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County nixes bid to secede

Board: Neighborhood can't change districts

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

County school officials Wednesday denied a Canton Township neighborhood's attempt to pull out of the Wayne-Westland school district — a decision some residents indicated will be appealed to the Michigan Board of Education.

The decision angered residents of Greenbrook Village subdivision — near Palmer Road and Canton Center — who had launched a petition drive in hopes of convincing county school officials to let them switch to the Plymouth Canton school district.

The Wayne-Westland district serves parts of Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Canton Township. "We're really disappointed with the decision," said Greenbrook spokesman Victor McGuire.

In rejecting the request, the county's Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education cited the detrimental impact the attempted secession would have on the financially strapped Wayne-Westland district, which would lose \$500,000 a year in state aid.

Moreover, county officials cited severe overcrowding in the Plymouth Canton district and said that Greenbrook residents had failed to prove that the secession would provide their children with a better education.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Dennis O'Neill, who accused the residents of trying to bail out of the district amid repeated millage defeats that threaten school programs, hailed the county board's unanimous decision.

In a statement at Wednesday's meeting, O'Neill called on the residents to join efforts to pass a renewed 7.75-mill tax hike in the June 10 school election instead of seeking a "Band-Aid" approach of shopping

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Down on the 'farm'

Rachel White, 3, gets a close look at animals at the new petting farm, which opened this week on county property. For more on the farm, turn to Page 3A for the story and photos.

School study group looks for solutions

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

In a landmark move, local school millage supporters and foes joined forces Tuesday in a cordial attempt to find ways to improve the embattled Wayne-Westland school district.

Both sides appeared optimistic as Westland Mayor Robert Thomas called the first meeting of a blue ribbon panel he organized to study district problems and make recommendations to the board.

"If this group of people can't come up with the answers, I'm not sure that anybody can," Thomas told the 18 committee members who gathered in his office for a 2½-hour session.

The conciliatory tone among the staunchest critics and proponents of a school tax increase marked a dramatic departure from the fierce clashes that have dominated recent public meetings.

Though some disagreements emerged early in Tuesday's session, both sides appeared willing to set aside their differences and launch an intensive study of school district needs.

Thomas, who announced his highly commended plan at an April 11 Town Hall session, formed the panel by drawing together school district representatives, government officials, business people and members of the pro-millage Save Our Schools

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group, and the anti-millage Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee.

However, some panel members voiced strong concerns Tuesday that the membership — dominated by Westland residents — should include more representation from the three other communities — Wayne, Inkster and Canton Township — that the school district serves.

"THERE ARE an awful lot of people in the school district right now who feel left out," said panel member Tom Kelly, a Wayne City Council member appointed Monday as the panel's chairman.

Under the panel's advice, Thomas agreed to send written invitations to his counterparts in the three other communities, asking them to join the committee or appoint a representative.

Early on, Kelly suggested the panel should conduct its work under the auspices of the school district — a

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Officials look for suspects in Adams fire

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Westland fire investigators remain baffled by a blaze, blamed on arson, that destroyed one classroom and damaged six others at Adams Junior High School on Palmer, between Wildwood and Venoy.

"We have no suspects at this time," Westland battalion chief Kenneth Sharp said. "Any leads we've had, we've gone through."

However, fire officials remain hopeful that new leads will surface and help them solve the case.

"Hopefully something will come up," Sharp said. "Sometimes children have a tendency to want to talk, and we're hoping that people in the area will keep their ears open."

Fire officials have confirmed that arson caused the April 6 fire that erupted at Adams school for two days. The blaze erupted after flammable liquids were used "to accelerate the fire at a rapid speed," Sharp said.

Thomas Svitkovich, the Wayne-Westland school district's associate superintendent of administration, called the Adams school fire the worst the district has had in memory.

THE BLAZE ripped through Room 11, destroying its contents, and damaged six other classrooms in the 35-year-old school, located in the city's south end.

Fire officials said the fire caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages at the 800-pupil school.

State arson officials have offered a reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to arrests and prosecution in the case, fire marshal Robert Perry has said. Anyone with information about the fire is encouraged to call the

Westland Police Department or the Westland Fire Department.

Meanwhile, classroom repairs still are under way, and classes formerly held in the area damaged by fire have been moved to other areas of the school. The damaged area has been blocked off to prevent students from entering and possibly being injured, school officials said.

School officials hope the building repairs will be completed in the next few weeks, allowing the school to return to normal operations.

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Volunteer earns degree of dedication

people

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Charlotte Adams readily admits she received poor grades in typing — the only class she ever took at Schoolcraft College.

That's probably because she spent too much time outside of the classroom, volunteering her time to make Schoolcraft a better college.

Just put this Westland woman in charge of the school's spaghetti dinner or fashion show and watch the money roll in for scholarships and other programs and services.

An active volunteer for about 20 years at Schoolcraft, Adams will receive an honorary degree during the college's commencement on Saturday.

"I am real excited and very pleased," Adams, 68, said. "Schoolcraft has a special place in my heart."

Adams has been a strong supporter of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center, serving for 10 years as a member of the advisory board. She also has been a



Charlotte Adams will be honored by Schoolcraft College at its commencement Saturday.

longtime member of the Schoolcraft College Faculty Wives.

The Boston-born woman began putting her energies into Schoolcraft after she and her husband, John, moved to the area when he was chosen to become the college's dean of applied sciences. He held that position for nine years.

Her initial involvement came when she got involved in the Faculty Wives group, and she became well-known and respected for what she fondly calls "the mistress of ceremonies."

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Elementary students to learn about AIDS

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

Starting this fall, Westland elementary students in the Livonia school district will learn about such communicable diseases as AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The launching of the new health and physical education program, mandated by a Michigan law passed in 1990, means that students at all three levels in the district will learn about the deadly disease.

Livonia school officials, whose district serves the northern section of Westland, spent the last school year putting together their own program; the district will not be using the statewide program known as the Michigan Model.

TO ACQUAINT elementary parents with the program, the district will hold an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

One of the teaching aids the district plans to use, a video of AIDS victim Ryan White, will be shown during the meeting.

Ryan White, a teenager, fought a long battle against AIDS — and against misinformation about the disease — before he died last year. Before his death, he became a well-known advocate of AIDS education.

The program recently was approved by the Livonia Board of Education.

To acquaint elementary parents with the program, the district will hold an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"I was concerned that it be age-appropriate and it seems to be," said school board trustee J. Richard Thorderson.

Information on communicable diseases will not be given to all elementary grades but will be given over a two- or three-day period to first, third, fourth and sixth graders.

"We don't need to do something at every grade level," said William MacFarland, district curriculum department director. "We chose to spread it around the grades."

By the time school starts in the fall, the district will be about one year late in meeting the deadline (Oct. 1, 1990) imposed by the state to start AIDS education for elementary grades.

The district got the law late last June, after it was signed by then-Gov. James Blanchard on June 25, 1990, and did not have enough time to develop its own program before October, MacFarland said.

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Panel sets differences aside to help schools

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move that drew opposition from other members, including Westland City Councilman Thomas Artley.

"I don't believe that this committee should be at the direction of the Wayne-Westland school board or administration," Artley said. Others agreed, saying such a move could damage the panel's credibility.

Some panel members stressed that several school officials already serve on the committee, and Superintendent Dennis O'Neill has been asked to attend the meetings.

Artley said he believed the blue ribbon panel emerged, in part, because of pressure that pro-millage forces placed on Mayor Thomas

who came under severe criticism after he publicly opposed the 7.75-mill, five-year tax increase that failed in a special March 13 election. Thomas had voiced support for a smaller tax increase that would have amounted to a millage renewal.

Though some tax supporters blamed Thomas for the millage defeat, Artley said, "I think that's totally hogwash."

ON TUESDAY, the panel steered clear of trying to reach a consensus on whether it should support or oppose another 7.75-mill tax increase — this one for two years — proposed in the June 10 school election. Still, some members wanted to study ways to protect school programs

that, if cut, could have long-lasting effects such as the loss of high school accreditation.

"I think we need to see what kind of effect we can have on September 1991," the start-up of fall classes, said panel member Margaret Harlow, co-chair of the pro-millage SOS group.

Though several panel members pointed fingers at the state and federal governments for failing to adequately pay for education, others noted that dramatic change for now must come at the local level.

"The reality is that there is no money in the state government and federal government," said panel member Bill Brown, the union representative for school district support

staff workers.

Mayor Thomas stressed the importance of seeking local solutions because of the state-level paralysis that appears to repeatedly stall education improvements.

In coming meetings, the mayor's panel plans to issue a mission statement and divide members among several subcommittees to study specific issues. Harlow already has agreed to head the public relations subcommittee, and David Moranty, chairman of Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee, has indicated he wants to sit on the finance subcommittee.

Panel member Sylvia Kozorósky-Wiacek, also a school board mem-

ber, said the panel must try to address questions the public has about the school district.

"They want to know where their money is. They don't trust the school board. They don't trust the school administration," she said.

THE PANEL plans to meet again Wednesday, May 8. As Tuesday's meeting broke up, Mayor Thomas appeared pleased.

"From what has transpired here tonight," he said, "I think we have the right group of people."

Other than those mentioned, the panel also includes Fred Hagelthorn, a pro-millage advocate; Elwood "Woody" London, school district finance manager; Norman Stock-

meyer, former school board member; Laurel Raisanen, WWCCE member; Tim McCurley, city budget director; Diane Klinebrile, city controller; Sharon Scott and Leonard Posey, school board members; Charles Pickering, Westland City Council member; Randy Ljepa, school district finance assistant; and Bill Mills, member of another citizens' committee studying district finances.

Though he did not attend Tuesday's meeting, Chamber of Commerce representative Bruce Priestley has agreed to serve. Thomas still has not received confirmation from William Reece, president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association.

Volunteer to get honorary degree

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The group often raised money for scholarships to help such people as struggling divorcees and abused wives get a new start in life.

IN HER personal life, Adams earned a registered nursing degree from the Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing in 1945, where she was the outstanding nursing student in her class.

She also earned a bachelor's degree in nursing education from Rus-

sell Sage College in 1952 and a master's degree in administration and supervision of vocational education from Colorado State University in 1965.

An active legislative lobbyist since 1983, Adams is a member of Michigan's Second District Women's Political Caucus and the Michigan Women's Assembly. Her activities include campaigning for candidates, supporting the Michigan Federation Business and Professional Women's Club, and speaking out on the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.

In 1972, she received the Woman

of the Year Award and, in 1989, the Women of Achievement Award from the BPW Club, of which she has been a member for 28 years.

AS VICE president of placement and training of Career Personnel Service from 1968 to 1981, Adams headed an agency that established working relations with more than 3,000 companies and conducted workshops to train people in interviewing skills, resume writing and job-market trends.

As a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, she served as train-

ing officer, instructor and public relations officer.

She also has been a member of the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges, the Wayne County Commission for Juvenile Delinquency, and is past president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development.

In receiving her honorary degree from Schoolcraft, Adams said, "I'm more thrilled than when I got all of my other college degrees. I guess I've made some contributions to Schoolcraft."

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Move to leave district denied

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for a lower millage rate district."

Students districtwide would suffer from state funding cuts if the 113 Greenbrook subdivision students were allowed to switch to Plymouth Canton schools, O'Neill said.

John Hoben, Plymouth Canton superintendent, told county officials that schools in his district "do not have one empty classroom" and that new construction appears two to three years away. Schools closest to the Greenbrook neighborhood are among the most overcrowded, he said.

Residents gathered 247 signatures from the 172 houses in the subdivision to show support for seceding from the Wayne-Westland district, McGuire said. He stressed that the move emerged about four years ago — long before the district lost three consecutive millage elections.

McGuire refuted O'Neill's claims

that the subdivision wants to desert the Wayne-Westland district and said "we're not just trying to jump from a sinking ship."

Noting that Greenbrook residents live in Canton Township and pay taxes for the township's police, fire and library services, McGuire said the neighborhood "wants to develop a sense of community in our children."

"We live in Canton, and we feel isolated within our own community," he said.

Greenbrook children have had difficulties developing friendships in the Wayne-Westland district, McGuire said, "because you can't jump on your bike and ride 20 miles to see your friends."

Mary Ann Pilszak, a Greenbrook resident of 11 years, voiced concerns about declining property values, saying home buyers no longer want to locate in Greenbrook because they view it as part of Wayne-Westland.

However, not all of Greenbrook's residents favored the attempted secession.

Resident Cheryl Lynn Frost, who said she has been given a cool reception by neighbors for her views, said she decided to live in Greenbrook because "I wanted Wayne-Westland" schools. Frost said the district has smaller class sizes than many districts.

Greenbrook resident Alicia Embury, a junior at Wayne-Westland's John Glenn High School, commended her school's teachers and curriculum and said, "I really believe that Wayne-Westland has as much to offer as any other district — if not more."

lunch menu for seniors

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of May 6:

Monday — Brunswick stew, health salad, mixed fruit, biscuit with margarine, milk.

Tuesday — Barbecue chicken, peas with pasta, green beans, honey-dew, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Wednesday — Chili with beans, coleslaw, crackers, fresh pear, milk.

Thursday — Tuna noodle casserole, chopped spinach, gelatin vegetable salad, peaches, wheat bread with margarine, milk.

Friday — Lemon pepper chicken, rice, Florentine, baby carrots, tomato salad, chocolate pudding, milk.

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

Curriculum to include AIDS

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"We had two choices, use the Michigan Model or put together our own program."

FIRST AND third grade students will learn about the more familiar forms of communicable diseases, such as the common cold and chicken pox.

Students will learn about AIDS for the first time in the fourth grade.

Public Act 139 of 1990 requires that every school in the state teach how dangerous communicable diseases are caused and how they

spread. The law requires that students be told how to prevent all communicable diseases, including AIDS.

Classes in all four grades will be taught by the school's physical education/health teacher.

"In the elementary grades, we have a very rudimentary approach" to AIDS, MacFarland said. "The students get more in-depth information in junior and senior high."

One of the objectives of the program, MacFarland said, is to teach students to have empathy for AIDS victims. The district will show the Ryan White video to sixth graders.

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Petting farm offers a touch of country life

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Four-year-old Stacey White talked like a seasoned farm girl after she milked a cow Monday for the first time ever.

"You just put a bucket under the cow and squeeze," she said, giggling as she walked away from the 750-pound cow named Buttercup.

Her confidence bolstered, this city girl didn't hesitate to climb on a pony, pet a pig and go on a tractor-

drawn hay ride as she and 170 other youngsters toured the new Green Meadows Children's Farm, operated in conjunction with the Wayne County Parks and Recreation.

"I liked it," she said, her enthusiasm refusing to dampen despite the drizzling rain that fell Monday during opening day of the 20-acre farm on county-owned land at the northeast corner of Merriman and Michigan Avenue.

Cows, sheep, chickens, rabbits, horses and goats were among the

200 farm animals to greet the children at Green Meadows — the 10th petting farm started in U.S. metropolitan areas by Wisconsin farm couple Bob and Coni Keyes and their 13 children and spouses.

The newest farm opened on the site where some 15 buildings have been torn down on the former site of Eloise, a former county facility in Westland for the poor and mentally disabled.

"The whole purpose is to let the city kids touch the farm animals and learn what farm life is like," said Debbie Keyes. "A lot of these kids have never milked a cow or gone on a hay ride."

Children touring Green Meadows on Monday came from St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City and "Kidspace," a daycare program for Wayne County workers.

Some parents and grandparents, and officials such as County Executive Edward McNamara, came along for the fun.

THEY MET and petted such farm animals as four 10-day-old calves — named Tic, Tac, Toe and Chocolate Chip — and sang "Old MacDonald Had A Farm" as they went on a hay ride that marked a first for many of the children.

Three-year-old Jason Gaddis boasted that he had hopped on a pony before Monday's two-hour, guided tour.

"When I was a little baby, my mama took me on a horse," he said. "I like horses. This is fun."

Eight-year-old Ani Wallace apparently had a rapport with the ponies. "They're nice and friendly," she said. "They're pretty, too."

Green Meadows' first season will run through June 2. Already, more than 9,000 people have made reservations to visit the farm, located on land made available by the Wayne County parks system.

The Keyes family hopes the newest farm will be as successful as farms that have delighted tens of thousands of children in California, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Texas, among other states.

ORGANIZERS SAY the tours are ideal for families, elementary and secondary school groups, churches,

church groups, scouts and birthday party groups.

Admission is \$7 per person with children under 2 admitted free. Special group rates for 20 or more people are available for \$5 to \$6 per person, depending on when the tour is scheduled.

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Ani Wallace, 8, gets a chance to ride a horse on the newly opened petting farm on Michigan Avenue and Merriman.



Students from St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City visited the new petting farm Monday morning.



Joshua Hall, 1, gets a chance to pet an animal at a new petting farm.

photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

State honors

Career Center students win awards

Students at the Livonia school district's Career Center were among the top winners in a statewide vocational and career education state competition held in Grand Rapids.

The competition was sponsored April 12-13 by the Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) for trade, industrial, and technical students.

The criminal justice classes of the school district, which serves the northern section of Westland, competed in two areas and the vocational drafting classes entered three areas.

Danielle Klebba of Franklin High won a bronze medal for her third-place finish for a criminal justice job skill demonstration. Klebba demonstrated the proper use of a police radio and radio procedure.

RONALD MALEGA of Churchill High, earned a bronze medal and Pual Hokett of Franklin High took fourth place in law enforcement skills competition. In this area, students demonstrated their skills in fingerprinting, a felony suspect search, field report on suspect and vehicle demonstration, and one-person cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Darlene Reefer is instructor and

The statewide vocational and career education state competition was sponsored April 12-13 by the Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) for trade, industrial, and technical students.

adviser of criminal justice at the career center on Newburgh just north of Joy.

In vocational drafting competition, Martin Kopec of Stevenson High earned a silver medal (second place) in the mechanical drafting category. Competing students were assigned a problem to pull several details from a robot arm assembly within a four-hour time limit.

Matthew Badrak of Churchill High earned a bronze medal and Mike Blasius of Churchill placed fourth in the architectural computer assisted drawing/design category. Competitors were given four hours to design an interurban bus station and draw two elevations, a floor plan, and a cross section.

KEN DANTE of Stevenson High placed in the top 10 in engineering computer assisted drawing/design in which he was given up to three hours to draw several details from an assembly.

Allen Herrmann is instructor and adviser for vocational drafting.

The competition involved students who were winners of regional competitions.

VICA offers students a leadership, citizenship and character development program which complements the skill training available in the public schools, career centers, and community colleges that prepares them for the world of work.



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Livonia Career Center winners included Matthew Badrak (left) in computer-assisted drawing and Martin Kopec in mechanical drafting.

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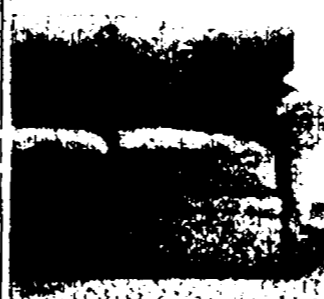
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—Erica Strasser
Westland



"I don't think he should."
—Eddie Kadi
Westland



"I would say not. I think it's the perception of the whole thing."
—Stanley Cort
Westland



"Yes, I think he should. I think everyone has faults. Just because he's a minister doesn't mean he should have to give up his profession. But the church should watch him closely."
—Lori McKee
Westland



"That has to be decided on an individual basis. You have to take every case as it comes."
—Arline Tellier
Westland



"Personally, no. He's supposed to be a role model. Child abuse shouldn't be tolerated in our society."
—Jack Spitz
Westland

Emerson books challenge

By Lincoln Naumoff
special writer

Emerson Middle School, which serves the northeast section of Westland, has been challenged to a Battle of the Books competition by neighboring school in Redford Township.

The team of seventh and eighth graders emerged the champions in the Battle of the Books in the South Redford School District and are ready to take on Emerson's best.

The Battle of the Books is a reading contest that lasts eight weeks. The programs at Emerson, on West

Chicago near Middlebelt in the Livonia school district, and Pierce are held as part of March Reading Month in Michigan.

Students are given a list of books from which they may read any or all of the entries. Each grade level of sixth, seventh and eighth grades are divided into several teams of five or six students each.

The first battle was between the teams of the same grade level to determine the top scoring team. The surviving team is then declared winner of that grade level.

"On battle day all of the teams

would meet in the cafeteria ready to confront each other," said Geri Caremuga, Pierce coach and media specialist. "I would ask a question from a list of nine or more books as prearranged for group reading before the battle begins."

Emerson and Pierce used the same list of books for the seventh and eighth grades.

The teams have 30 seconds to discuss and answer the question. There are three points awarded for each correct answer. At the end of the battle, the team with the most points scored wins the battle.

Ex-union president guilty in sex assault

Richard Debs of Westland, a former UAW local president, was convicted Monday for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old boy in November.

Recorder's Judge Michael Talbot scheduled sentencing for Friday, May 17.

The bench trial covered parts of three days.

Debs, 53, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison for the assault. The defendant will remain in Wayne County Jail.

Debs was charged after a boy claimed the defendant forced him

to perform oral sex, Wayne Police Sgt. Mel Drews said. The incident happened in a Wayne apartment.

The defendant has been several brushes with the law in recent years.

One involved impersonation of an officer and carrying a concealed weapon. He was sentenced in January to 46 months in prison for trying to hire two men to scare Local 1776 president; Bob Harlow from running against him in 1988.

Debs was president of Local 1776 and worked as a part-time Van Buren Township police officer in 1981 and 1982.

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In his science fair project, Livonia school district eighth grader Ryan Vartoglian set out to show just how much nutrition is contained in a bag of chips or a cookie. Ryan's project was one of many submitted for judg-

ing during the recent fair, in which both seventh and eighth graders participated. The district includes the northern section of Westland.

New surgical procedure speeds patient's recovery

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Five days after Cheryl Gorski had her gallbladder removed at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital with laparoscopic surgery, she went bowling.

Gorski, 34, an emergency room nurse at the hospital, was the fifth patient to have a gallbladder re-

moved at the hospital since the new procedure was offered in January.

She is a case study her hospital officials cited about the change of gallbladder procedures.

If Gorski had gone the traditional surgical route, she would be out of work for four to six weeks, having a scar up to nine inches long to remind her of the operation.

Instead, she has four scars, each

less than an inch long.

"I went bowling five days later with no restrictions," Gorski said.

Dr. Richard Spinale, the first surgeon at the hospital to become trained in the procedure, performed Gorski's surgery.

Gallbladder removal is one of the most commonly performed surgical procedures in the United States, Spinale said.

Until the new procedure became available, patients spent about seven days in the hospital and an additional four to six weeks at home during the recovery period. Now a new technique called laparoscopy makes it possible for most patients to go

home a day after gallbladder surgery and resume full activity soon after.

"THEY (PATIENTS) have nowhere near the same amount of pain," Spinale said of the new surgical technique.

He estimates that 75 percent of gallbladder patients would qualify for this surgery.

"Gallbladder surgery is the most common abdominal surgery done in the United States," Spinale said.

Laparoscopy has been used in a range of gynecological procedures since the early 1980s.

Under the new surgery, half of the

patients can return home the same day. The others are discharged the next morning. The laparoscopic gallbladder procedure takes place under general anesthesia so the patient is unconscious during surgery. Using a trocar, a narrow tube-like instrument, the surgeon gains access through the navel.

A miniature camera called a laparoscope is inserted through the

trocar, projecting a clear, magnified image of the patient's internal organs on a video monitor.

