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Grieving dad looks for answers



An ROTC honor guard and students from Franklin High School paid their last respects Wednesday to a Westland teenager accidentally shot and killed by a friend on Easter Sunday.

BY BARBARA WILSON
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STAFF WRITERS

Robert MacMain was proud of his ROTC uniform. He often polished the buttons.
At 15, he had a good start on life. He wanted to join the U.S. Air Force after high school. He dreamed of

someday becoming a state police officer.

"Every parent thinks their kid is the best kid to walk the Earth, and that's how I feel about Bobby," said his father, Bill MacMain. "I just can't believe he's gone."

But Robert is gone — shot to death at his home on Easter Sunday by a

longtime friend, also 15, who picked up a .50-caliber black-powder rifle that Robert and his father built together.

The boys hadn't argued. They had been playing around, police said, when Robert was shot in the face at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the 8200 block of Fremont, near Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail.

At home Tuesday, Bill MacMain spoke calmly of his son, a freshman at Livonia's Franklin High School. The father is still numb, still searching for some sense in his son's death. Robert and his 19-year-old brother,

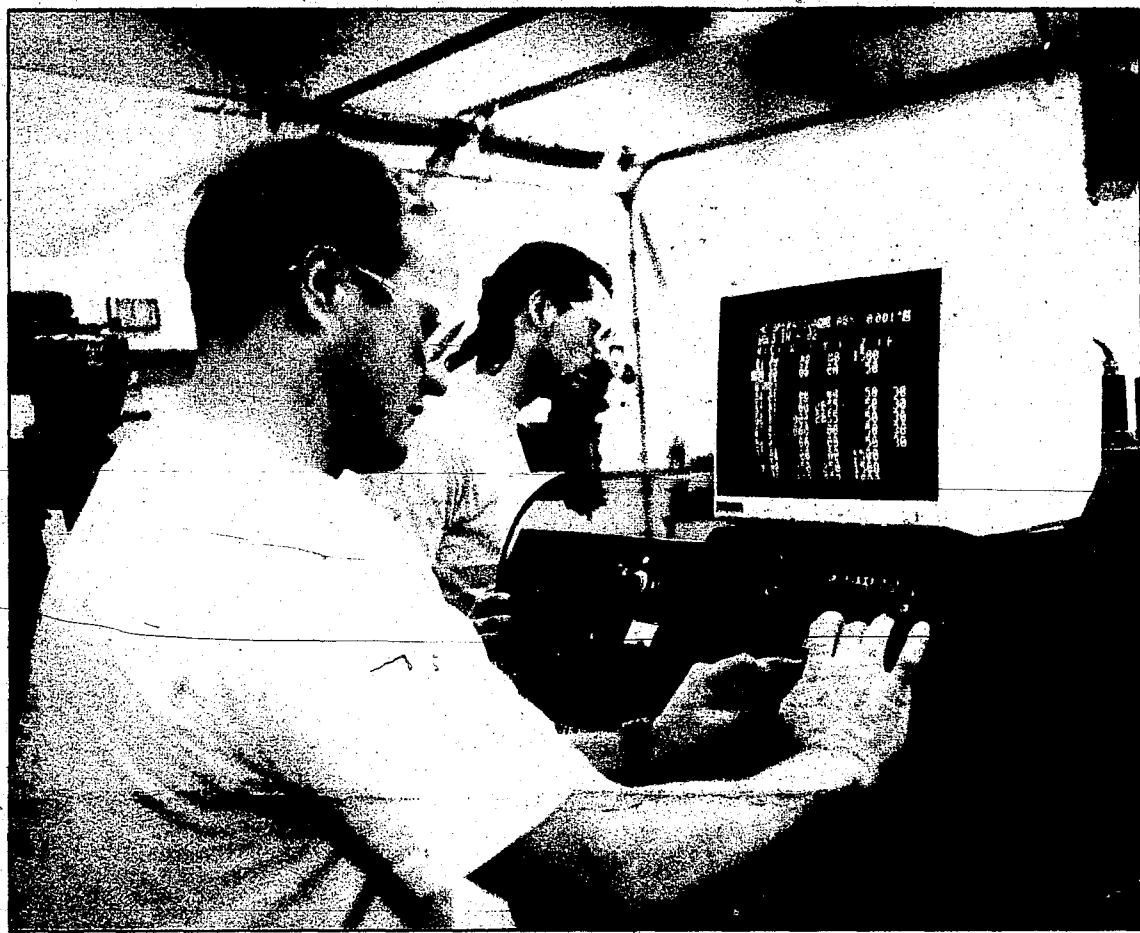
William, were at home when an old friend who had moved from the neighborhood came to visit, Bill MacMain said. Robert had been talking on the telephone, police said, and was resting on his brother's bed when his friend came in the door.

"They were goofing off," said Westland Detective Sgt. Russell Nowaczek said.

Seconds later, a shot rang through the house, and Robert's brother raced into the bedroom to find Robert

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High-tech education



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Busy center: The William Ford Vocational/Technical Center is busy during the days and evenings with students of all ages using high-tech equipment, such as this computer-aided design machine manned by an adult student. For information on the center's programs, call 595-2135 when classes resume Monday, April 19.

Bank robber escapes

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A lone bandit who implied he had a gun robbed a Westland bank Monday morning, escaping with \$3,900, police said.

The 11:16 a.m. incident at Standard Federal Bank on Wayne Road,

CRIME

north of Cowan, marked Westland's third bank robbery since Dec. 9.

The latest robbery occurred when a white male walked into the bank and handed a note to a 22-year-old female teller, demanding money, said Westland Detective Sgt. Marc Stobbe.

The bandit implied that he had a gun in his pocket, though no weapon was ever seen by witnesses and no shots were fired, Stobbe said. About 15 people were in the bank at the time, he said.

The robber fled with \$3,900, police said. He may have escaped on foot because no getaway vehicle was seen. "He walked off scot-free," Stobbe said.

A bank employee's quick action in

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5 enter Wayne-Westland schools race

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Help wanted: Two Wayne-Westland school board trustees.

Salary: Only \$1,560 a year.
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Despite the low pay and high expectations, five candidates have officially entered the June 14 Wayne-Westland school board race.

Board hopefuls who will compete for two seats — both with four-year terms — include:

■ John Brady, 38, a Westland attorney who is suing the school district because he believes his wife, Frances, was wrongly dismissed from a teaching job at the Cherry Hill Alternative Center.

■ Patricia Brown, 29, who quit her job at the Westland Eagle, a local newspaper, to seek a school board seat. She had reported on the school

district. Now she's working part time for a family business.

■ Sharon Felan, 45, who was appointed to fill a board vacancy last July. The longtime school volunteer is president of the Schweitzer Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association.

■ Mathew McCusker, 56, a Ford Motor Co. employee and former board member who was ousted in the 1991 school board race.

■ Roberta Paquette, 46, a longtime

school district observer who has two part-time jobs: bank teller and department store sales associate.

The five candidates turned in their nominating petitions before Monday's 4 p.m. deadline at school district offices on Marquette, said election clerk Eleanor Harrington.

Two other people who had indicated as recently as last week that they might seek a board seat decided to

See SCHOOLS, 2A

Charges sought against teens accused in gun sale

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Criminal charges are being sought against three Marshall Junior High students accused in a handgun sale at school, Westland police said.

Charges are recommended in a petition that police have filed with the juvenile division of Wayne County Probate Court, Westland police Officer Scott Hall confirmed Monday.

Juvenile authorities will decide whether to charge the three 15-year-old boys accused in the gun sale, he said.

"It's up to the court now," Hall said.

All three boys were expelled from

school after a .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun and 24 rounds of ammunition were found March 25 in a locker at the junior high school on Bayview, east of Wayne Road.

The boys apparently didn't threaten anyone with the gun, which principal Larry Galbraith said was sold because the boys "just wanted to be cool."

In the petition filed with juvenile court, police have recommended that one boy be charged with selling the gun, one with buying it, and one with possessing it.

Juvenile authorities could choose either to prosecute the boys on those

charges, to alter the charges, or to drop them completely, police said.

School officials have said a ninth-grader brought the gun to school to sell it to an eighth-grader, and that another eighth-grader acted as a go-between.

Three students appeared before the Wayne-Westland school board on April 6 for separate expulsion hearings. The board chose to expel ninth-grader Dennis O'Callaghan and eighth-graders Patrick Bullock and Keon Jackson, said school district spokesman Gary Dell.

The gun was found after another student told about the weapon being hidden in a locker, Galbraith has

said. School officials are protecting that student's identity.

After receiving the report, Galbraith summoned Westland police, who searched a locker and found the weapon and ammunition.

The gun incident has renewed concerns about weapons and violence on school grounds. Numerous weapons incidents — including at least three shootings — have been reported in recent years in Wayne-Westland.

The more violent incidents — including a fatal shooting behind Adams Junior High School in November 1991 — have occurred during after-school hours.

Apartment fire blamed on child playing with lighter

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A huge fire that destroyed a 16-unit, two-story apartment building in Westland has been blamed on a child playing with a cigarette lighter.

Westland fire battalion chief George Riley confirmed the cause of the massive blaze in a six-page report released Tuesday afternoon to the press.

The report has been eagerly awaited by residents who were burned out of their apartments during the March 27 fire. Residents have sharply criticized the Westland Fire Department's response.

The report notes that the fire started in a chair in

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apartment No. 152 while the child of Ronald and Maria Adamowicz was playing with a cigarette

lighter. The father and child were at home at the time.

Adamowicz tried to put out the fire with a pan of water, then tried to push the chair out of a window, the report said. But Adamowicz had to abandon his efforts before he fled the burning apartment with his child and alerted his neighbors, the report said.

"It should be noted that during this time, no one either in the building of origin or any other citizen called to report this fire in progress," the report said.

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Beautiful bonnets: Livonia Montessori School students (from left) Rachel D'Arcy of Livonia, Mathew Janish of Westland and Lauren Mack of Livonia show off their handmade hats. The Easter bonnets were made as part of a project for the school's spring celebration.



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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Celebrating spring: A teacher at the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School in Canton Township leads youngsters on a bunny hop through the halls. The activity was part of the school's spring celebration held last week.

Montessori stresses child's freedom

BY JILL HALPIN
STAFF WRITER

Some 20 years ago, Kay Neff of Dearborn Heights, was looking for a preschool for her oldest child when she stumbled upon a small non-profit school with seven students.

Impressed with the program's hands-on approach to learning, she enrolled her child and "watched him thrive."

The school was Dearborn Heights Montessori school, one of the only Montessori schools in the area at that time.

"I wanted a school that encouraged curiosity and a desire for knowledge," Neff said.

As her other children reached preschool age, she also enrolled them, only to learn that the school was closing. After talking

with other Montessori parents who were as pleased with school as she was, Neff purchased the school. She now owns and operates three of the six Montessori centers in western Wayne County.

Physician's theory

Based on the philosophy of Italian physician and educator Maria Montessori (1870-1952), the schools focus on the development of the whole child — emotionally, socially and academically.

Montessori, who was the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree, became interested in education as assistant physician at a university psychiatric clinic. She spent time working with disadvantaged youths and formed

very distinct opinions on how children learn, said Navaz Bhavnagri of the school of education at Wayne State University.

"One of Montessori's hallmarks is the profound respect it holds for children," said Linda Meyers, an administrator at the Plymouth-Canton Montessori.

"Montessori believed that children are unique individuals who are able to operate in the environment we give them . . . they grow through learning on their own," Meyers said.

Montessori students are taught to respect themselves as well as one another. One of the first lessons a Montessori student learns is to step carefully around a fellow student's work.

Orderly atmosphere

Respecting one another helps create an orderly atmosphere that is conducive to learning, said Sister Mary Paulita of Our Lady Montessori Center in Livonia.

A member of the Felician Order, Sister Paulita has been involved with Montessori for the past 13 years.

Montessori programs emphasize the "completion of cycles," she said.

At Our Lady of Montessori Center, children learn to finish projects and put them away before heading to another activity area. She believes this helps children acquire patience and independence.

See MONTESSORI, 5A



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Lunchtime: Andrew Jakubowski (far left) of Livonia, Dee Briggs of Southfield and Amal Abdallah of Livonia take time for lunch at the Livonia Montessori School. The Montessori concept is that a child's physical environment should promote independence. That's why the preschools and kindergartens regularly provide child-sized furniture.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Director: Kay Neff of Dearborn Heights sent her children to Montessori schools when they were young because she was impressed with their hands-on approach. Now she owns three (Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton) of six centers in western Wayne County.

Area has 6 Montessori schools

There are six Montessori schools operating in the area. All offer preschool and kindergarten classes and are equipped with day care facilities. Two of the schools also have elementary programs. Parents may contact the school to set up a time for observation prior to registering.

In keeping with the Montessori philosophy, preschool and kindergarten children attend five classes weekly. All centers offer morning and afternoon classes with before and after day care. The Northville Montessori center also offers a full-day Montessori program for preschoolers and kindergartners.

For more information on Montessori, parents may also contact the Montessori Society of Michigan at 420-2600.

Western Wayne County schools are:

■ Dearborn Heights Montessori School, 4950 Madison, Dearborn Heights.

The school offers programs for children ages 2½ through fifth grade. Preschool, kindergarten and elementary classes are available as well as day care. Tuition

for preschool and kindergarten is \$2,175 for the half-day sessions; elementary tuition is \$5,300. Day care costs are additional. Registration is begun accepted now for summer and fall programs. Call administrator Lois Callahan, Karen Durante or Nancy Lininger at 291-3200 for more information.

■ Livonia Montessori School, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia.

The school offers programs for children ages 2½ to 6. Preschool, kindergarten and day care is available. Tuition is \$2,175 per year for half-day sessions. Day care costs are additional. For registration contact school administrator Kathy Saur at 427-8255.

■ Montessori Center of Our Lady, 36800 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The school offers programs for children ages 3-6 years. Preschool, kindergarten and day care is available. Tuition is \$1,200 for half-day sessions, \$2,400 for full day sessions (half-day with day care). Registration for fall classes was held in February, however, parents may elect to place their child on a waiting list. Contact administrator Sister Mary Pauli-

ta at 591-1599 for more information.

■ Northville Montessori Center, 15709 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. The school offers programs for children ages 2½ through sixth grade. Preschool, kindergarten and elementary classes as well as day care is available. The school also offer a full day program for preschoolers and kindergartners. Tuition for half-day session is \$1,600 per school year, and \$3,200 for full days. Day care costs are additional. Registration is being accepted now for summer and fall programs. Contact administrator Lynn Gall at 420-0924 for more information.

■ Plymouth-Canton Montessori School 45245 Joy Road, Canton Township.

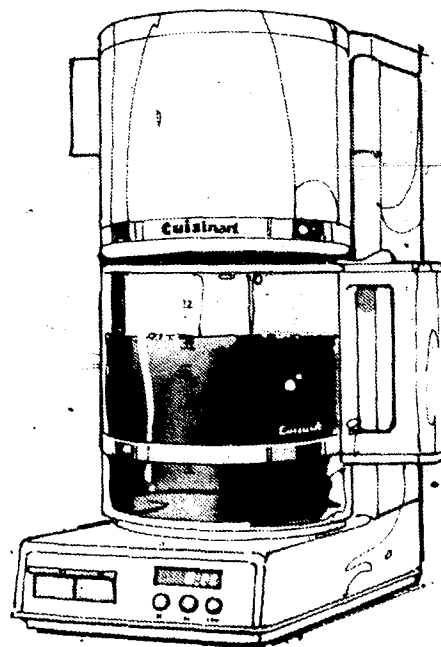
The school offers programs for children ages 2½ through 6. Preschool, kindergarten and day care is offered. Tuition is \$2,200 per school year (from September to June). Day care costs are additional. Fee varies for summer classes. Contact Elaine Rauch or Linda Meyers at 459-1550 for more information about summer and fall registration.

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Police seek clues in stabbing death

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Police remain baffled by the March 22 murder of a Westland man who was found stabbed to death in his apartment.

Westland Police are seeking help by offering a reward — though an amount wasn't disclosed — for information leading to an arrest in the death of 41-year-old Jeff Dansby.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Westland Police Department's detective bureau at 721-6311, said Sgt. Marc Stobbe.

Dansby was found dead with multiple stab wounds when police went to his residence in the Blue Garden Apartments on the south side of Cherry Hill, between Merriam and Venoy. The complex is near the Westland-Garden City boundary.

Dansby, the former head cook at the Speakeasy Lounge in Garden City, was found after police were notified that he hadn't been seen. He had been dead for about 48 hours when his body was found about 2 p.m. March 22, said

Westland Detective Sgt. Donald Haigh.

