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## School decision is 'nobody's business'

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

Wayne-Westland school board member Kathleen Chorbagan, saying "it's nobody's damn business," refused Tuesday to say where her 14-year-old daughter, Kelly, will attend high school.

Chorbagan drew criticism at a board meeting last month for enrolling her daughter at Ladywood, a Catholic girls high school in Livonia. Chorbagan also said she enrolled the girl in Wayne Memorial High School.

Westland resident Betty Talmadge lashed out at Chorbagan during the meeting and told her, "You really don't think the Wayne-Westland

school system is as great as you say it is."

Chorbagan countered that she and her husband, Mark, enrolled Kelly at Ladywood before they knew that Wayne-Westland voters would approve a 7.75-mill tax increase on June 10. Chorbagan, fearing a tax defeat and massive program cuts, had grown concerned that her daughter would not receive a good education at Wayne Memorial.

Chorbagan confirmed Tuesday that her family has reached a decision on which school her daughter will attend, though she refused to elaborate.

"The family has made a decision, but it's nobody else's decision," she said. "My husband has said it's nobody's damn business."

In response to Talmadge's inquiry, Chorbagan said, "If she's that inquisitive, then she had better post herself outside both of those schools on opening day."

Chorbagan said her advice also applies to anyone else who wants to know which school will be attended by her daughter, who recently completed ninth grade at Adams Junior High in the Wayne-Westland district.

CHORBAGIAN ADMITTED that last month she made a downpayment on tuition at Ladywood, which costs \$2,500 a year to attend.

Program cuts at Wayne Memorial could have caused the high school to lose its accreditation, school officials have said.

On Tuesday, Chorbagan said that

Talmadge wouldn't have raised the issue "if she really cared about kids!" Chorbagan said her daughter has nothing to do with the Wayne-Westland school district's political turmoil, which caused three tax defeats before the June 10 passage of the 7.75-mill plan.

"It's unfair for a 14-year-old girl to be brought into a political situation," Chorbagan said. "I believe the Betty Talmadges of the world don't care who they hurt."

Chorbagan noted that, regardless of which school her daughter attends, the Chorbagan family of Wayne will continue to pay its share of Wayne-Westland school taxes.

But, she added, "What we do with our daughter is our business."

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— Kathleen Chorbagan



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

### After the storm

Wildwood resident George Pellar and his granddaughter Marilyn, 3, clear fallen branches after Sunday night's storm. The

storm, though brief, caused damages throughout the metro area. For more on the storm, please turn to Page 4A.

## Feds dismiss fraud charges against Willett

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

Federal authorities have dismissed a criminal complaint of bank fraud against newspaper executive David Willett, but the U.S. Attorney's Office plans to review the matter for possible indictment by a federal grand jury.

As expected, federal officials Tuesday filed documents in federal court seeking to have the bank fraud complaint dismissed. The motion was approved late last week in Detroit federal court, FBI spokesman John Anthony said.

Federal authorities earlier had indicated that the complaint would be dismissed against Willett, president of a company that publishes the Westland Eagle and the Canton Eagle.

However, authorities described the move as standard procedure, and Anthony said a grand jury indictment may be sought after the U.S. Attorney's Office completes its review.

Anthony said he could not speculate on when an indictment might be sought.

But Willett's attorney, Allen Early, said he plans to meet with federal prosecutors "to enlighten them" about what he described as Willett's innocence. Early hopes the effort will convince federal officials that a grand jury indictment should not be sought against Willett.

WILLETT HAS denied the bank fraud charge in which federal authorities accused him of shifting millions of dollars among checking accounts in attempts to cover bad checks.

Authorities charged Willett with a check-kiting scheme in which they said he schemed to defraud the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and First of America in Wayne during a three-month period last year, from Jan. 1 to March 31.

FBI officials said Willett shifted \$5.8 million of the more than \$6.3 million that he deposited to his accounts, in a scheme that authorities said resulted in First of America losing \$30,000.

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## Transformers leak oil, not toxic PCBs

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Leaking transformers on a county-owned Westland site are a health concern, officials said, but apparently not as great a concern as initially feared.

Nearby residents called Observer offices early this week, saying they feared toxic PCBs were leaking from three unused transformers near the county-owned Eloise site, south of Michigan Avenue, near Henry Ruff Road.

But county health officials said that wasn't the case.

"There are some types of transformers that contain PCBs but, thankfully, these aren't among them," said Glenn Brown, county director of environmental health.

The fluid being leaked was standard transformer fluid, Brown added.

"Essentially, it's mineral oil, but that doesn't mean it isn't a concern," he said.

Brown visited the site Monday evening. He said his preliminary look indicated transform-

er fluid had leaked onto the ground and, possibly, into a nearby pond.

"WE'RE GOING to clean it up," he said. It is believed the transformers were vandalized.

"They were locked up behind a fence, and the lock was missing," Brown said. "That leads us to believe it was vandalism."

County officials have since secured the site. The transformers were used to provide power to a section of the sprawling Eloise complex.

The pond had apparently been used as a backup water source for fire fighters in the region.

Eloise, which held Wayne County General Hospital and many other county offices in its heyday, is now mostly vacant.

It was the second time in roughly 18 months unused county transformers were apparently vandalized.

An earlier incident, on county owned property in Northville, posed a greater environmental hazard.

## Money restored

### Power plant's a go, psychiatric hospital stays open

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

State lawmakers have averted the threatened shutdown of a Westland psychiatric hospital by restoring money for a power plant that the facility needs to remain open.

Hospital officials were shocked last month when the Senate Appropriations Committee slashed funding for a \$1.8-million power plant that the Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital needs.

But a joint capital outlay committee has restored money for the project that the 12-year-old, state-financed hospital needs to replace the power it receives from the Wayne County power plant, scheduled for

shutdown in October 1992.

"It appears we are going to get the (alternate) power plant built," hospital director Dr. Norma Josef said Tuesday.

However, Josef said she plans to pay close attention to state budget problems, which she fears could yet threaten the project as state lawmakers grapple with spending cuts.

JOSEF LAST month said the hospital, near Palmer and Merriman, would be forced to shut down and displace nearly 300 patients if money for the power plant did not come through. The hospital, described as the geriatric center for psychiatric services in western Wayne County,

serves patients primarily 60 years or older.

The move to restore funding is expected to result in a groundbreaking for the power plant in January or February, Josef said. The project should be completed within 10 months. The plant will be built on hospital grounds.

Josef attributed the joint committee's decision to restore funding to lobbying efforts by such Wayne-Westland area advocacy groups as Senior Alliance and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

"We certainly express our appreciation to the advocacy groups," she said.

Moreover, many private citizens wrote letters to lawmakers seeking

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Dr. Norma Josef  
hospital director

to have money for the power plant restored, Josef said.

Lobbying efforts provided "the significant motivating force" needed to convince lawmakers to provide funding for the project, she said.

## Restrictions remain for use of city water

Water use restrictions remained in effect in Westland on Tuesday, after recent rains that have failed to completely alleviate a water shortage.

Water pressure has not quite returned to normal, city officials said.

Restrictions apply to the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. During those hours, residents with even-numbered addresses may use lawn sprinklers only on even-numbered dates, such as July 12. Residents with odd-numbered addresses may use lawn sprinklers only on odd-numbered dates, such as July 11.

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# Firefighter appeals suspension, demotion

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

Westland firefighter Paul Bush has appealed a six-month unpaid suspension he received from the civil service commission stemming from an accusation that he took personal property from an apartment tenant he helped evict.

Bush has filed the appeal in Wayne County Circuit Court, city attorney Charles Bokos said Monday. A hearing has not been set.

Bush, who returned to work April 26, hopes to recoup the pay he lost as a result of the suspension. He also has appealed the civil service commission's decision to demote

him from his former rank of battalion chief to driver engineer — a two-rank drop that marked a 12-percent pay cut.

Neither Bush nor his attorney, James Fowler, could be reached for comment Tuesday.

But Bokos, commenting on the appeal, said Bush claims the city had no evidence to prove that he took personal property belonging to Elaine Botz during a June 1990 eviction at Hawthorne Club Apartments on Merriam, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Road.

**BOTZ CLAIMED** that Bush and firefighter Mark Wilhide took such items as a

microwave oven, two footlockers, a television, a lawn chair and other of her belongings. The two men were fired last Oct. 3.

Bush was acting as a bailiff for Westland's 18th District Court during the eviction, and Wilhide was working as his assistant.

Both men were cleared of charges in circuit court — an action that their attorneys said should have prompted the city to drop its civil service charges.

Though the civil service panel did not uphold Bush's firing, it accused him of unethical behavior in announcing its decision in April to suspend him for six months and demote him.

Kevin Riley, the Westland firefighters

union president, has called the decision "unfair" and said he believes Bush and Wilhide were not guilty.

Wilhide's case has not been decided. Unlike Bush, he chose not to appear before the civil service commission and has instead sought arbitration. A hearing is expected to be held in August, Bokos said.

Wilhide's attorney, Anthony Guerriero, had questioned whether Wilhide would receive a fair hearing before the civil service panel. Guerriero said the Bush ruling had no impact on Wilhide's decision to seek arbitration.

As the controversy unfolded following the eviction, Wilhide turned over to Westland

police such items as two footlockers and a lawn chair. Wilhide had been under the impression that Botz's property was considered abandoned once it was removed from the apartment, Guerriero has said.

Wilhide's move to return the property showed that he had not intended to break any rules, Guerriero said.

Though both firefighters had sought back pay, the civil service panel ruled that Bush should not receive it.

Once the arbitration proceedings have been completed in Wilhide's case, Guerriero has predicted that Wilhide will be reinstated at the fire department with back pay.

## 'Rob the rich' Robin Hood bill worries school officials

By Mary Rodrigue  
staff writer

A Robin Hood style piece of legislation that would take money from richer school districts for redistribution to poorer districts has local school officials wary.

The controversial bill that takes some money generated from business growth in the state's richest districts and gives it to their poorer neighbors was approved by the state House, with final Senate approval expected this week.

**TAX RICH** Livonia Schools Superintendent Joe Marinelli has a list of concerns he has been sharing with legislators.

"The taxbase proposal is still a bandaid approach. It doesn't address the adequacy and equity between

districts," said Marinelli.

"The first year, it would provide \$30 per pupil to in-formula districts. In 10 years, it would increase to \$250 per pupil. Those numbers do little to solve the equity problem when you're looking at \$3,000 to \$8,000 per pupil spending across the state."

While the additional funds wouldn't amount to much for recipients, out of formula districts would be dramatically affected, according to Marinelli.

"The first year alone, Livonia would lose \$1.4 million."

Even though that may look like a drop in Livonia's \$100 million school budget, compounded by other legislation, such as recapture (state withholding reimbursement for state mandated programs) which sucked \$4.6 million from Livonia this year, combined with next year's proposed

tax assessment freeze (a projected \$4.1 million dollar loss), it "amounts to a huge chunk of change," said Marinelli.

**SUPPORTERS** of the legislation argue it's fair to share commercial and industrial growth — from a utility, for example — because it serves more than one community yet hikes the taxbase only in one district.

Their goal is to narrow the per pupil spending gap in Michigan schools, which ranges from \$2,200 to \$9,000 per student in districts across the state.

Under the plan, districts would have to share half of the valuation growth of commercial and industrial property with other districts.

One provision is intended to make it less likely the plan would hurt a district that generates too much

money per student locally to get state aid — out of formula — but isn't really rich.

Any district with an adjusted gross income per student less than 75 percent of the state average won't have to share its money. If they have an average that's 125 percent of the state average, they have to share the full 50 percent.

Between 75 percent and 125 percent, the percentage of growth they would have to share goes up 1 percent for each percent.

For example, a district where the income per student is 102 percent of the state's average will have to give up 27 percent of its growth, while a district with income per student that is 78 percent of the state's average will share just 3 percent.

*Associated Press contributed to this story*

## Trips celebrate railway's silver anniversary

To mark the silver anniversary of steam-powered excursions on the Norfolk & Western Railway and the Southern Railway, "Steamtrain 24" commemorative trips for Michiganders will operate Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14.

The non-profit Bluewater Michigan chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is sponsoring the anniversary celebration in cooperation with the Norfolk Southern System.

**EX-NORFOLK & Western** streamlined Northern-type locomotive No. 611 will pull the two 25-car passenger specials from Allen Park.

"This originally was going to be a one-day event," said Walter Weible of Livonia, national director of Blue Water Michigan chapter, "but our Saturday trip has nearly sold out, so we are operating a second excursion on Sunday, July 14."

The "Steamtrain 25" trips are proving to be popular because they

feature the much-photographed N&W No. 611, stop over for 3½ hours in the heart of Fort Wayne's annual Three Rivers Festival, and meet 1991 needs for economical one-day family vacations.

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"Steamline 25" consists of up to 25 coaches, a premium-service section, first-class observation/lounge, snack/souvenir cars, and an open-window baggage car that affords passengers the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of No. 611 at work.

"STEAMTRAIN 25" will depart Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park at 8 a.m. July 13, 14.

The train will stop in Milan on Saturday only at 8:45 a.m. and on Sunday only will stop at Adrian at 9:15 a.m.

### clarification

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas wanted to clarify statements in Monday's issue of the Observer.

Thomas said his relations with the city festival committee have been

good this year. And though Thomas has voiced concerns about the festival being held on city grounds, he is not opposed to the festival itself. He said a more suitable site has not been found.

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## Crash victim still recovering

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

A 70-year-old Westland woman whose car was smashed by a semi-trailer as she ran a red light at Newburgh and Ford remained in the University of Michigan Hospital on Tuesday — 18 days after she received multiple injuries in the crash that police said she was lucky to survive.

"It appears she's going to make it," Westland police officer Thomas Hissong said.

The woman, Dorothy Dell, has received three operations since the 2:06 p.m. June 20 crash that broke both of her legs, both of her arms and her pelvis. She also suffered a collapsed lung and other internal injuries.

Pending an investigation, police had initially declined to identify the woman. Hissong revealed her identity on Monday and said she will face a charge of driving without due care and caution, punishable by a fine of up to \$100.

Witnesses told police that Dell had been driving on the wrong side of the road when she ran a red light

at the Newburgh-Ford intersection and was struck by a semi-trailer driven by John Dwarzski, 39, of Adrian.

Dell had been driving south on Newburgh; the semi-trailer had been heading west on Ford.

**ON MONDAY**, Hissong said police have ruled out alcohol as a contributing factor in the accident. Hissong indicated that Dell's diabetic condition could have caused her to drive erratically, causing the crash.

"She's an insulin-dependent diabetic," he said. "It appears she may have had a reaction to the diabetes."

Police said they were certain Dell would have been killed had she not been wearing her seatbelt. After the accident, she remained trapped — semi-conscious and bleeding — in her 1988 Ford Tempo as rescue workers used the "jaws-of-life" equipment to pry her out.

It took rescue workers 40 minutes to free Dell, who was taken to Annapolis Hospital and then flown by helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital.

## Charges of bank fraud dropped

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The FBI accused Willett of shifting the money among his accounts "at such intervals that it would appear to the victim banks that there were sufficient funds on deposit to honor (the) checks." In fact, FBI officials said, Willett did not have sufficient funds.

Willett appeared in federal court June 13, after he surrendered to authorities on the criminal complaint. Federal officials also searched the offices of Associated Newspapers Inc., which publishes six suburban newspapers, and seized documents that they said implicated Willett in the check-kiting scheme.

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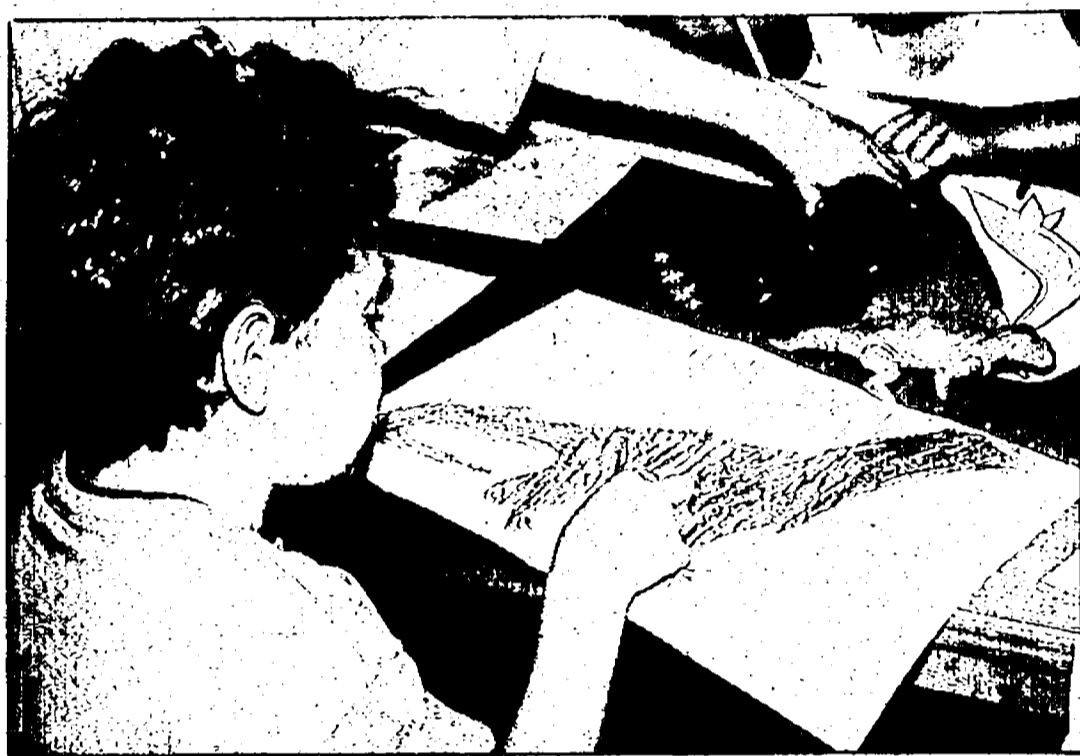
Students stay fit and have fun at the same time by playing scatterball during the YMCA summer camp on Wayne Road. The camp also provides a sitter service for parents.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Volleyball on a summer day — that's part of the YMCA summer camp on Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Riley Quarles, 6, of Wayne colors a dinosaur as part of the "Time of the Dinosaurs" day at the YMCA summer day camp for children ages 6 to 12.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

## Camping it up Youngsters revel at Y day camp

Summer camp is under way at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, much to the delight of youngsters who are spending part of their summer swimming, singing, playing games and learning about such subjects as dinosaurs, '50s culture and Hawaiian holidays. The 10-week camp began June 17 and runs through Aug. 23 at the YMCA on Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Admission ranges from \$12 a day to \$70 a week. As a bonus for working parents, a "sitter service" has been provided that allows parents to drop off their children between the hours of 6:30

a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The camp itself starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 are headquartered in the YMCA barn, and each age group participates in separate activities.

The day camp also has a stated goal: "It is a program designed to give children a new experience, develop new skills, make new friends and to make them more aware of the wonders of nature."

WEEKLY THEMES are being addressed at the camp. During this week's theme, "Time of the Dinosaurs," children learned about the

ancient animals, drew pictures of them and colored them with crayons.

Other themes include "Sports Week," "Mysterious Doings," "Hawaiian Holiday" and "Gags and Games," among others.

All day camp fees must be paid a week in advance. Weekly fees are \$60 for YMCA full members and \$70 for others. Daily fees are \$12 a fee for full members and \$14 a day for others.

For more information about the program or enrolling in it, call the YMCA at 721-7044.

## Safety is the driving force for book on traffic habits

By Helen Niemiec  
staff writer

Men are not better drivers. That statement is derived from tons of automobile data assimilated into a single book by a Bloomfield Hills scientist.

Leonard Evans is a principal research scientist for General Motors Research Lab who often refers to scores of authoritative studies for his job. To make his life easier — as well as life for other traffic engineers, police officers and drivers interested in the topic — he put everything together in one handy, dandy book.

The result is "Traffic Safety and the Driver," published by Van Nostrand Reinhold of New York. Evans will be making a presentation at Barnes and Noble bookstore in Rochester at 8 p.m. on July 13.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

When it comes to safety, statistics on drunken driving and fatal crashes show men are worse drivers than women, writes Leonard Evans of Bloomfield Hills in his book.

statistics based on gender and age, while the violence is traffic fatality rates. With enough graphs and statistical formulas to satisfy the person well-versed in mathematics and probability, the substance of the book — descriptions and analyses — will not intimidate the nonexpert.

Chapters cover everything from an overview of American driving habits to the influence of alcohol in accidents to effectiveness of safety belts, airbags and motorcycle helmets.

Evans also devotes a chapter to how drivers can reduce their risks. The Bloomfield Hills man has never been involved in an accident, so he speaks with authority about how motivation is a key component to a good driving record.

SHARING EQUALLY fine driving records and assisting him in completing his book were his wife, Wendy, daughter Anita and sons, David and Edwin. Most of the family can be seen on the cover of the book, driving cars that appear in a photograph taken by Evans.

"After I wrote that in the book, I was afraid that it might jinx me but instead it has motivated me to keep that record," Evans said.

Attitude plays a key role in driver safety. People who tend to take more risks, get in more accidents. Young men who see a vehicle to display their machismo often drive at excessive speeds, tailgate or drive in

a fashion that makes it difficult to avoid accidents. Men between 18 and 25 also are more apt to mix alcohol with driving.

Male fatality driving statistics are higher than female statistics, no matter what age range is looked at, Evans said. Accident rates taper off as drivers get older, and they see a car as a utilitarian vehicle to take them where they want to go.

TRAFFIC FATALITY rates — there were 46,900 auto deaths reported in the U.S. in 1989 — have been falling by approximately 3 percent annually since 1921. Some of that is due to improved driving skills and the rest can be attributed to cars and roads that are designed with safety in mind, Evans said.

Driving is more complex than just a law enforcement issue, Evans points out in his book. Improving driving requires not only help from engineers but also social pathologists because much of driving is behavioral, Evans said.

"The driver's behavior and performances are not sufficiently stressed. It's at the core of what's going on. A person doesn't drive fast because they lack the knowledge of driving slower," Evans said.

But behavior can change, witness how smoking has moved from socially acceptable to unacceptable in 25 years. Driving after drinking is making a similar change. "We're looking at evolving social norms. And there are many factors involved," Evans said.

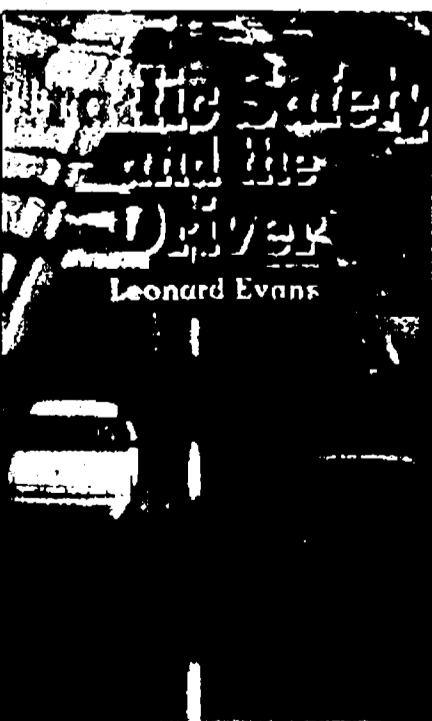
Drivers who want to be safe should not mutter about congested roads, since the slower speeds contribute to fewer injuries if an accident occurs, Evans' research showed.

"There's more of a risk of a fender bender at that time. But there is more risk of a fatality at other times of the day," Evans said.

Bad places to be are rural roads on early Sunday mornings, hours between midnight and 2 a.m. While most accidents occur in urban settings, Evans said that two-thirds of all traffic fatalities are recorded on rural roads.

People may change behavior to lessen their chances of being involved in an accident. But the Bloomfield Hills man who holds a doctorate in physics from Oxford University in England doesn't overlook that one unpredictable variable — luck.