Since the incision is so tiny, the image on the video monitor provides the surgeon with a view of the inside of the abdomen as he operates.

THREE ADDITIONAL trocars are inserted into the abdomen to accommodate miniature instruments.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135-2492, Telephone 313-525-8814, on or before Tuesday, May 14, 1991 at 2:00 P.M., for the purchase of the following items:

- Fire/Burglar Alarm System for the Historical Museum
- Architectural/Landscape Service for the East Moeller Ballfields
- Swimming Pool Pallet

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the title of the item to which you are bidding, i.e., "Sealed Bid for Swimming Pool Pallet".

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

R. D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

Published May 2, 1991

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR THE BIENNIAL ELECTION OF SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, BOTH TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1991

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual election for the School District of the City of Garden City will be held in said School District on Monday, June 10, 1991.

Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides in part as follows:

The inspectors of election at an annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides.

The last day for receiving registrations for the annual and biennial election will be Monday, May 13, 1991. Persons residing in said School District registering after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 1991, will not be eligible to vote at the annual and biennial election. Persons planning to register must determine when the city offices or Secretary of State drivers license bureau offices will be open for registration.

Under the provisions of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, registrations will not be taken by school officials, and only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate clerk of the city in which they reside, or through registration at a Secretary of State drivers license bureau, are registered school electors.

Members for the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City will be elected, and Trustees for the Schoolcraft Community College District will be elected.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the School of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan.

CHRISTOPHER A. MOSS,
Secretary, Board of Education
School District of the City of Garden City
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School case goes to high court

By Tim Richard
staff writer

The Michigan Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal of out-of-formula school districts suing for state aid for "categoricals" and Social Security.

"The case will be argued before the court sometime in the fall," said Tom Farrell, the high court's public information officer. A ruling is likely sometime in 1992.

The 51 plaintiff districts get no general state aid because of their high property tax bases. But their attorney, Dennis Pollard of Birmingham, argues they are entitled to at least \$72 million, along with an order barring the state from further violating the 1978 Headlee amendment to the state constitution.

THE CASE is Schmidt v. Department of Education et al., Gerald Schmidt being a trustee in Warren Woods school district.

Plaintiff school districts from the Observer & Eccentric area are Avondale, Birmingham, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Rochester, South Redford, Southfield, Troy and West Bloomfield.

Collecting everything the state owes, Pollard said, "would be outside the realm of possibility" with-

Aid formula in dispute

out a special state tax increase.

So they are also asking an injunction to prevent the state from making further deductions in their grants.

School complaints about state aid shortages have been in the courts for five years.

SCHOOLS CONTEND the state shorted them on two kinds of payments:

- **Categoricals.** Over the years, the state has paid less and less of their costs for special education, transportation for special ed students, bilingual instruction, and the lunch and supplemental milk program. For the current year, the cut was \$72 million.

- **Social Security for employees.** In 1956 the state agreed to pay the employers' share of federal Social Security taxes for school districts. But the Legislature, in the 1990 school aid act, cut them out.

The 1990 budget act deducted the funds and called them "recaptured revenues."

The Headlee amendment says the state must spend 41.6 percent of its revenues aiding local units of government. It also says the state

cannot mandate more services by the locals without providing them the money to perform the services.

A KEY FIGURE in the battle is not a school official but Robert J. Danhof, presiding judge of the Court of Appeals, who wrote the Nov. 12 order dismissing the school case.

First, Danhof said, they have no case: "Plaintiffs claim only that the individual districts will receive a lower percentage of their budgets than was the case in 1978-79; this is insufficient to state a cause of action, unless state aid falls short of the level mandated by (the Headlee amendment) as to all school districts in the state, considered 'as a group.'" (Italics added.)

Second, Danhof said the Court of Appeals lacks jurisdiction to hear the Social Security money case, which should have been filed in the Court of Claims.

Critics blister various Danhof rulings as absurd and political.

THE CASE takes place against a political backdrop of a state tax revolt and a wide effort to achieve

funding "equity" for poorer districts.

State Sen. Dan DeGow, R-Port Huron, Rep. James O'Neill, D-Saginaw, and William Keith, D-Garden City, argue that Michigan districts have as little as \$2,500 and as much as \$8,000 per pupil to spend.

They say efforts to raise state taxes to aid poorer district have failed consistently. So the only alternative, they say, is to have richer (out-of-formula) districts help poorer ones.

One method is to eliminate categorical and put that money into the general state aid fund, as they did in 1990. The move would make more districts eligible for general state aid but still leave many at the top with nothing.

A second method is called "tax base sharing." Richer districts generally have growing commercial and industrial tax bases. Under their plan, the state would take half the growth and spread it across the state on a per-pupil basis.

Out-of-formula districts dismiss the plans as a "Robin Hood" approach. They argue the state should "raise the floor" for poor districts without "lowering the ceiling" on them.

SC lobbyist pact causes concerns

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Schoolcraft College trustees approved extending a \$1,500-per-month contract with an area lobbying firm, despite concerns the contract represented a conflict of interest.

Trustees approved a contract retaining Government Affairs Consulting Group, Inc. as the college lobbyist though Robert Law, a main partner in the college law firm, Law, Hemming, Essad and Polaczyk.

The dual role threw up a red flag for trustee Michael Burley.

"I SEE it as a conflict of interest," Burley said. "If we have a problem, Mr. Law isn't going to serve papers on Mr. Law."

Law, who was not present at Wednesday's board meeting, said he

believed no conflict existed. "Many law firms are involved in lobbying," he said. "It's not that unusual a situation."

Attorney Judd Hemming, a partner in the Plymouth law firm, is Schoolcraft's legal representative, Law said. Another attorney, Robert Smith of Lansing, is involved in lobbying, Law said.

"Actually, they're two separate entities," he said.

Trustee Harry Greenleaf said he was concerned the college lobbyist — formerly hired as needed — was becoming permanent.

"This started out as an ad hoc position," Greenleaf said. "Basically, what we're doing now is creating a retainer. Even our law firm isn't on a retainer."

The contract was approved 4-2. Burley and Greenleaf voted against the contract. Those in favor included

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● TIME LINE
The Westland Historical Museum is exhibiting a "Time Line Display" of the history of Nankin Township and the city of Westland. The museum, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill, is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

● YOUTH MUSIC
Thursday, May 2 — A new Wayne-Westland Youth Music Program is forming and will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Recreation Center, corner of Annapolis and Howe Roads, Wayne. There will be sessions in band, orchestra, and choir to elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels for ages 9-21. For more information, call Randy Blouse 728-6326.

● DRIVER ED
May 2, 6 and 7 — Registration for summer driver education classes for Wayne-Westland school district residents not enrolled in the district will be held 3-4:30 p.m. in the Cherry Hill Adult Education Center, 28500 Avondale between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, Inkster. Applicants must be 16 years of age by March 31, 1992. Proof of residency, birth certificate, and \$10 refundable book deposit will be required at registration.

● BLOOD DRIVE
Saturday, May 4 — Blood donations will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, halfmile south of Warren Road. Walk-ins are welcome. For information or appointments, call 421-9097.

● HOLIDAY HIKE
Saturday, May 4 — An evening trek to a secluded pond in search of "spring peepers" (tree frogs) will be 8-10 p.m. in Holiday Nature Preserve. Meet with Mike Todoroff at the Koopernick entrance, off of Hix

Road between Warren Road and Joy. People are asked to bring a flashlight.

● GED TESTS
Monday-Tuesday, May 6-7 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 5-10 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard at 5 Mile. For information, call 523-9294.

● ART SHOW
Monday-Saturday, May 6-11 — Garden City Fine Arts Association presents its spring art show in the Garden City Public Library, 2012 Middlebelt, Garden City.

● HOLIDAY MEETING
Wednesday, May 8 — Holiday Nature Preserve Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Churchill High School, Newburg north of Joy.

● RUMMAGE SALE
Thursday-Saturday, May 9-11 — A rummage sale will start at 8 a.m. at the Church of God of Prophecy, 28563 Pardo, corner of Hartel, Garden City. Good clean clothes for all ages, tools, furniture, odds and ends, baked goods and free coffee.

● PWP DANCE
Friday, May 10 — Wayne-Westland Parents Without Partners Chapter No. 340 will hold its general meeting and dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in AmVets Hall, 1217 Merriman, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Westland. For information, call 595-4126 or 595-7806.

● BOWLING
Friday, May 10 — The Garden City Charity Weekend Committee's 9-pin no-tap bowling tournament will begin at 8 p.m. in Garden Lanes, 29145 Warren Road, Garden City. For information, call Charlie Sears 422-5971, Mike Sheridan 427-6548, or Larry Plein 538-3777.

● MOTHER'S DAY DANCE
Saturday, May 11 — Parents

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.

Without Partners Chapter No. 340 will hold its Mother's Day Metro Dance 8 p.m. to midnight in AmVets Hall, 1217 Merriman, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Westland. For more information, call 595-4126 or 595-7806.

● RUMMAGE SALE
Friday-Saturday, May 10-11 — The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its rummage sale on Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon at 3 Towne Square, across from the post office in downtown Wayne. Saturday will be a \$2.50 bag day.

● USED BOOKS
Saturday, May 18 — The Friends of the Westland Museum will hold its used book sale. Drop off books anytime at the central fire station or on Saturdays at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road. Proceeds will be used for restoration of the 1856 Perrinsville Schoolhouse. For information, call Jo Johnson at 522-3918 or Marge Gartz at 427-6848.

● JAYCEES
Tuesdays — The Westland Jaycees are conducting their annual membership drive for new members ages 21-40. The Jaycees meet on the first Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. in the Westland Sports Arena, Wildwood at Hunter. For information, 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 Avenue. 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-

proach 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. Saturdays. Daily guest pass is \$5 per visit. For information, call 721-7044.

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

● 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.

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

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

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

● CLASSES OPEN
St. David's Nursery School, 27500 Marquette, Garden City is accepting applications for the 1990-91 school year. Classes are available for 3- and 4-year-olds. For information or an appointment to visit, call Greta Ken-

● MEDICAL SERVICE
Fridays — Free medical service, provided by Dr. Stanley Sczeclenski, is available every Friday beginning 9 a.m. (appointments only), at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Service will include consultation, blood pressure readings, heart and lung check, and ear, nose and throat examination. If a potentially serious problem is found, Dr. Sczeclenski will refer you or recommend you go to your own doctor. For information, call 722-7632.

● EXERCISE
Monday-Friday — A daily exercise program for retirees 50 and over meets 9:30-10:30 a.m. with an instructor at Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The program will be inside and outside on the walking course. The Exercise Room is also open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with commercial exercise equipment geared to the retiree's needs. Membership cards are \$5 per year for residents and \$10 for non-members. For more information, call 722-7628.

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

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

● JOBS
Part-time jobs are available for low-income men and women 55 and older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. For more information, call Lynne at 722-2830.

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

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 1991.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1991, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 1991. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 1991, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

CAROL M. STROM,
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Annual School Election.

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Advocates rally to restore arts funding

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

Instead of sounding the battle cry, yesterday's Art Attack on the lawn of the state Capitol came off more like a well-staged, multimedia pep rally for the arts.

Almost all corners of Michigan were represented in the crowd of some 500 who gathered on a cold, rainy morning to be informed, entertained and later speak with legislators.

In the first Art Attack last year, the goal was to affirm the importance of the arts to Michigan and insure continued state support. This year's mission, was far more dire.

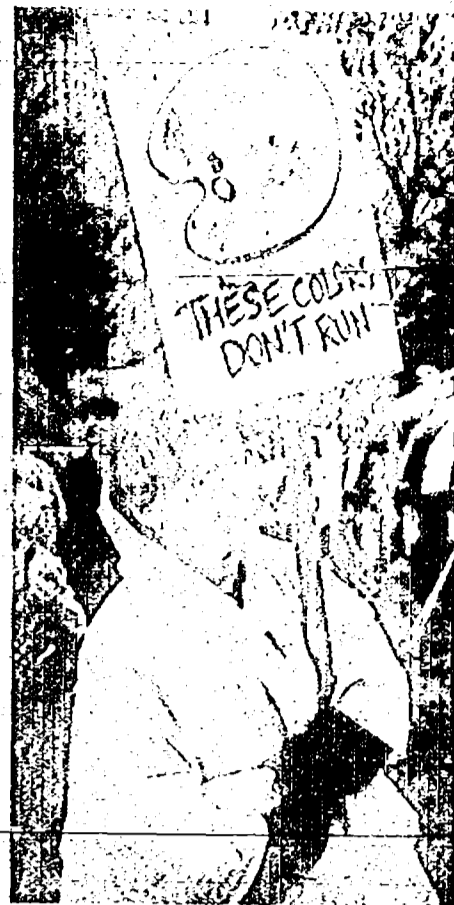
Gov. John Engler's proposal to eliminate arts funding from the state budget and in essence do away with Michigan Council for the Arts, by putting it under the Department of Commerce created havoc among the hundreds of institutions and individuals receiving or expecting to receive state support.

Seeking to forestall a bitter controversy, Leon Cohan, MCA chairman, issued a statement just before the Art Attack asking for a meeting with the governor, legislative leaders and representatives of the arts community "to find a fair and balanced solution."

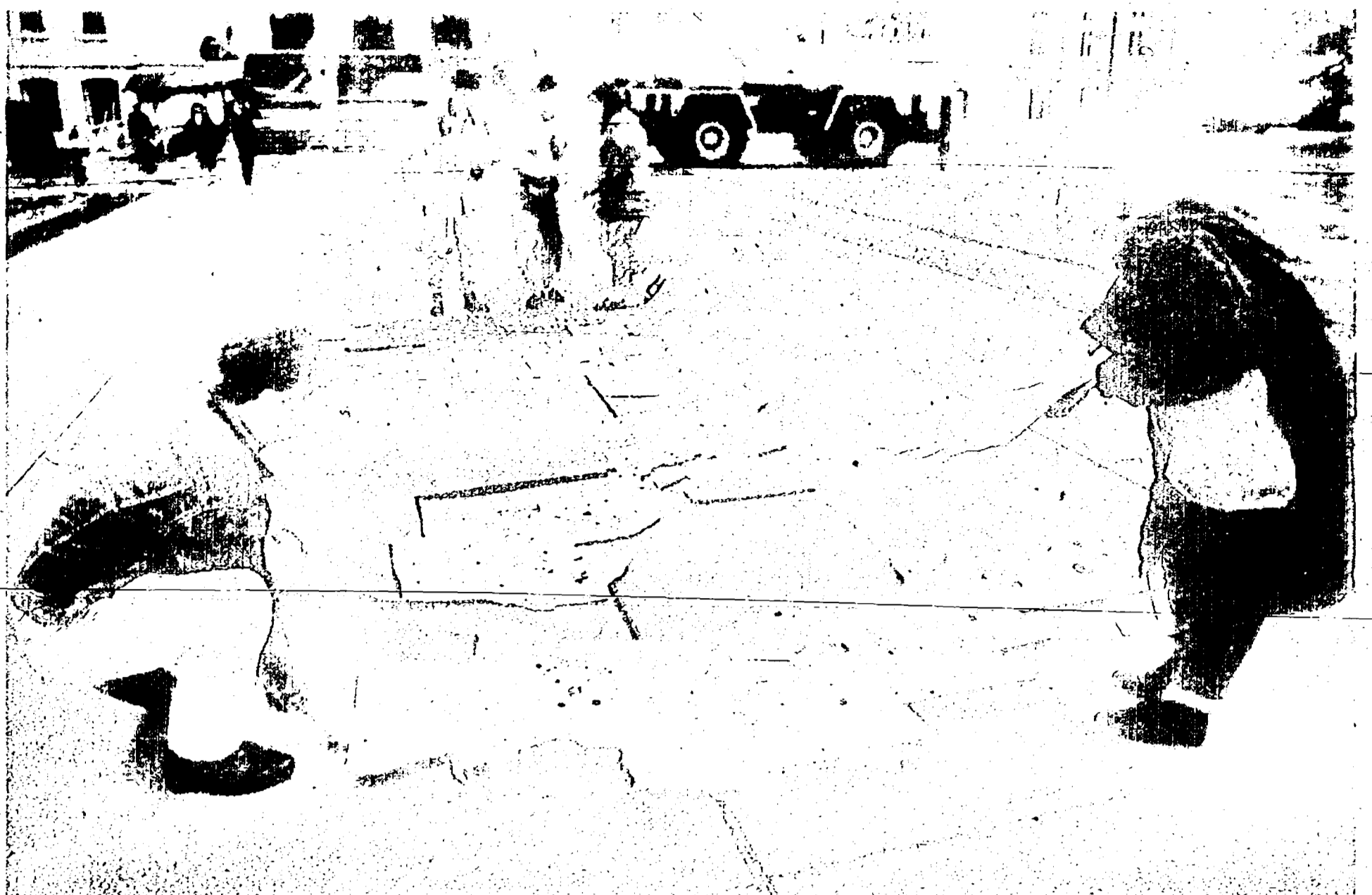
HIS ANNOUNCEMENT at Art Attack that the governor had accepted his proposal and a meeting would be set up brought rounds of applause and cheers. Cohan called the loss of funding for art education "enriching the lives of all who attend our schools" one of the worst aspects of the present crisis. The Art Attack was sponsored by Michigan Advocates for the Arts.

Musician, composer and pops conductor, Mitch Miller, acting as arts spokesman and master of ceremonies, told the gathering, "Michigan has a positive and inviting reputation due to the quality, vitality and accessibility of its arts. Today, Michigan's reputation is in jeopardy."

Using a parody of the "Say Yes to Michigan" slogan, Miller said, "Ex-



Winkie Covintree from Paint Creek Center for the Arts of Rochester borrowed a wartime slogan to make a point about the arts.



Paul Wittenbeaker, left, and Dorothy Bradshaw of Grand Rapids place the upper peninsula on the state map of the senate districts, each made by artists who live in the district.

pect a lot of talented people to start saying no to Michigan." Then he put other groups such as developers and tourists in the "say no" category.

Miller, known as a consummate showman, told a cheering audience said the proposed budget cuts "tell us we haven't done a good job as arts educators" otherwise the significance, value and importance of the arts would be common knowledge.

"This is not an impossible task," he said. "Don't lose heart. Don't abandon the fight. . . don't forget a state without arts is a state without a soul."

BUNNY GOLDMAN, tenuously holding on as executive director of MCA, said she was there as a private citizen with her mother Belle Kukes

of Bloomfield Hills. Yet, she was guardedly optimistic in her off-the-cuff remarks. "Things are getting better — I think things are looking up."

One reason for her optimism could have been the amendment proposed by state Sen. Jack Faxon (D-Farmington Hills) which passed the Senate on Tuesday restoring \$2,363,200 to 30 organizations including a number of symphony or-

have been cut under the governor's budget. Locally, that includes: \$10,752, Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony; \$8,821, Southfield Symphony; and \$5,346, Plymouth Symphony.

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Rain didn't dampen the spirits or the banners of those attending the Art Attack.



Mitch Miller, a frequent guest conductor for the Detroit and Birmingham Bloomfield symphony orchestras, speaks with Marilyn Wheaton, president of Michigan Advocates for the Arts.

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Faxon rebuffed

Bid to save existing arts council fails

By Tim Richard
staff writer

As state arts subsidy supporters prepared to rally on the Capitol steps, the state Senate Wednesday rejected Sen. Jack Faxon's effort to re-establish the Michigan Council for the Arts (MCA) as a semi-autonomous agency.

The Senate voted 15 in favor and 20 against the effort by Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

Faxon wanted the Senate Government Operations Committee to allow a full Senate vote on his resolution that would overturn Gov. John Engler's Executive Order putting the MCA under the Department of Commerce.

An executive order stands unless overturned by the Legislature.

"Don't look at it as embarrassing the governor," Faxon told the Senate. "Look at it objectively. The governor's order has had a devastating effect on the cultural life of this state."

"Why has he (Engler) asked for the re-creation of the entire structure? Why do we need to abolish the arts council and re-create a new agency?"

Sen. Phil Arthurhult, R-Whitehall, who chairs the Government

Operations Committee, called Faxon's motion premature while saying he shared some of the senator's concerns.

THE SENATE floor leader, Arthurhult addressed what he felt was a big concern of the arts community — that under Engler's governmental structure, Michigan would be ineligible for grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

But Arthurhult reported that the NEA said that structure, moving the MCA to under the Department of Commerce, does meet criteria for NEA funding.

Engler's plan consolidates the MCA, the Committee for Art in Public Places and the film office under the Department of Commerce. The MCA and the committee previously have been semi-autonomous under the Department of Management & Budget.

The three agencies share related roles so they belong together, not only for administrative efficiency but also as a cost saver, Engler says.

The open question, Arthurhult said, is whether Engler will agree to matching state funds for the arts and to adequate staffing for the

arts office.

SEN. HARRY Gast, R-St. Joseph, who chairs the appropriations committee, asked Faxon, "Do you want paper cuts in home health care, foster care, mental health and ADC? If you do, damn it, get up and say so and stop all these innuendos."

Replied Sen. Lara Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, "We can get the money from the Silverdome, aid to cities with race tracks, the lottery money — a lot of things which aren't priorities."

Cities with race tracks include Livonia, Hazel Park and Northville.

Observer & Eccentric area Democrat George Z. Hart, Dearborn, was among 15 Senate Democrats who supported Faxon's bid to put his resolution seeking overturn of the Executive Order to a Senate vote.

Among those opposing it were these O&E area Republicans: Mat Dunaskiss, Lake Orion, David Honigman, West Bloomfield, and Robert Geake, Northville.

In all, 18 Republicans and two Democrats sided with the governor, William Faust, D-Westland, had an excused absence.

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PTAs back sales tax exemption bill

By Marie Chostnoy
staff writer

Once again, Parent-Teacher Associations around the state are hoping the Michigan Legislature will pass a bill exempting them from paying the 4 percent sales tax on items they sell at school fund-raisers.

Last year, the state's some 600 PTA chapters got a bombshell dropped on them when they were told they had to pay the tax, something they had never done before.

Since then, all PTAs have been collecting and paying the tax.

And since then, they have campaigned to convince the state's lawmakers to pass legislation exempting their non-profit group from paying the state sales tax.

TWO BILLS with that goal in mind died in the Legislature last year. Another attempt has been made this year, this time by Rep. Terry London, R-St. Clair County.

London recently introduced a bill in the House that would exempt all non-profit groups from paying the sales tax on items they sell. House Bill 4551 is now in the House taxation committee.

Marc Katz, who serves on the Michigan PTA's legislative committee, is happy the issue has been raised again.

But Katz also is fearful that the bill will not pass this year because, by including all non-profit groups, the exemption would be costly to the state.

"ONCE YOU start including every non-profit group, it would cost the state a lot of money," Katz said. "The state right now is in arrears of around \$1 billion. These groups

would no longer be charged the tax. The timing is not good. It would be nice if it only applied to the PTA."

London's bill would exempt all non-profit groups, including religious, fraternal, charitable and benevolent organizations, from paying sales tax on items sold to raise money for the group.

For individual groups, the amount of money involved might be small. For Katz's own PTA in Berkley, the amount is between \$200 and \$300 a year.

But collectively, if sales from all the groups are added together, the amount would be significant.

State treasury officials have estimated the exemption would cost the state \$100 million.

Carol Strom of Livonia, vice president for legislative affairs for the Michigan PTA, called the collecting of the sales tax "a thorn in our sides."

"This should not be applicable to us but we're still collecting it."

LAST YEAR, PTA officials at their state convention learned from agents of the state Treasury Department that the state would start collecting the tax.

