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## Teachers to strike? No comment



A teachers union representative is refusing to say whether teachers will report to work Monday on the scheduled opening day for employees. The union will hold a membership meeting early Monday morning to decide what to do.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Fears have been raised that Wayne-Westland teachers could refuse to report to work Monday unless a breakthrough emerges in contract talks scheduled this week.

Barring a last-minute settlement, the

900-member Wayne-Westland Education Association is scheduled to meet at 6:30 a.m. Monday at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium.

A union leader refused to say whether teachers might authorize a strike Monday or remain on the job while negotiations continue.

"I have no comment," said Robert Kowalczyk, union executive director.

Bargaining teams planned to continue negotiating through today (Thursday), in hopes of reaching an agreement on salary increases for this school year.

"We're going right down to the wire," said Bill Taylor, the school board's chief negotiator and the district's associate superintendent for employee services.

This year marks the third year of a three-year teachers contract. Teachers union members received an 11.9-percent raise during the first two years, but

third-year salaries remained negotiable. "That's the issue right now," Taylor said Monday.

During contract talks this week, he said, "We're going to go in with the idea that we would like a contract."

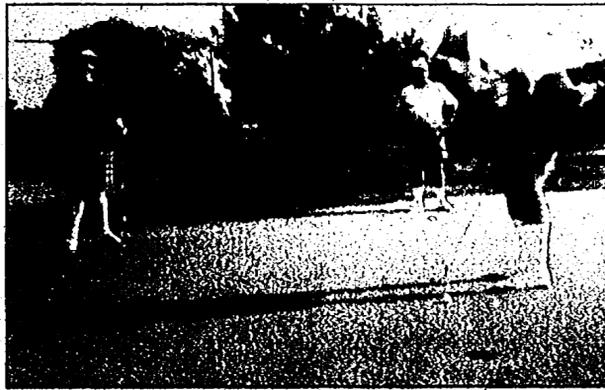
But Kowalczyk had earlier indicated that the bargaining teams remained apart on salary issues.

"It's not an inability to pay; it's an unwillingness to pay," Kowalczyk said of the board.

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**Fore books:** Dan Burtka (top) takes a healthy swing at the fifth annual Friends of the Wayne-Westland Public Library golf benefit Saturday. Also taking part is John Colligan (right), putting on the ninth hole of the Westland Municipal Golf Course. Looking on is wife Pat and Bill Sexton.



## Golfers get green for library

Local patrons of the Wayne-Westland Public Library got a boost from area golfers Saturday afternoon.

Some 116 golfers took part in the Friends of the Library's fifth annual golf outing, held at the Westland Municipal Golf Course, on Merriman south of Cherry Hill, to raise money for the library.

Chairman Don Toms wasn't available Tuesday to say how much money was raised during the event.

Prizes were awarded for the lowest scores in various categories.

In the women's division, the two-some of Carolyn Archbold and Theresa Deisler had the lowest score, 38, for the nine-hole golf course.

The weather was humid and hazy for the golfers who enjoyed a dinner afterwards in the golf course's pro shop.

The library, on Sims at Wayne Road in the city of Wayne, has been the center of occasional disputes because some Westland people and officials prefer an independent library in the community.

Others are opposed, saying that the Wayne-Westland facility serves the southern half of the city while the Noble Library branch in Livonia serves the northern half.

But the golfers didn't care. They enjoyed a day on the links and a dinner afterwards.

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## Parents upset by Stottlemeyer soil secret

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials knew 27 months ago that high levels of several metals had been found in a clump of soil on Stottlemeyer Elementary's playground — a finding that was publicly disclosed only last month.

That sparked concern among some district residents attending a school board meeting Monday.

But board president Leonard Posey

defended the decision by former Superintendent Dennis O'Neill's administration to remain hushed about the finding until a just-completed long-range investigation could be completed.

Posey said it "would have been inappropriately premature" to make any public announcements until school officials received comprehensive test results.

Otherwise, the district could have created unwarranted fears that

Stottlemeyer might be similar to the Cooper School problem in the Westland portion of the Livonia district. Cooper was closed last year amid findings it was built on a contaminated landfill.

But district resident Kathy Darfler told the board Monday that she never wants such information kept from the public again.

Soil tests and aerial photographs have revealed that, unlike Cooper, Stottlemeyer was never a landfill. Dar-

fler suggested that school officials consider studying aerial photographs of all Wayne-Westland schools to ensure safety.

"We do not want to become — to use the word, hysterical — like they did in the Livonia school district," she said.

Wayne resident Val Wolf also questioned why the previous administration moved so slowly on the Stottlemeyer is-

## Officials say school's playground safe for kids

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Soil contaminants on Stottlemeyer Elementary's playground won't pose a serious health threat to students returning to school, state and environmental officials said Monday.

New soil tests showed elevated levels

of lead and other metals — but none serious enough to warrant the school's closing, officials said.

Those conclusions stem from independent decisions made by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Wayne County Health Department and the consulting firm of Clayton En-

vironmental Inc. — all of which sent representatives to Monday's Wayne-Westland school board meeting.

"We don't have any threat to any student attending the school from any of the metals," concluded Lance Travis, a Clayton consultant. Students are

scheduled to return to school on Tuesday.

His remarks were based on surface and underground soil samples taken last month on the playground where maintenance workers found a single

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## Judge expected to rule on murder case statements

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A judge is expected to decide next week whether incriminating statements made by two Westland teens will be allowed as evidence at their impending murder trials.

The decision will play a crucial role in the murder trials of Jermaine Stevenson and Jerome Omar Ingram, accused of conspiring with two other local teens to kill 19-year-old crack cocaine dealer Everett Earl Bowen Jr. of Westland.

Stevenson and Ingram, both 18 when charged, are expected to be tried simultaneously on first-degree murder and conspiracy charges, though it's possible

they will have separate juries. Their attorneys predicted the trial will begin in early December.

A motion to suppress statements that Stevenson and Ingram made to Westland police is expected to be decided Sept. 4 by Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Denise Page Hood.

Stevenson's attorney, James Anderson, said the statements appear to confirm what prosecutors have already stated in court hearings — that Stevenson fired the fatal shots that hit Bowen in the face and back.

"They incriminate him," Anderson said of the statements. "Basically it's an admission that he's the one who did the shooting."

But Anderson stressed that Stevenson has denied making his statement. If Judge Hood allows it as evidence, Anderson said, "I'm going to be faced with somehow trying to convince the jury that it wasn't his statement and his signature on the statement."

Prosecutors have accused Stevenson, Ingram, Gregory Hister and Ian Bruce Cowen of arranging a supposed crack cocaine deal with Bowen behind Adams Junior High School on Nov. 15. The 10:30 p.m. meeting was set up, prosecutors have said, to kill Bowen in revenge for an earlier dispute in which Bowen stabbed Cowen's legs several times with a screwdriver.

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# Mobile home park problems on road to resolution

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Tension appears to be easing between tenants and management at Westland Meadows mobile home park — two months after angry residents pleaded for help from city officials.

Many resident complaints are being addressed in the 774-lot mobile home park, northeast of Van Born and Merriman roads. Mayor Robert Thomas said in a report to the city council.

Thomas has met with park management three times since June 22 to discuss resident complaints about poor roads and driveways, faulty mobile home foundations,

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downed telephone lines and debris-strewn vacant lots, among other problems.

Park manager Richard Duhl has assured Thomas that management will address problems that are its responsibility. Already, road and driveway repairs are under way, and Michigan Bell lines that laid on the ground have been buried.

"The atmosphere has changed 180 degrees here," Duhl said Monday.

Some problems could have been addressed earlier, if management

had known about them, he said.

"We weren't aware of the problems," he said. "The big problem was no communication."

Some Westland Meadows residents have commended the Thomas administration for arranging the series of meetings with city officials, park management and homeowner representatives.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and help the residents as much as we can," Thomas told the council in his report.

Residents buy their mobile homes and then rent their lots for \$310 to \$325 a month, though they pay \$10 more for each occupant beyond two and each pet they own.

Thomas had asked a Westland Meadows homeowners group to prepare a list of specific problems prior to the meetings that he arranged. The list was discussed with park management.