"If you drive over a bridge and it collapses, well, it happens. It has nothing to do with the driver's responsibility," Evans said.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Leonard Evans snapped the cover photograph for his book, "Traffic Safety and the Driver," with his wife driving the car in the front on the right side, and his son driving the car on the left.



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# Community Corner

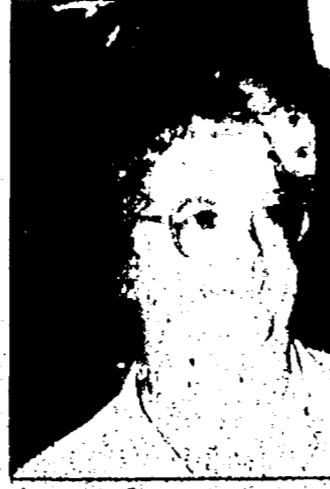
This week's question:

Do you consider downtown Detroit a safe place to go for events?

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.



No.  
— Tom Taylor  
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"I really avoid Detroit if I can. I always get lost there; that's the main reason."  
— Patricia Tank  
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"It depends on what time you go. There's a lot of fun in Detroit, but you have to know when to go down there."  
— Cindy Tyranski  
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"Yes and no. It depends on where you go and who you go with. A lot of things that happen there could happen anywhere."  
— Debbie Scott  
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"Yes I do."  
— Ron Schwesing  
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"If everybody's careful enough they can enjoy downtown without getting into trouble."  
— Tom Zupko  
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## City 'fortunate' in severe storm

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

A severe thunderstorm that ravaged the metropolitan Detroit area Sunday night downed power lines, toppled trees, sparked fires and caused the cancellation of a fireworks show in Westland, but authorities said the city wasn't hit nearly as hard as many other communities.

"I think we were fortunate compared to a lot of other cities," Westland police Inspector Emery Price said Tuesday. "We had some minor damage, but it was nothing like Oakland County had."

Portions of Westland, mostly in the north end, remained without power Tuesday as Detroit Edison workers scrambled to restore service knocked out by the storm.

Westland police received scores of storm-related calls Sunday and Monday — most of them stemming from downed power lines.

Firefighters also received numerous calls, including a north-end garage fire, but no major fires or injuries were reported, said Westland fire Chief Larry Lane.

A FIREWORKS display that had been scheduled to conclude the city's annual festival had to be postponed Sunday night after the storm dumped rain on a crowd that had

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— Inspector Emery Price  
Westland police

gathered near the city complex. "That scattered people all over the place," Price said.

The fireworks display was held Monday night instead.

A traffic light at Newburgh and Palmer remained knocked out Tuesday, though several other traffic signals had been repaired.

According to police reports, power was knocked out on portions of Hannan, Donna, Grace, Canyon, Hunter and Henry Ruff, among numerous other streets.

The Westland Post Office, on Wayne Road north of Ford, remained without power until shortly before 11 a.m. Tuesday. Postal workers brought in emergency generators to keep the doors open until power could be restored.

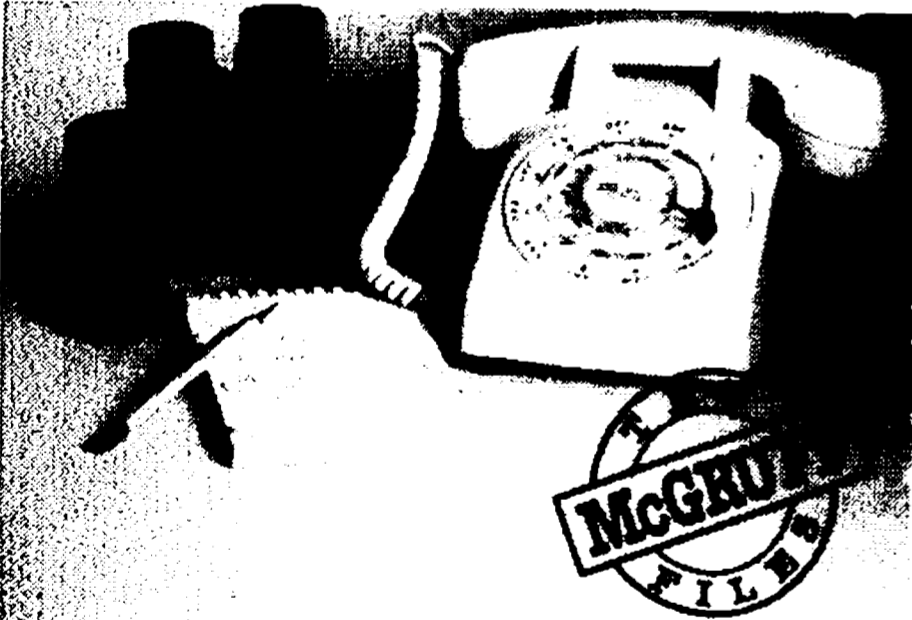
By Tuesday afternoon, however, the post office had returned to "business as usual," said Michael Taurence, superintendent of postal operations.



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

This house on Sheridan lost a tree but avoided more serious damage. Trees and power lines fell in many western Wayne County communities during Sunday night's storm.

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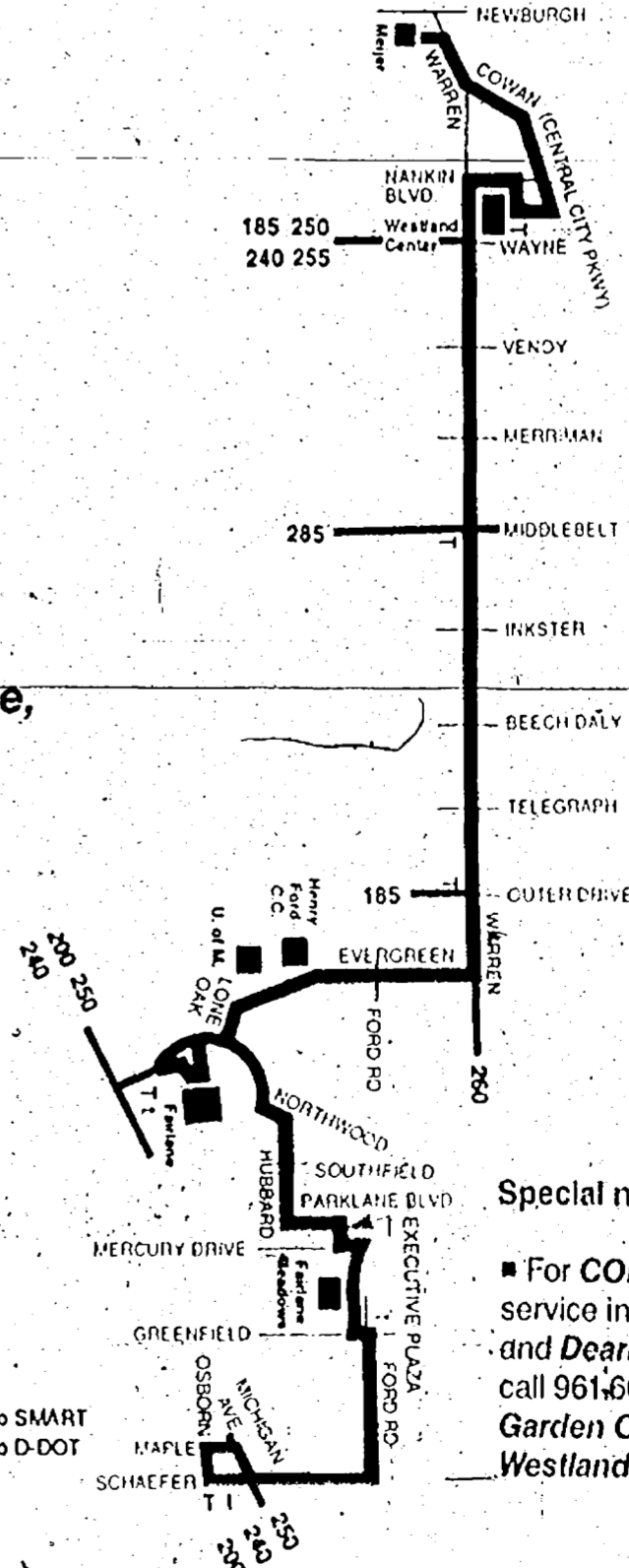
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■ For CONNECTOR service in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights call 961-6030, for Garden City and Westland call 729-2710.



# Madonna to host Taiwanese students

Twenty-five Taiwanese students will be touring area schools this month as part of their master program studies at Madonna University, Livonia.

Students will begin a three-week U.S. program July 14. They will tour area public schools, as well as vocational and trade schools.

Many of the students are teachers or school administrators in their native land.

During their U.S. tour, students will participate in-panel discussions, drawing comparisons between education in both nations.

Outside of the Madonna program, master's studies generally are not available for working Taiwanese adults. Programs are usually limited to those who plan to teach college.

Before entering high school, Taiwanese youngsters must take a national test to determine their future education. Based upon the test, students either attend college pre-

paratory or vocational high schools.

Madonna began its Taiwanese program in March 1989 when university President Sister Francine and academic vice president Sister Rose Marie traveled to Taipei to meet with Taiwanese officials.

Joint programs for business and education professionals were subsequently been developed. Courses were developed in conjunction with the New Schoolmates Foundation for Culture and Education and Chen L. Chang, principal of Pankow Vocational-Technical School, Mount Clemens. Chang is a New Schoolmates representative.

Courses are taught by Madonna faculty members stationed in Taiwan, although students must complete their studies on the university's main Livonia campus.

The Madonna program includes such topics as computer information systems, management theory and organizational behavior.

# Stempien tapped to lead SC board

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Jeanne Stempien, a Schoolcraft College trustee since 1986, has been named chairwoman of the seven-member board.

Stempien, a Northville Township resident, was appointed during the annual board organizational meeting July 1.

As chairwoman, Stempien will direct and help shape the agenda at board meetings.

Stempien said she'd like to see the board developing a new satellite campus, among other long-term goals.

"I think there's a strong feeling on the board that we should be looking for something to the south and west," she said. "Schoolcraft College-Radcliff Garden City has been such a success that there's a feeling we should now be looking to do something for these other students, too."

Schoolcraft currently operates classes out of Plymouth-Canton school buildings, as well as on the Livonia and Garden City campuses.

Finding alternative financing sources is also a key priority,



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— Jeanne Stempien  
SC board chair

She and her husband are partners in Stempien & Stempien, a Livonia-based law firm. They have two children.

Stempien is a magna cum laude graduate of the Detroit College of Law and also holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan. She taught for two years in the Taylor Public Schools before becoming an attorney.

In other board appointments, Stephen Ragan of Plymouth was appointed board secretary and Michael Burley of Canton was appointed treasurer.

In other appointments, Harry Greenleaf was named trustee director for the Michigan Community College Association. Thaddeus McCotter was named board parliamentarian. Both are Livonia residents.

Stempien, Burley and Ragan were all winners in the June board election.

Stempien was the leading vote-getter, and Burley the runner up, in a three-candidate race for two six-year board seats. Burley has been a trustee since 1979.

Ragan was the top vote-getter in the eight-candidate race for a four-year board seat.

Stempien said, especially as state money becomes less certain:

"We already know not to expect one of our quarterly payments (from the state) on time," she said.

The move forces the college to tap into its reserves.

Trustees are also expected to approve a contract with the Schoolcraft Faculty forum, the

college teacher's union, sometime this year.

FORMERLY BOARD vice chairwoman, Stempien swapped jobs with ex-chairwoman Mary Breen of Plymouth Township. Breen, chairwoman since 1987, is now the board vice chairwoman. Stempien's appointment was unanimous.

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Saturday, July 13 — A children's mini carnival will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Westhaven Manor, 34601 Elmwood, between Wayne Road and Wildwood. Proceeds will benefit the seniors activity fund. Games, prizes, a raffle, a bake sale and bazaar and food will be featured. For information, call 729-3690.

## TOASTMASTERS

Thursday, July 18 — Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Denny's Restaurant, Wayne Road at Cowan, Westland. The group helps members improve their public speaking skills. For information, call 455-1635.

## GED TESTS

Monday-Tuesday, July 22-23 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile. For information, call 523-9294.

## ST. DAMIAN CRAFTS

Saturday, Oct. 12 — St. Damian School and Sodality will have its arts and craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Crafters are needed. Table fee is \$28. For information, call Terese at 454-0376.

## CHURCH BOUTIQUE

Saturday, Oct. 19 — A boutique will be in St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1646 Belton, Garden City. Eight-foot tables are available at \$15. For information, call Mary at 425-3282.

## ARTS/CRAFTS

Saturday, Nov. 2 — Wildwood School PTA is accepting table reservations for its fall arts and crafts show. Fee is \$25 for one 6-foot table and \$45 for two. For information, call Ann at 728-1626.

## CHURCH CRAFTS

Saturday, Nov. 2 — An arts and crafts show will be in Kirk of Our Savior Church, 30600 Cherry Hill, Westland. Tables available; 8-foot for \$13 and 8-foot for \$16. For information, call Betty at 422-6505 or Lois at 721-3875.

## BOUTIQUE

Saturday, Dec. 7 — The Women of the Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Council will have a boutique 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the K of C Hall, 30759 Ford, Garden City. Eight-foot tables available for \$20. For tables, call Linda 422-0373; Beth or Ann 425-5288; Betty 941-7817; or Hildi 561-3816.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for grades kindergarten through eight, morning and af-

## 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.

ternoon sessions, is at St. Dunstan School, 1615 Belton, Garden City, for the school year starting next September. For information, call 425-4380.

## JAYCEES

Tuesdays — The Westland Jaycees are conducting their annual membership drive for new members ages 21-40. The Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Westland Sports Arena, Wildwood at Hunter. For information, call the Jaycees at 729-5083 or 722-1630.

## SCHOOL OPENINGS

St. Mel Catholic School is accepting new registrations for kindergarten through eighth grades 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 7-9 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in Annapolis Hospital-Westland Center, Conference Room A, 2345 Merriman Road.

## WHY WEIGHT

Mondays — Why Weight, a support group for adults in the process of losing or maintaining weight, meets at 7 p.m. in Garden City Hospital, Room 3 in the basement, 6245 Inkster Road at Maplewood. For information, call 721-6624.

## DYER CENTER

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

• Mondays: Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.

• Tuesdays: Arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.

• Wednesdays: Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.

• Thursdays: Ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

## NURSERIES

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

has opened enrollment for winter term, now through May. Registration for fall for children, 2, 3 and 4 years old, is also open. For more information, call 274-4572.

## TOPS

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

## WEIGHT CONTROL

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

## FITNESS GYM

Monday-Saturday — The Wayne-Westland Family Y will sponsor a fitness gym 6 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. 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 for its Play and Learn Program. For more information, call 721-7044.

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

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## obituaries

### ELMER C. MERZ

Private funeral services for Mr. Merz, 74, of Westland were recently. Cremated remains were interred at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Arrangements were made by the Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Community Center, 1760 Mt. Elliott, Detroit 48207.

Mr. Merz, who died June 29 in Veterans Administration Hospital, Allen Park, was born in Kentucky. He retired in 1970 from the Stroh Brewery Co., where he was a truck driver and salesman.

Mr. Merz was a member of American Legion Post No. 490 and the 41st Infantry Division World War II. Survivors include: sister, Heine M. Kantner of Westland.

### MABEL B. BLUES

Memorial services for Mrs. Blues, 91, of Garden City were recently in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. The Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiated.

Mrs. Blues, who died in Botsford Hospital, was born in England. She was a homemaker and a member of Maccabees Fraternal Organization.

Survivors include: children, Joanne Kramis of Garden City; Tom Blues of California; three grandchildren.

### EDWARD J. DERDA

Funeral services for Mr. Derda, 84, of Garden City were recently in

St. Raphael Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. The Rev. Charles O'Neill officiated. Sister Rita Mary led a Rosary.

Mr. Derda, who died July 1, was a tool crib attendant at Kelsey Hayes. Survivors include: wife, Anna R.; children, Mary Ann Sarwarski, Robert, John, Margaret, Edward Jr.; brother, Edmund; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

### FREDERICK WILLIAM JOHNSON

Private services for Mr. Johnson, 77, of Inkster were recently with burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland.

Mr. Johnson, who died June 26 in Inkster, was born in Evansville, Ind. He was a welder.

Survivors include: sisters and brothers, Jim of Inkster, Richard of Wayne, Raymond of Westland, Kenneth of Wayne, Margaret Baxter of Westland, Dorothy Hoyt of Tennessee, Jean Eggermont of Florida.

### LOWELL HILLIER

Funeral services for Mr. Hillier, 64, of Westland were recently in the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home

in Westland, with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Thomas B. Emerick officiated.

Mr. Hillier, who died June 30 in Haight Township, was born in Marquette. He was a tool and die maker. Survivors include: wife, Mary E.; children, Judith A. Crayson of Westland; Cynthia Ivey of Westland; Susan Ivey of Pinckney; Deborah Miller of Imlay City; sisters and brothers, Madaline Rivard, Margaret Bureau, Luther J. Hillier, Edward Brian Hillier (all of Marquette); 10 grandchildren.

### FRANK PRYSDALE

Funeral services for Mr. Prysdale, 73, of Garden City were recently in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. The Rev. Donald W. Mullett officiated.

Mr. Prysdale, who died June 25 in Garden City Hospital, was born in Detroit. He was a welder who worked with various welding companies. Mr. Prysdale was also a very active member of the Garden City Christian Center.

Survivors include: wife, Shirley; children, Harvey of Livonia, Debbie Dawson of Westland; three grandchildren.

## Golf outing aids Ford scholarship

A golf outing to benefit the William D. Ford Congressional Scholarship Fund at Eastern Michigan University will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the EMU Huron Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

The outing will begin with lunch and range practice, followed by a shotgun start of the golf tournament at noon and cocktails and dinner at 6 p.m.

Ford has been a U.S. representa-

tive in the 15th Congressional District, which includes southern Livonia, for 26 years. Last year, during Ford's 25th year in Congress, Eastern Michigan recognized him declaring Jan. 2, 1990, as "Bill Ford Day" and by hosting a 25th anniversary celebration in his honor to benefit the EMU scholarship fund in his name.

The contributions requested to attend the Ford golf scramble are \$250 per person for lunch, golf, cocktails

and dinner; \$100 per person for dinner only; and \$1,000 for patrons and hole sponsors.

Former Michigan House Speaker Gary Owen and Dr. William Simmons, former EMU regent, served as co-chairs of the Ford tournament planning committee.

For more information or reservations, call EMU's Development Office at 487-0252.

## Study links 8 Mile Road communities

Previously known as the great divide, Eight Mile Road has finally become the cohesive tie of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

After realizing the number of mutual problems shared along the corridor, Livonia and other suburbs along Eight Mile joined with each other and Detroit to form the Eight Mile Corridor Task Force.

With a grant from the Greater Detroit Economic Development Group, the task force has retained McKenna & Associates to develop a study of Eight Mile beginning in August.

The survey will ascertain what problems exist along Eight Mile from various businesses, government councils, residents and state lawmakers.

In addition, existing private and public transportation will be evalu-

ated as well as the physical and land uses of building characteristics.

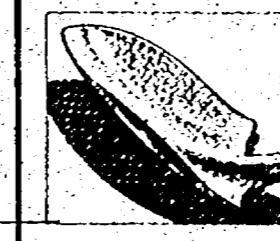
After the results of the survey are compiled, McKenna will present solutions to the various problems of which the task force and development group will consider.

Formed in 1990, the Eight Mile Corridor Task Force became the link of Eight Mile.

The task force consists of municipi-

pal planners and planning consultants from Livonia, Redford Township, Southfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Detroit, East Detroit, Ferndale, Harper Woods, Hazel Park, Oak Park, Royal Oak Township, Warren, and the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb.

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### \*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road June 17, 1991

\*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of June 17, 1991; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Sari convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Joseph Laura, Richard McKnight, Marjorie Roach, Patricia Sari, Pat Tancill, Richard Thorderson. Absent: Carol Strom. Written Communication: Receipt of two letters from Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gestinski were acknowledged by the Board.

Recognition - GM Livonia Public Affairs Committee: The Board presented GM's public affairs committee a plaque in appreciation for its sponsorship of the Science Screen Report video series which has been available for use in LPS schools this school year.

Ruth Knight Young Artist Awards: The Board unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing the LPS student winners of the Ruth Knight Young Artist Award.

Audience Communications: The following individuals addressed the Board in regard to the Cooper school landfill situation: Mary Gestinski, Ron Graunstadt, and Cheryl Graunstadt.

Recess: President Sari recessed the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Roach and Laura that the Board of Education: Approve the Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting on May 30, 1991. Approve the Minutes of Closed Session of June 4, 1991.

Adopt the textbook; English in Literature by Scott, Foresman for English Literature at the high school level.

Accept the low bid of Dew-el Corporation in the amount of \$38,931.43 for the Nankin Mills IMC furniture.

Accept the gracious gift of \$1,200 from the Randolph PTA to be used toward the purchase of a computer system.

Adopt a resolution which authorized membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 1991-92 school year.

Approve for payment General Fund checks Nos. 184045 - 184780 in the amount of \$4,010,363.58.

Approve for payment General Fund checks Nos. 184781 - 184359 in the amount of \$4,399,170.01.

Approve for payment Building and Site checks Nos. 11167 - through 11168 in the amount of \$5,803.92.

Acknowledge receipt of the results of the canvass of the June 10, 1991, Annual School Board Trustee Election for Livonia Public Schools, which was certified unanimously by the Board of Canvassers at a meeting on June 12, 1991.

Authorize an IBM PC maintenance contract with Computer Maintenance and Servicing, in the amount of \$3,633.56 per month, for the 1991-92 school year.

Adopt the Food Service Budget for the 1991-92 school year and simultaneously amend the 1990-91 Food Service Budget.

Adopt the Health and Welfare Budget for 1991-92 school year and simultaneously amend the 1990-91 Health and Welfare Budget.

Adopt the Center Program Budget for the 1991-92 school year and simultaneously amend the 1990-91 Center Program Budget.

Adopt the Building and Site Budget for 1991-92 and simultaneously amend the 1990-91 Building and Site Budget.

Adopt Scholarship Budgets for the 1990-91 and 1991-92 school years.

Unanimously adopt resolutions of appreciation for 25 LPS employees upon their retirement from Livonia Public Schools.

Recall 51 persons to district employment as teachers for the 1991-92 school year.

Recall Linda Gantos to an administrative position for the 1991-92 school year.

Approve the agreement as signed by the assistant superintendent for personnel on behalf of the Board dated May 14, 1991 with Rudolph Saenz.

Approve the settlement agreement and release of all claims in Case No. 90-0980-6C as reviewed by the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District and being in the best interest of the Livonia Public Schools School District.

A roll call vote was taken on the preceding consent agenda items with the following result: Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Tancill, Thorderson. Nays: None.

Presentation: Dr. Marinelli, Carole Samples, Jay Young, Marlene Bihlmeyer, Chris Brynski, and Al Edwards shared with the Board the status of the district's 1990-91 objectives and the various components of the state mandated district annual report, including school improvement plans, core curriculum, staff development activities, accreditation, and student assessment.

Middle School Study Report: Mrs. Roach, chair of the Curriculum Committee, read the committee's response to the recently completed district Middle School Study. Based on the considerations of that report, the Curriculum Committee with the concurrence of the entire Board supported the report's recommendations in regard to parental conferences and a group advisory program at the middle school level. It is interested in additional discussions and a future review concerning interdisciplinary team teaching and planning, in light of other budgetary considerations, at a later date. The committee supports the report's recommendation that the district continue the present grade level configuration of K-6, 7-8, and 9-12.

Temporary Housing - Cooper Students: Motion by Thorderson and Roach that Cooper school students shall be temporarily housed at Whittier school beginning in September, 1991. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Tancill, Thorderson. Nays: None.

