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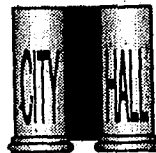
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City lauds 2 community groups



One group was honored by the city for protecting the city's environment. Another group, made up of high school students and two teachers, was cited for helping restore the former Perrinsville School.

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

Two groups were honored by Westland city officials Monday for protecting the community's environmental health and preserving its heritage. They received resolutions and public

praise from city council President Charles Pickering and Mayor Robert Thomas.

One group was CHECK (Concerned for the Health and Environment of our Community's Kids), formed two years ago when they discovered a tox-

ic health problem at the now-closed Cooper Elementary School, in the city's northeast corner. The city has proclaimed Sunday, May 16, as CHECK Day in the community.

The other was a group of students and teachers who were involved this school year in restoring the former Perrinsville School.

Praising the CHECK group, Pickering said:

"Many persons have come to us mad and then walked away, not getting what they wanted. But the

CHECK group took a negative thing (referring to the toxic waste controversy in the spring of 1991) and made it positive."

Using that positive approach, the group "made things happen."

One key accomplishment that came out of the long-standing dispute involving the residents, Livonia school district and the state Natural Resources Department was a bill, signed into law three months ago by Gov.

See **GROUPS**, 2A

231 get layoff notices

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public Schools sent layoff notices to 231 teachers Tuesday as the district unveiled to the public the up to \$12 million in cuts that could take place if Proposal A fails June 2.

Both the layoff of 231 teachers and the \$12 million in cuts is the worst-case scenario put together by administrators trying to figure next

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year's budget at a time when school financing could change dramatically less than a month from now in the June special election.

It appears that trustee Ken Timmons will fail in his attempt to retain the flexibility of laying off another 20-plus teachers in such non-teaching areas as counseling and student assistance programs.

While the Livonia Board of Education will vote on Timmons' proposal Monday, an unofficial sampling of the trustees Monday showed that most had little heart for laying off another 20-plus teachers (see related story, 2A).

Nancy Shaw, president of the teachers' union (the Livonia Education Association) appealed Monday to the trustees not to expand an already "unreasonable" layoff list.

"People are the things you're putting on the table and taking off the table," Shaw said. "They are not just numbers. Two hundred thirty-one layoffs is a lot of flexibility. Adding any more is unreasonable."

The last time Livonia laid off that large a number of teachers was in 1984-85, when 266 teachers were pinkslipped, said John Rennels, personnel director. He cited the following previous teacher layoffs: in 1991-92, 115; 1990-91, 113; 1980-90, 30; 1988-89, 83; 1987-88, 65; and 1986-87, 57.

The 231 layoffs break down as follows:

- At the elementary level, 96.
- At the middle school level, 43.
- At the high school level, 74.
- Psychologists, social workers, community education, etc., 18.

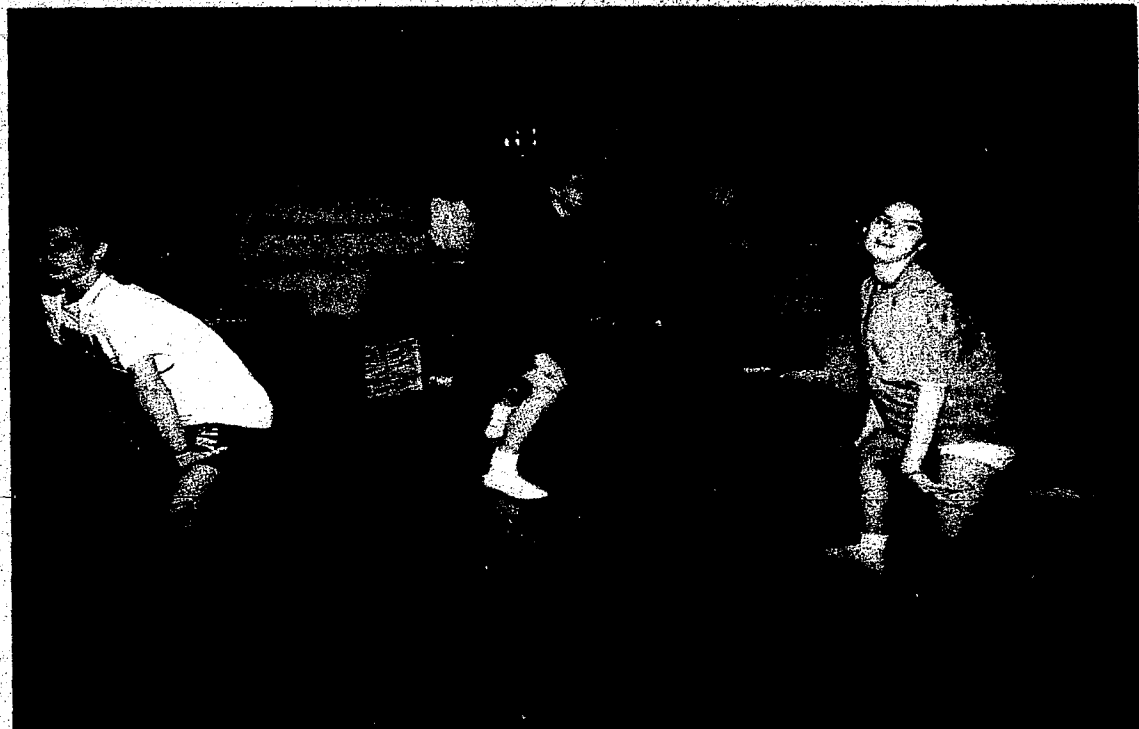
In finance committee sessions next week, trustees will further debate whether to accept the administration's budget and begin debate on whether to endorse Proposal A.

In an April 30 letter outlining the \$12 million in cuts, Superintendent Joseph Marinelli told parents that Livonia will fare better if Proposal A passes.

Marinelli said that passage of Proposal A means the district could keep the 6th hour for middle and high

See **LAYOFFS**, 2A

Almost show time



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

New musical: John Glenn High dancers Jane Carter, Ryan Wojick, Amy Billings and Tim Sequin practice for the "Our Mall" original musical to be produced next week.

'Our Mall' opens in our town

John Glenn High School students and fine arts teachers will join with professional artists next week to raise the curtain on an original musical, "Our Mall," based on the Thornton Wilder classic, "Our Town."

The musical will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 13-14, in the school auditorium.

Work on the show began last fall with the help of staff members and students working with five profes-

See **'OUR MALL'**, 3A



Jumping for joy? Kelly Jane and Jennensen Nakeu are in the dance mood for the school's upcoming musical.

New chief takes post office helm

There's a new person at the helm of the Westland post office — and it's a woman. The new postmaster is Florence Richardson, formally sworn in Monday in Detroit.

The post office, based on Wayne Road near Hunter, serves Westland, Wayne and Canton Township.

Richardson was promoted after serving as acting postmaster since December.

She started her postal service career in 1966 as a clerk processing mail

in Baltimore, Md. Her experience includes working in the finance department as a payroll clerk, manager of budget and finance, and an accounting officer.

Richardson was promoted to controller for the Detroit division in 1987. After a restructuring in August and a revision of many jobs, Richardson came to Westland in December as acting postmaster.

Richardson doesn't anticipate making many changes at the moment.

"I'd like to ensure having all our deliveries complete by 5 o'clock every day," said Richardson. "That's my main goal to serve our customers and to have all the carriers off the street by 5 p.m."

Richardson, 50, lives in Southfield and has three children.

She succeeds Lloyd Wesley, local postmaster since September 1986, who was moved to the Detroit division office.

Selective appointment

Joseph Benyo, city council legislative representative, has been named to the Selective Service System Local Board 212 by President Bill Clinton. Benyo, a former Westland fire department official, has been active in the community for about 30 years, served in the Navy during the Korean War and was decorated. The local board hasn't been active in recent years.

Police week

Police Week will be observed Friday and Saturday at Westland Center, with numerous exhibits and information booths planned. The Westland city police will promote its DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program with the sheriff's department and Garden City police to hold a child

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identification programs.

On the entertainment side, the Detroit police Blue Pigs band will perform for children. The Blue Pigs will launch the Police Week at 1 p.m. Friday with clowns to distribute free balloons to children. The Detroit K-9 unit will give a canine demonstration at 4 p.m. Friday. Westland Center police officials said this is the first time that they have hosted a police week program.

Top students

Madison Elementary School, on Carlson south of Cherry Hill, announced its 14 top students for

April. They were picked on the basis of attendance, following of classroom rules, demonstration of responsibilities for assignments and other factors.

The 14 are Kimberly Wozny, Christina Carter, Ryan Warner, Ryan Sergison, Nick Thorne, Kevin Carlington, Jack Turner, Terri Martin, Michael Grant, Mirra Garcia, Nicole Panyard, Brooke Baranowski, Tim Cummings and Vicki Krause.

Top senior

Prudence Parisien has been named the Westland senior of the month for April. She is 91, mother of four, grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of five. Mrs. Parisien has been active in St. Theodore Church for 17 years and plays euchre at the Holiday Park clubhouse and the Westland Friendship Center.

Plan to chop 20 more teachers gets 2nd look

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STAFF WRITER

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But when pressured by the trustees to say either yes or no to the pinkslips, Timmons said yes.

Voting to change the ground rules were trustees Sue Thompson, McKnight and Tancill. Voting not to change the rules were trustees Joe Laura, Sari, Watters and Timmons.

McKnight said many of the teachers on Timmons' list already have been pinkslipped this year.



Political poetry? Cheryl Graunstadt (left) and Katherine Pare (second from left) presented a framed poem to Gov. John Engler after he signed new legislation initiated by the organization formed by the two women and others two years ago.

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point that she asked that the extra cuts be considered only if three other trustees sided with Timmons.

Her request was a radical change from the ground rules set by the trustees when deliberations on the new budget began. At that time, the trustees agreed to a twofold rule: requests to save a program destined to be cut required four votes, but any cut could be added to the list by any one trustee.

"Before I put 20 more on the layoff list, I want to know how many want this," Tancill said.

Timmons found little support

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schools, most high school activities, some of the high school athletic program and essential instruction programs and support services at the elementary level.

On Monday, Marinelli estimated cuts could range between \$3-\$4 million if Proposal A passes.

However, trustee Joe Laura Monday cautioned trustees not to jump on the Proposal A bandwagon yet.

"We have a myriad of options, from asking for new millage to closing down the district," Laura said.

The proposed \$12 million budget cut list sent to parents covers four pages. At the elementary level, the cuts include eliminating six library specialists, six learning specialists, five custodians, six kindergarten teachers, six early childhood paraprofessionals, 17 teachers in grades 1-6, six SAFE specialists, three instrumental music teachers, two secretaries

and the closing of the science center.

At the middle school level, the cuts include eliminating team sports, three teachers, four learning specialists and the sixth hour for 7th and 8th graders.

At the high school level, the cuts include eliminating varsity athletics, 78 percent of the activity programs, the 6th hour except for seniors who need to meet graduation requirements, two vocational paraprofessionals and the

youth employment services office.

Proposal A would roll back local property tax rates for school operations from its present 31.46 mills in Livonia to 25.65 mills.

The plan also would:

- Raise the state sales tax from 4 cents on the dollar to 6 cents, dedicating the additional 2 cents to education.
- Limit the growth of property assessments to 5 percent or the inflation rate, whichever is lower.

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John Engler, to require school districts to research the history of any parcel before it builds, adds or expands with an estimate of \$10,000 or more.

That law will enable the school district to know who previously owned the school property. In the Cooper dispute two years, it was learned by the residents that the school was built over a former dump. The following fall, students were moved across the street to the former Whittier Junior High School.

CHECK representatives Ron and Cheryl Graunstadt and Charles and Katherine Pare were presented the council resolution.

Thomas, echoing Pickering's

comments, pointed out that the group "persevered and hung in there."

CHECK will also be honored Sunday, May 16, by a national environmental group and consumer-advocate Ralph Nader in suburban Washington, D.C.

Since leading the fight in cleaning up the Cooper site, CHECK leaders were also involved in public education of environmental issues.

Helping to preserve the city's history were high school home construction teachers and students who have worked most of the school year on restoration of the former Perrinsville School on Warren Road west of Merriman.

Presented certificates were Monte Shettler, teacher and

Livonia career/vocational center department head; instructor Jack Otto, and students Brian Braunschweig, Everett Chambers, Jeffrey Lawson, Robert Meeks, Paul Rowe, Craig Cholewa, William Church, Kevin Crumley, John Glenn, Brian Biglane and Eric Seratti.

The city received a \$45,000 state grant to restore the building which was first built in 1856 and closed about 80 years later. A church used the building until 1973.

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In driver's seat: Rehearsing a drive through town are Glenn students Autumn Kucka, Misty Wilson, Amy Work and Julie Marianacci.

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Dance routine: Ryan Wojick and Jane Carter will dance in the "Our Mall" musical to be staged next week.



Hanging out: During the rehearsals for an original musical, Glenn students Monica Jennensen, Navera Naker, Autumn Kucka and Kelly Irvine "practice" a familiar activity: hanging out at the local mall.

'Our Mall' from page 1A

sional artists retained under federal and state fine arts grants.

Everyone had input on the script, music and choreography, the artists said in an earlier interview.

The story line involves local teens and their lives in hanging

out at Westland Center and other familiar locations. There will be several references to local figures and locations sprinkled throughout the musical.

About 60 students are involved in the production. Working with them are Simonne Grzesik, Glenn drama teacher;

artists-in-residence Do Peterson, a recording artist, music director and composer; Annette Alexander-Frank, a graphic artist; Lavinia Moyer, Attic Theatre artistic director; Vic Spicer, film director, animator, musician and dance director; and Matthew Fulton, Performance Network

technical director.

The musical is part of the "Art Works at John Glenn" program, aimed at providing fine arts experiences for all Glenn students as well as those in the specialized arts classes.

Tickets are available at the school.

Woman's father inspires her to be foster mother

BY MARY LOU SONG
STAFF WRITER

Westland's Lorraine Fickling will think of her father on Mother's Day.

He inspired her to become a foster mother.

"He was going to do it," Fickling said of her father, who wanted to be a foster parent. "There were nine of us. Mom was tired. But he always wanted his doors open to kids that needed it. I felt the same about seeing kids neglected in the world.

"If he were here today, he would have been proud that I have done this."

When Fickling was laid off by her company two years ago, she saw it as an opportunity to fulfill her father's dream and her own. With the support and encouragement of her husband, she decided to turn being a foster mother into a full-time job.

So far, she has cared for two children, including the 4-month-old baby that she has now. Fickling and her husband, Joseph, live with their daughter, LaKeesha, 13. Everyone helps care for the children, including Fickling's mother, who lives next door.

"I felt that there were kids who

need help and that I have love for them," she said. "I wanted to give someone a home that doesn't have one."

Joseph Fickling said, "We're not advantaged ourselves, but we wanted to help. It wasn't anything we couldn't handle."

The Ficklings are licensed for one foster child. But the family's goal is to get a bigger house to get licensed for more children. Joseph Fickling predicts they will be foster parents for a long time to come.

But there were doubts about that when they had to give their first foster child back to her relatives after having her for nearly two years.

"After the first baby, I thought I wouldn't do it again," Lorraine Fickling said. "I was so heartbroken. I didn't want to get hurt again. But I said, 'Well, there are these other babies who need a home, too.' As soon as they called and said they had another newborn and asked if we would take her, I said we would."

The attachment to the second foster child was instant.

"I was attached to her the next day," Fickling said. "She was three days old. When they're that

little, you can't help but to love them. She smiles all the time. She's a bundle of joy."

LaKeesha said she enjoys having the foster children. She doesn't mind changing diapers, feeding, dressing or baby-sitting the children. After her parents decided to become a foster family, her only question was, "When are you going to get the baby?"

Fickling said she will continue being a foster mother as long as she knows she can provide a home to a child who needs one. With all the children in need of homes, she is encouraging her friends and relatives to become foster families.

"I tell them there are kids out there that need help and why don't they open their doors to them," she said.

Occasionally, foster parents can adopt the children they care for and Fickling keeps that hope in mind. She said she hopes eventually to adopt children and she thinks foster parenting is a quicker route to adoption.

But Fickling said that as a foster parent, she is only concerned with the child's welfare.

"Just the child — I'm interested in just the best interest of the child," she said.

Man won't face charges in wreck

A Westland man won't face criminal charges in connection with an April 28 pickup-bicycle crash on Edward Hines Drive that killed a 13-year-old Livonia boy, police said Monday.

"The investigation shows he wasn't at fault. There was no way he could have avoided the accident," detective George Frieje of the Wayne County Sheriff's De-

partment park patrol said Monday.

Frieje said he expected the prosecutor to agree with the recommendation that no charges be filed against the 80-year-old driver.

Brandon Wayne Bierley was riding with a friend on the parkway at Ann Arbor Trail when he was struck by the man's 1991

Ford pickup.

Police said Bierley, riding with traffic, crossed over from the eastbound side of the parkway to the westbound side and was hit from the rear by the eastbound truck.

Bierley was a seventh grader at Emerson Middle School, which serves the northeast corner of Westland.

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McKnight said many of the teachers on Timmons' list already have been pinkslipped this year.

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point that she asked that the extra cuts be considered only if three other trustees sided with Timmons.

Her request was a radical change from the ground rules set by the trustees when deliberations on the new budget began. At that time, the trustees agreed to a twofold rule: requests to save a program destined to be cut required four votes, but any cut could be added to the list by any one trustee.

"Before I put 20 more on the layoff list, I want to know how many want this," Tancill said.

Timmons found little support

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schools, most high school activities, some of the high school athletic program and essential instruction programs and support services at the elementary level.

On Monday, Marinelli estimated cuts could range between \$3-\$4 million if Proposal A passes.

However, trustee Joe Laura Monday cautioned trustees not to jump on the Proposal A bandwagon yet.

"We have a myriad of options, from asking for new millage to closing down the district," Laura said.

The proposed \$12 million budget cut list sent to parents covers four pages. At the elementary level, the cuts include eliminating six library specialists, six learning specialists, five custodians, six kindergarten teachers, six early childhood paraprofessionals, 17 teachers in grades 1-6, six SAFE specialists, three instrumental music teachers, two secretaries

and the closing of the science center.

At the middle school level, the cuts include eliminating team sports, three teachers, four learning specialists and the sixth hour for 7th and 8th graders.

At the high school level, the cuts include eliminating varsity athletics, 78 percent of the activity programs, the 6th hour except for seniors who need to meet graduation requirements, two vocational paraprofessionals and the

youth employment services office.

Proposal A would roll back local property tax rates for school operations from its present 31.46 mills in Livonia to 25.65 mills.

The plan also would:
 ■ Raise the state sales tax from 4 cents on the dollar to 6 cents, dedicating the additional 2 cents to education.
 ■ Limit the growth of property assessments to 5 percent or the inflation rate, whichever is lower.



Political poetry? Cheryl Graunstadt (left) and Katherine Pare (second from left) presented a framed poem to Gov. John Engler after he signed new legislation initiated by the organization formed by the two women and others two years ago.

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John Engler, to require school districts to research the history of any parcel before it builds, adds or expands with an estimate of \$10,000 or more.

That law will enable the school district to know who previously owned the school property. In the Cooper dispute two years, it was learned by the residents that the school was built over a former dump. The following fall, students were moved across the street to the former Whittier Junior High School.

CHECK representatives Ron and Cheryl Graunstadt and Charles and Katherine Pare were presented the council resolution.

Thomas, echoing Pickering's

comments, pointed out that the group "persevered and hung in there."

CHECK will also be honored Sunday, May 16, by a national environmental group and consumer-advocate Ralph Nader in suburban Washington, D.C.

Since leading the fight in cleaning up the Cooper site, CHECK leaders were also involved in public education of environmental issues.

Helping to preserve the city's history were high school home construction teachers and students who have worked most of the school year on restoration of the former Perrinsville School on Warren Road west of Merri-

man. Presented certificates were Monte. Shettler, teacher and

Livonia career/vocational center department head; instructor Jack Otto, and students Brian Braunscheidel, Everett Chambers, Jeffrey Lawson, Robert Meeks, Paul Rowe, Craig Cholwa, William Church, Kevin Crumley, John Glenn, Brian Biglane and Eric Seratti.

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Hanging out: During the rehearsals for an original musical, Glenn students Monica Jennensen, Navera Naker, Autumn Kucka and Kelly Irvine "practice" a familiar activity: hanging out at the local mall.

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sional artists retained under federal and state fine arts grants.

Everyone had input on the script, music and choreography, the artists said in an earlier interview.

The story line involves local teens and their lives in hanging

out at Westland Center and other familiar locations. There will be several references to local figures and locations sprinkled throughout the musical.

About 60 students are involved in the production. Working with them are Simonne Grzesik, Glenn drama teacher;

artists-in-residence Do Peterson, a recording artist, music director and composer; Annette Alexander-Frank, a graphic artist; Lavinia Moyer, Attic Theatre artistic director; Vic Spicer, film director, animator, musician and dance director; and Matthew Fulton, Performance Network

technical director.

The musical is part of the "Art Works at John Glenn" program, aimed at providing fine arts experiences for all Glenn students as well as those in the specialized arts classes.

Tickets are available at the school.

Woman's father inspires her to be foster mother

BY MARY LOU SONG
STAFF WRITER

Westland's Lorraine Fickling will think of her father on Mother's Day.

He inspired her to become a foster mother.

"He was going to do it," Fickling said of her father, who wanted to be a foster parent. "There were nine of us. Mom was tired. But he always wanted his doors open to kids that needed it. I felt the same about seeing kids neglected in the world.