Treasury officials had discovered that they were not enforcing an obscure section of an act passed in 1933. The act said that non-profit organizations should pay a sales tax on items bought or sold.

Treasury officials told PTA officials last year they intended to start enforcing the law.

While the law applies to fund-raisers by any non-profit group, including the Boy or Girl Scouts, Lions Club and veterans groups, the PTA is one of the few groups in the state that decided to fight it.

Wrong recognition?

'Special ed' label concerns parents

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Some area parents are concerned that their children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder could be labeled as "special ed" unnecessarily.

Sandi Swerdlen, an Oakland County parent, is concerned about a recent federal ruling that requires the district to give special attention to ADHD, sometimes called Attention Deficit Disorder.

"It really bothers me that my child might be labeled. I think ADD needs to be more recognized but not as special ed. Now we're not only going to put our kids on Ritalin but we're going to label them, too."

JAN RICHARDS, special educa-

tion director for a suburban school district, said she has had a number of calls from parents who have concerns similar to Swerdlen's.

Parents involved with the advocacy support group, Children with Attention Deficit Disorders or CHADD, say they aren't concerned about labeling as much as they are about getting their children help.

The disorder is believed to be neurological in nature and does not allow a child to properly filter or sort information.

The disorder was known for years as "hyperactivity" or "hyperkinesis" even though some of the children diagnosed show no hyperactive behavior.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights recently ruled in the case of another

Farmington Hills family, Lorne and Sue Leon, that the public school district discriminated against their son and other students with ADHD.

The district will now begin procedures for evaluating and placing students with the disorder in the special education program.

CHADD members say "hundreds" of such complaints are being reviewed across the country and 40-50 districts have faced similar rulings.

BUT RICHARDS said because of the wide variations in ADD and ADHD students, some will be identified for special education services, while others will not.

"There are going to be lots of kids with ADD who are not going to

be ruled as handicapped," Richards said.

Swerdlen said she is pleased with her child's education and treatment by the school's social worker and staff.

"To me, the school has been absolutely wonderful," Swerdlen said. "He's done fabulously."

Swerdlen said she took her child out of a private school because they would not help her. She said the social worker who works closely with her child, and that the principal helped ensure her child was placed in an appropriate classroom setting.

Swerdlen said she felt the Leons had gone too far in their efforts to get their son help. "To me, it sounds like they're giving the schools a lot of hassle instead of working with them."

Area chorus to present spring concert

"Meet Me in the Park" is the title of this year's musical variety show presented by the Livonia Civic Chorus Friday-Saturday, May 10-11.

The spring concert will feature the local debut of Kevin J. Blymsa as director. A master's student at the University of Michigan, Blymsa is a faculty member at Adrian College, pianist for the Adrian Symphony and an organ recitalist.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. both days in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium of Clarenceville High, 20155 Middlebelt north of Seven Mile in Livonia. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens.

ALL OF THE songs performed either were written during the early 1900s or appeared in plays or movies that depict the early 1900s. The cho-

rus will be singing several songs from "Carousel," "The Music Man" and "Oklahoma."

The show is full of other fun and lively songs, such as "Goodbye, My Coney Island Baby," "The Trolley Song" and "Sunny Side of the Street."

"The Livonia Civic Chorus does not simply sing songs," Blymsa said, "but we expand our theme to present

what we like to refer to as a musical variety spectacular.

"Our stage will be beautifully set to transport our audience to an old-fashioned town park setting. The chorus will be outfitted in costumes from the early 1900s."

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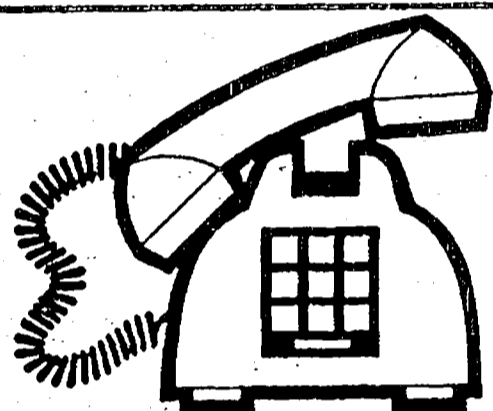
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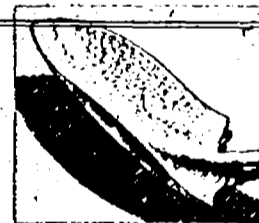
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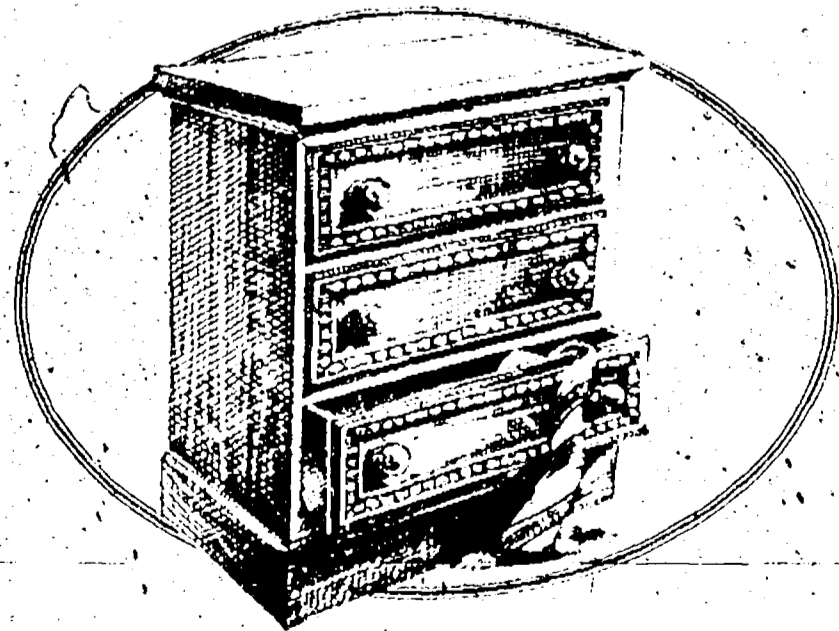
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Pollack to get peace award

State Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, will travel to Oakland County early next month to receive the Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament Mother's Day Peace award.

WAND's annual Mother's Day Brunch is set for 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 10, at the Birmingham Community House, 350 S. Bates.

Pollack is being honored for her work in opposing the MX Rail-Based Missile in Michigan and for passing the state's Polluter Pay Bill.

The brunch is open to the public. For the \$15 ticket call 352-0568.

"Stealth or Health?" is the topic of the keynote speech by Agnes Mansour, executive director of the Poverty and Social Reform Institute. Mansour has served as director of the Michigan Department of Social Services, president of Mercy College of Detroit and was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1988.

Local WAND members planning the brunch are: Marilyn Schechter, West Bloomfield; Arlene Victor, Birmingham; Harriet Alpern, Bloomfield Township; and Lorraine Lerner, Southfield. Others are Terry Futoye, Southgate; Kay

Gee, Grosse Pointe; and Mildred Jeffrey and Barbara Levin, Detroit.

The WAND Mother's Peace Day Award Brunch commemorates the intent of Julia Ward Howe, who originated Mother's Day as a time for women to "take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace."

WAND is a national organization with a goal to eliminate weapons of mass destruction and redirect to human and environmental needs the resources used for excessive military spending.



Sen. Lana Pollack
D-Ann Arbor

Trustees split on lobbyist pact

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Jeanne Stempien, Steven Ragan, Thaddeus McCotter and board president Mary Breen. Wendell Smith was absent.

Government Affairs Consulting Group stands to make as much as \$18,000 a year for lobbying legislators on the college's behalf.

Stempien said it would be money well spent if the firm helped the college secure more state money for the school's planned student services building.

"If we're at a delicate stage (in the state allocation process) I don't want to upset the apple cart," she said.

New trustee Ragan agreed, saying the allocation process was becoming even more competitive.

"I think we're getting a pretty good deal for the college," Ragan said.

Greenleaf, though, said the college already makes its position known through trustees' close ties with local legislators, as well as Schoolcraft's membership in community college organizations.

"I'm not sure that, with all that, we wouldn't have gotten (state) money anyway," he said.

Government Affairs Consulting Group was selected as college lobbyist in March 1990.

Olympics set for preschoolers

Youngsters are invited to bring their tricycles or Big Wheels to the Nursery School Olympics 11 a.m. Friday, May 10, in Hines Park.

The event is set for the Nankin Mills Picnic Area, at the corner of Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Pre-school age children can participate in several events, including a Velcro dart throw, checkerboard penny toss, paper plate discus throw, marshmallow shot put, (very) miniature golf and guessing games.

A parade for bike riders will be held at 11:45 a.m. Youngsters are invited to decorate their bikes. Nursery banners are also welcome.

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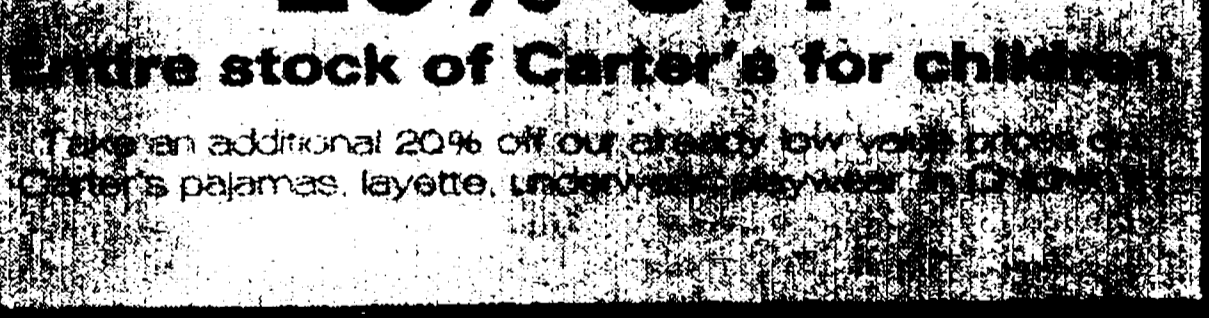
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Riegle: Don't settle for mediocrity

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

America is in serious economic trouble, trouble that is compounded by this country's high number of school dropouts and by its slide into mediocrity.

That was the message in U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle's Law Day talk Monday to students at Franklin High School, which serves the northeast section of Westland.

Riegle, D-Michigan, stressed the difference today's students can make once they graduate and step out into the increasingly tumultuous working world.

"See how high you can get in areas that matter to you," Riegle said.

"You can be exceptional, even though that's not the norm in our society. America is leveling out. Don't level out. Each of us has a song to sing. Each of you has room to be everything that God intended you to be."

RIEGLE POINTED to two countries — Japan and Germany — that have forged ahead of the United States economically while we are content to be mediocre.

"We haven't been paying attention to our economic future like they have. Today, in America, 26 percent of our young people don't graduate

from high school. In Japan, that figure is 2 percent."

What happens, Riegle said, is that those who graduate wind up subsidizing the 26 percent who don't.

"How lopsided can we get? You wind up producing extra for people not prepared to produce. That 26-percent dropout rate means real damage to our future. We need to reverse this, so you won't have to carry the load for others who aren't in the game."

RIEGLE IS the latest in a long line of distinguished political and judicial figures to visit Franklin during the school's annual Law Day observance.

Previous visitors have included U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, former Gov. and Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen Williams, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley.

In his talk, Riegle's topics ranged from the controversial free trade talks with Mexico to the lack of women in the U.S. Senate to whether lawyers or business people make the best politicians.

ONE STUDENT briefly questioned Riegle about his involvement in the Keating Five scandal.

The student wanted to know if the

scandal will hurt the senator's chances for re-election in 1994.

"That's a judgment people across Michigan will have to make," Riegle said. "You'll all be voters next time I run. It will be interesting to see what you decide."

AMERICA'S ECONOMY — and the jobs in it — will suffer greatly if a free trade agreement is reached



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Franklin student Tony Facione asked Riegle a question about the free trade agreement with Mexico.

between the United States and Mexico, Riegle said.

As a senator from Michigan, a heavy union state, Riegle's stand on free trade is in step with the stand taken by the country's labor unions, he said.

Unions believe manufacturers will desert in droves such high-paying states as Michigan for a country where workers are paid 57 cents per hour.

"I don't want jobs to disappear and re-appear down there. If this passes, a tremendous number of jobs in the U.S. will roll into Mexico."

"You will have to find jobs and right now, there's not enough jobs to go around in America. We need more jobs, not fewer."

HOWEVER, CORPORATE America, and especially the banking industry, thinks free trade is a great idea. Riegle said. Not only would corporate America be able to cut its labor costs, but the banking industry would be able to recoup loans made to Mexico that have gone unpaid.

"Banks loaned money to foreign countries and they were not sound loans. They can't be paid back, and a way to get it back is to have a huge capital program going on in Mexico."

"The bankers see a way to get repaid. Me, I see a flashing green light for the workers in Mexico."

WHEN HE sits in the Senate building in Washington, Riegle sees a huge imbalance in the number of men and women sitting around him, he said.

While women make up more than one-half the population of the United States, there are only two female senators to the 98 male senators, Riegle said.

"Why this fundamental imbalance? The bottom line is, if you're a young woman sitting here today interested in politics, you should pursue those interests. Get involved in campaigns, issues. It will take a change in thinking to do that."

ANOTHER STUDENT wanted to know the best route to take to get into politics — law or business.

Neither, said Riegle, who was an economics major in college. In this increasingly complex world, it pays to know a lot about a lot of things and be able to shift easily from subject to subject.

"There are two many lawyers in Congress and not enough people who know other things. I have to be prepared to talk about any subject, any time I get in front of a mike. You can't tap dance, or you're in the wrong line of work."

In any event, he said, most of the best lawyers are not in Congress but work as highly paid lobbyists for



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle stressed striving for excellence in his talk Monday to Franklin High students celebrating Law Day.

special-interest groups. "They're doing things like getting involved in the free trade area."

"The best preparation is to know a vast spectrum of subjects, load up on as much knowledge as you can. Pursue your own interests. You'll find a way to blend into politics."

Congress, Riegle said, needs engineers, farmers and manufacturers just as much as it needs lawyers and business people.

"You need a breadth of an education and the ability to drive yourself."

Glenn teacher to study revolutionary America at seminar

Ed Phillips, a political science teacher at John Glenn High School, will take part in the annual Monticello-Stratford Hall Summer Seminar for Teachers.

He said his selection was based upon teaching excellence, evidence of academic excellence, demonstrated writing proficiency and professional recommendations.

This seminar will intensively study the "Political Leadership in Revolutionary America."

He was one of only 30 teachers to receive the national award. The

seminar is jointly sponsored by the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association Inc., the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Inc., and the University of Virginia. Since its establishment by the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association in 1981 at Stratford Hall Plantation, the seminar has awarded participation to outstanding educators from 50 states and 18 foreign countries.

The seminar will study Virginia's political leadership in the era of the American Revolution and will do so, as much as possible, at sites associ-

ated with the men who constituted what historian Dumas Malone has called "the Great Generation."

Phillips and the other participants will spend most of their time at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home near Charlottesville and at the Lee ancestral home, Stratford Hall, birthplace of General Robert E. Lee and the boyhood home of the only brothers to sign the Declaration of Independence (Francis Lightfoot and Richard Henry Lee).

OTHER "ON site" study will be

conducted at George Washington's Mt. Vernon and his boyhood home at Pope's Creek, Patrick Henry at Hanover Court House, James Madison at Montpelier, John Marshall at his Richmond home, George Mason at Gunston Hall, and James Monroe at Ash Lawn. In addition, the seminar consists of nearly two dozen guest-lecturers and content specialists.

Phillips said the uniqueness of this award is that it allows participants from around the country to gather together and enjoy a "living history" experience to better understand the

politics of the American Revolution.

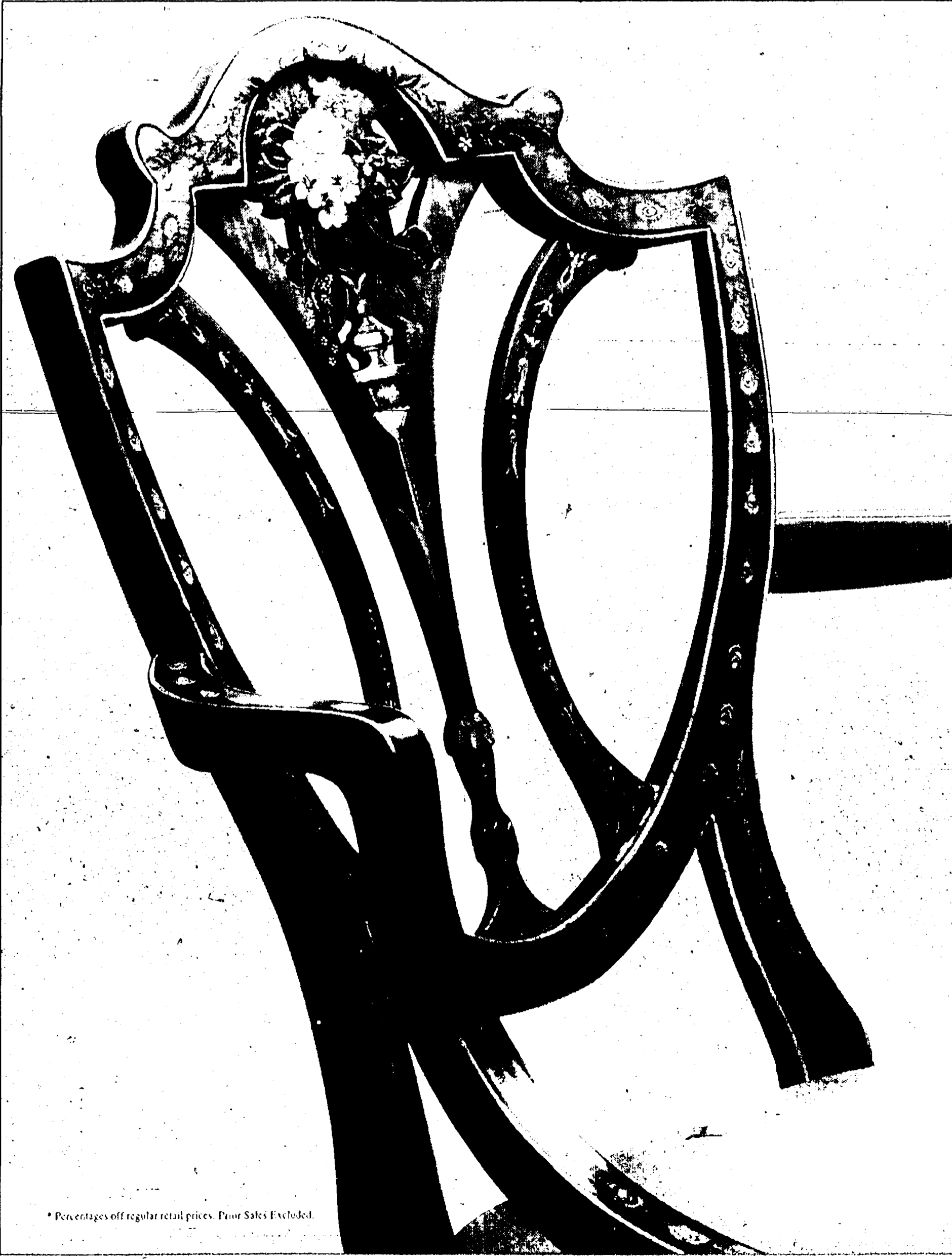
He added:

"The real honor of this award is to allow me the opportunity to have an extensive education experience with outstanding teachers from around the nation, in a setting that will bring 'alive' the political thought of this great generation of leaders that have so profoundly affected your lives."

"Hopefully the richness of this

time, and the intellectual debates that occurred will be transmitted to the students at Glenn after this experience," said Phillips after learning of his selection.

Phillips has previously been awarded national grants by the National Endowment for the Humanities for participation in summer seminars in 1984, attending New College of the University of South Florida in Sarasota and in 1987, attending St. Mary's College of Maryland.



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Receiving the first honorary degrees from Madonna University will be Detroit Archbishop Adam J. Malda; Bernice Obloy, an education activist; Leo Obloy, business owner and corporate leader; and J.J. Simmons III, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and former member of Madonna's board of trustees.

Malda, a strong supporter of Catholic education, is a firm believer in education as the key to solving many of society's problems. He recently instituted the Archdiocesan Catholic Minority Scholarship award for Ma-

donna students. He will receive an honorary doctor of education degree.

Bernice Obloy, a graduate of the Felician Academy, will soon celebrate her golden wedding anniversary with Leo A. Obloy. Together they have raised eight children. Bernice is especially committed to Madonna and the Orchard Lake Schools. In 1980, she was honored as Woman of the Year by Orchard Lake Schools.

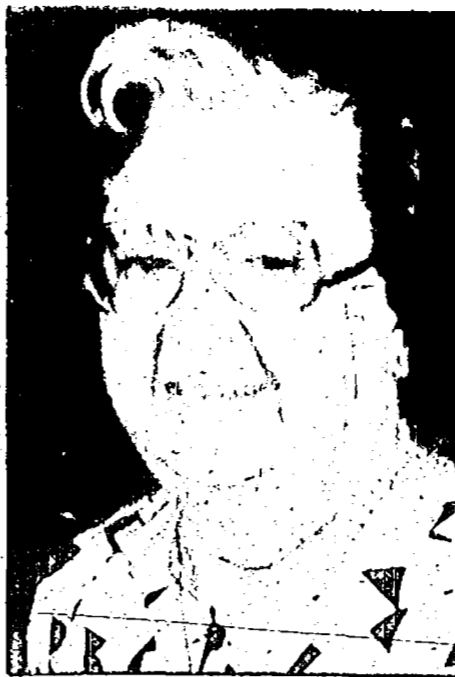
She will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

Leo Obloy is president and chief executive officer of Special Drill and Reamer Corp, president of Special Carbide Tool Co. and president of LGM Sales in Madison Heights.

He has been a member of Madonna's Board of Trustees since 1984, chairing the public relations development committee. He also serves on the board of regents of Orchard Lake Schools and the board of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. He received the Fidelitas Medal of the Orchard Lake Schools and the Dis-



Archbishop Adam J. Malda



Bernice Obloy



Leo A. Obloy



J.J. Simmons III

tinguished Service Medal from Xavier University.

He will receive an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

A national leader, Simmons was first appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Ronald Reagan in 1982 and was recently nominated to serve another

term by President George Bush. Prior to his service at the ICC, Simmons, a geological engineer, worked in the gas and oil industry.

His ties with Madonna cover more than a quarter of a century when he first served as a member of the

board in 1969 to 1976. Originally from Detroit, he and his wife, Bernice have five children. Their daughter Mary is a graduate of Madonna.

Simmons will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Presiding over the commence-

ment ceremonies will be board chairman John H. Sennett.

Commencement is part of Madonna's University Homecoming Week, ending May 2-5. Activities include a banquet, carnival, '50s dance, Vegas night and bingo.

Mental health program seeks foster parents

People willing to furnish temporary care for children with developmental disabilities are sought by the respite care program of Northwestern Community Services, Garden City.

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Education grads face leadership challenge

In a year of history making, Madonna University will, in May graduate the first class of master's students in specializing in educational leadership. The students, many of whom are veteran teachers, will also be the first Madonna graduates to be certified by the state of Michigan as school administrators.

"In its third year of existence, the educational leadership specialty within the master of science in administration program was designed to focus on leadership as well as administration.

