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THE WAYNE-WESTLAND Library will hold storytime programs for preschoolers starting Tuesday, Oct. 15, and continuing on subsequent Tuesdays until Nov. 19.

The program will be held at 9 a.m. each of those Tuesdays and will include music, fingerplays, storybooks and more, said Kevin Hutchinson, children's librarian.

There is no charge but advance registration must be in person between Oct. 7-12 at the library on Wayne Road at Sims. Wayne. The program is geared for children between 3 1/2 and 5.

Those interested can call Hutchinson at 721-7832.

THE WIDMAN Foundation, named for a Wayne businessman, will award grants to groups which specialize in helping the developmentally disabled. The presentation will be at a luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16, in Dearborn Heights.

The foundation, formed nine years ago after Aloysius Widman, offers short-term, one-time only funding for proposals involving new approaches to helping, teaching and training those with developmental disabilities.

WESTLAND'S Jack Brislin wants local people to attend a Detroit Astronomical Society program Friday to see slides of a total solar eclipse at the Southfield Civic Center recreation building, Room 224, on Evergreen between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

The program will start at 8:15 p.m. and continue to about 10 p.m., Brislin said.

He said there were will be a short explanation of eclipses and slides of eclipse effects and flares.

There is no admission charge. Those interested can call Brislin at 455-7827 during the day or at 484-5015 at night.

THIRTY-FIVE Westland students were named to the Madonna College dean's list for the past term.

They are Gail Bell, accounting senior; Christina Berns, ASC-med lab technical core freshman; Paula Berwanger, sign language studies senior; Elizabeth Borgel, social science senior; Linda Burt, legal assistant senior; Pamela Busehart, social work senior; Ronald Case, management sophomore; Darla Cooklin, legal assistant senior; Cynthia Cook, child development senior; Christine Czarnik, computer science junior.

Also Regina Dege, English senior; Christiane Dines, nursing senior; Leigh Dresser, learning disabilities junior; Kathie Jones, nursing senior; Steve Knapp, criminal justice senior; Nancy Kolpacki, child development senior; Gail Lacourse, nursing freshman; Lori Leach, nursing freshman; Michelle Magreke, biology senior; Deborah Masse, business administration junior; Sean McCusker, marketing senior; Kimberly Mehl, legal assistant senior; Jennifer Mondro, general dietetics junior.

Also Del Paquin, child development senior; Andragayle Pye, music education senior; Kelly Ramseyer, general dietetics senior; Debra Schurig, marketing senior; Nicole Shewman, nursing senior; Vicki Sorenson, SSC-history core junior; Theresa Terres, biology senior; Lisa Thomson, commercial art senior; Tracy Tyre, business administration freshman; and Wanda Yenkei, legal assistant senior.



JIM JAGFELD/staff photographer

Strike up the band

Senior drum major Erich Friebe leads the Livonia Franklin band onto the field during Saturday's city football clash against rival

Churchill. The host Patriots defeated the Chargers, 16-14, on a late field goal. See story on Page 1B.

Motorcycle crash claims gymnast

By Brad Emons
staff writer

A Westland gymnast with Olympic promise died late Friday night in a motorcycle accident in Iowa City, Iowa.

Iowa City police reported that Jason Whitfield, 17, a former student at Livonia Franklin High and the youngest member of the U.S. Senior Olympic Development team, lost control while driving a borrowed motorcycle near the parking lot of an apartment complex.

He left the roadway, went down an embankment and into a bushy area near railroad tracks. Attempts to revive him by the Johnson County Ambulance, the Iowa City Fire Department and the University of Iowa

Hospital were unsuccessful.

The accident occurred at 11:30 p.m.

Family, friends and neighbors are grieving the loss of Whitfield, who was one of the nation's rising young stars among male gymnasts. He finished 24th out of 48 competitors at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in June at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was also a member of the gold medal-winning team at the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival in Los Angeles in July.

Whitfield had recently moved to Iowa City to continue training under longtime coach Kurt Golder. The two had worked closely together at the Genesee Valley Gymnastics

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McNamara balks at new districts

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

A court showdown appears likely over new Wayne County Commission districts.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara is expected to file suit, as soon as this week, unless the county apportionment commission alters the district changes.

McNamara claims several new districts were drawn for the express purpose of weakening his supporters on the commission.

"The new districts are quite clearly a plan to penalize people who supported Edward McNamara," deputy county executive Michael Duggan said.

But reconsideration isn't likely, according to the woman who chaired the five-member apportionment commission.

"AS FAR as I'm concerned, the committee's job was done when the new districts were adopted (Sept. 18)," Juliette Okotte-Eboh said.

The new districts are supposed to go into effect for the 1992 election. They are deemed controversial because they would pit two local commissioners against each other while radically altering the district of another.

Incumbents Bryan Amann, D-Wayne and Maurice Breen, R-Plymouth Township, would face each other in a redrawn 10th District.



Jason Whitfield, a promising gymnast from Westland who attended Franklin High, died tragically late Friday in a motorcycle accident.

Woman faces 3 charges in rental scam

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A Westland woman has been charged with accepting rent money from several families who paid cash to live in the house she was vacating, and then leaving before the would-be tenants — some toting their belongings — showed up to move in, police said.

"We've got some really upset people," said Westland Detective Sgt. Tim Speir. "This hurts the poor people. Some of them left their last place and had nowhere to go."

But authorities captured the woman after one potential tenant trailed her to her new residence and then told police where they could find her.

In what police called a rent scam, Lynn Chambers, 40, faces three counts of defrauding people of money she accepted as the first month's rent on a house at 7950 August, near

'We've got some really upset people.'

— Tim Speir
Westland Detective

Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland's northeast section. The owner had earlier ordered Chambers to move or be evicted.

Chambers was arraigned Wednesday in Westland's 18th District Court on two felony counts of taking money under false pretenses and one misdemeanor count of the same charge. If convicted, she could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine on each felony count, and up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine on the misdemeanor.

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Ex-firefighter denies stealing

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Former Westland firefighter Mark Wilhide testified Monday that he didn't consider it stealing when he took personal property belonging to an apartment tenant he helped evict.

Wilhide, fired last October over the incident, said he had been told by his supervisor, Paul Bush, that property removed during an eviction was considered abandoned once it was set on the curbside.

"I wasn't a thief. I was a garbage-picker," Wilhide, 29, said Monday, testifying during a fourth and final day of arbitration hearings at city

get his job back and receive retroactive pay.

Arbitrator Robert McCormick is expected to issue his ruling by late November.

Wilhide and Bush were fired last Oct. 3 amid accusations they stole property belonging to Elaine Botz, a former tenant of Hawthorne Club Apartments on Merriman Road between Warren and Ann Arbor Trail. Wilhide assisted Bush, who was acting as a bailiff for Westland's 18th District Court.

In March, the Westland civil service commission reinstated Bush, a former fire department battalion

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Reward gets bigger for dog's killers

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

The brutal killing of Bear, an 11-year-old collie-husky mix, continues to baffle authorities 15 weeks after the friendly family dog was found slashed and beaten to death in a back alley in Westland.

Bear's June 15 killing stunned owners Denise and Perry Johnson of Northampton Street and their three children. The 60-pound dog was pulled from its backyard pen, dragged across a fence, slashed in the stomach and beaten until its head was crushed.

Westland police and Michigan

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Former Franklin gymnast dies

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Club near Flint. Golder recently was named an assistant coach at the University of Iowa, where Whitfield planned to enroll for the fall of 1992.

AMONG THE FAMILY survivors are parents, Jim and Cathy and a sister, Jenny, a member of the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team.

"Jason was very excited about his life. It was perfect as it could be," said Jim Whitfield from his home on Saturday. "He was so happy. We had just talked on the phone the other day."

"We couldn't have been on better terms. Our relationship was perfect. We were bonded. He listened to me. I was more or less his psychological mentor. We had just talked the other day about how he could strengthen his legs."

Whitfield, who had a semester of high school to finish, was training vigorously for his next big competition, the Winter Nationals, a pre-Olympic event (in February), in which he had hoped to finish in the

'Jason was devoting full time to the Olympics. He was always fired up and always wanting to do better. He liked to compete.'

— Jim Whitfield
father of Jason Whitfield

top 20.

"Jason was devoting full time to the Olympics," Jim Whitfield said. "He was always fired up and always wanting to do better. He liked to compete."

"He was very goal-oriented and had accomplished everything he set out to do until this point."

Whitfield was an all-around gymnast, but excelled on the vault, where he finished only .125 points out of third place and a bronze medal at the U.S. Championships.

"He's always been high spirited in a sense and a thrill-seeker, but in a constructive way," Jim Whitfield

said. "I always tried to instill in him to be sensible. I discouraged him from taking risks and getting thrills, but that's why he became a good gymnast. He was always willing to try new things."

JIM WHITFIELD said that many of the Iowa team members used motorcycles to get around campus.

"I guess there's not many places where you can park your car, so all the guys on the team all have cycles," said Mr. Whitfield. "Jason was just trying out a bike in the parking lot. It had just been repaved, and I guess there were some speed bumps."

"Jason was like any kid. It's the case of the 'never happen to me' syndrome. You just don't think something like that would happen. It's the normal growing process you go through. I would have probably done the same thing when I was his age, testing a bike in a parking lot without wearing a helmet."

Visitation for Jason Whitfield will be from 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Fairlane Central, 22575 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday at Fairlane, with a service following. He will be buried at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, 17840 Middlebelt, Livonia. A luncheon will follow at Fairlane. Memorial contributions should be sent to the family (no flowers please).

"I don't know why Jason's not walking the face of the earth and I'm still here," Jim Whitfield said. "He was just a very compassionate and super kid. You had to love him because of the human being he was."

Ex-firefighter fights to get his job back

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chief, but it demoted him two ranks and refused to grant his request for back pay.

WILHIDE HAD initially planned to go before the civil service commission, and his case was to be heard after Bush's. However, Wilhide changed his plans and decided to enter into arbitration hearings.

On Wednesday, city attorney C. Charles Bokos accused Wilhide of deciding to avert the civil service commission on the eve of the panel's ruling on Bush because of "advance knowledge" of the Bush decision.