Recess: President Sari recessed the meeting at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

Facilities and Technology Consultant: Motion by Thorderson and Tancill that the Board of Education authorize the firm of TMP Associates as Project Development Consultant for Facilities and Technology. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Tancill, Thorderson. Nays: None.

Special Election: Motion by McKnight and Laura that the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan call a Special Election to be held in the School District on Monday, February 10, 1992. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Roach, Sari, Tancill, Thorderson. Nays: None.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Marinelli reported on the following topics: General visits to schools, DARE graduations, retirement receptions, MAISL legislators meeting, and district Legislative Network meeting.

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

Hearing from Board Members: Board members reported on the following topics: employee retirements, teacher recalls, and MASB Board of Directors nominations.

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

President Sari recessed the meeting to closed session at 10:25 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 11:45 p.m.

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

President Sari adjourned the meeting at 11:46 p.m.

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### Teaming up

#### Group responds when hazards arise

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

They've responded to leaking chlorine in Novi and a fire in a laboratory in Ypsilanti Township. During Memorial Day weekend, out they went to Dearborn, where a railroad car was leaking.

When someone calls for help from the Western Wayne County Hazardous Incident Response Team, 40 members from 23 communities covering 450 square miles show up.

HIRT is a part of the Western Wayne County Fire Mutual Aid Association, of which communities

such as Redford, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Farmington Hills, to name a few, are members.

"I think people are more aware when something spills. Sometimes it's a matter of not doing anything. Maybe it's just putting a bucket under a drip or it could be an extensive operation," said Wally Kurzeja, an inspector with the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

Firefighters from these communities are the ones who show up when there's any kind of an emergency with hazardous materials. They do more than just show up. There's research, study, training

and of course, training, for the type of situations they will encounter.

"We have full response responsibilities. We have the ability to mitigate and investigate a wide variety of situations," said Kurzeja, HIRT's training coordinator.

IN 1990 ALONE, HIRT responded to five incidents.

In August, for example, the team went to Canton Township, where hazardous materials were disposed of in a stream.

Two days later they went to Northville Township, where a toxic and corrosive material was found in an abandoned building.

In December, the team responded to the runway crash of two passenger jets at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

But these firefighters aren't walking blindly and uninformed into a situation. There's plenty of training and studying behind them. By December, the whole team is expected to be trained at the technician level, which is the minimum level of training the state now requires for those who respond to hazardous materials emergencies.

The state is considering combining the technician level with the next step, which is specialist.

The topics covered in the team's training includes decontamination and proper use of equipment. The team in 1990 also had the opportunity to practice on simulated hazardous spills.

"It's hard to keep up," said Kurzeja, who in fire department circles is considered knowledgeable about hazardous materials.

Even since HIRT formed in 1988-89, laws have changed. Train-



photos by SHARON LeMIEUX/staff photographer

Firefighters Mark Neal (left) of Westland, Alan Brandemill of Livonia and Mike Frost of Garden City repair pressurized tanks during a training session for the Western Wayne County Hazardous Incident Response Team.

Canton Township firefighter Paul Pavloff repairs a water leak during the monthly training for the Western Wayne County Hazardous Incident Response Team.



ing is a constant, as is studying and keeping abreast of the laws and regulations governing hazardous and toxic materials.

In June, Farmington Hills hosted the monthly training. Beginning this month, the group will train twice a month through December, Kurzeja said.

AT THE LATEST training session, HIRT members practiced the use of chlorine kits.

Chlorine, Kurzeja said, comes in a variety of containers, from cylinders to tank trucks. The kits contain the tools necessary to stop a chlorine leak.

"We need to do this on a frequent basis," Kurzeja said.

Training is absolutely necessary.

Consider that for at least an hour before the HIRT team enters a facility with a spill, for example, there's research to be done, special suits and clothing to be set up and plans for contamination to be made.

"You can't find an encapsulated suit that's good for all materials you encounter. There are specific suits for specific things. It has to be compatible with that class of chemical."

Before HIRT members enter a facility or situation involving hazardous or toxic materials, they are given the rundown on the immediate signs of exposure to the material, as well as the signs of late exposure.

Wherever the team goes, they report to the fire chief in that particular jurisdiction. "We try to give the fire chief options. This is what can be done. Or this is what we would like to do."

"If we can't have a positive impact, sometimes the best thing to do is to do nothing," Kurzeja said.

He does, however, want the public to know that these hazardous and toxic problems are not going unnoticed or unaddressed.

"We want to make citizens aware that this is one of the things their city has the capability of this team. There are people who are taking care of their concerns, their lives and their property," Kurzeja added.

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# A quiet friend

## Office helps crime victims without fanfare

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

She's often the first person crime victims see — after the police — but, until they become victims, few people even know her office exists. "Unfortunately people usually find out about us only after they've been victimized," said Charlene Batchelor, out-county victims rights advocate for the Wayne County Prosecutors Office. Based in Westland, Batchelor assists crime victims in that city, as well as Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Plymouth, Canton and a host of other suburban communities. The Westland office, opened less than one year ago, provides emotional support to crime victims and directs them toward other social service agencies. "Often, after a crime people don't

know where to go," Batchelor said. Batchelor's duties have ranged from sitting alongside crime victims in court to finding housing for battered spouses. Domestic violence accounts for a large portion of Batchelor's case load, though she also assists victims of child abuse and rape, as well as senior citizen crime victims. Her case load includes victims as young as 13. "IT'S OUR job to assist society's most vulnerable members," she said. By her own estimation, Batchelor meets with about 10 people a week. Frequently on the road, Batchelor attends hearings at 27 district courts from the Grosse Pointes to downriver. Roughly 25 members of the county prosecutor's staff are involved with her office, and many handle sub-

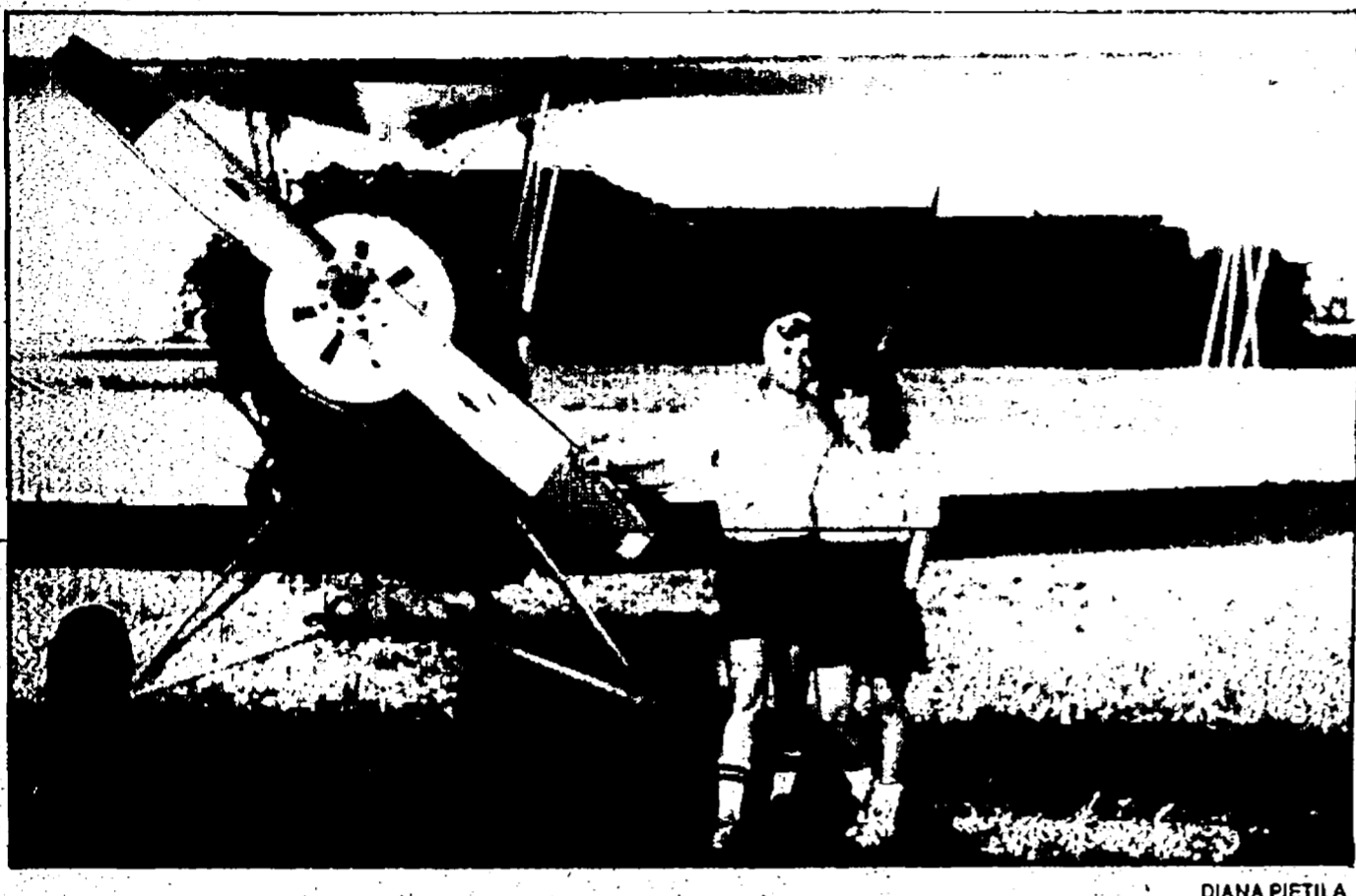
urban cases, though Batchelor is the only victim rights advocate assigned to a suburban office. Cases are referred from local police departments. "Every police report has to come here," Batchelor said. Among those impressed with the process is Judge Gail McKnight of the 18th District Court, Westland. Victim of a breaking and entry, McKnight said she was impressed by how quickly the victim advocate office contacted her. "They really do their job," McKnight said. "Plus, the booklet they give crime victims is full of good information." Victim advocates also provide a form for victims who wish to add their comments to the court record. "Court can be a very stressful place," McKnight said. "I know people might not always be comfortable

about standing up in court and speaking." The Westland office is at 3000 Henry Ruff, off Michigan Avenue, in the former Eloise complex. The county's new homeless shelter is less than one block to the west. A trained social worker with a degree from University of Detroit-Mercy, Batchelor makes it a point to educate her contacts — not only about the legal process but about the nature of the crime. "People become locked into abusive patterns of behavior," she said. "Often the men responsible don't see what they're doing wrong." If more people aren't aware of the office, it could be because victim rights is a relatively new portion of the judicial process. "Defendants have always had rights but, too often, victims don't know that they too can have a say in



*'Unfortunately, people usually find out about us only after they've been victimized.'*  
— Charlene Batchelor, out-county victims rights advocate

the legal process," Batchelor said. State lawmakers approved a victim rights act in 1985. Three years later, voters amended that state constitution to add a section on crime victims rights. Michigan is one of only six states — and the only one in the Midwest — to incorporate victims rights into its constitution. The amendment allows victims access to any court hearing involving the accused, gives victims permission to confer with prosecutors and allows victims to make a statement during sentencing. But Batchelor said the concept of victims rights is also designed to prevent crimes. It's a way to show victims how the system works, she said, and prevent them from taking the law into their own hands. "We don't want another 'Burning Bed'" she said.



Russ and Kathieen Newhouse of Livonia stand in front of their open-air biplane at Frankenmuth Airport. The couple own and operate Vintage Air Tours which offers customers an aerial view of the Cass River, historic structures like the Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth and surrounding farms.

# Livonia pair offers trips in a high-flying biplane

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

Ride into yesteryear aboard an antique, open-air biplane and enjoy a flight over one of Michigan's more quaint tourist attractions, the authentic Bavarian German village of Frankenmuth some 80 miles north of Wayne County. Vintage Air Tours, owned and operated by Russ and Kathieen Newhouse of Livonia, offers 20-minute flights each weekend in a genuine 1929 Travelair plane. The flights originate at the Frankenmuth Airport, located one mile east of town. Cost is \$39.50 for adults and \$27.50 for children. Russ Newhouse, a Northwest pilot who hails from a family of pilots, maneuvers the plane. Kathieen, who married Russ a year ago, attends to all arrangements. "This is so different from aviation now days. It's open cockpit

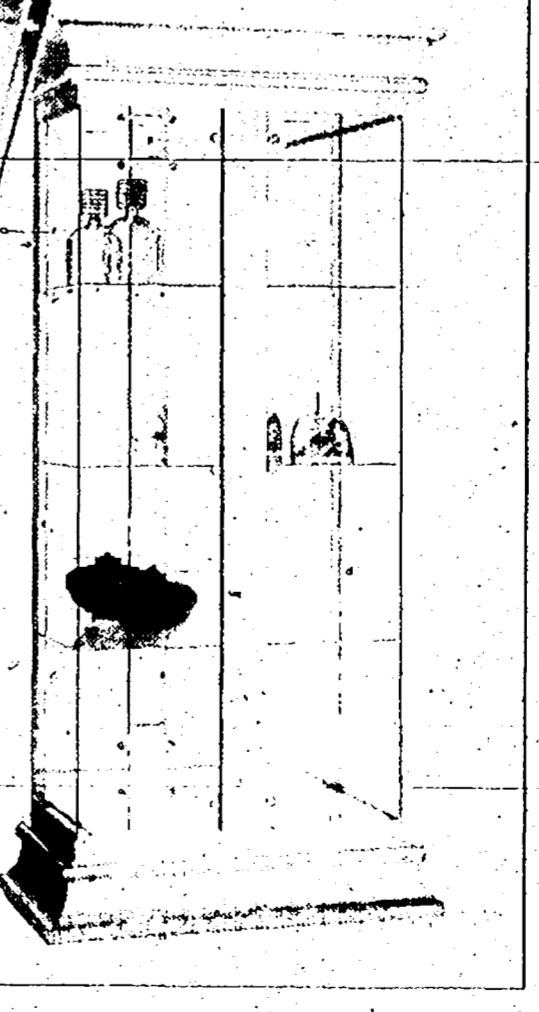
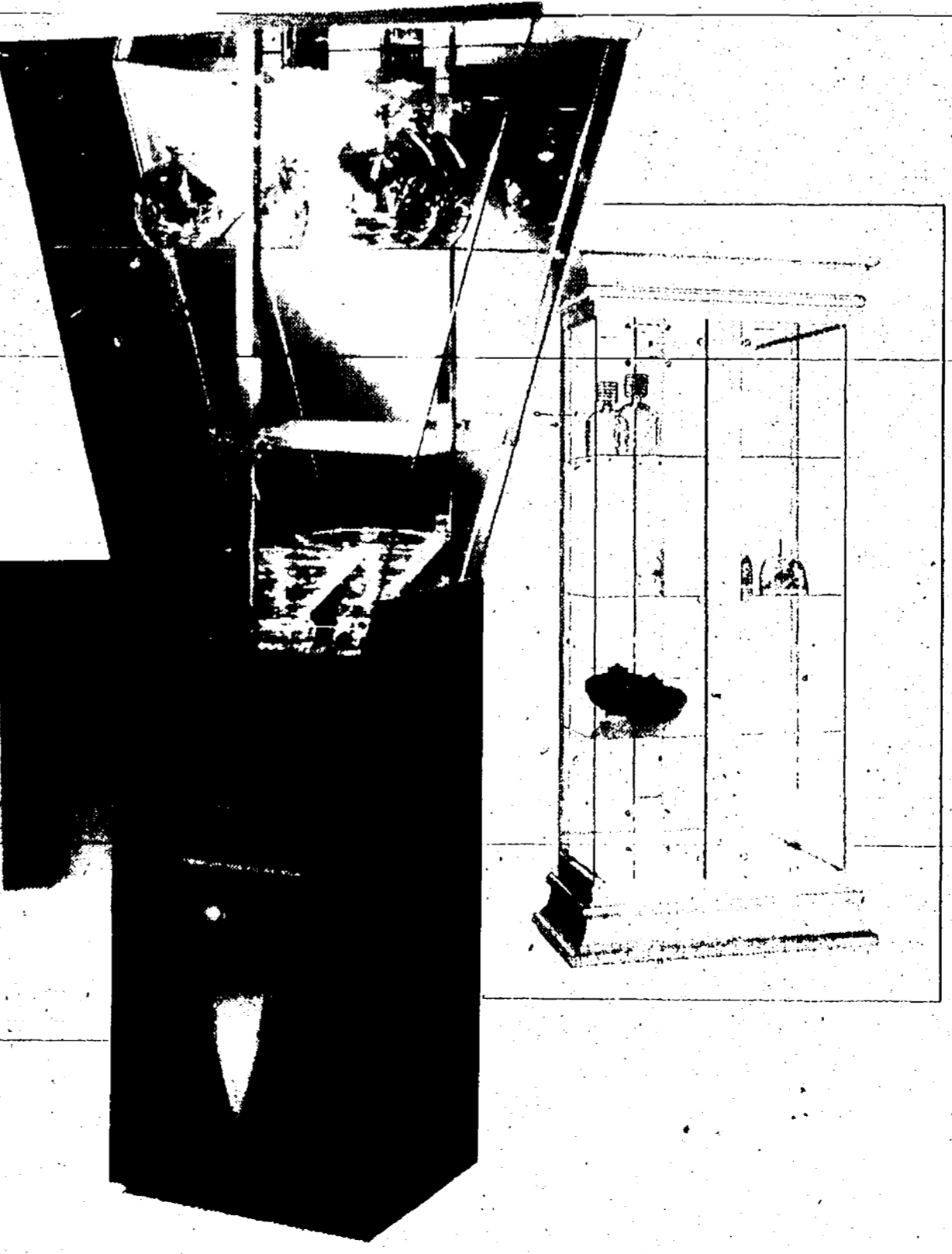
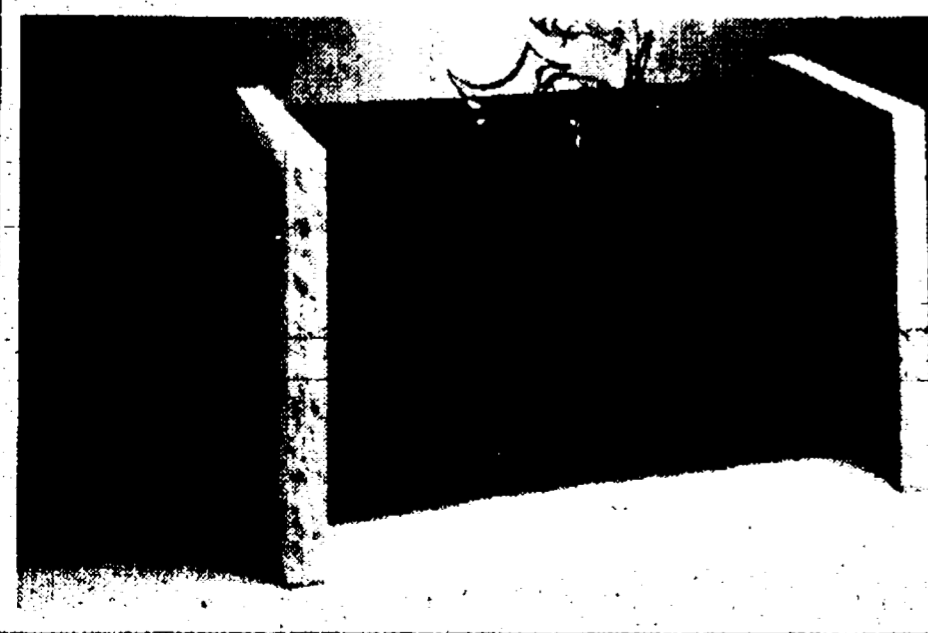
flying. You're right out there in the open," enthuses Kathieen. Indeed, customers don helmets and goggles, climb into the forward cockpit and, with Russ at controls in the rear cockpit, ascend a thousand feet for an aerial view of the Cass River, historic structures like the Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth and a sea of fields rich with soy beans and wheat. THE FORWARD OR passenger cockpit is outfitted with bench seating accommodating up to two passengers. The plane, which has a 220 Continental engine, travels at speeds of 100 knots. Russ arranges flight schedules with Northwest to free up weekends for Vintage Tours. He has been flying biplanes, aircraft outfitted with two wings, for 30 years, according to Kathieen. Frankenmuth was selected as

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If you find a bird nest it is interesting to note what kind of a tree it is in, or what the nest material consists of. Watching bluebirds bringing food to their young may stimulate you to try and identify what kind of insects the adults are finding.

Once you begin to explore one of



nature

**Timothy Nowicki**

these side interests, it may result in a life long interest too. Then investigating the new subject provides all the excitement of discovery that the initial subject provided.

PURSuing an interest in nature can start at any age and continue until death. I can see the challenge in my children when they chase after an insect and the satisfaction when they catch it. After examining it and trying to find it in our books, we let it go. People in their 70s and 80s can still enjoy the thrill of nature discovery, but find it hard to run down the

football field.