At one meeting, the residents committee told Thomas that "they are receiving cooperation from the park management in resolving each of their complaints," assistant city attorney Keith Madden said in a memo to the council.

To some extent, the city is limited in its ability to force the park management to address some complaints. The city can adopt ordinances on mobile home parks only if the regulations are submitted to

and approved by the Michigan Mobile Home Commission, Madden wrote.

"At present, the city of Westland has not adopted any enforceable standards relating to mobile home parks," he said.

Residents also may file a complaint with the mobile home commission; if the park management fails to correct a rule violation within 15 days of receiving written notices from residents.

If the management is found to be negligent, then the commission can demand that problems be addressed. Sanctions may be imposed if the management fails to obey the commission's order, Madden said.

"At present, the residents committee and the park management are working together to resolve the individual complaints," he wrote. "The committee has agreed to notify the city if any problems develop in this process."

Duhl indicated that the management will continue to address the complaints. Among the problems that have been or will be addressed:

- Installation of a handicap ramp in the area of trail boxes.
- Removal of debris from vacant lots and the storage area yard.
- Removal of weeds from the park, including clean-up efforts in a drain that runs through the park.

## Playground from page 1A

clump of unusual-looking grey material. The clump — shaped like a small football — was found to contain above-normal levels of several metals.

"Right now we don't know how the material got there," DNR spokeswoman Mary Vanderlaan told a crowd attending Monday's meeting. School officials also were planning an informational meeting for parents last night (Wednesday) at the school, on the south side of Marquette between Wildwood and Wayne Road.

Soil tests and aerial photographs dating back to 1949 show that the site was never a landfill, Travis

said. Moreover, there are no indications of dumping there, he said.

The latest soil tests were conducted last month, when Travis said "we almost made Swiss cheese out of that area." The tests focused on a 150-by-200-foot area on the playground.

The study revealed surface levels of lead averaging 100 parts per million in the soil — far below the 400 parts per million that Vanderlaan said would be necessary to cause concern. That level is aimed at protecting 2- and 3-year-olds, who are more likely than any other age group to eat soil.

Only one of 13 surface samples

showed a level of lead at 420 parts per million — a finding that disturbed one district resident Monday.

"I have my grandchildren playing on that playground, and I'm concerned," said resident John Kowalczyk.

But state health and environmental officials stressed that a child would have to play almost continually — day after day, for months at a time — on the same spot to encounter any serious health threat.

"We are doing whatever we think is safe for the students," Superintendent Larry Thomas assured residents Monday.

## Stottlemyer from page 1A

sue. But she has commended new Superintendent Larry Thomas for his swift public announcement, which came July 27 during his first month on the job.

On Monday, Thomas released an extensive report charting the finding of metals on Stottlemyer's playground. State health and environmental officials have found no levels of contamination that pose any serious health threats.

Following are some highlights of Thomas' report:

- Spring 1990: An oblong gray

chunk of material — the size of a small football — was found by maintenance workers.

- May 1990: Officials had the clump tested, and it was found to contain a higher-than-normal level of several metals. That summer, a playground inspection found no other similar soil clumps.

- May 1991: The district began plans for an investigation to determine if Stottlemyer had been built on a former landfill. Results in August 1991 revealed it had not.

- November 1991: Further soil testing showed an elevated level of

lead, and the district contacted the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which recommended yet another assessment.

- February 1992: A third study indicated "no immediate need to restrict access or usage of the Stottlemyer school," but still more testing was recommended.

- July 1992: More tests indicated no serious health threat from lead and other metals, particularly on the playground surface. But more testing of underground soil is to be done.

## Teachers from page 1A

Neither side has revealed its latest proposal, and Kowalczyk has denied rumors that teachers want a 6-percent pay raise.

The teachers union, backed by

the powerful Michigan Education Association, usually demands salary increases similar to those in surrounding districts. Livonia teachers this year will receive a 6.4-percent increase; Plymouth-Canton teachers, 7 percent.

Taylor said Wayne-Westland of-

ficials remain optimistic for a settlement: Students are scheduled to return to school on Tuesday.

When the last contract talks stalled, teachers continued to work for six months without a settlement.

## Ruling from page 1A

A friend of Bowen's, 20-year-old David Wayne Adkins, also was shot in the head during the incident but survived, with a bullet still lodged in his brain.

Cowen and Hister already have been tried for first-degree murder and conspiracy charges.

In June, a Recorder's Court jury found Cowen, 17, guilty of lesser

charges of second-degree murder and conspiracy to assault. He is scheduled for sentencing Sept. 18. He could face a maximum penalty of life in prison for murder and a one-year sentence for assault.

Hister's case was decided by Judge Hood, who found him guilty of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and

conspiracy to assault. In sentencing Hister, 16, Hood ordered him to juvenile incarceration until age 21, though he could be released at age 19 for good behavior.

During Cowen's and Hister's trials, their attorneys tried to divert blame for Bowen's death to Stevenson and Ingram.

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# Bush 'gives 'em hell' in Canton GOP rally

By TIM RICHARD  
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"Give 'em hell," shouted the Canton Township faithful, and George Bush did.

"I'm a little tired of congressmen that talk one way in Michigan and vote different in Washington, and I'll give you an example," the Republican president said Tuesday, targeting William Ford, D-Ypsilanti, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee and a 28-year veteran of what Bush calls the "gridlock Congress."

In steaming Heritage Park, Bush said Ford "stood against schools of choice and just about every education reform I have put forward. And what's worse, the governor of Arkansas (Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton) agrees with him."

"Should parents have freedom of

**'I'm a little tired of congressmen that talk one way in Michigan and vote different in Washington . . .**

*President George Bush*

choice on where to send their kids to school? The governor and the congressman say no. I say yes.

"Do you want to say 'enough' to a Baghdad bully like Saddam Hussein? Gov. Clinton waffled; Congressman Ford said 'no way.' I say yes.

"Do you want a balanced budget amendment to discipline both the Congress and the executive branch? Gov. Clinton and Congressman Ford say no, and I say yes.

"Do you want to limit the terms of congressmen? Gov. Clinton and Congressman Ford say no, and I say

yes, it's about time," Bush told the crowd of 5,000, many of them waving symbolic brooms.

"Let's do what those brooms say and clean House," Bush said, mentioning GOP congressional candidates Dick Chrysler of Brighton, Megan O'Neill of northern Oakland County, Joe Knollenberg of Bloomfield and John Pappageorge of Troy, concluding: "And in this district, send Bob Geake to Washington."

## Copies Truman

Bush's bid for a second term is openly a copy of Democrat Harry Truman's bid 44 years ago when he stumped successfully against a Republican Congress.

Canton Township then was a thousand corn and vegetable farmers. Today, it has more than 50,000 suburbanites, both white- and blue-collar workers. It has topped the new housing lists for a decade, and this week Canton got its first presidential visit in recent history.

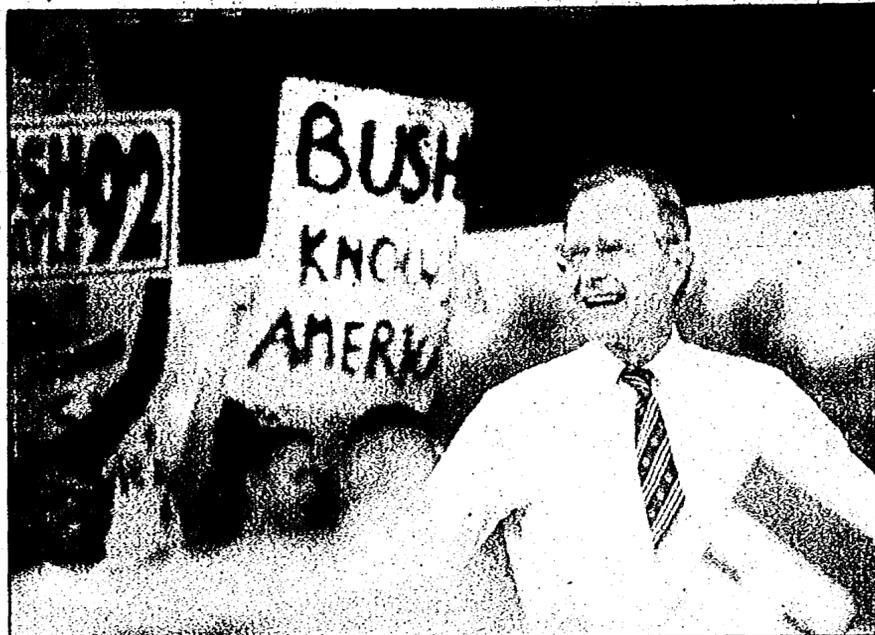
With redistricting, Republicans see a chance to topple Ford with Geake, a state senator and a 30-year resident of Northville.