Wilhide denied the accusation, though he told Bokos he couldn't remember when he decided to seek arbitration instead of appearing before the civil service panel.

During the hearing, Wilhide admitted that he took a typewriter, a lawn chair, two footlockers, an air mattress and bedding sheets belonging to Botz, who filed a police complaint following the incident.

"They would have been damaged in the rain," Wilhide said. Botz had not been to the apartment for several months prior to the eviction and was not there when her property was moved out, police have said.

Wilhide also said he took a microwave oven that he later turned over to Bush.

However, Wilhide testified that he didn't know he had erred until Westland police Sgt. Russell Nowaczek began questioning him in July and warned him of possible larceny charges. In one discussion, Nowaczek told Wilhide that Bush wanted to pin the blame on him, Wilhide said.

"AT THAT time I was real worried, and I just kind of sat back and didn't say anything. I was shocked," Wilhide said.

Under questioning from Ann Hildebrandt, an attorney who represents the Westland firefighters' union, Wilhide said he had never been given any written rules on how to conduct an eviction. He was taught the process by Bush, he said.

On Wednesday, Hildebrandt called to the stand a local apartment manager, Daniel Rushlow, who said he had been assisted by Bush on numerous evictions. Rushlow testified that neither he nor his workers ever take personal property of tenants.

Bokos charged that Rushlow's testimony "backfired in their faces."

Meanwhile, Bokos and Hildebrandt must file their legal briefs in the case by Oct. 25, and the arbitrator then will have 30 days to issue his ruling.

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McNamara challenges redistricting plan

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Dearborn and William O'Neil, D-Alten Park, would also face each other in a redrawn district not involving Observer communities.

"Our four biggest supporters on the district are Bryan Amann, Kevin Kelley, Susan Hubbard and Bill O'Neil," Duggan said. "Now, Bryan's in a district that's 65 percent Republican, Kevin's in a district that's 60 percent Republican and Hubbard and O'Neil will have to face each other."

The county executive isn't the only official calling for change.

County Prosecutor John O'Hair, a member of the five-person committee that drafted the new boundaries, called for reconsideration almost as soon as the new boundaries were adopted.

"RECONSIDERATION of the plan is critical," the prosecutor wrote in a letter to Okotie-Eboh two days after the new districts were announced. O'Hair said he voted in favor of the new districts, "so as to preserve my right to seek reconsideration."

But Okotie-Eboh, a member of the Detroit planning department, said

the districts were fairly drawn.

"Even before we began drafting districts, we looked at the county charter and the (federal) Voting Rights Act," she said. "Nowhere in those documents is there any word about protecting incumbents."

Instead, she said, the committee adhered to a self-adopted list drawn from federal statutes and case law.

Assuring minority representation equal to the county's minority population, while keeping cities and townships intact were key goals, Okotie-Eboh said.

State law gives aggrieved parties the right to file with the state Court of Appeals, chief deputy county clerk Marya Sieminski said.

But even critics admit it could be a tough fight. Amann said he hoped the issue could be resolved without going to court.

"If there's a plan, and if it's adopted, it's going to be much harder to challenge," Amann said. "But I'm not giving up yet."

Amann continues to promote a redistricting plan, also supported by Kelley, that would alter suburban districts in different ways.

That plan would turn Kelley's current district into a Redford/Dearborn Heights/Inkster district. It

would place northern Livonia in Breen's district, while giving southern Livonia to Kay Beard, whose current district includes Westland, Garden City and Inkster. This proposal follows boundaries now used to divide U.S. House seats held by Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and William Ford, D-Taylor.

Kelley also said he was disappointed in the new districts.

"I'm not disappointed to be representing Livonia, but I do feel our plan was better," he said.

The new districts, Amann charged, were the outcome of a conspiracy between Republicans and Detroit Democrats.

But Breen, the commission's lone Republican, said it wasn't so.

"There were four Democrats on the apportionment committee and only one Republican," Breen said. "The Democrats had to work out their own differences."

Okotie-Eboh was the Democratic Party appointee to the commission. Wendy Lamb, an aide to state Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, was the GOP appointee. O'Hair, county Clerk James Killen and county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz were the other members.

Not all local commissioners were

unhappy with the results. Breen said he was pleased with his new district.

"There's a lot of things that tie Plymouth and Canton together," he said.

Beard, whose district remains unchanged, was also pleased.

"I can understand why some commissioners are upset," she said. "But if you look at all the criteria used, the districts look pretty solid."

Amann said he is now considering "moving a few blocks up the road" to Westland to challenge incumbent Beard for the 12th District seat.

"He has that right," Beard said.

clarification

A caption under a photo showing an Ohio man with the 1966 Mustang he won in a drawing should have said that the Sept. 8 car show and corn roast was sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. It was the chamber's second annual car show.

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An Oakwood Hospital nurse gives a flu shot to a senior at the Westland Friendship Center Thursday.

Photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer



A long line of seniors waited for their turn to get flu shots.

A shot in the arm

Record number of senior citizens receives flu serum in city program

A RECORD 150 people turned out Thursday for the Westland senior resource department's annual flu shot program for senior citizens.

Director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said the number of shots given is limited to the amount of serum available, but she didn't want to turn anyone away.

But the line at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, kept getting longer. Besides those with appointments, there were about 25 walk-ins, she said.

But about 1:30 p.m., she had to cut off the line. The shots, which cost \$5 each, were given by Oakwood Hospital personnel.

The program was sponsored by Oakwood Hospital and the senior resources department. After the shots were given, people were given bananas to boost their potassium.

The director said that those who couldn't get their flu shots Wednesday can call Annapolis Hospital in Wayne (467-2530) and make an appointment for Oct. 7, 9, or 10. The hospital is on Annapolis west of Venoy.



Bananas to boost potassium levels were given to Joseph Kilyanek after their received flu shots.

2 men waive exams, face trial in break-ins of area businesses

Two men who police believe spent their summer breaking into 55 businesses in Westland, Garden City and several other area communities waived preliminary examination Thursday in 16th District Court and were bound over for trial on three Livonia burglaries.

Eric James Goss, 27, of Saline and Terrance Nelson Gurney, 19, face arraignment Oct. 3 in Detroit Recorder's Court.

Judge James R. McCann of Livonia continued a \$10,000 bond for

each defendant and remanded them to the Wayne County Jail.

Goss and Gurney pleaded innocent to three counts of breaking and entering, a 10-year felony, after their Sept. 7 arrest in an apartment complex parking lot near Seven Mile and Farmington in Livonia.

They are charged with a break-in that morning at Flowers from Joe's and earlier break-ins at stores in the Stark Plaza shopping center, Plymouth Road at Stark.

Employees at the Stark Plaza stores reported \$410 stolen and more

than \$1,000 in damages as a result of the Aug. 26-27 incident.

Police in Canton Township, Garden City, Westland, Brighton, Ann Arbor, Van Buren Township and at least four other communities are investigating the defendants in connection with break-ins in those communities, according to Michigan State Police.

Police said the suspects often broke into a strip shopping center through the roof and burglarized several adjoining stores.

Man, 67, hurt when truck flips

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A 67-year-old Westland man whose pickup truck flipped over during a two-vehicle accident remained in guarded condition Friday at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

The man, whose name was being withheld pending an investigation by Westland police, received multiple injuries, including head and chest injuries, when his Ford Ranger pickup rolled over after it collided with another vehicle about 8:18 a.m. Thursday, police said. The accident occurred at the Newburgh-Cherry Hill intersection.

"He was partially thrown out of the (driver's) window, and part of the truck landed on top of him," said officer Thomas Hissong of the Westland police department's traffic bureau.

A 22-year-old Westland man who drove the second vehicle, a black Mustang, was treated for minor injuries and had been released from the hospital on Friday.

"HE LOOKED like he just lost a few teeth," Hissong said.

The accident occurred as the 67-year-old was driving his pickup south on Newburgh and the 22-year-old was heading west on Cherry Hill. It appeared that one of the drivers

ran a red light, but the investigation hadn't been completed last week and no charges had been filed, Hissong said.

"There certainly could be a charge," he said.

Sgt. Peter Brokas said the 67-year-old driver received a serious eye injury during the accident, but he added that Annapolis doctors apparently saved the eye.

Both vehicles were extensively damaged, Hissong said.

During the accident, the pickup truck smashed into the front fender of the Mustang and then overturned. Both vehicles came to rest near the northwest corner of the intersection.

Local man questioned in robbery string

A Westland man suspected of being involved in a string of recent armed robberies in western Wayne County was arrested by Livonia police Wednesday morning.

Three Detroit men riding in the same car were also arrested.

The Westland man, 31, was stopped by a patrol officer at 10:45 a.m. on southbound Inkster Road fol-

lowing a traffic violation.

A Law Enforcement Information Network check of the 1983 Dodge sedan revealed no record on file and the car was being driven "with no keys in the ignition, leading police to believe it was stolen.

The Westland man matched the description of the hotup suspect and he was carrying a gun that matched a description of the one used in the

robberies, police said.

The man was carrying \$500 cash and one of his acquaintances had more than \$700 on him, police said.

Asked where he got the money, the Westland man told police he had just cashed his paycheck. In a later statement he told police he was unemployed before changing his story, again, according to police reports.

Flower, garden class for seniors set

An orientation for a class in how to care for house plants and flower gardens will be held at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh near Marquette, Wednesday. Robert McFarling will be the instructor for the initial session, to

start at 12:30 p.m.

"If you have house plants, flower gardens or any kind of interest in plants, this class will be of interest to you," said Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, Westland senior resources department director.

Anyone interested may register for the class in advance or just drop in, the director said. The class will be in Ifall C of the Friendship Center. At the orientation, students will discuss the scheduling of the balance of the classes.

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Woman charged in house rental scam

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Chambers remained in jail last week because she failed to post 10 percent on a \$10,000 personal bond. She has been scheduled for a preliminary examination Thursday to determine if she should stand trial on the charges.

THE ALLEGED scam began when a woman placed an advertisement in the Observer for a three-bedroom house, with full basement, in the Livonia school district. She asked for \$575 a month, said pets were allowed, and indicated that the security deposit would be waived if the tenants painted inside.