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

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**YOUR ATTORNEY** or financial planner should be consulted as to whether the receipt of the cash will affect your eligibility for benefits such as Medicaid and pharmaceuti-



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**Renee Mahler**

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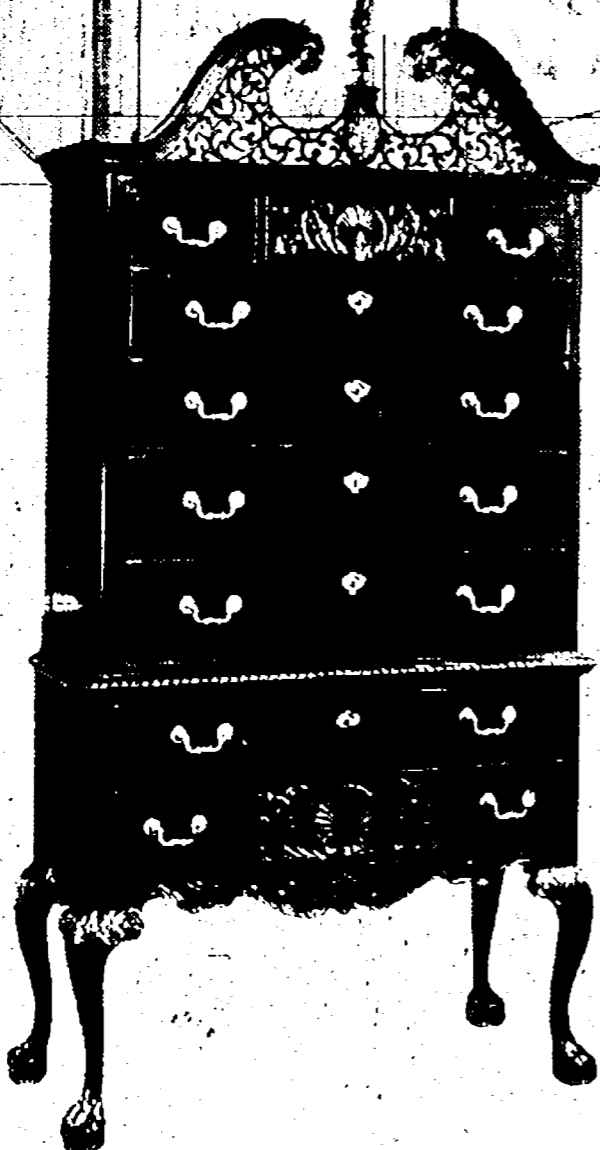
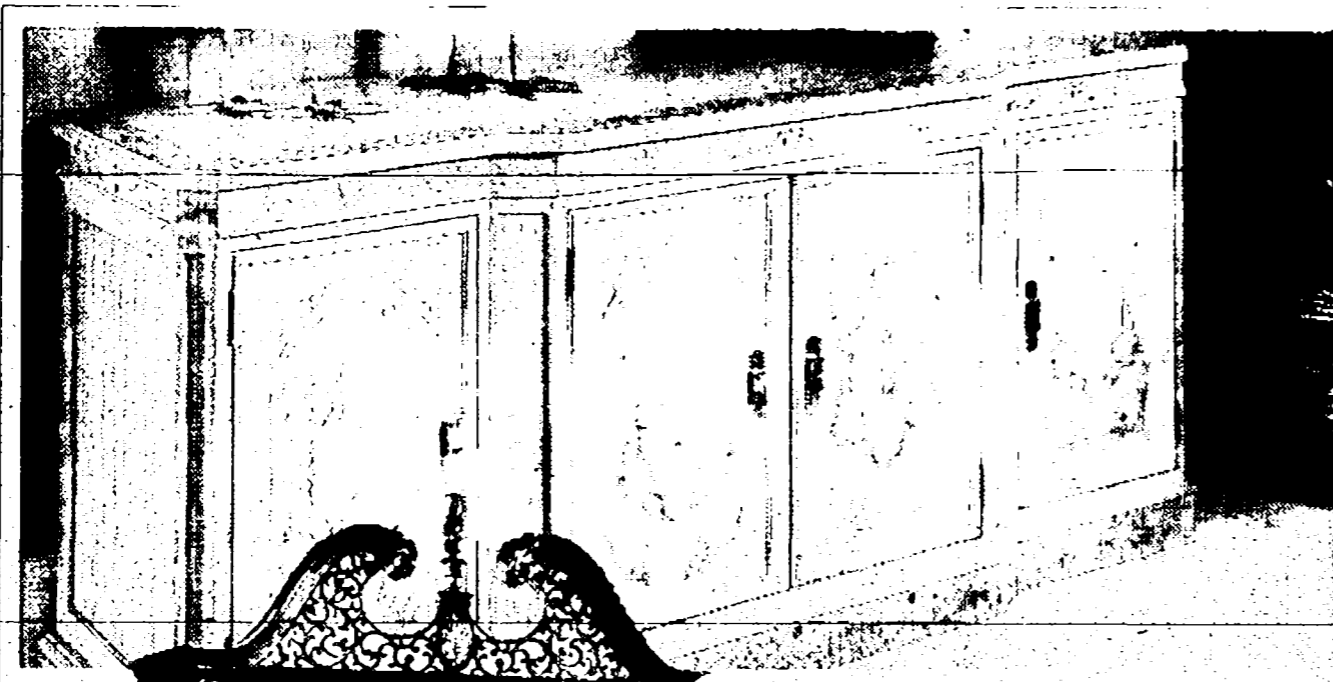
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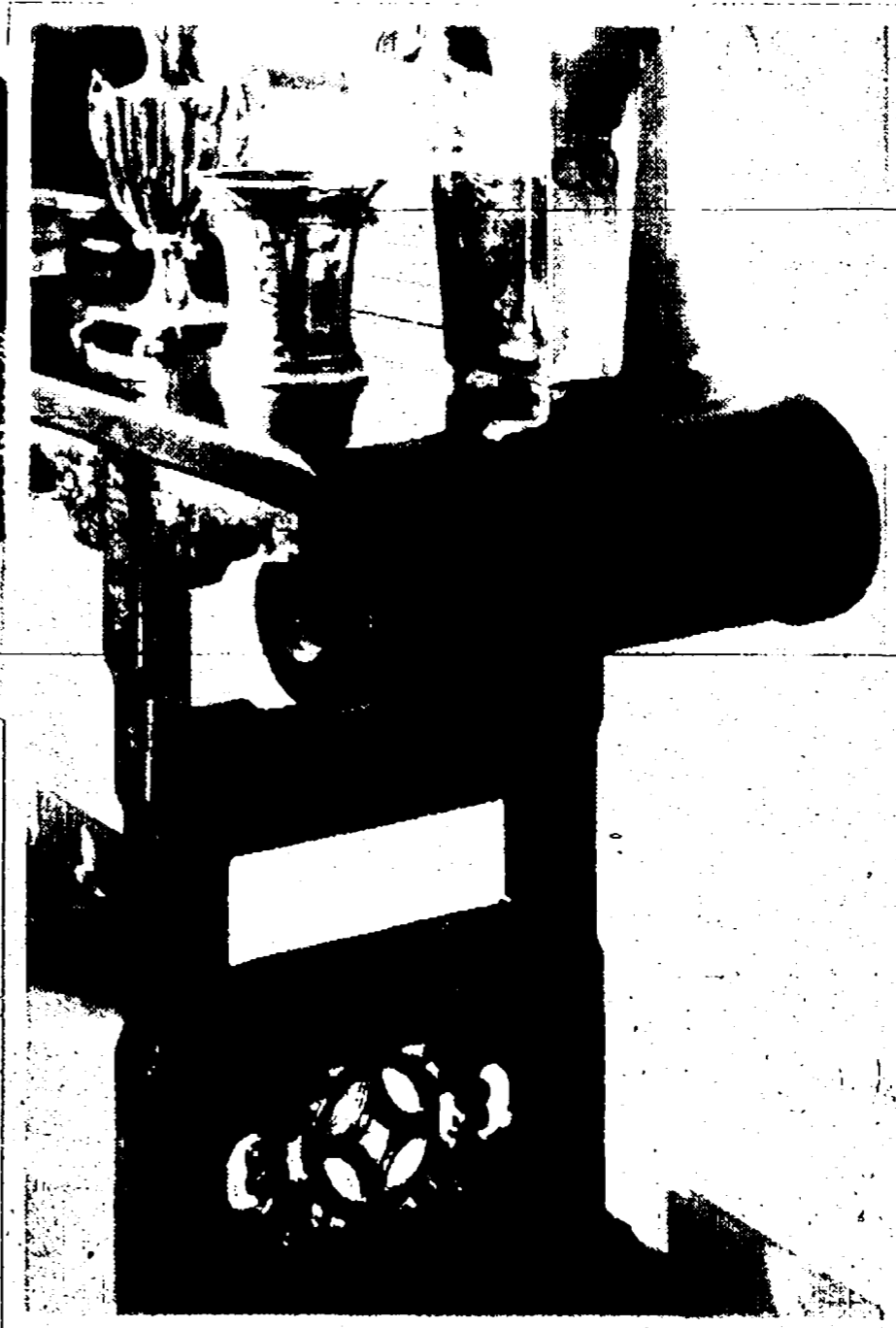
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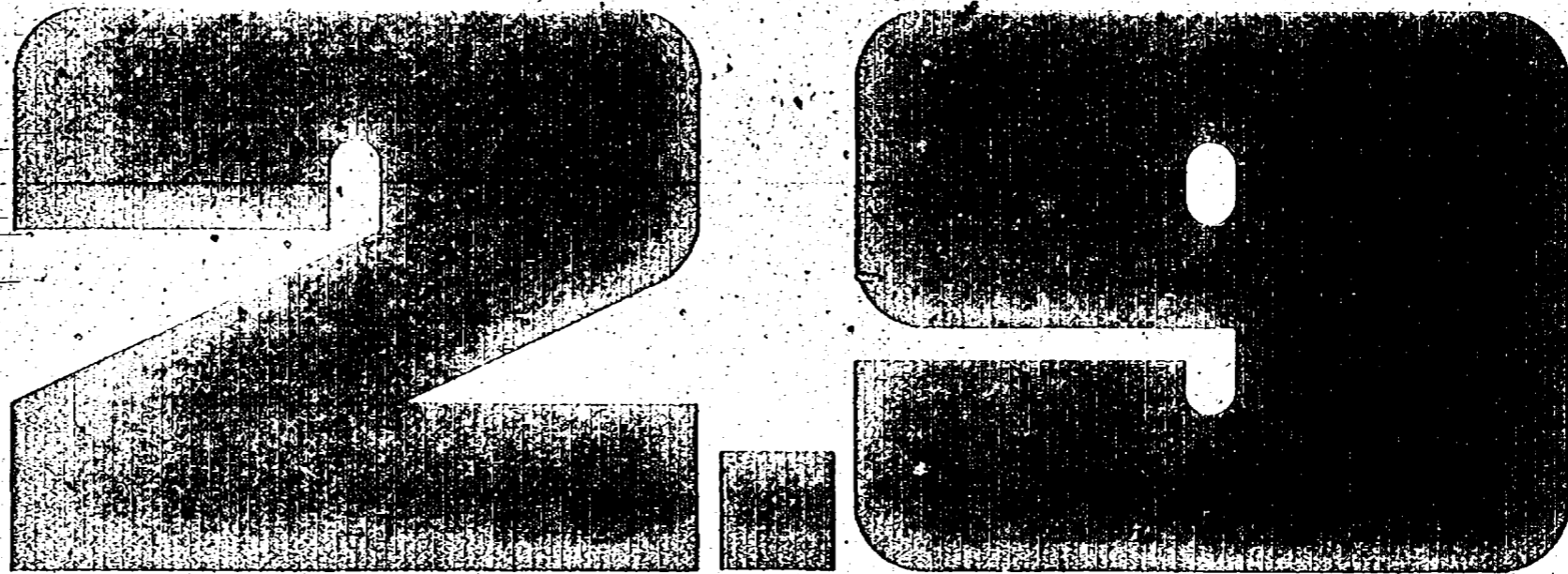




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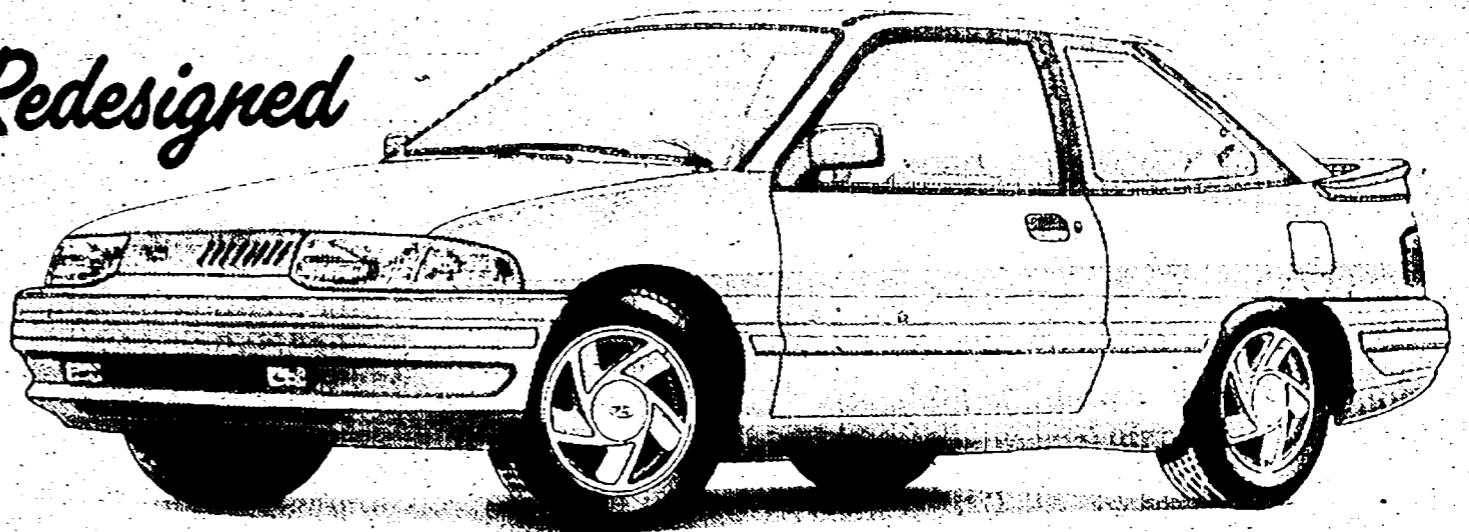
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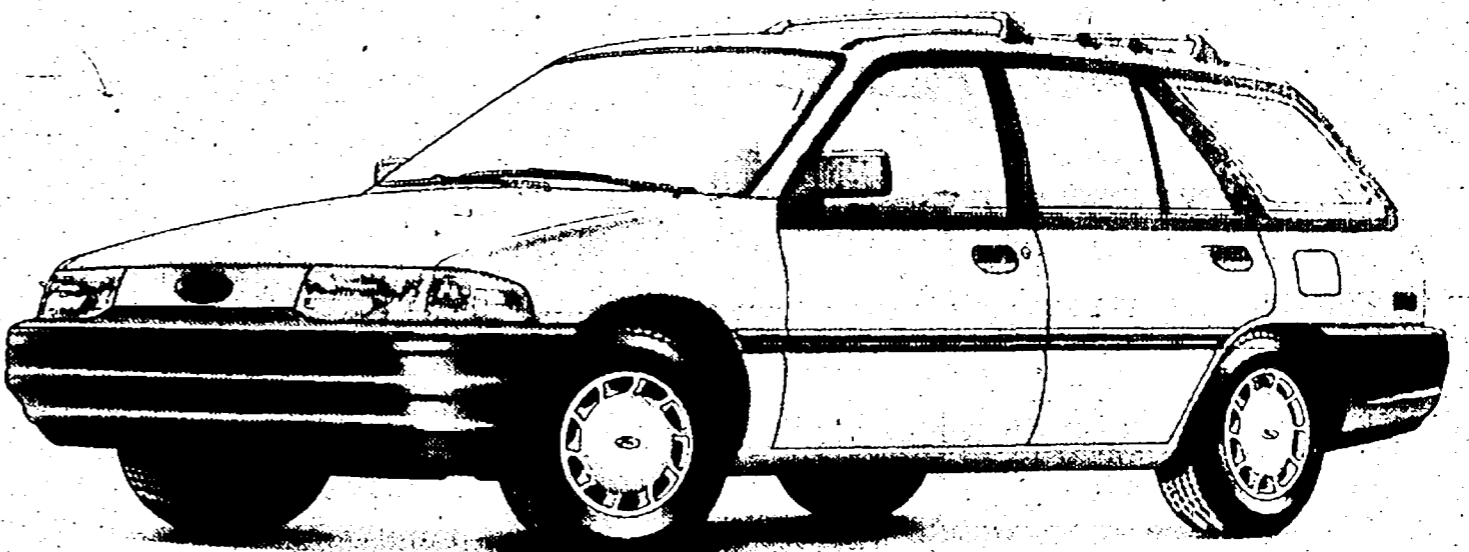
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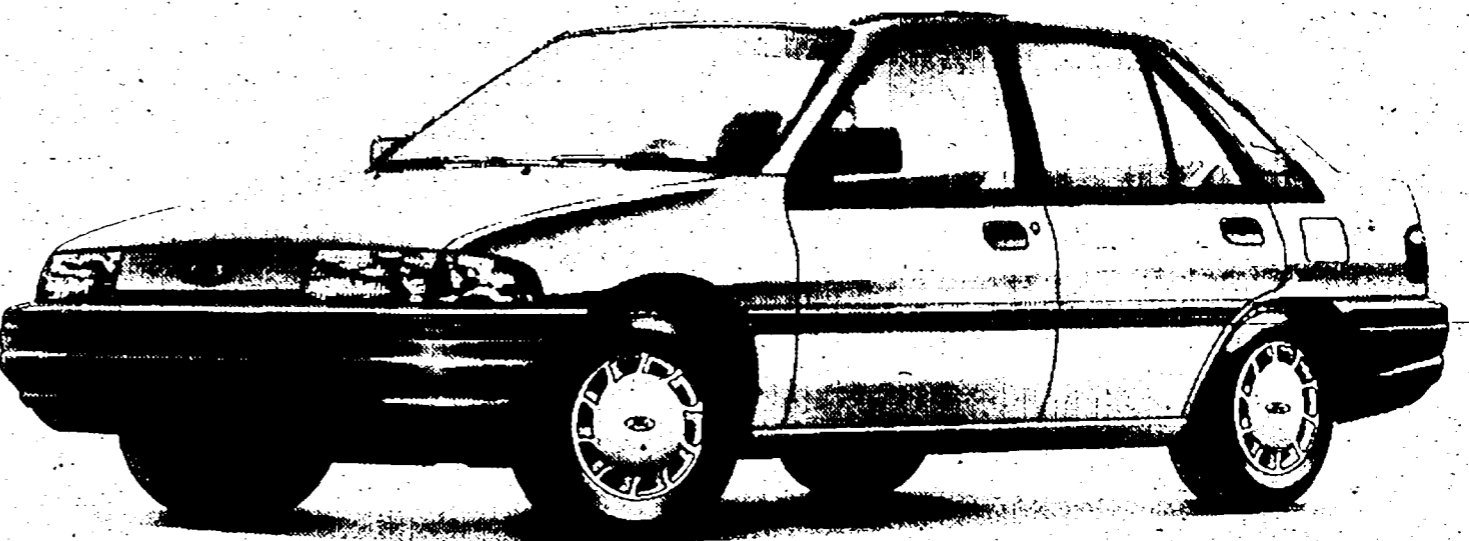
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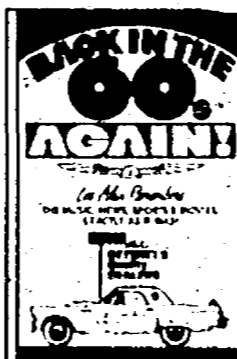
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# Stratford's 'Our Town' flawless in presentation

"Our Town" continues in repertory through Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Avon Theatre at the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is a promotional sponsor for the festival's 39th season. For ticket information call 964-4668 in metropolitan Detroit.

By Ethel Simmons  
staff writer

"Our Town," the American classic by Thornton Wilder, is a jewel of a production in the hands of the Stratford Festival in Canada.

Combining gentle humor and dramatic punches, the play stars Douglas Rain as the Stage Manager, or narrator, of the story of life in small-town Grover's Corners, N.H., in the early 1900s. A seasoned pro, Rain manages to extract every bit of meaning from subtle lines that could just slip past you with a less able actor.

"Touching" and "warm" are words that describe the low-key action, directed by Vivian Matalon, which builds to a stunning climax in Act 3. One of the most powerful, and incredibly sad scenes, I've ever seen



**Ethel Simmons**

on stage is this funeral sequence, where mourners and the dead are present after the death of the young heroine, Emily, in childbirth.

Staging and lighting throughout the play are magnificent, especially in the funeral scene where the dead, dressed in iridescent grey, are stark contrast to the mourners, all in black with umbrellas.

THE MESSAGE of "Our Town," as pointed out to the audience, is that the living are all blind, and don't appreciate death. "It (life) goes so fast," the deceased Emily says.

Ann Baggley gives a strong performance as a vibrant Emily Webb, and Andrew Dolha is appropriately pleasant and confused as George Gibbs, the next-door neighbor who becomes her boyfriend when they are teenagers.

One of the play's most amusing scenes is where actor Rain, taking

the role of the drugstore owner, pantomimes making ice cream sodas for the young couple.

The first act concerns the couple's growing up in Grover's Corners. Good performances all are those by William Dunlop and Roberta Maxwell as George's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs; Claire Hankin as George's younger sister, Rebecca; Peter Donaldson and Susan Wright as Mr. and Mrs. Webb, and Sam Dincio as Emily's brother, little Wally Webb.

In Act 2, George and Emily are married, and then the action jumps back to their teenage "romance" where he buys her an expensive, ice cream soda.

The stage for "Our Town" is bare, except for tables and chairs, which are changed about and used imaginatively to create the mood called for by each scene. At times, some



Douglas Rain (right) is the Stage Manager in the American drama of small-town life, "Our Town," at the Stratford (Ontario) Festival.

characters are stilled in freeze frames, and spotlights are focused to spotlight individuals, further height-

ening the drama. Brian Perchaluk, who designed the set; John Pennoyer, the cos-

tumes, and Michael J. Whitfield, the lighting, all made worthy contributions.

## upcoming things to do

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grams. The nation's largest concentration of repovated historic theaters will be the subject of the July 21 Sunday Stroll. The Grand Circus/Harmony Park theater district contains styles ranging from the elegant neo-classic 1895 Harmony Club to the Byzantine influence of the 1928 Fox, to the art modern design of the 1942 Tele Arts Theatre. Sunday Strolls begin at 2 p.m. Tickets, available by mail only, are \$3.50 for DHS members and \$4.50 for nonmembers.

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# A funny thing happened after baseball career

By Brenda Dooley  
staff writer

Comedian Ron Robertson likens his job to "going to college without taking classes."

"I get excited about going to work — it's just too good to be true. I can't work enough," he recently said from the comfort of his Santa Monica home, which just happens to overlook the beach.

Robertson retains his enthusiasm, even when comedy appearances require him to travel. Why?

"Because I'm getting free peanuts and getting paid to make people laugh," he said. "What could be better?"

Robertson didn't always feel that way about his career. After graduating from high school he played major league baseball with the Oakland A's and the Atlanta Braves.

That was a long time ago, the 42-year-old comic admits.

"I was good at it when I was a kid and it helped pay my way through school," he said.

WHEN HE signed a contract to play baseball he included a clause that required the Oakland A's to pay for his college education, whatever it might be. Robertson chose Harvard University. And after he finished school, he hung up his baseball cap.

Business degree in hand, Robertson then entered the world of big business, where he became a marketing executive, first for Duracell Batteries in New York, then for a company in Houston, Texas.

Life in a pin stripe suit bored him, though, and for entertainment Rob-

ertson started hanging out in a Houston comedy club after a hectic day at the office. That's when things began to change.

"I started going there in 1978 when it first opened and just watched," he recalled. "And some of the stuff just wasn't funny. I said to myself, 'I could do that.'"

And he gave it a shot. The date is etched in his memory: March 3, 1980, the day Robertson calls his "comedy anniversary."

"I signed up and was supposed to do five minutes. I had an idea of what I was going to do but not that much of an idea. Luckily it was a good crowd," Robertson said.

From that night on, Robertson lead a double identity. By day he was a button-down marketing mogul, by night, an up-and-coming stand-up comedian.

BEFORE LONG — 2 1/4 years later, to be exact — he decided to abandon the business world and pursue comedy full-time. Robertson said he's never regretted his decision.

"It always starts out of ignorance," Robertson said. "But I was lucky — I never went through a peri-

od where I thought I was going to starve. It's amazing how it began."

So what does, a Harvard graduate with a master-of-business-administration degree in marketing find humor in?

"Things that have happened to me," Robertson said. "My comedy style is conversational and reality-based. I have a rather caustic sense of humor."

In his routines, Robertson jokes about relationships, about the quirks that surface between married couples and about the confusion among genders.

"If people come to see me, they'll see themselves," Robertson said. "The mirror may be different, but they'll see the same things inside."

Robertson's favorite comedians are George Carlin, Robert Klein and Richard Pryor, "although I like a lot of other people, too."

Asked what his career goals are, Robertson said "eating and paying rent works well for me right now."

ASIDE FROM stand-up comedy, Robertson has done a few commercials and occasionally auditions for

acting work. But he said he's not really very worried about where his career will take him.

"As long as I'm true to this and true to myself, things will come along," Robertson said.

In his spare time Robertson, who's single, often heads to the golf course.

"I golf with a lot of other comics — it helps us loose that nightclub tan," he said.

Robertson was last in Michigan in February 1989, and said he's looking forward to his next visit.

"I pick the cities I enjoy going to now," Robertson said.

By the way, he invites "every married couple" to see his act, not excluding the single crowd, of course.

"There's something for everyone," he said.

Ron Robertson appears at the Comedy Castle Tuesday through Saturday, July 9-13. Tickets are \$6 weekdays, \$10 weekends. The Comedy Castle is at 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. For information, call 542-9900.



Comedian Ron Robertson went from the baseball diamond to knocking out one-liners on the comedy club circuit.

## table talk

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## business people

Brenda L. Borycki of Redford Township was appointed assistant vice president and finance manager for custom banking with Comerica Bank. Borycki received a bachelor of arts degree in 1984 from Michigan State University. She joined the company in 1986 and is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the Women's Economic Club, the Zonta Club of Greater Oakland County and the Siren Investment Club.