Dark rainclouds loomed in the west but blew northward into Plymouth, leaving Bush partisans dampened only by sweat.

At the end of 20 minutes, Bush plunged into the crowd, shaking hands and touching babies.

Ford issued a statement charging Bush "believes people should be able to take tax money out of public schools and give it to exclusive private schools. I do not." Ford scored the administration's stand against abortion, its defense spending and Bush's use of a \$133 million plane.

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BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Warm welcome: President Bush was all smiles Tuesday at his Canton campaign stop. The president used the opportunity to promote his job training plan.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Leading the cheer: The Garden City High School pompon squad was on hand to lead the cheers for President George Bush's campaign stop in Canton Township Tuesday afternoon.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Splitted squad: The Thurston pompon squad entertains as the crowd waits for the arrival of President George Bush.

## While faithful cheered, some came to protest

By KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Just outside the Bush campaign rally Tuesday at Canton's Heritage Park, a few hundred demonstrators joined more than 1,000 supporters.

Along Cherry Hill, about 20 demonstrators held placards with slogans reading "Serbia-New World Horror" and "Pro Bush-Pro Croatia."

About 30 Clinton supporters gathered outside the Canton Township hall, holding red, white and blue "Clinton for President" signs as lines of motorists waited, seeking parking for the rally.

"I don't think Bush has done a good job," said UAW member Roger Koromas of Wayne, who sported two large Clinton buttons.

Koromas said he was against Bush's free-trade pact with Mexico, and the president's health care plan. "My brother died because he couldn't get health care," Koromas said.

Nearby, more than 50 Ford Willow Run plant employees gathered, hoisting signs with anti-Bush slogans.

Holding a placard reading "Quayle For President? Don't Risk It" was Mark Kapell of Pittsfield, a 13-year Willow Run worker scheduled to lose his job next spring.

"I think we need a change of leadership in this country," Kapell said.

Carrying a Clinton banner was Robert Rome of Canton, who recently formed a Canton Democratic Club, and is a Democratic 16th Precinct delegate.

"I think he's here because he's losing ground in an area like this," Rome said.

"I think there's another part of the country being ignored," he said.

But Bush supporters outside the rally far outnumbered the demonstrators.

"We got here late," said Janis Acosta of Wyandotte, explaining why police around the rally perimeter wouldn't let her and hundreds of others inside as the president spoke.

"I think he's a good president. He's the most experienced man for the job," she said.

With her were Jenny McNeill of Troy and Nicole Leveque of Farmington.



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

He's fed up: Despite the Bush/Quayle signs around him, UAW member Alex Wassell of Livonia protested the president's economic policy. Wassell is employed at the GM Willow Run plant, scheduled for closing.

"He's a good president and he will continue to be," McNeill said.

Leveque said she was undecided. "I don't think he's done enough for the country," she said.

"I'm not sure that Clinton can do better, but we need to find somebody who can."

Also arriving late for the rally was Steve Landis, a salesman from Algonac.

"I'm very disappointed" to have to wait outside, he said.

"He's (Bush) my man. He's got a plan that's going to take us out of the hole here. He needs four more years," Landis said.

Standing on the bed of a pickup truck parked outside township hall,

straining for a look at the president, were Canton Realtor Joe Kollins and restaurant owner Domenico Borco of Garden City.

"I think he's done a lot of good for our country and when he's elected he's going to continue to do good," Kollins said.

"I would have liked to have seen if we could get up there closer," Borco said.

"I like his international policies, I'd like to see him get cracking more on the domestic side of the agenda," Borco said. "I think he's older and wiser."

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Hail to the chief: Trumpeter Andy Shornick, a member of the Catholic Central High School Band and Farmington resident, concentrates on his music at Tuesday's rally for President Bush.

## Bush from page 3A

Geake, a mild-mannered child psychologist, opened the program with the first fiery speech of his career, on which he worked until 1 a.m.

"We know where change must start — in the halls of Congress," he said. "With liberal Democratic career politicians out of the way, we can turn this country around."

"For 28 years, Bill Ford has had a hand in writing budgets — budgets that defy logic, driving the country deeper and deeper into debt."

"Some people believe Congress has been spending money like drunken sailors. I don't believe that's fair — to drunken sailors. Sailors spend their own money. Congress is spending ours," said Geake, his voice rising to a shout.

### Auto jobs issue

Introduced by Gov. John Engler, Bush took a page from Engler's national convention speech on the importance of the auto industry to the entire U.S. economy.

Bush said the fuel economy standards advocated by Clinton — 40 mpg by the year 2000 and 45 by 2020 — "will throw American auto workers out of their jobs, and I'm not gonna have that. We've got to fight that kind of extremism," he said, quoting auto makers as saying it would cost 40,000 jobs.

Bush charged Clinton's proposed 1.5 percent payroll tax for upgrading the existing workforce would cost even more jobs.



Short solo: Chris Phillips of the Thurston High School Band in Redford Township, performs a trumpet solo at the rally.

## Protest from page 3A

"I think he's done great for the past four years," said Jennifer Cicotte, a University of Michigan student from Livonia, holding hands with Kevin Kapanowski of Livonia, a Henry Ford Community College student.

"He's a great president," Kapanowski said. As demonstrators taunted some

passing Bush supporters, Kapanowski commented, "I'd like to fight with them myself."

Clinton, Cicotte said, "would raise taxes and give a lot of money to poor people on welfare."

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# The blame game

## Book addresses male-female communication woes

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

She meanders toward the topic when she talks.

He thinks she should get to the point.

She's frustrated because he isn't listening.

He is listening, but his nose is buried in the newspaper.

She tries to change the way he listens. He tries to change the way she talks.

"I've worked with one couple where the wife, in the face of her husband's behavior which was unempathetic, said 'I can't understand how a human being and normal person wouldn't respond to me in the way I want him to respond,'" said Norman Goldner, a marriage counselor and University of Detroit Mercy professor.

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Norman Goldner  
marriage counselor

"You'll find people playing the blame game. 'If I have to ask you why should I change?' That's infantile behavior."

But the unyielding behavior is characteristic of the way men and women, unaware of gender differences, respond to each other.

The differences appear at an early age and influence the way they behave as adults.

Goldner and wife Carol Rhodes, a practicing psychologist, demon-

strate the influence of gender differences in male-female communication in their new book, "Why Women and Men Don't Get Along: A Guidebook for Women Frustrated By Men's Behavior."

The book is available for \$14 from Somerset Press, Box 4386, Troy 48099. B. Dalton Bookseller, Waldenbooks, Border's Books and Barnes and Noble also carry it.

The work is aimed at women who want to better understand men, but the couple has received many let-

ters from male readers.

Women are more interested in relationships and more of them buy self-help books than men do, according to the authors.

Other gender differences appear at an early age and increase as children grow older, Rhodes said.

"Girls face each other and look at each other while playing. In fact, when little children are playing with each other, little girls will shy away from boys," Rhodes explained.

"If three little girls have a disagreement, they'll all go home. If three little boys disagree, they'll start fighting and keep playing."

Adult men are trained to suppress their emotions while women are more interested in emotional states, she added.

"Men are trained to solve problems. Women are more comfortable

with a range of emotions and feelings," Goldner said.

But rather than learning to live with those sexual differences and changing the way they respond to each other, men and women "try to change the other person," Rhodes noted.

"We don't do that in business. We don't keep trying the same thing over and over," she said. "But we keep banging our heads on the wall" in relationships.

"The couples we see aren't communicating. Communication is a code word for problems in just about every area of their lives."

Goldner and Rhodes say their book doesn't offer readers easy-to-follow recipes for happiness.