The woman, who used the name Kelly Kent, lied to would-be tenants when she told them she was the owner's girlfriend and that he had ordered her to accept only cash payments for the first month's rent, Speir said. At least six people from Westland, Garden City and Redford Township paid the woman and were given receipts, he said.

One potential tenant, Donna Piccolo of Redford, became suspicious after the woman refused to accept a personal check. Piccolo, who works for a private investigating firm, did some research and learned that the woman had lied about the house, whose real owner, Michael Barnes, also was a victim, police said.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, Piccolo drove by the house and saw that the woman was moving out — one day before she had told several tenants

they could begin moving in. Piccolo followed the woman to her new residence on Cheboygan Street, in the opposite end of town.

THE NEXT day, Piccolo went back to the August Stroel residence, where several families showed up to move in — only to find out they had all paid money on the same house, police and Piccolo said.

"It was so sad," Piccolo said. "They were crying and threatening to break in the house. They were determined to move in. Two of the families had their trucks all loaded up. One couple had young kids and had to be out of their house that day."

"I sent everybody to the police department," Piccolo added.

Afterward, the owner gave Piccolo permission to enter the house that Sunday and handle telephone calls from people who either wanted to talk with the woman or already had. Speir said he doubts that the people who paid money to the woman will get refunds. The case prompted him to issue a strong warning: Never pay cash to move into a residence.

SPEIR CREDITED Piccolo with helping police make an arrest in the case. But Piccolo, who has investigated everything from crack houses to custody disputes, just took it in stride.

"When I get my hooks into something, I don't let up," she said. "I just didn't want to see other people taken."

Single parents hold dance Friday

FEDERAL RETIREES

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Dearborn Chapter 1515, will meet at 1 p.m. in the hall at 1801 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For information, call James Williams 278-6390.

CARD PARTY

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — Garden City Ladies Auxiliary to VFW 7575 will hold its card party at noon in the Hall, Venoy west of Ford. Tickets are \$3.50 per person for lunch, cards and raffles.

HEARING TESTS

Thursday, Sept. 26 — The Deaf, Hearing and Speech Center-Senior Adult Division of Detroit, in cooperation with Westland Friendship Center, will present a hearing loss awareness program noon to 3 p.m. in the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road. Individual screenings will be 1-3 p.m.

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.

PWP DANCE

Friday, Sept. 27 — Parents Without Partners Chapter 340 will hold its "Rendezvous Dance" and meeting 8 p.m. to midnight in Wayne Armvets Hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill near Avondale. For information, call 595-4126 or 595-7806.

'HOBBIT' FILM

Saturday, Sept. 28 — "The Hobbit," a film version for children in third through sixth grades will be presented at 2 p.m. in Noble Li-

brary, 32901 Plymouth Road at Farmington Road. This film is not for preschoolers. For reservations, call 421-6600.

GAUGE SALE

Saturday, Sept. 28 — The Westland Chamber of Commerce community garage sale will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Ford Road between City Hall and the Police Station. Space rental are \$15 and \$20. Spaces scheduled by reservation only. Rain date is Monday, Sept. 29. For information, call 326-7222.

Hospital will give free tests

Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, which serves Westland and Garden City, is offering numerous health tips for local families.

Among them are:
 • For men over 40: One simple test can save your life. Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer among men in the nation. Early detection and prompt treatment are the key factors in the control and possible cure of the disease. In an effort to combat prostate cancer, Oakland urologists are offering free prostate screenings on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Annapolis Hospital, on Annapolis west of Venoy.

• "Whether you have cancer or love someone who does, coping with the disease always is difficult," said a hospital spokeswoman. "To help cancer patients and their families deal with the physical and emotional effects of this disease, Annapolis Hospital is offering 'I Can Cope,' a six-week cancer education course."

The course meets on six consecutive Wednesdays beginning this week and continuing through Oct. 30, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., in Conference Room 1 at Annapolis Hospital. Preregistration is required. For information, call the Annapolis Social Work Department at 467-4365.

• For runners, Annapolis is sponsoring its first eight-kilometer Red October Run, Saturday, Oct. 5, beginning at the hospital grounds. A two-mile, non-competitive fitness walk will also be featured. All participants will receive custom-made T-shirts, cider and doughnuts, blood pressure screenings, and health education literature. Special awards will be presented to winners. There is a fee. For information or to obtain an entry blank, call 467-2530.

Oakland University called best buy

Oakland University in Rochester is named a "best buy" by U.S. News & World Report in its Sept. 30 issue on "America's Best Colleges" available on newsstands beginning today.

The U.S. News rankings are based on the best values only among highly rated schools, according to a magazine press release.

Oakland University with a tuition of \$5,890 is rated second in the cate-

gory of Midwest regional colleges and universities behind Northeast Missouri State University, tuition \$3,504 and ahead of Michigan Technological University in Houghton with a tuition of \$5,907.

The only other Michigan school named in the report is Hillsdale College which is ranked third among Midwest regional liberal arts colleges. Tuition at Hillsdale is \$9,400.

For public institutions, the figures reflect out-of-state tuition. Room and board and other costs, such as books, have been excluded.

The magazine's "Guide to America's Best Colleges" — an expanded version of the magazine report — will be available at newsstands and book stores beginning Monday, Sept. 30 and remain on sale until June, 1992.

Reward for dog's killers boosted; still no tips

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Humane Society officials still have no suspects in Bear's death, despite a \$1,400 reward being offered by the humane society. That amount has increased dramatically from the \$100 reward that had initially been offered.

"The problem has been getting someone to come forward and point the finger on the perpetrator," Gary Tiscornia, a humane society spokesman, said Friday. "To date, we have not had anybody come forward with anything we could go to the (Wayne County) prosecutor's office with."

Bear was killed about 3:10 a.m. Saturday, June 15, in a path behind the Johnson home. Earlier that night, a neighbor had seen two male

teens teasing the dog by throwing firecrackers toward a pen where it was kept.

Bear escaped at one point, but was captured and placed back in the pen at about 1:30 a.m. Two hours later, police knocked on the Johnsons' door and told them that the dog had been found dead.

Police found a "substantial amount of blood" on the scene. A long slash was found on the dog's stomach, and police speculated the cut may have been made by broken beer bottles found near the scene. The dog's head also had been crushed by a blunt object.

The Michigan Humane Society has urged that information about Bear's death be reported either to the humane society, 872-3400, or Westland police, 722-9600.

Man sentenced in bank robbery try

A Westland man has been sentenced to 46 months in prison after pleading guilty to a charge of attempted bank robbery.

Yusef Dughman, 32, was arrested by Garden City police Jan. 28 in connection with the attempted robbery of the National Bank of Detroit branch on Merriman south of Warren.

"The evidence established that Mr. Dughman, previously a convict-

ed felon, walked up to a drive-up window at the bank," said assistant U.S. attorney Charles Holman, III. "Mr. Dughman then presented the teller with a note which read: 'I'm wearing a bomb, if you don't but \$5,000 in the bag, I'll set it off in 10 minutes.'"

Lead commander Michael Bertha, then a lieutenant, was the first officer to arrive at the bank and arrested Dughman as he continued to wait at the drive-up window after the

teller accepted the note.

The U.S. attorney's office said that Dughman underwent mental competency examinations twice prior to reaching an agreement to plead guilty in the case.

Dughman, who had been paroled for felonious assault in April 1990, has been in custody since his arrest. Dughman is currently being held in the Wayne County jail and it has not been determined where he will serve his sentence.

Haunted house volunteers wanted

Want to volunteer for a haunted house?

Then the Westland Jaycees are looking for you to volunteer in the chapter's annual haunted house project.

Volunteers must be between 21 and 39 and willing to work in the house which will be open Oct. 10-31.

It will be located this fall in the former county animal care clinic on the former Elouise hospital grounds, north of Michigan, between Merriman and Henry Ruff.

Proceeds will be used mainly to support the Jaycees' community service activities. Ten percent will be

donated to the new Wayne County family shelter for homeless parents and parents, said Cheryl Booterbaugh, Jaycees' spokeswoman.

Interested persons may contact Cheryl Booterbaugh at 729-5083 or the Jaycees through their hotline number of 722-1630.

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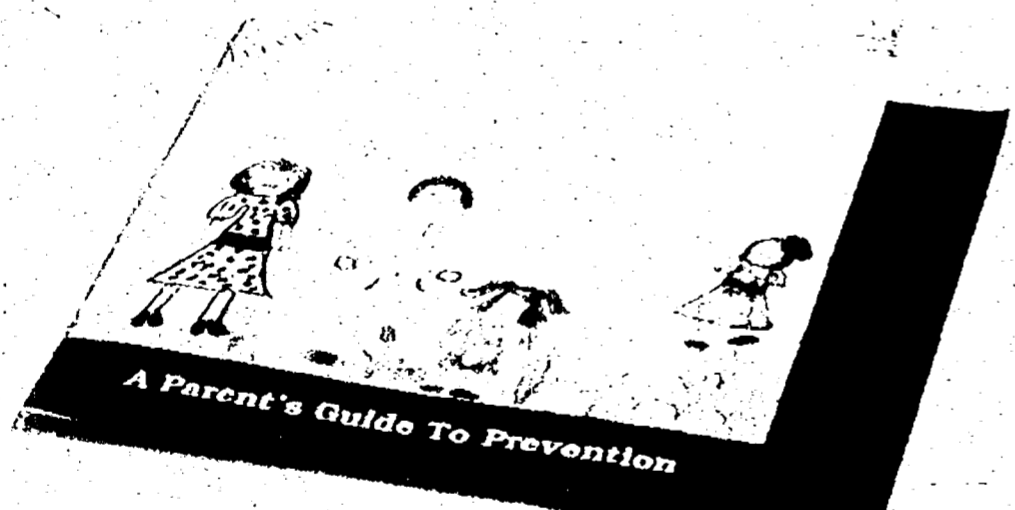
BIRDIE L. BUSH

Services for Miss Bush, 65, of Westland were held Sept. 19 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Brother Edward Boring officiated. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery.

Miss Bush died Sept. 16 in University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She was born March 4, 1926, in Woodbury, Tenn., and worked as a seamstress in the auto industry.

Surviving are sisters Arendia Lyon and Thelma Farrell, niece Carolyn Masters and great-nieces Tina Crain and Lori Crum.