Robbery has been cited as a possible motive, and Dansby's car has been missing since police found his body. Dansby lived alone and had been last seen at work. His body was found in the bedroom of his apartment.

A manager at the Speakeasy Lounge refused to talk about Dansby when contacted by the Observer, saying he would discuss the case only with Westland police detectives.

Police are asking to be contacted by anyone who may have information about Dansby's death or the disappearance of his car, a 1979 Chevy Caprice. Police agencies nationwide have been placed on alert for the car, but it hasn't yet been found.

Police have described the car as gold or tan in color. It has the license plate number of FAC-216, Haigh said.

The car is a four-door and has rust on the trunk lid and the doors. The trunk lock also is missing, Haigh said.

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alerting police resulted in uniformed officers arriving on the scene only 30 seconds after the robbery occurred, according to Stobbe.

"We searched the entire area," he said, but couldn't find a suspect.

The robbery occurred while the bank manager was on vacation. An assistant manager declined to comment on the robbery when contacted Tuesday by the Observer.

Stobbe confirmed that police have received some clues that could help them on the case. The robber was captured on a video camera in the bank, and witnesses provided police with a description.

The robber is described as a white male in his late 20s, ranging from 5-foot-6 to 5-foot-9. He had short brown hair and a light mustache, and he wore dark sunglasses and a blue baseball cap, Stobbe said.

Fire from page 1A

The report states that "no criminal charges are being sought" due to the child's age.

Among other highlights of the report:

- Flames coming from a window of apartment 152 caused an outside tree to catch fire, helping to spread the blaze to the second floor.

- A "critical mechanical failure" occurred when aerial equipment malfunctioned, forcing firefighters to deploy hand lines.

- A fire crew entered the second floor to battle the blaze, but was "forced from the building by intense heat and smoke," the report said.

- Some firefighters failed to follow standard operating procedures, the report said. But, because of the other complications, the report noted, "It is not apparent that the department's standard operating procedures would have altered the outcome."

City will sue to get state grant back

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

By renegeing on a \$1.3-million grant, state officials may have believed they had closed the book on plans for a new Westland library.

But city officials who didn't like the final chapter are writing a sequel. It's called "Lawsuit."

Following a study session Monday, the Westland City Council is prepared to authorize city attorney Angelo Plakas to draft a lawsuit suing the state for the \$1.3-million grant, council President Charles Pickering said.

State Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, attended the study session and encouraged the lawsuit, which is being seen as the last hope of receiving a grant that was promised — and then denied. Faust has long supported more state money for libraries.

■ 'They're looking for a way to get money back, and they're picking on Westland.'

Michael Gorman
finance director

City officials recently learned that the state had withdrawn the money, amid allegations that Westland missed a deadline for spending it.

The grant had been promised two years ago, but state budget officials only recently notified the city that it had lost the money for failing to use it by Sept. 15, 1991.

City finance director Michael Gorman has accused state officials of renegeing on the grant because of a state budget shortfall.

"They're looking for a way to get money back, and they're picking on Westland," Gorman said.

during a telephone conversation Tuesday that the city still would have to seek some type of special tax to construct and operate a new library.

The city now shares a library with the city of Wayne. But that facility is in Wayne, just south of the Westland boundary.

Library supporters have called it appalling that Westland, with 85,000 residents, doesn't have its own library. Some city residents use libraries in Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia and other cities.

Before city officials learned that the grant had been withdrawn, they had already hired a consultant to prepare a feasibility study on a library. That report, expected soon, will recommend building a library on county land just west of the Westland police station on Ford Road, between Newburgh and Wayne, Pickering said.

Students learn expression from master poet

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

On May 19, students at Livonia's Webster Elementary will stand before their parents and recite poems they composed under the tutelage of a master poet.

The intensive immersion in the art of writing poetry begins Monday and lasts until April 30 for students in both the academically talented and emotionally impaired programs at Webster.

The daily lessons will be taught by Northville poet Kathleen Ripley-Leo through a poet-in-residence grant from the Creative Writers in Schools Program through the Michigan Council for the Arts.

"Kathleen Ripley-Leo's visit to us is the happy result of our receiving a state grant," said Pamela Scott of Webster School.

When her 10 days at Webster are over, Ripley-Leo hopes to

have taught her students that writing poetry is not as mysterious as it sounds.

"Some youngsters think that writing poetry is something mysterious, unobtainable," Ripley-Leo said. "I show them that writing poetry is not such a mysterious process, but that it does create mystery and magic."

She does this by teaching the youngsters to think metaphorically, that is, to compare one thing with another in a colorful, creative way. "Her presence was like a breath of fresh air," is a common metaphor. When they put their minds to it, Ripley-Leo believes youngsters come up with comparisons much more original and colorful.

In previous workshops Ripley-Leo has held, youngsters have compared green apples to crunchy green balls, pizza sauce to red fire, and olives to the sound of the

world turning. "Even when they're so young, I teach them that they have lived long enough to have enough inspiration for poems and stories the rest of their life," Ripley-Leo said.

To welcome the poet, Webster School Monday evening is hosting a school art fair and ice cream social Monday evening.

Ripley-Leo has been teaching students poetry for about seven years in such school districts as Northville, Dearborn, Utica and Ann Arbor. She also teaches creative writing workshops at local colleges.

Her visit to Webster will not be the first time she has taught poetry techniques to two different sets of students, both the academically talented and the mentally impaired.

At the end of the 10 days, Ripley-Leo hopes to have taught the students to be good observers, to

be more descriptive, to write about things they know and to remember that others will read what they write.

"They need to be aware that some words carry emotional baggage," Ripley-Leo said.

Ripley-Leo's most current published books are "The Old Ways," poems about a child first learning the world's secrets, and "Town One South," poems about early Northville commissioned by the Northville Arts Commission and funded by the Michigan Council for the Arts.

She's also written "Waiting for the Apples," "Inner Timbres" and "Out Banks."

Her next book, "Familiar Ground," will be published in late 1993 or early 1994. This book explores the landscape around us, and our ties to the earth.

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Montessori from page 3A

"Children need to learn order. They need structure in their lives," she said, adding that her program is "quite structured."

Although all of the area centers are based on the same philosophy, there are differences, said Neff.

"A school will reflect the administrators," she said, adding that a parent should observe the schools before enrolling their child.

Montessori classroom
A typical Montessori classroom will include six areas: language, mathematics, science and geography, sensorial, practical life and art. Most centers also offer foreign languages such as French or Spanish.

Maria Montessori firmly believed that children learn through their hands. This sensory motor stimulation is called active learning and classroom materials are specifically created for the hands-on approach, explained Meyers.

The materials are designed to minimize frustration and are aimed at a child's particular level of ability, said Neff, a former public school teacher who holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University.

Children are introduced gradually to the materials by the instructor and are encouraged to master the concepts before progressing to the next step.

By making sure that the child is working with materials at his/her own level, the potential for failure is eliminated. This is called a "prepared environment" and helps a child develop a "quiet self-confidence," Neff explained.

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Not without critics

Montessori has its critics. Some educators dispute the value of the "prepared environment" that a Montessori school provides and say that children need to learn through their errors.

"Children need to explore and come up with their own answers. Errors are informative. Based on these errors, children's cognitive thinking is resolved," said WSU's Bhavnagri.

Samuel Meisels, professor and assistant dean of education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, agrees.

"Montessori schools provide some excellent materials, but I would differ in how they are used," said Meisels, a former science teacher in a Montessori school.

Although only two area Montessori schools offer elementary programs, all have preschool and kindergarten programs featuring mixed-aged grouping.

In mixed-aged grouping, children ages 2½-years-old attend the same class as the 5- and 6-year-olds.

Freedom stressed

Montessori proponents believe this method fosters independence and allows a child to advance at his/her own pace.

"Mixed-aged grouping gives a child the ability to progress at their own level. . . the older children help the younger ones and the younger children learn from example," said Kathy Saur of the Livonia Montessori school.

Even Montessori's critics agree that cooperative learning can be found in mixed-age grouping and that "it's a desirable attribute of a classroom."

Most area Montessori schools accept children as young as 2½, except for Our Lady of Montessori Center in Livonia.

"We used to accept students at that age . . . we found it takes a long time for them to adjust," said Sister Paulita.

Meisels noted that 2½ year olds may have trouble adjusting to a Montessori environment.

"It is hard to generalize, but it's a very intensive program for a 2½-year-old," he said.

The adaptation process "depends on the individual child" and parents are the best judge of a child's readiness, said Linda Meyers of Plymouth-Canton Montessori.

Role of teacher

Montessori theory also maintains that children educate themselves, rather than be educated by others, including teachers, said Neff.

For instance, a Montessori teacher is called a directress, and his/her main purpose is to observe the children and introduce them to new materials.

Montessori recognized the importance of skillful observation as opposed to standardized testing as a method of assessment, WSU's Bhavnagri explained.

Contemporary educators agree that skilled observation is the best method of assessment in the classroom and "we encourage all schools to move to this," added Bhavnagri.

As a result, Montessori students are not graded on their performance, said Lynn Gall of Northville Montessori Center. Instead, teachers observe their work with classroom materials and hold conferences with parents.

"This gives parents a better idea of what concepts their children have mastered," Gall said.

No grades

The absence of a grading system also encourages children to learn for the sake of learning, said Neff.

A former public school teacher, Neff said she recognized that children learn quickly what they have to do to achieve a passing grade.

"We want children to learn from their own intellectual curiosity," said Neff.

Other Montessori methods are currently being included into many early education programs,

said WSU's Bhavnagri. "Much of what is practiced today (in early childhood education) has its roots in Montessori."

For example, Montessori believed that a child's physical environment should promote autonomy and independence in children. Most preschools and kindergartens now regularly provide child-sized furniture.

Although Montessori has helped many children thrive and learn some educator say that it's not for all children.

"Children who have a problem with a delay of gratification may not do well," said Meisels.

Popular schools

Yet, Montessori schools are very popular with some parents. Most schools report full enrollment in past school years.

The Plymouth-Canton and Livonia Montessori schools, both non-profit organizations were opened at the request of parents said Neff.

"At the time I opened the Plymouth-Canton school there was an exodus from the Dearborn area to Plymouth. There is a very low turnover in our schools, once a parent is involved — they tend to stay," she said.

Some, like Lynne Homes, stay

even after their own children have finished the program. Homes had two children go through the Montessori program, she now works in the Plymouth-Canton school as a classroom aide.

"I was impressed with the independence the program fostered," said Homes, a Plymouth Township resident.

"My children are now in high school and college. I've never had to say, 'Do your homework.' They are very self-motivated. They set themselves a schedule and get things done," said Homes.

Despite their popularity however, Montessori schools have typically suffered from an elitist image, said Bhavnagri.

"It is an emotionally charged issue. Montessorians feel they are not understood. I see the strengths and weaknesses," she said.

Gall agrees that the schools have developed an elitist reputation.

"I'm afraid they brought it on themselves," she said, noting that as more people become aware of what Montessori is, the elitist reputation is "breaking down."

"We will just continue to work to help the students appreciate and respect the work of ourselves, others and the environment," she said.

Sunday walks to benefit MS society

The annual 20-kilometer MS Walk is set for Sunday, April 18, at three routes in Birmingham, Dearborn and Grosse Pointe.

The Birmingham route starts at Seaholm High School, Dearborn route at Edsel Ford High

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Encore helps survivor cope with breast cancer

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Virginia Bryant is a survivor, despite years of grief.

Few women better understand the devastation of breast cancer than the 70-year-old Westland woman.

Her daughter, Cathy, had just turned 40 when the cancer that started in her breast spread through her body and took her life. She died in 1984, leaving behind an 8-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son.

Bryant, still grieving, suffered a stroke after her daughter's death. She recovered only to learn in 1988 that she, too, had breast cancer.

A month before she had surgery in 1989, Bryant's husband suffered a heart attack and died in his sleep. Bryant went ahead with her surgery, a right modified mastectomy, and then received chemotherapy for six months.

June will mark the fifth anniversary of her surgery. "When you get beyond that, you feel pretty safe," she said.

Despite the seemingly cruel hand that fate dealt her, Bryant

has rebounded. She made a decision to get the most out of life. She went on a Caribbean cruise. She visited California and Hawaii.

"I don't stay at home," she said. "Staying home is no good for me."

When she is home, though, Bryant receives support from Encore, a 160-member breast cancer support group that meets weekly at The Forum in Westland. Women from Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Canton Township and communities as far away as Flat Rock and Waterford belong to the group.

"I used to cry a lot when I first started going to the meetings," Bryant said. "This group has really helped me."

At a recent meeting, the women talked openly with the Observer and among themselves about how breast cancer has affected their lives. Some are luckier than others.

Some appear to have beaten the disease. They have had no signs of recurrence since their treatment. Others, however, are still fighting cancer.

Their stories are different.

Most have had strong support from family and friends. But some feel that the only people who really understand them are their peers in Encore.

They all share a common goal, however, to fight the disease that the Michigan Cancer Foundation says will affect one in eight women. In the process, the women have become much more politically active.

Some are going to Washington, D.C., for a May 2 march that is expected to draw women from all 50 states.

"What we're trying to do is get breast cancer declared a national epidemic," said Rosalyn Grace-Hughes, president and founder of the Detroit-based group That's What Friends Are For Inc.

The various breast cancer support groups are joining forces to draw attention to the disease.

"We're interested in a cure, but we're also interested in finding the cause of breast cancer and preventing it," said Encore member Lorene Lewallen of Garden City.



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Enjoying life: Virginia

Bryant of Westland made a decision to get the most out of life. She's always on the go. On Tuesdays you can find her bowling at Oak Lanes.

OBITUARY

DOROTHY SMITH

A Canton resident, Mrs. Smith, 74, died Saturday at the University of Michigan Hospital. No fu-

neral was held and her remains are to be buried by her family in Big Bay, Michigan.

A homemaker, Mrs. Smith is survived by her children, Claude

(Sharon) Jr. of Westland, Charles Lee (Kay) of Garden City, and Perrance of Inkster; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Lecture to focus on heart disease

Heart disease is one of the biggest threats to health and longevity.

St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will present a "Let's Talk" CareLink lecture titled "You and Your Heart" from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium at 36475

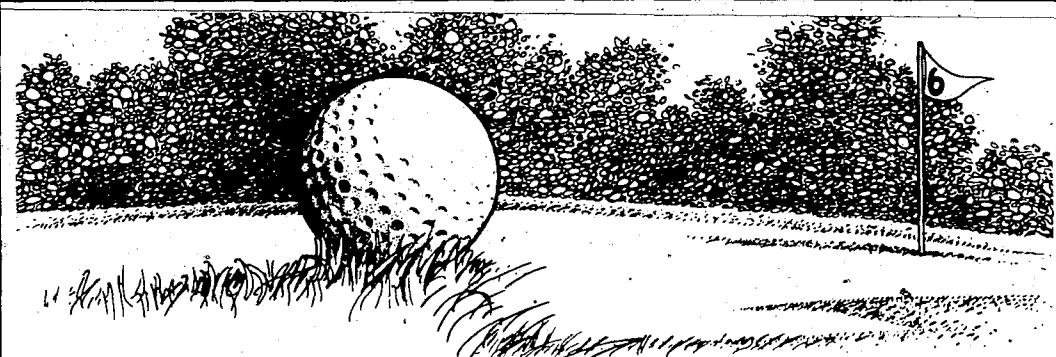
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The lecture will be presented by Kurt Holland, M.D., cardiologist, St. Mary Hospital, and Ron Bestervelt, M.S., clinical exercise physiologist, William Beaumont Hospital.

These health-care professionals will give an informative talk focusing on heart disease risk fac-

tors, prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

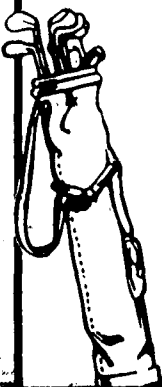
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Serving up: Ruth Stoddert helps herself to a tasty ice cream and punch drink.

Seniors get food, fun at area center

By MARY LOU SONG
STAFF WRITER

For years, Bob Cochrane made a habit of eating lunch at Shelden Park Senior Center in Livonia and playing table tennis with the guys until his wife, Mary, finally agreed to accompany him.

"The first day I came, there was something wrong with the power," she said. "They served us bologna sandwiches. I said, 'Is this why I'm coming here?'"

She laughs about bologna sandwich day now, but the Livonia couple say they still come to the center for the fellowship.

"It's not the food," says Bernie Hart, 71, with a laugh. Actually, the food has brought — and brings — many senior citizens together.

