhood cancer. The leaflet volunteers will distribute aims at increasing awareness of childhood cancer and offering prevention information.

The Cancer Society, however, needs help in getting the word out. Last year more than 330 volunteers in Westland reached some 5,000 households and raised \$8,300, but it's estimated an additional 7,500 homes could not be reached because of a lack of volunteers.

The same is true of Livonia where 6,000 homes could not be reached. The more than 950 volunteers did visit an estimated 14,250 households and raised more than \$40,000.

In Garden City, another 6,000 households weren't contacted during the crusade. However, the more than 175 volunteers did knock at 2,600 homes and collect \$3,600 for cancer research.

In Redford, more than 200 volunteers visited 3,000 and collected more than \$6,000. This year the society would like to reach those same homes as well as the 4,500 missed last year.

Persons interested in contributing two hours of their time to the crusade can contact the society's recruitment headquarters at 271-4160.

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Dulcimer music: Sunday brunch backdrop

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

If you enjoy the sounds of medieval stringed music with Sunday brunch, take note.

The Livonia Arts Commission will host a buffet brunch on Sunday, April 21, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium Atrium, 32777 Five Mile.

Dine with the delightful dulcimer music of Felicity Strings, a trio that features the hammered dulcimer, recorder, string bass, glockenspiel and folk harp.

The musical event runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch is served 11-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

The brunch is the second hosted by the arts commission. In November, the first brunch with music was sold out.

From the beginning, Livonia arts commissioner George LeForge hoped it might "turn into a series like the Detroit Institute of Arts' Brunch with Bach."

Because of the enthusiasm shown for this type of event, it appears that the Livonia Arts Commission will host a series of brunches with music starting next fall.

"We're going to talk about a schedule for this fall," LeForge said. "Basically, we want to provide a beautiful place for music which people attending will enjoy."

THE TRIO, Felicity Strings consists of

ancient musical instruments, including the dulcimer, recorder, string bass, glockenspiel and folk harp played by Patricia Mallie of Livonia and Jim and Patricia Talt of Redford.

The group has performed together for five years, most recently at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Selections on the brunch program include Irish medleys of songs such as "My Wild Irish Rose" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," and a George M. Cohan medley including "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Over There," "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "You're A Grand Old Flag."

The program also will include a medley

saluting the Armed Forces with songs such as "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Anchors Away" and "Calssons Go Rolling Along."

"We'll be featuring the tunes from our recently released cassette," Jim Talt said.

Felicity Strings' recording, "Together Again for the First Time," will be available for purchase during the brunch.

ORIGINALLY FROM the Orient, the dulcimer appeared in Western Europe in the 12th century. Shaped like a trapezoid, the instrument is strung with wires which are struck with wooden hammers.

The strings of the dulcimer do not have dampers. When a note is struck, it continues

to sound as the next note rings out, creating a note upon note, vibrating effect.

"Once they hear it (the dulcimer), it's a captivating sound," Talt said. "Once people hear it, they find it very soothing."

The brunch consists of quiche, fruit, breakfast rolls, bagels, fruit juice, coffee, tea, and milk.

"We have a new caterer this time," LeForge said. "The quiche is outstanding."

Seating is limited. "Once again, there are only 200 tickets available," LeForge said.

Tickets are available at the Livonia City Hall, Community Resources. Call 421-2000, Ext. 351, or the Livonia Arts Hot Line at 425-2327.



The exterior of the Johnson Investment Building in downtown Farmington is historically correct, down to the Victorian gingerbread shingles, spindles and turned posts. The

house, which dates to the 1850s, was converted to an office for attorneys, financial planners, an architect and a painting contractor.



The interior of the Johnson Investment Building, next to First United Methodist Church, is a departure from the Victorian-style exterior. From left, building owner David Johnson sits in the rafters with Kelly Summerfield, architect, and the building's co-owner, Robert Igrisan.

Vintage restoration

Victorian house blends history, function

By Janice Tiger-Kramer
special writer

DAVID JOHNSON got the best of both worlds when he ordered the renovation of an old,

Victorian-style house he bought with a business partner in downtown Farmington a historically correct exterior dating to the 1850s, and an aesthetically pleasing, functional interior that will house eight offices, including his own.