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Protest begins new pro-life demonstrations

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Two demonstrations Saturday might be classified as just preliminaries to what looks like an intensifying battle over the legality of abortions.

An estimated 70 people representing both pro-life and pro-choice sides lined up in front of Botsford Hospital on Grand River Avenue Saturday morning. Pro-life activists were protesting the hospital's policy of performing abortions and the alleged recent death of a Detroit woman at the hospital due to complications from one.

Later, 35 demonstrators picketed near the home of a Bloomfield Township physician who reportedly performed the abortion. The protest drew the ire of neighbors who said their privacy was being invaded.

OTHERWISE, BOTH demonstrations were relatively peaceful with no arrests made. However, with an Operation Rescue planned for Oct. 19 at area abortion clinics, things could become volatile.

"We're going to make the issue of abortion more personal," said Lynn Mills, a Livonia resident and spokeswoman representing 50 pro-life activists in front of Botsford Hospital Saturday. "We're going to step up activities against people who perform abortions."

"The abortion rights issue is going to heat up in the next month," said Eileen Scheff of Detroit, spokeswoman for Coalition to Defend Abortion Rights, which had 20 members turn out in response to the pro-life demonstration at Botsford. "This is a precursor."

PRO-LIFE AND pro-choice activists began to congregate at 9:20 a.m. Both sides held up signs as traffic passed by on Grand River Avenue. No attempts were made to impede cars entering or leaving the hospital.

Mills said the main purpose was to make people aware of the death of a Detroit nurse Aug. 1 due to the complications from an "elective termination of pregnancy," which Mills said was performed at the hospital. Photocopies of the death certificate were handed out to passers-by.

Botsford Hospital spokeswoman

'We're going to make the issue of abortion more personal.'

— Lynn Mills
pro-life activist

Margo Gorchow said she is aware of the situation. "There's a degree of risk in all surgical procedures," she said.

The doctor is a member in good standing at the hospital, Gorchow said, and no action has been taken against him because of the death.

LT. MARTIN Bledsoe of the Farmington Hills Police met with both sides at the start of the demonstration. He said both sides were cooperative.

"Every time we asked them to step from the curb or step away from the driveway, they complied," Bledsoe said.

Farmington Hills police had 12 officers on the scene with more in reserve if any trouble developed, Bledsoe said. "We didn't know what to expect."

Botsford Hospital's security force also was deployed. Gorchow said the hospital heard it was going to be the target of a picketing and planned accordingly.

Gorchow said she understood the demonstrators' constitutional right to make a statement but added, "... the business of the hospital is

not to be interrupted."

PEOPLE WHO live near the doctor's home on Terence Court felt their lives were intruded upon by the ensuing hour-long demonstration in their Bloomfield Township neighborhood.

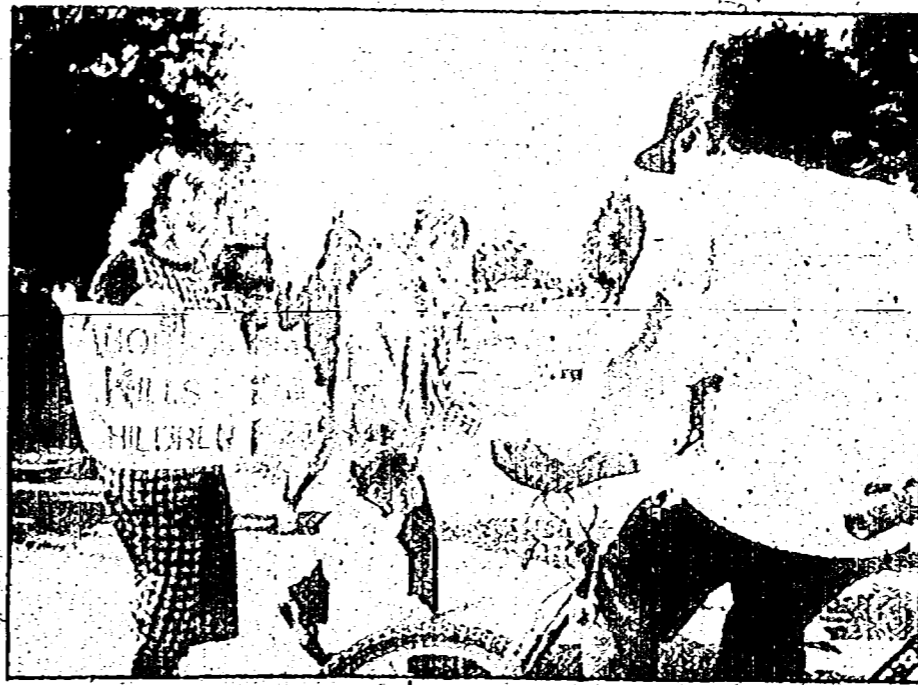
Pro-life protesters pulled up at 1 p.m. on Woodview and began carrying placards, some depicting bloody and disfigured fetuses. Children who were playing football in a nearby yard came over to watch the proceedings.

One angry woman, who didn't want to give her name, confronted protesters and shouted at them, "You people don't belong in a private area here!"

"... Whether I stand with you or against you, you have no business doing this in my neighborhood. Get out of here!"

Arthur Apkarian and his family were preparing for a wedding when protesters arrived.

"I BELIEVE in what they're saying," Apkarian said. "That's my personal belief, but I don't believe in this."



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Neighborhood children watch as marchers protest near a Bloomfield Township doctor's house. The marchers said he performs abortions.

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"Europa, Europa" (France/Germany — 1990), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 27-28 and 1, 4 and 7 p.m. Sept. 29. In this fascinating true story, set between the explosive years 1938-45, a young German Jew evades the Holocaust by successfully posing as a Bolshevik and later, as a member of Hitler Youth.

"HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY, 13871 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call 943-2330 for more information. (free)

"Meeting at Midnight" (USA — 1944), 7 p.m. Sept. 23. One of the better entries in the long-running Charlie Chan series, with Sidney Toler as the famed Oriental detective, uncovering a fake psychic medium.

LIVONIA MALL, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Call 476-1186 for information. (free)

"Walt Until Dark" (USA — 1967), 10 a.m. Sept. 24. When psycho Alan Arkin thinks that blind housewife Audrey Hepburn has heroin stashed in a doll in her apartment, he'll do anything to get it away from her. The sadistic thriller concludes a monthlong tribute to leading ladies.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call 591-5197 for information. (free)

"Romeo and Juliet" (Britain/Italy — 1968), 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24. Franco Zeffirelli directed one of the screen's best Shakespeare adaptations. Olivia Hussey and Leonard Whiting were only in their mid-teens when they starred as the star-crossed lovers torn apart by feuding families. With Michael York and Laurence Olivier in the prologue.

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"Five Easy Pieces" (USA — 1972), 8 p.m. Sept. 24. Jack Nicholson in perhaps his greatest role as a frustrated musician working on an oil rig who is forced to deal with a depressing family and a Tammy Wynette-obsessed girlfriend (Karen Black). Including the explosive "chicken sandwich" scene where Jack gets no satisfaction at a roadside diner. Directed by Bob Fosse. (\$4 admission)

"Jimi Hendrix on the Isle of Wight" (Britain — 1971), 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 26 and 11:30 p.m. Sept. 27-28. Only recently released to the public, this concert film was recorded just 18 days before the legendary guitarist's death 20 years ago. (\$5 admission)

Emotion, irony blend in 'Europa, Europa'

"Europa, Europa" views the war through the eyes of a most unusual protagonist. In 1938, on the eve of his bar mitzvah, Solomon Perel flees his native Germany for Poland and later Russia.

Captured by German soldiers, the boy faces a choice — either admit his Jewish heritage and face certain death or lie through his teeth that he is a purebred German. He chooses the latter.

The events that follow in "Europa, Europa" are so unbelievable that they could only be true. The adaptation of Solomon Perel's autobiography, screening this weekend at the Detroit Film Theatre, plays as a consistently fascinating, if sometimes stiff, story of survival in the enemy camp.

Marco Hoffschneider is convincing as Solomon, or Solly. He's handsome, perhaps too handsome, since much of his frustration in the film involves keeping his circumcized homosexual soldiers and later seduced by a matronly Nazi and a pretty young fraulein.

AND HIS identity is discovered, first by a kindly soldier and later by a German widow, "good Germans" who don't turn him in. Director Agnieszka Holland ponders the irony along with her protagonist. How can the Germans, who treat Solly so kindly when they think he's Aryan, so offhandedly hate and exterminate the Jews?



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John Monaghan

When he arrives at the Hitler Youth camp in Berlin, Solly is already a war hero after a desertion attempt mistakenly leads to a Russian unit. The kids here spend most of their time learning how to identify Jewish vermin and jabbing bayonets into dummies emblazoned with the Star of David.

Solly, however, still wants to believe what a Nazi commander tells him early on, that the Jews will not be slaughtered but instead sent to Madagascar or Siberia.

A vivid picture is also painted early in the film of Stalinist indoctrination in the orphanage where Solly spends two years. During the regular session where children must renounce their religious beliefs, a group of Polish Catholics stand firmly in opposition.

"Pray to your God for candy from heaven," demands the attractive Bolshevik teacher. They do and nothing happens. When the other children ask Stalin for the same gifts, candy rains down from a hole in the ceiling. Ironically, the orphanage is bombed by German planes at that very moment.

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AGAIN THE irony hits you like a bomb drop, making you wonder how much of the story relies on fiction. In interviews, the director swears that most of it is true, "subject to the temporal necessities of dramaturgy."

"Europa, Europa" is not great filmmaking. The writing is unnecessarily heavy handed. Hitler and Stalin waltz in Solly's surreal dreams, an attempt to get you into the boy's head that falls pretty flat.

On a purely emotional level, however, as a story of someone forced to hide in plain sight, the film keeps you watching on the strength of its amazing premise.

pass the popcorn



LeAnne Rogers

'Alice': Allen's in 'Wonderland'

The title character in Woody Allen's most recent film, now on video, "Alice" is a wealthy Manhattan housewife who idles away most of her time shopping. This is a woman who seems to have it made — a successful well-to-do husband, a gorgeous home, two children and plenty of domestic help to look after both.