Monday through Friday year-round, Shelden Park serves lunch to senior citizens — anyone 60 or older — through the Senior Nutrition Program. The non-profit meal service is offered through the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services.

Three other centers in Livonia participate in the program — Civic Park Senior Center, McNamara Towers and Brashear Towers.

About 45 centers in 35 western Wayne counties participate, including: Maplewood Community Center in Garden City; Redford Township Community Center; Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth; Canton Township Recreation Center; and Friendship Center, Building "D" at 30712 Michigan Avenue, Kirk of Our Savior and Whittier Center in Westland.

The menu is designed by registered dietitians for senior citizens. Special consideration is given to age and medication, but the meals provide one-third of daily nutritional requirements. Home delivered meals are taken to any senior who is unable to leave home or prepare their own meals. Liquid diets are provided for seniors who are unable to ingest food.

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ROLL CALL REPORT

Area reps split on family planning bill

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending March 26.

voting yes were: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Ford, D-Ypsilanti. **Voting no:** Dale Kildee, D-Flint and Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham.

No on parental notification: By a vote of 179 for 243 against, the House rejected a bid by anti-abortion lawmakers to require clinics to alert parents at least two days before a scheduled abortion on a minor, except when delay would cause the girl's death or the pregnancy was caused by her father. It went beyond language in HR 670 (above) requiring federally funded clinics to comply with state laws on parental notification.

A yes vote was for stricter parental notification requirements. **Area representatives voting yes were:** Kildee and Knollenberg. **Voting no:** Carr, Levin and Ford.

Yes on Family Planning Funds: By a vote of 273 for, and 149 against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HR 670) to fund the approximately 4,000 clinics nationwide that use federal money to provide family planning services to the poor. Critics noted that the bill's \$238 million cost in fiscal 1994 is 37 percent above the 1993 level. The bill also was challenged for permitting clinics to provide abortion counseling, which was prohibited during the Bush administration. A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Area representatives**

SENATE

Budget Resolution Approved: By a vote of 54 for and 45 against, the Senate approved the fiscal 1994 congressional budget resolution (S Con Res 18) that projects spending of \$1.5 trillion, revenue of \$1.25 trillion and a deficit of nearly \$250 billion for the year beginning next October.

Even with its \$502 billion in deficit reduction by fiscal 1998, the measure allows the overall U.S. debt to expand from \$4.1 trillion at present to about \$5 trillion over the five years.

A yes vote supported President Clinton's fiscal plan. **Michigan Sens. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.**

Preserved Taxing Social Security: By a

vote of 52 for and 47 against, the Senate preserved President Clinton's plan to raise taxes on Social Security payments to the well-off as part of S Con Res 18 (above). This killed a GOP amendment to eliminate his plan to increase from 50 to 85 percent the portion of Social Security benefits subject to taxation for singles earning more than \$25,000 and couples with salaries above \$32,000.

A yes vote supported the Social Security tax hike. **Levin and Riegle voted yes.**

Killed Entitlement Issue Amendment: By a vote of 51 for and 47 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment capping the growth of non-Social Security entitlement spending in the Clinton economic plan. A yes vote was to kill the amendment. **Levin and Riegle voted yes.**

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Chow time: Volunteers Lori Smither, Jean Camilleri and Jeff Milne work at the serving table.

Center from page 7A

"If they eat alone, they don't bother fixing meals for themselves or they don't feel like eating — that's why this program is here," said Terri Derderian, field coordinator of the program.

Each center serves more than 200 seniors daily, and Derderian says the program is going well, but the Office of Nutrition wants to reach more seniors in the community.

"So many people don't know about us," Derderian said. "Seniors are invited to come in and as part of their activities, lunch is served. Lunch is part of their socialization. It's an opportunity to get together and socialize with their peers."

Carol Scott, home-delivered meals coordinator, said, "Eating proper meals keeps them active so they can get out and meet people. We're not reaching people who could really benefit from the program — the ones who shut themselves in the house."

At the centers, seniors can also play table tennis, billiards of the piano, paint or make crafts, or talk with friends. Each center has a personality and the seniors attend the center where they feel most comfortable.

Derderian said seniors find new friendships at the center. The Cochranes met Hart and his wife, Dorothy, through the nutrition program. Later the couples learned that they had lived two blocks away from each other in Detroit. Bob Cochran and Bernie Hart play table tennis together and recently won the Senior State

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Occasionally, seniors find love. Since the early 1970s when the nutrition program began, several couples have fallen in love and tied the knot.

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Deer crossing

That's what the Joy-Wayne intersection inadvertently became last Friday afternoon, according to Pat Pattison.

Pattison, who lives on the Westland side of Joy, said three of the four-legged creatures loped across his front yard during a 15-minute span. All made it safely across the street and disappeared somewhere in Livonia, he said.

"We back up to Holliday Park and we get an occasional fox but we haven't had anything like that in a long, long time," Pattison said.

Any more and the public works department will have to put up one of those caution-type road signs to warn approaching drivers.

Perot backers

Supporters of Ross Perot, organized as United We Stand, America, meet the first and third Thursday nights of each month at the Roman Forum, on Ford west of I-275 in Canton. A social hour will start at 6 p.m. with the business session getting under way at 7 p.m. The group is open to residents of the 13th Congressional District, which includes Garden City and Westland. Acting coordinator is Maggie Sutton, 485-3998.

Party time



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Snacks and toys: Children, sitting against a wall, enjoy a party recently held at the Dorsey Center. The party included teddy bears, dolls and snacks for the children, all under 5. Left to right are cousins Crystal Tolentino, 5, and Nicole Tolentino, 4; Cori Carlin, 3; Lucas Denkins, 4; and Nathan Carlin, 3. Cori and Nathan are twins.

Report: New school chief costs less

A report by Plante & Moran says the Wayne-Westland Community Schools actually saved money by hiring a new superintendent. The accounting firm compared the compensation package of Superintendent Larry Thomas to that of former school chief Dennis O'Neill.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Taxpayers are shelling out \$26,000 less for the new Wayne-Westland

school superintendent than would have been paid to his predecessor, a new report has indicated.

Superintendent Larry Thomas will be paid \$111,136 during his first year, which began last July 1, according to a report prepared by the consulting firm of Plante & Moran.

That amounts to \$20,413 less than would have been paid this year if former Superintendent Dennis O'Neill had been employed and if he had continued to receive pay increases similar to those he had grown accustomed to receiving, the report said.

O'Neill would have received \$131,549 this year, the report said. In addition to the \$20,413 savings,

the district this year has saved another \$5,685 because Thomas "has elected not to be covered by the district's hospitalization plan," according to the report signed by Plante & Moran consultant Jeffrey C. Rahmberg.

That brings the total savings this year to about \$26,000, Rahmberg wrote.

"On a comparative basis, Dr. Thomas' current annual compensation level, including the health insurance coverage savings, is approximately \$26,000 less than what would have been paid to Dr. O'Neill had he been employed by the district during the same time period," Rahmberg wrote.

The report notes that it was based on a study of "the employment agreements for each of the superintendents, payroll records, reports filed with the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, and other pertinent documents supplied by the district for the purpose of confirming the compensation levels."

Other than savings "attributed to money and health insurance, the report also noted that Thomas' contract offers 10 fewer vacation days this year and no contract severance provision "as provided for in Dr. O'Neill's employment agreement."

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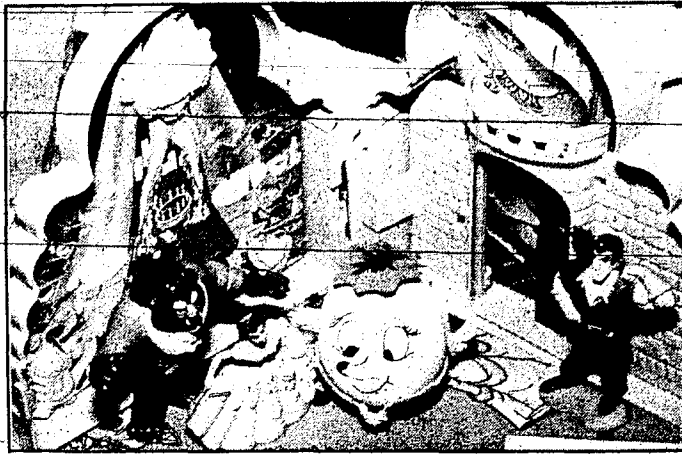
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Wildwood winners: Grade winners in the egg-decorating contest were (front row from left) Shawna Byndas, Matt Shillerstrom, Jessica Biglow, Stephanie Biglow and Matt Smitherman; (back row, from left) Jessica Caincross, Tommy Tackett and Julie Santo.



A real beauty: "Beauty and the Beast" was the theme of this decorated egg entry by Justin Roberts.

Wildwood kids win ribbons in egg-decorating contest

Wildwood Elementary School's PTA awarded ribbons to the eight winners in its annual Easter egg decorating contest.

The winners, picked from more than 200 entries, are Shawna Byndas, Matt Shillerstrom, Jessica Biglow, Stephanie Bi-

glow, Matt Smitherman, Julie Santo, Tom Tackett, and Jessica Caincross.

The eight received ribbons with all contestants having their names entered in a drawing for several prizes.

Judging the entries were Mayor Robert Thomas; Norine

Blake, Wayne-Westland school district associate superintendent for curriculum; Wildwood principal Larry Waynick, and Westland police officer Terry Donahue, who leads the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program at the school on Wildwood at Cherry Hill.

Report from page 11A

Many district residents have been critical of high salaries paid to school administrators.

In a memo to the school board, Thomas wrote that he has received many questions about his contract. The Observer obtained a copy of the memo.

"It (the contract) is not a topic I enjoy talking about, not because of my contract, but because I do not want to compare my contract to Dr. O'Neill's," Thomas wrote. "I have told the board many times that it is not healthy for our district to look at the past. We must look forward."

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Larry Thomas, superintendent

party analysis by Plante & Moran was done "at no cost to the district."

Breast cancer program set

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free program, "Surviving the Threat of Breast Cancer," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, in its auditorium.

The program will be presented by Donald Brock, M.D., St. Mary Hospital pathologist and medical adviser for the Marian Women's Center, sponsor of the program.

Brock will present information on what women can do to protect

themselves from breast cancer. He will explain the importance of early detection and review the American Cancer Society guidelines for breast self-examination, the annual breast exam by a physician, and mammograms.

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Connecting: Madonna's Michelle Birchmeier, a freshman from Redford (Thurston), manages to get a piece of this pitch in Monday's double-header against Aquinas. Birchmeier's fielder's choice in the first game delivered a run for the Crusaders.



ANN HEALEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Aquinas outslugs Madonna

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

If it's not one thing, it's another.

Whatever it takes. Both could be mottoes for this year's Madonna University softball team. The Lady Crusaders have thus far been extremely efficient at finding ways to lose.

They did it Monday in an important double-header against NAIA District 23 foe Aquinas College at Massey Field in Plymouth. Facing the top pitcher in the district, Jodi Borowicz, didn't bother them — they rocked her for six hits and three runs in the first four innings of the opener.

In the second game, they scored five times in the first inning. But they couldn't manage to gain a win in either, losing 5-3 and 7-6.

"It seems like we're playing to lose," said a frustrated Dave Racer, Madonna's coach. "Our two pitchers pitched well enough to win. It's very hard to take. You jump out to a lead like that (in the second game) and you figure you're going to win one. But it

just didn't happen."

What doomed Madonna was its fielding. The Crusaders committed 14 errors in the twinbill — eight in the first game, six in the second. Julie Terrasi was the losing pitcher in the opener, but she allowed just two earned runs.

Lynda Weichel was the second game loser; just three of the seven runs she allowed were earned. Borowicz, the district's MVP last year, pitched three innings of shutout ball in relief in the second game to earn the victory.

In the first game, Madonna got a two-run single from Weichel in the second inning and a triple from Kim Supron followed by a run-producing base hit from Jill Burt in the third. But Aquinas, now 4-0 in the district, regained the lead with a run in the fifth, then added an insurance run (unearned) in the seventh.

Supron and Burt each had two hits in the game, with Supron scoring twice.

The Crusaders started out the second game by pushing across five runs in the first. Supron sin-

gled in a run, Michelle Birchmeier brought in a run on a fielder's choice, Kristen Wasil singled in two more and Hughana Wilkie delivered one with a sacrifice fly.

Aquinas answered with two runs in the bottom half of the first, but Madonna pushed its lead to 6-2 on Holly Jondro's run-scoring base hit in the second. That was as much as the offense could muster. Aquinas closed the gap with a run in the second, then tied it with a three-run rally in the fourth.

Borowicz slashed an RBI single in the fifth to bring home the game-winning run.

Jondro and Supron each had two hits for Madonna, now 7-17 overall and 2-4 in the district.

"As bad as we were playing, we still should have split," said Racer. "But if you can't pick up the ball, it doesn't matter how many runs you score. The way we're playing, you can't take anything for granted."

Still, Racer refused to give in. "I have a good feeling that we're

going to make the playoffs," he projected. "There's such a thing as peaking."

With the toughest part of the schedule behind them, Racer believes the Crusaders can turn it around and reach the four-team district tournament. The tournament winner gets a berth in the NAIA Regionals.

Aquinas, Northwood and Siena Heights are the top district teams, and Madonna has already played Northwood and Aquinas. Still, the team can't afford another defensive performance like Monday's, and it must improve its hitting (the team batting average is .264; last season, it was .320).

The next week could go a long way towards determining the Crusaders' season. They play at the Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis Tournament this weekend, then host Spring Arbor Tuesday and Concordia Wednesday in district double-headers before traveling to Siena Heights for a twinbill next Thursday.

1st-place Crusaders dedicate field

Superb pitching propelled Madonna University to a baseball double-header sweep, 3-1 and 3-0, at Siena Heights Saturday.

The wins boosted Madonna's district-leading record to 5-1. The Fighting Crusaders are 17-8 overall. Siena Heights fell to 7-5 in NAIA District 23 play, 12-27 overall.

The Crusaders will dedicate their new field, Madonna University Park, Saturday when they host district-rival Grand Rapids Baptist in a double-header starting at 1 p.m. Admission is free. The park is located on Five Mile, between Farmington and Merriam, at the former Livonia Bentley HS.

Shaun Hayward, a senior right-hander who transferred from Con-

cordia College, improved his season record to 3-0 with a five-hitter in the first game against Siena Heights. Hayward walked one and struck out one, earning himself district-leading pitcher of the week honors. Hayward was 2-0 for the week, allowing one run on seven hits and two walks, striking out nine in 12 innings.

Siena Heights' Todd Boike nearly matched Hayward's performance, giving up just five hits, but six walks, an error, a balk and a hit batsman cost him. "We made the most of (our hits); that's for sure," agreed Madonna coach Mike George.

Madonna got its first run on an error by the Saints' shortstop on Rich Roy's grounder, after Jim Solak and T.C. Raptis had sin-

gled in the fourth. The Crusaders added a run in the fifth when Joe Brusseau was hit by a pitch, then was balked to second and bunted to third. He scored on Jeff Miller's sacrifice fly.

The final Madonna run came in the sixth. Bill Terksi walked, was bunted to second, went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on Roy's single.

Brusseau had two of Madonna's five hits. Jerry Koester, Siena Heights' leadoff hitter and sparkplug, had two hits but was eliminated on the basepaths after each. Catcher Steve Coffell threw him out trying to steal, and outfielder Craig Overaitis tossed him out trying to stretch a single into a double.

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Local author to sign book at area libraries

Five public libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties will celebrate National Library Week April 18-24 by hosting autographing parties for Redford Township suspense author Robert C. Wilson.

Wilson will autograph his latest book "Second Fire," published March 1.

Libraries hosting book-signing parties are:

- Wayne Oakland Library Federation, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 33030 Van Born, Wayne.
- Auburn Hills Public Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 19,

3400 E. Seyburn.
 Taylor Community Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 12303 Pardee.

Novi Public Library, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 45245 W. 10 Mile.

Redford Township Public Library, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 15150 Norborne.

Copies of "Second Fire" (\$5.50) will be available for sale at each library.

The allure of fire to man is both its compelling and fearful nature. And in the tradition of Native American Indians, fire also is all-

powerful. "Second Fire" draws from the myths and modern problems of Native American Indians to pen this terror-suspense story.

The Ojibwa Indians protest a planned excavation of an ancient burial site led by anthropologist Christopher Fielding. Attempting a compromise, Fielding recruits Native American Indian anthropologist Jeha Shawshequay to supervise the dig, hoping to assuage any accusations of sacrilege.

But a radical Indian rights group, headed by an intense Ojibwa named Blackbear, is insulted by this compromise. His

group first responds with petty terrorism against the dig workers. But Blackbear takes it one step further by summoning the spirits of The Ancient Ones. And the death and destruction, by fire, begins.