"Our philosophy is that as an educator, you don't have to be an administrator to be a leader," said Roy Montambeau, coordinator of the educational leadership program. It is significant that our first group of students have been very initiatory," says Montambeau. "They have been as much of a challenge to us, as we have attempted to be to them."

This exchange and the combined use of textbooks and other materials has made for a special balance. The university has sought to focus on leadership and responsibility in a practical atmosphere bringing together a mix of full-time professors and adjunct instructors to lead the courses.

"The sharing of viewpoints between practitioners is very effective," says John Moffat, a May graduate and middle school teacher in Detroit Public Schools. Originally from Scotland where he served as assistant headmaster of a parochial school, Moffat, of Novi, chose the Madonna program because it stresses what he believes is important in his own classroom and those everywhere.

"My feeling is that we need more people to provide leadership skills — for students as well as teachers," said Moffat. As part of his graduation internship, Moffat, has initiated a student tutoring program and has worked at involving parents more in the education of their children.

"It's been slowly gaining momentum," says Moffat. "I think people have a desire to do well. I am trying to set an example, that respect and understanding and success is a reciprocal process." Evelyn Shirk, of Canton Township and business teacher in the Plymouth Canton school district and another May grad, says the Madonna program "encourages you to develop vision."

"And a vision, together with a mission — puts you on the right track. It makes you see the larger picture and leadership qualities enable you to help others see it, too."

Coloration helps ward off predators

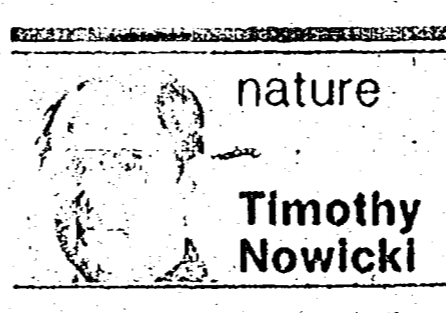
In the natural world, everything at one time or another is food for something else. Small animals like mice are food for animals larger than they are. But even large predators can be preyed upon by larger predators.

So animals and plants have developed ways to defend themselves. In some cases it is a bad odor, others depend on their speed, while some even intentionally loose an expandable part of their body, such as the tail of a lizard or salamander.

Coloration has developed in animals to serve as another way to protect them from predators. Camouflage, or blending in with the surroundings, is a very effective method of defense.

SOMETIMES that protective coloration may not be as obvious as it is with some animals. Many mammals that inhabit open plains areas have a similar pattern of coloration. They are dark above and light below.

The reason for this is that the bright sunlight from above brightens, or lightens the dark upper area while the shadow cast from the animal darkens the lower, light area. These two factors tend to diminish the contrast between the upper and



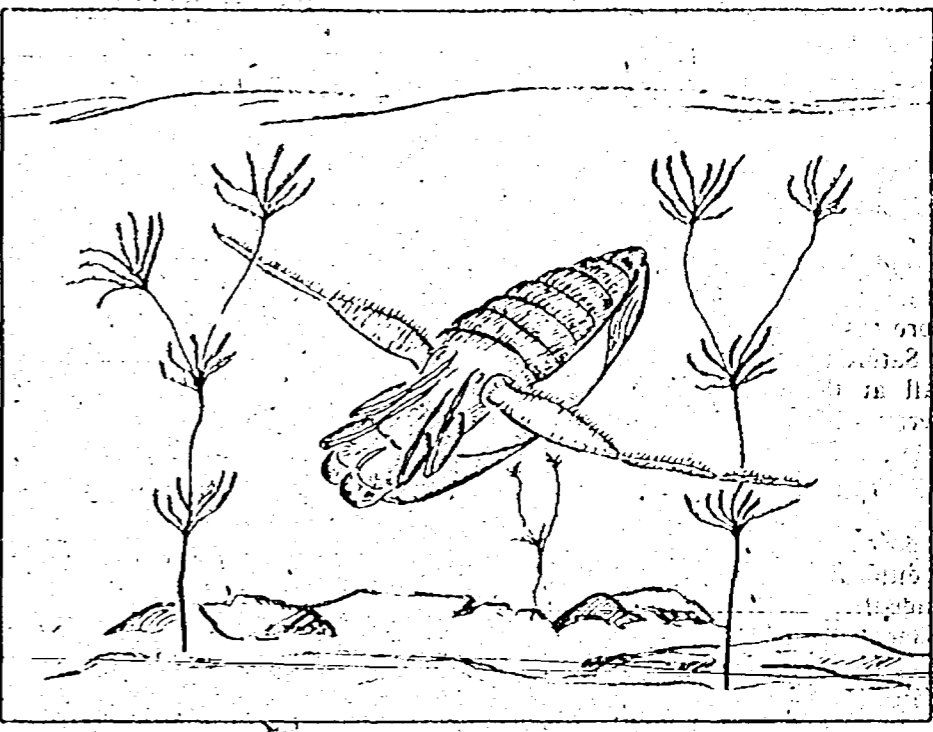
lower areas and allows the animal to blend in.

In Africa, the impala demonstrates this coloration very well. But even in the Detroit area, the common red-tailed hawk demonstrates protective coloration in a similar way. When a red-tailed hawk is soaring overhead searching for food, the light underparts are in shadow.

This darkening makes it difficult for an animal on the ground to see it. Its light underparts blend in nicely with the light-colored sky.

A backswimmer is a small insect that swims through the water on its back using elongated, oar like legs, demonstrates this principle very well. Since backswimmers swim with their bellies facing upward they are dark on the belly and light on their back.

IF A PREDATOR spots a boat-



TIM NOWICKI/illustration

Since backswimmers swim with their bellies facing upward, they are dark on the belly and light on their back.

man from below, its light back is hard to see against the light sky above. In contrast, if a predator comes from above, its dark coloration on its belly blends in with the darkness of a pond bottom as seen from above.

you may have to use a net to catch them. Then put them in a pan for observation. A couple years ago I found them in the pond at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

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

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Reverse rules

U.S., state officials hypocrites

THE U.S. Congress and the Michigan Legislature are good at insisting that smaller governmental units do what the federal and state officials refuse to do.

Some would call it hypocrisy. Others would describe it as sheer gall. The most recent example is the state Legislature and Gov. John Engler agreeing that property assessments would be frozen next year at this year's levels, meaning that if millage rates remain the same, property taxes would remain the same.

Most homeowners would see that as a positive move after watching their assessments soar 7 to 10 percent a year for the past few years.

The same Legislature last year adopted Public Act 25 which deals with telling local school districts what they should do — such as having a school improvement plan for each building in the district, among other things.

LET'S LOOK at the assessment freeze first. The state is telling local units of government, mainly cities and school districts, that they should keep their spending levels next year at this year's levels. That sounds fine on the surface, but it leaves the solution in the hands of local city and school officials.

If the state wants the locals to control spending, why can't the state government do the same. If a person changes jobs or gets a promotion and higher salary, he/she would pay more in state income taxes. But the state doesn't reduce the 4.6 percent income tax rate to offset the extra dollars it would otherwise receive.

But that's the principle that Lansing is imposing on city hall and the board of education, not to mention the county government and Schoolcraft College.

THE OTHER part of the hypocrisy is that the

state Constitution specifically allowed property assessments to rise to provide cities and school districts with an automatic inflation-based source of new revenue to pay for their public services.

If the state legislators are feeling the public's anger on rising property taxes, then they could easily reduce the provision that allows property to be assessed at 50 percent of market value. That figure was done by the Legislature about 25 years ago and could easily be cut.

On Public Act 25, the state wants local schools to jump through hoops to improve the quality of education. That's fine and most persons would agree.

But what about measuring the quality of the Legislature? There aren't any plans made public on what the annual goals are for the House, Senate and specific state departments.

Congress is also a poor example of trying to resolve problems that it can't solve for itself.

WHAT COMES to mind is the current efforts by the House and Senate to limit cable TV rate increases.

Most people would rather have the federal government resolve its own money problems and adopt a balanced budget. But Congress prefers to divert the public's attention from its own financial failures.

In summary, our elected officials are great at telling someone else what to do, but can't do the same things for themselves.

Maybe there should be a set of laws for the Congress and the Legislature, prohibiting them from directing other governmental units what to do unless the federal and state officials demonstrate they have accomplished the same goals first.

That would be real progress.

A beginning

Voters will consider this effort

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by the Detroit Tigers that a new stadium in the city is under consideration, coupled with Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's proposal to give voters a say in approving the plan, is encouraging.

Mike Duggan, McNamara's point man for the project, deserves praise for his efforts to bring the city and the Tigers together to keep a stadium within the city, whether it will be a new one or not.

Keeping the Tigers in Detroit is important to the county and state, and some say necessary for the city's future. With that in mind, voters will likely support a project on which the county, city and baseball club agree.

If that plan includes a modern facility with good concessions, restrooms and parking in a neighborhood families can enjoy year round, then voters will think twice before turning it down.

Giving county voters a chance to approve or reject the plan will go a long way to restore confidence in the process, especially since any new stadium would likely include some public financing.

The need for public financing is expected, despite a vote by the Senate on Tuesday to prohibit any contribution from state coffers for a new stadium. The attitude may have been different about a renovated ball park.

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BUT THIS is a beginning. The city, county and ball club should follow through and make sure this project is a success by keeping the public informed. That will include:

- Opening the books on the actual cost of the project, including parking and buying property.
- Letting the public know just how the project will be financed, including whether a surcharge on tickets or concessions will go toward paying off bonds for the stadium.

If the issue is not put to a vote, it will still be necessary to make the project an open book.

- Making sure there is development in the neighborhood surrounding any new stadium.

Adding restaurants and other businesses will make the neighborhood more attractive and not just a destination for baseball games. It will also ensure that fans will be at ease in a viable neighborhood.

Let's hope Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and McNamara can work together on the project. And let's make sure that if we build it, the Tigers will come.

Denying drink violates rights

WAITERS AND waitresses have no right to deny service to a customer, as did the Seattle pair who recently tried to dissuade a pregnant woman from drinking an alcoholic beverage.

The wisdom of the woman's action in ordering the drink was questionable. Given a similar circumstance, it probably wouldn't have been our choice. It might not be yours, either.

But the woman in question had every right to demand service.

Denying her the drink violated her civil rights, plain and simple.

There are health concerns about mixing pregnancy and alcohol. But even obstetricians disagree about the relative danger posed by a single drink.

Obstetricians are experts in the field. Waiters and waitresses are not. The Seattle pair's actions were based on personal conviction, however noble, but not on expertise and certainly not on law.

Denying service to a customer on the individual beliefs of a salesperson sets a dangerous precedent.

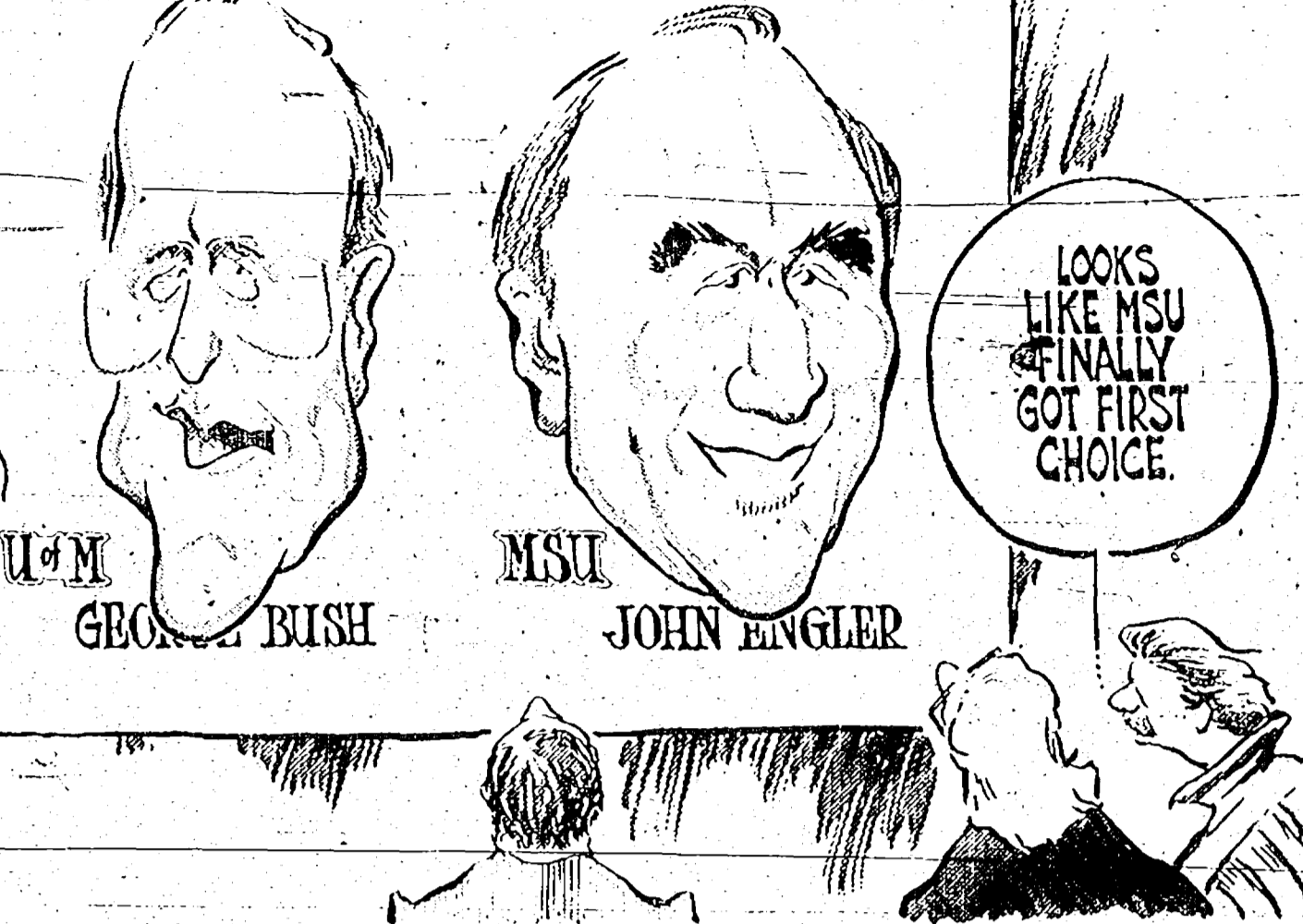
Following that line of reasoning, it would be entirely permissible for sporting goods store em-

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ployee to deny selling a shotgun because he or she opposed hunting. It would be entirely permissible for a magazine store clerk to deny selling Playboy, Soldier of Fortune or even Christianity Today because he or she disapproved of the magazine's content. It would be entirely permissible for a drug store clerk to deny selling condoms because he or she disapproved of birth control.

This is not the kind of society to promote. Whether a pregnant woman drinks should be her decision, in line with the advice of her doctor. It shouldn't be the responsibility of bar owners, waitresses, bar tenders, or, for that matter, anyone else.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



Detroit's mayor must reach beyond the city

TWO WEEKS AGO, Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young said that suburbanites were the main opponents of demolishing city landmarks like Ford Auditorium because they wanted to block economic development in the city and revel in the ruins.

Last week, Detroit voters turned down by a substantial margin the project to demolish the auditorium and use the site for a hotel/bank headquarters/other unspecified big building that would bring jobs to the city.

Maybe, just maybe, the voters in Detroit are beginning to get the same idea that suburbanites have had for a long time: Coleman A. Young may once have been a great mayor. But that was long ago, and today he's badly out of touch.

SUBURB BASHING has been a staple in the mayor's political style for many years. The suburbs have been "hostile," "wanted Detroit to die" and would have been a good place to "run criminals to."

Some people treated this kind of rhetoric with half-amused tolerance, reasoning that such racial rabble rousing was the price the mayor had to pay for continued support at the polls.

But a lot of people who were born and grew up in Detroit and who moved out to the suburbs because

the city was falling apart took this kind of language pretty hard.

They didn't move to Farmington because they were "hostile," they moved because Detroit schools had become impossible and because nobody seemed to care about trying to improve them. They didn't buy a house in Rochester because they wanted the city which sustained their families to "die," they left because there were no more jobs in the city, because city services could not sustain them and because the pervasive crime made keeping a store open a dangerous occupation.

In fact, it now appears clear that a major consequence of Mayor Young's rhetoric is to have driven out of Detroit precisely the kind of people who are now most needed to save it: educated, businesslike, community-oriented families, whether white or black.

OBVIOUSLY, that's too bad. It's stupid, too, because one of the elementary rules of politics is not to bite the hand that could feed you.

Many people who moved from Detroit to the suburbs, often in deep and intense ways, still regard Detroit as their city. Many people who treasure memories of the Detroit that used to be would be only too happy to help save the city, if only somebody in authority asked in a sensible and mature way.



Philip Power

But that's precisely what Coleman Young's rhetorical history makes it impossible for him to do.

I am convinced that Coleman Young, deep down, wants to ask the suburbs for help. But there's too much history, too many verbs over the dam, to make the request credible.

That's why the next mayor of Detroit, whoever he or she might be, has got to reach out to the entire region for help, beginning with the election in 1993.

That invitation might even go down pretty well with the voters in Detroit. After all, they voted down the mayor's rhetoric last week. And faced with the choice of living in an isolated city that's falling and a regional city that's coming back, they might well choose economic self-interest over racial politics.

Philip Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

from our readers

Candidate gets knocked

To the editor:

As a great supporter of PTA, I have always been very proud to work with the volunteers of the Wayne-Westland Parent Teacher Association. Over the years, I have watched them work for children and education unselfishly, giving time, energy and money so that children can experience some of the extras that should be a part of childhood.

In the past, the Area Council of PTAs and the Local PTAs have been truly dedicated to this task. I believe the local PTAs are still working to support children in that same way. But over the last two years I have seen the Area Council of PTAs move from a non-political position to one of controversy and political campaigning.

PTA Founders Day has always been celebrated in February for over 100 years throughout Michigan and the U.S. And it was the same here in Wayne-Westland until Mrs. (Linda) Pratt, the president of the Area Council of PTAs, became its president and a candidate for school board.

Last year, Mrs. Pratt ran for school board and changed the Founders Day banquet to May, at which time her husband got up to announce that she was running for office. People were shocked that anyone would try to use such an occasion to promote themselves for political office.

It was a slap in the face to those people who volunteer without the thought of getting anything in return except the smile of a child.

Again this year, Mrs. Pratt has scheduled Founders Day for May, just weeks before the June 10 School board election. Once again, Mrs. Pratt will have her captive audience, so she may promote herself for election.

To all those people who have purchased tickets to Founders Day, I feel badly that you have been misled by someone who should be thinking of honoring you, the volunteers of this district, but is in truth thinking about her campaign strategy and how best to use this event to her benefit.

I think this community and the PTAs should take the time to inform Mrs. Pratt that they will not stand for her turning Founders Day into a personal campaign party for a school board seat. Last year was enough. I know there are some fine people out there who would love to lead the Area Council of PTAs for the right reasons — children.

B. Schmidt, Westland

Editor's note: Mrs. Pratt denied that she had anything to do with the change of the PTA dinner date. She told the Observer that the dinner date had been moved from February to May about five years ago, two years before she became PTA Council president. Also, when she ran for the board last year, the dinner's date had been set the year before.

Trustee is criticized

To the editor:

Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek (Wayne-Westland school board member) continues to show us where her loyalty lies and it is not with the school board. This was evident at the board meeting on Monday, April 22.

She states that her motives are not political. Come on, Sylvia. Who are you kidding? With your ties to the city of Westland? The board members are "trustees" representing the people.

Obviously, Sylvia represents only a small portion of the people in this school district because she can't represent the thousands of people who supported the school board's decision to place the millage proposal on the ballot for June 10.

Even after explaining her own proposal, it was clear that it would not work. The explanations by the other school board members told everyone why.

In order to educate the "whole child," the 7.75 mills is needed to restore all programs. It is not fair for us to choose one specific area that the money should go for. It must go for all programs.

Since Sylvia works for the city of Westland, I think she should look at her city's motto because it appears that she also does not understand its meaning.

Marsha Slenko, Wayne

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points of view

Lotteries hurt poor, minorities Consent law proves scary

P.T. BARNUM, the 19th Century circus entrepreneur, said, "There's a sucker born every minute."

A million suckers were born in 1972 when Michigan voters amended their constitution to allow a government lottery.

There's nothing wrong with gambling if you keep the wagers small and friendly and can afford the loss without jeopardizing your family's welfare.

But there is something cancerous about gambling when government (1) encourages the get-rich-quick mentality and (2) discourages work, thrift and investment as the way to the good life.

Now comes the Heartland Institute, the conservative think tank, with research proving what many of us guessed — namely, the lottery is a sucker bet in which state government plays P.T. Barnum at the expense of the poor and minorities.

HORSES, AS political pundit Bill Ballenger has often told us, are a better wager. Bettors get back more than 80 cents on \$1, said the former state racing commissioner, who should know.

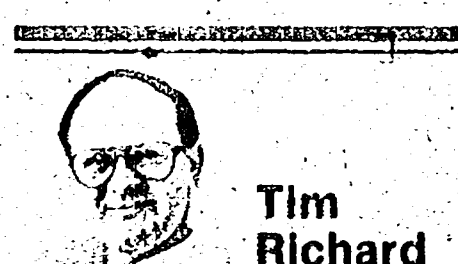
The Michigan Lottery has lousy odds, say Heartland researchers Robert Allan Cooke, a professor of philosophy at DePaul University and executive director of the Center for Business Ethics, and Sandeep Mangalmurti, a University of Chicago student.

Ticket sales from 1972 to 1989 totaled \$9.5 billion, producing \$3.9 billion for the school aid fund. That's after deducting administrative expenses. Bottom line: Bettors get back only about 50 cents on \$1.

The suckers voted yes on the theory the lottery could help schools. They leaped to the conclusion the lottery would help schools. All the while, the money was intended for the general fund, only a fraction of which goes for schools.

The suckers demanded the lottery money go for schools, so in 1981 the politicians earmarked the lottery for education. The suckers figured the lottery really did help schools. Actually, the law enabled the state to use the freed-up general fund money on other things.

SO MUCH for the financial machi-



Tim Richard

nations. What do lotteries do to people?

The poor, blacks and hispanics are proportionately bigger spenders on these sucker bets. Say the authors:

"Lottery advertisements tend to run in ethnic newspapers, not The Wall Street Journal; lotteries are promoted over rhythm and blues, not classical, radio stations.

"In some states lottery advertisements are most intense and frequent at the beginning of the month, when Social Security and public assistance checks arrive. Such targeted advertising often portrays the lottery as a plausible, easy, and even recommended way of escaping the ghetto.

"The poor are told that success can be achieved painlessly, without hard work and perseverance . . . 49

percent of lottery players nationwide never finished high school."

THEY PRESENT a dizzying array of statistics demonstrating that lotteries are regressive — that is, they take a bigger chunk of lower incomes than higher incomes.

They tell the story of Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, a priest serving a poor black congregation in Chicago: "Curious about the amount of lottery play in his neighborhood, one Sunday he asked parishioners to save their losing tickets and bring them to services the next week. The following Sunday, he collected nearly \$5,000 in losing ticket stubs."

The authors say bad effects of lotteries could be mitigated by reducing promotions to the poor and paying out a bigger chunk of the wager. In practice, it won't happen. They want governmental lotteries eliminated.

In the meantime, we can all avoid suckerhood by not buying lottery tickets.