"If he were here today, he would have been proud that I have done this."

When Fickling was laid off by her company two years ago, she saw it as an opportunity to fulfill her father's dream and her own. With the support and encouragement of her husband, she decided to turn being a foster mother into a full-time job.

So far, she has cared for two children, including the 4-month-old baby that she has now. Fickling and her husband, Joseph, live with their daughter, LaKeesha, 13. Everyone helps care for the children, including Fickling's mother, who lives next door.

"I felt that there were kids who

need help and that I have love for them," she said. "I wanted to give someone a home that doesn't have one."

Joseph Fickling said, "We're not advantaged ourselves, but we wanted to help. It wasn't anything we couldn't handle."

The Ficklings are licensed for one foster child. But the family's goal is to get a bigger house to get licensed for more children. Joseph Fickling predicts they will be foster parents for a long time to come.

But there were doubts about that when they had to give their first foster child back to her relatives after having her for nearly two years.

"After the first baby, I thought I wouldn't do it again," Lorraine Fickling said. "I was so heartbroken. I didn't want to get hurt again. But I said, 'Well, there are these other babies who need a home, too.' As soon as they called and said they had another newborn and asked if we would take her, I said we would."

The attachment to the second foster child was instant.

"I was attached to her the next day," Fickling said. "She was three days old. When they're that

little, you can't help but to love them. She smiles all the time. She's a bundle of joy."

LaKeesha said she enjoys having the foster children. She doesn't mind changing diapers, feeding, dressing or baby-sitting the children. After her parents decided to become a foster family, her only question was, "When are you going to get the baby?"

Fickling said she will continue being a foster mother as long as she knows she can provide a home to a child who needs one. With all the children in need of homes, she is encouraging her friends and relatives to become foster families.

"I tell them there are kids out there that need help and why don't they open their doors to them," she said.

Occasionally, foster parents can adopt the children they care for and Fickling keeps that hope in mind. She said she hopes eventually to adopt children and she thinks foster parenting is a quicker route to adoption.

But Fickling said that as a foster parent, she is only concerned with the child's welfare.

"Just the child — I'm interested in just the best interest of the child," she said.

Man won't face charges in wreck

A Westland man won't face criminal charges in connection with an April 28 pickup-bicycle crash on Edward Hines Drive that killed a 13-year-old Livonia boy, police said Monday.

"The investigation shows he wasn't at fault. There was no way he could have avoided the accident," detective George Frieje of the Wayne County Sheriff's De-

partment park patrol said Monday.

Frieje said he expected the prosecutor to agree with the recommendation that no charges be filed against the 80-year-old driver.

Brandon Wayne Bierley was riding with a friend on the parkway at Ann Arbor Trail when he was struck by the man's 1991

Ford pickup.

Police said Bierley, riding with traffic, crossed over from the eastbound side of the parkway to the westbound side and was hit from the rear by the eastbound truck.

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Cycling tips

Stottlemyer pushes bike safety

BY ANNE SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

With May being bicycle safety month, the Stottlemyer School PTA is conducting a bicycle safety program.

The safety program kicked off with a bicycle helmet promotion last month in an effort to encourage all cyclists to wear bicycle helmets and hopefully reduce head injuries caused by bicycle accidents.

The program's goal is to get a bicycle helmet on the head of every student and parent who rides a bike, said a PTA spokeswoman. In conjunction with Ride Safe Inc., the Stottlemyer PTA sold ANSI and Snell approved bicycle helmets at discounted prices.

In its first attempt at a program like this, the PTA sold 22 helmets. The helmets will be distributed at a bike rodeo at the school June 5.

PTA member Kathy Steiner said the group that is selling helmets and distributing them at the rodeo would encourage all students to wear a helmet.

According to Ride Safe, more than 1,200 people die annually

'I never really thought of wearing a helmet until a friend of the family died of a head injury (resulting from a bicycle accident).'

Kathy Steiner
PTA member

in bicycle accidents, thousands more are injured and most of the accidents occur on residential streets.

The PTA and the Westland Police Department will conduct a bicycle rodeo, where children can learn bicycle safety rules by participating in four skill courses.

The idea for putting on a rodeo came to the PTA among the many handouts and letters the association receives regularly.

"I never really thought of wearing a helmet until a friend of the family died of a head injury (resulting from a bicycle accident)," said Steiner, who bikes with her two children. She latched onto the idea and is working with the Westland police and the PTA on the rodeo.

According to Ride Safe, the big three in bicycle accidents for children under 15 are riding out of a driveway without yielding, riding through an intersection without stopping, and turning left without looking back or yielding. Each accounts for 30 percent of the bike/car crashes for children under 15.

Head injuries are the most serious type of injuries suffered by cyclists of all ages. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says one in seven children suffers head injuries in bike-related accidents, and 75 percent of all cyclists' deaths involve head injuries.

Experts estimate that the risk of head injury can be reduced 85 percent when wearing an approved bicycle helmet and brain

injury can be reduced 90 percent.

The statistic that less than 10 percent of all cyclists, and less than five percent of children, wear helmets will be different with Stottlemyer students and parents if Steiner has her way.

Steiner also hopes the rodeo will also help improve police relations with the students. Some have expressed concern or fear of officers from hearing stories of fake police officers.

She said the police department will issue "positive" tickets to children who follow bicycle safety procedures and are wearing helmets. The "tickets" issued to the children will entitle them to free ice cream, free pizza or free whoppers for following bike safety rules and wearing helmets.

When riding a bike on the road, cyclists are supposed to follow the rules of the road, according to Ride Safe. Rules to remember are never ride more than two abreast except when riding on paths used only for bicycles; never have more than one person on the bike at a time, and be sure the bike has reflective materials.

Students plan trip to Mexico

Stevenson Junior High School students have been working hard recently at more than just Spanish lessons.

The Spanish language class is planning a trip to Mexico, May 23-30; students are earning travel expenses by holding a "Fiesta" auction at the school, Saturday night, May 15.

Students have obtained many items to be auctioned, including a \$2,000 silver and turquoise Indian necklace, an ADA-Duraliner truck liner, weekend stays in hotels around the world, and celebrity donations from dozens of famous people including Barbara Bush, Isiah Thomas, Oprah Winfrey, Bob Hope, Elizabeth Taylor, Bob Newhart, Kenny Rogers, Judd Hirsh, Julia Child, Shelly Winters, and Janet Leigh.

Students have also secured col-

lector items such as train sets no longer in production, uncut sheets of baseball cards, promotional CDs, a Mercedes Benz 300 SL 1954 scale model, and travel packages from across Michigan and the United States.

Local businesses have donated advertisements, services and merchandise. Area craft masters have donated arts and crafts.

In addition to the live auction, there will be a silent auction, duck pond, balloon bath, wishing well and refreshments.

Anyone interested in helping with the auction can call Beverly Smith, auction chair, 729-2726.

Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at Stevenson during school hours or calling 728-9489 to make arrangements for tickets in the evening hours.

Police awards ceremony set

Westland police officers and residents who have gone beyond the call of duty in helping the department will be honored at the seventh annual awards ceremony, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, in the Westland Friendship Center.

Awards and citations of merit will be given to 38 Westland Police officers, citizens and other po-

lice agencies who performed life-saving actions and for bravery and service above and beyond the call of duty.

The awards ceremony, open to the public, is free. Refreshments will be served. Police officers and city officials will be on hand to meet with the public.

Diabetes support group meets

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County executives film funny TV pilot program

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

The Democrats and Republicans in Washington might be doing their best to preserve the federal gridlock program, but in Wayne and Oakland counties they're getting on like Laurel and Hardy.

As Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson hosted the pilot episode for a new TV show last week, sufficient humor leavened the substantive discussion to make comedians all over metro Detroit seriously worried for their livelihood.

The program, called "County Lines," hasn't received the green light for a slot in the WDIV-TV

Channel 4 line-up yet, and the pilot episode is not supposed to be aired. But if last week's foray into levity is any indication, McNamara and Patterson might be the Siskel and Ebert of public affairs programming.

"The chemistry is real good," said producer Jeff Fish. "The two of them play off each other really well. Everybody seems pretty high on (the show) around here."

The repartee started early Thursday as McNamara and Patterson waited on opposite sides of a small stage for the cameras to start rolling. "This is a fine mess you've gotten me into, Brooks," said McNamara, recalling Oliver Hardy's famous line.

"Oprah makes it look so easy," Patterson quipped.

■ **'This is a fine mess you've gotten me into, Brooks.'**

Ed McNamara
Wayne County executive

McNamara, dressed in a grandfatherly sweater, was quietly cautioned by an aide to fasten the garment's bottom two buttons. "What she said is, 'Your fly is open,'" McNamara told the audience.

"You look like a homeboy," an audience member joked back.

Once the program began taping, Patterson wasted no time ribbing McNamara about his recently re-

ported personal fleet of three county cars. Patterson apologized to audience members who had trouble finding a parking place because McNamara brought all his cars. "Just try finding yours when you leave," McNamara shot back.

To a guest, McNamara said, "You didn't drive I hope. I could have sent a car for you."

The two men bantered for nearly an hour about public funding of stadiums, casino gambling, blight in Detroit, the Red Wings and Dr. Jack Kevorkian. On Kevorkian, Patterson said, "He's our local resident nut case."

McNamara took a moment late in the program to plug the SMART bus system, noting that he rode a bus from Dearborn to

downtown Detroit Thursday morning. "I could fly to Chicago faster than it took me to get from Telegraph and Michigan to downtown," he said.

Afterwards he noted that "the flippancy comes out."

Even audience members got in on the hilarity, albeit inadvertently. Paul Funk, who works for Patterson, prefaced a question by saying, "I grew up in Wayne County. I'm fortunate enough now to live and work in Oakland County."

Speaking of the audience, it was primarily composed of McNamara's 25 guests, gleaned from the memberships of several

civic groups. Patterson's guests numbered perhaps 15, mostly Oakland County directors and department heads who spent an hour before the taping across the street at the Anchor Bar, then returned there after the taping.

James Alexander, Republican party chairman in Oakland County, loved the show. "They played off each other well," he said. "It was very interesting. Maybe they'll start working together."

Funk frankly can't wait until "County Lines" is a regular in the Channel 4 stable. "There are so many (guests) they could bring in," he said. "It's a dynamite show."

Execs have serious discussions, as well

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Squeezed in between their many jokes last week, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson seriously discussed a few issues of local interest.

The lead topic of their TV pilot program was public funding for stadiums, particularly as it might apply to building a new arena for the Detroit Tigers.

"I love the old stadium," McNamara said. "I think it's beautiful. But they've got to generate more revenue."

McNamara added that he's not opposed to partial public funding for a new Tiger Stadium, but "I don't think you ever do it without a vote of the people."

Tigers owner Mike Ilitch, however, hasn't asked the county for help. Noting that Ilitch wants to keep the Tigers in Detroit, McNamara said that's a big improvement over former owner Tom Monaghan. "Monaghan's attitude was, 'I want to leave town,'" he said.

If public money is used to help build a new stadium, McNamara

said, new taxes on rental cars and hotels would be a good source.

Patterson and McNamara also discussed the recent proposal to fence off largely vacant areas of Detroit. Patterson thinks it's a dumb idea. "If I ever said, 'Put a fence around Detroit,' they'd run me out of town," he said.


McNamara likes the idea, but said "fencing is a bad word. I would hope that you clear (those vacant areas) and start looking for a market. I am convinced that the new frontier the developers are going to discover someday is the city of Detroit."

McNamara added that the state constitution changes outlined in Proposal A, which would drastically reduce property taxes in Detroit, are just the impetus developers need to move back to the city. Proposal A is due to be voted on statewide June 2.

McNamara said that Oakland County should be worried about Detroit, too, because eventually "Royal Oak and Birmingham will also suffer on account of that blight (in Detroit)."

As the taping ended at about 10 p.m. Thursday, McNamara said to Patterson, "I'm surprised how well-informed you are."

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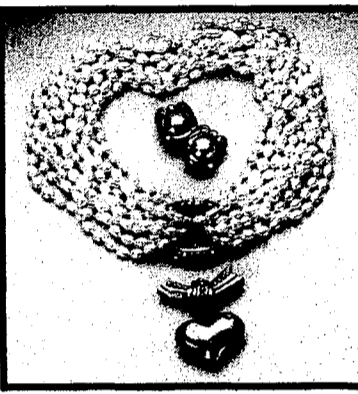
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Burger choir brings audience to life at fest

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Singers, dancers and piano players ranging in style from honky-tonk to classical converged at the third annual Very Special Arts Southeast Michigan festival in Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall Friday and Saturday.

Dressed in bright red sweatshirts, the choir from Burger School for the Autistic in Garden City brought the audience to life as they launched into their first song at the event celebrating the power of the arts to triumph over physical and mental challenges.

"I think they're marvelous," said Jack Olds, Very Special Arts Southeast Michigan board member. "The festival is a spiritually lifting affair. You feel so blessed yourself and realize how special they are. They've been given a gift for what's been taken away from them."

Live performances, hands-on art activities, demonstrations, and an art exhibition culled from around the state spotlighted the

many benefits yielded from Very Special Arts sponsored programs held during the year for children and adults with sight, hearing, mobility, emotional and development impairments.

"It's important to show the general population that people with disabilities have very special talents. That this is one way they can express themselves," said Lora Frankel, executive director for VSA/MI.

Craig Dankanics entertained the audience with the ivory rattling sound of Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer." Dankanics said it was the first time he had performed since suffering a closed head injury in 1979 in an automobile accident. He spent the last six weeks preparing for the performance.

The Schoolcraft Players of Redford Township filled the air with chimes and voice for a second year in a row at the festival celebrating art ability.

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Parents fear autistic school closing

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

Rose McGovern's daughter loves school so much that she runs to the school bus each day. The 19-year-old autistic Taylor woman has been attending classes at Burger Center in Garden City for 13 years.

"She can't wait to get there. She loves it," McGovern said.

"I feel especially with autism, these kids need specialized training. For those people who don't want their child to be there (Burger), there are other options available."

But McGovern and many other parents of the 240 autistic students at Burger — which

serves the 35 school districts in Wayne County — fear their option to continue sending their children to the center may be coming to an end.

A statewide committee composed of parents and educators has recommended the state Board of Education streamline all special education students into general education school buildings — either in regular classrooms or special programs in these buildings.

Following a 60 day period for public comment, the state Department of Education may begin changing how and where special education students are taught.

"All we are saying is for those people who

don't want their child to be in a special center, there are other options," said McGovern, who is secretary of the Autistic School Association, which represents parents of Burger students.

"But keep all options open. Don't close any doors."

McGovern would like parents of schoolchildren — including those in regular classrooms — to write Dr. Richard Baldwin, director of special education for the state Board of Education, asking for the broad continuum of choices to be kept in place for special education students.

"Right now we're trying to be forceful," she said.

Weakened 'potty parity' clears Senate

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A watered-down version of Rep. Jan Dolan's "potty parity" bill squeaked through the state Senate Tuesday.

It's up to the House to decide whether to accept a major Senate amendment — limiting the parity in women's restrooms to buildings with an occupancy of more than 300.

"As written, the bill solved a problem that doesn't exist," said the amendment's sponsor, Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto. As amended, he said, the bill applies only to larger arenas,

stadiums, theaters and halls.

"It's economics. It's business costs," agreed Sen. Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County.

The amended bill passed 21 to 14 on almost a party-line vote, Republicans for and Democrats against. Area senators all voted with their parties.

"Apparently Sen. Posthumus felt women need fewer facilities rather than an equal number of facilities," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor. Existing rules provide for a one-to-one parity in toilets in buildings with a capacity of less than 300 people.

The Posthumus amendment

means smaller buildings actually may have fewer women's toilets than men's, she said.

If the House rejects the Senate version, the bill will go to a conference committee — three representatives and three senators — to attempt a compromise.

The bill, if adopted, would require cities and townships to use the Michigan construction code, rather than other nationally recognized codes, as it governs rest room facilities. In larger buildings, the state code requires seven women's toilets for every five men's.

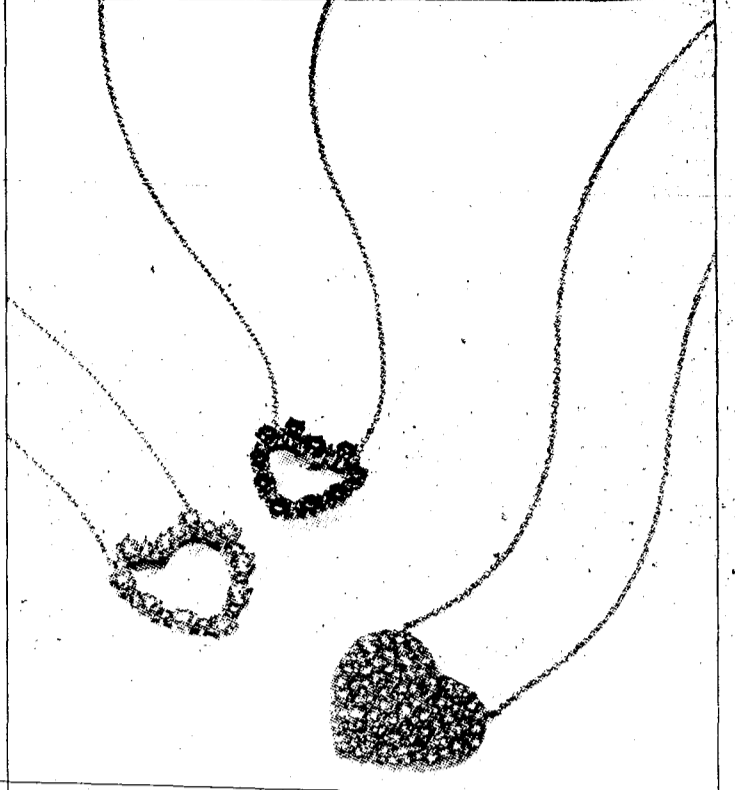
The bill would apply to new construction and renovations of

more than 50 percent of a building. Dolan hopes to have it in law by the time a new Tiger Stadium is started.

Pollack started the reform four years ago in the Joint Administrative Rules Committee, which rejected a plumbing code providing for equal numbers of toilets.

Women have complained of long waiting lines in public buildings. University of Michigan medical research showed women must void oftener or run the risk of bladder infections and cancer. Other research shows women need twice as much time in restrooms as do men.

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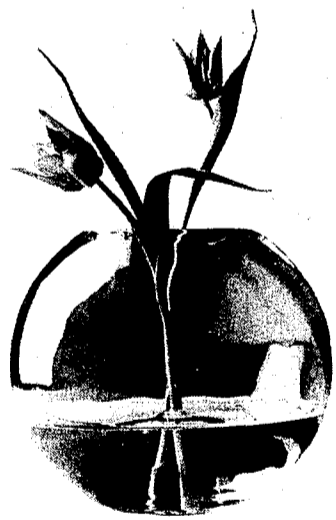
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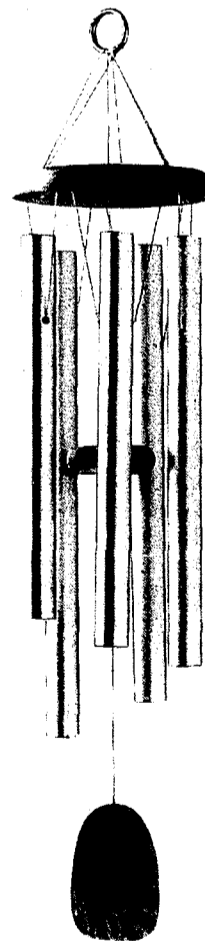
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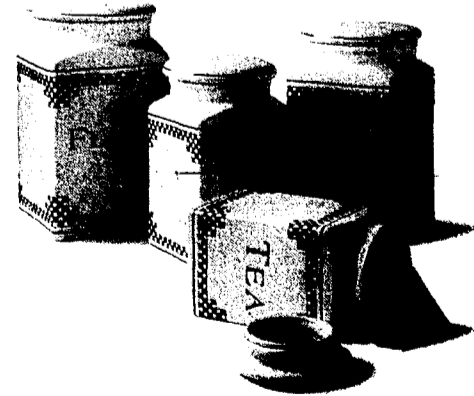
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Between performances festival chairwoman Connie Lott told audience, "music is a great communicator. There's a considerable uplifting and changing in the spirits of students when involved with music. We need to have the arts in our schools, every day we can."

Doris Bloom stood by to admire computer art created on an Apple II GS by her grandson, Shawn Baldwin, who has muscular dysplasia. He attends Harrison High in Farmington Hills. Baldwin's artwork was one of 36 displayed at the festival.

Shawn's very quiet and hands a lot of time by himself. Art means a great deal to him. He is very proud to have his art in an exhibit," Bloom said.

VSA/MI is a state affiliate of

Very Special Arts, an international organization founded by Jean Kennedy Smith in 1974 to enrich the lives of disabled people by encouraging creativity.

VSA/MI supports programs in dance, drama, literary arts, music and visual arts for persons with disabilities. It is associated with the Special Education Services Michigan Department of Education, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

"We're trying to get more people involved. We have to get the word out to more handicapped people," said Millie Stachowski, regional chairwoman for Very Special Arts Southeast Michigan.

"I'd like people to know there are grants for performing artists, and for arts programming for persons with disabilities."

EXPO I-275 is May 18-20

EXPO I-275, the annual West Michigan Urban Product and Services Exposition, is a hot selling show, according to Michael Cooney, coordinator for the Livonia Chamber of Commerce event.