The police and Fielding cannot stop the force of the Ancients. Only Jean may be the answer. But can she convince Chris of the true source of these deadly fires. And, more importantly, will she be able to stop it?

Other Wilson suspense thrillers include "Crooked Tree" and "Ice-fire."

Engler to sign trailways act to mark Earth Day

Gov. John Engler will use an Earth Day observance April 20 to sign Sen. Robert Geake's trailways act.

"Citizens of Michigan and all outdoor enthusiasts are big winners today," said Geake, R-Northville, after the Senate unanimously concurred in House amendments.

The plan is to turn idle rail corridors into recreational facilities. Under a package of bills, the Department of Natural Resources will work with local

units to develop multi-use trailways for bicycling, hiking and equestrian uses.

Geake's bill would:
 ■ Set criteria for designating a "Michigan Trailway" and determining permitted uses.

■ Allow creation of local trailway management councils to run trails under agreements with DNR.

■ Establish a trailway trust fund to cover administrative expenses, land acquisitions, improvements, and grants for law enforcement.

Ficano's request to block airport force fails

An attempt by Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano to block a controversial plan to establish a separate airport police force was exiled Tuesday to committee by the Wayne Board of Commissioners.

Some county staffers suggested that the plan will die there.

Ficano was on hand to fight off the "attack on his turf" Tuesday, but was left waiting in the wings when the amendment, introduced by Commissioner Bernard Parker,

was not even considered by commissioners.

Airport director Robert Braun has studied the value of having a separate airport police force and recommended creation to County Executive Edward McNamara.

Braun said Wednesday that he is waiting for the "go-ahead" from McNamara before setting the plan in motion.

The executive's staffers said last week that McNamara was "not involved" in the issue.

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CLASSICAL

CLASSIC BRUNCH Brunch with the Classics features "The Kobayashi-Gray Duo," with Laura Kobayashi, violin and Susan Keith Gray, piano in a concert featuring works by Leclair, Schubert, Clara Schumann and Cesar Franck, noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the Somers Collection Rotunda, 2801 Big Beaver Road, Troy. Call 643-6360 for tickets.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE Southfield-based Lyric Chamber Ensemble winds up its Gem Theatre Brunch series with "April in Paris," a morning concert of French music, 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 25 at the Gem Theatre, 58 East Columbia, Detroit. Continental breakfast followed by concert at 11:15 a.m. For ticket information, call 357-1111.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS Troy-based Detroit Chamber Winds will draw its 11th season to a close with a performance entitled "Finale Ultimo," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 at the Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre on the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington.

For ticket information, call 362-2622.

VOCAL MUSIC

PLYMOUTH CHORUS Spring concert, "Best Seat in the House," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. For ticket information, call 455-4080.

LIVONIA CHORUS Spring concert, "Just off Broadway," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7 and May 8 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. For ticket information, call 261-2260.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE The 80-voice Oakland Community College chorus will present a concert, "Steppin' Out - Around the World," 8 p.m. Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20 in the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road at I-696. Tickets \$3. For information, call 471-7700.

DANCE

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY Oakland Dance Theatre spring showcase performances 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester. Tickets \$8 general, \$6 senior, \$3 student. Call 370-3013.

BALLROOM DANCING Ballroom dancing has returned to the historic Botsford Inn where

Henry Ford and his wife Clara often danced. Traditional ballroom dancing to live Big Band sounds 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays at the inn, 2800 Grand River, at Eight Mile in Farmington. Admission \$4 per person, and for the novice or non-dancer, dance lessons will be offered for \$2 per person 6:45-7:45 p.m. For information, call 474-4800.

THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE "Jack and the Beanstalk," Easter break performances 2:30 p.m.: April 15, 16, 17 and 18. Tickets \$6. Call 349-8110. The theater is at 135 E. Main Street, Northville.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY Benefit performance "Cloud Nine," 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 in the Varner Studio Theatre on the campus in Rochester. Tickets \$50 minimum donor, \$20 minimum general admission. Proceeds to go to the funding of the show's travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the American College Theatre Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. For ticket information, call 370-3013.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS "Anything Goes," a musical by Cole Porter will be presented 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30 through Saturday, May 22 and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. For ticket information, call 553-2955.

BERKSHIRE HOTEL "Berkshire Live," a comedy revue of music and dance will be presented 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 26 at the Berkshire Hotel, 26111 Telegraph, Southfield. Tickets \$12.95 each, \$24 per couple. Overnight packages which include dinner and breakfast buffet, available. Call 356-4333 for information.

TROY THEATRE "West Side Story," will be presented 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 30, May 1, May 7, and May 8, Thursday, May 6, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2. Show features a full orchestra, cast of 60. Show will be presented in the Troy High School auditorium, 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy. Tickets, \$5 per person, reserved seating. Call 952-6206 for tickets.

FOLK

COMFY CONCERT Paint Creek Folklore Society hosts the Conkers, and singer, songwriter Judy Piazza of Rochester at a Comfy Concert 7 p.m. Friday, April 18 in Rochester Hills. Call 375-2513 to reserve your seat.

JAZZ

LAUREL PARK PLACE Janet Tenaj and Classic Trio 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in the North Court of Laurel Park Place east of I-275 at West Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

JAZZ LUNCHEON Zonta Club of Southfield annual Auction and Jazz Luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn to benefit the Oakland Community College's Program for Academic

Support Services, the Salvation Army Child Care Center Education Room, Bed and Bread and other local charities. Live entertainment by the James Robinson Trio. Tickets \$35 per person. Call 342-4532.

Concert features Trinidad Steel Band

Southfield's Concert in the Garden Series will present Hugh Borde's Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band 11 a.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Marriott Hotel, 27033 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

could play tunes on abandoned steel oil drums. Thus began the original steel band, from which this group evolved.

Concert and continental breakfast served at 10:30 a.m., \$7.50, concert and coffee only, \$4. For information, reservations, call 354-4717.

The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band has performed at Rockefeller Plaza, Central Park and Lincoln Center Plaza in New York, the Pan American Union in Washington D.C. and the Montreal Museum of Fine Art. The band also toured two years with Liberace.

The band performs a repertoire of music that ranges from calypso and reggae to classical and rock 'n' roll on oil drums. During the days after World War II, when it was impossible to get instruments to play their calypso music on, the natives of Trinidad discovered that they

The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band is composed of family members led by Hugh Borde, who has been the recipient of numerous awards in his native Trinidad. He is also one of the founders of the steel band movement.

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'Oklahoma' brings actress home

Performances of the Birmingham Theatre production of "Oklahoma!" continue through May 2. For ticket information, call the box office at 644-3533.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Until her "big break" comes, Jennifer Laura Thompson of Birmingham says she'll continue doing regional theater.

She's back home, on the Birmingham Theatre stage for the first time, in the chorus of "Oklahoma!"

"Everyone in the chorus has a name," said Thompson, a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and the University of Michigan's Musical Theatre program.

"It's one of the few productions where the chorus isn't nameless. I play Vivian, one of Laurey's many friends. I'm one of four women in the chorus. People tease me because I look like a schoolmarm."

Look for Thompson in the first and second acts. We talked shortly after the show opened.

"It was great. The audience was overwhelming. Everyone is having a great time," she said.

Thompson recently returned from a six-month European tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Jesus Christ Superstar" that took her to Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

She portrayed Mary Magdalene. Her other credits include the role of Polly Peachum in "The Threepenny Opera," Rachel in "Reckless," and Florinda in "Into the Woods."

Since graduating from the University of Michigan in 1991, Thompson, 23, said she's been able to "mostly support myself performing."

"I'm always doing other jobs," she added. "I hope to be on Broadway, someday."

After she finishes her stint at the Birmingham Theatre, Thompson will travel to

Shawnee, Pa. to perform the role of Louisa in "The Fantasticks" at the Shawnee Playhouse. Rehearsals start June 6.

"Louisa is 16 years old. She's special, but she has a lot to learn," said Thompson. "I seem to be playing younger and younger women as I get older."

It's not likely she'll forget her role as Vivian in "Oklahoma." This is the musical's 50th anniversary.

The U.S. Post Office has even issued a stamp in honor of "Oklahoma!" which opened in New York on March 31, 1943 at the St. James Theatre. This Rodgers and Hammerstein musical has since become a Broadway legend. It ran for five years, 2,212 performances.

After the phenomenal impact of the show, the national tour criss-crossed the country for over 10 years; there were five Broadway revivals and a hugely successful film in 1955.

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Rising star: Look for Jennifer Thompson of Birmingham in the chorus of "Oklahoma!" now playing at the Birmingham Theatre.

Laurey is set against the drama of the Indian territory about to achieve statehood to become Oklahoma, the 46th state of the United States of America.

Second City seeks actors, actresses

If you're a comedian waiting for a "big break," here's an opportunity.

The Second City, which will open its new comedy theater next door to the Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit late this summer, will host auditions for its Detroit cast 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.

Monday, April 26 and Tuesday, April 27.

The auditions are open to the public and will be at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. For more information, call 965-2222.

The Second City is looking for actors and actresses with improvisational training.

'Forever Plaid' crew moves to Gem Theatre

Sparky, Jinx, Frankie, Smudge and the rest of the crew of "Forever Plaid" are dismantling their set at Ferndale's Magic Bag Theatre, loading their 1954 Lincoln-Mercury convertible, and moving to the Gem Theatre in downtown Detroit.

Beginning Friday, April 16, through April 30, "Forever Plaid"

will be at the Gem Theatre, 58 East Columbia, across the street from the Fox Theatre. For ticket information, call Ticketmaster 645-6666 or the Gem box office 963-9800.

Show times are 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sundays.

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Bradley

Michael J. Berryman, a native of Garden City, Michigan, has been appointed executive vice president at Modern Marketing Services.

In his role as executive vice president, Berryman is responsible for the design and implementation of marketing strategies for existing accounts as well as new business development.



Berryman

Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) in Detroit has named Jay E. Berkelhamer, M.D., chairman of the Henry Ford Medical Group (HFMG) Department of Pediatrics.

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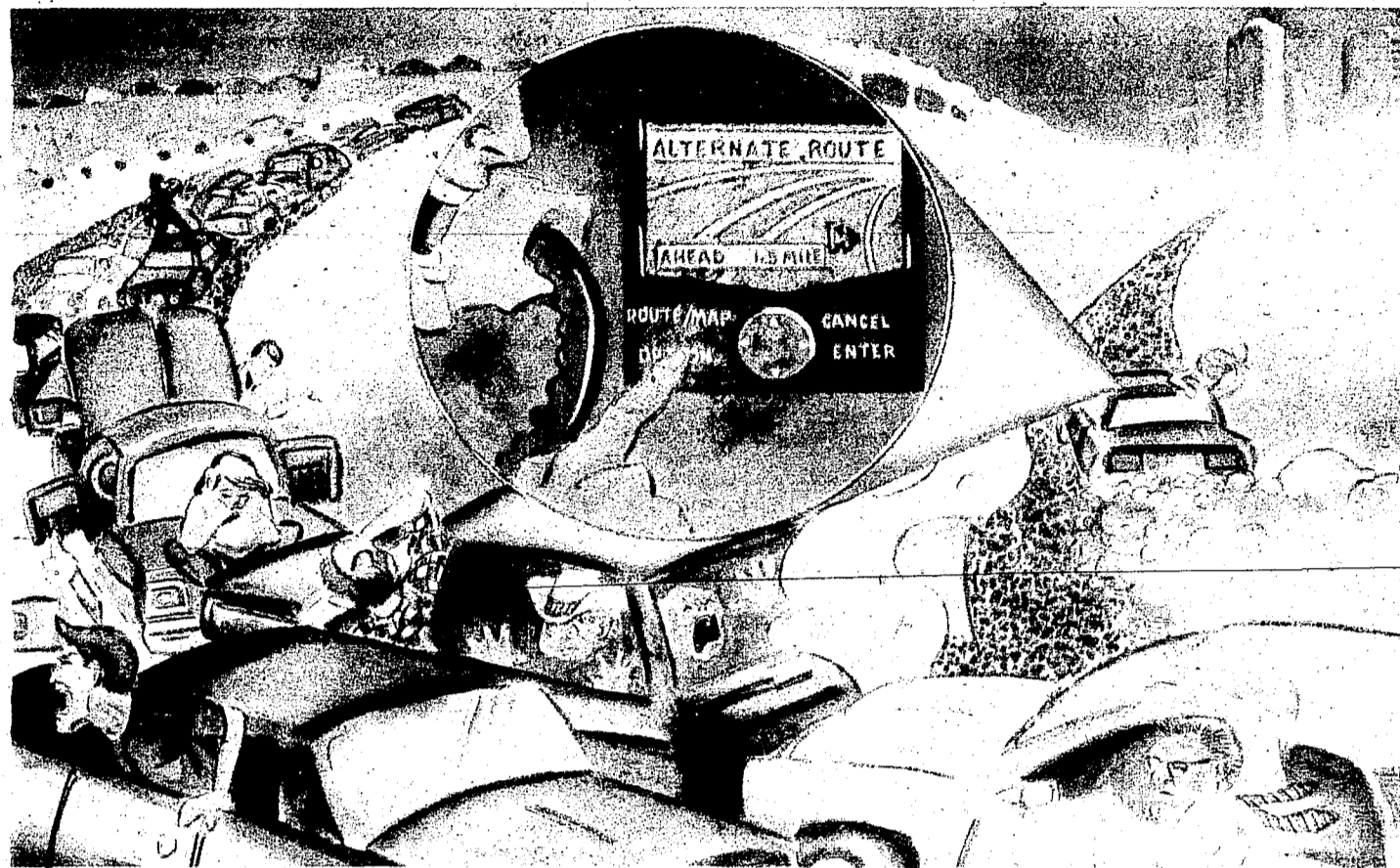
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Paul Droste has joined the staff as an Account Executive at Multi-Communications Systems & Service, Inc. (MultiCom), of Livonia.

Prior to joining Multi-Communications Systems & Service, Droste was a highly recognized member of the Comcast Sound & Communications office in Detroit.



Droste



Car computer, monitor to map route

■ A device that may make asking for directions obsolete is under development for automotive applications but its main function is safety.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Punch in an address on a key pad and a small monitor mounted on the dashboard tells you how to get to your destination.

It's more than just a map. Drive a

mile, the screen tells you it's time to turn left. Drive another four miles, the screen says right turn in three blocks.

People have been talking about interactive maps that help drivers navigate around town and warn them of

traffic tieups for years.

Zexel USA Corp. Technology and Information Division in Farmington Hills, a division of Zexel USA, is on the cutting edge of automotive navigation systems with its NAVMATE now in the developmental stage.

The interactive navigation system costs approximately \$2,500 now, but the cost would fall as the technology becomes less expensive to produce,

said Vincent P. O'Connor, marketing manager.

Zexel located in Farmington Hills to be closer to the automotive companies, he said, because the intention is to have the NAVMATE system offered as an option in new cars.

There's also a possibility that NAVMATE could be offered as an

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Insurance plans, tax-exempt investments merit closer look

BY DANIEL BOYCE
and ALAN FERRARA
SPECIAL WRITERS

To receive a free financial planning brochure or to obtain a questionnaire to participate in this column, contact the Center of Financial Planning, Dept. 100, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 604, Southfield 48076 or call 948-7900. Names of participants are withheld upon request, and submitted financial data is confidential.

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other wings."

This month's couple, Walter and Jody Hepfer, hope to help give their children wings by the attainment of their primary goal for them, a college education.

Walter, 41, is sales representative for an auto supplier. Jody works part time as a receptionist in a dental office. Walter earned \$67,000 last year, but his income can fluctuate significantly from year to year because it is based

partly on commissions. Last year, Jody earned \$5,000.

The Hepfer children are 13 and 11. Walter and Jody have an advantage in that they saved on a regular basis for college expenses by using Uniform Gifts to Minors Act accounts, but their concern is whether they have done enough and if there are better investments for these accounts.

Walter and Jody's other major goal is to provide for retirement.

In analyzing their need for additional education funding, it appears that the Hepfers are in very good shape. They expect their children to go to in-state public universities at a total cost of \$9,000 per year in 1993 dollars.

Currently the accounts for the 13-year-old are worth \$31,000. If we project a reasonable rate of return for these assets, while also assuming the cost of education continues to rise faster than the Consumer Price Index, we project that they are only about \$1,000 short of fully funding their son's educational costs.

For the 11-year-old's needs, it appears they are about \$10,000 short (in 1993 dollars) in funding her education. We calculate that they need to place about \$125 per month between now and the onset of college for their daughter to meet this goal.