"These observations have to be tailored to individuals," Goldner said. "We try to teach people com-

munication styles to get what they want."

So, what about the woman at the beginning of this story? How does she talk to a husband who seemingly doesn't listen?

Because the man "thinks in an agenda," the woman can tailor her approach to be more businesslike and to express herself in an agenda format.

"She might say, 'Honey, I'd like to talk to you about two things,'" Goldner explained.

The couple have applied the principles of the book to their marriage of nine years, according to Goldner's son, Aaron, 18.

"They have a great marriage," he said. "I've never seen them argue."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

## OBITUARIES

### BERNARD R. GARBACIK

Services for Mr. Garbacik, 70, of Garden City were held Aug. 24 from St. Raphael Catholic Church. The Rev. Edward Prus officiated. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Garbacik died Aug. 19 in University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Born Oct. 21, 1921, in Majidsville, W. Va., he was a maintenance employee at the Ford Wayne Assembly Plant for 46 years and a member of UAW Local 900. His hobbies were restoring autos, boating and telling jokes, said a family spokesman.

Survivors are daughter, Hedy Adams-Garbacik; sons, Ron, Don, Dennis and Jim; grandson, Jacob; and brothers, Ted, Amos, Andy and Tony. Preceding him in death was his wife, Lorraine.

Arrangements were by the John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

### GEORGE KISON, JR.

Services for Mr. Kison, 74, of Garden City were to be held Aug. 27 from Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Rev. Calvin Brown officiated. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Kison died Aug. 23. He was a member of Wayne Masonic Lodge 112.

Survivors are wife Dorothy; daughter Patricia Ann Coats; son Robert Lee; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### RICHARD MCWILLIAMS

Services for Mr. McWilliams, 83, formerly a long-time Westland resident, were held Aug. 23 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. The services were conducted by the Wayne Masonic Lodge 112. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial

Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. McWilliams, a Dayton, Ohio, resident, died Aug. 21.

A retired city of Wayne police detective, Mr. McWilliams was also a Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 and McAllen Lodge 1110 of McAllen, Texas.

Survivors are wife Marion, the city of Westland's first municipal clerk when the city was incorporated in 1966; son Richard (Skip); and daughter Maryann McWilliams.

### ROYAL B. CAPON

Services for Mr. Capon, 84, of Westland were to be held Aug. 27 from St. Richard Catholic Church, Fr. John Hall officiated. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Capon died Aug. 23. Survivors are daughters Adeline

Cousino, June Merideth and Laura Baldwin; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and brothers William and Frank.

Arrangements were by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

### MARY E. PUISHES

Services for Mrs. Puishes, 66, of Garden City were held Aug. 25 from St. Mel Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights. Fr. James Profota of St. Basil Catholic Church officiated. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Puishes died Aug. 22 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Born Nov. 21, 1925, in Detroit, she was an agent for the Kurth Independent Insurance Agency, Garden City and has a longtime interest in the Garden City Youth Athletic Association's baseball program in the 1960s when her sons were on teams.

Survivors are husband, Edward;

sons, Edward, Gregory and Dennis; daughter, Nancy Loney; six grandchildren; sister, Margaret; and brothers, Laurence and Thomas. Preceding him in death was a brother, Robert.

Arrangements were by the John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

### STELLA K. WALOS

Mrs. Walos, 76, of Westland died Aug. 21. A memorial mass will be held later at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Walos died Aug. 21 in Westland. Born Aug. 6, 1916, in Monaca, Pa., she was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Survivors are sons, John of Livonia and Theodore of Garden City; six grandchildren; two great-grand-

children; and sisters, Joseph Janyk of Westland, Jenny Kujat of Detroit, Lillian Staron of Westland and Frances Szerszen of Detroit.

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

### ELLEN O'LEARY

Services for Mrs. O'Leary, 89, of Wayne were held Aug. 24 from the Lents Funeral Home, Wayne, and St. Mary Catholic Church. The Rev. Ray Bucon officiated. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery.

Mrs. O'Leary died Aug. 19 in Garden City Hospital.

Survivors are daughters, Mary Cox, Helen Rodgers, Kathleen Facchini and Sheila Brown; sons, Patrick, Daniel, Denis, Michael and Timothy; 37 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and two sisters. Preceding her in death was her husband, Denis.

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# Students find substance-free dorms to their liking

BY TIM CARVELL  
STAFF WRITER

They may have been created simply to pacify lawmakers, but drug- and alcohol-free dorm rooms at state-funded universities in Michigan have taken on a life of their own.

In 1980, David Honigman, then a state representative, at the request of some concerned Birmingham and West Bloomfield residents, introduced a proposal which would have required state-funded universities to provide special housing for those who don't want alcohol use in their room.

Nervous about the new bill, universities quickly created their own "substance-free" housing to comply with the bill, and figured that was the end of the issue. But it wasn't.

Now, many universities that initially set aside a small percentage of rooms for substance-free housing are finding that demand for the rooms is quickly outpacing supply.

At the University of Michigan in

Ann Arbor, for example, housing administrators started with 500 substance-free undergraduate room assignments, which were quickly filled. The following year, the university offered 1,400 such slots — and received 2,100 applications for them. This fall, U-M has set aside room for 2,000 students in substance-free housing, 20 percent of the university's total undergrad enrollment.

Under most universities' programs, students who opt for the special housing are expected to refrain from drug and alcohol use while in the room; they are not, however, required to abstain once they have left the dorm.

## Not just teetotalers

"It's not a contract of teetotalers," said Alan Levy, director of public affairs for U-M's housing division.

Still, some schools do take the

**■ 'Oftentime, parents are the ones filling out the requests. If students are up there (in substance-free housing) drinking, it means their parents filled out the forms.'**

Colleen Tompkins  
Eastern Michigan University

ideal of physical well-being fairly seriously. At Oakland University in Rochester, the substance-free dorm of Anibal House is known as Wellness House for its attention to overall health.

The dorm, which has been filled to capacity since it was declared substance-free, offers a weight room, healthy food and developmental programs.

"It's a lifestyle choice for the students," said Jean Ann Miller, assistant director for student development at OU.

More and more students are making that choice; at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, the

number of alcohol-free rooms leaped from 50 to 500 in three years.

Most university representatives offered two explanations for the demand. The optimistic view is that students are becoming more aware of the hazards of substance abuse.

"My gut feeling is, students are getting more education about alcohol," said Colleen Tompkins, who handles housing for Eastern Michigan University.

There is also a more pragmatic explanation.

"Oftentime," Tompkins acknowledged, "parents are the ones filling out the requests. If students are up there (in substance-free housing)

drinking, it means their parents filled out the forms."

## Not for parents

Indeed, Western Michigan University has started asking parents not to fill out the forms.

"They want the best for their son or daughter," said Cheryl Nickel, who directs housing for WMU. "But we used to get parents who thought their son or daughter didn't smoke, so they'd check that on the form. Then, we'd end up with a smoker rooming with a non-smoker."

Alcohol-free housing isn't an issue at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids for one simple reason: all dorms are, by the University's rules, alcohol-free. The policy, which has been in effect since the mid-80s, has met with overall acceptance, according to hall director Jackie Rhodes.

"Parents love it," she said. "Students are students, and they'll try

to get around it, but they understand it."

The rule extends to those over 21, which Rhodes said is necessary for the plan to work. If the of-age students are drinking, she explained, "it's too easy for underage students to get access."

Only one school reported a lack of interest in alcohol-free housing: East Lansing's Michigan State University, the state's largest and the last to implement the option. Only 2 percent of students choose to have an alcohol-free room.

MSU's director of housing and dining service, Charles Gagliano, said he "would have absolutely no idea" why the option had failed to catch on.

Still, most state-funded schools report wide acceptance of the housing policy, and predict it will probably be around for a while.

"I started out thinking it was going to be a fad," Levy said. "But I don't think so anymore. I don't think it's going to go away."