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce has been producing the event for seven years. EXPO I-275 is scheduled for May 18-20. The event draws business visitors from all parts of western Wayne County and Southeast Michigan.

Cooney said the show is close to selling out. He attributes this to the show's reputation for getting results for exhibitors, Gov. John Engler's opening night appearance, and an increased awareness of cost-effective marketing techniques.

Planned for this year's event is also a free Business Resource Center sponsored by the Livonia Chamber. Business people, from professional to novice, can benefit from the free advice available from government-sponsored business assistance agencies, including the Michigan State Department of Commerce and the Service Corp of Retired Executives (S.C.O.R.E.).

More than 130 businesses participate in EXPO I-275, which is produced by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Belleville, Canton, Garden City, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Bedford, Wayne, and Westland Chambers of Commerce.

Patrol car crashed



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Traffic tie-up: A Westland police car was involved in a head-on collision Monday night at Merriman and Cherry Hill roads. Officer Mark Engstrom was driving the Westland patrol car. Garden City officers David Matheny, Kevin Nowak and Kevin Kocsis responded to the scene and talked with the 16-year-old female driver of the car involved in the accident. No ticket has been issued yet, but Westland Police Traffic Bureau expects a citation for failing to maintain control of a motor vehicle will be issued this week to the 16-year-old driver.

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Counties duke it out over road repair money

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County and Oakland County governments are fighting in Lansing over the distribution of \$194 million in state and federal money used for road improvements.

Since 1988, Oakland County has been given about \$105 million from the Transportation Economic Development Fund, while Wayne County got \$28 million and Macomb County \$27 million.

A bill likely to be voted on today in the state Senate would reduce that imbalance a little bit by changing the formula for passing out "category C" money, which is about a third of the total. Then the state House and the governor would have to give their blessing for the bill to become law.

Currently, Oakland County gets 40 percent (\$29 million since 1988) of category C money, while Wayne County gets 16 percent (\$12 million since 1988).

The formulas for distribution of category A and B money, also weighted to favor Oakland County, would not be changed.

The amendment to the bill, put out by Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, and sponsored by Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, would change the category C percentages to 32 for Oakland and 20 for Wayne. Macomb County would go from 20 to 24 percent. Wayne County would get \$11.5 million more over the next five years than what it would get if the formula isn't changed.

Oakland County would also get more money because the federal government is increasing its contribution to the fund.

Oakland County would get \$37

million in the next five years if the bill becomes law, \$46 million if it doesn't.

But Oakland County is likewise fighting to keep the category C formula from being changed. County lobbyist Carmen Talbot traveled to Lansing this week to twist a few arms.

"Everybody wants more (money) and so they want to take it from us," she said. "It's a power struggle. Wayne County is testing the new leadership in Oakland

County." State Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, said taking road money away from Oakland County would be "like taking necessary nourishment away from the brain."

Perhaps more importantly for Wayne County, though, the amendment also includes a provision to require the state Department of Transportation to take over responsibility for the Davison Freeway in Detroit sometime

before Sept. 30, 1995.

One of the first expressways in the country, the Davison was built 50 years ago by the Wayne County Road Commission and has always been a county responsibility.

Since it has no shoulders, the Davison has caused Wayne County no end of headaches in lawsuits resulting from accidents. "That thing is a dinosaur," said Wayne County commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne. "We get a law-

suit every year. We've settled every one of them (out of court) because we have no defense."

At one time the county even threatened to shut down the Davison if the state didn't give it some money.

Geake said the state ought to take over the Davison because, as an expressway, it properly belongs in the hands of the state because all other expressways already are.

Sen. Bouchard opposes the amendment because it doesn't

make sense for the state to take on all the liability that comes with the Davison. Better, he says, that Wayne County should shoulder the liability of the shoulderless freeway.

State Sen. Dave Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, also opposes the reformulation of the category C money. Because most of the economic development in Michigan occurs in Oakland County, it should get most of the economic development money, he said.

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DRUGS DON'T WORK

Keith boosts technical education

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Rep. William Keith is making another try to expand technical education in Michigan public schools.

The House Education is working on his bill to set up a 19-member Cabinet for Professional Technical Standards. Keith, D-Garden City, chairs the panel during May.

How would it work?
"Take the area of health care," Keith replied. "There are established technologies — diagnostic and computer equipment. They have expanded almost unchecked."

"They (cabinet members) determine what the occupations are — from veterinarians to brain surgeons and lab assistants."

"For some, you don't need a college degree, but you do need physics, chemistry and so on. Each occupation has to develop skills. Then they determine where it can fit into the school curriculum — what skills must be added, what isn't needed."

"A student graduating from Garden City High School who's going to get a good job at

Chrysler's new plant needs more academic and technical training than to go to the University of Michigan," said Keith, quoting national vocational expert Willard Daggett.

"That's startling. That's contrary to most people's thinking," said Keith.

The Education Committee gave preliminary approval to Keith's House Bill 4505 on a unanimous vote.

Area lawmakers on the panel are Democrats Keith and Justice Barns of Westland and Republicans Penny Crissman of Rochester, Deborah Whyman of Canton and Jerry Vorva of Plymouth.

In the last session, Keith offered a bill modeled after Germany's industry-oriented vocational high school system. It ran into strong opposition in suburban districts where parents wanted their kids to attend college. They saw vocational education as something for class dummies.

"Most industrial countries have a 20- to 25-year plan (for matching workers to skills). We do it with a one-year budget," Keith said.

The Cabinet for Professional Technical

Standards he proposes would be much the same as the Governor's Workforce Commission. Members, serving three year terms, would be:

■ Directors of the state departments of Labor, Commerce, Social Services Education and the employment service.

■ A member of the State Board of Education, the governor's adviser on job training, and a representative of a "community organization."

■ Five leaders of industry appointed by legislative leaders.

■ Three labor union representatives.

Their goals would be to gather information on employment needs and determine what skills are needed.

This would lead to the establishment of state and local Occupational Councils. "The needs in the Upper Peninsula might be entirely different than in Garden City," said Keith.

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"Helping others is one of life's most enriching experiences," said Parr. "We know that there are thousands of older Michiganders out there who help run senior programs, provide consultation and leadership through committees and policy boards, and deliver services. They are all eligible for the special recognition this award brings."

The two older adults selected for this award will be honored at a ceremony at the Michigan State Fair on Aug. 30, Senior Citizens Day.

To be nominated you must be age 60 or older as of July 23, 1993; may not be nominated for providing service in a paid position, may not be a member of the State Commission or Advisory Council on Aging, nor be an employee of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging or the Michigan State Fair.

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WANDer woman promotes peace, empowerment

BY HELEN NIEMIEC
STAFF WRITER

Arlene Victor is passionate about peace and empowering women, putting the two causes together in a group called WAND, Women's Action for New Directions.

The Bloomfield Township woman founded the Oakland County chapter of WAND in 1986, and has been a visible and

vocal force. Not only does she organize activities within her group, speak to other groups, and participate in demonstrations, Victor also is very active in the national organization.

This fall she becomes the national president of WAND, making that her full-time job.

"The president takes on more responsibility," Victor said. "But the mission is deeply important

to creating a better future."

The presidency, Victor said, is a position that she never dreamed of having.

"It's not something I'm drawn to naturally. I love playing the piano and I love the arts. And I, thoroughly enjoy working with other women — I can't begin to tell you how dedicated these people are and how brilliant they are," Victor said.

She doesn't talk much about herself or her role as president-elect, opting instead to concentrate on the message of her group. She's committed WAND's mission statement to memory and said it succinctly sums up the goals of its members:

"Our goal is to empower women to act politically to decrease militarism and violence and to redirect military resources to

human and environmental needs."

A key WAND effort is to make the federal defense budget a women's issue.

"Every dollar spent for the military is a dollar taken away from domestic issues," said Victor. "That's not to say that I'm against having a strong defense system. Security is having an adequate defense, but what we've got is much more than that."

WAND isn't all that happy with President Bill Clinton's plan to cut the military budget, explaining that the net result will be a 4-percent budget decrease — hardly a drop in the bucket. The federal government also needs to come up with a conversion plan to turn military jobs into private sector jobs, as happened after

World War II, Victor said.

In addition to letter writing campaigns and other means to further awareness, WAND set up a Women's Legislative Lobby, in which state representatives and senators are invited to participate and work together toward common goals.

Local elected officials who participate include state Reps. Maxine Berman of Southfield, Barbara Dobb of West Bloomfield and Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills. Dolan serves as co-chairwoman of the lobby.

Dolan said the effort at the state level sends a message to federal representatives in Washington, D.C. on what is important at the local levels.

Autism conference scheduled


The Autism Society of Michigan is having a conference May 7-8 at the Dearborn Holiday Inn/Fairlane.

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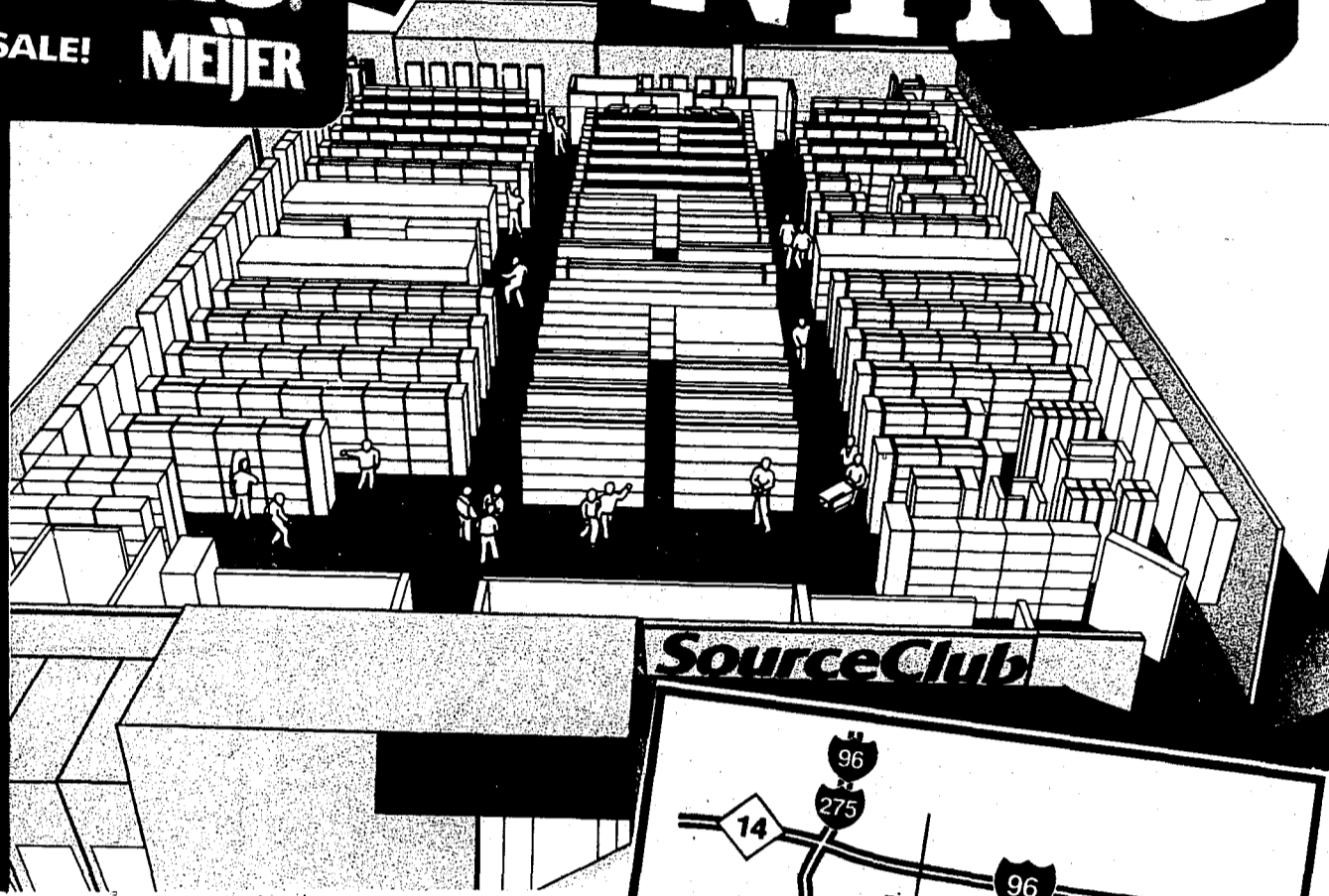
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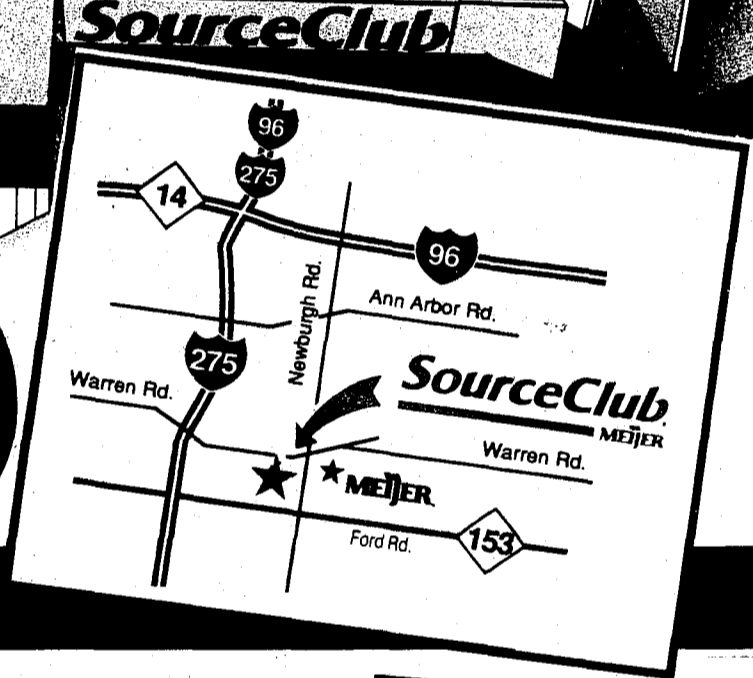
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Holliday Park

The Holliday Park Township Cooperative has a series of activities for this month. A coffee klatch will meet at 10:15 a.m. Mondays, May 10 and May 24 in the cooperative's clubhouse, on Fountain Boulevard, in the Wayne Road-Joy area. An open board of directors meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. Card games will be at 11 a.m. every Thursday and 6:30 p.m. every Friday with the card club convening at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Holliday Park resident Prudence Parisien was honored as the city of Westland's "senior of the month" for April. The award is sponsored by the city's senior resources department. She received a certificate and badge from Mayor Robert Thomas. The cooperative of 704 families will also elect board members in late May and early June. The Women's Club recently heard story teller Linda Day.

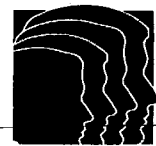
Westland Meadows

Westland Meadows, a development of 774 manufactured homes on the northeast corner of Van Born and Merriman, will hold a Muscular Dystrophy Association benefit Saturday, June 19. A parade will start at noon with a carnival with games and food continuing throughout the day.

Safety, activities link neighbors

It has been seven years since Boyle Properties opened Westland Meadows, a manufactured housing community on the northeast corner of Merriman and Van Born roads.

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER



The neighborhood isn't held together by an organized homeowners association, but rather united by a desire to live in a safe, clean and vital community.

It has been seven years since Boyle Properties opened Westland Meadows, a manufactured housing community located on the northeast corner of Merriman and Van Born roads.

There are 772 lots available in Westland Meadows. Most of the manufactured homes are bought and sold like typical homes, according to manager Rick Duhl. There are some people, however, who move their homes with them.

Midway Management was hired by Boyle to oversee the development and Duhl is on hand to coordinate security, maintenance and other projects.

Residents of Westland Meadows enjoy many of the same amenities as apartment dwellers and yet they own their homes.

A small pond, a swimming pool, playground, volleyball and basketball courts, horseshoe pits and clubhouse are all available to residents and their families.

"It's really great," said four-year resident Terry Rosanik. "It's very family oriented and that was important to me. There are things for the kids to do and I feel comfortable letting them go out by themselves."

Security guards are posted at the



Westland Meadows: A Spanish-style clubhouse/activities center serves the families of the 776-unit manufactured home development. Leaving the facility after a visit is Karen Burnett, a Westland Meadows resident for 3 1/2 years.

entrances to Westland Meadows and motorists drive slowly through the neighborhood, Duhl said.

Bobby Long has lived in Westland Meadows almost since it opened and she always tries to take advantage of the facilities. Last week she was busy setting up for a birthday party for her grandson in the clubhouse and she is already looking forward to using the swimming pool this summer.

Senior citizen Chester Bykowski appreciates the safety factor of West-

land Meadows.

"I don't get out to meet a lot of my neighbors because I'm pretty busy," Bykowski said. "But I know that if we need help, security can be there in an instant."

The 120 acres of property that is Westland Meadows is fenced. Yards and common areas are kept neat. The homes are well-kept and have become a popular alternative for those who cannot afford a regular home but do not want to rent.

Duhl said many of the manufactured homes built today are quite roomy and are very comfortable.

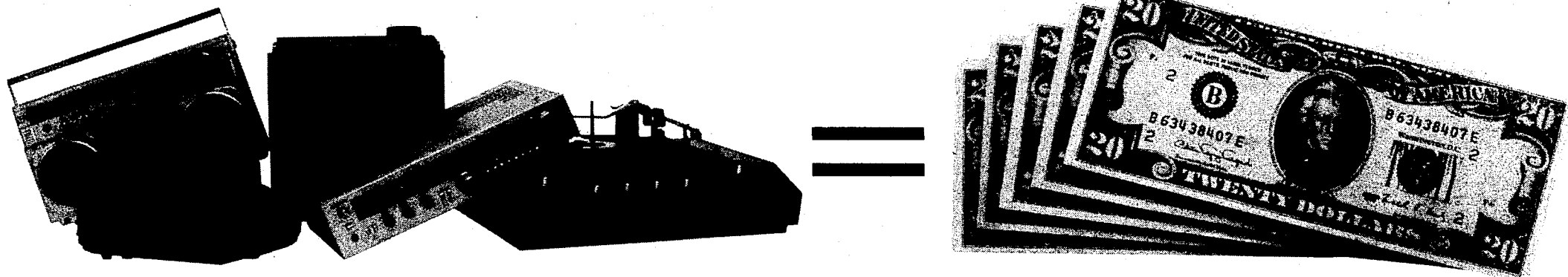
Duhl and his staff are currently in charge of most community activities.

"There was an association at one time, but people didn't rally behind it," he said. "There are five people on the board now and they are pretty burnt out."

Rosanik served as vice president

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County gets federal development cash

Wayne County will receive in excess of \$14 million in state and federal grants during the 1993 fiscal year to support various economic development projects.

"This grant money funds our job training, community development and urban recovery efforts," Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive, said. "It supports our mission of making Wayne County a world class community by maximizing employment, economic and quality of life opportunities for all of our citizens."

Most of the grant money, \$9.2 million, targets the job training and placement activities of the Wayne County Job Connection, which services 26 Wayne County communities.

More than 80 percent of the Job Connection's funding is through the federal Job Training Partnership Act. Other funding comes from the U.S. Department of La-

bor and the Michigan Department of Labor.

The Job Connection trains economically disadvantaged people or dislocated workers and places them in quality jobs. In 1992, 431 disadvantaged people were placed in jobs paying an average of \$6.74 an hour. The Job Connection also placed 355 dislocated workers in jobs paying an average of \$10.25 an hour.

"Our goal is to take people off of the unemployment or welfare rolls and put them back on private sector payrolls," McNamara said.

The Job Connection also provides summer jobs for 1,283 young people, McNamara added.

Another large portion of the county's grant money, \$3.9 million, is Community Development Block Grant money funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The county administrators block

grant money for 31 Wayne County communities with populations under 50,000 people.

With block grant funding, communities can finance a variety of projects, ranging from purchasing new fire and emergency equipment to providing transportation service to senior citizens.

"Our city has used Community Development Block Grant funding to meet a variety of needs since we joined Wayne County's program," said Beverly McNally, mayor of Romulus. "The strength of this program is that project decisions are made by the local communities. But there are requests with great merit that always exceed available funding."

McNamara said Wayne County has also received a \$983,000 HOME grant from HUD to develop an affordable housing program for low-income families and individuals.

Another grant for \$150,000 from the U.S. Economic Development

Administration will be used to expand the county's urban recovery partnership program into Highland Park and also to create a Community Development Bank for Wayne County.

"Wayne County's congressional delegation, as well our representatives and senators in the Legislature, have played a major role in helping us obtain these grants," McNamara said.

He added that county government's challenge is to maximize the return on those state and federal dollars.

"In addition to being a government that is efficient, cost effective and accountable, we must also be innovative. We must continue to develop creative approaches to complex issues. And we must also forge strong partnerships with the private sector, education, labor and the chief elected officials in our 43 communities," McNamara said.

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Fill key roles

Volunteers earn recognition

It takes a lot of people, paid and volunteers, to make a municipal government work. The city of Westland has more than 300 employees performing a variety of traditional public service jobs — police, fire, emergency medical services, snow removal, road repairs and the like.

But like many communities, there's never enough money to pay the many volunteers who provide valuable advice for the city administration and the city council in making important policy decisions.

Many of those volunteers are in unsung positions, doing their homework on such unglamorous things as zoning variances and proposed rezoning of land for planned commercial or apartment developments.