Johnson, president of Johnson Investments, spotted the old house (now called the Johnson Investment Building) on Grand River Ave., next to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, last year.

Being a commercial and residential painting contractor, Johnson sees remodeling possibilities when others just shake their heads. He saw beyond the building's dilapidated exterior, but he wasn't certain if the house was sound enough to undergo the renovation. That's where Kelly Summerfield, an architect and remodeler of historic places, came in.

The house originally was supported by eight-by-eight, hand hewn, oak beams, similar to barn construction. Then it was converted to a duplex in the 1920s using western balloon frame construction, a house frame built from the floor up using two-by-fours.

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Carpenter Al Summerville does some finishing work on the first floor of the renovated house. The building will include eight offices, a conference room and a planning room.

Staff photos by Sharon LeMieux

Artist serves up slices of life; enjoy glass as art

ARTSY ENCOUNTERS:

• Don't miss it, if you're a dog lover.

"Dogs and Dames" artist Gwen Dietrich's 21-piece show at Nelson's Gallery in Livonia provides a telling picture of dogs and dames in everyday slices of life.

It's a far-ranging exhibit that's both insightful and gripping. The texture, tension and tone of the Canton Township artist's colorful work — in pastel, pencil and watercolor — are unmistakable.

By day, Dietrich, a graduate of the Parsons School of Design in New York, is a graphic designer. By night, she taps her innermost creative juices as an illustrator influenced by such masters as Matisse, Degas and Van Gogh.

Animals play a key role on her canvas, just as they do at home, where two Irish wolfhounds hold sway. The eyes of her subjects, the four-legged and two-legged variety alike, are especially revealing.

One pastel, "Asleep at the Wheel," has raised a few eyebrows.

It shows a black puppy asleep under the front end of a big red car from the late '50s. On first glance, it appears the car may have run into him. But step closer and you see his dark brown eyes reaching out to touch you.

"She has some beautiful color and nice detail," says Laura Hardy, gallery manager. "Gwen has put a lot of time into these pieces — and it shows. It really shows."

My favorite? Although the show is called "Dogs



Bob Sklar

and Dames." I like the intriguing pastel "Magical Horses." It shows five blue horses grazing peacefully amid a bluish-white horizon and a reddish-gold foreground.

The painting beautifully underscores the natural bonds among horses. What makes it stand out is its lack of facial detail. Still, the subtle color changes of the horses' heads prick your imagination and let you almost see eyes.

"It really takes discipline to go

home each night and devote your evening to art," Dietrich said. "My work is a very important part of my life."

Make no mistake: her dedication underscores that. "Dogs and Dames," Dietrich's first one-woman show, runs through Saturday, April 20, at Nelson's Gallery in Terrence Corners, 16376 Middlebelt, north of Five Mile.

• Glass as art? Skeptics can find glistering assurances at the 19th annual International Glass Invitational sponsored by Habitat Galleries in Farmington Hills and Southfield.

Part of Michigan Glass Month, it's the oldest and largest exhibition of contemporary studio glass art, from sculpture to furniture, in the nation. The 400-piece kaleidoscope of col-

or not only legitimizes the contemporary studio glass movement in art, but also dazzles even the untrained eye.

Gallery president Ferd Hampson, author of two trail-blazing books, is a world authority in the still-developing movement, one of the fastest-growing art forms.

The movement has its roots in a hot-glass workshop in a garden shed behind the Toledo Museum of Art in 1962. Similarity in design nearly doomed glass as art by 1975. But then creativity became popular. Still, it took time for adventuresome creations to develop a market.

Today, the movement is secure. As Hampson told the Observer: "It's significant to note that in the 1980s, Christy's and Sotheby's became involved in auctioning glass,

sanctioning the fact there is an aftermarket for glass. Glass is proving itself as a very viable material to make art with."

For a peek at the shimmering artistry of glass art masters like Chihuly, Moje, Ben Tre and Weinberg and Detroit sculptors like Herb Babcock and Albert Young, make it a point to visit the invitational.

It continues through May 5 at Habitat Galleries-Triatria, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills and Habitat Galleries-One Northwestern Plaza Edition, 28411 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

An educational as well as artistic experience, it's well worth your time!