They are currently using mutual funds as an investment vehicle, and these are performing satisfactorily. During the junior years of high school, they should begin looking for a favorable time to lock in their profits and move into more stable assets.

Walter and Jody have made good financial decisions in the past. They have kept their debt load to a minimum, which Walter credits to his "conservative German upbringing." Their only debt is their home mortgage, which they refinanced to take advantage of favorable rates.

No pensions

But their goal of retirement requires more thought. Neither Walter's nor Jody's employer have any type of employer-funded pension or retirement plans. Walter does participate in an employee-funded 401(k) plan. He has elected to fund this to the maximum every year, which is a decision we strongly support. Walter and Jody have also been contributing to non-deductible IRAs every year.

Even after maximizing 401(k) contributions, there are dollars available for discretionary savings. Both Walter and Jody say they would "love to minimize or defer more taxes."

But for now they have few options. We suggest they look at investments that earn tax-exempt income and compare the net return on these investments to the net after-tax return on their current investments.

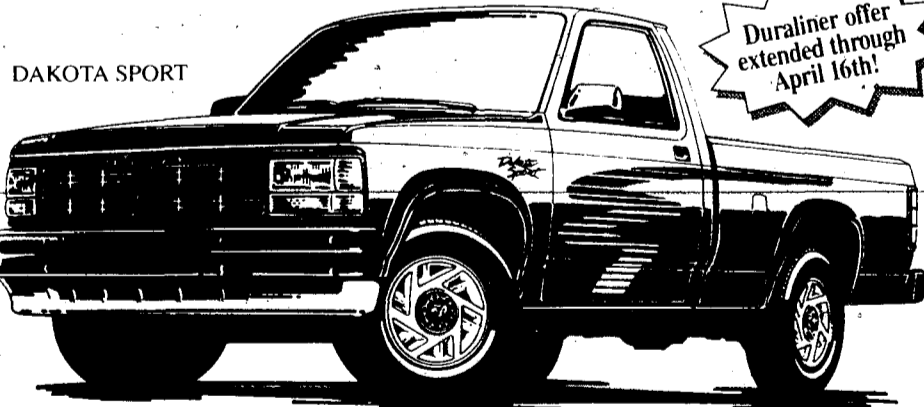
Liquidity or accessibility is a potential problem area for Walter and Jody. Less than 15 percent of their total investment assets are liquid (their stocks and bank accounts). We would suggest that they build up their non-retirement assets, especially in the

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Assets for children (UGMA accounts):			
Son (age 13)	\$31,800 in mutual funds		
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TAMMIE GRAVER/STAFF ARTIST

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1993

FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Celebrating our children during April

In 1971, the National Association for the Education of Young Children proposed that a week in the month of April be designated as the Week of the Young Child. In 1985, Jan Nieuwenhuis, a board member of the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, felt that the concept was important enough to extend the celebration for the entire month of April.

So today children are celebrated nationally by parents, early childhood educators, child care providers and professionals and those individuals working on behalf of youth throughout the month of April.

Although the key focus is children, the celebration would not be complete without saluting those individuals who care for America's children.

We hear and read so much about children being our hope for tomorrow, our most precious resource. Somewhere I either heard or read these words: "And a child will lead," "Out of the mouths of babes," "We must become as little children," "Children are our future," and "Children live what they learn."

All of these phrases are symbolic of the real asset, value and importance of children. "Children live what they learn" is a real thought-provoking statement. The very thought of children today living what they learn somehow isn't very comforting, considering the chaos in our society and our world. (I could spend hours on this.)

On the bright side, children should be celebrated for their unique ways and abilities to learn what they live, yet somehow successfully fitting into difficult situations and sometime difficult people without losing their innocent childlike appeal. Truly, children are special, so let's celebrate!

Here are some ways to celebrate Michigan's Month of the Young Child. Offered by the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, it focuses on parents and families.

■ Plan at least three sit-together meals during the week. Use the time to take a break from the stress you all are feeling. Talk to each other about your day.

■ Plant a "family tree" in your yard, on the street-side, in a park — anywhere you will be able to visit it. If you can, plant a tree for each family member. You can also take advantage of Earth Day being just around the corner this way!

■ Finally get around to sorting out, labeling and displaying family pictures. This can provide wonderful opportunities for reminiscence, stories, family facts and history and sharing the growth of your family.

■ Bring out the tape or video recorder and create a family history tape. Use this as an opportunity to chronicle the "days of your lives" for this and future generations. Take a tour of your neighborhood, visit the aunts, uncles, grandparents, godparents, cousins, etc., to capture their impressions and stories for the future.

■ Plan a family reunion of any sort. Why not include your child's caregiver(s) and teachers(s), as they truly become part of our extended families.

■ Spend an evening writing letters to out-of-town family — people your children know and haven't seen in a long while. Strengthen those family ties.

■ If it is feasible, visit the family cemetery. Again, this is a wonderful manner in which you can share personal memories with your children, stories of your childhood and how those now departed helped you to grow and shaped your life — and therefore your children's!

■ Take the week to write a family history. Interview each other about life facts, hopes, dreams, funny memories, favorite vacations, etc.

■ Be sure to do something for families less fortunate than yours. Rejoice in your sharing some time with the homeless or orphaned. You can arrange for this by calling various human service organizations in your area. Do give them enough time to set up the arrangements.

■ Create a time capsule with each member of the family donating certain items, each with a note identifying the importance of that item.

■ If you haven't done it already, designate a door jamb, basement wall, or some other inconspicuous place to serve as the "Growing Zone." Use this space to mark and date each person's height. Include the babies, too, marking their length along with everyone else's height.

■ Take the time to finally get a family portrait done. Either by a studio, a friend or self-timer — just get it done!

■ Visit your child's daytime place of activity. Schedule a visit to each classroom or center that your schedule will allow. And, if possible, have

See FAMILY, 2C

At last: Livonia Town Haller Susan Rigley had just one short sentence for Sue Bender. "I've been waiting for you to come," she said, while waiting for the author to autograph her book, "Plain and Simple."



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amish way: 'Plain and Simple'



It started with some quilts and has turned into a 20-year obsession for Sue Bender, a former New Yorker who recounts the simple nature of the Amish way of life in her book "Plain and Simple" and has captured the beauty of their quilts in a companion diary.

By SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Sue Bender tells you up front. She's "not a new wave Californian that hears voices" although she admits to a quirky obsession. Wife, mother and author, Bender has spent 20 years learning — and savoring — the Amish lifestyle.

"They have three things — family, faith and the farm," said Bender who closed out the 29th season of Livonia Town Hall. "They pray for five minutes in the morning and five minutes in the evening and the rest of the day is spent doing what they believe in."

"They live each day by what they believe in and it made me question whose life was richer."

Bender discovered the Amish when she saw the Amish quilts used as backdrops for men's suits. That chance encounter started a 20-year saga that culminated in a best-selling book about the Amish, "Plain and Simple," and a companion diary, filled with photographs of Amish quilts.

The quilts attracted Bender to the Amish and it was the faceless Amish dolls that told her to "risk your heart's desire." With the help of two quilt dealers and an "Englishman" who worked with the Amish, she eventually found a minister's family who took her in for seven weeks.

For Bender, the unhurried lifestyle of the Amish was refreshing. She discovered that they value work. No one's job is unimportant.

"They have a high standard, but they're not competitive," she told the Town Hall crowd. "For them, it's do the best you can; don't do it to be the best. I had one woman tell me, 'Sue, if you make vegetable soup, it's not right to say the carrots are better than the peas or the peas are better than the cabbage. It takes all of the vegetables to make a good soup.'"

Bender rejoined the Amish the next year, staying with two sisters, both midwives. One was single and the other had 12 children. They have now become the Amish family she goes back to every year.

Pitching in

She left at home her husband Richard and two sons, who "pitched in" while she was gone. Bender likewise pitched in and did what the Amish women did — "My husband said I was an au pair for the Amish; I did what the women did."

Bender found Amish society patriarchal in nature. Men have the power and women have a complementary role although "their work is appreciated." She also found an absence of sibling rivalry, much of it because of "the emphasis on we and not I."

"The emphasis is on the community," she said. "In a catastrophe I would want to be Amish because I know the community would take care

of me. They have no insurance on their house; their insurance is brotherly love."

Amish children don't have a lot of career choices. They are not allowed to go beyond the eighth grade. They are very smart about their natural world and when they have time to read, it is the Bible and The Budget, the Amish newspaper, that they peruse.

"I was brought up with the idea that more choices you have in life the better," Bender said. "But in looking back, I realize I was drowning in choices. With the Amish, I learned the difference between having a lot of choices and making a choice. When you make a choice you eliminate something on your plate."

"The Amish don't spend their time wishing for something else or wishing they were someone else. Whatever is on their plate is enough."

Conscious choice

But while their choices are limited, there is one choice each and every member of the community must make. The Amish are Anabaptist and members wait until they are adults to decide on baptism. They make a conscious choice and those who decline membership generally join the more worldly Mennonite sect, Bender said.

"When the children become teenagers, they're given a lot of space, especially the boys," she said. "It's not in keeping with their beliefs, so they have to trust that the values imbued in them as children will lead them to choose the Amish way of life. Every family has a few who leave, but overall the community is alive and well and many of the children choose to stay."

As serene and ordinary as Amish life appeared to Bender, she admitted she "smelled a rat" — the dark side of Amish life. There is no room in Amish society for deviation, for people who may be an artist, poet, gay or lesbian. And if that person isn't brave enough to leave the community, life can be hard. As a result there is a lot of depression and suicide in the Amish community, Bender said.

The Amish also practice shunning. If you break the rules, they cut you off and among the sins deserving of shunning is "extramarital anything," Bender said.

"It seems like such a terrible thing, but if they didn't shun, how would they hold the community together," she said. "If you're willing to confess your faults, the community is willing to welcome you back. Otherwise, you can't defend yourself."

No more questions

It was during a fourth or fifth visit to the Amish community that Bender realized she had no more questions and that all the answers were within herself. About six months later "a voice deep inside" told her it was "time to tell the story."

She didn't want to listen and tried to ignore it. Bender had never taken notes during her visits and when she finally gave in to the voice she found herself writing notes about her experiences on scraps of paper and tossing them on the floor of a room in her home.

"As I began working on the book, I realized that the scraps of paper were forming patches. I realized I was writing a quilt," she said. "It took five

See AMISH, 3C

BPW careerists vie for district honor



Young careerist: Laura Letobar represents the Garden City BPW.

When members of District 9 of the Business and Professional Women organization gather in Southfield Saturday, April 17, all eyes will be on some very special guests.

Those "guests" are young career women who have excelled in their careers, education and community work. Selected by local chapters, they are vying for the district honor and the right to compete for the state title in competition at the state BPW convention on Mackinac Island next month.

Among the candidates for district honors are Laura Letobar, representing the Garden City Chapter; Sherry Zylka, representing Livonia's Suburban West Chapter; Diane Young, representing the Plymouth-Canton chapter, and Theresa Margerm, representing the Southfield chapter.

Laura Letobar

As the Garden City YCW candidate, Letobar also believes in the benefits of education. In her case, education comes in the form of providing quality information about low-fat eating in "a very easy to read format."

While Letobar works with cancer patients as a clinical therapist in radiation therapy at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, it was questions posed by the patients that have steered her in a new direction — speaking to cancer support groups and now stroke groups about good eating.

"My goal . . . is to educate as many people as possible on this topic," said the Livonia resident.

"To do this, I plan on focusing on ways to make this information available on a national level."

She's already started. With the help of a home computer, she is publishing "Laura's Fat-Free Kitchen," a monthly eight-page newsletter, filled with fat-free and low-fat recipes. Sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society, Letobar, 30, encourages her readers to send in their favorite recipes which she converts to low-fat versions, thereby showing readers products that can be used in a recipe to reduce fat in everyday cooking.

A graduate of Dearborn Fordson High School and Wayne State University where she earned her bachelor of science degree in radiation therapy, Letobar also is doing a cooking show for cable television that like the newsletter "provides helpful tips and kitchen hints to reduce dietary fat."

In fact, at age 30, she considers that — "educating people and providing quality information" — as her most significant career accomplishment.

Sherry Zylka

As the Livonia YCW, Zylka also believes in education and what it offers people at every facet of their lives. Part of that belief stems from her work as the coordinator of Continuing Education Services at Schoolcraft College. As program coordinator, Zylka is responsible for the detailed planning of approximately 800 classes per year. But Zylka

See CAREERISTS, 3C

Writer's empathy, compassion, caring attracts others

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Ms. Green,
I have always had a fascination with astrology, palm reading and handwriting. I feel the more we know about ourselves the better person we can be.

I am 45 years old and am

right handed.

Thank you for your time in analyzing my handwriting.

B.P., Brighton

Today we are studying the handwriting of a genteel young woman, one who often wears her heart on her sleeve. Empathy, compassion and caring glide along these lines. Others are quick to sense this and are attracted to her.

Her sympathies are easily aroused and she can be drafted

into working for worthy projects and/or causes.

This is a lover, not a fighter! She is adaptable and promotes peace and harmony in her interpersonal relationships. Occasionally, she may look at certain people in a critical manner.

Our writer wants to experience as much of life as she can. She reaches out to embrace people and the future. Still she remains grounded in the past. When feeling down as she sometimes does, she looks for emotional support from the mother figure.

I realize my next statement may sound like a contradiction, but it really isn't. Both attitudes exist within her and may cause indecision at times.

Her security needs are strong. She is not a big risk-taker and may feel safer with the tried and true. When attempting something new she can be cautious and hesitant. By nature she is idealistic and seeks culture, refinement and self-improvement in her life. Mental attitudes are often conforming, possibly for fear of stepping out of line. Has she been un-

der the influence of someone with a strong personality.

She has a nice way with words and expresses herself very well. She can be fluent, persuasive or tactful, depending upon what she feels is most appropriate at the time.

It is not easy for her to conceal the way she is feeling. Whether sad, happy, upbeat, tired, etc., her body language gives her away.

Our writer enjoys variety and change in her life. If things become too routinized she may become bored. At times she is nervously on the go, moving from one thing to another.

When this letter was written I think she was a little overly involved. This could be either emotionally or physically. There are some pent up emotions here that are not finding release. In spite of her need to be busy and active, she does not appear to be completely satisfied with present accomplishments.

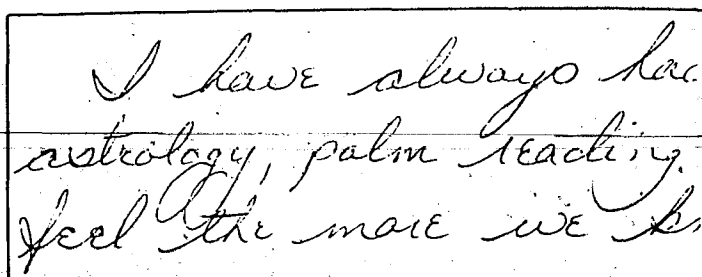
Seemingly there are many things she wants, probably small things. Is she a collector?

This young woman tends to ra-

tionalize when things do not turn out as she hoped they would. Is she refusing to face facts because the situation is beyond her control? Or is she simply disinclined to obtain all the facts? Whatever the answer, she can easily come up with a plausible sounding excuse for what she did, or did not.

A bit of humor found here tells us she makes time for fun in her life. Although she may not be the humorist herself, she can appreciate another's funny side.

Intuition weaves through this handwriting. She often feels or knows things but would probably have difficulty telling us how she



knows. This is a very valuable trait, both in the world of business as well as in friendships.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C.

Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are all helpful and objective feedback is welcome.

Family from page 1C

your child come to work with you during this week. It will help all in your family to better understand what each other's day is like, seeing the level of responsibility and the physical nature of the day.

Work on stress control this week as a family. Talk about your stresses, those at work and at home (within reason, of course), and ask each other for constructive ways in which to control it. Talk about your feelings of stress and encourage the children to voice their problems and feelings as well.

Do something totally out of

character for your family. If you rarely do any family recreation during the week, plan an activity. Go bowling, go out to dinner, go to the movies, go for a walk! Anything fun and unusual for your routine will do.

Spend the week showing each other how much you care, and how important you all are to each other. Hug a lot, smile a lot, kiss a lot — and be sure to say "I love you" even more than usual. It's important to feel important, for young and old.

Write letters to the president and governor, letting them know how important family legislation

is to you. Tell them about your taxes, your child care arrangements, your maternity/sick child policies at work, etc. This is a golden opportunity to put your feelings in writing and to try to effect changes and to create some excitement in respect to these critical issues.