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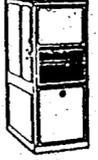
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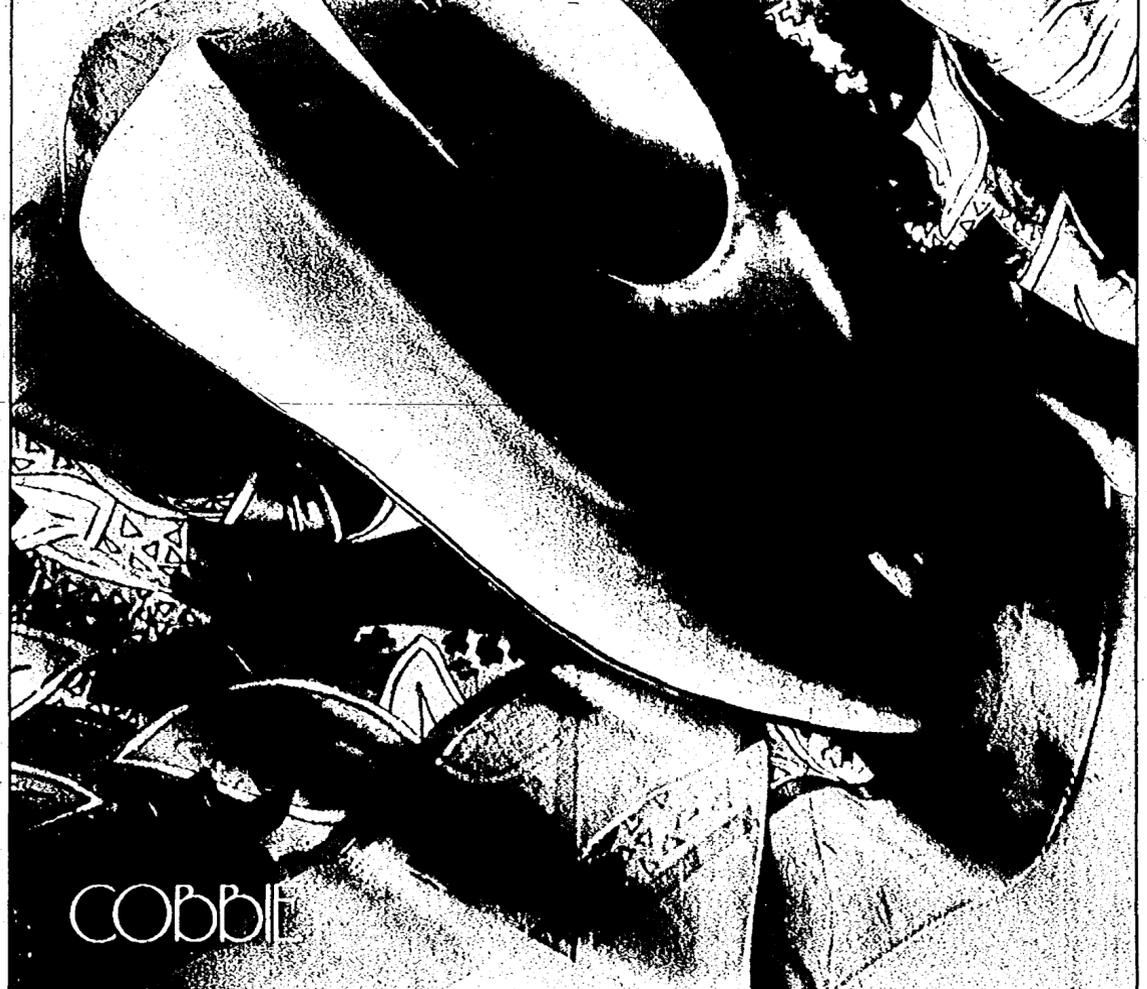


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Volunteers are needed to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board. Volunteers will be named to serve on one of the six boards currently operating within the county.

The Michigan Legislature established the foster care review board program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs throughout the state.

The Wayne County Review boards meet monthly to review a representative sample of cases of children who are placed in foster care as the result of abuse or neglect. The purpose of each review is to determine that efforts are

being made by the state Department of Social Services, juvenile court, or private child placement agency to establish and carry out the plan for permanent placement in a timely manner.

Currently, foster care review boards are operating in Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Keok, Lenawee, Muskegon, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

Board members will be selected to reflect a cross-section of the population of the county. Volunteers must live in Wayne County. Employees of the department of social services, juvenile court or a child placement agency are ineli-

gible to serve on foster care review boards.

Volunteers will be expected to meet approximately one day each month in Wayne County and to attend an initial two-day training program in Lansing in reviews and training sessions November. The expenses for attending the monthly reviews and training sessions are reimbursed.

Those interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Review Board should write the Michigan Foster Care Review Board Program, 1200 Sixth Street, Rm P-150, Detroit 48226, or call (313) 256-1540.

The deadline for submitting applications is Sept. 4.

## Some residents urged to reduce lead exposure in drinking water

Residents in 36 metro area communities including Garden City, Livonia and Westland are urged to take precautions because elevated lead levels have been found in drinking water.

Testing conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) January through June of this year indicated lead concentrations in some first draw samples to be above the lead action level of 15 parts per billion (0.015 milligram of lead per liter of water).

Officials said that the relative risk is believed to be minimal under normal water use conditions but they recommend that residents let the water run about 15-30 seconds from the tap before using it for drinking or cooking.

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Other recommendations include:

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- Remove loose lead solder and debris from the plumbing materials installed in newly constructed homes or homes in which the plumbing has been recently replaced by removing the faucet strainers from all taps and running the water 3-5 minutes.

Lead in drinking water, although

rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly the exposure of infants who drink baby formulas and concentrated juices that are mixed with water. The EPA estimates that drinking water can make up 20 percent or more of a person's total exposure to lead.

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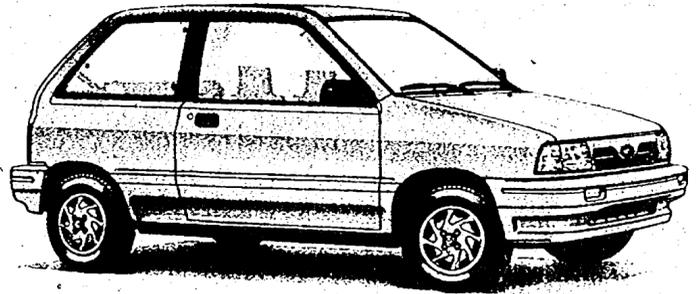
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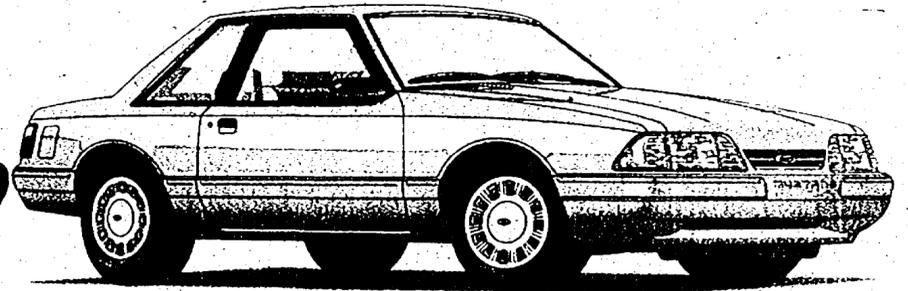
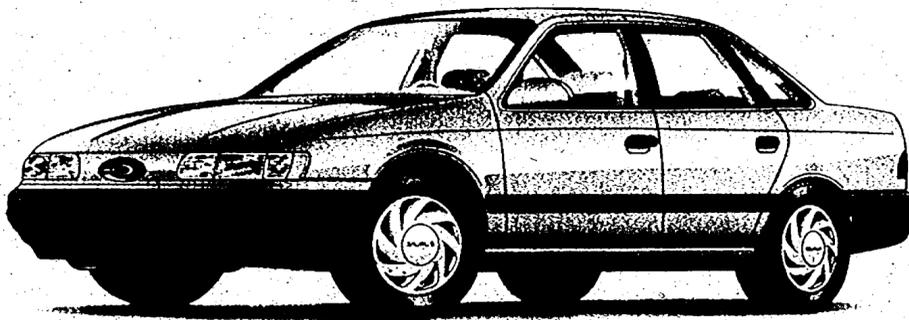
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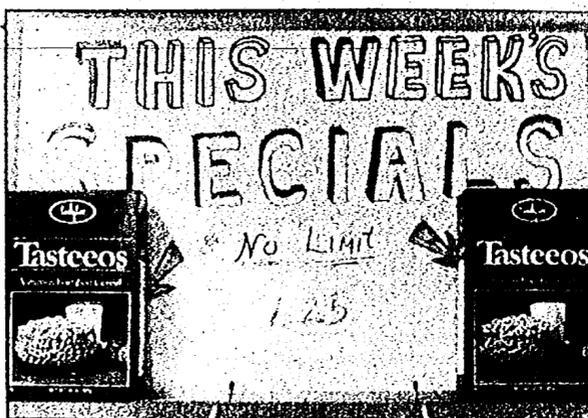




Family value: Janet Janiga's store is a boon to budget-conscious shoppers.