These volunteers were honored Wednesday night by Mayor Robert Thomas to show the city's appreciation.

It's about time.

Without taking away credit for the mayor's move to recognize the volunteers, the idea should have really been implemented years ago.

Other cities traditionally use Michigan Week, which is observed annually in mid-May, as a means of honoring the scores of persons (and their spouses) for the contributions to the community.

But it's better late than never.

Mayor Thomas' move will certainly be interpreted by potential political opponents in the

Members of city boards and commissions fill important roles in an advisory capacity for the administration and city council.

fall election as a gimmick to enhance his reelection chances. The Observer prefers to view the recognition for what it is: an excellent and relatively inexpensive way to honor the community's volunteers. Hopefully, some future program will also include the non-governmental volunteers who serve in many other ways, such as with the many service clubs and Summer Festival Committee.

In all cases, volunteers help make the city a better place to live, play and work.

Over the years, volunteers have provided valuable advice to the city administration on varied issues, ranging from recreation to land use and economic development.

While Thomas got into political hot water two years ago when he tried to remove board and commissioners who meet the charter residency requirement, he decided to take a positive step forward and move beyond that dispute and plan a recognition program.

The traditional Mayor's Ball was dropped earlier this year, and Wednesday's reception was an excellent replacement.

Teachers worthy of the name

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

Henry Adams,

"The Education of Henry Adams"

Who has been the biggest influence on your academic career is the question we always ask the members of Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star teams each year.

Most of the time they mention a relative. But nine of this year's winners name teachers.

Throughout the debates on the quality of education, the excellence of individual teachers persists. Here are some tributes by the best and brightest of the Class of '93.

Anjanette Koritnik of Livonia's Stevenson High School says English teacher Ron Quick "has helped me realize how much I enjoy English and he has aided me in developing my intellectual potential." In his class, she says, she "soars to new heights each day."

Andrew Garinger from Farmington's Harrison High School credits math and physics teachers, Sue Schultz and Dennis King, who "taught me how math can be interesting and fun."

Lawrence Birk of Livonia's Franklin High School says many teachers throughout his academic career have "helped keep school interesting and challenging."

Scott Selfon of Birmingham's Groves High School reaches back to elementary school to pick out Ruth Carson. She "always taught me that there are many ways to gain information outside of the classroom."

Matt Messina from West Bloomfield High School selects physics teacher Carl Fornell. "He refuses to spoon feed his students in a class in which spoon-feeding is often the preferred

teaching method."

Debate coach John Lawson "has pushed me to perform to the best of my ability," says Charles Sestok from Birmingham's Groves High School.

Susan Burden from Troy High School says teacher Ross Graham has been key in her decision to pursue chemistry in college.

For Megan Strohmeier from Troy Athens High School, English teacher Kathy LaMotte "showed me the satisfaction in working hard and achieving my goals."

Edward Kim from Detroit Country Day writes a moving tribute as he goes back in time and place to his first grade teacher, from P.S. 279 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He isn't even sure of the spelling of her name, "Mrs. Stolzenberg?"

"In spite of the workload and the strictly homogenized curriculum, Mrs. Stolzenberg managed to individualize each program to our needs. Back in 1980, the enrichment activities of Odyssey of the Mind and math contests and drama did not exist, especially for a New York P.S. 279. She conducted in class enrichment and competition. I discovered the art form of the 'musical' when she helped us stage 'Annie.'"

"She found roles for each of us, suited to our own needs. I became the dog Sandy, because of my small size. I viewed the non-speaking role as a mark and distinction; thus she showed me that my small size and stutter were not handicaps or things to detest.

"My confidence in independent study in mathematics and literature began in her open classroom. Learning that I would be moving to Michigan, she gave me as a parting gift the entire set of Winnie-the-Pooh out of her own pocket; reading to her was a fine pleasure worthy of a final token of remembrance."

Now that is a teacher.

ARKIE HUDKINS

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LETTERS

Cutbacks have impact

Last week the Wayne-Westland Board of Education approved a budget reduction for the next school year. This reduction included the elimination of media clerks in all 21 elementary libraries. This elimination of the media clerks will cause the library program to shut down, leaving our students without reading material and resources to further develop their academic studies.

To run the program with minimal staff, as it had been done in previous years, would cost the school district approximately \$129,570. With this minimal supervision, students in the elementary school would have the opportunity to use the library. This opportunity would allow each and every student continuous educational growth through the collection of books and reference materials that are circulated through the library.

Without this minimal supervision the recent \$400,000 put into the libraries, just this year, would be wasted and unattainable to our students.

I say "unattainable" because according to the secretaries' contract, Article 3.5 states "in the event of layoffs due either to strikes or lack of funds or job elimination, the employer agrees not to fill vacancies, or assign duties or responsibilities to other than WWESA personnel who shall be recalled as conditions change and in accordance with 3.3.1." This would make using the libraries a breach of contract.

Therefore the library program would be non-existing if the media clerks are eliminated and our students educational growth stunted. As an employee, taxpayer and parent, I feel this would be a drastic mistake and plead with the board of education and the administrators to please reconsider. This hasty decision could bring repercussions in the future.

Robyn Brennan, Westland

Yes on 'A'

I am voting yes on Proposal A on June 2, but I have tried to keep an open mind on the issue. I have even come up with 10 reasons to vote no. You should vote no if:

- You think you deserve to pay the highest school millage in the state.
- You like multiple "down and dirty" millage elections every few years.
- You think school board recall petition drives bring out the best in a community.
- You think teacher layoffs, shorter school days and larger class sizes are good for kids.
- You think positions on varsity athletic teams should be based on parental wealth, not athletic ability.
- You think only conservative tax purists like Dick Headlee or liberal media types like Tim Skubick of Channel 56 and WWJ-AM know what's best for Michigan.
- You like double digit assessment increases that bear almost no relationship to your homes true market value.
- You enjoy reading about all kinds of crack

pot tax cut schemes that have absolutely no chance of getting through the legislature or being approved by the voters.

■ You live in a wealthy, low millage district like Bloomfield Hills and like to trade in your Mercedes every two years.

■ You think anyone stupid enough to own property in Michigan deserves whatever they get.

Vote Yes June 2. Make June 3 the dawn of a new day for education in Michigan. Free our state to compete, on a level playing field, for the jobs of the 21st century. Vote early on June 2. Don't put it off. The schools need your vote. Michigan needs your vote. We need a future in this state and only you can give it.

Walter Warren, Westland Taxpayers Union

About code words

This letter is in response to Tim Richard's article of April 26 entitled "A Question Those Pervasive Education Code Words."

I want to applaud him for his astute observation. I was involved with an evangelical church in Southern California that endorsed this movement before realizing what a religious cult it really was.

They were telling us, among other things, that it is a sin to send children to public schools. The movement Richard refers to is called "reconstructionism." It is something that evangelicals as well as parents should question.

However, there is another code word to watch out for in our schools. When I asked one of the counselors at my daughter's school why the same sports teams offered to boys are not offered to girls, he responded that the policy is indeed in direct violation of Title IX.

I had to understand that this is a conservative school. When I called the principal to find out why Martin Luther King Day (a national holiday) is not observed, I was told that it is because all of the teachers and administrators are white and conservative.

I don't have the space or time to give you all of the examples I have, but the word "conservative" should never be used as a euphemism or an excuse for unfairness to girls/women or ethnic minorities.

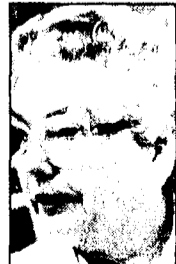
It is also a code word in our schools that parents should question.

M.V. Munoz, Farmington

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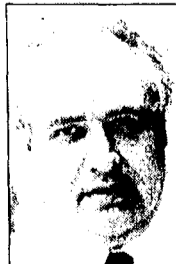
QUESTION:
What are your feelings about Wayne Westland's school cutbacks?

We asked this question at the Westland post office.



"I have no children here. I really can't say. My husband was transferred here from Akron and I don't know what's going on yet."

Marian Swift
Westland



"I'm not aware of it."

Daniel Thorpe
Westland



"All I know is what I read. I think there's a lot of mismanagement"

Ed Sarnecky
Westland



"My kids don't go to Wayne-Westland schools. I object to that. There's always a battle with Wayne-Westland schools."

Olga Yelonek
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POINTS OF VIEW

Mothers offer many role models to choose

Some mothers may not be feeling too good about themselves this Mother's Day.

They are the mothers who don't go off each day — or at least some days — to a paying job.

While many of us were extolling the virtues of last week's Take Our Daughters to Work Day — a semi-organized effort of the Ms. Foundation to introduce young girls to work and instill confidence in them — some of these mothers were getting their confidence knocked around.

Two Bloomfield Hills stay-at-home mothers lunching at Alban's in Birmingham were complaining to each other that the day put them in a bad light. Although some fathers also took their daughters to work with them, their understanding was that it was a

day to go to work with your mom. Here's the gist of their conversation:

"My daughter had to go to school while most of her friends had the day off to go with their moms," one said.

"Yes, my daughter didn't want to go to school," her friend answered. "We argued. She said only the boys would be at school. She wanted me to get her out for the day."

In addition, their daughters, they said, wouldn't be able to join in with classmates in the discussion the next day. They felt discriminated against, for themselves and for their daughters.

"The day wasn't good for my self-esteem," one sighed. "I was already feeling left out of the mainstream. There's so much publicity about working moms and nothing about stay-at-home moms."



JUDITH DONER BERNE

■ 'The day wasn't good for my self-esteem,' one sighed. 'I was already feeling left out of the mainstream. There's so much publicity about working moms and nothing about stay-at-home moms.'

I feel for them. I can remember when my children were quite young, before I went back to work, that it was important for me to remind myself, as I straightened up the family room or made dinner, that as soon as they were all in school I would resume my career.

I personally didn't feel satisfied staying home. But I have always admired those who do it well.

They truly enjoy creating a splendid meal, spending hours gardening, sewing. They read voraciously, keep up with the news and have plenty to say on a variety of subjects.

Many of these stay-at-home mothers do the bulk of the volunteer work around. Chairing a major fund-raiser, spending hours sorting used clothing for distribution to the needy, or regularly driving meals to the elderly may

make more of a difference to the world than what many of us do at work.

Plus, any working mom will tell you — we have plenty of our own guilt.

We simply can't let the world define motherhood. We have to define it for ourselves. Perhaps those of us who work have to be a little more charitable about those who don't. And those who don't work need to seek out that niche where they feel useful and satisfied.

The world has never been more open for women — mothers or not — than it is today. That's the best Mother's Day gift of all.

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Columnist looks at press corps' double standard

Three laws govern the State Capitol press corps. They aren't statutes, nor are they rules the correspondents voted on. Rather, they're natural laws, like supply and demand.

First, it's OK to take God's name in vain. God is male and perhaps white.

Second, if a man makes a sexual reference — the sky crashes, as Sens. Jack Welborn and Gil DiNello learned last week.

Third, if a woman says the same thing — no problem.

Cussing goes on from time to time, particularly when politicians get excited. Capitol inhabitants shrug. That's the first law.

The second law — drop the bomb on males who say something naughty — was implemented last week against Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, who referred to a ban on nude dancing as the "titty" bill. DiNello, R-Macomb County, made a gesture of agreement with his lapels. So a female reporter from Michigan State University threw a conniption fit in a column of the State News.

Daily papers and Detroit TV ignored

the medical malpractice bill, the draconian crime bills and the \$3 billion school aid bill and obeyed the third law by covering the controversy. The State News' rookie became a "film at 11" star.

The Democratic Party issued a page of purple prose about "gross disregard for women," "an absolute failure to appreciate the unique vision and perspective women have already brought to state government," "demean and denigrate" and, of course, that old warhorse "insensitivity." It stopped just short of asking Welborn to commit suicide by self-immolation.

Columnists raged unremittingly over the two-sentence incident.

The last time I heard the T-word in mixed company, it was used by a feminist reporter who otherwise was fond of spotting sexual harassment (as if anyone ever would harass her). And the first four times I heard the F-word in mixed company, the orators were all young women.

Those examples bring us to the third



TIM RICHARD

■ The Democratic Party issued a page of purple prose about 'gross disregard for women,' and, of course, that old warhorse 'insensitivity.' It stopped just short of asking Welborn to commit suicide by self-immolation.

law: Women can say whatever they wish, or use any four-letter terms, with impunity.

Take Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, discussing an abortion regulation bill. She said it would force women "to jump through another legal barrier put up by the dominant male police officers who serve as senators in this body — individuals who never have been pregnant, never will be pregnant, many of whom I maintain have helped pregnant women with whom they have been involved, emotionally or otherwise, to seek an abortion."

That was permissible. As I read it, Pollack suggests (1) men shouldn't vote on abortion bills and (2) an unspecified number of male senators have paid for abortions of convenience while spouting Right to Life's line in public.

A couple of days later, Pollack objected to a crippling amendment a male senator wanted to tack on a House bill she was supporting. "I expect someone will propose repeal of the 19th Amendment (women voting). There's no end of feeling threatened around here. It's

insensitive at best and hostile at worst," Pollack said. Then she really began steaming:

"It (a bill helping women) gets over to the Senate, and testosterone poisoning takes over."

Did my brothers and sisters in the pack write a barrage of reaction pieces? Never. Did the male senators take offense, accuse her of sexism and insensitivity, and demand she crawl apologetically across the floor? They didn't dare.

Men can't say "boobs," but women can. The first time I heard the word in mixed company, it was used by a female Republican legislator. "I've got the boobs to fight this," she said, using the word as a synonym for courage.

Careful readers will notice I neither attack nor defend the unwritten laws. I just try to obey them, explain them to the readers at home and stay out of trouble.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His office phone is (313) 349-1700.

Volunteer service benefits more than those served

By NAMITA KAMATH
GUEST COLUMNIST

Not many people like to work hard without being rewarded. Usually that reward is a paycheck. But not always.

Sometimes the reward is far more valuable. The rewards of volunteer service are innumerable. It builds character, creates a sense of community, teaches more than a classroom ever could and provides unmet social needs, such as cleaning polluted rivers.

Now it may give students a chance for an education, too.

The Clinton Administration is planning to institute its national service program into domestic policy. The administration plans to have it completely implemented in six years, according to statements by Eli Segal, the program's director.

The administration is implementing a 9½-month pilot program — "Summer of Service" — this June. It will involve 1,000 students at six sites across the country. Officials want to see how the program works.

While the politicians iron out the plan and try to fit it into the budget, I am typing away at this little computer, trying to put into words why this is such a good idea.

I was first introduced to service when I was at Mercy High School. Right from my freshman year, I began to become involved in the "Pastoral Team," a group dedicated to service to the school and the community.

I volunteered for a great variety of activities and by the end of my stay there, helped organize them.

Now at Michigan State University, I try to volunteer for various organizations whenever I have the chance in this crazy campus life, where I am supposed to be getting an education to prepare me for the rest of my life.

What service adds to an education, though, is irreplaceable by any lecturing professor.

It will let students encounter experiences unknown to them before, see a viewpoint different than their own. They will have their eyes opened to the way the "real world" works.

Taking the time out of life to devote to service teaches discipline, hard work and lessons about life that need to be experienced to fully understand. Helping others also provides a sense of accomplishment and boosts self-esteem.

Practically, students also will learn communication and organizational skills.

All of this helps them to become stronger peo-

ple and lead more successful lives. But it also benefits the community.

The American sense of community means strong character, values and work ethics. With many of our youth learning through volunteer programs, this concept of community will be strengthened.

The idea of a society in which many different people live together will also be instilled. With students exposed to all walks of life, challenging stereotypes, will enable us to start achieving diversity successfully.

What I'm forgetting to mention is that ultimately service serves someone. A national service program will allow so many youth, while gaining experience in their fields, a chance to serve and fill needs in this society.

There are so many things our country needs, from candy strippers in hospitals to assistants in social work offices to environmental workers to volunteers at homeless shelters.

No one can afford to pay these people. Who has time to do these things when we're all busy trying to work and get ahead? We all have to pay taxes and bills.

One of those bills is a college bill. As tuition prices soar, attending college, the alleged equalizer of opportunity in this country, becomes more and more difficult for more and more people.

So, why shouldn't students work for their education, learn from the work and serve the need of the country? A national service program allows students who want a college education to get one and pay for it by devoting anywhere from a summer to two years to their communities.

In a March 1 speech at Rutgers University, President Clinton explained, "National service will be America at its best, building community, offering opportunity and rewarding responsibility."

Maybe I'm being starry-eyed and idealistic. All of the nation's social woes can not be solved by one program. But a little idealism never hurt anyone. And if we have the chance to do a little good, why don't we do it?

A little work for the good of all never hurt anyone.

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Sky Queen: Reporter previews AirMichigan

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
STAFF WRITER

About five seconds is all it took to decide whether I wanted to chance a ride in a biplane, an event planned to promote AirMichigan '93 show at Willow Run Airport this weekend. At least, that's how long it took to shout my way into the assignment over the office clamor.

After all, I told colleagues, I'm halfway through a lifetime and when opportunity knocks, well, you don't let someone else answer the door.

Not everyone was so enthusiastic. My boss mentioned something about "air sickness" and my father, ever cautious, asked if I really wanted to do this.

But memories of a Saturday morning TV show from my youth left me thinking again about a cattle rancher named Sky King and his niece, Penny, who roamed the Wild Blue Yonder while helping people. True, theirs was a more sophisticated (read enclosed) Piper Cub. Hey! I like fresh air.

Women aviators

Besides, I'm not the first woman to fly in a plane. You can forget the Amelia Earhart jokes; the air show will feature in its lineup 25-year veteran aviatrix Julie Clark, performing a solo aerobatic routine in her 12th air show season.

With more than 18,000 accident-free hours in the air, Clark is a captain for Northwest Airlines as well and can fly more than 65 types of aircraft. Her honors include 1988 General Aviation News Performer of the Year and Female Performer of the Year in 1988 and 1990. She also lists such credits as doing PBS specials, serving as co-host for the special "Sky-Dancers" and working with PM Magazine.

However, I'm getting ahead of my story.

I was awake at 4:30 the morning of the flight, making a visual check of weather conditions. Too dark to see, I sought help from my favorite radio weather forecaster. "Clouds clearing out by afternoon," she said.

My fretting was unnecessary.

By 10 a.m. flight time, a brilliant blue sky greeted photographer Guy Warren and me at hangar one at Willow Run.

A good reporter always checks the spelling of a source's name. "Rick, how do you spell your last name?" I asked.

"That's Rip, as in Rest In Peace," he responded. There was general laughter; I was not among those laughing, especially when Rip Hayes, 42, of Bloomfield Township, mentioned that he hadn't brought parachutes along for the flight.

We checked out the plane, a reproduction of a 1935 Waco YMF, which Hayes has based at the Troy airport. The 7 cylinder, 275 horsepower plane has a spruce wood wing span of 30 feet and is 35 feet long. The propeller is laminated, hardwood maple.

"It's fully aerobatic," said Hayes, which I was about to find out.

The plane carries a 50-gallon fuel tank and, yes, Hayes said, it was full.

Getting ready

Getting ready for the flight took some preparation: Hayes outfitted me in protective head gear, headphones and, of course, a long, white, silk scarf to make the flight complete. After making sure I was secured by a lap and shoulder harness, Hayes climbed aboard and contacted the tower.

We meandered, literally, toward Charlie runway.

"I have to make S-turns because I can't see where I'm going," Hayes said. That wasn't terribly comforting, but it was logical. While on the ground, the plane sits at a steep angle with its nose in the air, blocking the pilot's view. That all changes once airborne.

Lift-off seemed effortless and soon we were flying at 1,200 feet. "The plane will fly as high as 17,500 feet," Hayes said.

The air was warm and the scenery beautiful. I could imagine myself on one of Hayes' rides along Mackinac and the beaches when he is based in Petoskey during the summer months.

We started with a few "easy" banks and rolls. "The tendency most people have is to lean away from the side of the plane," Hayes said, noting what I had been doing. "It's more fun if you lean with the plane."

Following his advice made the trip much more enjoyable.

After contacting the Ann Arbor tower, we flew over that city and the University of Michigan stadium, then Domino's Farms. Leaving Ann Arbor airspace, Hayes suggested that we try a few aerobatic moves.

Right moves

We started banking easily through half a Lazy Eight. Next was a Chandelle. "We have to raise the airspeed to 140 mph first," Hayes explained. What he didn't say was how he was going to raise the speed. Suddenly the nose of the plane — and remember I was sitting in the forward cockpit — was headed in a nose-dive. I imagined myself in one of those old war movies.

Soon we were banking hard in one of the most thrilling parts of the ride.

I just had time to catch my breath when Hayes was on the intercom. "Have you ever heard of a plane going into a stall?" I had, but admitted I didn't know what it meant.

"Most people think it means the engine stops, but that's not true," said Hayes, a 24-year flight

veteran. "The wings stop flying. Want to try it?" I did, and kept looking at the wings as the air speed dropped. I don't know what I expected to see.

At 70 mph there was a thud and the plane dropped altitude horizontally. I'm glad no one could see the expression on my face at the time.

Then it was time to head back to Willow Run and a feather light landing.

Golden Knights

Feet planted firmly back in adulthood, I can safely tell you that there won't be any kings at the shows, but there will be 19 knights, all members of the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team.

The team has produced 100 world champions and 22 world champions in the 1980s. Among them are Cheryl Stearns and Terry Bennet Vares. The team now has two demonstration teams, two

competition teams, a style and accuracy team, a relative work team, an aviation section and a headquarters section.