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

Consent law proves scary

PARDON ME if I'm a little bit confused, but that parental consent bill that got railroaded into Michigan law is causing all kinds of problems.

I love it. The bill, if you recall, was worked on in the Legislature.

The guy — Jimmy Blanchard at the time — vetoed it.

Then the pro-life forces went on a signature-gathering campaign and collected enough John Hancock's to force the Legislature to reconsider the bill. If they passed it based on the voters' initiative, which they subsequently did, it would be veto-proof.

The only catch was that the bill could not be modified from its original form — and that version included a provision that would allow girls to petition the probate court for a waiver of parental consent and another provision that schools would be required to inform students in grades six through 12 of the existence of the law, the address and phone number of the local probate court and how to contact the court for assistance under the law.

Now everybody's yowling and howling and coming out of the closet.

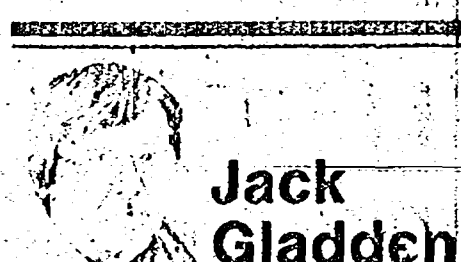
LOTS OF PARENTS, teachers, school administrators and board members are protesting the forms that have been sent to the schools to distribute to students.

Well, folks, some of you wanted a parental consent law and you got it.

And you can't just choose to enforce the part you like and ignore the part you don't like. (Although the pro-life forces in the Legislature are trying to do just that. They've introduced a bill in the Senate to delete that section of the law requiring schools to pass out the controversial forms.)

THEN THERE'S the judges! Can you believe some of them?

One judicial dude out in Clinton County said if any young women came to him seeking abortions, the first thing he would do would be to



Jack Gladden

appoint a guardian for the fetus!

He based his decision in part on a proclamation signed by then President Ronald Reagan that said medical technology "proves" that fetuses are human beings with a right to life. Now there's judicial precedent for you.

Then there's the Kalamazoo County judge who dismissed a 17-year-old girl's petition for an abortion and said the whole law was unconstitutional.

And now a Mason County judge has really stirred things up by saying that he resents the law and thinks that abortions should only be allowed in some cases — such as incest or the rape of a white girl by a black man.

SO WHAT'S IT all about, anyway? I think Carol King, the executive director of the Michigan Abortion Rights Action League, summed it up pretty well.

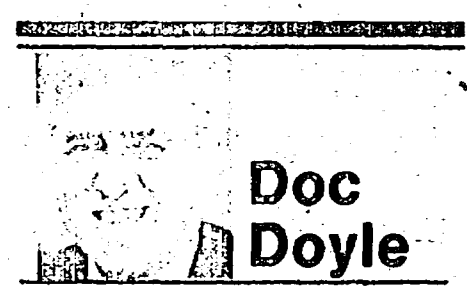
"It seems that one beneficial side effect of this horrible law has been to expose the bigotry and small-mindedness that we knew was there and now the general public is seeing it," she said.

"Of course, I think this exceeds even our worst expectations."

That's for sure. When you get judges, officers of the court who are sworn to uphold the Constitution and the law, saying publicly that they don't like this particular law and just aren't going to comply with it, that's more than small-mindedness. That's scary as hell. Jack Gladden is a copy editor for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

Tutors sometimes useful for students

QUESTION: We have been paying \$20 an hour to have our seventh grade son get help in math at a private tutoring school. He was a year behind in math. Now, since his private tutoring, he is doing much better in math and is at grade level. Why couldn't our own neighborhood middle school program bring him up to his grade level like the private tutoring school did? Do private tutoring schools do a better job than our public system?



Doc Doyle

in areas we supposedly are the experts?" asked one board member.

There is a definite place and a need for education and private businesses, tutoring or otherwise, to work together. We've been doing this with food and other types of services for years. Why not in education, if it helps the child?

Some of our children do reach the seventh grade, such as your son, and are behind in basic math skills. And it becomes more difficult to correct math deficiencies as a student moves up through the grades. The math material becomes progressively more difficult and a poor basic

foundation in math makes it more difficult for the student.

THE PRIVATE tutoring school, however, has one great advantage over your son's seventh grade math teacher and our system:

The private tutor has a class load of one student, the perfect one-on-one situation. The tutor is awarded the luxury or focusing full attention on one body for one hour a day on some singular skill your child has not mastered.

Most teachers, however, do spend as much time for individualized student instruction as possible, but it is not the one-on-one environment a tutor enjoys.

For your middle school to pull this off, it would take some increased staffing — 17.5 more teachers (at eight students per day) or a cost of about \$612,000. Not realistic.

I LOOK FOR the day quality private tutoring schools will not make

school administrators as jumpy and nervous but become viewed as a legitimate support service for those students who benefit most in a one-on-one situation.

Many children have listening learning problems. They can't tune in to group lectures, math or otherwise. Some students are afraid or embarrassed to ask questions and literally go the entire year with their mouths shut to avoid looking dumb.

All this withstanding, education could benefit by working cooperatively with business entities.

James "Doc" Doyle, a former teacher/school administrator/university instructor, is president of Doyle and Associates, an educational consulting firm.

ANSWER: Many educators avoid this question: "It makes us look 'bad.'" As an assistant superintendent for instruction, I was quite defensive when parents related stories how their child improved when tutored in a private school. "Why do I have to pay \$20 an hour for something my taxes and you should be doing?" ask the parents.

It was not infrequent for some board of education members to raise questions. "Why do parents in our district have to go to private tutors

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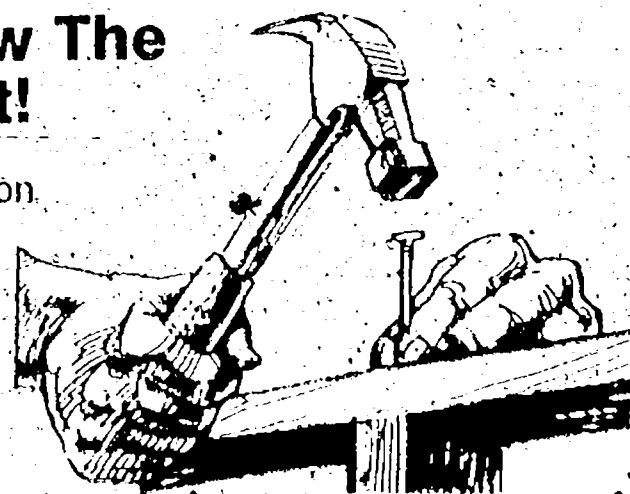
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Birding class on tap at SC

Livonia naturalist Tim Nowicki will teach a four-week bird study class beginning May 14 at Schoolcraft College. The class meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads. Identification, migration and behavior are among the seminar topics. The class also includes field trips each Saturday to a local birding area. Cost is \$56. Senior citizens may enroll for \$17. To register or for more information, contact the Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services Division at 462-4400. Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia and writes a weekly column on Nature for the Observer Newspapers.

Meeting tells of summer programs

Summer enrichment programs will be described at the Tuesday, May 14 meeting of the Western Wayne Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education. Representatives from Gibson School and Schoolcraft College will provide handouts on summer programs, the Wayne Regional Education Services Agency booklet, "Summer Sundries" will also be available. Information will be provided on classes, field trips and programs for students from kindergarten through high school. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Perrinville Center, Farmington Road just south of Ann Arbor Trail. The meeting is open to the public, all materials are free.

Kayaking class scheduled at SC

Intermediate Kayaking, a two-session course, is being offered May 10-11 at Schoolcraft College. Classes will be held at the college pool. They are designed to enable students with some kayaking experience to refine their skills. Students must also be at least intermediate swimmers.

Civil War days at Fort Wayne

Michigan boasts no Civil War battle sites, but the Blue and the Gray will nonetheless square off May 4-5 as Detroit's historic Fort Wayne celebrates its 17th annual Civil War Days event.

Authentically clad and equipped re-enactors will portray Union and Confederate soldiers, demonstrating the rigors of military life in the 1860s.

Patriotic entertainment will also be provided. The 149-year-old fort will be open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the event. Fort Wayne is

the only original fort of its kind in lower Michigan.

Though budget cuts have forced a cutback in the fort's 1991 schedule, eight events will be offered from May through October.

In addition to Civil War Days, events include:

- Spirit of Detroit Auto Show, Sunday, May 19.
- J-ROTC Field Day/World War I Weekend - Saturday, June 1.
- Boy Scout Flag Days - June 7-9.

- World War I Weekend - June 22-23.
- St. Andrews Society Highland Games - Saturday, Aug. 3.
- Spanish American War Weekend - Saturday, Aug. 17.
- Guild Flea Market - Oct. 5-6.

Admission will be charged for the auto show and Highland Games. A donation is requested for the other events.

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Top gun

Redford CC knocks off state's top-rated teams

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Redford Catholic Central may not be the state's best tennis team, but the No. 4-ranked Shamrocks proved Saturday in the Ann Arbor Invitational that they can play with the best.

Taking advantage of a random draw, CC captured three of eight flights and finished second in two others.

The Shamrocks scored a team-high 23 points to upset No. 2-ranked Okemos (19 points) and top-rated Ann Arbor Pioneer (18). Rounding out the eight-team field was Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (17), Kalamazoo Loy Norrix (13), defending champion Grosse Pointe South (12), Saline (7) and Ann Arbor Huron (3).

"This is a tremendous boost for us," CC first-year coach Bob Miller said. "Even though Pioneer's No. 2 and 3 players were not there, it showed we could win in most flights. It shows that it's going to be a free-for-all at the state meet and it confirms that you've got to be ready when it comes to Midland (site of the Class A finals Saturday, June 1)."

The Shamrocks displayed balance, scoring points in every flight, including No. 3 singles where freshman Jeff Haithecock, substituting for injured senior Scott Hazlett (knee), bounced back from a first-round loss to beat Pioneer's David Cho (6-4, 6-7, 6-4).

PAUL THIEME, a senior headed for the University of West Virginia, ran his record to 7-2 after beating Grosse Pointe-South's Cullen McMahon in the finals at No. 2 singles, 7-5, 6-3. Thieme also defeated

tennis

Mike Noud of Okemos (6-7, 6-4, 6-2) and William Groat of Loy Norrix (6-7, 6-4, 6-2) en route to the finals.

Senior Paul Bozyk also made a strong showing at No. 1 singles, picking up three points before being ousted in the championship by Huron's Peter Pusztai, 6-1, 6-1. Bozyk scored impressive wins over South's Emiliano Lorenzini (6-3, 6-0) and Greg Artz of Cranbrook (2-6, 6-2, 7-5) on his way to the finals.

CC also earned two points at No. 4 singles as Bob Bhatia bounced back to win the consolation-bracket with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Randy Pankuch of Saline.

In doubles, CC won two flights and finished second in another.

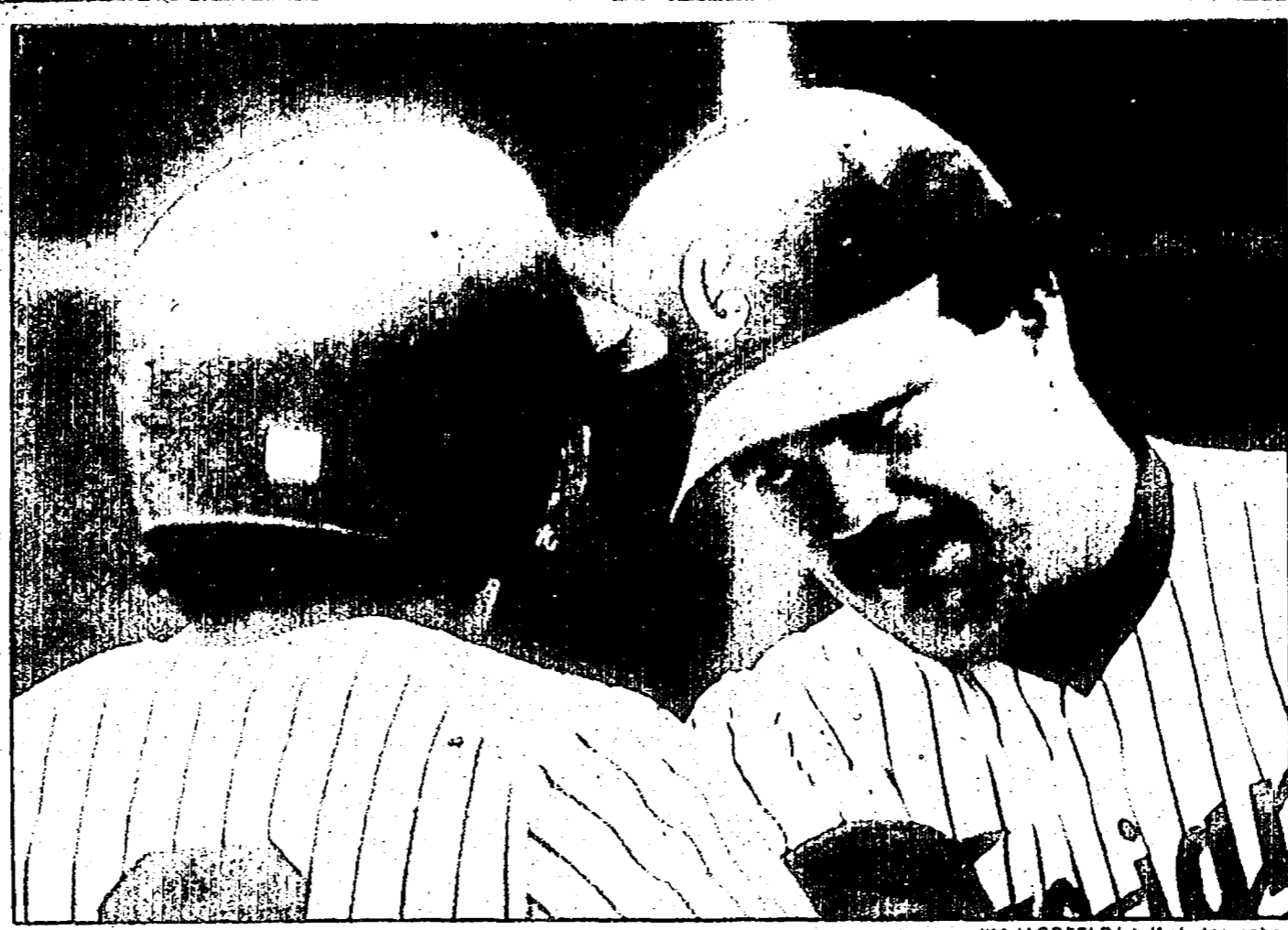
At No. 2, juniors Chris Matson and Dave Gallagher ran their record to 5-1 overall with three straight victories, including a 6-1, 6-2 win over Cranbrook's Drew Smith and Brian Stewart for the championship.

The Shamrocks also emerged victorious at No. 4 as senior Steve Englehart and junior Mark Shaya turned back Pioneer's duo of Reed Friedericks and Pat Jordan, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

At No. 3, Chip Shade and Dave Lombardi defeated teams from Loy Norrix and Okemos before falling in the finals to James Cho and David Park of Pioneer (6-4, 7-5).

The Shamrocks' top doubles tandem of Jayson Torres and Chris Alonte went 1-1 on the day.

"It was a nice, solid performance," Miller said.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Meeting of minds

Livonia Clarenceville coach Mark McDonald consults with one of his players before he steps into the plate during Monday's Metro Conference game with Detroit Lutheran West. The Trojans romped to a 17-0 victory over the Leopards. For a complete roundup of Livonia-Westland high school baseball, turn to page 3B.

Blazers move mark to 7-2; Franklin Patriots grab dual

Livonia Ladywood's golf team moved to 7-2 overall with a 208-248 win Tuesday against host Walled Lake Western.

Ladywood senior Meghan Blake took medalist honors with a 46. Mickle Gossett was one stroke back at 47, while Walled Lake Western's Tracey Gorton was two strokes back at 48.

Lauren Zimmerman and Katie Pinkelman rounded out the top five shooting 56 and 59, respectively.

On Monday, Birmingham Seaholm shot a team total of 218, to beat Livonia Ladywood (223) and Troy Athens (241) in a triangular dual meet Monday at Birmingham Country Club.

Ladywood, which is 6-2 overall, was second with 223 and Athens was third with 241.

golf

Sophomore Pat White took medalist honors for Seaholm with a 39.

Blake preceded Ladywood with a 48, followed by Gossett (53), Zimmerman (61) and Katie Pinkelman (61).

LIVONIA STEVENSON was edged Monday by Plymouth Canton, 229-228, at Whispering Willows.

Megan Johnson took medalist honors for Stevenson with a 46, followed by Canton's Korri Kittleson (53).

Other Stevenson scorers included Wendy Ayers (55), Kara Carlsen (58) and Mchele Bealy (69).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN (5-3) shot 239 last week to defeat host Walled Lake Central, 267.

Nicky Meehan and Nancy Noebel tied for medalist honors with a 58. Carolyn Lundblad was three strokes back at 61 and Jenny Mazurek was four strokes back at 62.

PLYMOUTH CANTON (3-0) shot a school low 204, defeating Livonia Churchill (260) Tuesday at Fellows Creek.

Canton seniors Sarah Beckman and Kerri Kittleson swept the first two spots, shooting a 47 and 48 respectively. Churchill's Whitney Said was four strokes back at 51.

Other Churchill scorers include Karen Nemico (60), Brandy Bakita (69) and Julie Kempanen (80).

Stevenson girls romp

Shannon Wilkinson scored two goals and had three assists, leading host Livonia Stevenson past Walled Lake Western 7-0 in girls soccer action Monday.

Lisa Thomas added two goals and one assist, while Ragen Coyne, Michelle Brach and Lori Godlewski each scored one goal for Stevenson.

Goalkeepers Karen Groulx and Lisa Smith combined for the shut-out.

Stevenson, which improved to 7-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Conference, only allowed five shots on goal for the game.

Observerland race: Can Rockets orbit?

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

The Westland John Glenn boys track team, under new leadership, will try to continue an old tradition Saturday at the 21st running of the Observerland Relays.

First-year coach Jess Shough, who took over for the retired Rich Gordon, brings his undefeated team to the Livonia Churchill track for the meet, which begins with the field events at 3:30 p.m.

The preliminary round starts at 6:30, followed by the finals at 7 p.m. Admission is \$2.

The Rockets have won the crown two of the past four years, and finished second in 1989 when the relays were called because of rain and hail with six events remaining.

Shough, who spent the past five years as Gordon's assistant, said it's been a smooth transition.

"I'VE WANTED to leave things in my hands and take it over," Shough said. "We've got a quality program, but it hasn't been as much pressure as I thought it would be. The kids know how to run and know how to win."

But can they repeat as Observerland champions? "We like going back with that kind of attitude," Shough said. "We know we have real good competition (to face). Compared to last year we don't have that outstanding speed but we have balance, so we can compete."

The Rockets are without the graduated Carl Lowe (now a sprinter at Eastern Michigan University) but figure to be strong in the discus, as they showed at the Monroe Relays where Dave Arbour and Jason Key finished 1-2 overall. Bill Griffiths cleared 6-foot-6 last year in the high jump and other standouts to watch from Glenn include long jumper Brandon Buck and sprinter Randy Seach.

Plymouth Salem, which finished fourth a year ago, has a chance to win this year's relays, according to some people in the know. Salem coach Gary Balconi watched his team win the Elks and Tiger relays, so the Rocks already are used to the winner's circle.

SALEM AND Glenn get a sneak preview of each other today in a dual meet hosted by the Rockets.

"Because we've had some success (winning the Elks and Tiger relays), people will be looking at us, but we've never gone into the Observerland meet thinking we couldn't win it," Balconi said. "It's a senior team, and these guys are pretty good athletes. And therein lies the key."

"Our kids are going to find the field events at this meet are tougher than the first two. The distance competition will be tougher when you bring in (Redford) Catholic Central and the Farmington schools. We feel we have a couple people who run pretty well."

Among those people are distance runners Jason McDonald, Derek Cudini and John Thomas and sprinters Leon Hister, Joe Nunez, Jake Baker and Andy Itjeski.

boys track

WAYNE MEMORIAL, which came in second place last year and won the Observerland Relays in 1988, has some of the best individuals, but lack depth. Only 20 boys have come out for coach Floyd Carter's team this year, in part, he said because of the pay for play rule in the Wayne/Westland school system.

The top runner is Allen Buford, who has the area's best time in both the 100-meter dash (10.7 seconds) and 200-meter dash (22.9) to date. Another burner is Shawn Ma'Azza, who has been hampered by a hamstring injury but will go Saturday. Hurdler James Grady also provides support as does distance runner Matt Johnson, but Carter is worried about some of the runners he doesn't have.

"I think spring sports is hit hardest from pay to play because a lot of kids who are in two sports would normally play a third but don't want to pay another \$210," Carter said. "But we've got a nice team, with unity and spirit. We're going to be competitive."

One of the area's outstanding distance runners, Farmington High's Ben Goba, will miss the event because of a school commitment, Falcons coach Jerry Young said. The Falcons, who have challenged in the past, also will miss versatile Eric Meyer, out with a hamstring pull.

Hurdler Joe Miller and long jumper/high jumper Jason Tucker could give the Falcons a strong shuttle hurdle team.

"WHAT CAN you do about those kind of things?" Young said of Goba's and Meyer's absences. "We're not going to be one of the favorites, but we'll be there, that's for sure."

Livonia Churchill coach Fred Price believes this year's relays could be one of the closest in years. He has an opinion on several teams.

"I don't see one team dominating, but if Plymouth Salem gets rolling, it could dominate," Price said. "John Glenn will be strong again and Salem has depth all the way through, but loses points in the pole vault which could hurt. Wayne has outstanding individuals and CC is kind of impressive with (discus and pole vaulter) Al Barbarich and (middle-distance runner) Eric McKeon, and could score a lot of points. Northville will have the makings of a team to do well at Observerland."

And how about his team's chances? "We have a young team," he said. "Our kids will perform well, but I'm not sure we can contend. We'll try to give teams a good run for their money."

Teams invited include: Redford Union, Garden City, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Catholic Central, Redford Bishop Borgess, Glenn, Wayne, Northville, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington, Plymouth Canton, Salem and Southfield-Lathrup.

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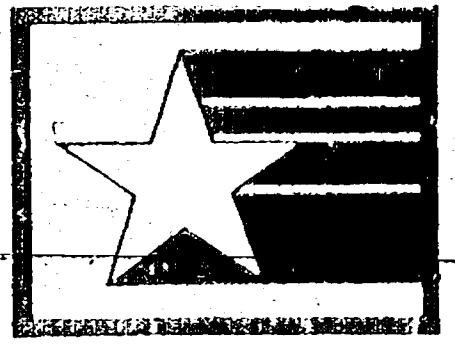
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Actresses enjoy 'Shoeman' roles

By Joseph S. Hoffman
special writer

TWO AREA WOMEN have gotten a foothold in Hollywood movie star 'Jeff Daniels' latest theater production called "Shoeman." Linda Parolini of Southfield was a shooin for the part of Jennifer, the lawyer's secretary in the play. "It's a comedy about golf, shoes and infidelity," Parolini said. "When I came in to read the play before auditioning, I sat there and cracked up. It's a very funny play." Joanne McGee of Farmington Hills has put her best foot forward in the role of Jeana Hopkins the promiscuous "other woman" in the play. "The character I play feels no guilt," McGee said. "It's a fun role and a very entertaining play."