There's another thing Alice, played by Mia Farrow, has and it's a persistent backache. Her physical trainer and masseuse have been no help, nor has she found relief from doctors. Following several recommendations from different people in the same day, Alice heads off to see a Chinese doctor who specializes in herbal treatments and acupuncture.

The sage doctor, played by veteran actor Keye Luke, only has to take her pulse to conclude Alice's problem isn't in her back. And he's only heard about her rich, shallow, condescending spouse played by William Hurt.

Through a series of visits to the doctor and different prescribed herbs, Alice begins a journey that eventually leads her to take a hard unflinching look at the person she is, the choices she made for herself and what she wants to do about the future.

What happened to the devout Catholic girl who prayed with her arms outstretched to make it more difficult? How can a woman who says Mother Theresa is her hero spend all her time and resources acquiring material goods?

THAT MAY sound like heavy drama but there is a whimsical quality to the film. Alice has developed an infatuation for a man, Joe Mantegna, whose child attends school with her children.

After taking her herbs precisely as directed, the rather shy Alice makes the gentleman aware of her attraction in no uncertain terms. Farrow's reaction to this is great. You can see on her face the instant the herbs kick

in. Mantegna's reaction to her is wonderful.

"I thought someone else was talking . . . I was like someone possessed," Alice says later when telling a friend about the encounter.

Other potions from the good doctor render Alice invisible or allow a visit with dead loved ones. Alec Baldwin is very good, although only vaguely seen, as the man Alice loved but broke up with because she was frightened by his recklessness.

Gwen Verdon does a nice job in a couple scenes as Alice's mother, a former actress and alcoholic, uncritically romanticized by her daughter. Blythe Danner is very good as Alice's older sister, an attorney who is horrified by her sister's life of conspicuous consumption.

WITH HER color coordinated outfits and matching pillbox hats, Farrow is outfitted like Doris Day in her heyday. I don't recall Doris ever doing so much soul searching, however.

Clearly, there is an "Alice in Wonderland" parallel to the film as she gets bended and shaped by the herbal potions. Thankfully, Allen doesn't beat it to death, like for instance David Lynch's overkill in "Wild at Heart."

The underlying theme, though, is that there aren't magic potions to solve what's wrong with your life. You have to recognize your weakness and take responsibility for actions before you can move out of an unsatisfying situation. That can be tremendously hard when there is an illusion of everything being as it should. In the end, that's the lesson Alice learns.

Allen's movies tend to fall into his "serious" works and very funny comedies. Alice rather falls in between. There is a lot of humor although not the rapid fire jokes some people might expect from Allen.

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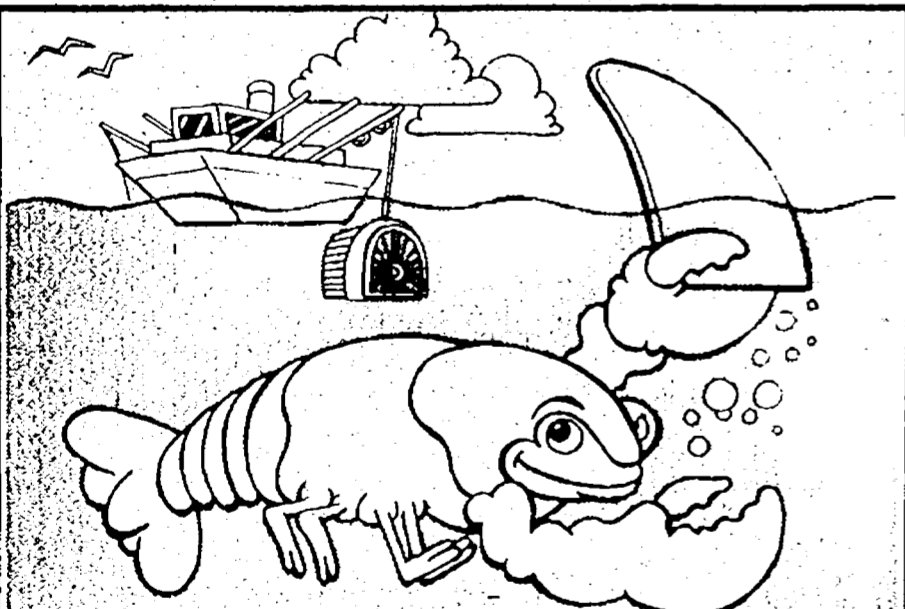
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Finding way through uncharted waters

Travel agents can help navigate cruise world

By Iris Sanderson Jones, special writer

The great navigators were able to explore the uncharted seas of the world because they had a little help from a sextant, an instrument designed to navigate by the position of the stars.

If you are exploring the uncharted waters of the 20th century cruise world, you may need a star gazer of your own to help you pick the right cruise. You don't need a sextant, you need a good travel agent.

Cruises have changed dramatically since Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr floated across the deck of a luxury liner on the movie screen decades ago. Those luxury liners were going someplace, often across the Atlantic to England.

Today we take a cruise for its own sake, going in a circle around some part of the Caribbean, sailing down the west coast of Mexico or through the Panama Canal, hitting the highlights of the Mediterranean, the Baltic, the south seas or the Orient.

The 35 member lines of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) sail hundreds of ships on a variety of itineraries worldwide. Two dozen new ships and nearly 20,000 new cabins are being added to the market this year and next. Only a fraction of the American public has cruised, and the industry is betting big bucks that the rest of us will cruise soon.

How do you find your way through this crowded, confusing uncharted marketplace? Pick up cruise brochures. Browse libraries and book stores for cruise guide books. Read cruise magazines. Think about how much time and money you have and then go to a travel agent.

A good agent will ask you whether you've ever cruised before, what kind of vacations you like, what kind of budget you have and other relevant questions. Do you want to take a short three- or four-day cruise or the more popular seven-day cruise? Do you like beaches, shopping, sports, tours, island-hopping, lots of time at sea?

The agent will make a recommendation. Example: If a first-time cruiser wants to spend less than \$1,000 per person, double occupancy, for a seven-day cruise and the couple likes both beaches and shopping, the agent may suggest the smooth waters and the varying islands of the Eastern Caribbean.

Some first-time cruisers, and many old hands, choose short cruises out of either the Port of Miami or Port Canaveral, Fla. Most short cruises go to Nassau and back, sometimes with a stop at a private tropical island. The Premiere Majestic, once the Love Boat of television fame, goes to the Abacos.

Paula Sucaet of Only By Sea Inc. in Birmingham explains the three traditional seven-day Caribbean itin-

eraries. The Eastern Caribbean cruise usually includes San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Martin and sometimes Nassau.

The western Caribbean cruise goes to Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico and the lower Caribbean cruise includes the less frequented islands of Martinique, Barbados and Antigua.

For more information about cruising in general, send a self-addressed business-size envelope with 45 cents postage to Cruise Lines International Association, 500 Fifth Ave., Suite 1407, New York, N.Y. 10110 and ask for a brochure called "Cruising: Answers to your Questions."

Livonia pair nets cruise of Caribbean

By Mary Quinley, special writer

When Patricia Day of Livonia answered the telephone, she was skeptical of the caller who said, "Your husband Bob just won a trip to the Caribbean!"

Bob, a Warehouse Supervisor at Foodland Distributors, was one of several employees rewarded for his accident-free year. An all-expense-paid trip, including drinks, tips and tours was one of the incentives offered by his employer.

Pat and Bob spent seven nights cruising the eastern Caribbean on the MS Caribe, The Happy Ship. "I really enjoyed the cruise. The ship was beautiful," said Pat.

Caribbean island hopping gave the visitors a taste of native living. In Puerto Plata, the Days experienced mixed emotions. Young boys clung to the sides of the moving tour bus, trying to persuade potential customers to "hire me."

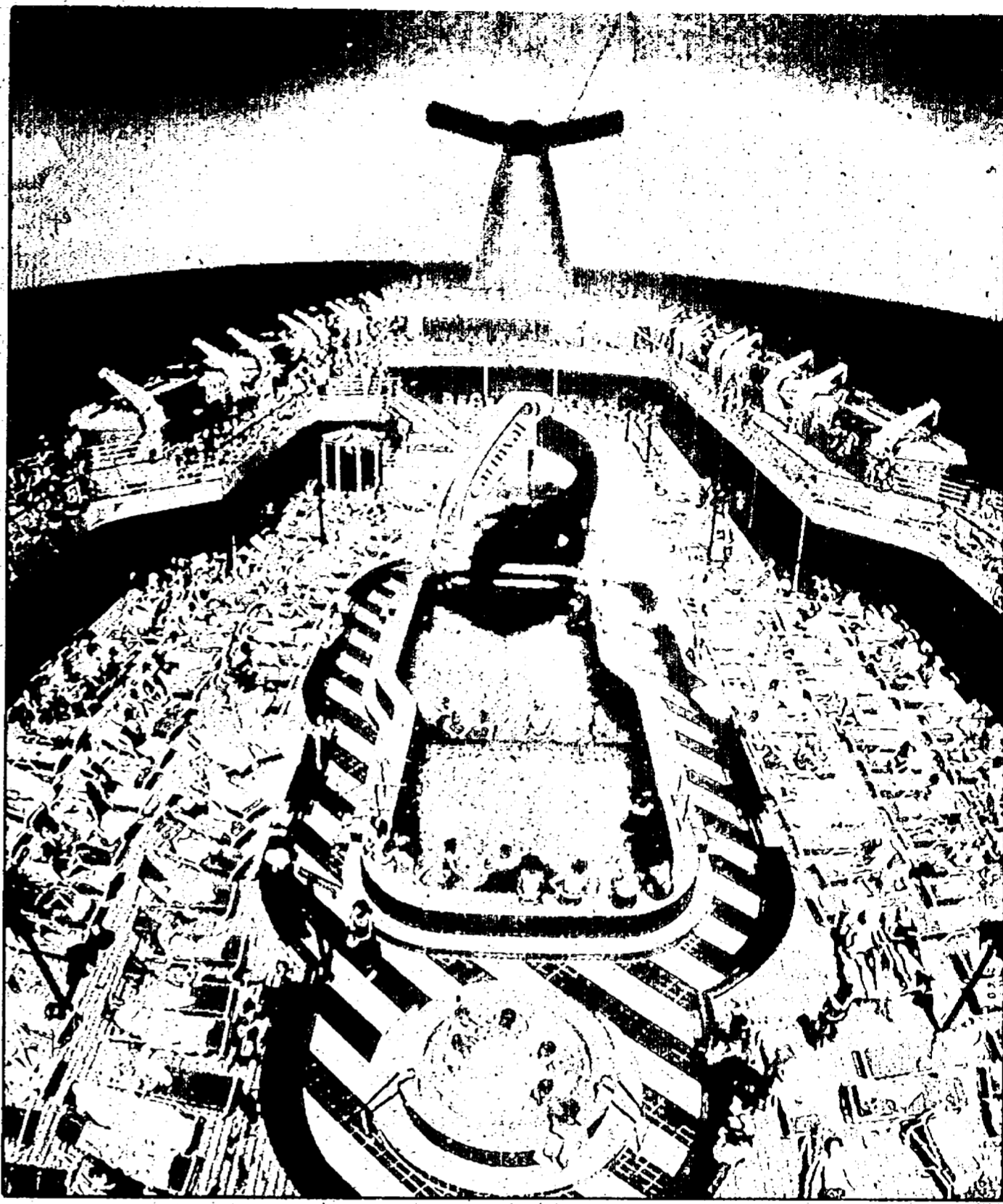
In contrast, the beauty of the soft, tranquil beaches beckoned tourists to "jump in."