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.

Choir to perform Brahms' Requiem

By Linda Ann Chomlin
special writer

The Plymouth Oratorio Society, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta, will present Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem, Op. 45" in English on Sunday, April 21. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

Admission is free, but free-will offerings help underwrite the cost of the orchestra. The Michigan Sinfonietta was formerly the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra.

Guest soloists include soprano Carolyn Pratt of Minnesota and baritone John Stewart of Plymouth.

IN ITS fifth season, the Plymouth Oratorio Society, under artistic director Robert Pratt, consists of 87 singers from Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia, Redford, Farmington, Ann Arbor, Wayne, Westland and Brighton.

"We are a community choir, formed to do major choral works," said Donald Pratt, a tenor with the choir and society treasurer.

"Five years ago, we sent letters

to all the church choirs telling them of our purpose," said Robert Pratt, who conducts the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

He is former chairman of the music department at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor.

"We wanted to do major works of length with orchestra, that church choirs might not want to tackle."

"Brahms chose the texts himself from the German Bible," Robert Pratt said.

"It's a non-denominational work with a positive cast for the living and the salvation of the dead, but it's more for the living."

ORATORIO IS a monumental musical work for chorus, solo voices and orchestra set to a libretto usually of a sacred nature.

Performed in a church or hall without scenery or costumes, the oratorio features a series of recitatives and arias, duets, trios and choruses.

"Brahms' MUSIC is a dichotomy; the form is classic but the style is romantic.

The death of celebrated composer Robert Schumann inspired

Brahms to begin writing the monumental choral work, "A German Requiem," in 1861.

"Overcome with grief when his mother died in 1865, Brahms wrote the fifth part of the Requiem as a tribute to her.

Brahms' masterpiece gives consolation to grief and despair. Clearly, Brahms was conscious of the eternal questions concerning life,



Carolyn Pratt soprano



John Stewart baritone

A baritone, Stewart is one of two featured soloists performing the Brahms Requiem.

"I founded the oratorio group in 1985 for people looking for an outlet like this," Stewart said.

"We want to focus on a once-a-year performance for those of us who can't give a September to June (rehearsal) commitment."

Stewart has yet another dream: "to combine (the Plymouth Oratorio Society) with the Plymouth Symphony and the U of M Choral Union for the May Festival at Hill Auditorium" in Ann Arbor, he said.

A NON-PROFIT group, the Plymouth Oratorio Society's annual spring concert is financed in part by the Detroit Council of the Arts; the Michigan Council for the Arts; local businesses such as Blackwell Ford, Meijer, National Bank of Detroit and First of America; local service clubs like the Rotary and Kiwanis of Plymouth; individual donors; and members of the chorus.

"We're very grateful to the church here for letting us use the sanctuary," Robert Pratt said.

Before the church opened its new

sanctuary a year ago in April, only 300 seats were available. Within the new sanctuary are 650 seats.

The Plymouth Oratorio Society is open to all area singers. No audition is required. Rehearsals begin in January.

CAROLYN PRATT is the featured soprano soloist.

Pratt earned bachelor of music and bachelor of arts degrees from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio, and a master's of music degree from University of South Florida.

She is a candidate for a doctorate in choral conducting at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1987, Carolyn Pratt was a winner in the Madison Opera Guild's Metropolitan Opera auditions, as well as a finalist at the Bel Canto Foundation Opera seminar.

A RECEPTION in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church will take place after the 70-minute performance of "A German Requiem."

For more information about the April 21 concert or joining the community choral group, call Robert Pratt at 761-2991.

and death.

THE PLYMOUTH Oratorio Society was a dream of an idea conceived by Plymouth attorney John Stewart. Stewart, an attorney for the last 15 years, performed for 12 years with the Kenneth Jewell Chorale.

In 1966-67, Stewart was a student conductor at Meadow Brook, after four summers at Interlochen

Historic downtown house restored for office use

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"I brought Kelly through the house before I bought it," said Johnson, a Novi resident. "When he said 'OK,' I knew the job could be done."

Summerfield, owner of Creative Design and Construction and general contractor of the renovation, planned the building's exterior, paying close attention to the Victorian detail. Yet Summerfield and Johnson both agreed the interior should have a professional commercial environment.