Air shows are Saturday and Sunday, but highlighting the Sunday show only will be the Stealth F-117A fighter, a radar-eluding aircraft used during Operation Desert Storm. The aircraft, which operates at high subsonic speed, is nearly 66 feet long with a wing span of more than 43 feet.

Joining them for the air show are Hayes, the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, wingwalker Johnny Kazian, solo aerobatic pilots Dave Dacy and Sean Tucker, military demonstrations and static displays and top Soviet pilot Alexander Zuyev in what is expected to be the biggest show ever.

As far as I'm concerned, a biplane is the only way to fly. There's only one thing Hayes didn't explain. Where do I put my suitcases?

Here's the scoop:

WHAT: AirMichigan '93 at Willow Run Airport.

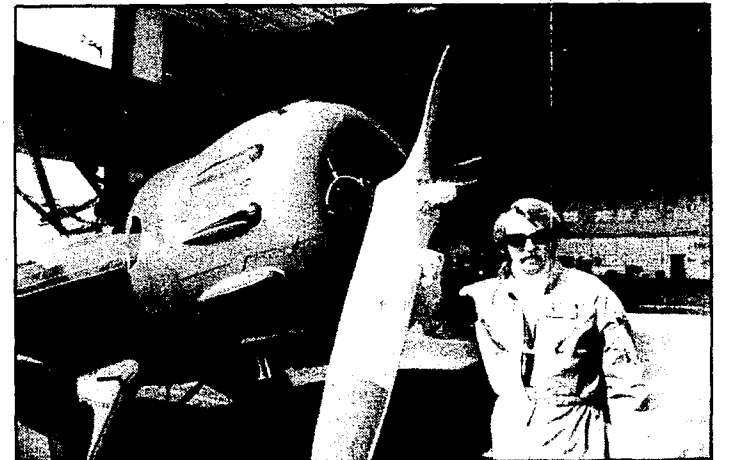
WHEN: Saturday and Sunday; gates open at 9 a.m.; Saturday's shows begin at noon due to live television coverage.

WHO: U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute team; military fly by; U.S. Navy Blue Angels; Stealth fighter on Sunday only; aerobatic flyers; and wing walkers.

GETTING THERE: Take I-94 west to Belleville Road and exit. Go north to the Meijers store, and turn left, going to gate of show.

OR, take I-275 south to Ecorse Road and exit westbound to Beck Road. Turn left where you will be directed to the gate.

TICKETS: Available at all TicketMaster outlets and at the AirMichigan office at Willow Run. Advance general admission tickets, through Friday, are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 6-11. At the gate tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children. Reserved box seats are \$15. Parking is \$3. Children age 5 and younger are admitted free.



Fly guy: Rip "as in Rest in Peace" Hayes of Bloomfield Township will be flying this reproduction of a 1935 Waco YMF in the weekend air show.

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WESTLAND SPORTS SCENE

Martin opts for Stanford

Once he got accepted, Westland John Glenn's Matt Martin was sold on Stanford University.

Martin, who captured the state Class A 100-yard butterfly with a record time of 49.49, announced last week that he will join the two-time defending NCAA champions, coached by Skip Kenny, as a non-scholarship athlete next fall.



Matt Martin Martin also made official visits to Florida State and Michigan State.

"Coach (Richard) Bader (of MSU) really made me a nice offer," Martin said. "There were a lot of pluses with Michigan State. It was close to home, but I think I'll feel at home there (at Stanford), too. That helped swing my conscience that way."

Stanford has produced numerous Olympic Games champions, including Matt Biondi and Summer Sanders to name a few.

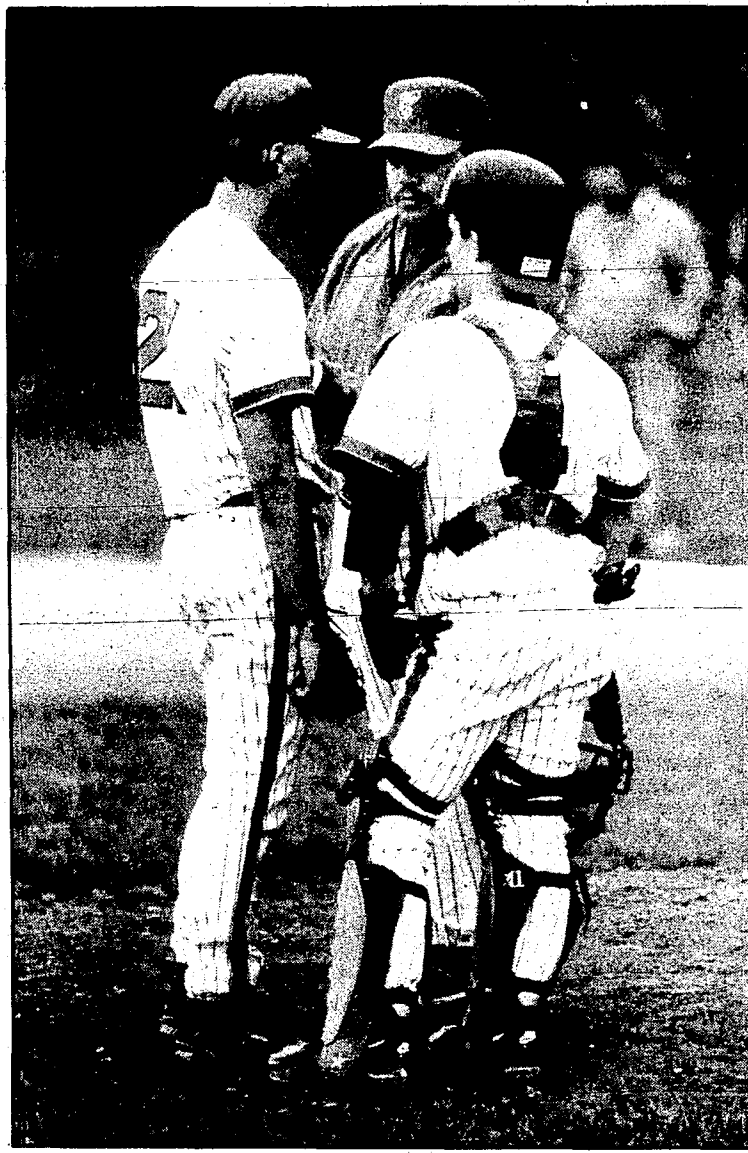
Martin was invited to a party Sanders threw during his visit.

"I feel I have a chance to fit in right away," Martin said.

Martin, who also finished second in the state meet in the 100 backstroke (49.97), was busy last month attending two national meets.

At the Junior Nationals in Gainesville, Fla., Martin finished third in the 200-yard individual medley with a personal best time of 1:52.3. He added a ninth in the 100 backstroke (50.78), while competing as well in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke. At the U.S. Senior Nationals, Martin finished 26th in the 100 backstroke and 30th overall in the 100 butterfly.

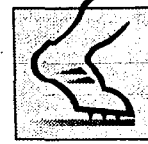
Heart-to-Heart



JIM JAGFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Summit meeting: Clarenceville manager Mark MacDonald (center) has a conference on the mound with pitcher Mark Juncaj (left) and catcher Brian DeCaire during Monday's game with Cranbrook. See roundup on page 3B.

CC's McKeon eyes spotlight



Redford Catholic Central standout Eric McKeon will be the one to watch during the 23rd running of the Observerland Boys Track Relays Saturday at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

For Redford Catholic Central senior track star Eric McKeon, every event is a sprint.

McKeon gives it all he's got, whether he's running the 100-meter dash or logging 800 meters as anchor on CC's defending Class A state champion 3,200 relay team.

McKeon, who owns the area's best times in the 100, 200 and 400-meter races, showed rare versatility by a track man with his 39th place at last fall's Class A state cross country meet. McKeon and his teammates will try to defend their title at Saturday's 23rd annual Observerland Relays at Redford Union's Howard Kraft Field.

The relays begin at 3:30 p.m. with finals set for 7 p.m.

"People love to watch Eric run, he's so smooth," CC coach Tony Magni said. "It's very unusual to see your top sprinter also run real well in cross country. When he gets the baton, everybody holds their breath until he starts catching people."

CC won last Friday's Jackson Invitational where McKeon almost matched East Lansing's Randy Kinder step for step. McKeon, who is leaning toward attending the University of Detroit-Mercy, placed second behind Kinder in the 100 meters (11.0), 200 (22.2) and 400 run (49.8).

Kinder, the state's top football prospect as a tailback who is headed

for Notre Dame, turned in winning times of 10.9 in the 100, 22.0 in the 200 and 49.6 in the 400.

McKeon thought he should have won the 400.

"I ran stupidly," McKeon said. "I went slower than I should have the first 200 and when it came time for the last 200, he had a better kick."

McKeon's teammates are awed by his skill.

"I've never seen a kid run so fast at any point and time," said senior Jamie Fitzgerald, a distance runner. "He'll take off from anywhere and smoke anyone."

CC, which placed first at the Elks Relays and third at the West Bloomfield Invitational, will be a heavy favorite with top challenger Wayne Memorial missing nearly half its athletes because of prom weekend and a trip to Cedar Point. Wayne coach Floyd Carter said this, ironically, is his best team in 10 years.

Missing all together are the Farmington teams — North, Harrison and Farmington High — who are holding their city meet Saturday.

"We'll be fifth or six without our guys," Carter said. "With our guys I think we could win it, going by what we've run and what I see listed (in the Observer's top times). We'll be there and are going to compete with the guys we have."

See OBSERVERLAND, 3B

Noffert catch a 'steel'

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Bernie Noffert lives to fish according to his friend and fishing buddy Paul Wolf. Recently, the 76-year-old Livonia angler caught the fish of a lifetime.

Noffert and his 10-year-old grandson Tim were steelhead fishing in mid-April. They chartered a driftboat from Dave Kane of Benzonia and were working their way along the Manistee river when Noffert hooked into a monster. After a thrilling 15-minute fight featuring aerial antics by the fish Kane finally slipped the net under a beautiful 18.82-pound male steelhead.

The 38½-inch fish hit a Wiggle Wart around 10 a.m. Not only does Noffert hold bragging rights for the longest steelie taken so far this year, he also received a coveted Master Angler Award from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for his catch.

"Bernie lives to fish," explained Wolf, who called in with the success report. "We were out walleye fishing the other day and after five or six hours I was ready to head in. Bernie could have stayed out there all day. He just loves fishing."

Steelhead anglers have been experiencing good success in recent

weeks on Michigan rivers. Hot spots include the St. Joe's and Kalamazoo rivers in southwestern Michigan; the pier at Ludington, the Manistee River and the Elk River in the northwestern Lower Peninsula; the AuSable River at Oscoda (mostly the mainstream and the north branch because the south branch has been too high to wade), and the Thunder Bay River at Alpena in the northeastern Lower Peninsula. A few steelheads have been taken in the Clinton and Huron river in southeastern Michigan.

Michigan's steelhead are actually rainbow trout which mature in the Great Lakes. As the water temperature rises in the spring steelhead gather to spawn in the rivers. A mature steelhead usually spawns twice, but can spawn up to three or four times in a lifetime if the fish lives that long.

Steelhead enter the rivers throughout the year with the heaviest runs occurring in the spring. Fish that enter the rivers in the fall and winter remain there until the spawn and spend four or five months feeding in the river. These early arrivals provide a quality challenge for hardy winter anglers.

In the spring, when the fish are spawning they aren't actively feeding and anglers must provoke the fish into striking. Occasionally, if you run a nightcrawler, wiggle or some fresh spawn past a fish it may strike. Good success is also experienced with spoons and spinners such as Little Cleos and

Meps spinners. The minimum entry weight for Master Angler honors for a steelhead is 16-pounds. The current state record is a whopping 26-pounds, 8-ounces.

River Crab record

The 15th running of the River Crab Salmon Stakes Saturday in St. Clair netted a ton of fish and a record \$100,000 in proceeds which will be used to support child and family service agencies across the state.

Last year, the tournament — which was started 15 years ago by Chuck Muer — grossed \$85,000. A goal of \$100,000 was set this year in honor of Muer and his wife Betty, who have been lost at sea off Jupiter, Florida since March 12 along with their friends George and Lynne Drummy.

One local angler was recognized for catching the heaviest fish of the tournament. Rod Coffey, of Livonia, took the top honor in the lake trout division with a 16.45 pounder.

Westland's Carol Klein placed fourth in the raffle and won a charter fishing trip for four by Network Charters and Al Tyrell.

(Successful anglers and turkey hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham Mi. 48009 or call Bill Parker Monday evenings at 644-1100, ext. 241.)

Marian finds itself under the Gunn

Livonia Ladywood's senior goalie Liz Gunn made 15 saves Monday as the host Blazers and Birmingham battled to a scoreless draw in a Catholic League Central Division girls soccer match.

Ladywood is 4-2-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the division. Marian is 2-3-1.

"Our whole team played well," Ladywood coach Ron Predmesky. "We played a lot better than the 4-1 shellacking we took from them the last time."

Kelli Colliton had a couple of

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good scoring chances for the Blazers, but couldn't convert.

■ CHURCHILL 4, N. FARMINGTON 0: Almee Cousino tallied a goal and two assists Monday as Livonia Churchill (5-2-1 overall) blanked host North Farmington.

Senior Andrea Zawislak contributed a goal and an assist, while Becky Smedley and Erin Stacherki also scored goals for the winners. Kerri Varardi collected an assist.

Goalie Mary Beeton wouldn't be beaten, recording the shutout.

■ STEVENSON 3, W.L. WESTERN 0: Senior forward Michele Brach scored twice Monday, leading Livonia Stevenson (5-2 overall) past Walled Lake Western.

Sophomore midfielder Laura Fedrigo added a third goal for the Spartans. Michelle Fatute, Michelle Block and Karleen Kudej — all sophomores — drew assists.

Backup goalie Kristi DiBasio, a freshman recorded the shutout.

HERITAGE 3, FRANKLIN 0: Injury-riddled Livonia Franklin was dumped Saturday by visiting Saginaw Heritage in a non-leaguer.

The Patriots are now 2-5 overall.

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna hopes to pull surprise during playoffs

The script is finished. Now all that need be done is playing it out.

Madonna University enters the NAIA District 23 softball tournament hoping for a repeat performance. Not one of their own, however; the Lady Crusaders have reached the district playoffs two-straight years, and have yet to win a game. They are 0-for-4.

The repeat that interests them comes from Northwood University, which a year ago advanced from the fourth seed to claim the district title and a berth in the NAIA Tournament.

Madonna is seeded fourth this year.

"I think we've got a chance because the fourth-place team won it last year," said Madonna coach Dave Racer. "And I think we can play with these teams. We had (first-place) Siena Heights down twice going into the seventh and lost both. We had our moments against all of them."

The "all" referred to is the remainder of the four-team field: Aquinas College, which finished second, and Northwood, which was third. Madonna (7-7 in the district, 16-24 overall) goes against No. 1 Siena Heights (13-1 in the district) at noon Thursday at Concordia College. No. 2 Aquinas (11-3) battles No. 3 Northwood (10-4), also at noon Thursday, at Ann Arbor Huron HS.

The first-round winners in the double-elimination tournament meet at Concordia College at 2 p.m. Thursday. The losers play at 2 p.m. at Huron. The team without a loss after two rounds then draws a bye; the two teams with one loss each play at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Concordia.

The last one, or perhaps two, games will be Friday at noon and 2 p.m. at Concordia.

While Madonna had bright spots in each of its six games against the top three district teams, it must be noted that the Crusaders failed to win any of them. Poor defense has plagued them throughout the season. That must change if Madonna is to advance.

"First of all, we have to play the way we're capable of playing," said Racer. "We can't

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make the errors we've been making. It's been a big problem all year."

Getting past Siena Heights won't be easy. The Saints boast four first-team all-district players, including the most valuable player, third baseman Tanya Dickerson. An NAIA All-American last year, Dickerson hit .479 for Siena Heights this season.

There's more, too: pitcher Robyn Humes was 13-3, while Shannon Nesbit hit .395 and Megan Rickner batted .352. All were all-district.

Madonna is hardly weaponless. Leading the Crusaders into the playoffs are a pair of all-district performers: junior second baseman Mandy Armstrong and freshman catcher/outfielder Tracy Parenti, from Livonia Franklin HS.

Armstrong hit .353, with two doubles and 11 runs batted from the lead-off position. She led the Crusaders in runs scored with 23, stolen bases with 12 and in hits with 40. Parenti topped the team in batting average at .402; she added three doubles, a triple, 16 RBI and 11 runs scored.

"She had a lot of timely base hits for us," said Racer of Parenti's play. "She hit the ball hard all year."

Crusaders named to the honorable mention list were sophomore Kim Supron, from Livonia Ladywood (.337, eight doubles, three triples, one homer, 20 RBI); junior third baseman Jill Burt (.325, five doubles, a triple, 17 RBI); and redshirt sophomore left-fielder Holly Jondro (.343, three doubles, two triples, a homer, 13 RBI).

They might be enough to carry Madonna. "Mandy's been hitting the ball well all season," said Racer. "And Parenti's hitting the ball hard. When Jondro gets hot, she's a great player. And she plays good, steady defense."

Still, defense and pitching are the necessary ingredients for a title run. Dawn Terrasi has been adequate on the mound for Madonna this season. The defense, particularly on the left side of the infield (Burt at third and freshman Michelle Birchmeier at shortstop), must improve.

MU ends regular season on roll

It's that time of year. And by the way Madonna University's baseball team tackled the challenge, you'd have thought they held a grudge.

Maybe the Fighting Crusaders just figure it's time for their turn at the top. That's how they played last weekend, putting their entire game together: pitching, hitting, defense.

The result was six-consecutive wins over a three-day span to close out their NAIA District 23 season, victories that assured them of their first-ever regular-season championship.

Madonna finishes with a 22-4 district mark. Aquinas, which the Crusaders defeated twice Saturday, is 15-5 in second place. Spring Arbor is third at 14-6, followed by Siena Heights (13-11), Northwood (7-3) and Tri-State (6-11). Those are the teams that figure to advance to the district playoffs, which begin May 13-15 at Aquinas.

Madonna will be the No. 1 seed for the playoffs. The winner will host the NAIA regional tournament.

"Our kids played big-time, step-up-to-the-plate type of baseball," said Madonna coach Mike George of the weekend successes. "I was proud of them."

The wins at Aquinas Saturday were the key. The Crusaders had won two at Grand Rapids Baptist the day before, but the Aquinas double-header was imperative if they were to win the regular-season crown.

Pitching propelled Madonna in the opener, a 3-0 four-hit shutout courtesy of Jeff Kugelman. The offense took over in the nightcap, a 10-5 triumph.

In the opener, Kugelman walked one and allowed four singles, striking out two. He improved his record to 5-1. David Molnar went the distance and took the loss for Aquinas.

All three Madonna runs came in the last two innings. Rich Roy's single scored Jeff Pendell, who had walked, with the first run in the sixth. Joe Brusseau then slugged a two-out, two-run homer in the seventh to clinch it.

In the second game, the Crusaders built a 9-1 lead after three innings and cruised. Four of those runs crossed the plate in the first, on run-producing singles by Roy and Bill Terski, Chris Gajewski's bases-loaded walk and a passed ball.

Roy slammed a two-run homer in the second to make it 6-0, and Jeff Miller keyed a three-run third with a two-run single. Terski added a second run batted in with a sacrifice fly in the fifth. Roy had two hits and three RBI, while Terski and Miller each had

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a hit and two RBI.

Shaun Hayward picked up the victory, giving up two earned runs on six hits and three walks, striking out two. He improved his record to 5-0. Jeff Wierenga was the loser; Aquinas pitchers walked eight in the game.

MADONNA 12-7, TRI-STATE 8-4: At Tri-State University Sunday, the Crusaders banged out 22 hits in the twinbill sweep, with Scott Anderson doing a good deal of the damage.

Anderson, who had singled in his final appearance against Aquinas the previous day, went 4-for-4 in the first game against Tri-State, then got three-straight hits in the second game before striking out in his last at-bat. The eight consecutive hits is a Madonna school record, and they raised his batting average from .333 to .457.

In the first game, Anderson scored twice and knocked in three runs — all scoring on his first collegiate home run, in the third. Pendell also had two hits to support T.C. Raptis' solid pitching: seven innings, two earned runs on seven hits and three walks, four strikeouts. He is 2-2. Thad Wilburn surrendered nine runs in 6½ innings to take the loss.

Anderson drove in two more runs in

the second game with a first-inning double. Madonna scored all seven of its runs in the opening inning. Steve Zann had a two-run single, Jim Solak singled in a run, Roy walked with the bases loaded for a run and Terski's grounder delivered another. Terski had two hits in the game.

Mike Coleman improved to 2-4 with the win, allowing three earned runs on eight hits and a walk, striking out three. Kerry Snyder was the loser.

EASTERN MICHIGAN 4-5, MADONNA 3-4: The Crusaders lost twice to late-inning rallies Monday at Eastern Michigan University. The second game went 12 innings.

In the opener, the Eagles took a 2-0 lead on Jason McDonald's first-inning single. Madonna got a run back in the third on Terski's sacrifice fly, then took a 3-2 lead in the fifth on Brusseau's solo homer and Craig Overaitis' run-scoring single.

The Crusaders could have put the game away in the sixth. They had runners on first and second with no one out, but on a hit-and-run play Pendell lined out to EMU second baseman Jim Bostock, who tagged one baserunner and touched second base to complete an unassisted triple play.