Shopping for crystal, china, jewelry and liquor highlighted the tours of San Juan and St. Thomas. U.S. dollars and credit cards were accepted.

"When we got up in the mountains, we could look down and see our ship," said Bob. The down-sized Commodore Cruise Line ship, with her wood-paneled walls, was impressive.

"There were some places on the islands we had no interest in," said Bob. Bus tours were expensive and unnecessary agreed both travelers.

Cesare Ditel is captain of Princess Cruise Lines' new ship the Regal Princess. Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher launched the ship in New York last month.



Seagoing vacationers catch some rays aboard the lido deck of Carnival Cruise Lines' new ship Ecstasy.

Setting sales on setting sail

They were all there at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi last week.

The travel agents that make up an association called Sale on Cruises were there. Sale on Cruises agencies include Premier Travel and Randolph Travel & Tours of Birmingham, Kaye Britton Travel of Farmington Hills, Suburban Travel of Rochester, Book Couzens Travel of Southfield, World Wide Travel Bureau of Troy and Venture Out Travel of Westland.

The cruise ship representatives were there, from Costa, Norwegian Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean, Holland American and Princess.

Most of all, the aspiring cruise travelers were there, filling the several hundred seats in the room, gathering brochures and winning door prizes. Travelers have overflowed the room during all of the four cruise seminars held by Sale on Cruises this fall.

Cruising is such big business that two dozen new ships and 20,000 new cabins are being added this year and next. Only a tiny fraction of the American population has sailed, and the industry hopes to attract many more of us. In the meantime, it's a buyer's market.

Any small travel agent will tell you that agencies are not created equal in the cruise market, however. The big agencies that specialize in cruises sell so many cabins that they can offer big discounts. That includes the Cruise Only! agencies owned by Carlton Travel Network and the big guys like Bee Kait Travel Service.

That's why 19 area travel agents combined forces in 1986 to form Sale on Cruises. Put the agencies together and they can offer discount cruises too.

As Harold Kait of Bee Kait Travel Service in Royal Oak points out "the big cruise agencies do it all under one roof, and a network of agencies is scattered around the city." The reply I got to that from Sales on Cruises is that their network allows you to go to an agency in your own area.

WHAT'S NEW IN CRUISING? Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher launched Princess Cruise Lines' new ship, the Regal Princess, in New York last month. Michigan rep Kandace Levi says Princess sails to more destinations than any other line in the world.

Costa, the cruise line with the Italian accent, launches the Costa Classica Jan. 25, 1992. "It's the most expensive ship per passenger ever built," says District Sales Manager Mary Johnson. "There will be one crew member for every two passengers."

Patty Crichton of Holland America, voted the world's best cruise line last year by Conde Nast Magazine, is offering \$299 for the second passenger in a cabin on seven- and 10-day cruises. On Nov. 3 Helen Hayes will celebrate her 90th birthday on the Rotterdam, when it sails out of New York.

District Sales Manager Tim Birch of Norwegian Cruise Lines has two new ships coming in the fall of 1992. The Norway has had a \$50 million renovation. Honeymooners can get 50 percent off on three/four days cruises from Miami and all seven-day cruises.

Mary Bergsman of Royal Caribbean will see the new Monarch of the Seas, sister ship of the Sovereign of the Seas, launched in San Juan Nov. 17. Its twin, Majesty of the Seas, will be ready in April 1992.



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points of view

Engler offers solid education plan

QUESTION: Governor John Engler recently gave his "Michigan 2000" education message to the legislature. It covered everything from tenure, year-round school, parent choices in school selection to other issues. What is your opinion of his position on some of these issues?

ANSWER: Engler has at least taken a position on educational issues. We educational leaders supposedly have talked about for 50 years — issues past governors have avoided like tenure, issues that knowledgeable and committed educators know are essential — such as measurable outcomes. Let's look at some of his programs.

• **Engler's Michigan Education Warranty:** High schools will guarantee to employers that its graduates have competency in reading, writing and math and problem solving. If not, the graduate will return to school to be retrained at school expense.

• **Doyle's warranty plan:** Parents will guarantee that their child will be in attendance, show up to class on time, bring their books with them, do their homework. If not, we will return the child to you for responsibility training, manners improvement and for an introductory course on responsible behavior. In fairness, an educational warranty is a step in the right direction. Plymouth and other school districts have been doing this

for years.

• **Engler's school of choice No. 1:** Parents can select the school they wish for their child in their own school district.

• **Doyle's answer:** Plans are already in place called open enrollment in many districts such as West Bloomfield, Farmington and Troy. Parents select a school in their district that they prefer, providing they furnish the transportation.

I believe in open enrollment and promoted it for several reasons. Say parents can't stand their principal and his/her beliefs. The parents have a choice to go to another building. The only drawback is if athletes are recruited into one school in the district — that is bad news!

• **Engler's schools of choice No. 2:** Constitutional authority exists to permit a new public school to be organized and operated by any group of employees from public entities such as a community college, university, city or township.

• **Doyle's answer:** If the city or township is going to run the school, then we educators want to run the city so our garbage gets picked up and our streets are cleaned in a timely fashion. Maybe we can talk the medical profession into letting educators run the hospitals so we can inform the cardiac surgeon when a patient is ready for an "open-heart."

• **Engler's core curriculum:** He

Doc Doyle

will require specific measurable outcomes (not "three years of math"). Graduation requirements are not enough.

• **Doyle's answer:** I agree. Too many kids go through school by a path of least resistance. They seek and find sympathetic teachers who literally carry them on their backs to get them through a course.

Grades often don't tell the story. Some teachers are very generous in grading, some extremely tough. Some teachers are generous because they don't want to see the "kid" again next year.

Some teachers pass certain "kids" to alleviate being called into the principal's office because they flunked too many students. There are many reasons... most all wrong.

Measurable learning outcomes make sense providing they are developed by teachers and building principals, and providing teachers are supported if a student, for whatever reason, doesn't commit himself to the task at hand. The re-

Engler has taken a strong position on educational issues, most with which I agree.

responsibility for mastering measurable outcomes (i.e., can multiply three digit numbers) has to become, in a major part, the responsibility of the student and parent.

• **Engler's tenure program:** Our Teacher Tenure Act is broken and needs fixing. More years of observation or probationary time is needed.

• **Doyle's answer:** Teacher organizations have done a masterful job in this area. Before tenure, a teacher could be "canned" for any issue even a minor personality conflict with a principal, board member or "important citizen" in town. However, more probationary time (four or five years) makes sense. Yes, we should put more teeth into the tenure act and select or keep only the finest; that is, the finest teachers and administrators.

Engler has taken a strong position on educational issues, most with which I agree. Some issues, however, will need considerable time to implement. Change doesn't occur because of a "Special Message on Education to the People."

Let's put high tech on hold and repair the telephone lines

EVER SINCE the telephone companies were deregulated, we've been inundated with advertising that tells us that our careers are going to come to a grinding halt if we don't have the right phone equipment.

If we don't get that call on our car phone, we may just as well head to the Grand Canyon and drive into it. And if you don't have the right long distance service, you're going to end up talking to that whiny little guy in the phone booth at that unpronounceable South Seas island.

I have to keep telling myself: "It's just a telephone. It's no different than the one you used in 1968."

But it isn't just the same. And we learned that in speed dialing time last week when phone workers plugged New York's system into the wrong power source. The result was chaos. Nobody could catch a plane and nobody could buy or sell stocks.

SOME CALLED it a disaster, but I secretly wonder how much money people may have saved because of it.

But that's not the point here. What intrigued me was a quote in an account about the great phone unplugging. It came from a telephone analyst. What ever that is. Anyway, here's what she said: "It may say that simply the technology is running ahead of the actual operational expertise and experience levels of the people that they have to run it."

In other words: The phone company has designed a system so complicated that nobody knows how to use it.

I don't know why it took a telephone analyst to come up with that. Most of us already know that. We've been conned into buying phone systems that have functions that we don't use.

We have speed dial, but using it only saves about two seconds. What are we suppose to do with that time? We can make conference calls with six people on the line, but most of us don't know more than two or three people who

even want to talk to each other.



Jeff Counts

WE'VE BEEN oversold by the phone companies. And there's a reason for it. Ma Bell and others in her family have put a big emphasis on high tech stuff because it's easy to sell to greedy, insecure yuppies who are trying to make that one more sale.

But while the phone folks have sold us voice mail, they haven't invested in better equipment or lines to handle all the fancy phones.

Let's face it, we've got 21st century phones plugged into 1950s wires. The telephone people have hired a bunch of slick, suit wearing and brief case toting salespeople to sell the high tech stuff. But at the same time there's nobody to service the stuff.

But they're no different that other utilities like Detroit Edison or Consumers Power who dumped millions of dollars in nuclear plants that never got on line, but nothing in maintenance.