"I believe in preserving the old, but if it's not salvageable, take it

down," Summerfield said. "The outside of the building is historically correct. We used artistic license on the inside."

THE OFFICES in the two-story building, ranging from 120 to 200 square feet, are leased to financial planners and attorneys, including Johnson's brother-in-law and co-owner of the building.

Johnson and Summerfield each selected offices on the second floor. They will share a planning room spacious enough to store and lay out blueprints.

The exterior of the 2,562-square-

foot building includes a Victorian-style, covered porch with turned posts and spindles.

Summerfield modified the porch somewhat, replacing a flat, shed roof with steep gables and deep eaves commonly used in the mid-to-late 19th century.

"We wanted to define the entrance and make it interesting," he said.

Besides modifying the porch, Summerfield replaced the shed roof on the back of the building with a gable style roof and added a half moon window. The exterior includes beveled siding and cedar, ginger-

bread shingles. Some of the original siding on the building's east side was reused.

The main floor, a departure from the 19th century exterior, includes a spacious reception area, four offices, a conference room, a lavatory and a small kitchen. The lofty eight-foot, seven-inch ceiling gives rooms a spacious look.

SUMMERFIELD BEGAN gutting the house in September, filling 10, 30-yard dumpsters with debris. Wet plaster was replaced with drywall and new, oak doors, window frames and molding were installed through-

out the house.

Though the renovation is on schedule, and nearing its \$130,000 budget, Summerfield ran into some snags along the way, mainly an eight-by-eight timber in the reception area.

To work around the structural beam, he redesigned the hallway and replaced angled doorways with conventional openings. Workers also installed headers above each window for wall and roof support and to bring the house up to code. Only the pine stringer, the side piece of the staircase where the steps abut, was saved.

The second floor includes the planning room and four offices, dramatically designed with vaulted and cathedral ceilings ranging from 12 to 18 feet. Timbers in the original ceiling were enclosed in drywall. Offices also include skylights and lofts for plants or extra storage.

Summerfield, who restored his own Victorian-style home in downtown Northville, admits that last fall "people would have called the building unsalvageable." Today, the owners call it a classic addition to the city's proud historic district.

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506 Help Wanted Sales ROUTE SALES (FOOD) We are looking for people to contact, sell & service existing customers. If you are not afraid of a little hard work, long hours, and want to earn \$25,000 to \$40,000 first year...

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506 Help Wanted Sales TELEMARKETERS We are seeking individuals for our Bloomfield Hills office. This is the best telemarketing opportunity in town if you are motivated and enjoy sales...

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507 Help Wanted Part Time COUNTER CLERKS Part time clerks for all areas Saturday for locations in all areas...

507 Help Wanted Part Time SWITCHBOARD Part time day/evening and weekend. Busy switchboard. Experience helpful or will train...

507 Help Wanted Part Time HOUSEKEEPER - PART TIME Housekeeper needed for luxury apartment in Farmington Hills...

507 Help Wanted Part Time MAINTENANCE PERSON - PART TIME in Bloomfield Hills condominium community. Must have own tools & transportation...

507 Help Wanted Part Time CLEANING PERSON Monday through Friday. Early evenings, \$4.75 per hour. Local Road 7-96 area...

508 Help Wanted Domestic BABYSITTER needed in Birmingham, 2 days, 2 nights and Saturday day in my home...

508 Help Wanted Domestic CHILD CARE In our Northville home. Three June 21. Weekends or evenings - 344-4265

508 Help Wanted Domestic CHILD CARE Needed for infant, 18-month-old child in my home. Start June 1st...

508 Help Wanted Domestic EXECUTIVE SEKS HANDYMAN For lawn maintenance, house cleaning, small repairs, base pay, full benefits...