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mail box number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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main warehouse in Detroit where some minor repairs can be done on appliances. The goods are then distributed to the stores according to needs.

"A lot of people get upset because we sell things," said Moynahan, adding that those who can't afford to pay may obtain vouchers to receive needed goods at no cost.

A Vincentian (a volunteer from one of the parish conferences) will come to the home to determine need and will write a voucher for those items that can be taken to the store or food depot. Vouchers may also be written by others, most notably the Department of Social Services.

Carron estimates that the 16 stores combined donate \$1 million worth of goods each year. The money acquired from sold goods is first used to pay the bills.

"After the bills are paid, we send money to our council," Moynahan said.

"The council has a poor and needy fund that's set up so we can help with utilities, medical bills, even if you need gas for your car," Carron said.

Rising demand

And help is exactly what the society does in a big way. In western Wayne County alone, the 25 parish-level conferences spent more than \$59,000 last year to help with housing emergencies. Those emergencies included back mortgage payments, back taxes and emergency home repairs. That amount was up more than 50 percent over the 1991 figures.

Assistance with utilities was up 29 percent over last year at more than \$35,000. Transportation assistance rose a whopping 146 percent and medical assistance soared 179 percent above the 1991 expenditures.

The society assisted a total of 37,407 families last year in the six counties covered by the Archdiocese of Detroit and spent more than \$15 million in direct emergency assistance. Many of those families were within the parish conferences in Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland, Livonia and Garden City.

Moynahan's husband, Jerry, volunteers as a Vincentian involved with the home visits and is also the society's Metro West District Council president.

"Our society and other charitable organizations are rapidly reaching the limit of their ability to respond to even the most basic emergency needs of the poor and disadvantaged in our community," he said.

"Since we rely, for the most part, on donations given by parish members, our resources

are necessarily limited. We've done our best in the year just past, but frankly, we just cannot keep up with the needs of people in our communities."

Carron voiced similar concerns.

"How long can we keep it up? We're reaching the limit of our ability," he said. "I think it's rather noble to have state cuts, but can the charitable organizations and non-profit organizations and volunteer organizations pick up the slack with all the cuts?"

Carron anticipates that both needs and costs will continue to rise. In fact, business is booming and the society needs donations. High on the list of needed donations is money. In addition to all

the other charitable activities, the society also supports two Christian summer camps for needy children. Camp Ozanam for boys and Camp Stapleton for girls, both on Lake Huron, were attended by 1,360 needy children last year.

Cash donations are greatly appreciated for running the camp. The cost per camper per day to the society is \$36 or \$360 for the entire 10-day period. There are many areas to put cash donations to work at the camps from the cost of buses to camp counselors to a gallon of milk. Private and corporate donations are gratefully accepted. And money donated can be specifically earmarked for a particular area or it can be put in

the general fund.

Carron also expressed the need for more volunteers.

"The society acts as an apostolic vehicle for 1,900 Vincentians," he said. "If you want to help people — through the De Paul employment, through the camps, through the food depot, through the stores, as an individual — you are being given the opportunity to help people through the society. If you really want to do something for someone, become a Vincentian."

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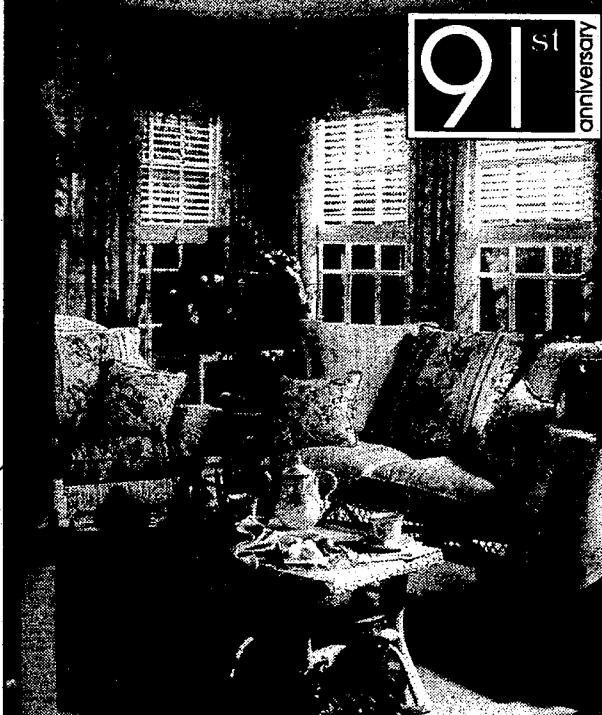
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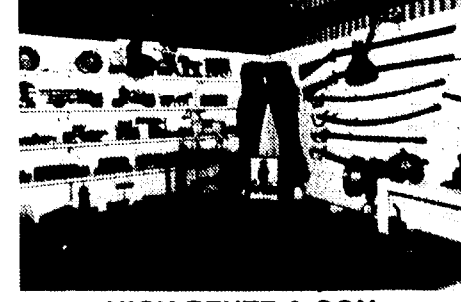
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BOB SKLAR

Canton book to trace 1-room schoolhouses

Joan Palmer's reason for writing a book about the history of Canton's 10 one-room schoolhouses during the years they doubled as school districts is simple enough:

"Our past is part of us. I want to save that history. Children of today should know something about what these country schools were like," says the Canton Historical Society trustee and Canton Historical Museum volunteer.

Canton Historical Society will publish "Canton Country Schools" this fall. All proceeds will go to the society.

Three years in the making, the book will help researchers of Canton's pioneer families and schools. Each chapter will chronicle a different schoolhouse via factual accounts verified by the author and personal memories elicited from former students and teachers.

Palmer is tracing the 10 schools from their primitive log beginnings between 1830 and 1850 to their brick or frame successors to when they were consolidated into larger school districts in Plymouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland or Van Buren Township. School district consolidation was complete by the mid-1950s.

Spotlighted schools are Hough, Cherry Hill, Sheldon, Canton Center, Hanford, Walker, Truesdell, Palmer, Bartlett and Kinyon.

Memories solicited

Palmer will help former teachers and students record remembrances from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in May at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center Road at Proctor. Or call her at 453-5231.

She's also looking for class pictures, building snapshots, report cards, play programs, souvenir holiday cards and other school artifacts. "On report cards, I'm interested in the year and the teacher's name, not the grades."

Responses so far have topped 75. "But I don't want anybody to say after the book is published, 'I went to a one-room school in Canton but I'm not included,'" Palmer said.

"Canton Country Schools" will include a township map pinpointing each school's location, a partial list of teachers at each school and the years they taught, student newspaper excerpts, land acquisition records and selected records like annual school district meeting minutes.

Schools often went up on a corner, within two or three miles of the farms they served. Families in each district teamed up to build and support the school, paying a tax for each child attending and donating a cord of firewood for the school stove.

Three of the 10 one-room schools are gone: Bartlett (Canton Center Road, south of Warren), Palmer (at Geddes and Beck) and Kinyon (at Joy and Ridge just inside Plymouth Township).

The other seven are still standing. Hough, at Warren and Old Haggerty, is vacant. Canton Center houses the Canton Historical Museum. Cherry Hill, at Ridge and Cherry Hill, is a restored public facility.

Sheldon, on Michigan Avenue west of Sheldon, is being restored for use as leased space by a non-profit group. Hanford, at Ridge and Hanford, has been converted to a single-family residence.

Where Walker stood on Michigan Avenue east of I-275 is now a modern Wayne-Westland elementary school. Where Truesdell stood on Haggerty south of Cherry Hill is now a modern Plymouth-Canton elementary school annex.

In 1850, Aaron Palmer, great-great-grandfather of Joan Palmer's husband Richard, leased an acre to the Palmer school district for as long as a school existed there. A frame school came about 1851 and a brick school about 1935. Palmer School was consolidated into the Van Buren school district in 1953. It later reverted to Aaron Palmer's heirs. It housed a church and businesses before burning in the late '60s. Palmer family members have lived in Canton since 1833, a year before townshiphood.

"We live three and a quarter miles from where Aaron first settled — and we've lived here 40 years," said Joan, a Northville native who grew up in Plymouth.

Last year, Canton resident Duane Rodenberg donated to the township the Palmer School treasurer's record books from 1866 to 1925. From these yellowed pages, Joan Palmer learned that, in 1866, Louise Corwin earned \$48 for teaching 16 weeks of summer school, just \$28 more than William Artley was paid for five cords of winter firewood!

"Country schoolhouses were such a pervasive way of life in our country throughout its history," said Canton historic district commissioner Melissa McLaughlin. "It's only been since the mid part of this century that we've moved away from them."

"Folks who went to these one-room schoolhouses are moving into their later years," she added. "And a lot of stories and memories and pictures and documentation they have will be gone once they're gone. We've got to capture these memories now or they'll be lost — forever."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special sections. To leave a message, call 953-2113.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Facets of glass: Jack and Marie Linden create glass magic in their shop, Linden Art Glass. Here, they work on one of

eight traditional Victorian stained-glass windows for a Plymouth Township church.

Artistry

Their stained glass glistens

Stained glass, like jewels, shine in the shop of Jack and Marie Linden. The husband and wife glass artists offer services such as glass restoration and special orders along with everything you need to make your own stained-glass creations.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

From stained-glass church windows to decorative sun-catchers, kaleidoscopes, plates, Tiffany-style lamps and jewelry, Jack and Marie Linden produce these sparkling wonders and more at Linden Art Glass, 580 Forest, Plymouth.

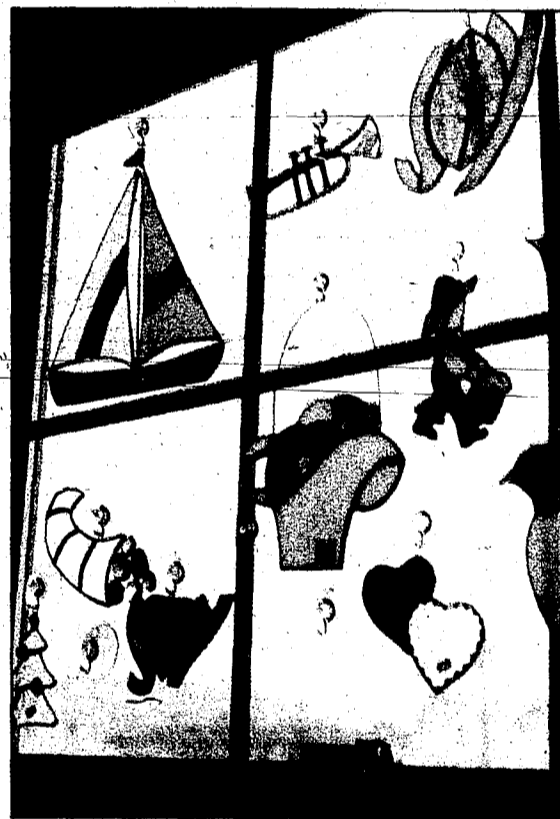
Throughout the shop, stained-glass panels, one of which is after a design by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, abound.



"I love glass. Everything new in glass, I want to try it," Marie Linden said. "I love the colors, and the combination of colors, all clear and textured glass, and everything you can do with glass."

The husband and wife glass working team employs slumping, fusing, lamp working and other hot-glass

See STAINED, 4D



Light dazzlers: Students of the Lindens start by making sun-catchers like these in their first class.

Sparkling: Brenda Warburton's winning entry consists of a .99 ct. round brilliant cut diamond set with eight pieces of 0.07 ct. princess cut diamonds in 14k gold.



Jewelry designer earns statewide Best of Show

Michigan Jewelers Association has recognized jewelry designer Brenda Warburton, a 1977 Livonia Bentley High School graduate, for artistic excellence.

New York City. It will be on display at The Austin Diamond Co., 217 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, until late June.

She won first place for a design by a professional goldsmith and was awarded Best of Show in competition involving Michigan's finest designers. Judges considered design, craftsmanship, marketability and wearability.

Warburton has been a professional designer and goldsmith for 15 years. She is currently co-owner and chief designer at The Austin Diamond Co.

Her winning design will represent MJA in the Jewelers of America national design competition in July in

After buying Austin Diamond in 1985 with her husband, Craig, she scaled back her wholesale goldsmith and custom work to concentrate on individual design and custom manufacturing.

Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

For details and reviews of musical performances, please turn to the Entertainment section.

FROM THE HEART

Nelson's Gallery continues its Artist-of-the-Month exhibitions with "29 Months-But Who's Counting?" The retrospective of paintings, dealing with social and environmental issues by Edward Ferguson, runs through May 7.

An opening reception to meet the artist will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the gallery, 16376 Middlebelt, Livonia. This is the only time the entire show will be available for viewing due to space constraints.

Art Beat

The more than 20-piece show, consisting primarily of acrylic and oil paintings with some mixed media, features selections from "Affairs of the Heart" and other abstract concepts, "Messages from God: The Habitat Paintings," and other recent work. It also includes his latest, which is being kept secret until the day of the reception.

"It's a retrospective of everything I've done in the last 29 months. My newest piece — I'm excited about getting people's reactions. It's four by five feet with a lot of color," Ferguson said.

The self-taught Livonia painter became a full-

time artist 29 months ago, after one of his works was juried into a Detroit Artists Market show. It was at that time he quit his job as advertising department director of Sibley Shoes, where he worked for 12 years.

Prices for Ferguson's paintings range from \$300 to \$4,500.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

SPRING PAINTING

Frameworks of Livonia will present an oil and watercolor exhibition and sale by Canton artist Sharon Dillenbeck and Plymouth artist Hugh Burley at the shop, 34983 Ann Arbor Trail.

A meet-the-artists reception will be held 1-3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, at which time the artists will demonstrate their skills.

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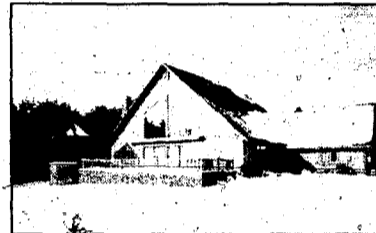
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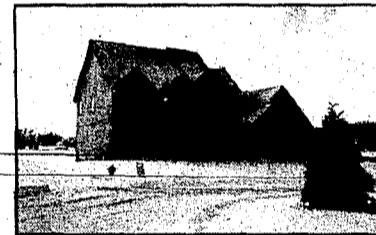
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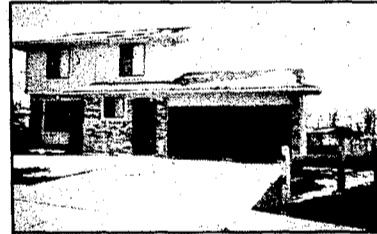
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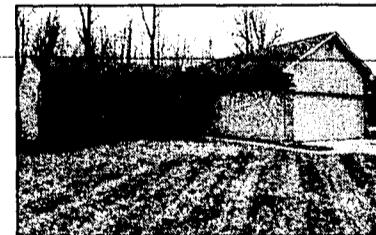
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"The Guard:" This pastel by Betty Shaw of Redford Township took first place in the Palette Guild spring show.

Loving touch: Evelyn Henry of Redford Township won second place in the Palette Guild spring show for this acrylic portrait of her grandson, Donny.

Palette Guild showcases art at Livonia City Hall

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Artworks featuring cats, horses, dancers, apple blossoms, barn scenes and a historic white clapboard house offer plenty of one-of-a-kind gift ideas for occasions such as graduations, weddings, house warmings or Mother's Day.

You can find this artistic variety at the Palette Guild's spring art show and sale continuing through April 29 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

Watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, pen and ink, colored pencil, graphite, collage and mixed media art works shine for prices ranging on average from \$30 to \$300.

A reception to meet the artists

and learn more about their work takes place 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 16.

"It's very colorful, striking, electric and just so alive. It's a tremendous show," said chairwoman Pat Query of Farmington Hills.

Florals, landscapes, portraits and still life in this 110-piece annual show were judged by Christine Unwin of West Bloomfield. Unwin, a watercolorist featured in American Artist magazine, will teach workshops in May as part of a Royal Odyssey cruise to Italy, France, Greece and Mexico.

Betty Shaw of Redford Township won first place for the pastel, "The Guard." Shaw gives life to this lone sentinel rendering the

lights and shadows impeccably. Metals of silver and gold in his outfit dazzle the eye.

"I want to thank the judge. I was quite surprised she chose to pick one (that was) more realistic," Shaw said. "The guard was kind of a challenge because of the small features. It was difficult to do in pastel."

Shaw took a honorable mention for a graphite drawing, "Saturday Matinee."

A consistent award winner, she began drawing in charcoal 12 years ago. For a long time, she favored working in black and white.

Seeking instruction in pastel and colored pencil at Art Store & More in Livonia opened a world of color to Shaw. Before long, she

was teaching others the art of "seeing" many hues.