In the bottom half of the inning, Bostock completed a memorable game by lining a Louie McKaig pitch over the fence for a two-run, game-winning homer.

Brusseau and Overaitis each had two hits and an RBI for Madonna. The loss dropped McKaig to 6-1; he gave up four runs on six hits, with two strikeouts. Steve Herbst was the winner in relief of starter Tim Tessmar.

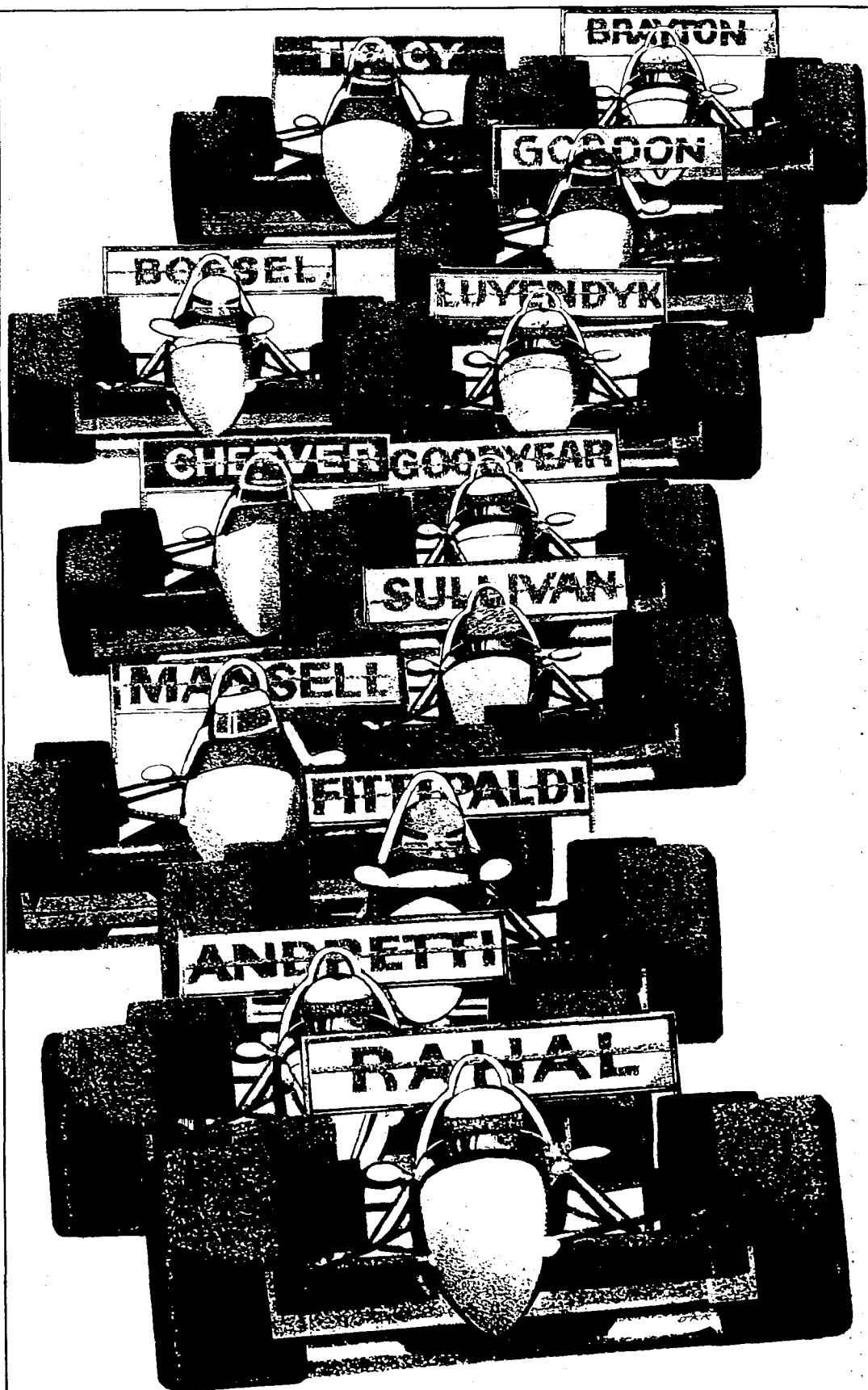
The second game was just as dramatic. EMU tied it to force extra innings after Madonna had scored a run in the first on Roy's single and two more in the second on a Chris Gajewski single.

Roy hit a solo homer in the 12th to put Madonna ahead, but the Eagles stormed back, aided by a controversial play to start the bottom of the 12th. Mike Wisely looped a drive to center that Anderson made a diving attempt to catch, but it was ruled a trap.

The hit was Wisely's fifth in six trips and started a two-run rally. A bunt by Bostock was thrown away at first by Gajewski, allowing Wisely to score the tying run. Two intentional walks and a sacrifice later, Dan Skutchfield singled in the game-winner.

Roy had three hits and two RBI, and Pendell and Gajewski each had two hits, Gajewski adding two RBI. Solak took the loss in relief, allowing two runs on three hits and two walks in 2½ innings. Crusader pitchers issued 19 walks (seven intentional) in the game. Fred Londo, the last of five EMU pitchers, got the win.

The losses left Madonna at 35-18, which surpasses the school record for wins in a season (it was 32, set in '91). EMU is 23-18.



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Rockets soar in victory over Wayne

Westland John Glenn had little trouble Tuesday with Wayne Memorial in a non-league girls track meet, 79-40.

Host Glenn, which improved to 4-2 overall, swept the individual running events. Michelle Molitor was the top performer, capturing both the 1,600-meter run (6:00.8) and the 3,200 run (13:15.0).

The Rockets also received first place finishes from: Courtney Brown, 100 dash (13.4); Felicia Bailey, 200 dash (27.6); Yasemin Ahmed, 400 run (1:06.2); Lori Trussler, 100 hurdles (17.6); and Tina Moore, 800 run (2:45.3).

Glenn also thrived in the field events where Karen Deschaine took the high jump (4-foot-10); Brown, long jump (14-10 1/4); and Lisa Rankey; discus (93-10).

The Rockets' 400 relay team of Bailey, Katie Niman, Tamara Murphy and Brown added a first in 53.5, while the 3,200 relay team of Laurie Bader, Kory Miller, Heather Royer and Gretchen Schroeder won in 11:28.8.

The Zebras, who are struggling at 1-3 overall, gained four firsts — three from senior Tranessa Burroughs.

She ran away with the 300 hurdles (50.9). Burroughs also teamed with Nicole Burton, Tolanda Jones and Donna Williams to take the 800 relay (1:55.1). Burroughs also began the winning 1,600 relay team with Lateefa Moore, Nicole Seymore and Williams (4:30.0).

The other Wayne victor was Kim Morrow in the shot put (35-4 1/4).

GIRLS TRACK

"It was a rough day for us and not a good day with behavior," said Wayne coach Bob Lynn. "We had several girls that didn't want to run and several who quit the team."

Dearborn downs Churchill

Despite three first place finishes from Karen Dawley and two apiece from Heather Boni and Tracey Parker, Livonia Churchill fell Tuesday to visiting Dearborn, 68-60, in a non-league dual.

The Chargers are winless in four dual meets.

Dawley took the long jump (14-8 1/2), the 300 hurdles (52.5) and teamed with Boni, Kim Gruska and Becky Couyoumjan to win the 1,600 relay (4:29.9).

Boni also won the 200 in 28.4. Parker added firsts in the 1,600 run (5:58.4) and 3,200 run (13:23.0). The only other Churchill win belonged to Amanda Burdell in the shot put (33-7).

Marian stops Ladywood

Every team has an off day and Livonia Ladywood was no different Tuesday, as the Blazers fell to Birmingham Marian, 75-44, in a Catholic League Central Division dual.

Ladywood managed only four firsts. The Blazers did sweep the hurdles as Heather Zupec took the 100 in 18.19 and Michelle Capobres won the 300 in 54.3.

The Blazers' other two wins were in the 400 and 800 relays. In the 400, Shannon Swish, Nicole Clausen, Lindsey Soter and Stacie Johnson finished in (57.38), while the foursome of Swish, Soter, Clausen and Stacey Folse captured the 800 (1:55.09).

Lutheran Westland rolls

Emily Schroeder figured in four Lutheran, High Westland victories Tuesday as the host Warriors dominated in a Metro Conference tri-meet.

The Warriors' 94 points easily beat Bloomfield Hills Kingswood's total of 44, and Livonia Clarenceville's 21.

Westland improved to 7-1.

Schroeder, a sophomore, took the high jump (4-8), the 100-yard dash (12.5), the 220 dash (28.7) and was on the winning mile relay team with Angel Azzopardi, Kate Sernett and Heather Locke (4:35.3). The same three, minus Schroeder, and with the addition of Lice Koch, won the two-mile relay in 12:08.4.

Other Westland winners included: Koch, two-mile run (14:27.0); Sernett, 880 run (2:40.9); Jennifer Merrill, discus (79-8); Sarah Pfeiffer, long jump (14-9). The Warriors' 440 relay team of Pfeiffer, Irene Nagy, Stephanie McGhee and Kim Wheeler was also victorious (57.5).

Clarenceville's only firsts came from the legs of Stacy Bishop-Rick, who took the 110 hurdles (18.1) and 330 hurdles (55.8).

Zebras' Johnson keys triumph

A strong wind couldn't hold back Wayne Memorial as the Zebras improved to 5-0 Tuesday, breezing past city rival Westland John Glenn, 81-56, in a non-league boys track meet.

"I was pleased with our times and the effort," Wayne coach Floyd Carter said. "There was a stiff headwind out of the south, and we were running right into it. It slowed some of our times down."

One Zebra the wind didn't slow down was senior Randy Johnson, who captured the long jump (20-1 1/2), 100-meter hurdles (15.7) and 400 run (51.39).

He also ran on the winning 1,600 relay team with Ken Wardlow, James Bruner and Aaron Shaw (3:36.8).

Wayne also received strong performances from Ron McClellan, who won the 100 dash (11.3) and 200 (23.1). He teamed up with Gerald Adams, Brian Higgins and Rashawn Jackson to win the 400 (45.1) and the 800 (1:35.3) relays.

BOYS TRACK

Other Wayne individual firsts were recorded by Shaw in the 300 hurdles (41.1), Chris Hedger in the 1,600 run (4:50.0), and Bruce Kendrick in the discus (133-foot, 1 inch).

In addition to his two relay wins, Adams was edged out in two events: His leap of 20-1 was a half-inch less than Johnson's long jump. Adams also was beaten by two-tenths of a second in the 800 run.

The winner in the 800 run — the day's most exciting event — was Glenn's Bob Lulek in 2:08.6. Lulek also anchored the winning 3,200 relay team of Henry Honeycutt, Jason Olewnik and Jeff Tapper (8:55.5).

Other Glenn winners: Honeycutt, 3,200 run (10:53.7); John Porter, pole vault (10-6); Shawn Arbogast, shot put (43-11 1/2); Chris Vanderburgh, high jump (6-2).

Warriors rule tri-meet

Lutheran Westland fended off Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook thanks to strong performances in the hurdles and field events in a Metro Conference tri-meet Tuesday hosted by the Warriors.

Westland finished with 91 points — 14 ahead of Cranbrook. Livonia Clarenceville mustered only four points to finish third.

Ryan Crawford won the 110-yard dash (10.8) and the 220 dash (24.5) for the Warriors. Brian Merrill also was a double winner, taking the discus (107-2) and the long jump (18-10 1/4).

Other Westland winners: Troy Smith, high jump (5-6); Kjel Skov, pole vault (10-6); Dan Danielczyk, shot put (38-8 1/4); Jon Smolka, 120 hurdles (16.6); Jeff Lichtner, 330 hurdles (43.5).

The foursome of Crawford, Lichtner, Smolka and Luis Blasco added a first in the 880 relay (1:41.2).

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Hilarious farce

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Noises Off," a British farce, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, May 14-15, May 21-22, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road. Opening night, buy one ticket get one free. Adults \$8 at door, \$7 advance, seniors and children \$7 at the door, \$6 advance. Call 349-7100.

Delightful operetta

St. Bede Players will present "Naughty Marietta," at Southfield High School on 10 Mile Road at Evergreen, Southfield, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, 14-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Call 540-6943 or 557-7245 for tickets.

Community chorus

The 90 voice Farmington Community Chorus presents its annual spring concert 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7-8 at Harrison High School on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Several soloists and small ensembles will also perform. Tickets \$5 general admission, \$5 seniors and students, \$3 children 10 and younger. Call 471-4516 for information.

Funny show

Ridgedale Players present "Lend Me A Tenor," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, May 14-15, May 21-22, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9 and May 23, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the playhouse, 205 Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets, \$8, Sunday shows are \$7 for seniors. Call 644-8328.

"Broadway Bound"

The Birmingham Village Players production of Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound," opens 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the playhouse on the corner of Hunter Boulevard and Chestnut Street, south of Maple in Birmingham, call 644-2075. Shows 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 29. Sunday shows 7 p.m. May 16, 2 p.m. May 23. Thursday show, 7 p.m. May 27.

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Excellent cast in JET's 'Grown Ups'



CATHIE BREIDENBACH

Jules Feiffer's "Grown Ups" at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's Aaron DeRoy Theatre, may be billed as a comedy, but underlying the witty quips and slapstick shenanigans is heavyweight fare riddled with 1950s angst and inter-generational

tension. Feiffer views family dynamics as cyclical — the people go round and round on the same track year after year, condemned to repeat entrenched behavior patterns.

People may grow-up chronologically, but the roles they were assigned as children dictate their adult interactions.

Act 1 lays out the multiple idiosyncrasies of a family — Helen, the worried matriarch who burdens everybody with her criticism disguised as concern. Her husband, Jack (Jackie Marns), is the doting grandpa who goes along with his wife's programming rather than risk her indignation. Daughter Marilyn never got to finish a story as a little girl and is still trying desperately as an adult to get her family's attention. And son Jake, a reporter for the New York Times who is bright, restless and acerbically critical, is like the elongated characters in Jules Feiffer's famous cartoons.

Jake's wife, Louise, brings to the family her own insecurities about whether she's a good mother, and a good wife. Their daughter, Edie (Caroline Kowatch), rounds out the three generations of a family whose dominant gene seems to be a talent for ma-

"GROWN UPS"
Theater: Jewish Ensemble Theatre presentation in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield
Closes: Sunday, May 16
Discounts: Senior citizen and student discounts available
Curtain times: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Wednesday, May 12, Thursday, May 13, Sunday, May 16; 8:45 p.m. Saturdays, May 8 and May 15; 2 p.m. Sundays, May 9 and May 16. May 12 performance will be signed for the hearing impaired.
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nipulating those they love most. Feiffer's "comedy" is hardly uproarious, despite an excellent cast and a fine set by Andrew Beresford, who strikes a balance between detail and simplicity. Director Julie Nessen valiantly attempts to temper the angst in the play with visual humor.

Sometimes it works well, as when Marilyn (Claudia Hommel) tries to hide drinks from Helen who abhors drinking. Marilyn pours Scotches when her mother is out of the room, then like a little girl, caught in forbidden naughtiness, hides the incriminating drinks behind her back when her mother reappears.

Guild tangles her tongue and muddles her story as she negotiates around the kitchen, careful to keep her back and the verboten drinks out of her mother's sight. The audience identifies with Marilyn, the grown up naughty child still a bit afraid of her own mother.



Family drama: Caroline Kowatch as Edie (left), John Siebert as Jake and Terry Heck as Louise in a scene from the Jewish Ensemble Theatre presentation of Jules Feiffer's "Grownups."

But the visual humor doesn't click when Helen, who loves the limelight, stands up the way little kids do to recite a poem and later dances a vaudeville soft shoe. Shirley Benyas as Helen delivers guilt-inducing lines much better than she delivers her vaudeville capers.

On a recent night, the audience didn't respond when they were supposed to at least chortle at the shenanigans of a 60-something grandma addicted to showing off.

The slapstick of John Siebert as Jake and Terry Heck as Louise, however, succeeds in getting laughs as they catapult around their living

room, arguing and needling one another.

Jake bounces on the sofa like a small boy and lies on his back like an upside-down turtle kicking his feet in the air. Louise perches on the arm of a chair the way kids do and socks sofa pillows. He's funny; she's funny; but Feiffer's funny is always wry, ironic and a little sad even in Act 3 when Jake breaks the cyclical sentence and dares to change his life.

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Magnificent voices, exquisite set in 'Secret Garden'

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
STAFF WRITER

I was nervous driving to the Fisher Theatre for the opening of "The Secret Garden."

How would they present the precious Francis Hodgson Burnett children's novel that I read over and over again as a child. And then read again to children of my own.

I couldn't be reassured by the fact that it claimed three Tony awards in 1991-92 or even that its adaptation had won author and lyricist Marsha Norman a Pulitzer Prize.

But the first glimpse of the Fisher stage and its charming Victorian needlepoint-like floral curtain together with the opening scene — a dream-like sequence set in India — becalmed me. And I soon settled back, as it became increasingly clear that author Norman and Lucy Simon who composed the wonderful music had treasured the book as much as I.

I'm partial to musicals with a solid story line — not just inane dialogue

"SECRET GARDEN"
Theater: Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit
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to segue to singing and dancing. "The Secret Garden" tells the story of a young girl, Mary, raised in India and sent to live with her uncle, Archibald, on the English moors in 1906 — after her parents have died of cholera.

She discovers an untended secret walled garden on his large, lonely estate and brings it to life. In the pro-

cess, she heals her own spirit and that of the people around her. Prime among these are her lonely widowed uncle and her sickly cousin Colin.

Everything about the Fisher's production spells Broadway. The set design and costuming is exquisite. The troupe is well-cast with magnificent voices. But in particular, in his hometown newspaper, I'd like to highlight Douglas Sills, a native of Franklin Village and graduate of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School and the University of Michigan.

Opening night, Sills played the role of Dr. Neville Craven, the villain of the play. In a poignant duet entitled "Lily's Eyes" with his brother Archibald and later in "Quartet," he exhibits a wonderfully resonant baritone. But those of you who attend the production later in its run will see Sills switch and play Archibald, which requires a tenor voice.

Sills, who trained as a classical actor, cherishes his roots. In an earlier interview, he says how happy he is to

play in his hometown and credits his Cranbrook voice teacher, Nina Machus of Bloomfield Village, as well as Cranbrook for its "nurturing."

Although "The Secret Garden" is based on a children's book and features children in the cast, it does not cater to children. It is a sophisticated presentation which is better enjoyed by those ages 10 and up. It is a particularly good vehicle for introducing middle schoolers and teenagers to top-notch theater. But it is designed for adults.

In the summer of 1989, "The Secret Garden" began as a reading at Capital Rep/Skidmore college; a production was staged at the Virginia Stage Company in Norfolk, Va. the following December. It has been running at the St. James Theatre on Broadway for a little over two years.

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'Anything Goes' entertaining



MARK S. CARLEY

The Farmington Players haven't staged a musical since 1985, and the rusty vocal pipes are evident. Nevertheless, their spirited production of Cole Porter's 1934 classic "Anything Goes" provides an evening of tremendous entertainment.

Like most musicals of its day, "Anything Goes" offers only the silliest and flimsiest of plots. A broad assortment of caricatures and ne'er-do-wells gather for an Atlantic crossing on a luxury liner. There are gangsters, preachers, businessmen, millionaires, sweet-young-things and ladies of easy virtue. Mix them all together and watch the results.

The show is anchored by evangelist-turned-night-club-singer Reno Sweeney (Nicolette Sutfin) and Wall Street wannabe Billy Crocker (Kirk Hanley). Sutfin presents a tough and lovable Reno, and although she's not yet Ethel Merman, she handles the extremely demanding vocal work pretty well. Both "You're the

"ANYTHING GOES"
Theater: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
Closes: Saturday, May 22
Curtain times: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. May 7 and 8 performances sold out.
Tickets: \$10, call 553-2955.

Top" and "Blow Gabriel Blow" are very satisfying. "I Get a Kick out of You" could be a little smoother.

Hanley's Billy carries the play's action well. He's sort of a junior con man trying simultaneously to avoid his boss, stay out of jail, and get the girl. And what a girl to get. Jan Sanggaard is a perfect Hope Harcourt, pretty as a picture and charming as an ingenue.

As is often the case, it's the smaller leads who have all the fun and get the big laughs. This production is blessed with some great second fiddles. Farmington stalwart Chuck Fisher is appropriately goofy as the terribly unmenacing Moonface Martin, Public Enemy Number 13. Judie Rosati is wonderful as his sidekick/moll, Bonnie.

If the show bubbles over with energy it's Rosati who provides the fizz. Her numbers "Heaven Hop" and "Take me Back to Manhattan" are show stoppers.

I think, though, that my very favorite is Bob Smitham as the pompous but sweet Sir Evelyn Oakley. He gets laughs out of lines most actors wouldn't even know are funny. Very good in a small part is Marc Rosati, a nasty little pursuer who comes off as a cross between Barney Fife and Joe Friday.

The chorus, which must fight with the orchestra to be heard in this acoustically sub-par venue, moves very well under the choreography of Valerie Mould.

Director Jack Grulke deserves a lot of credit for keeping the pace up from start to finish. He's assisted in this effort by an ingenious set, designed by Bill Mandt and Emily McSweeney. Only two pieces, it maneuvers to become three different scenes.