Howard A. Lischeron was appointed manager the Detroit Industrial Clinic's Livonia clinic and its in-plant medical services division. Lischeron joined DIC from Seaway Hospital in Trenton, Mich., where he had been manager of occupational health services for six years. Before that, he spent four years with Bridgeways International Inc. as senior director.

Shirley Arbanas, senior clerk in the Garden City district office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Co., was marked 25 years with the firm.

Frank Kuras of Redford Township, a tractor-trailer driver for



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United Parcel Service in Livonia, was recognized recently by the company for completing 30 years driving without an accident.

Ricardo Bylo of Livonia was honored by United Parcel Service for completing 20 years of service with the company. Bylo is a center manager with UPS in Pontiac. He began his career as a part-time unloader in 1971.

Marshall S. Kleven of Garden City was named a credit officer in the credit department of Manufacturers

National Bank of Detroit.

Plymouth resident and AAA Michigan employee Sandy Thelle was presented a sales achievement award by AAA Michigan President Robert Alkema for being a top life insurance producer in 1990.

Joseph Kahanec, Realtor associate with RE/MAX Foremost Inc., was designated a Certified Real Estate Appraiser by the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers. The Canton resident is now qualified to perform appraisals on residential property.

Kerry Bahl of Northville has joined The Berlinc Group in Birmingham as an account coordinator.

Michael J. Mnich of Northville was promoted to president and chief executive officer at US Maintenance Corp.

Kim Kennedy of Redford Township, a service representative with the Prudential's Detroit Agency, recently received the company's Quality Service award. She was one of 35 Prudential employees from an 11-state area recognized for providing

superior service to customers. She joined the company in 1986. The daughter of Joseph and Frances Kennedy of Redford Township, she is a 1986 graduate of Farmington Harbison High School.

Darrell Betz of Westland was honored by United Parcel Service for completing 20 years of service with the company. He is a delivery driver with UPS in Ypsilanti. Betz began his career as a loader-sorter in 1971.

Richard Williams of Garden City, a tractor-trailer driver for United

Parcel Service, was recognized by the company for completing 20 years driving without an accident. Williams works out of the UPS facility in Livonia.

Richard Colton of Automatic Apartment Laundries Inc. of Livonia was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of the Multi-housing Laundry Association at its convention in Seattle.

Please submit black-and-white photographs, if possible, for inclusion in the business people column. While we value the receipt of photographs, we are unable to use every photograph submitted. If you want your photograph returned, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope indicating in a margin on the front of the photograph that you want it returned. We will do our best to comply with your request. Send information to: Business Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include city of residence and a daytime telephone number where information can be verified.

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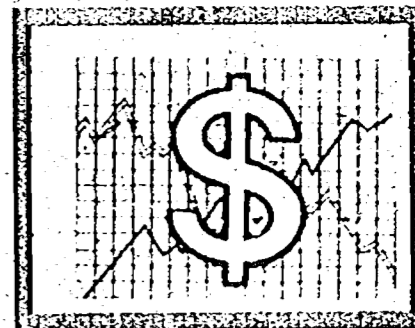
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# Business

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## Management of computer access urged

By Gerald Frawley  
Staff writer

Computer virus — the words send shivers up the collective spines of everyone who has ever tinkled the keys of a desktop PC.

But as dramatic sounding as computer viruses may seem — and even though computer viruses gets all the attention — other areas of computer security are more important. People who depend on computers in their day-to-day affairs and businesses should be more concerned about unauthorized access than isolated computer virus attacks.

In today's modern office, with computer terminals at every desk, the potential for abuse is great. Unauthorized access can lead — not only to the obvious — stolen information that may help a competitor take your business — to the less obvious — inadvertent destruction from a well-meaning employee.

Robert Fiolek, senior manager of consulting services for BDO Seidman with offices in Troy, said small- and medium-sized businesses don't rank computer security very highly on their list of priorities.

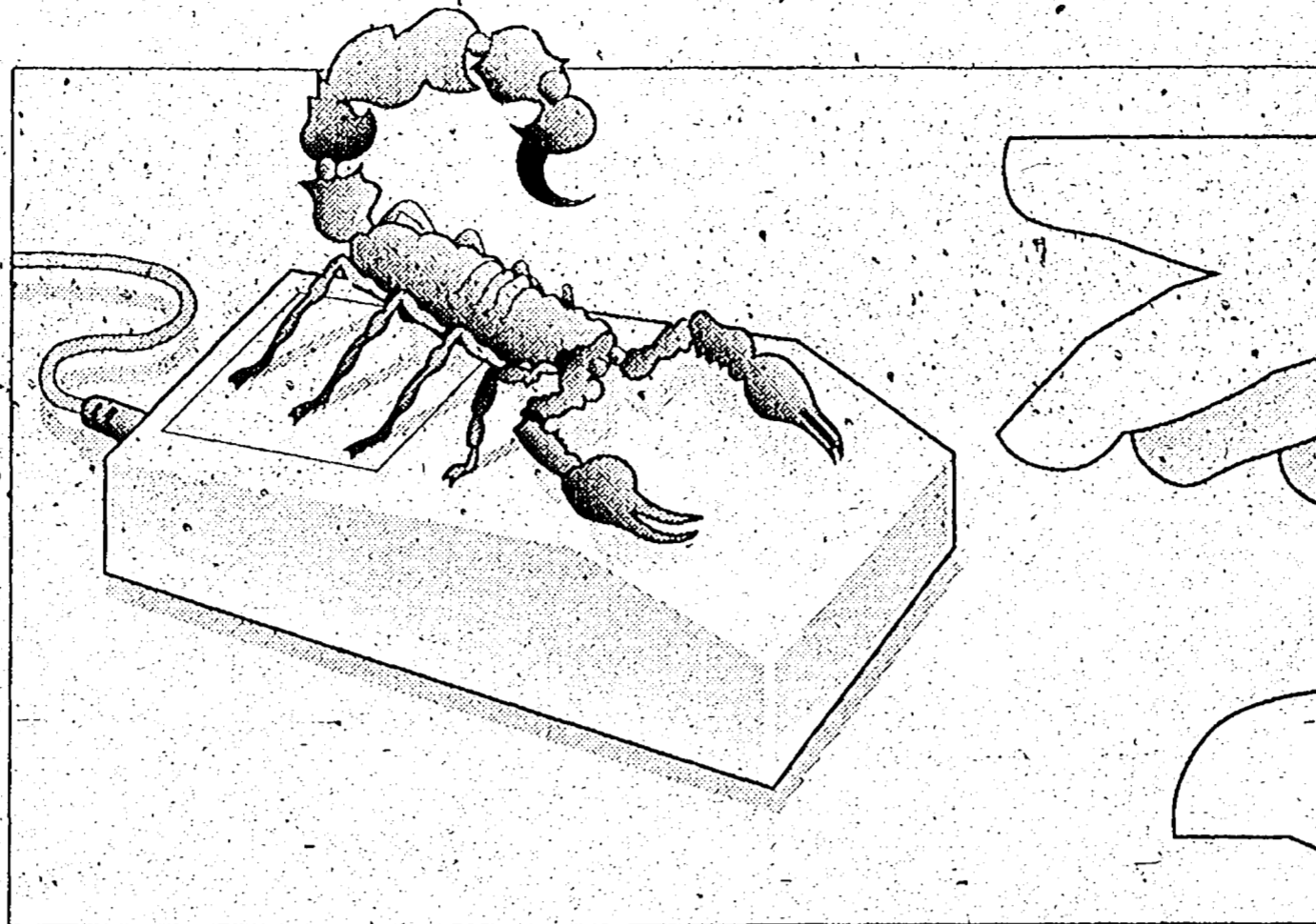
"People should definitely be more concerned than they are," he said. "Something about micro-computers has made people more comfortable."

The proliferation of micro-computers and knowledge about how they are used should make businesses uncomfortable, not comfortable, Fiolek said.

Computer security is not difficult, he said. Simple password and authorization levels would eliminate most of the problems of unauthorized access.

**MENU-DRIVEN** applications that permit users access to only certain areas of data will eliminate many of the rest.

Computer security can be broken up into three basic



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areas, the first is hardware and software controls, he said.

"The real irony is that most computer systems have (security measures), but it's surprising how few people turn them on," he said. If companies would just turn on the basic password and access controls included with their software packages, they would eliminate most of their problems.

The second area, Fiolek said, is who is in charge of the system. Because sensitive information is kept on computers, the person in charge of computers should be someone the company can trust with the information first, and someone who knows about computers second.

"It shouldn't be some guy who moved up from the mail room because he has a computer at home," he said.

The third area, Fiolek said, is the importance of backing up information. Again, sensitive files are kept on

computer and duplicates should be made of them in a timely manner.

Access to data is important not only because data can be lost, but also because data can be altered. "We want to make sure people know where there data comes from."

Fiolek said most information kept on computers is probably important, but his clients are most concerned about pricing strategies and cost margins — information that would give opponents a competitive edge.

Other information his clients have stressed an interest in keeping from prying eyes include customer lists; inside information like payroll and inventory; and new technology or product development planning.

**FRED SHUBACK**, manager of Coopers & Lybrand's Information Technology Computer Security Services,

said although computer viruses have received much of the attention, accidental data erasures and unauthorized access to data are far more common areas for breaches in computer security.

"Viruses are more glamorous, but the bigger issue is the ease in which you can retrieve things from a computer," he said.

Computers are often compared to file cabinets in the way they store information. "Today, the issue is the ease with which you can retrieve things from a computer as opposed to a file cabinet."

Twenty years ago, when businesses kept their files under lock and key in file cabinets, searching for information — be it for innocent or nefarious reasons — was a lot of work.

Today, the same information, much more in fact, is available by punching several keys: Access; Shuback said, is key.

Authorized access is a problem, he said, but not because of corporate espionage. The real problem is not stealing data, but altering data by accident.

"People are curious and may destroy data by accident when poking about the computer," he said. "The way to resolve this is to have a system that allows people to do exactly what they're asked to do, but in an efficient way."

**FOR EXAMPLE**, if a person's job requires only inputting sales information, there is no reason they should have to call up sales reports.

"So the system would be designed with a menu that has several options — those tasks that the person is not responsible for (doing) wouldn't even be listed."

Shuback said computer security is also not limited to preventing damage.

"We also want to make sure errors are detected," he said. "It's not unheard of for a company to go months without discovering an error."

Since information in computers is used — not just stored — incorrect data can affect decision making. Decisions based on faulty premises can seriously affect the health of a business.

"The cost of reconstructing lost data can be enormous," he said.

Computer security also encompasses tracing mistakes, Shuback said. "When changes are made to files, it is important that the changes can be traced to an individual so any questions can be cleared up later."

## Fantasy flights hurt business, prof says

By David F. Stein  
Special writer

Five years after the Challenger tragedy, NASA fumbles projects like the Hubble space telescope.

General Motors spent more than \$70 billion on new plants and products in the 1980s but continues to lose market share.

The CEO of a small firm confronted with foreign competition wistfully maintains that "maybe something will happen."

The cause: a narcissistic flight from reality that has consumed our nation's organizations. The result: unhappy workers and an ever-declining ability to compete on the world stage.

"It's more of a characteristic of the current state of American culture than the institutions," says Howard Schwartz, Oakland University business professor and author of the recently published book, "Narcissistic Process and Corporate Decay."

Schwartz maintains that society gives organizations the impossible task of recreating the narcissistic state of the child, who is the center of a safe and loving world to relieve the anxieties and uncertainties of adulthood.

**SUCH GROUPS** comfort us but also trap us.

Symptoms of organizational decay include: commitment to bad decisions, a hostile response to other companies and markets, ritual in place of work, and advancement based on ideology and politics rather than achievement and competence.

The individual unhappiness and lack of fulfillment in many organizations is bad enough, Schwartz said. But companies beset by organizational decay have also contributed to the decline in American global competitiveness.

**IT WASN'T** always so. "A hundred years ago, you didn't find these kinds of narcissistic organizations," Schwartz said. "The organizations existed pretty much aware that the outside world was a trial for them."

Schwartz dates our narcissistic culture from 1945 when Americans were buoyed by their World War II successes and new found power and prosperity. It collapsed with the Viet Nam war.

"We were living off of capital and our way of organizing that had served well," Schwartz said. "The whole Viet Nam war was built around the maintenance of an illusion."

And organizations like NASA were pressured into sustaining the national fantasies of grandeur, he said.

"In effect, upon NASA had fallen the burden of maintaining the narcissism of a strikingly and perhaps



Howard Schwartz  
dissecting corporations

increasingly narcissistic American culture," he wrote in his book.

In the process of a flight from reality, NASA changed from the embodiment of individual "right stuff" to a kind of Disneyland in space. He believes all the needed feedback systems were in place to prevent the Challenger tragedy, but upper management didn't listen and didn't believe that NASA's efforts could be flawed.

**ONE ANTIDOTE** to such narcissism is fear, said Schwartz, using the Japanese as an example.

"One of the essential elements of Japanese culture is the feeling of danger, the feeling of risk. It's due to geography; they live in a country that's on an earthquake fault," Schwartz said.

"And paradoxically, it's the organizations that feel a sense of vulnerability, that better understand their limitations, where this stuff is less likely to take place."

He maintains that flawed organizations only reflect flawed individuals.

"This understanding of reality is deeply repressed. If you bring it up, it's denied, people will get anxious and avoid you," Schwartz said.

He is not optimistic that the lessons of American corporate failure are being learned by today's young people, including his students.

"What I see is a worsening of the situation because these kids are really cynical. They've grown up in an era where the vision of business was all rapaciousness," Schwartz said.

"As far as they're concerned, business knows nothing but exploitation. It comes as no surprise to them. It's really what they expect."

The solution to these organizational problems is as difficult as adulthood, according to Schwartz. People must have the courage to think and act individually, to accept individual fallibility and mortality.

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## Slinging Slang

Totally

Flake off

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Outstanding

Scorched

How's It Hanging?

No way

Yes way

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### Kids talk the lingo

By Mary Rodrigue  
staff writer

**R**EMEMBER "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure"? Those awesome, totally bodacious dudes are back in a most excellent triumphant way.

"Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" opens in moviehouses nationwide on Friday, July 19, and if local teenagers are any barometer, their return is being hailed as outstanding.

In "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure," the duo soared through time, creating their own language, loosely based on 20th Century English.

Again starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter, the awesome odyssey this time whisks them to hell, heaven and beyond. As they confront the grim reaper, devil, Albert Einstein and the Easter Bunny, their lingo, like the cosmos, keeps expanding. Thus Orion Pictures has released a Bill & Ted Speak vocabulary.

Do teens really say "How's it hanging?" when they mean hello, scorched for being stared at, and party on when they mean keep it up? We cornered some uninvited



Bill (Alex Winter, left) and Ted (Keanu Reeves) create their own language based loosely on 20th Century English in their sequel

"Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey." The film opens at area theaters on Friday, July 19.

and dudettes recently at Grand Mall in Livonia for their totally stellar opinions.

"I talk that way sometimes for, but not in regular conversation," said Bob Heins, 14, of Redford Township. "It's more like a joke," added the Thurston High School sophomore.

LIVONIA TEEN Mike McNett, 13, admits to using words like awesome and bodacious but not when he speaks to his mom and dad.

Sisters Melissa and Jill Begley, 12 and 9 respectively, talk slang to each other regularly, they say.

"I live in Georgia and everyone says y'all all the time," added Melissa.

Natasha Lekoska, 12, of Dearborn Heights, says cool is out.

"Let's chill means to relax. We say dist to put someone down," she said.

Corey Tamagne, 14, and his step-sister Melissa Fry, 12, of Livonia loved the first Bill & Ted movie and plan to see the sequel.

"We sometimes talk like that," Corey said.

Added Melissa: "Fresh is something neat. Deaf is something really bad. Chill out means calm down. We talk to each other like that at school."

Ginger Tarczynski, 18, of Westland says Michigan teenagers speak

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— Melissa Fry, 12,  
Livonia



*'I spoke and heard a lot more slang when I lived in Florida. Michigan teenagers speak better English.'*

— Ginger Tarczynski, 18  
Westland



*'We talk that way sometimes for fun, but not in regular conversation. It's more like a joke.'*

— Bob Heins, 14,  
Redford Township



Greg Reuter (right foreground), a product of Livonia Schools Creative and Performing Arts program, is starring in "Radio Hot Spots" this

summer at Cedar Point. Reuter is one of 100 young performers who entertain audiences at the amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio.

## Triple treat

### His act plays well at Cedar Point

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

**P**AUL HOURNUNG OF THE GREEN BAY Packers was one. So too was Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers. Add the name Greg Reuter to the list.

By all accounts, the 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill is a triple threat.

While Hournung could kick, pass and punt; Kaline could hit, run and throw; Reuter can sing, dance and act. This summer, he's returning as one of 100 performers to Cedar Point's live theater to do all three.

And like the aforementioned athletes, the product of Livonia Churchill's Creative and Performing Arts program has them raving.

"You have certain people who pass through here and you say, 'Hey this person has something special. If he stays in the business . . . he'll make it,'" said Marje Cronenwett, manager of live shows at Cedar Point.

Reuter, 19, is starring in "Radio Hot Spots" this summer at the amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. The musical retrospective features the Western Michigan University theater major as a deejay, spinning tunes from the 1930s through the present.

"Radio Hot Spots" includes Reuter performing a solo singing part and swinging in a dance number — all areas he's quite adept.

THIS IS Reuter's sophomore year at the amusement park summer theater. Last year, he performed in "Jumpin' at the Jukebox" at Cedar Point's Centennial Theatre.

"It was kind of intimidating at first because I didn't know anybody," said Reuter, who's performed in a number of productions in high school and college. "But I felt

right at home because I was there with other performers."

Amusement park theater is no carnival ride. Performers at places like Cedar Point do six shows-a-day, six days a week.

In preparation, Reuter and his fellow actors spend 12-hour days in rehearsals for a week. "Radio Hot Spots" opened June 15 and runs through Sept. 3.

"It's a really good training ground if you're thinking about going into this as a career," Reuter said. "We did our show 390 times during the summertime. I came out of there pretty much begging for more."

Reuter got the notion to head to the park for the summer last year at WMU. He auditioned for the Cedar Point people, preparing two songs and doing a dance number.

"They took my measurements right there," he said. "So that's usually a good sign."

Reuter has received plenty of good signs in a short time. His list of theater productions is impressive.

IN THE CAPA program at Churchill, some of his theater credits include Oscar in "Sweet Charity," Kenneth in "The Bad Seed," Phillip Lombard in "Ten Little Indians." At WMU, he played Billy's Sidekick in "Billy the Kid" and Basque in "The Misanthrope."

Reuter has also branched out, performing in the "Nutcracker" with Kalamazoo Ballet Co. and in "Chorus Line" at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre.

"Radio Hot Spots" features three guys and three women as Reuter takes people on musical odyssey as deejay. Several actors auditioned for the part but Cronenwett added "We had him in mind."

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## singles connection

### ● SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Single Professionals will have volleyball 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

### ● SUBURBAN SINGLES

Weekly Wednesday dance party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bonnie Brook Country Club on Telegraph at 8 Mile, \$3. Proper attire.

### ● DIVORCE RECOVERY

The summer edition of the Single Point Ministry Divorce Recovery workshop starts 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, and continues Tuesday through Friday, July 16-19. It concludes Saturday morning, July 20, followed by a picnic. A donation of \$25 is requested to cover the costs of the materials. Pre-registration is recommended. Single Point Ministry is at the corner of Six Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia. For information, call 422-1854.

### ● SINGLE PLACE

Single Place will have a meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main St., "Getting the Love You Want" with Laura Sill and a panel discussion. Admission is \$3. Sill has a master's degree in counseling, is on staff at Samaritan Counseling Center, and in private practice.

### ● BETHANY NORTHWEST

Bethany Northwest, a Catholic support group for divorced and separated people, will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 12, at Our Lady of Sorrows social hall, Powers Rd. at Shlawasee, Farmington. Country and western dance lessons will be offered. Admission is \$3. Call ahead: 471-2708. Bethany Northwest will start a support group for newly divorced or separated in July at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Powers, Farmington. Call 471-2708 for more information.

### ● WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 12, at Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft service drive west of Inkster. The dance is open to people ages 21 and up. Dress attire, snacks, budget bar.

### ● UNIQUE SINGLES

Unique Singles, sponsored by Unity Church, Livonia, will have an outing to the ball park, Tigers vs. Kansas City on Saturday, July 13. Call Ed at 525-5107 for more information.

### ● TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-County Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at Airport Hilton on Michi-

gan Avenue. Admission is \$4. All singles over 21 invited. For more information, call 842-7422.

### ● US SINGLETONS

US Singletons will have a dinner social on Friday, July 19 at Amanteas, Warren between Venoy and Merriman. Cocktails are 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. All singles 45 and up wishing more information write US Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn 48123.

### ● 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.

### ● VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles will have a golf outing 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Hawthorne Valley, 7300 Merriman, Westland. For reservations call 721-7756.

### ● CHERRY HILL

Cherry Hill Singles has a mixed golf league 5 p.m. Fridays at Hawthorne Valley Golf Course, Merriman Road, just north of Warren Road. A few openings are available. For information, call 427-1047.

### ● 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.

### ● WEDNESDAY SINGLES

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

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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.

# Pen points to a people person

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C.M.,  
Oak Park

Dear C.M.,

Today, we are analyzing the handwriting of a people-oriented woman!

You are happiest when in the company of others. You relate well to people and are helpful considerate friend. Recognition and approval from those around you is important.

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Your thinking is extremely logical and often practical. You seem to have a need to be right and may fret over details.

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graphology

Lorene  
Green

*Just for the heck of it - I'm a teacher, wife, mother - I will be sixty in June and I write with my right hand.*

decide what you wish to achieve and then work toward these goals. You prefer a structured setting in which to work and appear to be more interested in following than creating. You can also assume and handle responsibility well.

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newspaper, write to Lorene C. 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 constructive feedback is always welcome.

## Churchill grad stars at Cedar Point theater

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Summer theater at an amusement park has its perks. The pay is decent, especially considering accommodations cost \$19 a week and meals can

be as inexpensive as \$1.

On days off, Reuter and his fellow performers can enjoy the rides or lay on the beach. Magnum X2L100 roller coaster is his favorite ride.

Sometimes, funny dips are not

limited to the rides. During the course of a 390-plus performance schedule, a few things are going to go askew.

"My most embarrassing moment

came when I was using a hand-held cordless mike. Mine slipped out of my hand and it landed three rows in the audiences," Reuter recalled. "Little things go wrong and we try to have fun."

## Kids decipher today's slang

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more conservatively than Florida teens.

"I spoke and heard a lot more slang when I lived in Florida. Michigan teenagers speak better English," she said.

Greg Crawford, 17, of Livonia and his friend Cary Melton, 17, of Inkster, are big Bill & Ted fans. Poring over a list of Bill & Tedisms, they give thumbs up to terms like triumphant (excellent), awesome, bag it (grab it), metal heads (rockin' musicians) and party on (keep it up). They seem to appreciate but are puzzled by Melvined for tricked or duped, egregious for most bogus, and reaped for killed.

GIVE THE movie a couple of months and every teen in America will know the short dead dude is a reference to Napoleon and the salad dressing dude is Caesar.

Of course slang wasn't born yesterday.

"I can kind of remember zoot suits, but the slang, it's gone. That's a sign of my age, I guess," said Barbara Muirhead of Milford, who describes her age as over 30. "We'd say the cat's meow for someone really spiffy. But I can't remember much else."



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**anniversaries**

**Bravin and Peggy Neff**

A family reunion and anniversary celebration was held in Milford re-



cently for the golden jubilee of Bravin and Peggy Neff of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Livonia.

The Neffs exchanged wedding vows June 30, 1931, in Dundas, Ontario, Canada. She is the former Fanny O'Dell.