Redford Township artist Evelyn Henry took second place for an acrylic portrait of her grandson "Donny," as well as honorable mentions for two pastels, "Bloomin' Time" and "Sixteen."

Wispy brush strokes capture the fine hair of childhood in "Donny." As light and shadow play on his face, a lifelike expression of curiosity reveals nothing escapes these big brown eyes.

Although "The Way" did not receive a prize, this inspirational work captures a mood as Henry portrays somewhat of a yellow brick road to a rainbow sky and hot white sun on the horizon. Lyrical stick trees add rhythm,

motion and a sense of peacefulness to the scene.

"It's one of the first things I've tried from my mind," Henry said. "It's sort of a religious piece. It came as an inspiration to me."

Henry worked 21 years in the art department of Campbell-Ewald in Detroit. Design skills and color sense carry over into her art today.

She started painting with oils in the 1950s. Her work has been exhibited in one-woman shows at Livonia City Hall, Farmington Community Library and the Scarab Club in Detroit.

Third-place honors went to Marlene Zazoulsky of Farmington for an untitled acrylic painting. Impressionistic brush strokes

color this garden scene primarily in tints of green and blue.

Honorable mentions went to Shirley Ceasar for a watercolor, "Fish Town"; Jackie Daniel, oil, "The Ballerinas"; Sofia Taj, watercolor, "Deussenberg 1931"; Callie Thomson, collage, "Waiting for Tea"; Marie Tuthill, watercolor, "The Old House"; Joan Welsh, watercolor, "Tea Time," and mixed media, "Emergence."

Founded in 1954, the Palette Guild numbers around 60 members. Members meet at noon the fourth Monday of the month in the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

City hall lobby hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7-9 p.m. April 20-21, 26-27.

Winners chosen

Award winners from Artifacts Art Club's second annual exhibition of membership artwork at Livonia City Hall have been announced:

■ People's Choice: 1st) "Anybody Down There?," Sherry Eid, Livonia; 2nd) "Wolf Head No. 1," Diane DeLuca, Dexter; 3rd) "Crowned Crane," David Messing, Livonia.

■ Artists' Award: 1st) "Water Lilies," June Weidel, Livonia; 2nd) tie, "Platter Dish," Judy Blanchard, Northville; untitled abstract, Elaine Major, Livonia.

"The versatility of the show is evident in the variety of media chosen for recognition — colored pencil, clay tile, scratchboard, watercolor, pottery and watercolor collage," said Joyce Colaluca, Artifacts publicist.

Selected members juried the 60-piece exhibit in March. Three artists had sales from the show and two commissions were requested.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Open houses a sign of spring marketing efforts

BY GERALD FRAWLEY STAFF WRITER For sale signs are springing up like daisies — it must be spring.

No one has to tell that to William McCullen, regional director for Century 21 Great Lakes. Century 21 is planning what is being billed as the country's largest open house.

The real estate business because they get people who were previously only thinking of buying a home into action, he said. "It welcomes people into homes and makes it convenient." At least 500 homes in the seven-county metropolitan region are scheduled for open houses on April 24 and 25. More than 10,000 homes will be part of Century 21's nationwide open house.

Valuable tool Michael Bartlett, vice president sales management at Real Estate One, said his company is planning its first spring open house promotional April 25. "We have open houses every weekend — and this isn't our first open house promotional of the year," he said, "but this is our first spring effort."

Open houses are a particularly valuable tool in the spring because that is when people are out and about, Bartlett said. The real estate industry has become increasingly more sophisticated with the use of computers, marketing studies and sales techniques, but in some ways selling a home is the same as it's always been. "What we find is that these

tools are a tremendous aid, but it all starts with people selecting an area and driving around," he said. They want to see what an area is like, who lives there, what's nearby — if they don't get an initial good impression, all the tools in the world won't help sell a house there.

That's why open houses are so valuable — it is the best way to get a person's attention when they're looking over an area, Bartlett said. Realtors have many reasons for throwing open houses, McCullen of Century 21 said. "They don't necessarily think every person who walks in intends to buy that house."

Suitability of property questioned



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Is there an obligation upon a landlord in a commercial setting to disclose certain defects to the tenant? In a recent California case, the tenant's store was burglarized. He sued the landlord for negligently failing to warn him that the premises could be easily broken into and that this failure to disclose caused the loss.

The court noted that commercial leases are typically of long duration, and potential lessees, therefore, need full information as potential purchasers. The rule set forth by the court is similar to that applied to landlords in cases of personal injury to tenants caused by latent defects of the property that are known to the landlord.

The tenant is liable for failure, intentional or not, to disclose the potential danger. This case opens a new area of potential liability for commercial landlords. The landlord may well want a lease to contain a clear statement that the landlord has made no representations or warranties other than those explicitly set forth in the lease and is relieved of any implied warranty or representation as to the condition or suitability of the premises for the tenant's proposed use.

Recently the neighbors in the condominium above us had some work done in their kitchen. Water was spilled on their floor that seeped into our kitchen, leaving a stain on our ceiling. The man they hired was unable to remove the stain and carries no insurance. There is no clause in our association bylaws that covers this situation. Do we have any recourse?

In answer to the question, it would appear that you have recourse against the co-owner upstairs for negligence as well as the co-owner's contractor. The fact that the contractor has no insurance is unfortunate but does not relieve the contractor from liability to the extent that it caused injury to your unit through negligence.

Moreover, the association may have recourse against the co-owner or the contractor to the extent that any common elements were damaged for which the association has a responsibility. I would also double check your condominium documents with an attorney to make sure that there is not a specific provision covering this situation, which is normally the case.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics you would like to see discussed in this column by writing Robert M. Meisner at 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. To leave a voice mail message for Robert Meisner, dial 953-2047, mail box 1871.

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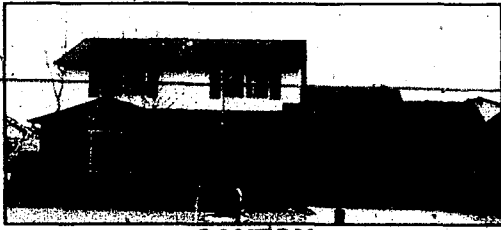
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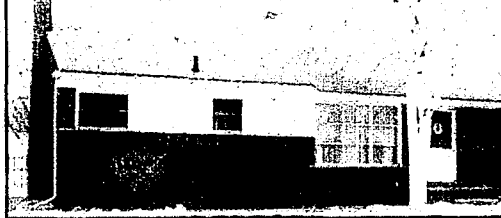
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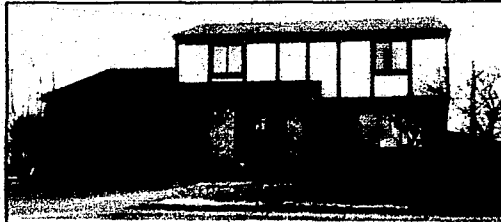
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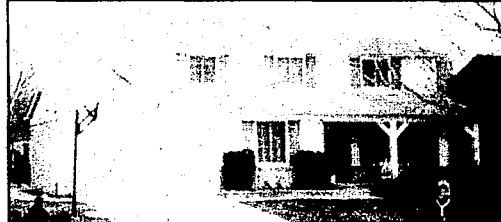
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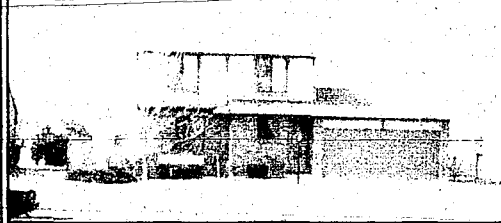
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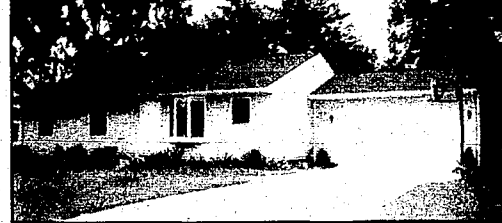
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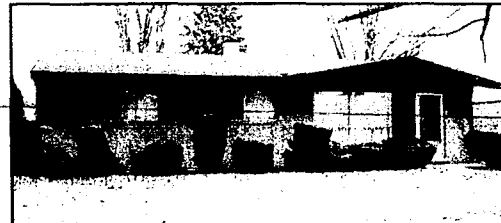
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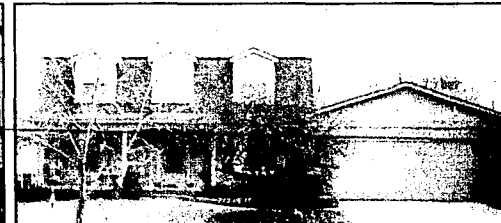
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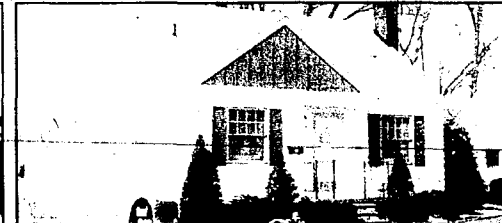
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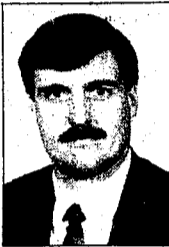
NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills has promoted Sherif Afifi and Robert Gorman to vice president. Gorman was also elected to the firm's board of directors.

As environmental department manager, Afifi provides technical direction for the department's staff of engineers, geologists, hydrogeologists and chemists. He has been with NTH since 1985 and has more than 29 years of professional engineering experience.



Afifi

Gorman joined NTH as a staff geologist in 1979 and has served in project and management level positions. He currently serves as project consultant of hydrology services. As a member of the board of directors, he will assist in setting corporate policy for management of the firm.



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Grubb & Ellis is the parent company with 70 percent of Axiom. IBM owns 25 percent, and 5 percent is owned by Axiom's senior officers. Southfield is home to the Michigan headquarters and two satellite offices. Other Michigan offices are in Jackson, Birmingham and Troy. The main focus of the local business is office, industrial, retail and facilities management.

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Bathrooms polish old, stodgy image

■ Once the hidden room, the bathroom is making its own fashion statement.

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

What is perhaps the most private room in the house is taking on a new dimension.

"The bathroom is not just a place to go and take care of business," said Bob O'Brien, general manager of Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Center in Livonia.

"They are now the heartbeat of the house," said Mary Ellen Vigna, showroom manager of Classic Baths in Birmingham. "You have a lot of two-income families who want something luxurious to relax in."

"One woman came in and said, 'My husband likes to sit in the tub and he has a telephone, TV and stereo right there.'"

"Bathrooms aren't hidden in homes," Vigna added. "Whirlpools look out over a window and onto a wooded lot."

"People want a separate shower, a stall shower, and a whirlpool tub," said Ellen Whitefield, marketing director for the Selective Group of Farmington Hills.

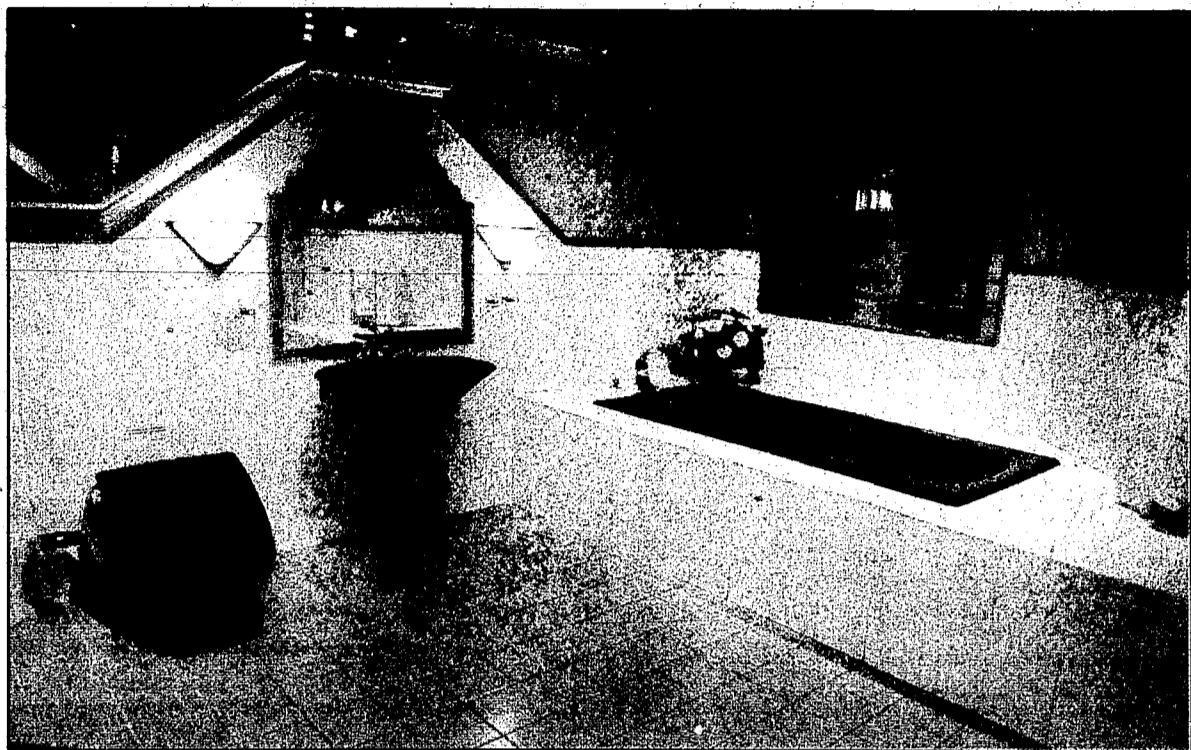
"When we do that, we try for a dramatic window around the tub," she said. "Sometimes, we'll do a window that's half round on top. Sometimes it will be decorative."

"If it (bath) is upstairs, we're in good shape. If it's downstairs, we'll do something with glass blocks where you can't see in or out but you can get light," Whitefield said.

"Whether people use them (whirlpools) or not, they want them in the house," said Joyce MacLeish, a decorating specialist and vice president of a custom building company in Troy.

"Deck tubs are absolutely a must, a flat surface surrounding on at least two sides where you can set plants or towels," she said.

Sherry Wheeler, a Jacuzzi consultant for a plumbing supply company, has seen tremendous growth in whirl-



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Choices: Consumers have all kinds of choices, like this modern pedestal sink/toilet combination, when it comes to selecting style and color of bathroom fixtures. Showrooms like Classic Baths in Birmingham serve remodelers as well as builders of new residences.

pool tub sales in recent years. "Six years ago, we sold 451. Last year, it was 2,038," she said. "On almost anything over 1,200 square feet, it's mandatory."

John Bolla Jr., a Troy builder, doesn't necessarily find that to be the case, though, in his \$159,000 to \$190,000 price range.

"I kind of think my buyers find things more important to them... upgraded windows, cabinet types, flooring, carpeting," he said.

Whirlpool prices vary according to size, material, jet stream and heating capacity. Wheeler's most popular standard model is six feet long, three

feet wide and 20 inches deep lists for about \$1,800.

But whirlpools aren't eyed only by buyers of new homes.

"A third of people coming by here ask about replacing an existing tub," Wheeler said at the recent International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show. "They don't want to knock out a wall, but they ask about what's available."

A five-foot whirlpool lists for as low as \$600. Some rewiring may be needed to install a whirlpool in an older house.

Safety concerns

"Another thing becoming very big

in the '90s for bathrooms is safety," Vigna said. "People want grab bars and higher toilets."

That only makes sense, she added, when you consider concerns about getting in and out of a higher tub and the increased possibility of straining muscles and the onset of arthritis with aging.

"The biggest population is over 50, isn't it?" Vigna said.

There are all kinds of available sink basin styles. "China holds up better," she said. "I think the finish will stay on longer."