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



Classical Bells: Members of the Classical Bells, (top row, left to right) Nancy Steller, Canton; Millie Everson, Livonia; Corrine Kert, Livonia; Bobbie Renshaw, Margaret Racer, Plymouth; (bottom row, left to right) Yvonne Risser (large bell) Livonia; Donna Gleason, Farmington Hills; Julie Sigler, Troy; Doris Edwards, Livonia; Kay French, and Darlene Ebersole, Canton, rehearse for their May 16 concert.

Classical Bells to present concert

The fourth annual Classical Bells in Concert will be presented 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Mount Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Classical, sacred and popular music will be performed on English handbells and accompanying instruments.

Mount Hope Congregational Church is between the Middlebelt and Merriman exits on the north side of I-96. Tickets are \$7 each. (Seniors over 65, students and groups of 10, \$5). Advance ticket orders can be placed by

calling 425-7861. Any remaining tickets may be bought at the door.

Classical Bells is a self-directed community handbell choir composed of handbell directors and accomplished ringers. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of its founding, Classical Bells will premiere an arrangement of the hymn tune "Holy, Holy, Holy" for six octaves of English handbells and four octaves of chimes, by composer Donna Gleason of Farmington Hills.

The concert will also include favorite selections from past

spring concerts, as well as several new handbell publications. Additional instruments, organ, trumpet and string bass, will accompany the music of the bells.

Classical Bells appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the 1992 Detroit Aglow production at the Fox Theater. Seen in February in the series Global Connections on WTVS (Channel 56), Classical Bells has also been featured on Bloomfield Cable Television. Its recording, "Classical Bells' Christmas, Volume 1," can be heard on WQRS/Classical FM.

Youth orchestra to hold auditions

Livonia Youth Philharmonic will hold auditions 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, for its 1993-1994 concert season at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

String, wind, brass and percussion players are encouraged to audition. Membership is open to young musicians from the Detroit metropolitan area.

Rehearsals are held Saturday mornings from September until May at Churchill High School. For more information or to schedule an audition, call Pam Scott, 261-5754.

The Livonia Youth Philhar-

monic consists of four orchestras. Students will be placed in the appropriate level of orchestra based upon their audition. The Junior and Advanced String Orchestras accept students with at least six months of private lessons and provide introductory orchestra training under Melissa Gerber, a string specialist and doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan.

More experienced musicians may audition for the Concert or Philharmonic Orchestras. Both of these orchestras will provide students with experience in the standard orchestral repertoire.

The Concert Orchestra is directed by Derek Weller. Weller is principal player for the Michigan Opera Theatre and for the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. He is a visiting professor of double bass at the University of Toledo.

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SRO prepares for next show

BY SALLY DUBATS
SPECIAL WRITER

Lucked away in the quaint, garden-laced historic center of Southfield known as "The Burgh" is a little 70-seat church with a 1850 which houses SRO (Reading Room Only) Productions. SRO has been quietly producing consistently delightful small theater for half a decade.

PREVIEW

SRO's Board of Directors' play selections blend a variety of theater tastes — contemporary classics and progressive theater fill the seasons. Relatively new plays like "I'm Not Rappaport" and "Social Security" are mixed with longtime favorites such as "The Haunting of Hill House" and "Bell, Book and Candle."

"PLAZA SUITE"
Theater: SRO Production, at "The Burgh," northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield.
Closes: Sunday, May 23
Discounts: Seniors and children
Curtain times: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, May 7-8, May 14-15, May 21-22, 2 p.m. Sundays, May 9, 16 and 23
Tickets: General admission, \$7, seniors and children, \$6, call 827-0700. Tickets will be held at the door by charge only. Open seating.



Comedy: Colin Smith (left), Jan Salisbury, Kerri Langen, Otto Canis in SRO Productions presentation of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite."

background. Funding for SRO, which is a joint venture between the City of Southfield Department of Arts and Recreation and the Senior Arts League, comes not only from ticket sales, but, "through generous donations, three fund-raisers a month, and special events and programs," said Mandt.

phers for each show with an ever growing sophistication in lighting, sound and sets.

Bill Mandt's set for "Plaza Suite" is gorgeous and rich in its uniqueness and style.

This dedication to the show as a whole drew director William Salisbury to SRO. "I knew the kind of sets that (SRO) could deliver. That's always been a problem as a director in community theater, getting someone to build a good set for you."

Artistically, Director Salisbury approached "Plaza Suite" as "three different plays. This show mixes a sad theme in with this comedy. Act 1 of this show is very difficult. I'm playing Act 1 of this show as a real story. It's really a

drama/comedy. It's a delicate balance."

Salisbury said his goal is to establish very different characters for all three, but stay honest to the script. "I'm always thinking of a new twist to the show," he said.

Statistically, most small theaters close within one year. Through a lot of dedication and hard work, SRO is well on its way to establishing itself beyond the new theatre stigma.

"Plaza Suite" is "right on schedule" for its opening on May 7, Salisbury. SRO is right on schedule for becoming a successful, respected theatre within the community.

Symphony presents Mother's Day concert

Guest conductor Valery Leonov and virtuoso violinist Reiko Watanabe will headline a special Mother's Day concert by the Southfield Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9, in the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for students and senior adults, and are available from the City of Southfield's Cultural Arts Division at the Mary Thompson Cultural Center, 25360 Evergreen Road just south of the Southfield Civic Center, or by calling 354-4717.

Leonov, currently chief conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Byelorussian Radio and Television, and the leading conductor of the

Byelorussian Opera and Ballet Theatre, also is a professor of a special opera-symphony class at the Byelorussian National Conservatoire.

He has been the leading conductor of the Symphony Orchestra of the Ukraine Philharmonic Society and the chief conductor of Novosibirsk Opera and Ballet Theatre.

Watanabe, internationally acclaimed for her brilliant technique and expression, was the youngest grand prize winner in the history of the All-Japan Music Competition at the age of 14. Since then, she has earned top honors at the Paganini, G.B. Viotti and Joseph Gingold Competitions and twice won major concerto competitions at Juilliard.

Dance company performance to benefit homeless

The Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will be performing in a benefit concert for the homeless 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at the Athens School auditorium, north of Troy on John R in Troy. Ticket priced at \$5, will be available

at the door. For more information, call 689-0600.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, a professional dance repertory company based in Rochester, is currently in the midst of a six-week educational residency in the Troy

Public Schools.

The concert will be open to the public with proceeds benefiting the Detroit Homeless Veterans Program.

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Laurie Eisenhower, including a premiere titled "Moon Dances" to music by Robert Moran.

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MATT BRADY'S TAVERN
Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Matt Brady's Tavern, 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, \$16.95 adults, \$14.95 seniors, children ages 6-12, \$7.95 and children under 5 eat free. Reservations requested, call 478-7789.

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Lavish Mother's Day Grand Buffet 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 9 at the Wooden Horse Inn, 5725 Rochester Road, Troy. Call 879-1555 for reservations.

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Annual Mother's Day Brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9 Pike Street Restaurant, 18 W. Pike Street, Pontiac. Three seatings, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Cost is \$17.50 adults, \$8.95 children 5-12, no charge children under 5. Pike Street will reopen at 5 p.m. for dinner. For reservations, call 334-7878.

Deadline for the Upcoming entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

CLASSICAL

PRELUDES CONCERT
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council West Side Preludes Concert 12:30 p.m. luncheon, 1:30 p.m. concert, Friday, May 7, Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, Birmingham. Tickets \$17.50 luncheon and concert, \$5 concert only. Call 962-1000.

ST. JAMES
Choir and orchestra concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, St. James Episcopal Church at Chester and Maple, downtown Birmingham. J.S. Bach's Cantata II, Poulenc's "Gloria," Vaugh Williams "O Clap Your Hands."

PIANO CONCERT
Concert of piano music honoring the beatification of the foundress of the Felician Sisters, Mary Angela Truszkowska, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13 at Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna Universi-

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MARKETPLACE

Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center in Livonia has developed and implemented training programs for Lear Seating and Select Tool & Gage.

The training programs are being instituted in the following areas: Lear Seating; Statistical Process Control, Industrial Safety; Ergonomics, Quality Management, and Lotus 1-2-3.

In addition, Schoolcraft will assist in the upgrading of Lear's existing workforce, and the retraining of employees recalled from layoff and new hires.

Schoolcraft is also assisting in the upgrading of Select Tool's existing workforce to enable the company to increase its specialization, and to expand into markets such as government contracting and exporting.

Proper training will also reduce the company's engineering costs.

The funding for these programs was awarded through the State of Michigan.

The Marble Institute of America, an international trade promotional association, has accepted **R. K. International, Inc.**, 29526 Six Mile Road, Suite B, Livonia, Michigan 48323, an importer of dimension stone into Membership. Radha Krishnan will be the MIA Representative.

The MIA was formed in 1907 to encourage the installation of dimension stone - marble, granite, onyx, travertine, limestone, quartz-based stone and slate. Although the greatest number of its 650 Members are located in North America, the MIA is also represented in Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa and the Philippines. The Institute maintains an office in Farmington, which acts to answer inquiries from architects, designers and the general public.

KENETECH Energy Management is in Plymouth has been awarded two performance contracts with Ford Motor Company to design and implement energy conservation services at two of the automaker's facilities.

In March 1992, Ford contracted KEM for a pilot project at its Livonia Transmission & Chassis Plant located in Livonia, Michigan. Based on the initial success of the Livonia project, Ford recently retained KEM to design and implement a similar program at its Ford Edison Assembly Plant in Edison, New Jersey. Both projects are expected to provide the automaker substantial energy savings in the areas of lighting, paint process control, and manufacturing process improvements.

KEM specializes in energy conservation projects known as "Demand Side Management," for industrial, commercial and institutional customers. The company designs, invests, and implements highly efficient energy systems which reduce a customer's operating costs through reduced energy consumption.

The pilot project in Livonia is a five-year contract under which KEM will finance, design, install, and maintain energy efficiency improvements in the output shaft and gear operations section of the plant (approximately 100,000 square feet). Under the terms of the agreement, KEM will receive a percentage of the actual metered energy savings.

With 130 Mazda dealers in five Great Lakes states competing for top sales awards in 1992, **Livonia Mazda**, 34501 Plymouth Road in Livonia, exhibited outstanding effort to qualify for the Mazda Performer award.

Each year, sales objectives are set for Mazda dealers based on several factors including past performance. Livonia Mazda grabbed the Performance Award by jumping well beyond its 1992 objective of 9.8% of industry sales to attain 10.8% during 1992.

Michigan's first federal grant for child seat restraints has been awarded to **Children's Hospital of Michigan's Child Safety Seat Program**. The grant is made possible through federal funds administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Children's Hospital of Michigan, the region's pediatric trauma center, often sees the tragedies of the unrestrained child after a car crash. The hospital's child passenger safety program began in 1981 when Michigan's Child Passenger Restraint Law was enacted. Michigan requires all children under the age of 16 to be restrained.

Studies show that children who ride unrestrained in car seats are less likely to die or sustain major injuries, which can lead to long term disabilities caused by trauma to the head or spinal cord.

The Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) in Plymouth is implementing a new program to review selected Medicaid paid claims for emergency room (ER) and other outpatient services as an addendum to MPRO's current Medicaid review contract. Beginning in March, 1993, this program will help to assure that Medicaid funds pay only for ER visits conforming to Medicaid's definition of emergent conditions and that program integrity is enhanced by identifying inaccurate outpatient billing. Substantial savings are anticipated by identifying billing errors and preventing abuses as a result of this \$2 million annual contract.

The outpatient review portion of the program will focus on auditing bills for outpatient procedures to assure that all items billed were actually provided as indicated on the bill.

Pathway Review Systems in Plymouth has announced a new

contract with Wayne State University.

Pathway is providing an external appeals medical review process for the employees and dependents of Wayne State University who receive health care coverage from DMC Care. The Pathway program provides an objective review of the need for health care services which DMC Care's utilization review process has deemed unnecessary.

Pathway Review Systems will, at the request of the employee, WSU, or DMC Care, match a physician specialist to the case to review the specifics of the patient's condition and the proposed service.

Pathway Review Systems is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Michigan Peer Review Organization, with corporate offices in Plymouth, Michigan. Pathway provides a wide variety of utilization review and managed care services for health care cost containment.

Oshkosh Truck Corporation of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has cited **Detroit Diesel Corporation** with its prestigious Certified Supplier Quality Award.

During presentation ceremonies February 11, Oshkosh Vice President of Operations Bob Bohn presented the award to Detroit Diesel assembly workers, saying, "This award is presented to Detroit Diesel Corporation for your consistent performance in 'as received' engine quality at Oshkosh Truck Corporation. By achieving this standard, Oshkosh has been able to eliminate receiving/inspection of Detroit Diesel engines, saving time and improving efficiency."

A Detroit Diesel engine customer for over 50 years, Oshkosh has been Detroit Diesel's largest two-cycle engine customer for over five years. Oshkosh Truck Corporation is the largest heavy tactical truck supplier for U.S. Army vehicles and also manufactures commercial crash/fire res-

cue vehicles, snow blowers and snow plows.

Century 21 Chalet of Livonia were two of 423 offices from a total of 5,300 CENTURY 21 franchises in the United States to receive the real estate organization's honors for customer service in 1992.

The first annual Quality Service Award Certificate was based on surveys returned by clients who answered questions about the service they received from Century 21 brokers and agents in 1992.

Lason Systems, Inc., a direct mail marketing and computer services company located in Livonia, has added electronic document management to its formidable list of services with the acquisition of Diversitec Image Technology, Inc.

The 4-year old Diversitec, headquartered in Troy, Michigan, was acquired in March 1993. The company was already well-known for its optical disk image systems and micrographics equipment,

which allow users to store vast amounts of paper records and documents on optical disks.

Marx Layne & Company, a Farmington Hills-based full service marketing and public relations firm, has been named public relations agency for both the Wooden Horse Inn and Nicky's restaurants in Troy.

The newly opened Wooden Horse Inn is located at 5725 Rochester Road in Troy, Michigan. Specializing in traditional, American inn cooking, the restaurant also features American wines, champagnes and beers.

Nicky's is located at 755 W. Big Beaver Road in the Top of Troy building. The restaurant also specializes in exquisitely prepared American cuisine and offers entertainment from well-known Metro-Detroit musicians. Both restaurants are owned and operated by John Reaser and Nick Sorise.

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MenuFax from Next page

Early marketing research predicts establishments that use MenuFax can expect a customer increase as high as 15 percent.

Restaurants and takeouts sign on for \$39 a month, she said. For that, they are permitted regular menu changes to keep current. The ability to change the menu, Reed said, is perhaps MenuFax's biggest enticement.

"Let's say you have a special or a coupon you want to add — call us in the morning and we can make the change in time for lunch," she said.

Reed said MenuFax is also toying with the idea of a membership card that would identify people who call up the service. "If (restaurants and takeouts) agree."

Vince Bland, general manager for Alban's in Birmingham, said he thinks the service is a great idea.

"The possibilities are endless." Bland said he is always interested in new marketing ideas. "You have to be aggressive — we have to be to keep up with trends or we'll be left by the side of the road."

It is not uncommon for people to call and ask employees to read

'The possibilities are endless. You have to be aggressive — we have to be to keep up with trends or we'll be left by the side of the road.'

*Vince Bland
Alban's general manager*

the menu. "This should cut down on the time we spend on the phone."

Who knows how many people call each day and get a busy signal and go somewhere else, he said.

Bland said his menu is fairly consistent, but he likes the idea of being able to call in the morning with changes and have them in effect by lunch. In addition to coupons, Alban's also plans to include order sheets with its menus to help larger groups plan lunch.

Bland said he believes the service will not only encourage current customers to use Alban's more, but will result in new customers. "We hope it will increase the range from which we draw."

GM liability ramifications extensive



DAN MCCOSH

AUTO TALK
GM's Harry J. Pearce took up lance in hand last week and trundled off to attack the windmills in Washington once again.

As General Motors' vice president and general counsel, Pearce, of Bloomfield Hills, launched himself into the public spotlight a few months ago with an emotion-charged expose of NBC's badly handled reporting on the alleged deficiencies of the gas tanks on old GM pickup trucks.

Surprisingly, that unseated the entire administration of NBC news and for one brief moment put GM in the unlikely position of being perceived as a victim in the public eye — a necessary element of getting the public's sympathy these days.

Now he's taking on a more difficult task, using some logic to defend GM's most popular vehicle against charges coming from, among others, the Center

for Auto Safety, the Washington agency that wrote the book on victimhood.

The merits of the case at hand are relatively simple, albeit mainly badly misreported.

Accused are the approximately 4.6 million pickups built between 1973 and 1987 designed with a frame that surrounded the drive shaft, a design that meant the gas tank would be mounted well forward and outside the frame rail under the pickup bed.

The charge is that this is a location prone to fires when the truck is hit in the side (although by the same logic, it should be safer when rear-ended). The argument swayed an Indiana jury, which awarded some \$100 million to the family of a teenager who died after his pickup was hit by a drunken driver at some 70 mph.

The National Highway Traffic Administration, which once defended the gas tank design, now is asking GM to recall the trucks.

It goes without saying there is a lot of money at stake — hundreds of millions waiting in at-

torney contingency fees if the Center for Auto Safety prevails; and the potential cost of the largest recall in history, estimated at about \$1 billion, if GM loses.

Somewhat lost in the debate is the potential safety hazard to the public.

Even using the worst-case numbers issued by GM's critics, the accident rate for a side-impact fire is less than one death for every billion miles or so racked up in Chevy and GMC pickups of this vintage — making them statistically one of the safest vehicles on the road.

Money aside, the majority of the auto engineering community is solidly on GM's side, because it sees the defense of this case as a defense of some basic engineering principles that are essential to making any product perform well.

The most important is engineering to a basic set of standards, rather than an arbitrary goal set retroactively to apply to vehicles already two decades old. By rejecting basic engineering methodology, this kind of recall sets a precedent that greatly

expands the notion of product liability, stretching the bounds of common sense.

Of course the real irony is that even if GM loses, and is forced to recall these trucks, there is no way to "fix" them anyway. The gas tank and frame are such a basic part of the design, that any slapdash shield or plate — as has been suggested by the Center for Auto Safety — would be merely a psychological improvement, the same way they "fixed" the Pinto.

On the other hand, maybe an imaginary fix to a nonexistent ailment would be appropriate — along with paying for the whole mess with play money.

Dan McCosh is automotive editor of Popular Science magazine. If you have a comment, question or suggestion concerning Auto Talk, write to Dan McCosh, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or you can call him directly by dialing 953-2047, mail box number 1870, on a touch-tone phone.

DATEBOOK

DMAD
Ron Zebeck, managing director of Credit Card Operations at General Motors Corp. will address the monthly meeting of the Direct Marketing Association of Detroit on Thursday, May 6. Call 258-8803.

CPA, ATTORNEY
The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Taxation Section of the State Bar of Michigan are presenting their annual CPA/Attorney Conference at 8 a.m., Friday, May 7, at the Grand Manor at Fairlane. Call 855-2288 for reservations.

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT
Accurate management inventory, critical for a successful business,

will be the focus of a seminar on Friday, May 7 at Oakland University beginning at 8 a.m. call 370-3120.

OCBC
Ronald E. Hall of MMBDC will speak on the goals and missions of the Michigan Minority Business Development Council on Saturday, May 8, at the Oakland County Business Consortium at the Northland Mall auditorium at 10 a.m.

MPWN
Judith Miller, appointed by Governor John Engler as Michigan Business Ombudsman will speak to MPWN about being a woman small business owner in Michigan

on Monday, May 5 at 6 p.m. Call 377-1800, ext. 219.

EXPORTING
The fundamentals of exporting will be discussed at a one-day seminar beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Michigan State University management training center in Troy. Presenters include: Robert Powell, vice president of the Global Banking division of Comerica

INSURANCE LAW
The impact of recent insurance related legal decisions and developments on industry professionals and attorneys will be the focus

of a Wednesday, May 12 seminar presented by Kaufman & Payton, a Farmington Hills based law firm. The seminar will take place at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield from 1:30 - 5 p.m. Call (715) 833-3940 for reservations.

RETAIL FORECAST
The impact on retailers of "Clintonomics" will be featured topic of discussion at a retail executive forum, presented by Coopers & Lybrand's National Retail and

Distribution Industries Group, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham on Wednesday, May 12 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 396-6824.

TAX PLANNING
The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is presenting a financial and tax planning conference for Thursday, May 13 at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy beginning at 8 a.m.. Call 855-2288 for details.

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BUSINESS

SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Kathleen J. Holycross has been named president and chief executive officer of the Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. (VNA), the state's largest home health care provider.



Kathleen J. Holycross

Holycross will direct the VNA and its three subsidiaries: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, Visiting Nurse Home Support Services, and Visiting Nurse Services Corporation.

Jet Acoustical Components Partnership (JACP) in Livonia has announced the appointments of **Ronald W. Allan**, of Orchard Lake to president and **Rowly Martin** to chief executive officer of the newly-formed company.



Ronald W. Allan

As president, Allan will be responsible for sales and marketing.

As chief executive officer, Martin will be responsible for finance and manufacturing.



Rowly Martin

JACP is one of North America's largest producers and suppliers of acoustical and thermal molded parts to original equipment manufacturers (OEM).

Daryl Clasen of Canton has been appointed to the position of sales manager for Competition Graphics, a promotional graphics and decal manufacturing company. The announcement was made by Competition Graphics president, Zach Thompson. Clasen's responsibilities will include account sales and management.