"Shoeman" is an original play written by Daniels. It is set in a small Michigan town like Chelsea, where Daniels grew up.

"THE GEMS of information I get from Jeff are absolutely invaluable," Parolini said. "I have a great admiration for the people I'm working for."

The cast has been rehearsing six nights a week in preparation for its opening night performance Friday at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

"We have been rehearsing from 7-11 p.m. for over a month," Parolini said. "But people are so relaxed around here, making it all quite fun."

"We are here to serve a local public and provide an outlet for local talent," said the Purple Rose Theater Company's artistic director, T. Newel Kring. "By local, not only do I mean Chelsea but Detroit and its suburbs."

Just driving by, you might pass the theater thinking it was one of many small-town stores in Chelsea. But from the inside, the plush, pur-

ple, 96-seat theater is very typical of a 42nd Street off-Broadway theater in New York.

"I FIRST HEARD about the theater at an Equity liaison meeting. I was excited right from the start," said McGee, who has been into acting for many years.

On the other hand, Parolini is a bit newer to the whole world of theater. "I'm not a professional actress. I feel very lucky," she said. "When I first read about Jeff Daniels' new theater, getting a part in one of his plays was just a pipe dream for me, but here I am."

This is the Purple Rose Theater Company's second production since it first opened in January, and Daniels' first attempt at playwriting.

"We want to start a theater that matters regionally and, with a little luck and patience, nationally. We want to support Michigan playwrights, actors, directors and designers and give them a place to show what they could do," Daniels said. "When you ask what's the purpose of this theater, that's it. That's what we're all about."

Daniels is best known for his roles in movies like "Terms of Endearment," "Arachnophobia," and "Purple Rose of Cairo," the movie he did with Woody Allen which inspired the name for his theater company.

"BEING THAT it is Jeff's play, he has put quite a bit of input in the play, not to override the director, but he has put in ideas as to which way to go with the character, and kind of how he saw the character when he wrote it," McGee said.

The show runs through Sunday, June 2. Tickets are \$25 for opening night, \$15 for Friday-Saturday evenings and \$13 for Thursday and Sunday matinees. The theater at 137 Park St. is off I-94 at the 159 Chelsea exit. For more information call the box office at 475-5817.

Holmes' creator 1-man show looks at Conan Doyle

Daedalus Productions, in conjunction with Dame Jean Conan Doyle, presents "An Evening with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle" at 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, at a theater-in-the-round at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Avenue at Lone Pine Road. Loren D. Estleman, author of "Whiskey River," "Sudden Country" and the Amos Walker mystery series, will be master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$10.

By Cathie Bredendach
special writer

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE was a spiritualist who believed in fairies and making contact with those in the Great Beyond. Yet ironically, Conan Doyle also created the great Sherlock Holmes, quintessential logician.

"Sherlock Holmes was a brain, a reasoning machine fueled by logic," says writer, actor and psychic investigator Mark McPherson who will present his one-man play "An Evening with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle" Friday, May 10, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church.

McPherson explains that after Conan Doyle lost a brother and son in World War I, his powerful sense of loss and yearning led to his belief in spiritual phenomena. In his later years, he spent a fortune, risked friendships and jeopardized his reputation to tour the world lecturing on spiritualism. Rumor has it Conan Doyle was denied a degree because the British found his late-in-life fascination with spiritualism to be embarrassing.

"Arthur Conan Doyle was a complex personality," says McPherson, and the show chronicles not only biographical facts but the tensions, ironies and contradictions in the life of the little-known writer who stood in the colossal shadow of his most fa-

'Sherlock Holmes was a brain, a reasoning machine fueled by logic.'

— Mark McPherson

mous fictional creation, Sherlock Holmes.

McPHERSON SAYS the show "intertwines history with myth" to bring to life the Scottish physician-turned-writer. Seventy-nine years later, Dame Jean Conan Doyle, the youngest of Sir Arthur's five children, has befriended McPherson. When he interviewed her in London, she said the writer/actor clearly resembles her father.

McPherson gets particular about their similarities. "We have the same shaped skull, both of us have one eyelid that sags more than the other, we have similar hairlines and our eye folds are even the same." Both Dame Jean and McPherson also remark on the under-the-skin similarities between the 43-year-old McPherson and Conan Doyle, who died in 1930.

McPherson runs Daedalus Investigative Agency and he, like Conan Doyle, is fascinated by the Arthurian legends, psychic phenomena and the world's mysteries. He is affiliated with Scotland Yard and follows psychic investigations around the globe. McPherson's cases have taken him on nine expeditions to Loch Ness, Scotland; on excavations of the British "Camelot" site, and on conventions to discuss the Shroud of Turin.

Dame Jean says, "They would have gotten along well together, given their common interests."

In preparation for writing the play in which he portrays Conan Doyle, McPherson read 14 biographies and created a voluminous book of notes to organize the threads running



Mark McPherson stars in an evening devoted to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who was as complex as Holmes himself.

through Conan Doyle's life. He watched an interview filmed when Conan Doyle was 70, the year before he died, and "did a Henry Higgins analysis of sounds and pauses in his speech."

THEN HE PRACTICED reading his script for Dame Jean so she could coach him on the nuances and cadences of Conan Doyle's distinctive speech patterns. McPherson says, "He was born in Edinburgh so there's an occasional trilling of an 'r'" and Conan Doyle spoke with a unique emphasis in his cadence. With the advice of Dame Jean, McPherson perfected his speech and mastered how Conan Doyle moved and held his pipe so audiences can experience what it would really be like to spend an evening with the complex, creative man.

Conan Doyle, whose name is seldom spoken without "Sir Arthur" as

a prefix, received his knighthood not, as many assume, for his world-renowned detective stories but for an acclaimed history on the Boer War, which he wrote based on his experience heading a field hospital in South Africa.

McPherson brings to the stage little known truths about the modest, personally shy writer, who was a respected historian and a physician with a relatively unsuccessful London practice. Theory has it he created Sherlock Holmes out of boredom when his malingering medical practice brought in few patients.

During one phase of his life Conan Doyle aspired to be a politician but never managed to get elected. He studied medieval history and lived his life by a strict, chivalric code of honor. The Conan Doyle that McPherson brings to the stage was a man of ethics, imagination and vision.

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clarification

Peter Senkbeil, artistic director of Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, makes the following statement, to correct information in the recent article on Trinity House Theatre. Trinity House Theatre is not renting its current space from Trinity Church but instead is given use of the building in return for paying the utilities and building upkeep. The number of productions has varied in the past from two to seven. Four

productions are being presented this season, and there will be four productions next season. Trinity Church is at 14800 Middlebelt, not Merriman, in Livonia. Trinity House Theatre's next production is "The Paradise" in June. Authors are Paul Patton, Sarah Hedeen, Henry Woodworth and Jack Pierson. They are all members or former members of Trinity House Theatre.

table talk

The Lark

West Bloomfield restaurant the Lark has received the AAA Four Diamond Award. The Lark joined 11 Michigan hotels being honoree in 1991 for their commitment to quality and excellence. This is the first year that AAA has included restau-

rants a part of its ratings. Joining the Lark in the Four Diamond winners circle is another newcomer to the award—the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Town Center in Southfield. Other local Four Diamond Award hotels include the Berkshire Hotel in Southfield and Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Awards were presented at a recent luncheon at the Lark.

Mystery humorless but cast lively

Performances of the Farmington Players production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" continue through Wednesday, May 8, at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. For ticket information call 553-2955.

in today's theater is really a feeble attempt to parody the old masterpieces ("Sleuth," "The Mousetrap") with witless jokes, silly caricatures and plots so ridiculously convoluted that logic becomes useless in trying to decipher them.

Sadly, "Musical Comedy Murders" falls into this ever-growing category. There are jokes aplenty but not many are funny. Quite frankly, I am hard pressed to remember who-dun-it. The characters, all of whom have promising backgrounds, don't develop into too much.

WHAT SAVES this show and makes the evening relatively enjoyable is a spirited performance by a talented cast. Margaret Gilkes leads the ensemble as the very rich and equally light-headed Elsa Von Grosenkneten (no, that is not a typo), a financier of Broadway musicals. When she invites a group of actors, directors and producers to her home for a backer's audition, they are, of



Mark S. Carley

course, snowed in and quickly cut off from the outside world. I need hardly mention that the phone goes dead and the power fails.

Stand-out performers include Helen Morgan as Helsa the maid (and several of her siblings) and Kirk Hanley as fast-talking small-time comedian Eddie McCuen. Hanely is so good with this schtick that you wonder if he hasn't played the Comedy Castle.

Another big hand must go to the show producer, Bob McSweeney, who had to step into the part of Hollywood film director Ken de la Mize at the last minute. This semi-suave, semi-slimy role seems made

for McSweeney.

Director Cynthia DeWolf does a good job with the difficult task of maneuvering her 10-member cast around a very small stage. The set construction crew also deserves a nod for creating several moving bookcases and secret passageways.

Now, lets all hope that fairly soon someone will write a mystery that's worth this level of effort.

Mark S. Carley is active in local community theater, both onstage and behind the scenes. He is a member of the Birmingham Village Players and Ridgedale Players in Troy.

By Mark S. Carley
special writer

In its production of John Bishop's "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," Farmington Players manages to make an entertaining evening out of some very trite material.

It used to be that murder mysteries were carefully crafted plays that included lots of twists and turns and just enough clues to allow the clever armchair detectives in the audience to figure out who-dun-it. The occasional wry witticism was thrown in to ease the tension.

Most of what passes for mystery

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MUSICAL COMEDY
Interpreters for the hearing impaired will be provided at the Friday, May 17, performance of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of the musical comedy "Once Upon a Mattress" in the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville

Regional Hospital. The show opens at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, and continues May 10-11 and 17-18. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at Plymouth's Penniman Deli. For more information call 349-7110.

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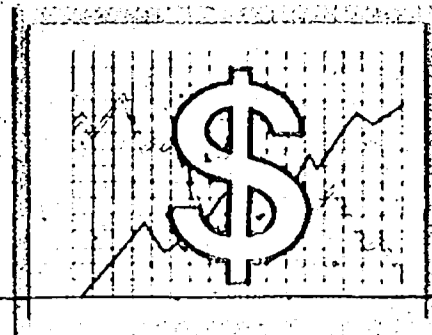
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CEO recaps ups, downs of service years to Core

By Doug Funko
staff writer

Being in the right place at the right time paid big career dividends for Harold M. Marko, who rose from salesman to chairman and chief executive officer during a 40-year association with Core Industries.

Marko had no business degree and was in his mid-30s in 1960 when he took the reins of the struggling company then known as Soss Manufacturing.

Soss, incorporated in 1909, had just reported profits of some \$12,000 on sales of \$5 million. One customer accounted for 60 percent of sales and was making noises about taking its business elsewhere.

"A number of directors were disappointed with the progress and shook the company up," Marko said. "An outside shareholder, Nate Cummings, took a liking to me, I guess I was a young, hungry guy. He sort of saw that."

So Marko got down to the business of business.

He diversified the organization through acquisitions, took the corporation through two name changes and saw its stock admitted to the New York Exchange for trading purposes.

Core Industries posted profits of \$3.9 million on sales of \$241 million during budget year 1990.

Marko, a Bloomfield Hills resident, retired Tuesday.

HE RECALLED the gut-wrenching early years when he toiled day and night to turn the company around. He

touch of sadness cleaning house and firing a couple of dozen employees, many for resisting change.

"I went through a terribly difficult time," Marko said. "I felt if I didn't make it, the company would go bankrupt. I felt a terrible burden."

He also expressed disappointment over a couple of recent developments — a quarterly earnings loss and dividend cut, both unwelcome firsts.

But Marko also remembered the good times — the acquisitions, growth and people he met along the way.

"It's been such a big part of my life," he said.

Today, Core consists of 19 companies manufacturing electronics products, farm equipment, fluid controls/construction products and industrial products. Virtually all were acquired through Marko's minimum risk merger method.

"IT'S A SIMPLE formula, but it was novel at the time," he said.

"We would pay no more than net worth as a fixed payment and guarantee payments (a percentage of profits) for an additional five years that could double the initial asking price."

"They had great incentive," Marko said of the sellers. "Generally, people ultimately made more after five years than they had asked in the beginning."

Marko's management style was to give the individual companies autonomy to make their own decisions within broad policy objectives established.

"You try to get good people, then give them a lot of authority," he said. "We can't meddle in every decision or we'd go nuts. They operate in parameters we set for capital spending, expenses, methods of growth, budgets."

"You have to take this approach, fundamentally, if you're a diversified company," Marko said.

ABOUT 30 work at corporate headquarters in Bloomfield Hills, some 3,000 in all divisions, he added.

Marko agreed that it would be difficult today for people in their mid-30s with no business background to take over a struggling company as he did three decades ago.

Difficult, but not impossible. He identified three keys to success for any situation.

"What you need is A, ability; B, breaks or luck; and C, courage to make a decision. The most important to me is B."

And Marko's core belief? "You never compromise your integrity for anything," he said.

Alan E. Schwartz, senior member of a prominent Detroit law firm and a Core director for more than 20 years, has a long association with Marko.

"He's always brought to his role an enormous energy, dedication and commitment, and always great character," Schwartz said. "He had a vision of the type of company that should be created and persisted in that."

"HE WAS a natural leader of people and always a straightforward



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Harold M. Marko, chief executive officer at Core Industries for 30 years, recalls memorable moments — successes and disappointments — on the eve of retirement. "Strength of youth is wonderful. Experience is great, too. But you can't have both."

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thinker and person. He was a natural entrepreneur ... a risk taker," Schwartz said.

Richard T. Walsh, a longtime protégé, took over as president and chief executive officer at Marko's retirement.

"He's a very thoughtful man but very decisive," Walsh said. "He's very good, I think, at delegating authority to people. He has excellent business instincts and also, very important, he's a man of very great integrity."

Marko, who delayed his retirement for six months to help the company rebound from its 1990 woes, apparently leaves Core fairly well positioned.

The company is rated a low-priced speculative buy for income and growth investors by Dean A. Gullis, research director for the brokerage firm of Roney & Co.

The stock closed at 7 3/4 Tuesday. A target price of 10 was reported as "quite reachable" by Gullis. The annual dividend is now 48 cents.

Marko hopes to travel more in retirement with his wife, Barbara. He intends to stay active with various memberships in the Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Open Hunt Club and Detroit Institute of Art.

Marko also plans to continue serving Core as a director.

"I almost think of it as a person. You have to treat it well, serve it well," he said of the corporation. "It's been so dear to me. I don't want anyone to violate it."



PVH executives recently opened its 14th clinic in Garden City. They are Christian Callen (left), president and chief operating officer; Martin Smith, CEO and PVH co-founder; and Dr. Andrew Dworkis, chief veterinary officer and PVH co-founder.

Pet hospitals rival solo practices

By David F. Stein
special writer

To suburban pet owners, Southfield-based Professional Veterinary Hospitals of America (PVH) is the new kid on the block that promises low prices and convenient hours.

To the veterinary profession, PVH is the corporate maverick that dares to advertise mainly on television at a \$500,000-a-year clip.

PVH CEO and co-founder Martin M. Smith hopes to transform veterinary medicine along the lines of pharmacy and optometry. The premise: Let the vets practice animal medicine; let the corporation run the business and reap the profits.

"We started in 1982. Veterinary medicine was still being practiced as it had been from the '40s, '50s and '60s — highly fragmented," said Smith, a Southfield attorney and CPA. "From the business standpoint, we have taken a vet and expanded his time, therefore his ability to generate revenue."

By June, majority owners Smith and Bloomfield Hills' vet Andrew Dworkis will have 16 area clinics, including three 24-hour clinics and a

specialist center, staffed by more than 40 veterinarians. At the same time, they are beefing up a corporate structure primed to support a nationwide chain.

PVH's new Garden City clinic, costing nearly \$300,000 to outfit and supply, reflects Smith's philosophy of bringing the vets to the pets, backed by plenty of market research. Open more than 80 hours a week for routine care, the clinic has four exam rooms, surgery and treatment areas, an X-ray room, kennels and an isolation room for sick animals.

BUT NOT EVERYONE is sold on the PVH concept.

"I'd be surprised if corporate practice became a standard. Most vets would want to be able to do things the way they thought was the best," said Mary Beth Leininger of Plymouth, a vet and past president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. "If it's a corporation, somebody has to make the bottom line decisions, whether it's the quality of vaccines or instruments."

It's PVH's aggressive advertising, especially of prices, that seems to

upset vets the most. "The jury's out; it is certainly very different from what's been appropriate for professionals; advertising makes many vets uncomfortable and does not enhance the image of the profession in the eyes of consumers," Leininger said.

Smith agreed that PVH's advertising rankled vets, but he believes "the public has a right to know what something will cost them. We made vet services very affordable and let people know that."

Southfield vet Robert Jones gives PVH its due.

"To their credit, if they advertise they will neuter a cat for 14-15 bucks, they'll do it," Jones said. He said he has seen advertising come and go in the profession; he currently sends circulars using a computer list of clients.

PVH is also attractive to vet school grads, saddled with school debts averaging \$33,000 and facing a \$200,000 to \$400,000 investment to set up a small animal hospital. At PVH, vets are paid a straight salary but can progress to clinic chief of staff and possibly non-practice positions in the future.

"I've been in practice five years; last year was the first I made a profit," said vet Michael C. Petty of Livonia, who has his own practice.

But Petty believes private practices will prevail.

"I'm not concerned. I provide good quality care. Clients like that. A certain type will go to PVH, the bargain hunter; clients tend to come and stay with me."

In Canton, vet Kenneth Harr said he wasn't threatened by PVH.

"I assume they are doing a good job, or people wouldn't go there. But if I do a good job, the rest will take care of itself. The ones who do well are making an extra effort."

BUT HARR SAID that the PVH concept may succeed in the future as the costs of starting a vet practice and regulatory complexities of running a small business continue to increase.

Harr belongs to the First Veterinary Clinics of Michigan, a group of vets who banded together for group purchasing and continuing education.

Utility shoots for stock growth

By Tim Richard
staff writer

CMS Energy Corp. will grow through capital appreciation in the gas exploration and electric generating business rather than through Consumers Power utility sales to homes and businesses.

"It will not be our policy to pay large, utility-type dividends," CMS chair William T. McCormick Jr. said at Friday's annual meeting in Dearborn.

A shareholder, retired for five years, protested that the dividend increase was "a pittance" and the 1990 stock price drop of 26 percent a disappointment.

"We're growth oriented. If you're looking for very high dividends, you're in the wrong investment," McCormick replied.

"We are not happy with the stock (price) performance," he said, blaming the drop from the high \$30s to the current \$28.50 on "regulatory uncertainties," which he said may soon be resolved. But the price was as low as \$7 in 1988.

"About 65 percent of our stock is owned by institutional investors who have no interest in a large dividend. We went from 40 cents to 48 cents (annual dividend) last November. The board will consider a dividend increase at the end of this year," he said, tossing out prospects of a 15- to 20-percent increase.

CMS ENERGY's chief subsidiary is Consumers Power, which distributes natural gas in much of southern Michigan outside of Detroit and electricity in the outstate area.

Last year new gas sales rose only 1.9 percent though gas deliveries were up and electric sales hit a record.

Expecting higher natural gas in the 1990s, NOMECO Oil and Gas Co., the holding company's exploration and production unit, contracted for drilling rights in China — the people's republic's first agreement with a foreign group for mainland oil exploration, McCormick said.

He told a news conference CMS expects to announce location in mid-Michigan of a tire burning site for electricity generation "some time this year."

"Tires are an environmental problem," McCormick said — 240 million discarded a year, one for every person in the United States. "They're a health hazard. They're combustible. They're a problem for landfills."

He said the company successfully operates a tire-burning plant in California, with the toughest air quality standards in the nation, and has completed a second tire-burning operation in Connecticut.

And he said the company expects minimal impact of new federal clean air regulations because it already burns little coal with sulfur.

Earlier in the week, CMS an-

nounced the appointment of Peter J. Mastie, 34, as vice president for business development of its independent power production unit. Mastie will work in Dearborn, relocating from the company's Midland Cogeneration Venture.

CMS ENERGY reported a loss of nearly \$500 million or \$6.07 a share in 1990 after three years of increases.

Actually, operating revenues were up to \$3 billion, McCormick said, but the company charged off losses of \$745 million to the abandoned Midland nuclear plant.

CMS also is taking a regulatory fight with the Michigan Public Service Commission to court. PSC wants to "backload" rate increases into future years.

With these problems written off, he said the company is positioned for growth in the 1990s.

Asked by shareholder Leo Bouchard to comment on the "adversarial" relationship with governmental regulators, McCormick admitted they are "not the best."

"We have a new chairman of the commission who I think is excellent. They are improving significantly," he said in an oblique reference to changes made by Gov. John Engler's administration. "Our relations with the staff of the commission are very good."

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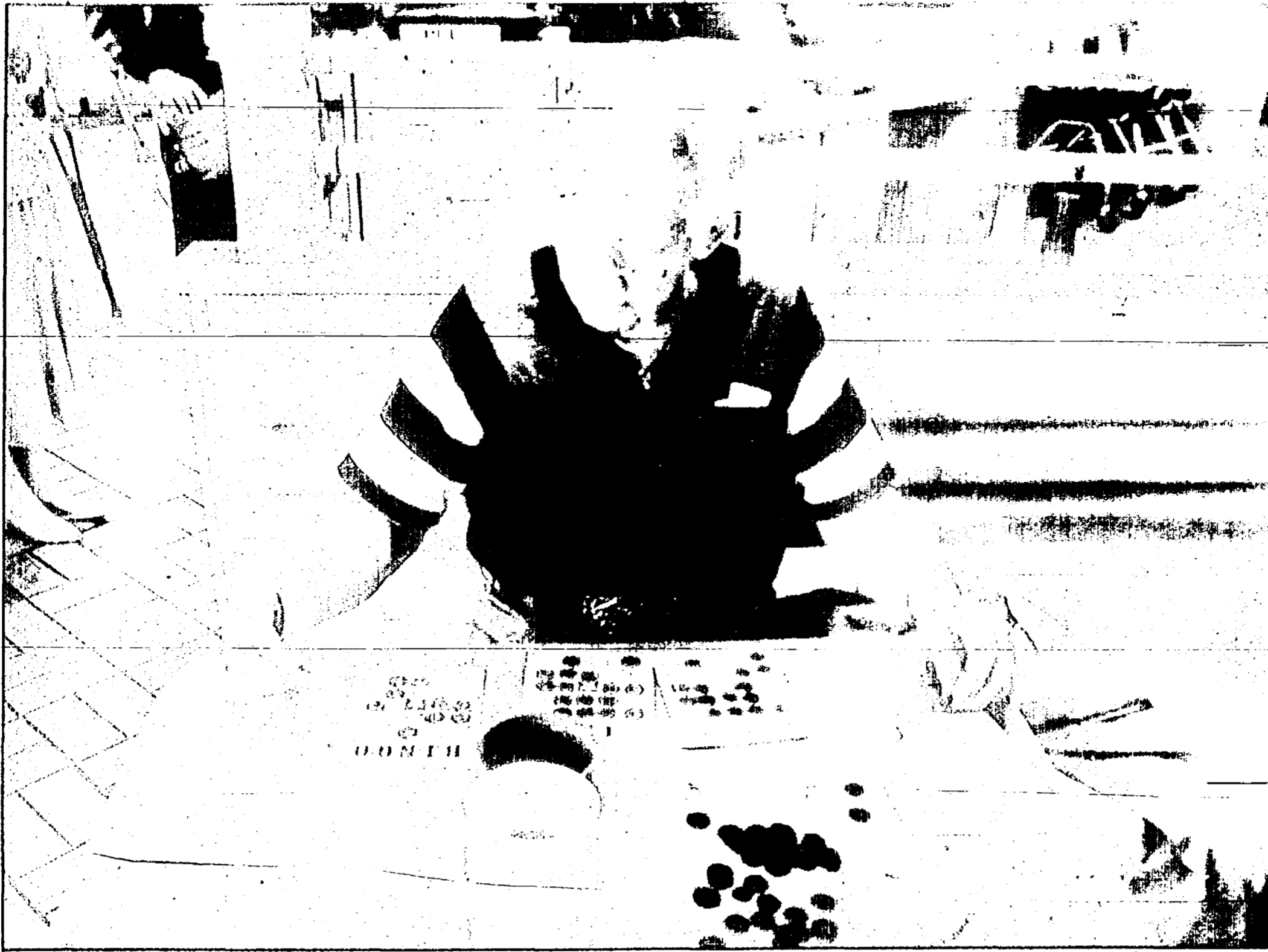
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Larry Minard, who lives in nearby Holliday Park, visits McDonald's up to six times a week and especially on Tuesdays for Bingo.

photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Happiness is hollering 'McBingo'

McDonald's includes fun on its mid-morning menu

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Somewhere between B-27 and N-14, Larry Minard of Westland gets that forelorn look in his eyes. That stare everyone has when someone else gets their number.