That lack of line work was driven home this summer in Wayne County when a July 7 storm came charging through, leaving thousands without power.

And what did Edison have to say about it? Here's what one of their spokesmen said: "We learned from the storm among other things that tree trimming is necessary to improve reliability."

Give me a break. We've had power lines for more than 90 years and it's finally dawning on these geniuses that falling trees knock down wires.

Utilities with their unabashed greed have pushed us into a high tech world that doesn't work, and along the way they've forgotten to keep us plugged in.

God save us from the yuppies and their gadgets.

Jeff Counts is the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers.

from our readers

Children need more advocates

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the editorial published Sept. 5, "Child abuse cases require training, funds." Your comments regarding training for judges, and I might also add school and medical personnel, are ones that the council also feels strongly about.

In a recent survey of school districts in the western Wayne county area, an alarming number of districts have protocols for reporting child abuse cases that are not in compliance with the child protection law. The council is available to consult with school boards and superintendents on protocol development and well as a resource for training staff.

We couldn't agree more with your statement that efforts to prevent child abuse are often short changed.

The Out Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect has as its primary mission the prevention of child abuse. We do that through education and training and public awareness activities. Our efforts are directed at supporting parents with any age child and educating professionals who work with families.

In addition, the council serves as the designated Council for the Michigan Children's Trust Fund that provides funding for child abuse prevention programs throughout the state.

We promote the income tax check-off with tax preparers and the public at large.

I want to thank you for your attention to the issue of child abuse; training and prevention. The council and our communities always need volunteers and/or businesses who will advocate for children and their families.

Sandra L. Murphy,
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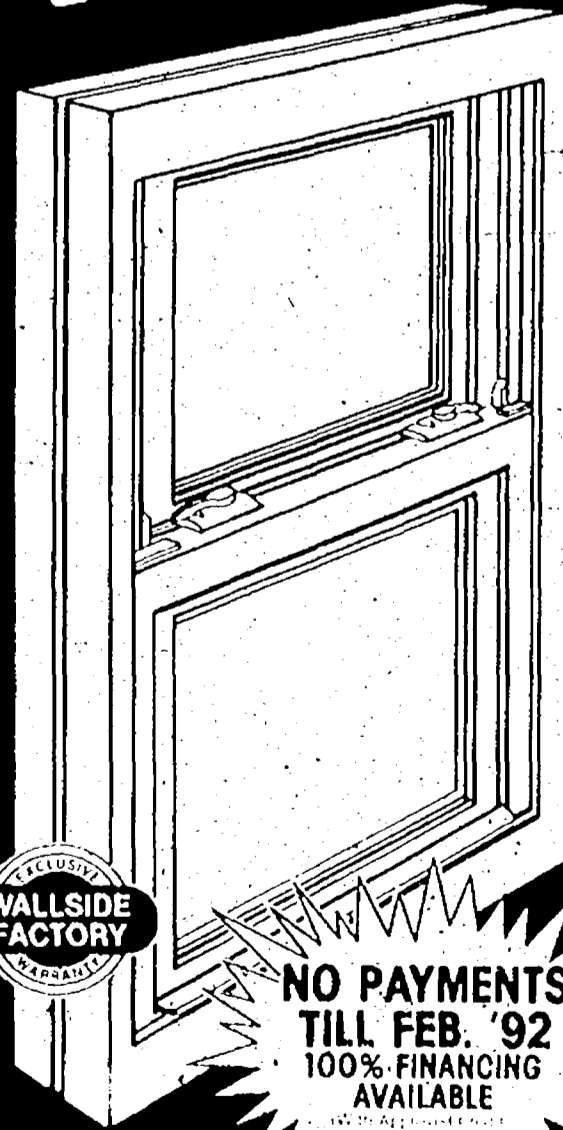
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Bill of Rights is topic for senior essay contest

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The essay should answer the questions, "Why the Bill of Rights is Important Today." Deadline for entry is Nov. 10. Judging will be completed by Dec. 1. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Conrad Mallett Jr., Michigan Trial Lawyers Association members and representatives of the Michigan Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution and other Bill of Rights scholars will serve as judges.

Contest materials have been sent to all high schools in the state. Complete rules and an entry form are also available by contacting the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association at (517) 482-7740.

"In celebrating our Bill of Rights, we must ask what it is that we are celebrating and who's responsible for providing us with such great personal freedoms and protections," said Thomas Hay, president of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

"Citizenship is an important responsibility that includes continuing education and community participation. The essay contest is a way for young people to begin participating in the future of their communities," Mallett said.

Stately pintail is 'favorite' duck

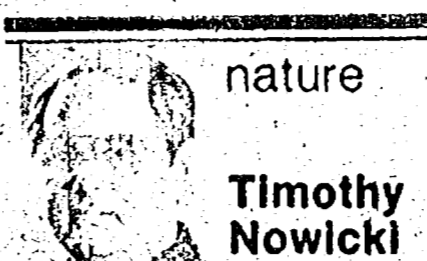
My son often asks me, what is your favorite bird? I tell him I don't have a favorite bird, but I do have a favorite duck — the pintail.

It is a long, lean, slender looking species of duck. In addition to the long tail, which makes up about one quarter of its total length, the male has a long neck, reminiscent of a goose. This slender appearance is not just a result of its long neck and tail, physically this species of duck is about one-fifth the weight of the familiar mallard.

Though coloration is not as spectacular as a wood duck, or green-winged teal, it has a stately, elegant pattern of colors. Underparts of a male pintail are white. The back is a fine striped gray and white. Coloration of the head of a male pintail is a chocolate brown over the cheeks, throat, forehead and down the top of the neck. But separating the top of the neck from the throat is a pinstripe of white.

Female coloration is entirely different. They appear brownish-gray and mottled to blend in with short grass, fallow fields where females often build their nest. Females have a pointed tail, too, but it is not as long as that of the male.

Even male pintails migrating through the southeastern part of



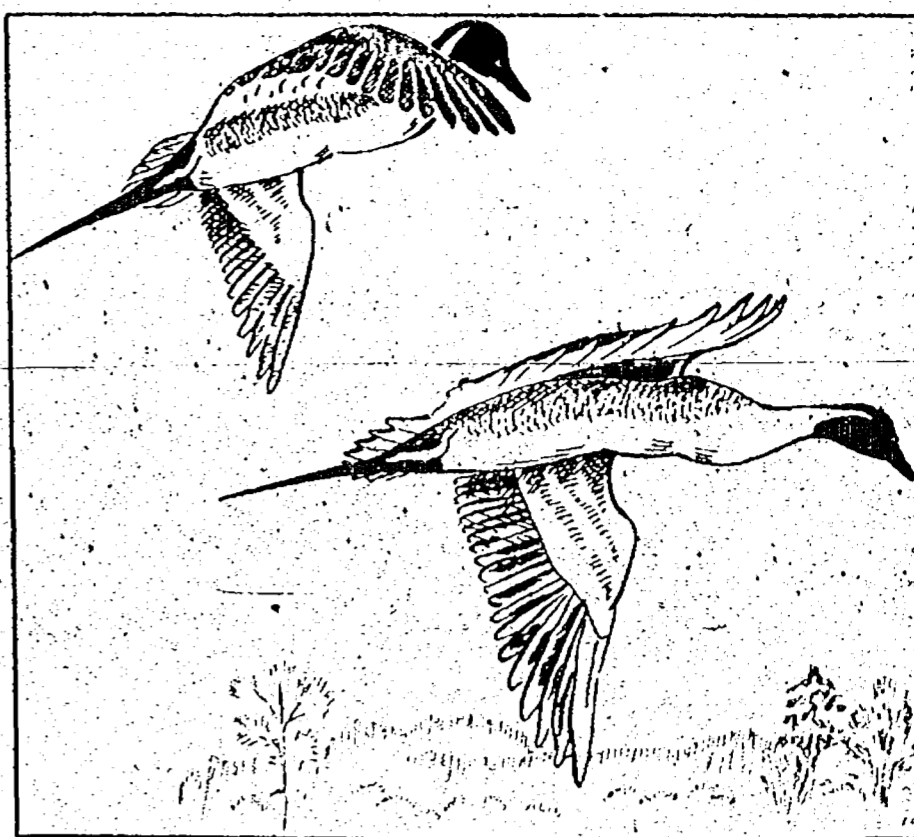
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Timothy Nowicki

Michigan in late August and early September may have partial female coloration. Some males do not complete their eclipse molt before they start their migration. By the later part of October and early November, all males will look like a typical male pintail.

Those pintail migrating through our area come from nesting areas in the Hudson Bay area. A few years ago I was able to see breeding birds and find pintail nests in the Fort Severn area of Ontario. Most pintails in North America winter along the west coast, but those I saw at Fort Severn are those that will come through the Great Lakes area.

A trip to Harsen's Island or the Shlawassee National Wildlife Refuge near Saginaw would provide a place to watch for these stately ducks. They like to be in flooded fields where they will feed on various plant seeds and grains. About half their diet is plant material,



TIM NOWICKI/illustration

The pintail is a long, lean, slender looking species of duck.

while the other half is small animals.

Once you have seen a male pintail in full adult plumage, I'm sure you will look forward to their

rival in spring and fall, too.