■ 'The initial response has been very good. August has been a little slow but I expect things to pick up once school starts.'

Janet Janiga  
store owner



Low-cost approach: Specials are advertised on a hand-lettered sign behind the cash register.

## Grocery store takes stock in low-budget approach

By TEDD SCHNEIDER  
STAFF WRITER

They don't do meat and potatoes at northern Livonia's newest grocery store.

Or fish and produce. Or, for that matter, premium ice cream, gourmet foods and any number of specialty products you're likely to find on the high-tech shelves of today's jumbo-sized, neon-bathed supermarkets.

What they do offer at Payless Groceries is, in a word, cheap.

And cheap seems to be working, according to store owner Janet Janiga.

"The initial response has been very good. August has been a little

slow but I expect things to pick up once school starts.

"There's definitely a place for this kind of thing, especially with the economy the way it is," said Janiga, who opened Payless last May in a former upholstery shop on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile.

Shoppers at the compact, 2,000 square-foot market walk down aisles jammed with canned goods, cereal, salad dressings, spices and baking supplies, snack foods, cleaning supplies, health/beauty products and pet food.

Most are priced substantially below the going supermarket rate, with some items marked down as much as 50 percent.

Prices are comparable with F & M and other deep-discounters, although at Payless the emphasis is on non-perishable food items.

In fact, Janiga stocks her shelves much the same way discount outlets fill theirs.

Slow sellers, manufacturers' closeouts, packaging changes, mishandled merchandise form the bulk of her inventory. They are the "mistakes" of the retailing trade, readily available at low cost.

A few items, like the fresh potato chips stacked neatly by the front window, are the result of "building a good relationship with a supplier, who knows I can't charge what

other retailers do," Janiga said.

The inventory shifts on a day-to-day basis. Janiga boasts: "It's the kind of store you never know what you'll find."

Payless customers don't seem to mind the transient stock, limited hours, felt-tip pen price labels or occasional dented box, Janiga said. They're looking for value, not glitz.

"Everyone is looking to stretch a dollar these days. We help you do that."

The store's customer base is built around large families and senior citizens. Food stamps are accepted but not manufacturers' coupons, Janiga said.

On Wednesdays a loose-knit

group of shoppers makes the rounds of area discount bakeries and now usually includes a stop at her store as well, Janiga said.

There's a decidedly low-budget approach to advertising and promotions too. Weekly specials are advertised on a hand-lettered sign behind the cash register.

Residents won't likely see a two-page Sunday newspaper ad, Janiga said. Instead, she advertises via direct mail, fliers posted around town and "word of mouth."

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

"We offer a friendly, personal approach. I'm on a first-name basis

with many of the customers and their kids usually come in and say hi."

Payless is Janiga's first experience at owning a business. She worked for a similar store in western Oakland County for four years though.

The Livonia resident, 40, had help from her four kids, 8-15, getting the store up and running this summer. All took turns behind the register and stocking shelves.

When school starts she plans on "taking care of things myself." Eventually, she hopes business is good enough to hire a non-family staff.

## Area residents to bike on Leelanau Lakeshore Loop

Three Livonia residents will enjoy a weekend of fresh air, fall colors and a lot of exercise biking on the American Lung Association of Michigan's Leelanau Lakeshore Loop.

Thomas Verbison, Rosemary Mayes and Kelly Kendall, all of

Livonia, will bike the shores of the Leelanau Peninsula from Saturday, Sept. 12, through Monday, Sept. 14, raising funds to help fight our nation's number three killer: lung disease.

They will ride a total of 150 miles on this three-day ride, raising a

minimum of \$225. The funds raised will help provide the many free community health programs offered by the American Lung Association.

Among those services is a medical equipment loan program, pulmonary function testing and a sum-

mer camp for severely asthmatic children.

The tour of the Traverse City area will begin in the quaint town of Suttons Bay, follow the shores of Lake Michigan, explore the Sleeping Bear Dunes through Leland Harbor and Northport and culmi-

nate at the Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort in Cedar.

Of course, riders can also look forward to not only enjoying the many beautiful sights along the shore but to climbing the many hills throughout the Leelanau Pen-

insula.

There's still time to join the fun and register for this year's trip. For more details about the "Bicycle Around Michigan" trek call the American Lung Association at 1-800-678-LUNG or (313) 559-5100, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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ROLL CALL REPORT

Area congressmen split on education funding bill

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending

HOUSE

Yes on education bill: By a vote of 279 for and 124 against, the House passed a bill (HR 4323) providing \$800 million annually to the states in hopes of splurging major reforms in elementary and secondary education.

The vote sent the bill to House-Senate conference and set up a pre-Election Day showdown between the Democratic Congress and "the education president."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Dennis Hertel,

D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield. Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

No to GOP alternative:

By a vote of 140 for and 267 against, the House rejected a GOP alternative to the Democratic school improvement bill (above).

"This is reform," said Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. "The Congress has to have the courage to reform."

A yes vote supported the Republican alternative for educational reform. Area representatives voting yes were: Pursell, Broomfield. Voting no:

Hertel, William Ford, Sander Levin.

Yes to limiting 2 airlines computer dominance:

By a vote of 230 for and 160 against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HR 5466) to keep United and American airlines from using their dominance of the computer reservation system field to unfair advantage over competitors.

Most travel agents use an American or United CRS to check flight availability and sell tickets. Other airlines charge that factors such as biased software design and contractual terms tilt bookings in favor of United and American.

Opponent Pete Geren, D-Texas, said the bill "would destroy a valuable property right without justification and without compensation."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Hertel, William Ford, Sander Levin. Voting no: Broomfield.

Yes on agriculture appropriations:

By a vote of 299 for and 100 against, the House passed a bill (HR 5487) appropriating \$60.5 billion for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies in fiscal 1993.

Supporter Vic Fazio, D-Calif., said the MPP is justified in view of the \$1.5 billion that Europe-

an governments spend to promote their exports around the globe.

Opponent Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., asked why MPP "should be subsidizing already huge advertising budgets of corporations like General Mills, McDonald's, Sunkist and Oscar Meyer?"

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Hertel, William Ford, Sander Levin. Voting no: Pursell, Broomfield.

Yes to new farm program:

The House voted 249 for and 144 against to provide \$1 million for a new Agriculture

Department anti-discrimination program in HR 5487 (above). Sponsors said the "outreach" will bridge language barriers and other obstacles to minority members entering farming or receiving federal farm services.

Supporter Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, said "government has a legitimate responsibility to help present or potential farmers who have been held back by discrimination."

Dan Burton, R-Ind., questioned why a new program is needed when government agencies and private organizations already exist to prevent and redress discrimination.

A yes vote supported a new \$1 million program in behalf of-

minority farmers. Area representatives voting yes were: Hertel, William Ford, Sander Levin. Voting no: Pursell. Not voting: Broomfield.

SENATE

Yes to more bilingual ballots:

By a vote of 75 for and 20 against, the Senate passed a bill (HR 4312) to immediately increase the number of counties where voting registration forms and ballots must be printed in a language in addition to English.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Michigan Sens. Carl Levin, D, and Donald Riegler, D, voted yes.