The Neffs have eight children — Bill of Olympia, Wash., Barbara Cook of Gibraltar, Peter of Tacoma, Wash., Phillip of Milford, Sally Harrison of Livonia, Patricia Van Pelt of Huntington Beach, Calif., Paul of South Lyon and Chuck of South Lyon. They also have 31 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The couple also were guests of honor at a small family gathering at the Novi home of granddaughter Leanne Link.

**new voices**

**JAMES and SANDRA NAWROCKI** of Westland announce the birth of **MICHAEL ALAN** May 28 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Gordon and Veda Zettel of Westland and Don and Del Nawrocki of Westland.

Burton of Garden City and Joyce Schmitt of Westland.

**TAMMY CREWS** of Garden City announces the birth of **ANDREW JAMES** June 20 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are James and Louise Crews of Garden City.

**DAVID and KATHY MODIC** announce the birth of **JONATHAN PAUL** Feb. 15 at Providence Hospital. He has two "big" brothers, Stephen and Benjamin. Grandparents are William and Shirley Modic and Irving and Kathleen Wallen, all of Redford. Great-grandmother is Catherine Nowicki of Dearborn Heights.

**MICHAEL and SHEILA INGOLD** of Taylor announce the birth of **JESSICA RENEE** June 21 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" sister, Ashlie Marie. Grandparents are Lawrence and Loraine Wygonik and Richard and Linda Ingold, all of Livonia.

**LAWRENCE JR. and SANDRA FIELDS** of Canton Township announce the birth of **LAWRENCE GEORGE III** May 29 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Robert and Linda Collar of Novi and Lawrence and Linda Fields of Redford.

**CHRISTOPHER and CATHERINE CAMPS** of Westland announce the birth of **WYATT JAMES** June 1 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has a "big" brother, Zachary Frank. Grandparents are Frank and Geraldine Camps of Dearborn Heights and James and Amelia Tocco of Wyandotte.

**JEFF and DENISE BENNETT** of Westland announce the birth of **CORTNEY LEIGH** May 25 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" brother, Joshua, 5, and a "big" sister, Ariana, 1. Grandparents are Wayne and Vernell Bennett and Jesse and Shirley Dodgens, all of Wayne.

**JOHN and SUSAN THOMPSON** of Wayne announce the birth of **MACKENZIE ROSE** June 8 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" sister, Megan McCoy. Grandparents are Robert and Carol Thompson of Union Lake and Robert and Valery Weigand of Livonia.

**LARRY and BEVERLY GEIGER** of Canton Township announce the birth of **MELISSA ANN** May 30 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" sister, Lauren Marie. Grandparents are Adeline English of Redford and Caroline Geiger of Dearborn Heights.

**DAVID and LYNN TANKERSLY** of Garden City announce the birth of **STEPHANIE LYNN** June 15 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" sister, Ashley. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Timothy O'Leary and Mr. and Mrs. George Tankersly, all of Garden City.

**BRUCE and JENNIFER MIELKE** of Canton Township announce the birth of **HANNAH ELIZABETH** May 18 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two "big" brothers, Matthew, 9, and Andrew, 4. Grandparents are Christian and Anna Sucoe of Wayne and Donald and Delores Mielke of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Edith Martini of Livonia and Lauretta Sucoe of Redford.

**RONALD and DEBORAH LEVITAN JR.** of Redford announce the birth of **KATELYNN JOY** June 14 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two siblings, Christopher, 8, and Dana, 4. Grandparents are Ronald and Rosemarie Levitan Sr. of Westland and Albert and Nancy Mix Jr. of Livonia.

**THOMAS and TRACIE BURTON** of Canton Township announce the birth of **ZACK NATHANIEL** June 21 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Bill and Mary

**ROBERT and DEBRA DIMITRI** of Garden City announce the birth of **MELISSA L.** June 4 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" sister, Nicole Marie. Grandparents are Dorothy Dimitri of Ferndale and Bobbie Thompson of Detroit.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Joe Summers performs for the audience at the Over 30 Guitar Club meeting, which takes place monthly at the Evola Music Center in Plymouth.

**Club strings members along**

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

It has been nearly 30 years since the Beatles arrived on U.S. shores, and a good 20 years since the group broke up. Even so, their influence on music remains strong to this day.

Many baby boomers grew up with the music of the Beatles and learned to play the guitar in part from listening to the Fab Four's songs. Those boomers are among members of the Over 30 Guitar Club.

Club meetings are 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Evola Music Center, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The club is designed with adults in mind, although age isn't a major consideration.

"We're not so stringent that we're checking ID at the door," said Russ Tkac, store manager.

The club is for those who are interested in playing the guitar. They could weigh 30 pounds or more or be at least 30 inches tall, he said.

"It's just been doing really well," said Tkac, a Waterford resident. "We've been averaging 25 to 30 a night."

**CLUB MEMBERS** met last week to listen to the music of guitarist Joe Summers. He specializes in jazz guitar, but also plays a wide range of music.

"I bought a guitar here a while back," Summers said.

He was asked if he'd be interested in playing for the Over 30 Guitar Club.

The club began meeting at the Plymouth store in April. A different musician is featured each month. Club meetings are also at the Evola

stores in Utica and Waterford, with artists appearing on different nights at each location.

"I'M JUST going to play, basically an improvisational thing," Summers said prior to last week's session.

He began playing the guitar at age 12.

"I've been playing for a long time."

Summers, from Ypsilanti, now spends much of his time in Florida.

"I've been trying to relocate down to Florida, but Michigan summers keep drawing me back."

He has played at restaurants and bars in Michigan, Florida and elsewhere.

**HE PLAYED** for an appreciative audience at Evola Music Center. Club members then asked Summers a variety of questions.

"You've got to be 'around other musicians and you've got to listen a lot," Summers told members.

He often plays on his own at restaurants, and diners don't necessarily listen to the music.

"Sometimes, people do come in to listen. Then it's a real treat to play for people."

Summers enjoyed playing at the guitar club meeting.

**"WE'RE TRYING** to bring somebody in who can play real well," said Tkac, who is also a guitarist. "Each artist is different. I don't really know what to expect until the artist gets here."

Scheduling artists to play at all three stores can be tough, Tkac has found, although the artists have been receptive to the idea of playing. Club

members also appreciate the opportunity.

"We have such a diverse range of adults, male and female."

Beginners and more advanced players come to each meeting, Tkac said. There's no charge for participating, although hosting club meetings does help Tkac's business in the long run.

"If you can get somebody in and they find it's enjoyable, they're going to tell their friends," he said.

**RICHARD CLARK** of Livonia and his son, Rich, came to last week's session. They've been to earlier meetings at the Plymouth store.

"I think it's an excellent idea. I'm very interested in guitars," said Richard Clark, a technical trainer for Blue Cross & Blue Shield. "I build guitars and my son plays guitars."

He plays the guitar a bit.

Rich Clark, 21, is a junior at Western Michigan University, where he's studying engineering. He has played the guitar for about 1 1/2 years.

"I think it's great," he said of the Over 30 Guitar Club. "I like the experience of being up close to someone who plays well. You learn a lot."

**KATHI HESCH** of Canton has benefited from attending club meetings.

"I've only been playing for about two years now. I really enjoy it. It's a beautiful instrument," she said. Hesch, 26, played the piano and

flute as a girl. A neighbor got her interested in learning to play the guitar.

Hesch, who has two young children, is busy with her family and her studies. She's a student at Schoolcraft College and plans to become a high school English teacher. Finding time to play can be tough.

"It is hard."

She often doesn't find time to play until late in the evening when her children are asleep. She'll "play for an hour or so until I get really tired."

"It is fun," Hesch said. "It is something that some people can't believe when you say you're doing it."

**SOME ARE** a bit surprised to hear of a woman guitarist.

"When you say 'guitar,' I think you get more people's attention. It's a much harder instrument to play and get good at," Hesch said.

She plans to continue coming to club meetings.

"It's wonderful to watch all the different styles. They're so talented."

For more information, call 455-4677. Advance reservations aren't required for those planning to attend Over 30 Guitar Club meetings. The September meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, to accommodate the Labor Day holiday.

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# Beacon

## Signs send messages of hope

By Ariene Funke  
special writer

"Broken hearts mended here" proclaimed the sign in front of the Parkway Heights Free Methodist Church in Redford.

The Rev. Donald Stanton, pastor of the church, always has his eye but for a thought-provoking message to put on the church's outdoor sign.

"I think this is one of my favorites," said Stanton, 57, of Redford. "Hopefully, it will catch somebody's eye."

"Many churches have signs advertising the pastor's name and times of worship services. The signs announce important events, such as vacation Bible school or a picnic for the congregation."

Some offer congratulations for weddings, anniversaries or births.

BUT A MESSAGE saying "Count your blessings" or "A happy marriage is an earlier heaven" is a low-key outreach.

"It's a ministry," said the Rev. W. McGilvrey, pastor of Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.

"This is the key to getting (the messages) read is to change them often," said McGilvrey, 41.

The themes generally are inspira-

tional, rather than doctrinal. They emphasize hope and God's abiding love.

Most messages are short and punchy. Often, humor and plays-on-words are employed.

The Rev. Dr. DuWayne Lee, pastor of Faith Bible Church in Livonia, recalls one of his favorites: "Don't count sheep — talk to the shepherd."

"It's an encouragement to pray," said Lee, 59.

Where do the ideas come from?

Companies which sell the outdoor signs sometimes provide publications containing inspirational messages.

The "Reader's Digest" is a favorite source. Church members make suggestions. Even a blurb on somebody's bulletin board or little message on tea bag dunkers can provide clever nuggets.

And there is no shortage of books with clever quotations.

Lee especially enjoys a book called "Our Daily Bread." It is chock-full of upbeat one-liners.

The Praise Chapel Church of God in Plymouth sets a weekly theme, tied to the sermon and reflected throughout the worship service.

THE MESSAGES are geared to "meaningful worship," said the Rev.

Brian Tucker, 23, associate pastor.

One of Tucker's recent favorite themes was "Beware of the barrenness of a busy life." It comes from a book called "Ordering Your Private World."

"I think everyone can associate with that (theme)," said Tucker, a Redford resident.

Some churches recruit members of the congregation to come up with message ideas and to maintain the outdoor signs.

At the Church of Christ in Plymouth, all proposed sign messages are screened by a committee for appropriateness and good taste, David Thomas, the pastor, said. Church members maintain and change the sign board.

The church, which has an elevated and highly visible sign, is known to its neighbors as "the church with the sign," Thomas said.

"The main idea is to cause people to think about their life, hopefully in a spiritual sense," Thomas, 42, said of the sign messages.

"When you're in the wrong place, your right place is empty" recently appeared on the Plymouth Church of Christ sign.

CANTON RESIDENT Robert St. John is currently responsible for brainstorming the sign messages at the Lake Pointe Bible Chapel of Plymouth.

St. John, a 20-year member of the church, takes his job seriously.

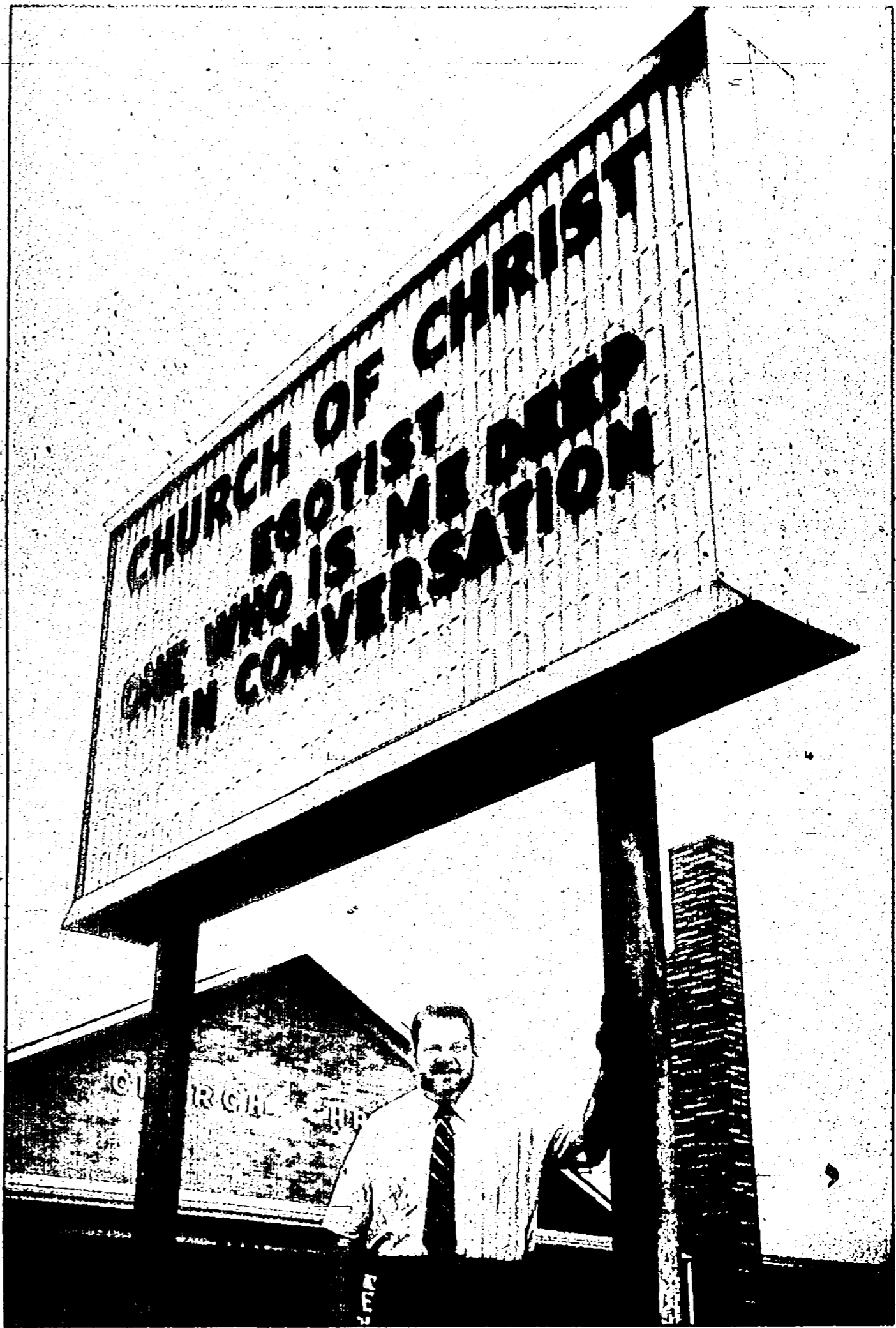
"What we're trying to achieve is to give encouragement to people who pass by," said St. John, 47, an engineer. "They may be hurting or struggling. Perhaps it will whet somebody's appetite to come and visit."

St. John's favorite message is "The best 4-letter word is love." He likes it because it is short. More to the point, St. John said, is that "love is a very important Christian concept."

Feedback is sporadic. Occasionally, someone will call a church to comment on a message. Thomas has received letters of appreciation.

None of the pastors interviewed have any evidence that the messages have attracted new members. But they expressed satisfaction at providing inspiration or comfort.

"You never know what seed has been planted," Lee said.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Thought-provoking messages are displayed on the sign at the Church of Christ in Plymouth. David Thomas, pastor, said the congregation is

known to its neighbors as "the church with the sign."

## Words of comfort, love greet many passers-by

Following is a sampling of inspirational messages which have appeared on local outdoor church signs in recent months.

- "Seven days without church makes one weak." Faith Bible Church, Livonia.

- "Enter to worship, exit to serve." Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, Plymouth.

- "The world needs more warm hearts and fewer hot heads." Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia.

- "Satisfaction guaranteed or free refunded." Parkway Heights Free Methodist, Redford.

- "Egotist: One who is me-deep in conversation." Church of Christ, Plymouth.

- "A happy marriage is an earlier heaven." Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, Plymouth.

- "Don't count sheep — talk to the shepherd." Faith Bible Church, Livonia.

- "God knows you up close & personal — does that concern or comfort you?" Dunning Park Bible Chapel, Redford.

- "He who laughs, lasts." Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia.

- "If you value eternity, make good use of time." Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia.

- "The Gospel is for sinners only." Parkway Heights Free Methodist, Redford.

# Stereotypes based on gender can also hurt men

Men are in trouble. I counseled with a man recently who is facing a divorce. He has isolated himself and he has begun to drink. These are symptoms of more trouble in his life. They may be the cause of even greater problems.

This man is said to be the cause of his family's separation. This is not the whole story. The children blame him. The wife blames him. He is losing his home and his family. He is going to the outermost darkness where he will be pointed to as the cause of this tragedy.

Yes, he caused some of the pain. Others caused some of it as well. Yet he is not going to be forgiven, nor included back into the affection of the family members. Healing seems a long way off, if ever.

I have seen this pattern over and over again. The man leaves and

loses most everything but his job. Yet why should anyone have compassion for a big, grown-up man? We men are tough and should be able to take care of ourselves. Who cares about the hurt that men feel? What is most significant in the eyes of society is the hurt that men do.

A RECENT article suggests that there are other factors at work. It is a kind of prejudice against men. The evidence comes from a study of homeless people in America. Between 64 and 78 percent of all homeless adults are men.

Among single homeless adults, 78 percent are men. This means that with the higher death rate of men compared with women, particularly in this category of persons of poverty and often advanced age, a lot of men are in trouble.

Moral perspectives  
Rev. David Strong

The author of the article on homeless men believes that there is a prejudice against the homeless, helpless man. He is considered worthless. Male losers are "unworthy of help." We can easily identify a woman as a victim. She deserves protection and help. Men in such circumstances do not.

What can be worse in our society than an unemployed man? The answer is an unemployed man who drinks and has left his family. Even

worse than this, cites the author, men in this condition are scary. We imagine that they are not simply worthless, but dangerous to our society.

Such prejudice against men in trouble is multiplied when the person is a minority race. Most if not all have experienced rejection, betrayal and even violence because of their racial heritage.

Will society change? Those who consider themselves religious must

address this problem. Do we believe in a God who has equal forgiveness for men and women? Do we support a means to provide work for men at the bottom of our society?

WOMEN AND children have welfare. Men are supposed to get a job. Over and over again, I have men come to our church and ask for a job. There are no jobs available.

I call upon you to look and see. I call upon you to have compassion for the man who is divorced and alone. We must talk to the man who is without a job and find out what this person experiences.

Religious persons must begin by identifying our prejudices, forgiving ourselves and changing our ways. These things are very diffi-

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cult, yet they are at the heart of a faith and commitment to a God that renews and transforms life.

Let's face it. If men are in trouble, we all are in trouble.

The Rev. David T. Strong is pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit.

## religion calendar

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

### HOLISTIC HEALTH

A health fair featuring holistic health products will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster. Admission price is \$5. Health screenings, health snacks, lectures and display will be featured.

### NEW SONG

Ward Presbyterian Church will welcome the Geneva College ensemble New Song. The ensemble will provide music at Sunday services 8, 9:15, 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. July 14. Ward Presbyterian Church is at Six Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia.

### FAITH BIBLE

Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia, will have its vacation Bible school 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 15-19. The school is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. There will be Bible stories, games, refreshments and crafts. For information, call 464-7990.

### NICKY CRUZ

Evangelist Nicky Cruz will speak 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 19-20 in the Detroit Clark Park Christian Center, and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 21, at Fairlane Assembly of God, 22575 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Cruz has written several books and relates his story of rising from the Puerto Rican ghetto in New York City and being touched by God. All services are free of charge.

### PEACE WORKS

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will offer vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 2. Children will learn skills for dealing with conflict, play opera-

tive games, do craft projects and sing songs.

The preschool division will meet Monday through Thursday. There will also be an elementary division. Registration price is \$4. For information, call 422-0149.

### BIBLE SCHOOL

St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth, will sponsor its vacation Bible school Monday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 2. Sessions will be 9 a.m. to noon. The vacation Bible school is for children ages 4-12. This year's theme is "Jesus Calls, Come Follow." For information, call 453-0190.

### WORK CAMP MISSION

Eleven young people and two adults from Redford Baptist Church will participate in a work camp mission for residents of Lucasville, Ohio. The Ohio-River work camp will take place Sunday through Saturday, July 21-27, and is sponsored by Group Work Camps.

Projects will be coordinated by the Christ's Community Church. Participants will construct, repair and weatherize homes for elderly, poor and handicapped people. Some 400 people from throughout the U.S. representing many denominations will participate.

### SUMMER SERMONS

"Remedies for Maladies" is the title of a summer sermon series from the Book of Psalms, to be offered 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road in Livonia. Topics will be: July 21, "The Remedy for Worry," Psalm 55:22; July 28, "The Remedy for Sleeplessness," Psalm 4:8; and Aug. 18, "The Remedy for Uncertainty," Psalm 121:1. Child care will be provided. For information, call 422-1470.

### A.C.T.I.O.N.

A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministry provides support and practical help for people who are unemployed or changing careers. Meetings are 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Lighthouse of Ward Presbyter-

ian Church in Livonia.

Monday, July 22, Doug Bingham will discuss "The Basics of Selling." A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministry is a support program sponsored by the Congregational Care Ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, Farmington and Six Mile roads in Livonia. For information, call 422-1826.

### BIBLE SCHOOL

First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, will have its "Marketplace" vacation church school Monday through Friday, July 22-26. The school is for children ages 4-12. For information, call 421-8628.

### CHURCH SCHOOL

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, will have its vacation church school Monday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 2. Sessions, for children ages 4-12, will be 9-11:30 a.m. This year's theme is "God's Champions — Equipped to Follow Jesus." Price is \$5 per child, \$15 maximum per family. Each child will receive a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Monday, July 22. For information, call 453-5280.

### DAY TRIP

The Fairlane Assembly Primetimers are sponsoring a day trip to Port Stanley, Ontario, Canada, with Bianco Tours Tuesday, Aug. 6. Pick-up time will be 7:45 a.m. at the church, corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Warren. The group will return 7 p.m. Price is \$45. For information, call 451-0525.

### VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

Village Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, will have summer midweek services 7 p.m. Wednesdays in McCalmont Chapel. Services scheduled are July 17, Aug. 14, 21 and 28. Services will be informal. Village day camp for elementary-age children will have two three-week sessions of study, games, crafts, recreation and music. Session I will be Wednesday, July 10-31, Session II Monday, Aug. 5, through Friday, Aug. 23. Price is \$80 per camper for a three-week session (\$65

for each additional family member). For registration information, call 534-7730.

### ST. MATTHEW

"Jesus Calls, Come Follow" is the theme for this year's vacation Bible school, to be 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 22-26, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia.

The school is for children age 3 through sixth grade. Price is \$2.50 per child. For information, call 422-6038.

### LUTHERAN CONVENTION

The Southeastern Michigan Synod, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, will hold its fourth annual convention Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5, in Southfield. This year's theme, "A Sure Foundation," is taken from Isaiah 28:16.

Seven workshops will be offered on a variety of subjects, along with Bible studies. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Maria-Alma Rainey Copeland, assistant to the bishop in the North-Carolina Synod. Registration deadline is Aug. 15, and registration forms are available at area churches.

### SUMMER WORSHIP

Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, has begun its summer worship schedule. Week-end worship services will take place 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, through Aug. 29. Services will last 30-45 minutes. Sunday worship will be 8 and 9:30 a.m.

### ALCOHOLICS' SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics for Christ, Alcoholics for Christ Family Group and Adult Children of Alcoholics meet weekly at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Groups meet 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Fellowship Hall and 1 p.m. Fridays in Room A-5. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, at the corner of Six Mile. For information, call 534-6383.

## clubs in action

Clubs in Action appears on Thursdays. Deadline for items is noon the previous Friday.

### ● P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA

The P.R.C.U.A. Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will sponsor a bottle/can drive Saturday, July 13. Persons wishing to donate bottles and/or cans can call Darlene at 565-9865 to arrange for pick-up.