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


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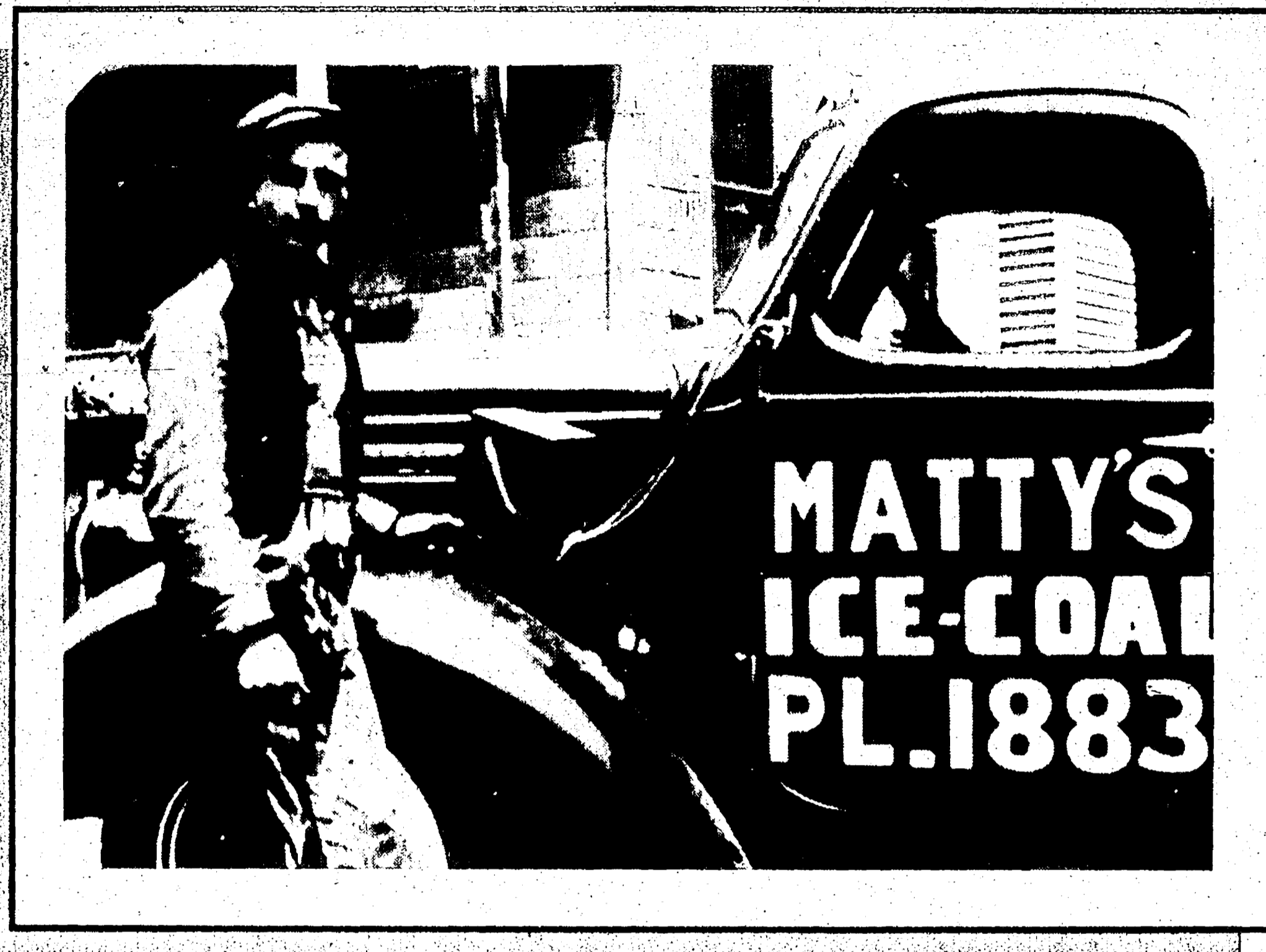
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Sports is fashionable this fall. Watches with rotating footballs and basketballs are hip at \$19.95 each.



Rah, rah, ras . . . Clothes with class

By Charlene Mitchell
special writer

SEASONS CHANGE AND SO DO trends. As summer fades and the colorful mixture of autumn leaves start to appear, Michiganders seem to get a sudden itch to change their looks.

It's called "staying current," which is very different from the '80s version of being hip. Current can be conservative or slightly avant-garde. For sure, current is what's in now.

High school and college students are the biggest trendsetters for the current look. From varsity style leather jackets and four-by-four vehicles to the current look in haircuts and footwear, to be out of style is definitely not the way to impress the opposite sex.

Being current among teens and young adults is even trickling down to the younger kids who also feel that last spring's wardrobe is totally unacceptable for this fall.

Ridiculous? Probably so, but current is the password to get people to accept you . . . not so much for who you are, but whether you're wearing the correct labels.

"It's really phenomenal," said the owner of Such A Deal outlets, a discount designer clothing chain with several stores in the metropolitan area. "All the teenagers are coming in for Cavarachi jeans in every color. We sell them for 50 percent off (the regular price is \$80) and we can't keep enough of them in stock."

AT TRENDS, a men's and boys' clothing shop in West Bloomfield, the

current look is "Skids" pants (also worn by girls). The trousers come in a variety of plaid patterns and are made of a puckered cotton fabric.

The colors are simple — black and white combinations with warm burgundy and sea green. The prices might be a little steep, but when trying to stay current, price isn't the deciding factor.

A very "current" item this fall is the leather jacket with sports appliques. The popular football style shows a playing field on the back, complete with yard lines depicted with a suede-like fabric. A life-sized football in pigskin adorns the center of the field, with a smaller football on the sleeve.

Ethnic pride is also finding its way into fashion. Many African-Americans consider the current look to be a similar varsity-style jacket done in black leather with a green and black outline of the African continent on the back.

"A jacket like this might have been considered threatening a few years ago," said one University of Michigan student. "I like it because it's practical style-wise and it says who I am."

OTHER JACKETS in the line include basketball, bowling and traffic sign themes.

Haircuts certainly make a statement. According to Southfield stylist Hoffett of Asyas Salon, the "very" current look for guys is a pixie cut. It may sound a bit prissy, but it actually is an updated version of the bowl cut with wispy bangs.

The style is very popular among a number of Hollywood stars and guys in the music industry.

Another trend for hair, according to Hoffett, is coloring with cellophane. "My clients are all into products that are safe for the ozone," he said.

Once you have the right jeans, jacket and haircut, you'll need the right kind of transportation. If you listen to the people who run the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, riding the bus is very current, even if you own a car.

In fact, Moore & Associates, a marketing group, is distributing printed invitations and free tickets for bus rides to and from key shopping malls in Oakland County.

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IF YOU enjoy yourself, there's a posted card you can send to Moore & Associates for additional free tickets. (Wonder if the regular bus riders receive any of this free stuff?)

If the SMART bus loses its appeal (and it certainly will within a few weeks), the best way to stay current, according to auto dealers, is with a four-by-four. The Ford Explorer, Jeep Cherokee and Geo Tracker are all hot . . . excuse me, current. Next in line are convertibles. Definitely on the outs are family cars with four doors.

The best thing about being current is the raves you'll get from others in the know. The sad thing is it will cost you a bundle and by the time you get it all together, the styles are ready to change again.



North Farmington running back Jonathon Rogers (above) and cheerleader Julie Hahn model matching leather sport jackets (\$129 each) in red and black. A 1992 Ford Explorer from Mel Farr Ford provides the backdrop for cheerleader Courtney Klinger wearing a 2-piece denim outfit by "Splash" available in four neon colors.



The prop is a Toyota four-wheeler from Mel Farr Toyota for football players Eric Porter (left) and Jason Horwitz. Eric models a patchwork denim jacket while Jason has on patchwork corduroy jacket and pants in shades of blue and red, all by Zip Code.



A 1991 Geo Tracker from Jack Cauley Chevrolet suits North Farmington football coach Jim O'Leary and player Mike Hamill just right for a game of catch while modeling football jackets available in black and white or blue with gold leather in the bomber style or stadium length.

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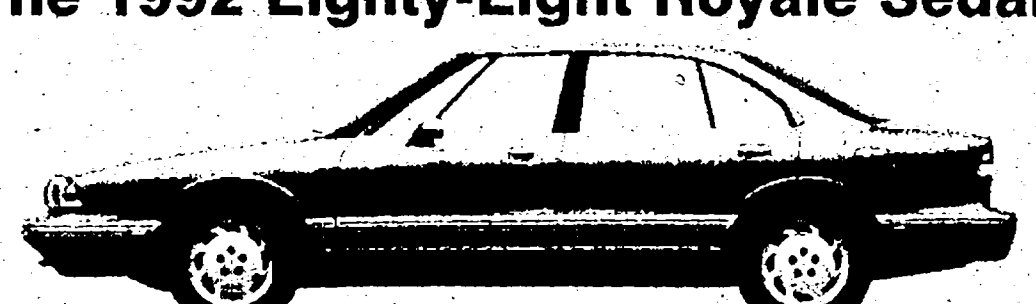
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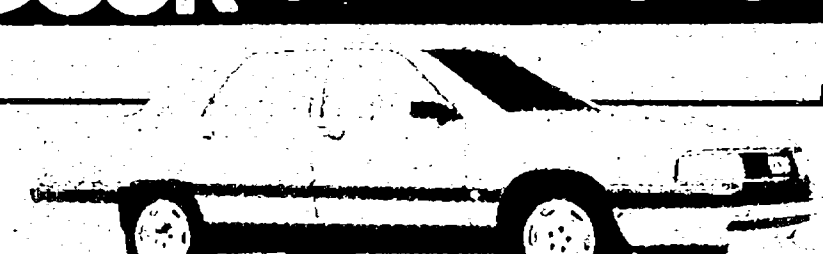
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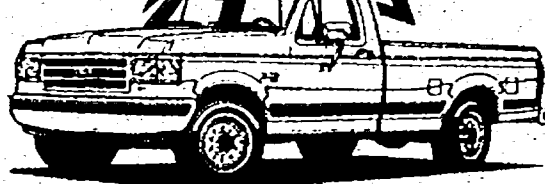
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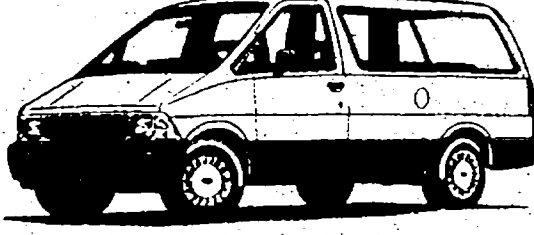
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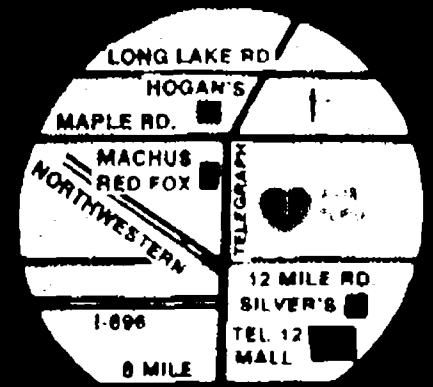


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