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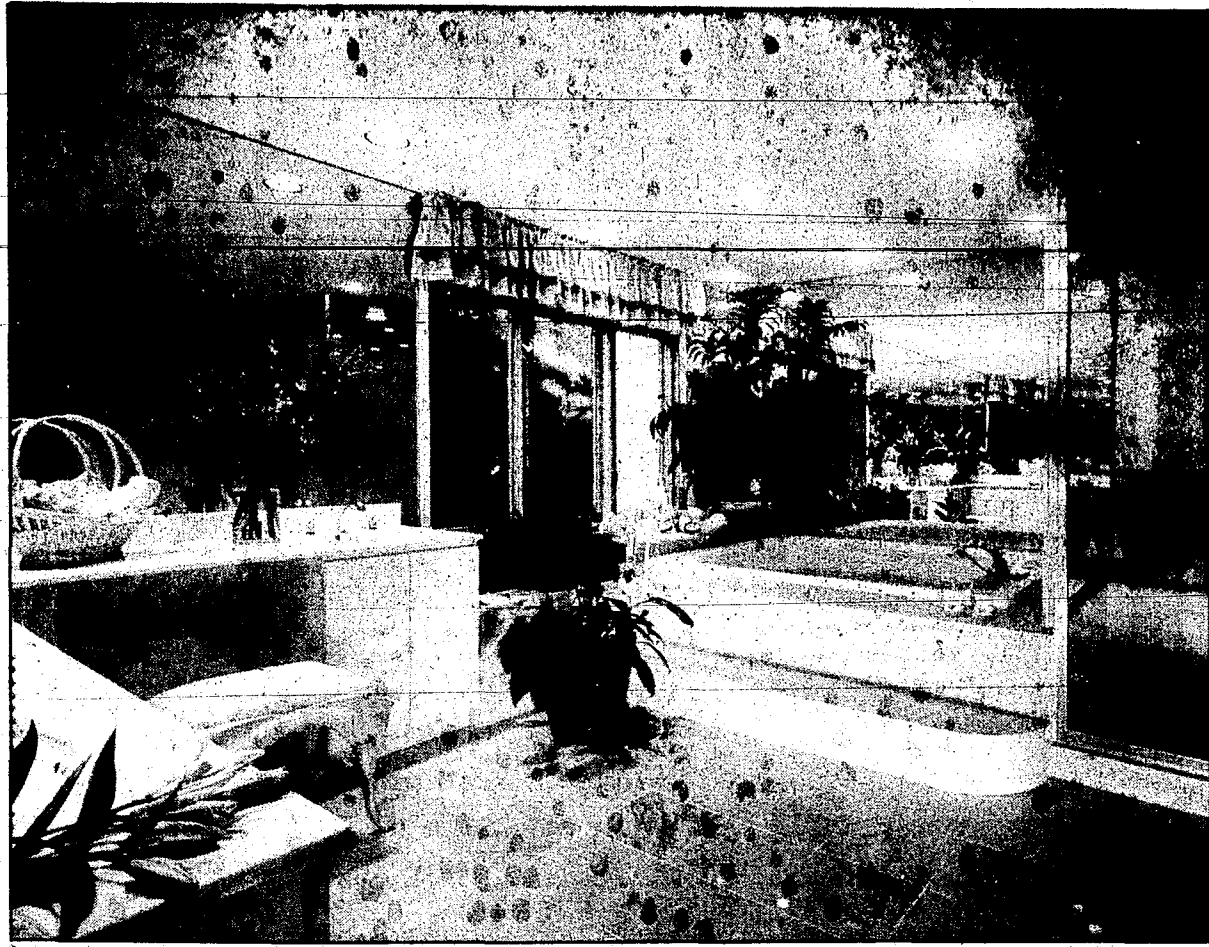
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Bathrooms from page 1F

"Faucets are probably the hardest thing for people to pick out," Vigna added. "There are so many choices."

Other popular bath amenities people are asking for include electric towel warmers starting at about \$300 and towel racking systems that can be customized to an individual's tastes.

"Another thing we have done which people have suggested is mirrors to the ceiling," MacLeish said. "It gives a volume look and people are willing to pay extra for that."

Buyers look for large mirrors and counter space in bathrooms, Bolian concurred.

"Two separate vanities are very important for most people," said Janet Compo, a Farmington Hills builder. Other popular amenities include "walk-in closets for him and her and a dressing area intricately connected with the bath," she added.

"I don't think people are saying, 'I want to spend a lot of money,'" Vigna said. "They want value, something that's going to last."

Practical considerations

"Whatever space people are getting at

■ 'Another thing we have done which people have suggested is mirrors to the ceiling. It gives a volume look and people are willing to pay extra for that.'

Joyce MacLeish

whatever price, they're looking at how functional a room can be," Whitefield said. "They want to build in a linen closet, tuck in a medicine cabinet wherever they can. They like two sinks."

"People are looking for some perk," she said. "We have a wall-hung vanity with a light underneath for some drama. It may be some special treatment for a countertop, marble or granite."

"Budget definitely dictates a lot of this," Compo said. "Bathrooms are the most expensive rooms. There's a lot of plumbing and electrical connections."

Electronic zoning available for homes

Some people aren't as cool as others. The opposite is true, too: One person might be hot, while another reaches for a sweater.

Building Ideas magazine says it's rare when everyone in a household agrees on the optimal air temperature. Many people even like to vary temperatures from room to room. Unfortunately, most homes have a single thermostat to control the heating and cooling for the entire house.

What to do? Install electronic zoning, an advanced heating and cooling system allowing independent control of temperatures in each room or group of rooms. Though the concept has been used in commercial buildings for many years, affordable equipment (usually about \$2,000 more than standard equipment) for homeowners has only recently reached the market.

The idea is simple. A thermostat or temperature sensor is installed in each zone, along with motorized dampers in the air ducts serving these zones. Activated by the thermostat, a duct's dampers open to allow heated or cooled air into a zone. When the temperature reaches a preset level, the dampers close. Each zone can be temperature tailored to fit you.

These systems are a practical solution in homes of more than 3,500 square feet, where maximum comfort has often required installation of two heaters and two air conditioners.

A typical two-story house might

have four zones: the living room and dining room; kitchen and family room; upstairs master bedroom suite and additional upstairs bedrooms.

Though electronic zoning is usually installed in new construction, it can be fitted to an existing house. Cost will be determined by how difficult it is for installers to gain access to a home's duct system.

Electronic zoning made such economic sense to Tom Gabrielson, owner of Gabrilson Heating and Air Conditioning Co. in Davenport, Iowa, he installed it in his own home. "You wouldn't buy a house with one light switch, so why buy a house with one thermostat?" he says.

Effective zoning can save as much as 30 percent in fuel costs by heating or cooling only those zones that need it.

Some utility companies offer rebates for installing a zoning system.

More efficient use means longer life for heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment.

Larger homes may not require expensive tandem furnaces and air conditioners.

Thermostats can be programmed to cool or heat at those times of the day when rooms are generally occupied.

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Refinancing makes up bulk of mortgages

AP — The lowest interest rates in 20 years are spurring the highest volume of mortgage refinancings ever, a banking trade group said Thursday.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America said its weekly surveys showed that refinancing activity, which has been on the rise for three months, reached a record during the week ended March 12.

At that time, the association's refinancing index stood at 1523.1, surpassing the previous high of 1428.4 set during the week of Jan. 17, 1992.

Refinancing means trading in existing mortgages with high interest rates for new loans with lower rates. That usually translates into lower monthly payments for homeowners.

Warren Lasko, association executive vice president, said refinancings saved homeowners \$16 billion last year.

"We are projecting similar savings this year and this increase in spendable income should give a significant boost to our recovering economy," he said.

Refinancing activity has not been limited to homeowners. Businessmen and corporate leaders have been taking advantage of

the low rates to cut interest costs.

The Mortgage Bankers survey found that refinancing activity represented 62.1 percent of all mortgage applications during the latest reporting week. That was 3.4 percentage point higher than the previous week.

The remaining 37.9 percent of applications were for new mortgages to purchase homes.

Overall, applications totaled \$4.1 billion during the week ended March 12, a 10.5 percent increase over the previous week and 112.9 percent above the comparable week a year ago.

In addition to making more money available to homeowners, the lower interest rates also have cut the mortgage delinquency rate, according to the Mortgage Bankers.

They reported last week that the delinquency rate had fallen to 4.24 percent during the final three months of 1992, down from 4.60 percent during the July-September quarter and the lowest in 18 years.

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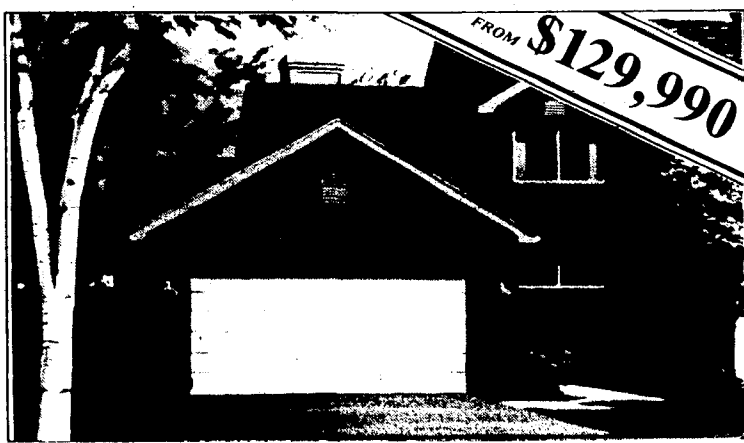
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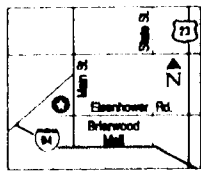
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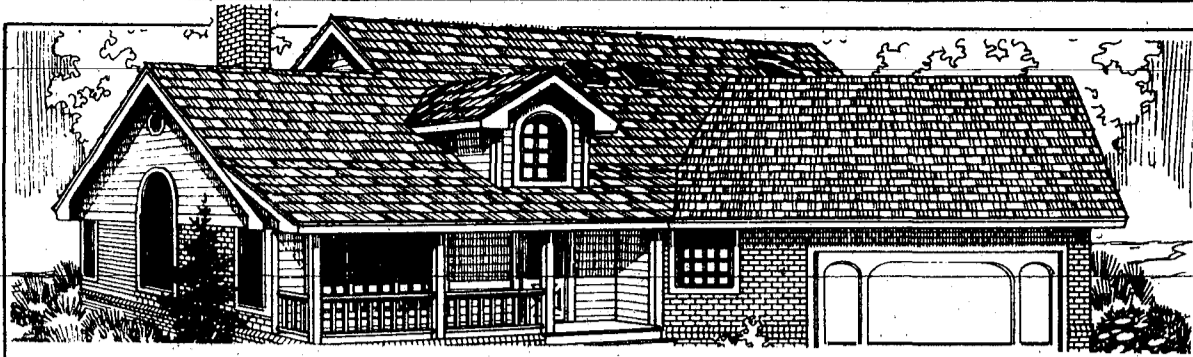
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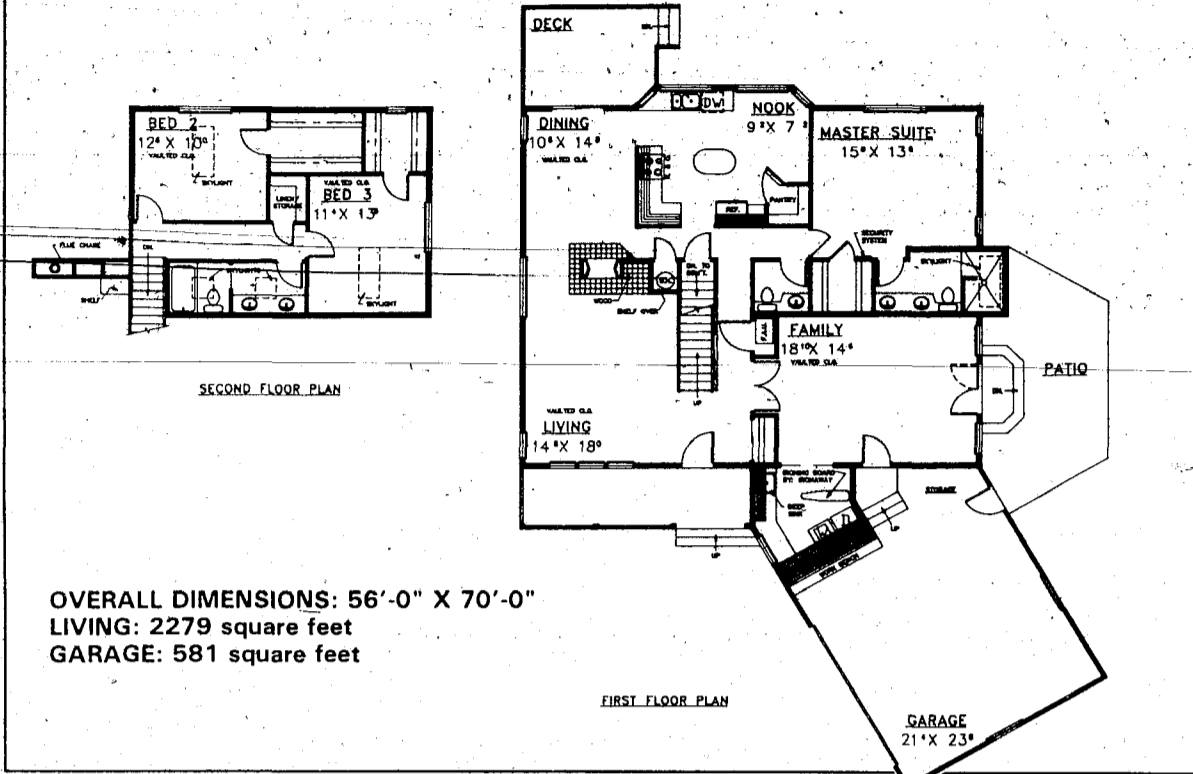
Both upstairs bedrooms have skylights, vaulted ceilings and walk-in closets. A walk-in linen closet is tucked into an alcove in the hallway and the skylit compartmentalized bathroom has twin vanities.

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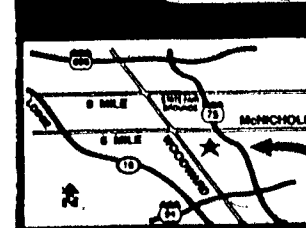
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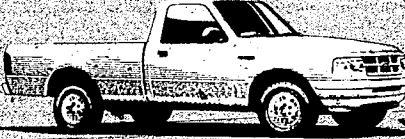
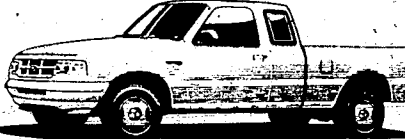
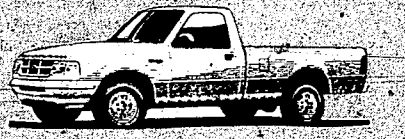



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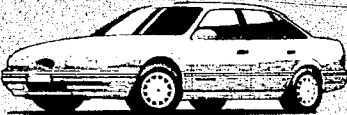



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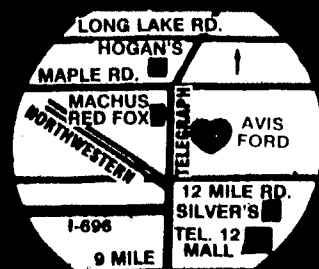
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 NEW 1993 THUNDERBIRD LX Stock #11450 Was \$17,030 IS \$14,371*	 NEW 1993 TAURUS GL 4 DOOR SEDAN Stock #12867 Was \$17,965 IS \$14,401*	 NEW 1993 PROBE GT 3 DOOR Stock #10826 Was \$18,222 IS \$15,675*	 NEW 1993 MUSTANG GT CONVERTIBLE Stock #12091 Was \$23,076 IS \$19,221*	 NEW 1993 TAURUS SHO 4 DOOR SEDAN Stock #12515 Was \$27,882 IS \$21,121*

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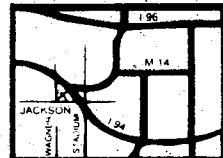
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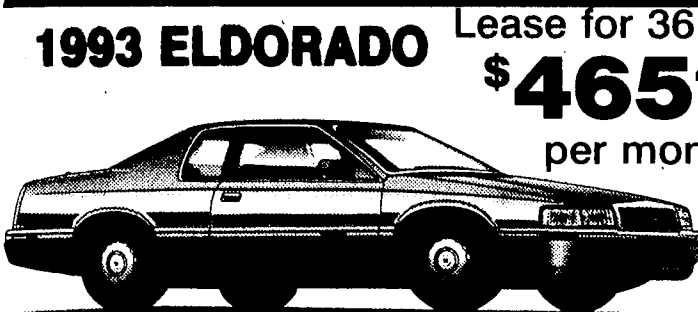
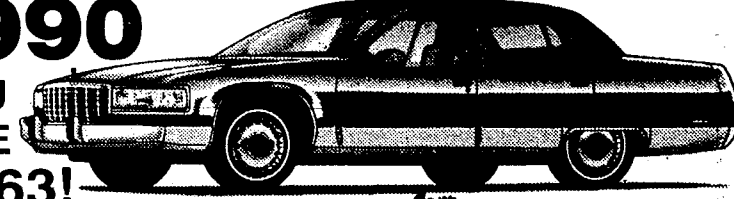
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