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Advertisement for Ernie Harwell and P. Buckley Moss with text: 'MEET ERNIE HARWELL and P. BUCKLEY MOSS', 'Wednesday, Sept. 30th 4:30-8:30 p.m.', 'Ernie and Pat will greet fans and collectors as they personally inscribe Pats pieces, including a special Ernie Harwell print created to benefit the Ernie Harwell Foundation.', 'FRAME WORKS', '833 Penniman • Plymouth 459-3355'

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UPCOMING THINGS TO DO

CLASSICAL

CARILLON RECITAL Ray J. McLellan, director of music and organist at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church in Monroe, will perform on the Wallace Carillon of Christ Church Cranbrook, 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. The recital is free and open to the public.

tenors) in early September at North Congregational Church in Southfield. Singers should be proficient at sight-reading, capable of a capella singing and must prepare a solo to display overall musicianship.

Hunter, (two blocks south of Maple) in Birmingham. Come prepared to sing and dance. For information, call 258-6996.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE Michigan Opera Theatre has scheduled vocal auditions for the 1992-93 Opera-in-Residence tour company, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16. Michigan Opera Theatre will hold orchestral auditions Wednesday, Sept. 23.

BLUEGRASS Oakland Community College Lakes campus at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford, will host its second annual Bluegrass Oil & Gas Festival noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, on campus.



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DETROIT SYMPHONY Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall's 1992-93 season opens 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, with Yo-Yo Ma and Bobby McFerrin.

AUDITIONS

MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE Michigan Ballet Theatre will hold auditions for male and female dancers ages 10 and up, Aug. 28-29 and Sept. 12 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

MIDWEST DANCE THEATRE Midwest Dance Theatre auditions will be Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Center for Creative Studies in Southfield. Junior company, ages 8-11, 3-4 p.m., senior company, ages 12 and older 4-6 p.m.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Detroit Dance Collective will hold its annual Dance Sampler Day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College.

LANGSFORD SINGERS The Langsford Singers will audition for all voice parts (particularly



Children's classic

Fairy tale: Michigan Opera Theatre guest artist Maria Camarelli (left to right) is Little Red Riding Hood, and Mark Vondrak the Wolf in 'Little Red Riding Hood' presented at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street in Northville, 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 28; 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29.

FINLANDIA MALE CHORUS Finlandia Male Chorus starts its new season, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Finnish Center Building, 35200 W. Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road in Farmington.

FOLK FOLK DANCE CLUB Folk dance in Boulan Park in Troy with the Detroit Folkdance Club, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. The park is on the west side of Crooks between Big Beaver and Wattles.

THEATER ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS Special fund-raiser review featuring excerpts from George Gershwin's 'Of Thee I Sing,' and Murray Scheisgal's one-act romantic comedy 'A Need for Brussel Sprouts,' 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

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# Now it's time to help



**F**orced out of their homes by Hurricane Andrew, more than 100,000 people have found refuge in American Red Cross shelters in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi since the storm hit on Monday, August 24, 1992.

Disaster assistance offered by the Red Cross also includes paying for what they need most—from groceries, new clothing and rent, to emergency home repairs, transportation and household items. This assistance is given free—as a gift from the American people.

Therefore, the Red Cross is appealing to the general public for assistance in the form of financial contributions. To contribute to the disaster relief, send a check or money order to:



**American Red Cross**

Disaster Relief Fund

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Bank card contributions can be made by calling 1-800-842-2200. For corporation or business donations, call 833-2632. All donations will go directly for the relief of disaster victims.

Note: Because of the great need to provide basic needs to disaster victims and the changing face of the disaster situation, the Red Cross has placed a moratorium on tracing requests. When this moratorium is lifted, the Red Cross will assist people in locating their friends and family members in the hurricane areas.

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# BUSINESS

## SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Dr. Thomas M. Wilson of Livonia received the 1991 Max T. Gutensohn Merit Award for teaching excellence from the student government association of the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Wilson is a member of the medical staff of Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren.



Thomas Wilson

John Johnson of Livonia was promoted to director of the grocery division for Carter Marketing Group in Troy. In his new position, he will oversee development of the grocery trade for the company. Johnson had been senior account executive with the company. He joined the company in 1989 as an account executive.



John Johnson

James W. Harvey of Plymouth won the 1991 Truck Significant Achievement Award. He was a member of a four-person team in the Ford Truck Development Systems that devised the vehicle invoicing and pricing system for the Nissan Quest vehicles program. Harvey joined Ford Motor Co. in 1977.



James Harvey

Dr. Mark Zamorski joined the University of Michigan Health Center in Plymouth. Zamorski is a family physician. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and went to medical school at Michigan State University's college of human medicine, before completing a three-year family medicine residency training at the University of Michigan.



Mark Zamorski

William Austin, president of the Livonia Community Credit Union, was re-elected chairman of the Michigan Credit Union League. He was first elected league chairman in 1991, after serving two years as league vice chairman. In addition, Austin was re-elected as vice chairman to the CUcorp board of directors, the league's business subsidiary that provides credit unions with financial products and operational services.

*To submit materials to this column please send a brief biographical summary along with a black-and-white photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.*

## It's a winding path to financial backing

■ Securing capital is essential for entrepreneurs struggling to get a product to market. For Troy-based Somanetics, manufacturer of computer-based medical diagnostic and monitoring equipment, the question was how to gain more visibility for shareholders and would-be investors.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

An idea, a plan, the money. Financial backing is the big stumbling block when it comes to birthing new businesses. Unless they're exceptionally rich, entrepreneurs can go only so far on their own resources and by tapping family, friends and other kindred spirits. Then they have to hook up with a bank (highly unlikely without a track record), make connections with a venture capital group (still difficult with strings attached) or sell shares of stock to the public.

Somanetics, started by Gary D. Lewis in 1982 and subsequently located in Troy, went public in April 1991. Last week, the company moved from the NASDAQ small cap issues to the regular NASDAQ national exchange, gaining more visibility for shareholders and would-be investors.

Somanetics makes and sells computer-based medical diagnostic and monitoring equipment. It recently received clearance from the Federal Drug Administration to market its product. It has yet to post a profitable year.

"Management teams usually are so strained for cash that they will take money under any terms," said Raymond Gunn, chief financial officer. "Gary said no to a lot of people. Strings were prohibitive."

Lewis said he raised upwards of \$250,000 from his own resources, family and friends during initial research. Money from other high-profile individuals, whom he declined to identify, pro-



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duced another \$4.4 million as the concept evolved.

Then it came down to taking the prototype to the production phase and more money was needed.

Enter a Boston venture capital group that provided some \$500,000 and a New York underwriter that provided a bridge (temporary) loan of \$1.45 million.

But a year later, Lewis, looking for the best financing plan to move forward, exercised an escape clause, paid off the underwriter and venture group, and issued stock and warrants — options to buy stock.

Somanetics went public. "The primary reason was not so much the control issue, but with ven-

ture capital we weren't going to really raise enough to get the job done," Lewis said.

"Venture people want to know up front what their exit vehicle is. They want to take their money out at very nice returns, which is fine. We were concerned it would force us to create an exit vehicle sooner than we wanted," he said.

The initial public offering netted some \$6.5 million. Warrants called for redemption in May brought in an additional \$11.8 million. Redemption of additional warrants in February can potentially raise another \$15.5 million.

Somanetics has 4,000 stockholders. Lewis is the single largest stockholder

but does not own a majority of shares. The stock closed at 4 3/4 on Tuesday.

"We wanted to build a business," Gunn said. "We look for more long-term players."

But there are both advantages and disadvantages to going public.

"It improves the overall financial position, debt-to-equity ratio," Gunn said. "It cleans up the balance sheet and enhances the ability to raise capital. Presence in the marketplace gives credibility . . . and helps you attract quality people (employees)." The down side?

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## Highland turns to Chapter 11 to retrench

BY GERALD FRAWLEY  
STAFF WRITER

It's still a war out there in the appliance retail industry, and Highland Superstores is falling back to regroup.

With the intention of beefing up its remaining stores in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, Highland Superstores is concentrating its resources by closing its 19 stores in the Chicago-area market.

Company officials hope the move will allow the firm to bounce back to profitability after several years of financial turmoil that has seen Highland Superstores weather store closings in Texas, Minneapolis, Minn., and New York.

The Plymouth-based electronics and appliance retailer filed a petition to reorganize under federal bankruptcy laws, Chapter 11, in United States

Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Monday. The company is seeking protection from its creditors and permission to exit the Chicago market.