"Another bingo? Aw, must be a woman," says Minard, 75, out of the corner of his mouth.

Helena Yax of Wayne fixes a furrowed brow on the retired engineer, who turns to see how his remark went over with the predominantly female contingent.

"All of us are going to get together one day and scooch you right off the end of table," says Yax, 70.

"See what I'm up against," says Minard, pleading his case to an unsympathetic bystander.

Such banter goes back and forth between tables on this Tuesday morning. All of the ribbing is good-natured, though. This is just 40 seniors getting together for their game of choice.

church hall where older women chew on the end of cigarettes in front of 30 cards and snarl when their numbers aren't called. This weekly bingo game is played in the lobby of McDonald's restaurant in Westland.

The restaurant on the corner of Wayne and Warren roads has been hosting the card game since the place opened in 1986. Other McDonald's have bingo, some on a weekly or monthly basis.

But the kinship at this McDonald's is particularly interesting. People come from surrounding communities such as Plymouth, Canton and Wayne to play bingo as well as those from Westland.

Stakes aren't high. The booty are blue coupons, good for free food and drinks at McDonald's.

Games would hardly go down into the Bingo Hall of Fame, if there was such a thing. Some players have a difficult enough time keeping up with only three cards while tackling such bingo challenges as "postage stamp," "Little Joe" and "cover-all."

The real jackpot is the players themselves, who chat, cackle and chortle while putting down their chips.

"The people who come in are neat," said Suzanne Wieszkiwsk, store marketing director for McDonald's. "You get to know them. Some people like this guy can give you grief, but it's all right."

THIS GUY is Minard, who between good natured quips with other players manages to keep track of the numbers and tell his story.

Minard lives in nearby Holliday Park, visiting McDonald's up to six times a week where he gets free coffee. His wife died in 1973. He retired as an engineer 10 years ago.

When not at the fast-food restaurant, Minard keeps busy ballroom dancing five times a week and "traveling around." Aside from visiting his girlfriend in Clearwater, Fla., he's been three-quarters around the world to Africa, Australia and Europe. He mentions how he was able

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EXCEPT THE SETTING



The McDonald's bingo games allow for Teresa Santiago (left) and Antonia Sousa to catch up

on old times. The two women both lived on Bagley Avenue in Detroit.

Elena delivers her songs via the telephone lines

By Sue Mason
staff writer

"Happy birthday, may all your wishes come true," Elena Mouzakes Siler warbles into the telephone. "When you blow out the candles, one may stay aglow, it's the sunshine of your smile."

Siler has lost track of how many times she has sung her birthday song. Ditto for her anniversary and divorce tunes. But she has scrapbooks filled with cards of thanks and she quickly recalls the tears and surprise of the recipients of her singing telegrams.

Don't look for Siler to show up at your front door, dressed in costume, armed with a balloon bouquet and the like. The Livonia resident piles her trade via the telephone lines. She is "the Singing Secretary."

"It's not a business; it's my hobby, a happy thing," said Siler, a Ford Motor Co. retiree. "I make a lot of friends doing this. I have people call for advice on how to make up with their friend."

Siler became "the Singing Secretary" in 1978, when she sang "Happy Birthday" to a co-worker at Ford's World Headquarters in Dearborn, where she worked as — what else — a secretary.

"He enjoyed it so much and I enjoyed it so much that it made me wonder why couldn't I do this for other people?" she said.

Siler is a lyric soprano. She studied voice with private teachers and at the Conservatory of Music in Detroit as a young woman, spurred on by her mother, who "adored music."

"SHE GOT me started in dance and music," Siler said. "She lived her life through me."

But her singing career really took off when she decided to become "Elena, the Singing Secretary."

For a mere \$2, she would sing her own version of "Happy Birthday," sung to the tune of the "Merry Widow Waltz," a divorce song based on "Happy Days Are Here Again" and "The Anniversary Waltz" or "True Love" for anniversaries.

She even sang for her future husband Jack for his birthday when they first met. "He loved it," she said of the performance.

Siler was a novelty then, competing with the likes of Fat Bob the Plumber. She promoted herself, first by singing for J.P. McCarthy, then making appearances on television, including Channel 4's Muncie "This Morning" show.

She laughs about her radio performance. On a fluke, she decided to call McCarthy from her boss' office.

"I didn't think they would put me on the air," she said. "Thank God my boss was away. The phone never stopped ringing that day."

ONE THING led to another for Siler and before she knew it she was featured in newspapers articles and in Ford's American Road Magazine.

Her debut in print elicited a call from a pay phone. It was Jack.

"He was so excited and so proud of me," she said.

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JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Elena Mouzakes Siler has plenty to sing about these days. She has made a name for herself as "The Singing Secretary" and now

has landed a spot in the 17th edition of "Who's Who of American Women."

Printing reveals independent woman with creative flair

Dear Lorene Green,

I find graphology intriguing and would be very interested in finding out your analysis of my writing. As you can see, I always print rather than write.

I'm 33 years old and right handed. Thank you.

L.K.,
Westland

Dear L.K.,

Unfortunately, the research on printing is not as well documented as that which has been done on handwriting. I would, however, like to try shedding a little enlighten-



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ment on some of the events which have played a role in shaping your personality.

One of the first things I notice about your printing is a creative flair. Art talent comes quickly to my mind. You are also an independent young woman with a need to be a

little different and stand out from the others. This is probably reflected in your creative endeavors as well as in your appearance.

At this particular time, you appear to be concerned primarily with your own daily life events. The significant others, your job, your

clothes, your appearance, your living quarters, etc., are all areas which consume your time and interest. Details have an important role. And immediate gratification is desired.

Long range planning and theorizing are not at the top of your priority list and are probably left to others.

Seemingly, you rely on your intuition for answers often. And if a new solution to a problem is needed, you are probably the person who can come up with it. You are dependable and work diligently for perfection in what you do. You might want to con-

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sider this information gleaned from an article in Psychology Today.

Dr. David Burns suggests we "aim for success, not perfection. Perfection is a self-defeating habit which robs one of growth, adventure and the opportunity to live life to the fullest."

There is a lack of spontaneity in your printing. Emotional expression is subdued and I suspect you rarely become passionate about daily experiences.

In a relationship, you can be loyal, open minded and helpful. I see a little fact here which can be an asset in winning friends. However, there is a little tendency to become jealous of outside friendships.

It seems quite possible that something of a traumatic nature happened in your formative years. Some

emotional pain continues. The mother's influence was a dominant force in shaping your social personality.

Your upbringing was strict. A dominant adult played a role in inhibiting your emotional responsiveness. Still you are to be commended for developing good coping skills. You are a beautiful young woman.

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.

singles connection

WESTSIDE II

Westside Single II will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, May 3, at Roma's of Garden City, Cherry Hill Road, near Venoy Road. Dressy attire is required. For information, call 562-3170.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Professionals, a social organization for singles 25 and older, will have volleyball 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads, and 9 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Drakeshire Lanes, 3500 Grand River, east of Drake Road. For information, call 478-9181.

SATURDAY WESTSIDE

Saturday Night Singles Westside 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft Service Drive, west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$4. For information, call 277-4242.

TRI-COUNTY

Tri-County Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at Grand Manor Fairlane, 19000 Hubbard, Dearborn. Admission is \$4. For information, call 842-7422.

MICHIGAN SINGLES

Michigan Singles Club will have a dance 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays at the Barnstormer, 9411 E. Nine Mile Road, just one mile west of US-23. Admission is \$5; \$4 for women. For information, call 277-8077.

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGLES

A dance party is every Sunday night at Roma's of Garden City, 32559 Cherry Hill at Venoy. Arrive before 10 p.m. and enjoy an assortment of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$3, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., cash bar, DJ entertainment, ages 25 to 55. Call 425-1430.

BETHANY NORTHWEST

Bethany Northwest will have a "Don't Worry, Be Happy" dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, May 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows Social Hall, 23615 Powers Road, Farmington. Admission is \$6. For information, call 471-2708 or 478-0533.

VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles, a group for people 45 and older, will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bruno's Academy of Beauty will give a demonstration of makeup, hair styles and coloring. The meeting is open to the public. For information, call 591-1350.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Fathers for Equal Rights meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., one block west of Co-

lidge. For information, call 354-3080.

BY MYSELF

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

WALLYBALL

Single Friends will have wallyball 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in Westland. Admission is \$3. For information, call 531-2756.

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.

SINGLES STATION

Singles Station will have a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesdays at Character's Night Club, 32501 Van Dyke, between 13 Mile and 14 Mile, Warren. Admission is \$3. For information, call 680-7778 and 842-0443.

CHERRY HILL SINGLES

Cherry Hill Singles have moved their Wednesday suppers to Big Boy's Banquet Room, Ford Road, west of Southfield. The meetings are 6-7:30 p.m.

DANCE PARTIES

Jamie's Lounge, 33729 Ford Road, Garden City, will have singles dance parties beginning at 8 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$3. For more information, call 522-7744.

Her message comes acapella

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While she brightens celebrations with her special songs, she also has opened the Detroit riverfront ethnic festivals for 14 years and — much to the delight of Jack, a sports enthusiast — sung the national anthem for the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. She also has performed for such notables as G. Mennen Williams, George Romney and Phillip Hart.

Of Greek descent, Siler has kept in close touch with her heritage musically. She is former choir director and soloist for the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Cathedral in Greektown and is active in the Daughters of Penelope.

Fluent in Greek — "I love singing in Greek" — in 1987 she performed the U.S. and Greek anthems at a re-

ception for the former wife of Greek Prime Minister George Papandreu at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

And she even sang for "someone's mother" while on a vacation in Greece.

When she retired from Ford's at Christmas 1983, Siler's co-workers brought in a Santa who not only sang to her but delivered their gifts.

"It felt odd having someone sing to me," she said.

SILER LEADS a quiet life these days. She and Jack were married eight years when he died of a heart attack three years ago. It was a blow to Siler who had lost her mother four months earlier.

She has slowly put her life back together — "I run on nervous energy

now and set goals," she said. She still does singing telegrams although like most things these days, they cost more. Today, she charges \$5 for her a cappella phone messages.

She also is in rehearsal with an accompanist working up a half-hour routine of Rodgers and Hart songs to perform before clubs and organizations she's invited to appear at.

But the memories she treasures are those she has entertained across the telephone wires.

"People become very emotional and then I become emotional," she said. "I really put my heart into it."

For more information, call "Elena, the Singing Secretary" at 425-9469.

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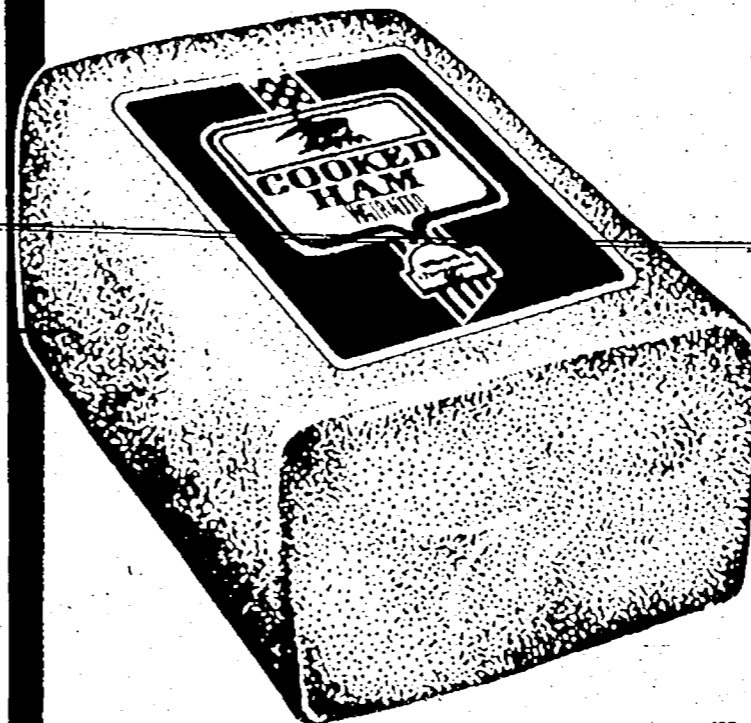
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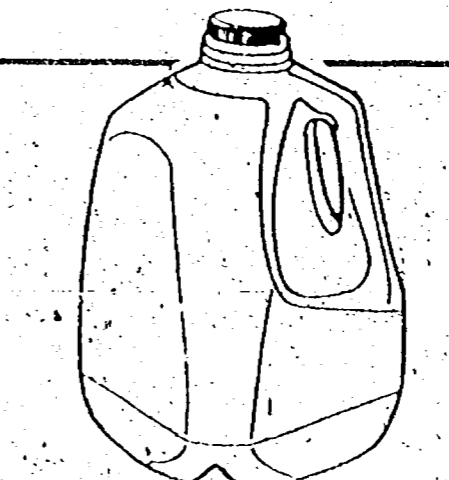
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McDonald's fun aims at seniors

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to take close-up photos of a lioness on a safari.

On Tuesday, though, Minard pretends to be the snarling lion of the den.

One woman mentions one player's luck on this morning. "Better check that card, eh," he says.

Another person yells bingo prematurely. "Another false alarm? Must be a newcomer," he grumbles.

If he finally wins and looks incredulously at his prize checked off on the coupon. "Where in the hell did she get soft ice cream? I'll never eat it. Too damn cold."

OTHERS AROUND him seem to view his mock irascibility with a bit of bemusement.

"Oh, he (Minard) accuses everybody of cheating," says Yax, who stops by to play bingo en route to the health spa. "He keeps it in order. He keeps things going. He'll stick up for you also."

Many find the setting at McDonald's more intimate than a regular bingo hall. For one, the intensity level is definitely turned down a few notches.

"They're out for blood," said Evelyn Hicks of Plymouth, 70, who's been coming to bingo since it was started at McDonald's. "We're just out for entertainment."

The McDonald's bingo games allow for friendships to develop. Or, in the case of Teresa Santiago and Antonia Sousa, for them to continue.

Both lived on Bagley Avenue in Detroit. In fact, Santiago recalls how when she was in the hospital giving birth to her first child, she turned to see Sousa doing the same.

But, as friends do, they lost track of one another later in life. Santiago moved to Puerto Rico for awhile before returning to the area.

A couple of months ago, Santiago had just gone through the line for breakfast when she noticed someone who looked familiar staring back.

"SHE SAID, 'Do I know you?' She started hugging me and people were watching us," says Santiago, recalling the day. "It was so beautiful."

So, every Tuesday, Santiago and Sousa catch up on old times between numbers. "We're like kids," Santiago says gleefully.

Maureen Ziegler is just trying to catch up. The McDonald's employee calls out the numbers she pulls from a crumpled brown paper bag. She's only been a bingo caller for two weeks and one of the red plastic pieces with the number embedded on it has her confused.

She can't make out if its 36 or 38. A couple of people examine the piece and conclude it's indeed a 38.

Shortly after 10:30 a.m., the game breaks up. Ziegler gathers up the cards and chips.

"You did really well, Maureen," says Helen Poet, 78, of Westland to the rookie. "You call the numbers loud enough to where everybody hears them. If they don't, it's because they're not paying attention."



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

100 and counting

A lot of things have changed since Dr. Ira Lehman (center) was born in 1891. Cars have replaced the horse and buggy, and telephones have pushed the telegraph to near extinction. But at the age of 100, Lehman (holding a photo of his family taken in Chelsea when he was about 10) is still going strong, so much so that he joined his children, Ira "Bud" Jr. (left) and Nancy Campbell, and their spouses, Florine Lehman and Richard Campbell, for a birthday celebration at Woodhaven of Livonia. He is the first resident of the home to reach the 100 mark.

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ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington. The meeting will be a rap session and discussion of summer programs at Eaton Academy. For more information, call 464-8233.

ITC

International Training in Communication will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. "Impromptu Speaking" will be the challenge. For more information, call 563-0361.

CRAFT SHOWS/SALES

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 147 will have a spring craft sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the post, 100 W. Dunlap, Northville. Admission is \$1 and includes a door prize ticket. A lunch menu will be available throughout the day. For more information, call Lee at 349-1060.

Handcrafters Unlimited will have an arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5, at Brighton High School, Main Street and South Seventh, Brighton. There will be more than 80 juried artists and lunch will be available. No strollers allowed. Admission is \$1.50. Craft Gallery will have a show of country folk art and Victorian

crafts 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy. Admission is \$2. No strollers allowed. For information, call 274-7076 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

TREKKIES

The USS Intrepid Star Trek Club will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Avenue and Greenfield, Dearborn.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

"Women, Power and Money: How You Deal With Your Finances" will be discussed by Elizabeth Allen of Wordhouse & Associates at 6 p.m. Monday, May 6, before the Women's Network. The meeting will be at Mountain Jack's 26207 W. Warren Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for guests. For information, call Carol Lamarand at 565-9062 or Kathy Mason at 565-9485.

DOG OBEDIENCE

The Detroit German Shepherd Dog Obedience Training Club of Farmington will offer all-bred puppy kindergarten at 6:30 p.m. beginning Monday, May 6. For information, call 476-2477.

RAQUELA HADASSAH

Raquela Hadassah will be hosting David Techner from Ira Kaufman Chapel, who will discuss Jewish attitudes toward death, dying and how to explain death to a child, at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the home of Sheryl Stoller in Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-7426.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE

The Redford Suburban League will meet at noon Wednesday, May 8, at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills

for installation of officers. Chairman Pat Rabe will officiate.

WIDOW'S ORGANIZATION

The Widow's Organization will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in Henry Ford Centennial Library, Michigan Avenue east of the Southfield Freeway. The theme will be "Let's Spruce Up for Spring" with speakers discussing hair styles, colors and fashions.

Reservations are also being accepted for a weekend in Chicago Aug. 16-18. Deposit of \$50 is needed by June 15, with the remaining \$128 due by June 13. The trip includes round-trip train fare and two nights at the Chicago Westin Hotel. For more information, call 582-3792.

HOBBY GREENHOUSE

The Hobby Greenhouse Association will meet 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake. Marjorie Fromm will present "Herbs: Pot Culture of My 12 Favorite Herbs." Cost is \$2 for non-member guests. For information, call Fromm at 589-9098.

LET'S TALK

Mary MacGregor of Angela Hospice Homecare will be the guest speaker for "Let's Talk" CareLink senior lecture series, 1 p.m. Thursday, May 9. The lecture will be at St. Mary Hospital, Levan and Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call 464-4800, Ext. 2433.



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Best sellers

Need a book? Romance, biography or maybe a how to? The prices will be right when the League of Women Voters hold a used book sale Thursday-Saturday, May 9-11, at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth and Middlebelt roads Livonia. "Book worms" will be able to browse through a variety of books. The sale will raise funds for the

LWV's scholarship for a Livonia junior, senior or graduate college student. The sale will start at 6 p.m. Thursday and run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. In preparing for the sale, LWV member Ann Ramroth labels boxes of books by categories. Donations can still be made by calling 421-4420 or 427-0222.


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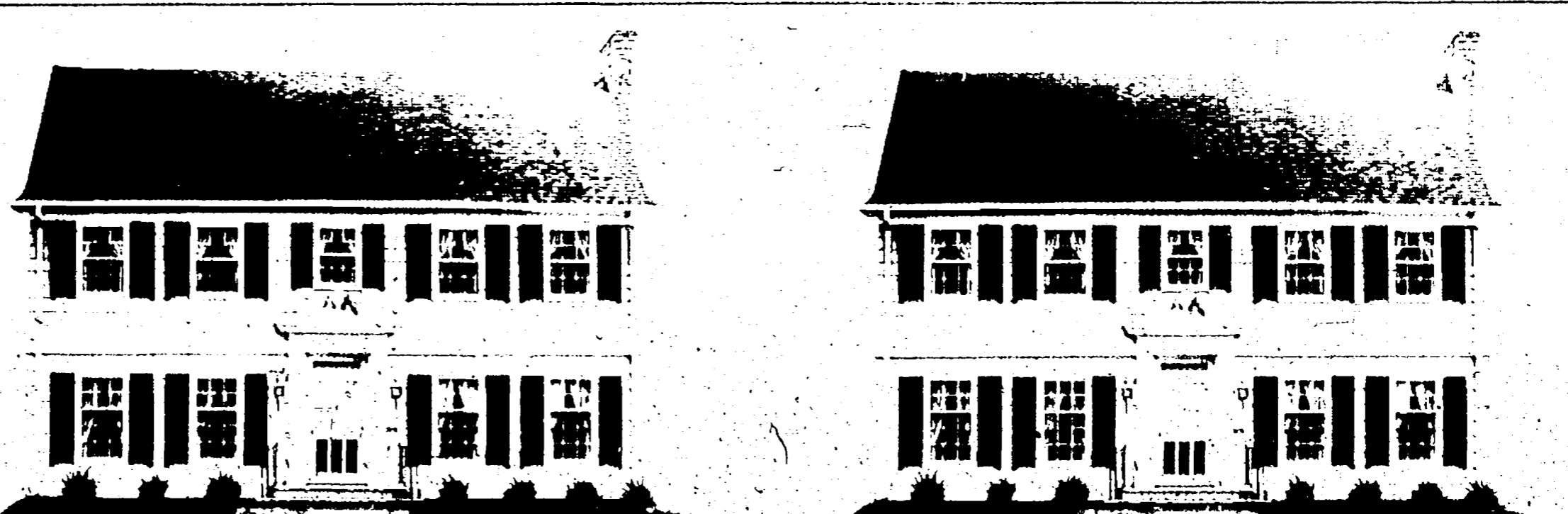
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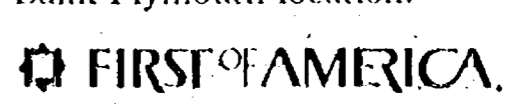
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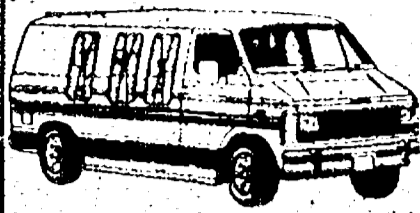
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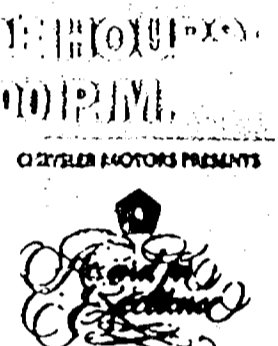
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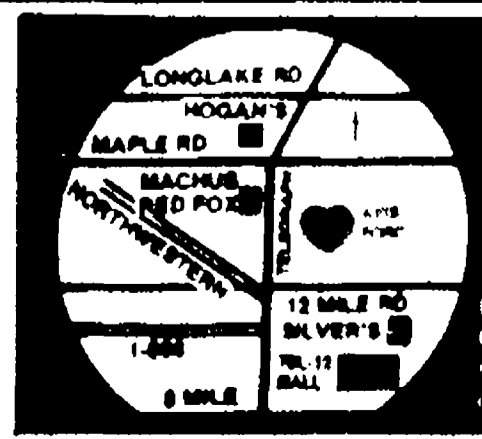
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A curved wall of glass block helps to brighten this bathroom/dressing room.