508 Help Wanted Domestic HOUSEKEEPER/BABYSITTER Cleaning, laundry, ironing, child care & minimum cooking 3-5 hours...

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511 Entertainment
SOUND RECORDING - NEW 24 TRACK. Old/Digital Mixdown (LAIN) Sound Quality. Reasonable rates. Complete services. 559-0166

512 Situations Wanted Female
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ASSISTANCE IN FINDING CARE for your loved one. Not affiliated with nursing home. Elynn Fox. Patient Advocate. 927-5531

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COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES. Custom programming, Database Management, word processing, etc. Call: 477-6133

700 Auction Sales
FINKBEINER HOUSEHOLD AUCTION
All items to be sold on April 18, 1991. 10:00 AM. 11000 Grand Ave. To See Ann Arbor Rd. (1/2 mile past 2nd light) 313-229-4643

702 Antiques
ALL ANTIQUES BOUGHT! Postcards, old movie magazines, paper dolls, toys, Sherry dolls, glassware, military. 348-3154

705 Wearing Apparel
WEDDING GOWN - white with tulle. Size 12. \$150. Matching hat. In vs. 1. \$50. 642-6240

NANNY OF AMERICA
Is looking for competent, caring individuals who have a basic love for children. We train you at our expense to become a professional nanny.

CHILD CARE - Will care for your child in loving home environment in Wayne-Meats. Activities. Weekdays. Call 729-0578

515 Child Care
ALWAYS A GREAT PLACE TO BE Home day care. Licensed. Your transportation. Farmington. 477-7574

Home Health Aides Companion/Sitters
Private duty home care agency helps you remain independent in your own home.

600 Personals
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701 Collectibles
AVON - set of Christmas plates. 1972-1980. \$20 each. 15th, 20th Anniversary plates. \$20 each. All prices mail order. 421-5229

702 Antiques
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706 Garage Sales: Oakland
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509 Help Wanted Couples
APARTMENT CARETAKER COUPLES
Are you interested in a career in the apartment industry? We are looking for motivated people to join our new team concept.

BEVERLY HILLS CHILD CARE CENTER
A Non-Profit Organization Has Openings for Children Ages: 15 Months to 5 Years. Open 9am-6pm.

518 Education & Instruction
ALL SUBJECTS TUTORED, your home. Experienced certified teacher. M.A. Math, Science, Spanish, study skills, Reading. 249-7913

602 Lost & Found
FOUND: Black male dog, 14 lbs. Between Farmington Rd. & Orchard Lake. Reward: 737-2828

603 Health - Nutrition Weight Loss
THE MOST important thing is your health. If you desire to be healthy call Diane DiPietro. Specializing in diet & nutrition. 923-9291

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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL Construction and maintenance. Knowledgeable in all trades. 675-6029

516 Elderly Care & Asselance
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April 18-21. Plymouth Rd & Middlebelt, Livonia. Thurs-Sunday, during mall hours. 477-2222

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SUNDAY 2:00 P.M.
23414 Orchard Lake Rd. (N. of Grand River) 474-8180

ST. EDITH SCHOOL
TUESDAY 6:45 P.M.
15089 Newburgh (S. of 5 Mile Rd.) Livonia 464-2027

FINNISH CENTER ASSOC.
THURSDAY 6:45 P.M.
35200 W. 8 Mile (1 Mile W. of Farmington Rd.) 478-6939

16th Congress District Democratic Party
FRIDAY 6:30 P.M.
Sheldon Hall (Plymouth Rd. at Farmington Rd.) 261-9340

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Tractor, Truck, Equipment... We have a public auction on 11200 Birch Rd. and then south on South Fielder to Jerusalem Rd. SAT. APRIL 20 at 10:30 AM. 665-9646 994-6309

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707 Garage Sales: Wayne
LIVONIA - 14221 Ingram, N. of Schoorcraft...

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A & T SALES
Household Liquidations Complete Estate Sales...

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ESTATE SALE
Traditional: featuring mahogany armoire, china cabinet...

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TWIN BED complete with walnut bookcase headboard \$150.00
WATERBED: King size, new dual heaters, acid framed...

709 Household Goods: Wayne County
SELLING NEW living room set. Living sofa, 2 wing chairs, 4 ottomans...

713 Bicycles
BICYCLE SALE
CLOSE OUT PRICES ON TREKS, HONDA & CONCORDS Plus Others...

718 Building Materials
ANTIQUE WOOD - 130 year old rough sash boards, taken from interior...

727 Video Games
Tapes & Movies
NINTERO - Control Deck, 2 controllers, paper gun & 6 games...

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