### ● LILY SOCIETY

Michigan Regional Lily Society will have a summer show Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14, at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The show will feature exhibitors from throughout the state. The flowers will be judged by horticulture in 53 classes and also by artistic arrangements in eight classes. Judging will take place 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 13. Experts will be available during the show to answer questions. For information, call 474-4608.

### ● METRO WEST AFTER FIVE

The Metro West After Five Club, a Christian business and professional organization, will have a meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Holiday Inn & Holiday, 1275 and Six Mile Road, Livonia. Dinner reservations are necessary by Thursday, July 11. For information, call 397-8871 or 455-3371.

### ● MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

The Psychiatry Department at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a weekly support group for the relatives and friends of mental health patients. The group meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and addresses subjects pertinent to those who have loved ones with mental illness. For information, call 591-2944.

### ● DELTA ZETA

The Oakland County alumnae of Delta Zeta sorority will hold a pancake breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 15. For more information, call Glenn Paukstis at 646-5272.

### ● DIABETES CLASSES

"Life with Diabetes," a six-week series of two-hour group discussions, led by a registered nurse and dietitian, will be offered 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning July 17, at the Wayne County Health Department's Westland Health Center, 2501 S. Merriman, Westland. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 467-3355 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

### ● FIRST-TIME PARENTS

A First-Time Parents Support Group will begin Friday, July 26, in Redford Township. Time will be 1-3 p.m., with infant specialists scheduled to discuss infant massage. For more information, call Mary Laiter or Susan Hewes of the Development Centers at 591-2500.

### ● DEPRESSION WORKSHOP

The Psychiatry Department at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a Community Workshop on Depression 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, in the hospital auditorium, 36475 W. Five Mile Road, Livonia. Suzanne Paille, psychiatric program director and Amy Hernandez, Mental Health Unit, will discuss topics pertaining to depression. There is no fee and refreshments will be served. For information, call 591-2944.

### ● THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia will present a one-day seminar, "Thinking About College?," 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7,

at the school, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. College faculty and staff will serve as guest speaker. It will be repeated 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Schoolcraft College, Radcliff Center in Garden City. Reservations are required. "Thinking About College?" is presented prior to each semester and introduces women to the College and provides information and support for those who are considering a return to school. In addition, single parents, displaced homemakers, single pregnant women and those interested in non-traditional careers may qualify for tuition assistance. To make reservations or for more information, call the Women's Resource Center at 462-4443.

### ● HEALTH FRAUD

St. Mary Hospital will present another in its series of "Let's Talk..." CareLink senior lectures 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, in the hospital auditorium, Five Mile and Leyan roads, Livonia. The topic of health fraud, the promotion of false or unproven products for profit, will be addressed. Fraudulent health promotion is estimated to cost consumers billions of dollars each year. Topics address in this presentation include evaluating weight loss programs, false ads, unproven cures for arthritis and myths about vitamins. For information, call 464-4800, Ext. 2169.

### ● CRAFT SHOW

Table reservations are being accepted for the Wildwood School PTA arts and craft show, set for Saturday, Nov. 2, at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Cost is \$25 for a six-foot table, \$45 for two. For information, call Ann at 728-1626.

### ● RELATIVES INC.

Relatives Inc. meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Paul's

United Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Sylvia, 441-1752 or Isabel at 477-0358.

### ● LAMAZE CHILDBIRTH

Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia offers a six-week class for new parents, the choice of a two- or four-week class for refreshers, and a monthly breast-feeding class. Weekday classes are 7-9:30 p.m.; Saturday classes are 9:11:30 a.m. Classes offer information about pregnancy, labor and delivery. Classes are in Livonia, Garden City, Redford and Novi to service all surrounding communities. For information, call 937-0665.

### ● AMI WAYNE-WESTLAND

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Wayne-Westland meets 7-9 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in Conference Room A of Annapolis Hospital's Westland Center, 2945 Merriman Road, Westland. For information, call 728-1232.

### ● RECREATION

Livonia Parks & Recreation Club is forming for people ages 20-36 to meet 7-10 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays. Activities will include volleyball, softball or racquetball in addition to possible weekend field trips. For information, call 537-9273.

### ● ADULT CAMPING

Weekenders, an adult camping club, will camp out the third weekend of the month now through October. The club meets 8 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month in Room 405 of Franklin High School, Livonia. For information, call 532-0756.

## new voices

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JIM and LORI STRZALKA of Garden City announce the birth of JAMES ALLEN May 30 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has two siblings, Jessica, 7, and Corey, 5. Grandparents are Gary and Kay Pressey of Garden City and Walter Strzalka and Steve and Lillian Liss, all of Detroit.

DANIEL and CHERYL TAPPEN of Westland announce the birth of DAVID DANIEL June 16 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has two "big" sisters, Dawn Michelle and Kimberly Lynne. Grandparents are Anthony and Jean Gletzen of Wayne and Robert and Barbara Tappen of Redford. Great-Grandmother is Marion Tappen of Farmington Hills.

## Send us your fashion show news

If you're planning a fashion show or event this fall or winter, we'd like to hear about it so we can consider including it as a calendar item in our Fall Fashion special section, which comes out in August.

The listing should include the name of the show or event, the type of fashions to be spotlighted, the

date, time and location, the admission charge and the name of a contact person and phone number.

Mail the listing to: Special Sections Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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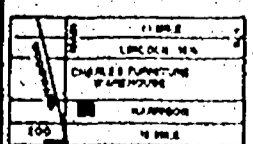
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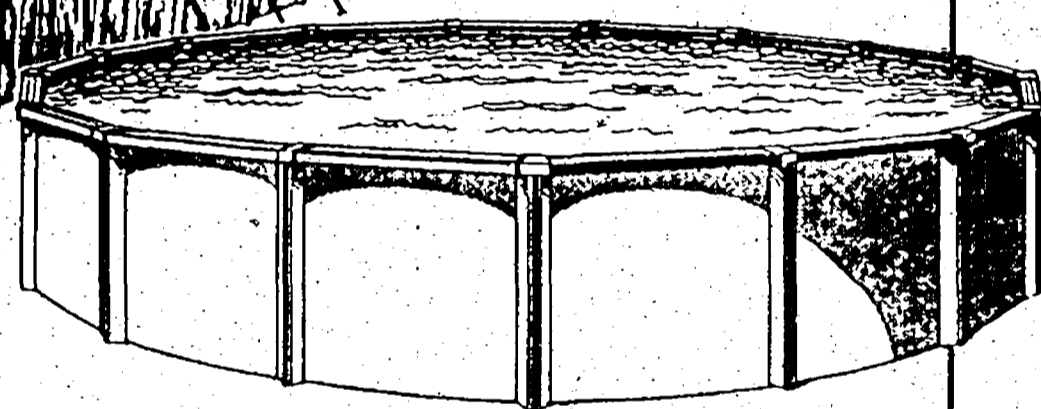
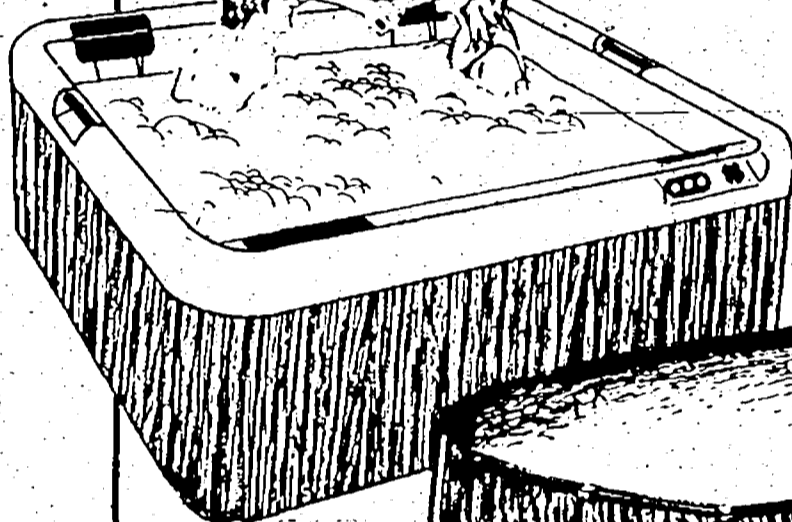
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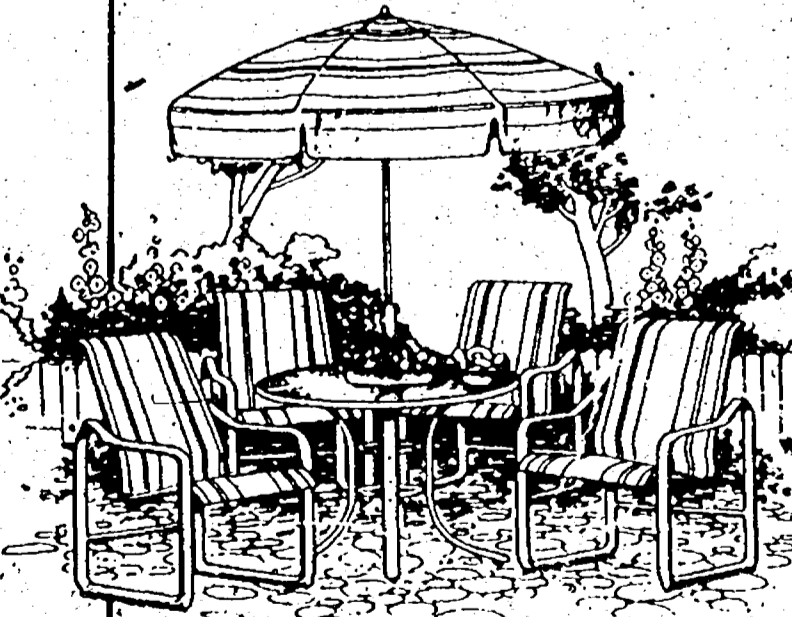
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## Village road dubbed Joshua Simmons Drive

By Janice Tiger-Kramer  
special writer

The family of Joshua Simmons, a Livonia Township pioneer and the area's most prosperous farmer in 1850, applauded the naming of the road winding through Greenmead Historical Village as Joshua Simmons Drive.

The road was christened June 30. About 40 descendants of Simmons came from Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Grand Rapids, Florida, Ohio,

Texas and California for the celebration.

The event marked the 150th anniversary of the Simmons/Hill House, the stately Greek Revival-style house that stands in the northwest section of the village, Eight Mile and Newburgh.

Simmons, a farmer and native of New York, had the house (called Meadow Brooke) built in 1841, his third and most lavish home on the site. Sherwin Hall, a Detroit lawyer, and his wife, Jean, bought the farm-site in 1920. It Greenmead

after her childhood home in Baltimore.

Welcoming the crowd, John Colley, Livonia Historical Commission secretary, said: "This is the 15th year Livonia has owned the Greenmead property, just one-tenth of the time it was owned by the Simmons family."

COLLEY PRAISED the city, historic groups and Friends for the Development of Greenmead for taking on a project as ambitious as Greenmead Historical Village,

which boasts 25 historic buildings in the village and farmsite.

Fourteen have been moved to the village from their original sites in Livonia; seven are restored and open to the public.

"Greenmead's wonderful for the heritage of Livonia and for the children of the community who have a chance to see our history," he said.

Standing near the new street sign, between the old carriage house and the caretaker's house, Marian Lynch, Livonia Historical Society president, said Simmons was just 23 when he

came here from New York to buy 160 acres of wilderness that later became Livonia Township.

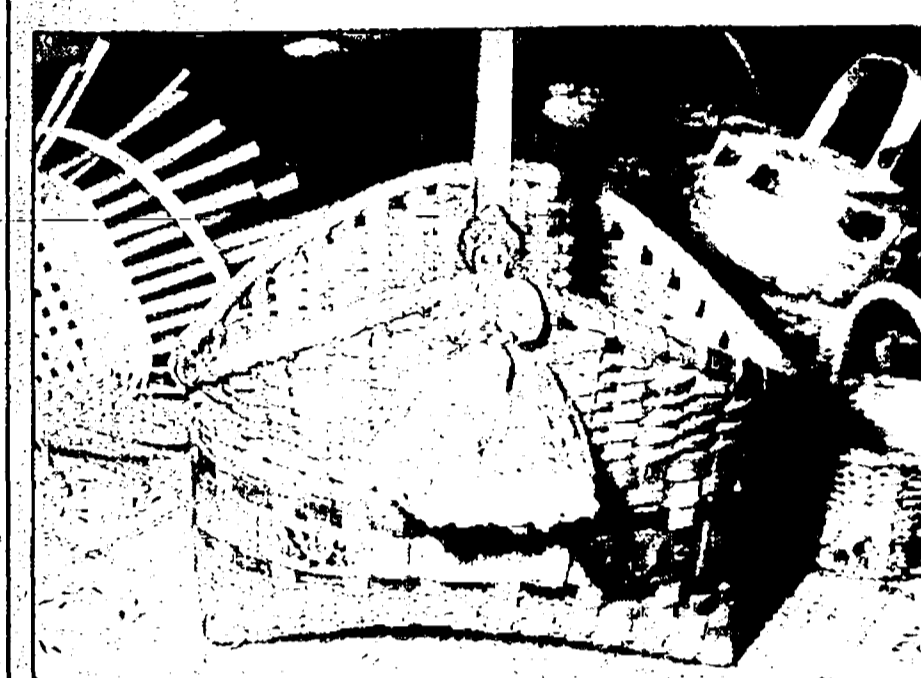
In 1877, his home, the centerpiece of the farmsite, was called "the grandest farmhouse in the county."

Fourth and fifth generations of Simmons family members joined Greenmead officials and volunteers, the Livonia Historical Society, the Livonia Historical Commission, city officials and the Friends for the Development of Greenmead as council president Joan McCotter clipped the ribbon opening the village road,

which runs about one-third of a mile from Newburgh Road to Victor Parkway. Many of the same relatives were on hand in 1977 when the Simmons/Hill House museum opened.

WITH THE family of Joshua and Hannah Simmons gathered around, McCotter said, "Greenmead is a treasure to preserve. We thank the Simmons family for sharing their heritage with us. You must feel warmth in your hearts knowing that

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This handcrafted basket, interwoven with ash, has roses painted on it. The doll basket is a favorite of little girls. This one belongs to Donna Squire's daughter.

## Her handmade baskets provide organizing tool

By Linda Ann Chomin  
special writer

DONNA SQUIRE'S basketry organizes her home, "providing a place for everything, and everything in its place."

Baskets holding kitchen tools, towels and tea bags neatly organize and display needed items on kitchen counters, walls and shelves.

This weekend, you can see Squire's handiwork as well as watch it being made during the 11th annual Art in the Park in Plymouth.

"It's a great way to keep organized," said Squire in an interview at her Livonia home. Squire began weaving baskets five years ago after taking Livonia

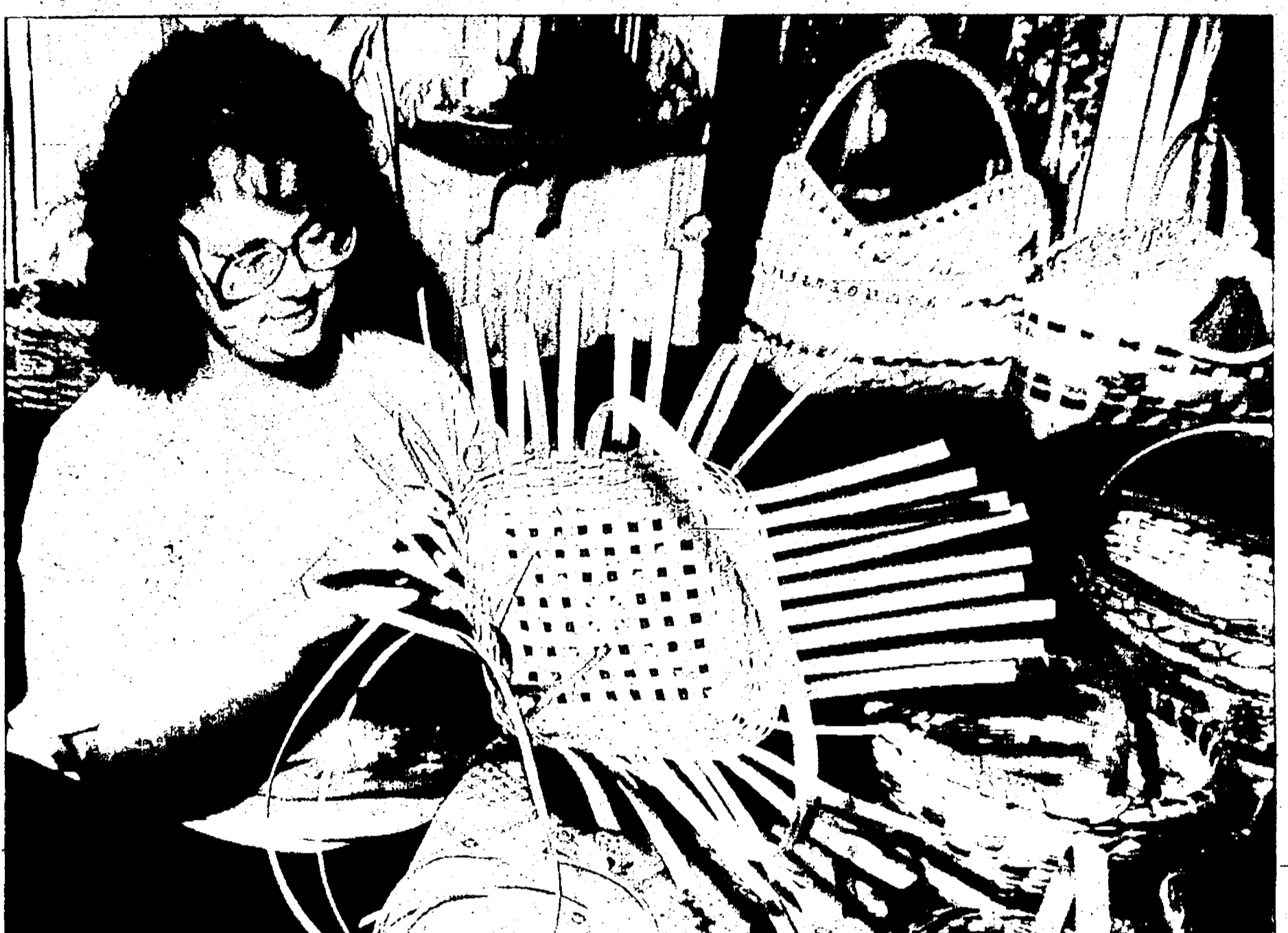
Community Education classes. "I just always have to be busy," she said. "Making baskets, I have something to show for my 'busyness.'"

From Egypt to China, basket making is an ancient art, thousands of years old. The history of basketry is difficult, if not impossible, to determine because the roots, vines, grasses and fiber materials disintegrate over time.

It is known that basketry preceded pottery as a craft in North and South America.

FOR 9,000 years at least, North American Indians have used their skills to make baskets. American Indians gathered grasses and reeds to construct baskets for storing food, sleeping mats and pitch-coated boats.

Squire's basketry is made of



Donna Squire weaves baskets to fit any need. Here, she loops the rattan up, over and under, creating the sides for one of her baskets.

rattan from Malaysia, China, Thailand and parts of Africa. Rattan comes from various species of palms, which are extremely tough and pliable.

Squire's basket handles are made from hickory and oak.

She uses oil-based stains in different shades of walnut on the majority of handwoven baskets. The rest of the country baskets, she leaves natural.

Squire decorates the baskets with folk art images, ranging from apples to Amish girls. Using

acrylic tole paint, she creates country themes on ash from one-half to three inches wide, interwoven with the rattan.

Interwoven curls, American Indian style, as well as rattan roses decorate other baskets by Squire.

Squire works 40 hours weaving baskets the week before a show, 30 hours weekly otherwise.

"It's a great way to pass time while waiting for the kids at cheer-leading practice or T-ball," she said.

BEFORE SHE begins making a

basket, Squire soaks the rattan until it becomes supple and workable.

"First I get the reed wet, then lay them out," she said.

Squire begins weaving the basket base, then proceeds up the sides.

"I have to keep rewetting the reed constantly," she said. Once completed, the baskets air dry in about one hour.

Baskets can be used to hold magazines, bread or bills. There are large ribbed baskets for eggs or melons, and miniature

peg baskets to display on a shelf or hang on a peg. And there are covered sewing baskets, pie baskets, garden baskets to hold cut-flowers or tools, and custom baskets to fit any need organize a home or office, keeping it neat.

"For whatever you have to carry out to the patio, baskets are great," Squire said.

Donna Squire's baskets are priced from \$5 to \$80, with an average range from \$10 to \$35.

photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

## Arts and crafts to brighten Kellogg Park on weekend

By Linda Ann Chomin  
special writer

The 11th annual "Art in the Park" will line the sidewalks surrounding Kellogg Park in the heart of Plymouth Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14, filling the historic streets with art, music and food.

About 280 artists from more than 30 states and 100 Michigan communities will exhibit paintings, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, wearable art, stained glass,

woodwork and calligraphy.

"We're real excited about this year's show. It'll be bigger. The quality is better and the variety is wider," said Dianne Quinn, founder, producer and director of Art in the Park.

Free music will add to the festivities. Music will ring freely through the air as Barbryellen performs North American folk songs. Rochester musician Guy Sferlazza along with Chautauqua Express will provide a hands-on learning experience for children

with his musical instruments.

"Kim Murley of Plymouth will be strolling through the streets with her hammered dulcimer," Quinn said.

THE PLYMOUTH Community Arts Council offers yet another learning experience for kids of all ages — a booth for creating hands-on art.

On Sunday, July 14, 14 artists will demonstrate their artistic knowledge under "The Gathering" on Penniman. Hand-built clay work, basket weaving, cloth

marbling, English smoking, children's toys and Bonsai trees will be created before the eyes of fair visitors.

To raise money, the Plymouth chapter of American Association of University Women will sell arts and crafts books.

Visitors to the fair will be able to rest and refresh themselves under the shade of the trees in Kellogg Park. Buttered popcorn and fresh pastries are only two of the many food items that will be offered for sale.

Plymouth artist Thomas LeGault in booth 155 will demonstrate acrylic painting techniques at faster-than-lightning speed.

LeGault, after practicing painting for 21 years, has been known to complete a traditional landscape bathed in a pink mist in 90 minutes.

"I'm really going to be showing off because this is the first time I'll be doing a home show at Plymouth's Art in the Park," LeGault said. "I actually create

some of my best pieces at the shows."

Families, art, food and entertainment paints a perfect picture of Art in the Park. "I thought, we (Plymouth) had a beautiful setting here in the park for art," Quinn said. "We started out with 30 artists and now there are 280."

Hours for Art in the Park have been extended this year: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

## Pioneer a Livonia legend; studio open houses work

ARTSCAPE ANECDOTES:

● Fitting salute — His adventurous spirit was undaunting.

Livonia pioneer Joshua Simmons, whose 19th-century farmstead is now Greenmead Historical Village, was just 25 when he brought his wife, Hannah Macomber, here from Bristol, N.Y.

In search of a better life in 1824, he saved \$225 to buy 160 acres in the wilderness of what became Bucklin and later Livonia Township. He then returned to New York.

He and his new bride made their way to Detroit in 1826 via the steamboat Superior on Lake Erie. By wagon, they arrived at their new homestead 30 miles away on a rainy night — Joshua \$5 short on the amount he owed the teamsters.

Joshua unloaded their belongings and stayed with them. Hannah stayed at a neighbor's home a mile away. In the morning, Joshua fired a gun to let Hannah know he was fine.

That day, Joshua built a three-sided log shanty, thanks to help from neighbors. A small house eventually followed.

In 1841, Joshua commissioned his landmark farmhouse, a Greek Revival-style house that's now a national historic site.

By 1850, his farm, Meadow Brooke, was the most prosperous in Livonia. It stayed in the Simmons family for 91 years. Sherwin and Jean Hill acquired it in 1920 and renamed it Greenmead. The house became a city museum in 1977.