Basic block

New uses of glass change its ugly duckling reputation

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

For those who grew up in the 1960s and '70s, glass block conjures images of public school what-
ever number.

But glass block has gone upscale.

What was once primarily used in public school bathrooms to let in light and keep out peepers is being used widely in residential, office and commercial projects.

Architects like glass block because of its versatility; builders like glass block because of its appearance; owners like it because it provides privacy, light and protection.

Algimantas Booblys, vice president of design for Rosetti and Associates — the firm that designed Liberty Center in Troy, said glass block can do things no other material can do.

"It creates a veiled image," he said. "Glass block is intriguing."

Glass block can be used to create stunning visual effects, Booblys said, because it allows light to pass through, yet still gives a sense of privacy.

Glass block also comes in several different styles and patterns — some diffuse light greatly, while

others let light penetrate almost as clearly as regular pane glass.

In some cases, Booblys will even use glass block with a solid surface behind it. When used this way, the architect is interested only in the way light reflects off the glass block, showing a color through the block or in lighting the block from behind.

In addition to its visual properties, glass block also has useful structural properties. Glass block, unlike pane glass, can be used to create graceful curves.

"Large pieces of pane-glass can't do that," Booblys said.

GRANTED, GLASS isn't always easy to work with — and it's not the least expensive material in the world — but it is flexible in its use, he said.

While designing Liberty Center, the intent was to create a simple, clean design, but to give it a striking entrance. The result was two buildings that obviously belonged together like puzzle pieces separated by a space.

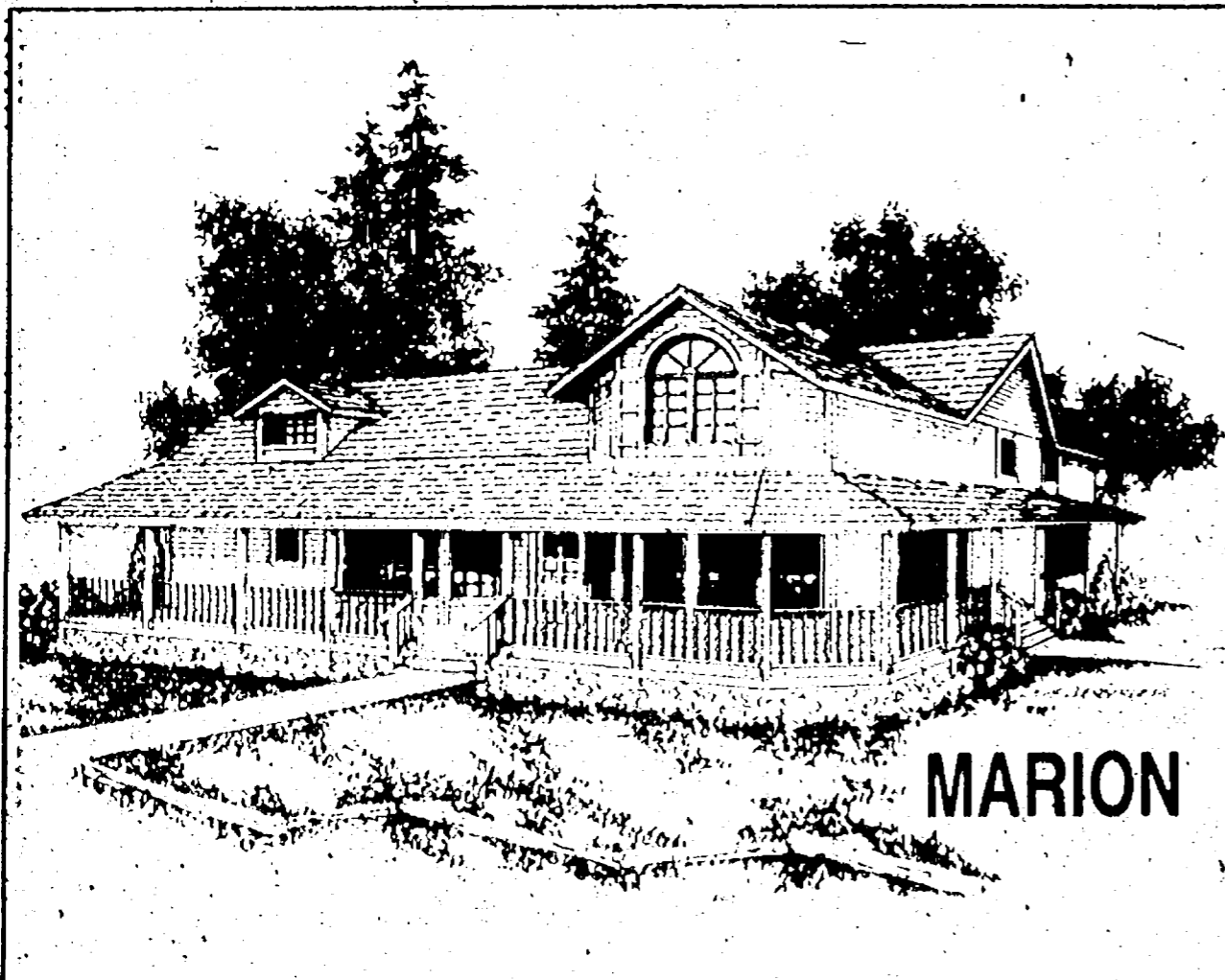
"It's almost like one building, but it's two buildings with a dialogue," Booblys said. The same



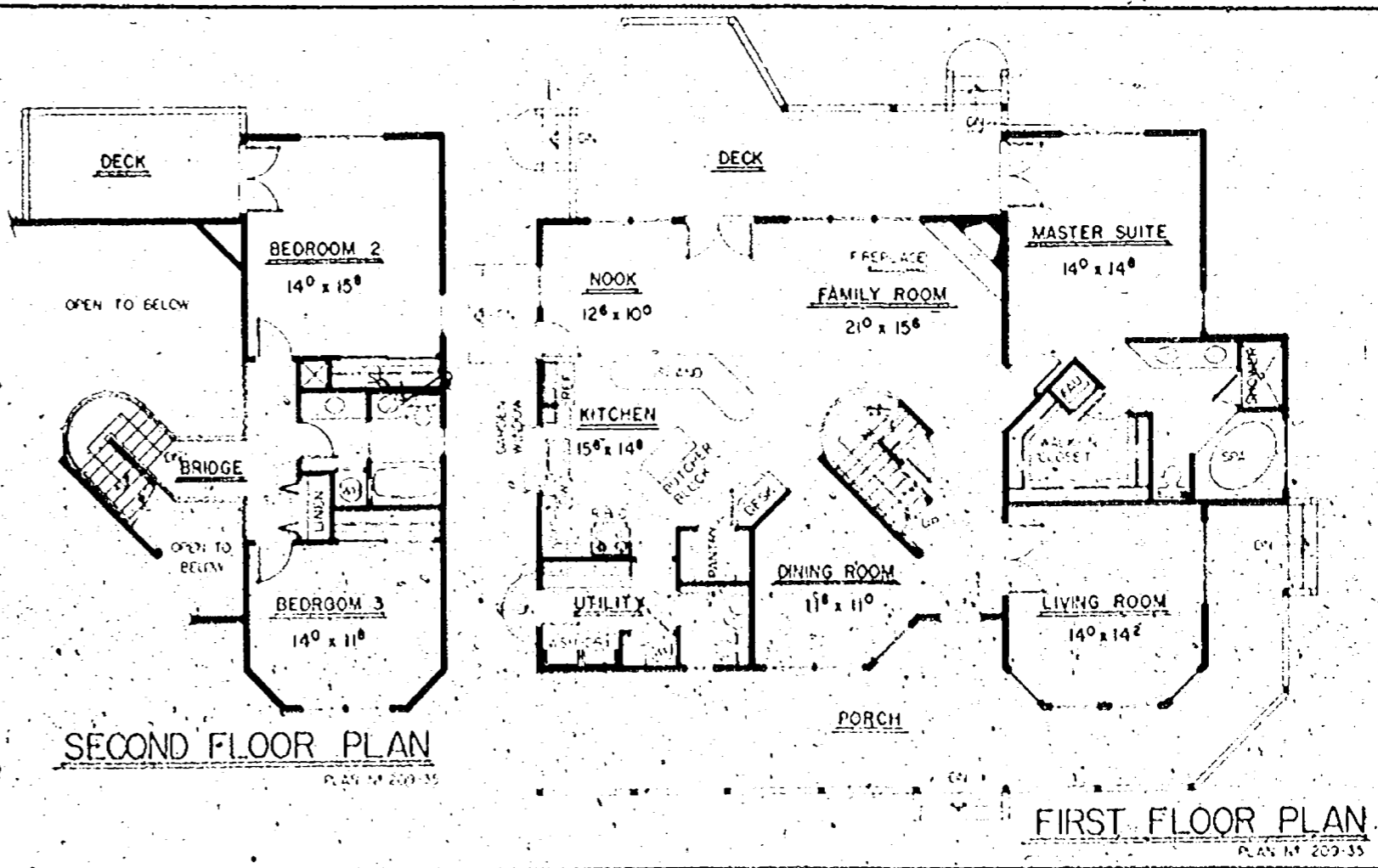
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Liberty Center in Troy, designed by Rosetti Associates in Detroit, uses glass block not only to let in light, but to seemingly join two buildings into one.

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MARION



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Master suites captivate dreamers of new homes

Today's buyers want their houses to include a private master bedroom area that serves as a quiet retreat, according to James McAlexander, designer and president of Landmark Designs.

Landmark's biannual survey led to the selection of the company's most popular house plans of 1990, and all included a master suite separated from the other bedrooms.

"This is a substantially new direction in home design, particularly for smaller houses. Designers have traditionally worked three basic areas into their plans: service (kitchen, utility, garage), living (living room, dining room, family room), and sleeping (bedroom, bathrooms).

"Now there are four. Designers need to think of the sleeping space as two distinct areas: sleeping area No.

1 and sleeping area No. 2."

McAlexander says the master suite is functioning as a "home within a home."

"Buyers want their master bedroom to be isolated, oversized, and comfortable. They want the master to include its own full-sized bathroom and dressing area, including tub, shower and double vanity.

Landmark's most popular house

plan of 1990, the Marion, has all three features.

"Nearly twice as many readers inquired about the Marion as the second most popular home, the Prescott."

McAlexander is also seeing a resurgence in the desire for formal living room or parlors.

"People want informal and open great rooms or country kitchens

where family and friends can be together while engaged in different activities. But they also want a discrete space for formal entertaining as well. Our top three plans share those features."

Here are renderings, floor plans and descriptions of readers' three most popular homes of 1990.

• THE MARION is a traditional

2,406-square-foot house ideal for oversized lots or country acreage. A covered porch runs the full length of the front and wraps around one side, while a detached garage with breezeway would be placed to the other side. Gables and bay windows lend old-fashioned appeal.

Inside, everything except the two

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Glass block goes upscale in offices, homes

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couldn't have been accomplished as well with any other material.

Architect Dale Ferriby said that glass block has been much maligned — particularly as a residential building material — because it has not been used to its full potential.

"Glass block has a bad reputation because of where it's been used in the past," Ferriby said. Ferriby is known for his contemporary housing designs and is one of three architects whose designs are used in the Hills of Lone Pine in Bloomfield Township.

"Glass block has never been used to its potential (in housing)," he said.

In the past, glass block was used in boring, utilitarian ways — mainly in office and commercial work, he said. "It's always been an industrial material — the type you find in boys' lockers rooms."

"That's how people remember it — I've gotten a lot of flak when I propose using it," he said. When he first suggested using it in the Hills of Lone Pine, Texel Land Co. president Robert Vanderkloot — who is developing the property — was more than a little hesitant.

"I'm bringing him (Vanderkloot) around — slowly," he said. "When he sees a design he says, 'It's that damn glass block again' — but now he says it with a little wink."

YOUNGER PEOPLE who don't recall how uninterestingly the material was used are more open to using glass block.

Still, glass block in homes is still fairly rare, but it is growing in use — especially in the upper end, contemporary homes. "Glass block is not expensive, but it is not inexpensive either," Ferriby said.

Glass block may never become common, but there are several reasons why it ought to be considered more. Glass block prevents sound penetration better than glass, allows light to pass through but gives privacy and also has significant energy insulating value.

Glass block is also tremendously flexible. "I've used it as room dividers, in kitchens — even as cabinets — in bathrooms, and even as light fixture."

Charles Fosse, director of design at the architectural firm Wah Yee Associates in Farmington Hills

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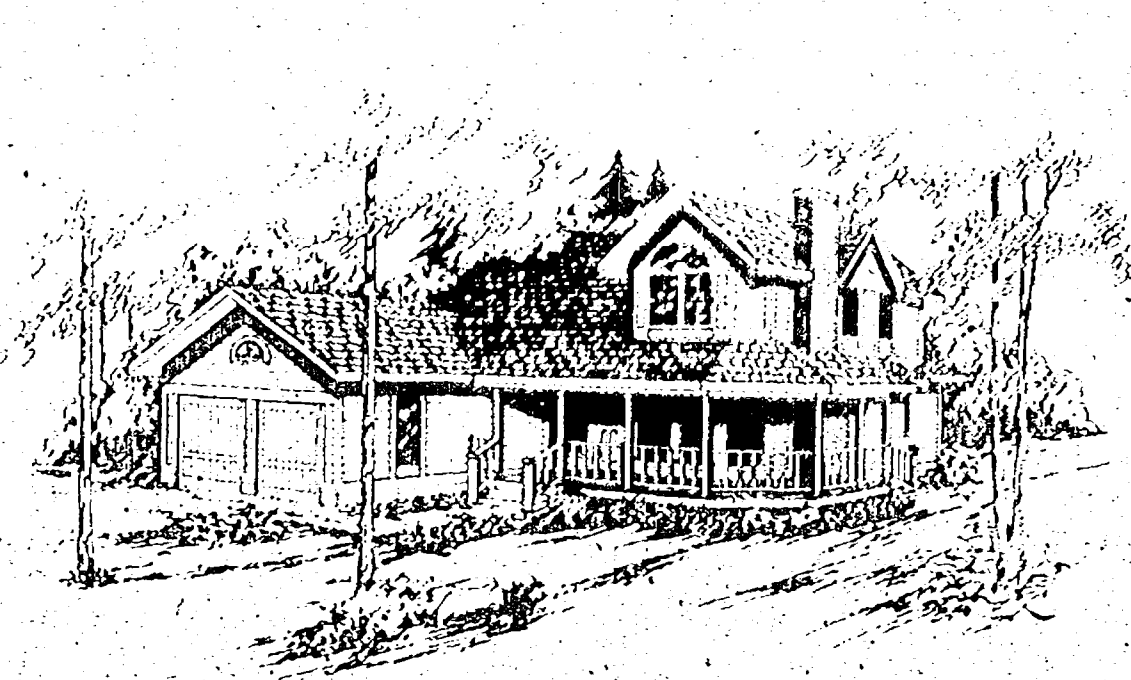
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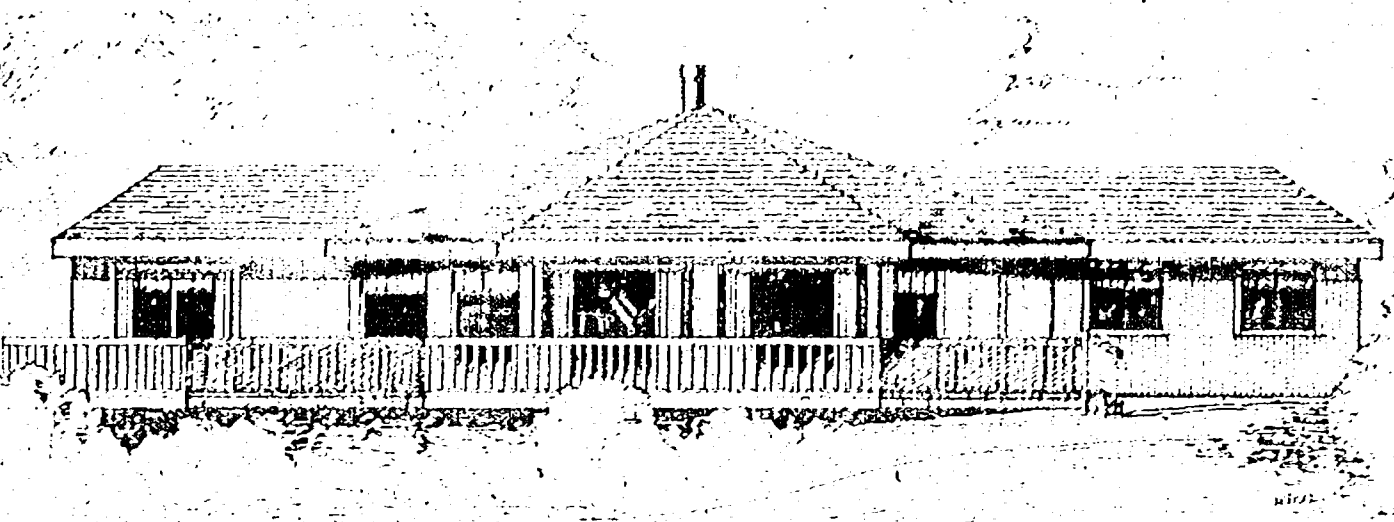
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

ROOMS: DECK, MASTER SUITE (14'0" x 15'0"), FAMILY ROOM (17'0" x 12'0"), KITCHEN (11'0" x 10'0"), DINING ROOM (10'0" x 11'0"), ENTRY, PARLOR (14'0" x 14'0"), PORCH, UTILITY, GARAGE (23'4" x 24'4").

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

ROOMS: BEDROOM 2 (14'0" x 11'0"), BEDROOM 3 (14'0" x 11'0").



ASTRAL 2

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 67'8" x 59'0"
LIVING: 1883 square feet
GARAGE: 484 square feet
COVERAGE: 2367 square feet

FLOOR PLAN

ROOMS: DECK, LIVING ROOM (13'0" x 28'0"), BEDROOM 2 (9'0" x 11'0"), BEDROOM 3 (9'6" x 10'4"), DINING ROOM (13'0" x 16'0"), KITCHEN, UTILITY, 2 CAR GARAGE (21'4" x 21'8"), MASTER SUITE (19'0" x 13'4").

Goodbye, bedrooms; hello, master suites

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Secondary bedrooms with their shared bath is on the first floor. The formal entry leads to a separate living room and dining room. The back of the house is given over to a spacious, vaulted great room that includes a kitchen, nook and family room with fireplace. This space is only broken by a butcher block work island and another long island that serves as a breakfast bar.

The master suite occupies its own wing off the family room and features a double vanity, spa tub, shower and large walk-in closet. Double doors lead to a back deck, which is also accessible from the great room.

The stairs to the second floor bedrooms rise to a landing that is open to the first floor below. The front bedroom shows a bay with a Palladian window. The back bedroom has a double door leading to its own deck.

• **THE PRESCOTT** features multiple peaked roofs, a covered porch, bay windows, half-round windows and decorative vents to lend a touch of tradition.

The double-door entry ushers visitors into an old-fashioned parlor with fireplace and wood storage area. But this room is more richly windowed than any of our grandparents' parlors ever were.

The rest of the house is thoroughly modern in layout and amenities. High-ceilinged and bright, the kitchen, nook, family room and dining room flow into each other. This informal living space extends to the outside, and sliding doors lead from the nook to a large backyard deck.

The master suite, situated off the family room, also has a sliding door to the deck. A separate dressing area, oval tub, shower and closet make

this a self-contained area. Secondary bedrooms are upstairs and share a bathroom with two sinks, a tub/shower, and a linen closet.

At 1,971 square feet, the Prescott may seem larger than it is because of a design that eliminates halls and other wasted space.

• **THE ASTRAL 2** is designed for a slightly sloping lot and has a modern look.

Its main feature is its hexagonal great room with oversized windows. The vaulted great room includes the front entry, living room, dining room and kitchen. At the center of the room is a wood stove that stands on a six-sided hearth that repeats the shape of the room and provides a natural focal point.

A wood storage area is adjacent to the woodstove, and a large, walk-in pantry is adjacent to the kitchen. The oversized utility room has a door leading to the garage, so family members can drop off dripping umbrellas before entering the main part of the house.

The master suite is on the opposite side of the house from the two smaller bedrooms, offering privacy and quiet. This area includes a huge walk-in closet and bathroom with double vanities. Sliding doors lead to an extensive deck that also wraps around three sides of the great room.

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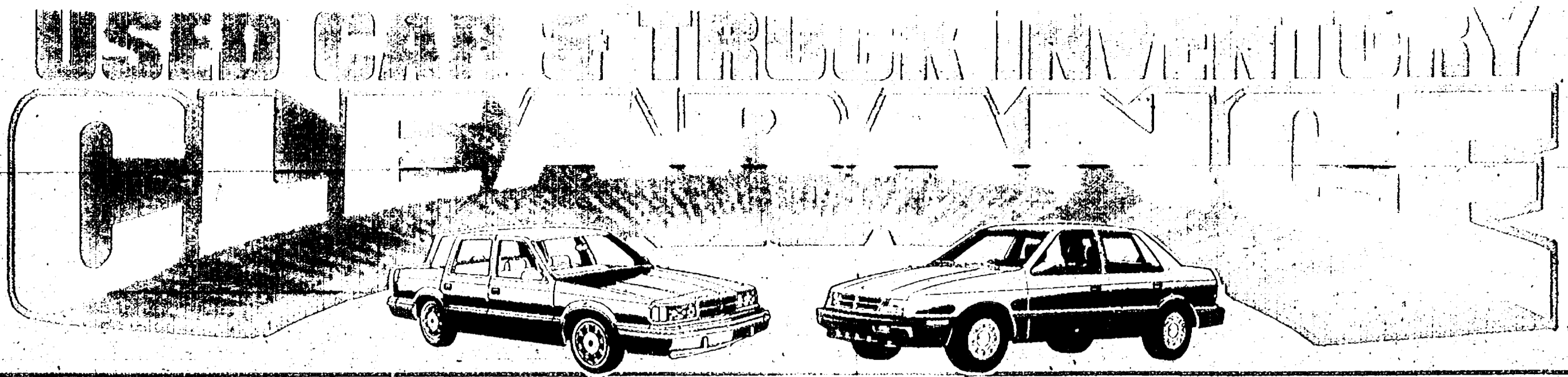
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