Danette Wineberg, vice president of Highland Superstores, said in concentrating its resources on its remaining stores, the retailer will continue to offer "outstanding buys, the most sought-

after brands and the most professional customer service organization."

"We have traditionally been well-trenched in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, while Chicago, as one of our newer markets, was still in the developmental stage," Wineberg said.

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## When it comes to TV, 'Who' is for everyone

BY PATRICK KEATING  
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 23, 1963, a new science fiction television program aired on the BBC in Great Britain. Overshadowed by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the first episode went almost unnoticed.

No one could have guessed then that that show would go on to become the longest running science fiction series in television history. The show was "Doctor Who," and today, the adventures of the Doctor are broadcast to millions of fans throughout the world.

Shown in the metropolitan area on WTVS-Channel 56 at 11:30 p.m. Saturdays, "Doctor Who" is the type of show that can be enjoyed by the entire family. It is neither too strong or too violent for children, nor too childish for adults.

As they travel through time and space, the Doctor and his companions not only allow viewers to accompany them to numerous alien worlds but also any time or place in history.

The format of the series is analogous to that of the old movie serials, where a story is told in consecutive chapters each week. Many U.S. markets, including Channel 56, show an episode in its entirety, so parents with young children wishing to watch can choose to tape the program for viewing at a more agreeable hour.

### A time lord

The title character is only known as the Doctor. His true name has never been revealed and his past remains clouded in speculation and mystery. What is known is that the Doctor is a 900-year-old time lord from the planet Gallifrey, who grew bored with the static lifestyle of his home world and decided to get out and meet people.

He "borrowed" a TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimensions in Space), a craft the time lords use to study other worlds. The TARDIS is a time machine but more than that, it is dimensionally transcendental — the inside is bigger than the outside since the interior is in a separate, but relative dimension to the exterior.

The TARDIS is fitted with a chameleon circuit which, in theory, allows the exterior to blend in with the environment. However, the one the Doctor took was in for repairs and, as a result, the exterior has remained permanently stuck in the shape of an obsolete London metropolitan police call box.

The TARDIS also suffers from erratic steering, so that while it can travel anywhere in space and time, there is no guarantee it will arrive at the destination set.

Time lords have 13 lives and the ability to regenerate their bodies when they've been critically injured. This unique concept has allowed seven different actors to portray the Doctor. More than that, it gives "Doctor Who" a flexibility in format which is all but impossible with other series. Each new actor to play the Doctor brings with him a whole new set of mannerisms and idiosyncrasies.

### Different Doctors

William Hartnell portrayed the Doctor as an irascible, slightly absent-minded old man whose stubbornness often put both himself and his companions at risk. Patrick Troughton portrayed him as a Chaplin-style clown who would often feign stupidity to keep an adversary off guard.

Jon Pertwee made the Doctor something of a dandy who was passionately addicted to gadgets and very much a man of action. Tom Baker, standing 6 feet, 4 inches and sporting a 17-foot-long scarf, made the Doctor an international institution. His Doctor was a dedicated scientist with a child's enthusiasm and sense of wonder.

Peter Davison's Doctor was always polite and circumspect, but his insatiable curiosity constantly had him walking straight into trouble: Colin Baker gave the Doctor a horrible taste in clothes and an ego bigger than the TARDIS. He was a genius and he made sure everyone knew it.

Sylvester McCoy portrays the Doctor as something of a clownish magician, fond of the occasional mixed metaphor, although there is a definite hard-edge to him.

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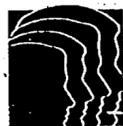
Staying power: A lot has happened since "Dr. Who" aired on the BBC in 1963. It has become the longest running science fiction program in television history.



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Back to school: Meghan Powers, 9½, and Patrick Moran, 8½, of Canton are all set for another school year, and have the supplies they'll need. They're students at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth Township, Meghan in the fifth grade and Patrick in third.

## School daze: What do kids need?



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Nancy Weycker and Marilyn Griffith have a pretty good idea of what movies are popular with kids.

As teachers, they see fads come and go. School supplies based on the "Batman" and "Beauty and the Beast" movies are popular, said Weycker, a second grade teacher at Fiegel Elementary School in Plymouth Township.

"The lunch boxes always change too," said Weycker, a Canton resident. "From year to year, different things will be popular."

Griffith, a kindergarten teacher at Nankin Mills Elementary School in the Livonia Public Schools district, noticed that the popularity of "Batman" items waned awhile after the first movie was released, and returned with the sequel's release. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles still have considerable appeal

among the younger set, she said.

"Trolls are the latest thing. All the kids will have their trolls," said Griffith, a Livonia resident. "It goes in cycles."

The teachers agree that starting the year with the right supplies can help children feel more comfortable and do better academically. Districts are required to provide the basics, such as pencils and paper.

Weycker sends home a letter to parents at the start of each school year, with recommended supplies listed. She suggests that parents wait and plan on doing some school supply shopping soon after classes have started.

### Individual preferences

"The teachers are going to have different things they want." As a parent,

Weycker sometimes made the mistake of shopping for school supplies too early, and then having to go back for forgotten items.

She suggests that younger grade schoolers have a pencil box filled with crayons, pencils, erasers and non-permanent markers. A small bottle of glue or a glue stick is useful, as is a small pair of scissors — designed for left-handed use if needed.

Upper-elementary students generally use pens, rather than pencils, Weycker said. When she taught fifth grade, she had students bring in pocket folders for each subject. She's found that large notebooks with separate folders inside take up too much room in desks, and doesn't recommend that parents buy those.

Griffith encourages parents to provide something children can carry books and papers in. "Most kids nowadays want backpacks." She prefers sturdy plastic bags without zippers for younger children, but many choose backpacks instead.

"They want to be like the big kids and have a backpack."

Most youngsters now wear gym shoes all day year-round, but those who don't will need a pair for gym class, she said. Clearly labeling items — such as boots, shoes, coats and mittens — helps teachers.

"It would make it so easy sometimes," said Griffith, who suggests that parents use a laundry marker to put the child's name on an inside label of clothing.

Weycker also appreciates such labeling. One year when she taught kindergarten, many of her students had Barbie lunch boxes, and knowing which lunch box was which was a challenge.

### Keeping costs down

School supplies don't have to cost a small fortune. Paul Baerwalde of Livonia, who teaches third grade at Woodworth Elementary School in Dearborn, has found that common, everyday household items come in handy.

He likes to see parents and teachers

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## Educated consumer is child care must

BY SUE MASON  
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You consider yourself an educated consumer. You know the right questions to ask when you're shopping for a car and cover all the bases in getting a mortgage. You leave no stone unturned.

But have you been as astute and knowledgeable in selecting a child care provider for your children? Did you take the time to stop, look, listen and respond by asking questions of the provider?

If you did, give yourself a pat on the back. If you didn't, don't feel bad. A lot of parents are in the same boat. They're able to get the best deal for their money when it comes to major purchases, but with child care, they have a lot to learn.

That's where Eartha DeYampert comes in. A family day care specialist/coordinator with the Child Care Coordinating Council/Detroit and Wayne County, DeYampert has plenty of ways for parents to become educated consumers in the realm of child care.

"I think parents should be astute shoppers," DeYampert said. "I want them to be knowledgeable and get the best deal. But it's frustrating because they shop better for a car than they do for child care."

The CC is one place parents can turn to before starting their hunt for child care. The council can provide information about child care, a list of providers and even a checklist to use when visiting a home or center.

DeYampert recommends parents visit at least three homes or centers and use the checklist for comparison. The checklist is broken down into categories to elicit general information about such things as the program, the child care provider, the setting and parents as partner in child care.

### First question

But the most important piece of information needed doesn't have a spot on the list. It's whether a home or

center is licensed or registered with the state, an indication that the provider is serious about what he or she is doing.

DeYampert urges parents to use what she calls her think, look, listen and respond technique in finding appropriate child care.

"You have to think; parents need to recognize the need to be selective with child care; and when they go to an center of home, they need to look; they need to observe the program, the equipment," DeYampert said. "And they need to listen to the caregiver or center director when they talk about the program. Then they can respond by asking questions."

"A first-time parent might not know what to ask until the program is explained by the caregiver or the center director."

One thing parents should expect is to participate in the program and not leave everything to the provider.

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