"There's a lot of pride associated with knowing your great-great-



Bob Sklar

grandfather left a significant mark on an area," says Dick Simmons.

He was one of more than 40 descendants attending the June 30 dedication of the road through Greenmead as Joshua Simmons Drive.

Unwittingly, the living history that his 150-year-old house and surrounding farmstead now provide is Joshua Simmons' richest legacy to the people of Livonia.

● Homestyle art — It's a reveal-

ing sign of the times.

To save time and money and to ease stress, artist Alice Nichols has, for the past six months, hosted monthly open houses in her home studio to show her work.

A traditional watercolorist, Nichols still exhibits in local, state and national shows.

But the 35-year Farmington resident finds her home shows a practical alternative to art gallery commissions averaging 30 percent as well as other costs: crating and shipping, show entry fees, preparing slides for jurying.

The art gallery route is especially tough. "It's hard to even get in the door," she said.

"Artists love to do their creative activity on paper or canvas rather than building shipping crates and

shuffling paintings to and from a show," she told the Observer.

"Having people visit me in my studio allows them to see the whole creative process."

A watercolorist, lecturer and instructor with 30 years of experience, Nichols says marketing her art at home doesn't mean she's all business.

"I want people to come in and browse, and browsing does not mean commitment to buying," said the Farmington Artists Club charter member, who was instrumental in starting the Picture Lady and senior adult painting programs in the mid-'70s.

"I like to talk to people about my work and, of course, I always have the coffee pot on." Nichols has been part of two coop-

erative galleries. In a co-op, the artists share cost and staff requirements to keep the place humming. Commissions also are much lower. But both galleries closed because of lease problems.

For Alice Nichols, home marketing seems a productive marketing tool.

As she told me: "I've sold a couple paintings. The only real cost is postage. I've had a lot of calls and a lot of lookers who said they'll stop by again. I'm making contacts and updating my mailing list. So I've probably come out ahead in terms of profit."

She'll take the summer off but resume her open houses in the fall.

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.



# Antique lithographs

## Parisian poster collector will visit gallery



This original stone lithograph poster advertising hats is one of more than 500 posters that Paris dealer Gilles Didier brings to the Linda Hayman Gallery July 19-20.

By Linda Ann Chomlin  
special writer

Gilles Didier, a Paris collector and dealer of antique, original stone lithograph posters, will visit the Linda Hayman Gallery in Farmington Hills Friday-Saturday, July 19-20, with a collection of 500 posters.

The posters, dating from 1880 to 1935, were used to advertise theater, cars, trains, boats, bicycles, food and beverage, toys, clothing and hats.

Didier, who has specialized in antique posters for 15 years, has helped American and Japanese museums as well as private collectors build poster collections.

Current chairman of the Poster Society, Didier participates yearly in "Art Expo" in New York and Los Angeles, the "Poster Show" and "Works on Paper" in New York, and the "Tokyo International Art Show" in Japan.

Toulouse-Lautrec, Jules Cheret, Steinlen, Much, Cassandre, Pal, and Paul Colin are some of the well-known artists who designed the posters.

Cheret, who designed an opening night poster in 1889 for the Moulin Rouge dance hall in Paris, was the first to master the techniques of large-scale, color, stone lithograph posters. Two years later, Toulouse-Lautrec designed a poster for a new attraction at the Moulin Rouge, which was to make the dance hall known worldwide.

The posters are available in different sizes, styles, such as Art Nouveau or Art Deco period, and themes. The average poster format is 24 1/2 inches by 39 3/4 inches.

Prices for the posters begin at \$500.

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Linda Hayman Gallery is at 32500 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. For more information on the posters call the gallery at 932-0080.

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A series of inexpensive summer events are scheduled in July and August at Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University.

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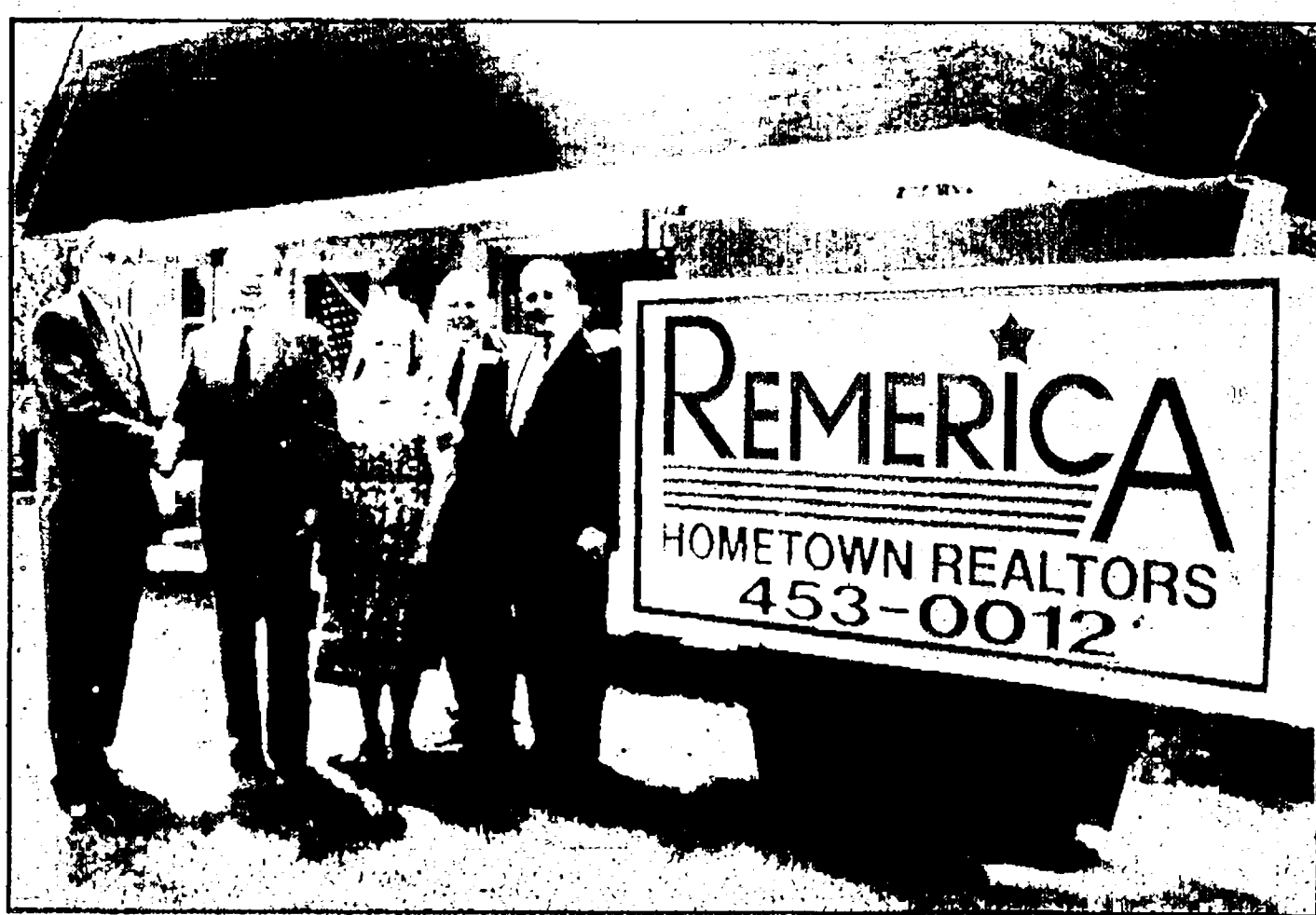
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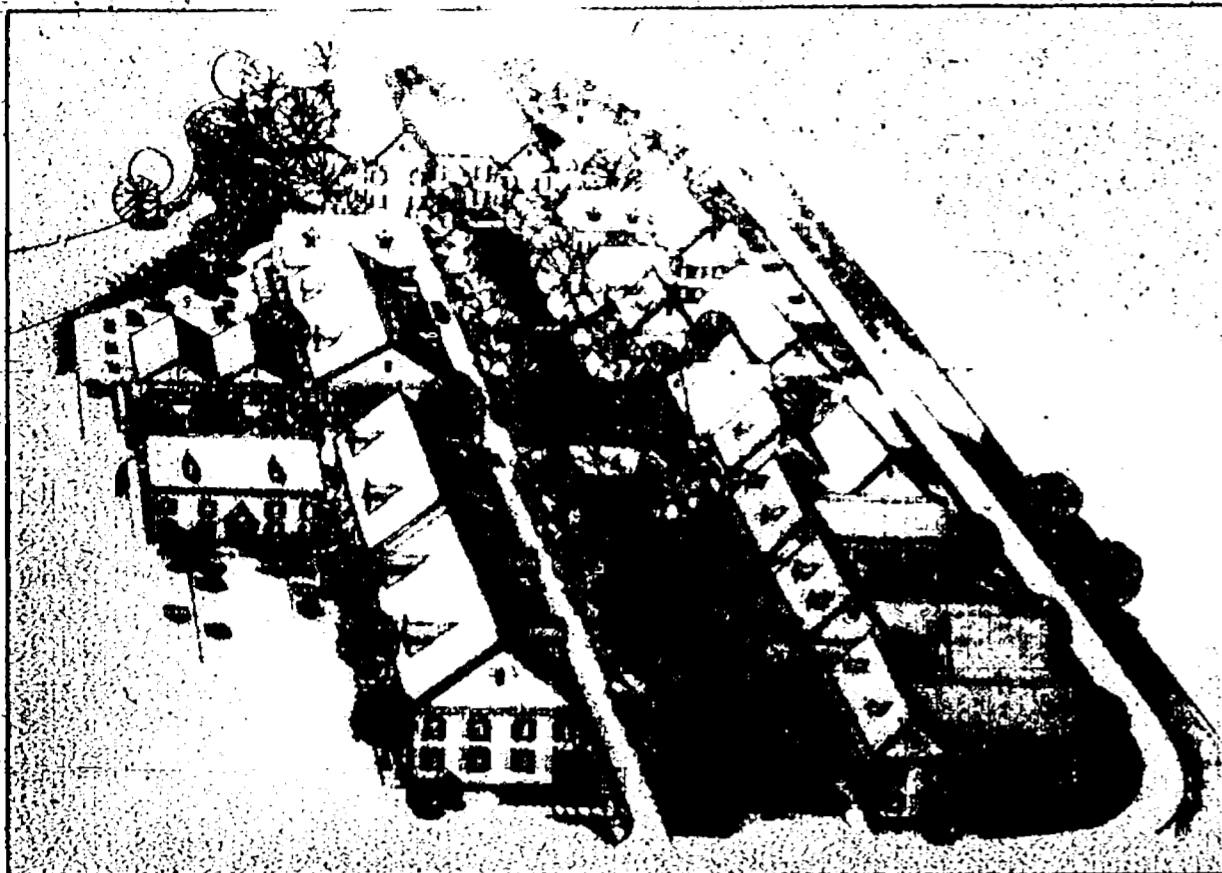
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This site plan designed by Gibbs Planning Group in Bloomfield Hills depicts some of the principles of neo-traditional planning. The building at the top of the drawing is a congregate care facility; the building to the far left is a retail/office

mix designed to appeal to a pedestrian scale that would also include upper residential flats, and the buildings to the far right would be multiple residential. All buildings face a central park, as opposed to a street, with parking to the rear.

## Traditional values resurface in town planning schemes

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

If you're driving along a major mile road and someone has removed the "Welcome to — City" signs, how would you know when you're leaving one community and entering another?

Modern planning has accomplished positive things, but it has not been a total success. Many of the communities that have been built since the end of World War II — and in some cases in the last two decades — lack a focal point.

Ironically, many towns with a focal point — areas like downtown Birmingham, Rochester, Plymouth, Farmington and those further out like Clarkston and Millford — could not be built today.

Planners have forgotten the fundamentals that formed them, according to Robert Gibbs, president of Gibbs Planning Group of Bloomfield Hills. Curiously, those very same things that make small towns and villages so charming are also shunned in conventional planning wisdom, Gibbs said.

Small lots, street trees, sidewalks, walking to the corner store, knowing your neighbors, sitting on the front porch, kids playing on the front lawn, commons, town squares, and parks don't translate well to "sidewalkless" suburbs with homes on half-acre lots.

"That may be changing," he said.

NEO-TRADITIONAL planning — some call it village or town building — takes lessons learned from old villages and the principles learned in retail development and combines them into projects that take mixed-use developments to their next evolution.

"What makes a neo-traditional project work is the relationship between the various aspects of the project," Gibbs said. "You have to understand the dynamics — you have to make it work."

In a neo-traditional development, people living in the project are more likely to walk to the store, he said. Why? Because the project is designed in such a way as to make walking comfortable and driving seem absurd.

That means there has to be a community identity and continuity — similar materials and architectural themes run throughout the project's commercial, residential and special uses, Gibbs said.

Site lines are established with street trees and roads to draw the eye to focal points like parks, pedestrian links — remember sidewalks? — bind homes and retail areas.

But how the elements are used is less important than how they relate, Gibbs said. "People get hung up on the details — they think if they have cute benches and light poles that it's neo-traditional — it's not."

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## Builders scale back for fall Homearama

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Homearama Fall 1991, less elitist, but no less stunning.

Homearama — the term coined by builders to those many years ago, still conjures images of area builders strutting their stuff and building fantastic mansions.

But not this fall. This fall, we'll see a kinder, moderate Homearama.

With between 15 and 20 builders this year, the Homearama planned for southeast Novi will have more than twice the homes of last year, but the real emphasis is on price.

While the term "affordable" may be too loose, for the first time Homearama homes will start below \$200,000 and climb to around the \$250,000 range — a price builders believe will take the annual showcase of homes out of the realm of the wealthy and put them back within the reach of move-up buyers.

The last Homearama to feature homes under \$200,000 was in Livonia more than five years ago.

Herb Lawson, the developer of the Homearama site and president of Herb Lawson Inc. of West Bloomfield, said he did considerable marketing to determine what type, size, and price range homes would sell in Novi.

IN SOME HOMEARAMAS, the idea was to build showcase homes, he said. The problem was those homes have a limited market.

Homes in this year's Homearama will fit the market that already exists. "And we apparently did our job, because several are already pre-sold," he said.

Homes will range from \$180,000 to \$250,000 in price and 1,800 to 2,500 square feet in size. "I'm sure people will add to the homes — and we as developers want to be flexible."

"It's going to be exciting this year because it is more in line with reality," Lawson said. "We didn't want to get into a situation where we had a bunch of \$400,000-and-up homes and no one to buy them."

James Bonadeo, president of Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said the theory behind Homearamas has always been to dazzle people with spectacular homes, but that created a problem — most people who came to the Homearamas would be hard pressed to ever afford such a home.

People would use them to generate decoration and remodeling ideas, but few Homearama visitors were house hunting, Bonadeo said.

"I was even getting calls from people asking why we don't build houses more people could afford." The same comments were often registered by visitors at the annual home show.

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION members have been toying with the idea of a more moderate showcase for several years, Bonadeo said, and the overwhelming support from visitors finally convinced them.

Visitors to Homearamas in recent years have numbered as high as 100,000.

Homearamas with less expensive homes pose a number of challenges for builders, Bonadeo said. First, since they have come to represent grandeur, builders must work to get more out of less.

"It's like small autos — you can have small cars but still get all the goodies," he said. Special architectural flourishes like high ceilings and round windows normally found in more expensive homes will be moved into the lower priced range.

Interiors will also be different from what people would expect in a \$200,000 home. Kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms will include many of the extras — albeit on a smaller scale — of previous Homearama homes.

"It's sure to be more of a challenge to builders," Bonadeo said.

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# Density problems foil 'traditional' planning

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A true neo-traditional project would even have flats or apartments above the commercial shops, re-integrating schools into the community, and have public gathering spaces at parks or intersections, he said.

PERHAPS THE most important aspect is scale, he said. The typical retail strip wouldn't fit in the middle of a residential development.

Russell Lewis, associate planner in the Oakland County planning department, said to his knowledge, there are no neo-traditional developments in southeastern Michigan, but he believes that will change in the next decade.

Developers have already scored big with these "neo-traditional town" developments in New England and Florida, but neo-traditional projects are slow in coming to the Midwest, he said.

The evolution of modern municipal zoning has made neo-traditional planning unworkable, Lewis said.

Larger lots because of setbacks, wider roads, wetlands and woodlands preservation and other restrictions preclude neo-traditional development, he said.

Planning must be re-evaluated, if not reinvented, he said. "Current planners are not familiar with what goes into the traditional planning process."

Traditional planning creates communities and projects with a focal point; modern planning creates buffer zones, Lewis said.

BY EXAMPLE, Lewis said an acquaintance told him a story about a visitor to this country who upon being asked what they thought of the United States responded: "There's no there, there."

When municipal planners are planning for development, they are looking at things that can be controlled by ordinance, but they are

forgetting a very important aspect of planning — design, he said.

Planning is not master plans, ordinances and zone — it's design, function and scale, Lewis said.

"We're not building places; we're building projects," he said.

The main objection to neo-traditional planning seems to be the higher density of the projects, Lewis said. "It doesn't have to be that way."

Marketing says neo-traditional planning will work, planners think it will work and developers think it will work, but municipal planners — once they see high density — are opposed to it, he said.

Planners aren't the only ones who have to change. If neo-traditional planning is to take off, developers must rethink the way they do things, Gibbs said.

INSTEAD OF taking a parcel of land and building a tract of homes, a section of residential, and a group of office buildings — as is commonly done in mixed-use projects and planned unit developments — neo-traditional projects build communities, he said.

Current mixed use developments use different aspects for separate functions, Lewis said. A commercial strip center, for example, will act as a buffer between a residential development and a major road.

"If someone (in the residential section) wants to go to the store, he'll hop in his car and drive there," he said.

Chuck Leman, president of the community planning consulting firm Vilcan-Leman Associates in Southfield, said cities and projects have adapted some aspects for use in southeast Michigan. But in its purest form, there haven't been any neo-traditional projects.

"I like a lot of what they're doing," he said, "but what's going to be the impact?"

"We need this type of thing to jar

us loose," Leman said. New ideas and new planning strategies are always good, but whether they can be used without modification is another matter.

"ALL OF THESE (neo-traditional planned) communities are small," he stressed. "It may be, the principles can't work on a larger scale."

"If you had 36 square miles, it wouldn't work," Leman said although there is a growing interest in neo-traditional planning throughout the country, he isn't certain it will be a great factor in planning, Leman said.

"It may be this is just another Twigg," he said, referring to the ultra-thin 1960's model whose meteoric rise to stardom was coupled with an equally meteoric fall.

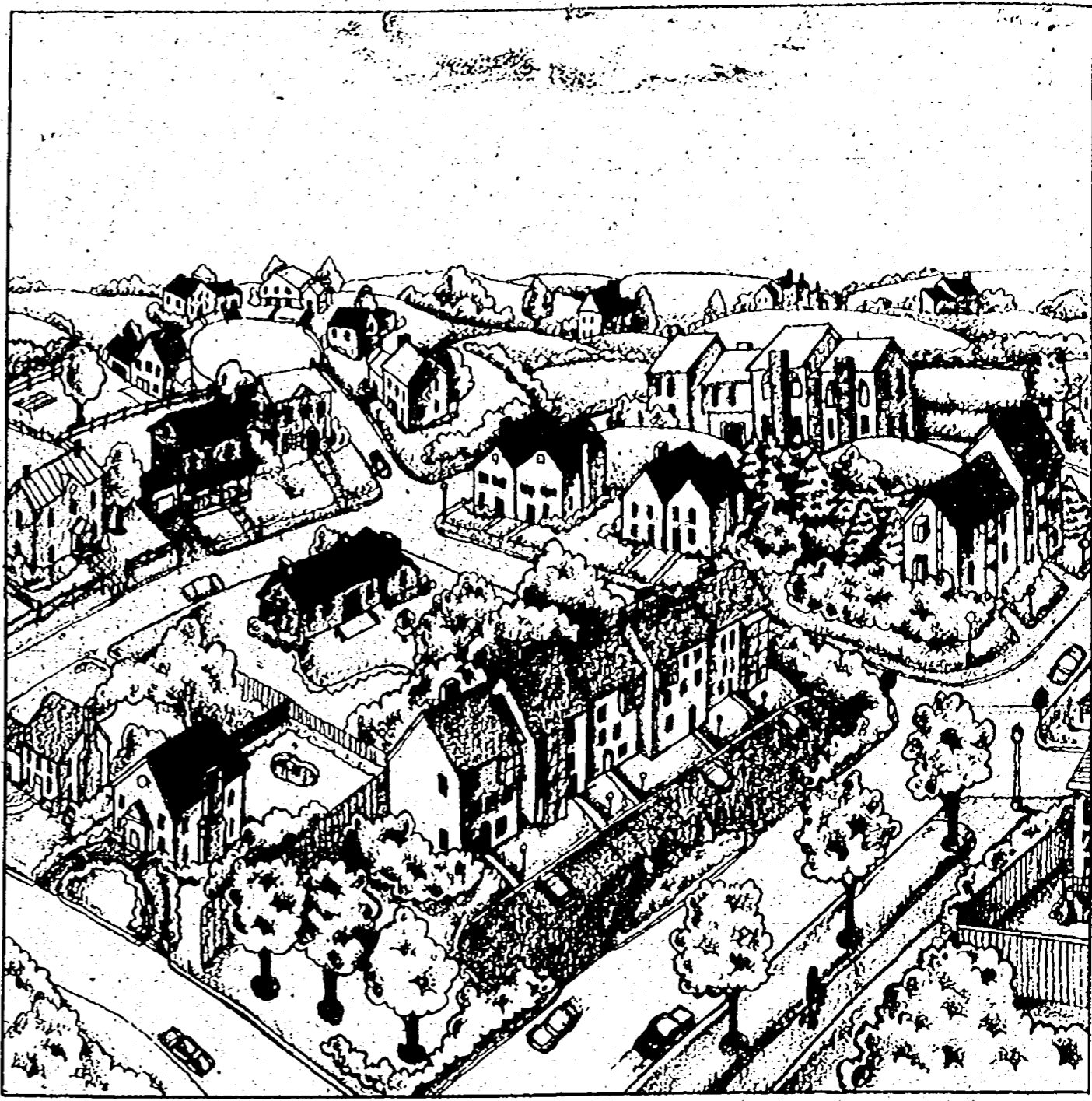
Neo-traditional planning, with its emphasis on pedestrian scale, may not sell well in southeastern Michigan where the automobile is such an intrinsic part of life, he said.

Nevertheless, some neo-traditional planning ideas have been incorporated into current thought, Leman said. "I think we'll see more of that in the future."

"Look at Farmington Hills," he said. "Every residential development abuts open space."

Funnelling traffic to secondary roads, establishing pedestrian walkways, and other things that make a community feel more comfortable may be all that can be done, he said.

"Somewhere along the way, someone is going to run with the idea and I'll be glad to see it happen," Leman said. "It will be a battle (to get a project through), but I think we can learn from it."



Neo-traditional planning doesn't necessarily limit a community's options. Single family residential can back up to duplexes, face multiples and saddle up alongside retail. What's important is that everything be done on a pedestrian scale.

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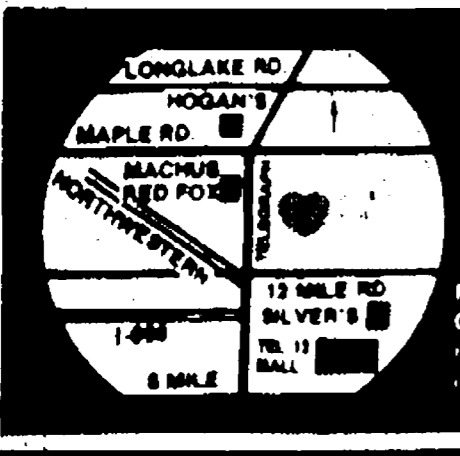
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