Daryl Clasen

To submit materials to this column, please send a brief biographical summary along with a black-and-white photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. There is no charge.

Computer adviser to make splash on cable network

■ Lights, action, camera! A computer consulting company makes its television debut in a documentary on cable channel CNBC.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Consultants, by nature, are a reserved lot. They come in to fix problems or offer a better way of doing things and quietly leave.

No glory, no accolades — just the simple satisfaction that comes with knowing a difference was needed and made.

Well, that was before. Computer Methods Corp., a Livonia-based computer consulting and processing firm, is getting a little taste of the limelight.

The 16-year-old firm, a pioneer in the computer consulting and software field, is regularly ranked among the fastest growing firms in America, and is the subject of a documentary scheduled for airing on CNBC, the NBC Cable Network.

Cindy Blake, Computer Methods Corp. controller, said the role of the consultant is a demanding one.

Downsizing's effects

As large corporations downsize, they turn to outside companies — like computer consultants — to handle those jobs they once did in-house.

"A lot of companies couldn't survive without consultants," she said. The majority of Computer Methods Corp.'s clients are Fortune 500 companies in diverse fields, Blake said.

Computer Methods fits the bill. It employs 370 employees and did \$24 million in business last year; company officials project revenues of roughly \$29 million this year, Blake said.

Those numbers are bound to attract attention.

Profiles of America, an Emmy-award winning show produced by Telecast Production Group of Illinois, is a continuing documentary series that focuses on the challenges facing businesses and companies that are working to improve efficiency, quality and provide new products.

According to Van King, executive producer of Profiles of America at Telecast Production Group, the show is an issue-driven, third-party examination of progressive change and success in business.

The producers travel the country in search of companies with outstanding qualities, capabilities, new technologies and corporate philosophies, according to Van King.

"Our goal is to represent what we believe to be the best in American enterprise."

Diversity the key

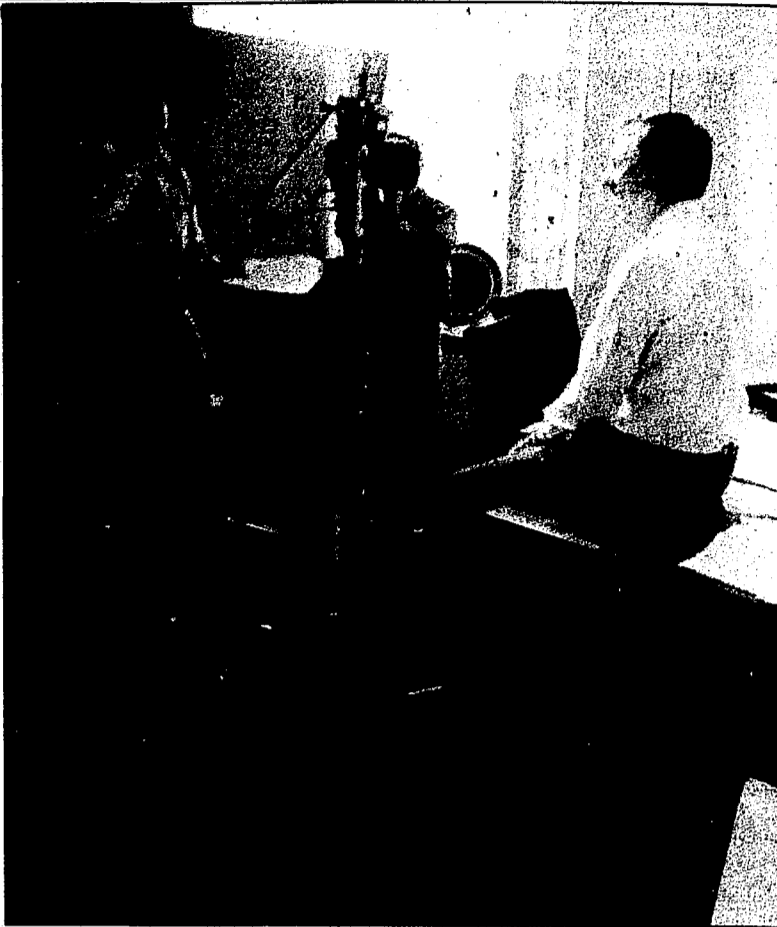
Blake said Computer Methods hasn't succeeded by resting on its laurels. "We're a very diverse company."

The diversity of the company is a natural outgrowth of the way Computer Methods is structured.

"We're organized internally like a lot of little companies," she said.

Computer Methods Corp. does much of the marketing and administrative work while employees act more or less independently.

"It's almost like people come in and start a business, develop a product or service and essentially pay us for marketing and administration. They use the profits from their efforts



Quiet on the set: Program manager Vyto Polteraitis (right) of Computer Methods waits for the camera to roll under the direction of Will Turbow for CNBC.

to pay their employees or reinvest in other products.

"It's kind of a unique structure — or lack of structure," Blake said.

The flexibility has enabled Computer Methods Corp. to respond quickly to changing needs — the upper corporate structure doesn't have to be involved in every detail and the rank and file can move to address a changing business climate.

CMC's loose configuration resulted from the firm's quick growth.

"(President Anthony Stewart) originally envisioned us as a small company with a group of computer spe-

cialists — when we got to about 100 employees, it became difficult to run."

Profiles of America featuring Computer Methods Corp. will air at 4 p.m. Sunday on the NBC Cable Network (Birmingham/Bloomfield Channel 41, Farmington/Farmington Hills Channel 53, Garden City Channel 22, Livonia/Redford Channel 53, Southfield/West Bloomfield Channel 50, Plymouth/Canton Channel 53, Rochester Troy Channel 29, Westland Channel 47.)

Just the fax, please, when you consider lunch options

BY GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Restaurateurs have discovered yet another way to get the consumer's attention: Fax machines.

There are few businesses in which the competition is more fierce than restaurants. Naturally, businesses are always hunting for a way to stand out from the crowd.

Enter MenuFax, a new business that makes restaurant takeout menus available via fax machine starting in June in Oakland and Wayne counties. MenuFax will be available in the Chicago area in July with plans to go national within the year.

The problem is fairly common. People want something to eat, but they don't know what a restaurant has to offer.

The answer is simple. Dial up a

service on the touch-tone phone, punch in a couple of numbers, and in a couple of minutes your fax machine will print out the menu of the restaurant of your choice, with current offerings and prices.

Tom Marougi, owner manager at Metro Deli Cafe in Troy, said the service is tailor-made for his business.

"This can be a tough area. We're in a real heavy business area, and there are a lot of people out there with fax machines," he said. Although he's open for business in the evenings, his bread and butter is the lunch crowd.

Having the deli's menus available by fax is another way of getting his company's name in the door.

Marougi said he has tried various forms of marketing — newspaper advertising, direct mailing

— and he's willing to try other things. "This seemed like a good idea."

When people begin planning lunch — and they are looking for takeout — the first thing they do is look for a menu. Menus, he said, seem to be one of the most easily misplaced items in an office. Quick access to a current one may give him an edge over competitors.

Susan Reed, director of marketing with MenuFax, a subsidiary of DataFax in Troy, said the primary target audience is the lunch crowd, but subscribers to the service can expect a slight pickup in dinners as well.

"Someone with plans to go out for dinner that night could call up MenuFax during the day to help them make plans," she said.

See MENUFAX, PREVIOUS PAGE

Radio show to air profiles, ads

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

"You and Your Business" attempts a new spin on the job market by mixing business personality profiles with help-wanted ads on the radio.

"I want to help bring jobs to the Detroit area," said Mary DeWalt, who will host the half-hour weekly segment. Begun this week, the program will air from noon to 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday on WCAR, 1090-AM.

DeWalt, a Chicago native, moved last year to Farmington Hills with her husband, Robert, who is vice president of finance and administration for Lucas Assembly and Test Systems in Livonia. Her new office is in Troy.

DeWalt's radio format will blend interviews with business owners and managers with a jobs hot line. Because of her show business background — she was a casting director in Chicago — interviews with artists and authors also will be a mainstay of the program.

Mary DeWalt invites employers with job openings to call in.

As founder of Chicago's first film casting company, TSR Chicago, DeWalt says she helped cast 40 television and feature films including "Risky Business," "Mask," "Hill Street Blues" and "The Dollmaker."

In the mid-1980s, DeWalt was featured on "Entertainment Tonight" for holding what was billed as the world's first satellite audition. Chicago producers and directors saw the faces of more than 100 Los Angeles area actors and actresses via satellite. She also used the format to showcase Chicago talent for Hollywood producers.

Her first guest on the radio was Valerie Gobos Stewart, a repre-

sentative for Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Productions in Chicago as well as Universal Studios in Florida. DeWalt was in Chicago last week setting up that interview.

"During the show she will be announcing a job she has available in Detroit," DeWalt said. "I really think this show is going to be hot."

DeWalt says the idea for the program came to her a month ago while she was in London being interviewed on a BBC program.

"We were doing a live interview when the announcer cut live to a car company plant manager who announced 350 job openings in Calais. This is big news in England, where three million people are flying home," she said.

Without jobs, DeWalt says she could think of no radio show locally which mixes personality profiles with job opening announcements.

She invites employers with job openings to call in. And she hopes to attract local businesses to advertise their services on her show.

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May blooms with outdoor family events

Now that the weather is getting a bit warmer, outdoor play and activities come to mind.

By using a calendar, families can mark each day to spend in a fun way. They need not be time-consuming. They can be as simple as having your picture taken outside, wearing sunglasses and a smile, or playing hopscotch on the sidewalk, using colored chalk.

To get an idea, here's how my kids' May calendar is looking:

- May 6 — Make an outdoor tent using a variety of camping props.
- May 7 — Invite Mom for an outdoor bag lunch on a blanket under a tree.
- May 8 — Play catch using an empty plastic container like a soda or shampoo bottle — cleaned thoroughly of course.
- May 9 — Take Mom to a movie or her favorite restaurant, after all it's her day.
- May 10 — Hold a scavenger hunt.
- May 11 — Design an obstacle course to promote physical, locomotor and non-motor skills.
- May 12 — Enjoy some sand and water play activities, using plenty of props.
- May 13 — Take a nature walk. Be sure to take plenty of pictures and take a long a tape recorder to record some of the sounds of nature.
- May 14 — Set up a lemonade stand and invite parents, neighbors, local small businesses, even the neighborhood child care center or home to stop by for refreshments.
- May 15 — Hold your own Hula Hoop and jump rope contest.
- May 16 — Take the family out for an afternoon or evening of miniature golfing.
- May 17 — It's spring so plant your flowers.
- May 18 — Construct a riding range, using colorful chalk, traffic signs and riding toys.
- May 19 — Take a short walk and model child-design May day hats.
- May 20 — Have a May parade with tricycle, Big Wheels, streamers, musical instruments, whatever you can find to make it colorful.
- May 21 — Put up a child-sized clothesline and let the kids hang up their doll clothes, selected artwork, etc., to promote fine motor skills.
- May 22 — Paint a rainbow or interesting picture on the sidewalk, using washable paints and plastic squeeze containers.
- May 23 — Sidewalk rollerskate with a friend.
- May 24 — Go fishing. Construct paper fish (with a paper clip attached) and place them around the play yard. Use magnets on homemade, child-sized poles to catch them.
- May 25 — Have a picnic lunch outdoors.
- May 26 — Plan a mini carnival with game booths, clowns, pony rides, prizes and food.
- May 27 — Run, jump, skip, hop, climb — have a fun day outdoors.
- May 28 — Have a pet show and invite your friends.
- May 30 — Spend an afternoon at the park.
- May 31 — Have an ethnic cookout and barbecue feast.

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.

Garden to hold wildflower walk

Michigan Wildflower Week will kick off Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens with a special program focusing on spring wildflowers.

Stroll the Helen V. Smith Woodland Wildflower Garden where spring favorites, such as Trillium, Marsh Marigold, Spring Beauty and Virginia Bluebells, will be in bloom.

Visitors also are invited to stop by the terrace between 1 and 3:30 p.m. where iced cappuccino and sweets will be served. The Gardens' gift shop will offer a special array of items with a wildflower theme.

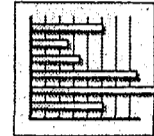
Beginning at 2 p.m., Max Nemazi and Dr. Peter Kaufman will present an hour-long slide/lecture program entitled, "Wildflower Culture in Your Back Yard." Tickets are \$2 per person.

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens is at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, south of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. For more information, call 998-7061.

Her baskets are to give, receive

■ When Pam Vann was thinking about becoming a working mother, she listened to a friend from Tennessee and stayed home. Instead of punching a time clock, she works in her basement, creating gift baskets for all occasions.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



A tisket, a tasket, a brightly decorated basket.

Pam Vann has a fair collection of them. They sit on shelves, wrapped in cellophane and decked out with bows. They hang from a one time clothes rack, waiting for maybe a package of Carrie's Hard-time Cookie Mix, some specialty coffees and teas or even an assortment of sweets.

For Vann, a piece of plywood on top of her husband's pool table is her office, her design table and dispatch department. It's where she breathes life into her fledgling business, The Gift Basket.

"This is something that's fun to do," Vann said, surveying the cluttered pool table. "Wayne (her husband) says it's the best job I'll ever have because I'm out shopping all the time."

The Livonia resident started considering a home-based job more than six months ago as a way of being with her two daughters, ages 7 and 10, and supplementing the family's sparse income. Wayne does Brotherhood work for the Southern Baptist Church and as a result, receives no salary. His pay comes from donations. Last year it was but \$10,000, he said.

His work also takes him away from home. He's made numerous trips to Florida to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew and working at home, Vann theorized, would avoid the need for a baby sitter.

A suggestion

A friend in Tennessee suggested a gift basket business and after buying some books on such a business, she decided to give it a try. With an initial investment of \$100 Vann was ready to start her business in January but delayed it because of her father's death.

Come February, it was up and running, just in time for Valentine's Day, and Vann was able to get her mother involved — "Mom keeps asking where her paycheck is," she said with a chuckle.

She recalls her first creation, a heart-shaped basket filled with candy, Heaven Scent perfume, bath crystals, lofa sponge and scented candle. She sold 15 of them for Valentine's Day.

Using the money she made from the baskets and more, she has been able to build up a \$1,000 inventory and learned a few lessons in the process. One being that there isn't all that much time between Easter, Secretary's Day and Mother's Day. The other being if it's Easter, it's time to order supplies for Mother's Day.

"To me this whole thing is scary," she said. "I think that's why I hesitated so long because it's so scary."

Her creations include a bucket filled, with spoons, cookie mix and a cookbook, a wedding basket filled with sparkling fruit juice, wine goblets, cheese and sausage and candle and a cradle-shaped basket filled



A tisket: Pam Vann of Livonia decided to make gift baskets as a way of supplementing the family income while staying home with her children. And she's finding growing interest in her home creations.

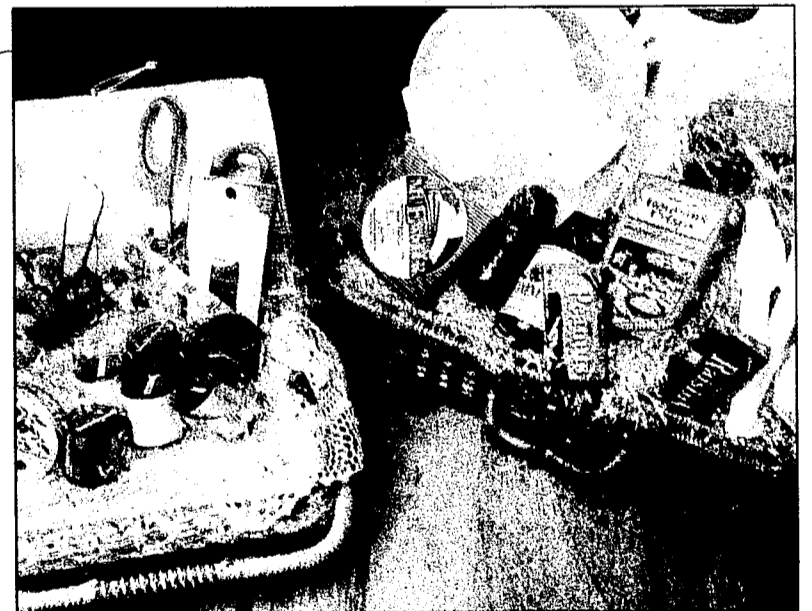
with appropriate pink or blue baby products.

She also fills mugs with candy and selected what-nots — for Secretary's Day it was a coupon book that entitled the recipient to such niceties as a pat on the back, pencils sharpened and even lunch.

Priced at \$9.99, the mugs were popular for Secretary's Day, so much so that Vann ran out of coupon books and spent the better part of a day tracking down more.

"I found extras and waited and waited for the UPS truck," Vann said. "It came at 5 p.m. the night before I had to deliver them. The mugs are really big because they're like a thinking of you gift that someone can buy without spending \$20."

"It's something simple, which matters especially if you're buying for 14."



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See BASKETS, 3C



New director: Julie Blackman

Blackman takes helm of P-C literacy council

BY JAMES RADEBAUGH
STAFF WRITER

A new director is heading up the drive to promote literacy among Plymouth and Canton residents.

Julie Blackman of Plymouth was recently named executive director of the Community Literacy Council. She replaces Cheryl Laubacher, who resigned for personal reasons.

Blackman, 35, brings a corporate touch to the position, having previously served as manager of airport automation planning for United Airlines.

Her return to the work force comes after a hiatus that began when she and her husband, an accountant, moved to the Detroit area two years ago, she said in an interview at the council's office at Starkweather Center.

The chance to work part time in a community service capacity appealed to her.

"If I was motivated by money I would have gone

back to the corporate world," she said.

Blackman's salary for the 20-hour-a-week position is linked to the amount of money brought in through fund-raising and grant receipts.

The council's operating budget last year was \$25,000. The board of directors has set a goal to increase income and expenditures by \$5,000 a year.

As the council's sole paid employee, Blackman's primary duties will be matching students with tutors, fund-raising, and promoting awareness of the council.

The council currently has 110 volunteer tutors, who teach 90 students in the adult reading program and 45 students in an English as a second language program.

The council will continue efforts to work with Headstart programs, women's shelters and Scott Regional Correctional Facility, Blackman said.

See LITERACY, 2C

Writer's interests revolve around everyday matters

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Ms. Green, Hello! I was born Nov. 14, 1969, left-handed and I am 23. I have been very curious about graphology. I am happy to be able to have my handwriting analyzed.

Actually, I am a caregiver for the elderly and I have a B.A. in psychology.

As a student I heard lots of stories about personality and handwriting. So I would like to know what you have to say about mine. I'll be looking for-

ward to hear from you through the newspaper. Thank you.

M.M.,
Westland

Today we are looking at the handwriting of a young woman who lives in the here and the now. Most of her interests revolve around practical everyday matters. She sets a high priority on her role in day-to-day activities and relationships. At this time she is primarily concerned with details of her life... the significant others, her job, her clothes and her living quarters, just to name a few.

There is a naive quality to this rounded handwriting. She tends to make unrealistic assessments of situations and people at times. She projects her ego by excessive

agreeableness and friendliness. She wants to please others, but can be a tad defiant when she feels pressured.

Outwardly, our writer appears calm, poised and in control. Beneath this exterior a little anxiety can be detected with regard to herself and her motives.

This is not an impulsive person. Her head often rules her heart. She can quickly consider how a given situation will impact on her before becoming involved.

In her work she takes a direct approach. She can settle right in without a great deal of wasted time and talk. She is aware of all details and careful to see they are taken care of. She is conscientious about her obligations.

Many of her goals appear to be set low and not commensurate

with her capabilities. Seemingly, she does not plan too far ahead. One can only speculate on what is keeping her from working toward more challenging goals.

Some disappointment with the male authority figure from the formative years is suggested here. While this may not be entirely resolved, she has dropped some of the past emotional baggage. She is like a spring bud slowly unfolding into a beautiful flower.

Our writer seeks prestige and stroking, possibly to fulfill her needs and compensate for feelings of inadequacy she may have.

Secrecy weaves through this handwriting. She tends to evade inquiries she does not wish to discuss. She may also be given to rationalizing or blaming others when things do not turn out as

As a student I heard lots about personality and handed I would like to know what to say about mine. I'll be forward to hear from you

she might like.

Our writer feels her experiences deeply. Rarely does she forget a kindness shown to her by another person. However, she may have a little difficulty forgetting a perceived injustice.

This is not a wasteful person.

There are things to which she clings tenaciously.

There is loyalty in this handwriting. Her loyalty includes the things in which she believes as well as to her friends.

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 all are helpful. And objective feedback is always welcomed.

Memorial recalls pregnancy losses

Catherine McAuley Health System's Pregnancy Loss Program will sponsor a memorial service in the chapel of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Chapel in Ann Arbor at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 17.

The eumenical service will provide support for persons who have experienced a pregnancy loss through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or newborn death.

"For some expectant parents, a pregnancy does not go as planned and their happiness and anticipation turns to sorrow when the baby dies," said

Barbara Bailey, chaplain of the hospital's pastoral ministry. "Meeting with others who have experienced a similar loss and sharing with them the healing process of prayer can help families and friends in their time of sadness."

Persons who plan to attend or who would like more information about the service or the Pregnancy Loss Program should contact Bailey at 572-3804.

Catherine McAuley Health System is a not-for-profit health care provider based in Ann Arbor.

Literacy from page 1C

She also expects the Friends of Literacy Campaign to be repeated this summer and hopes to beef up corporate sponsorship and to establish the council's presence at community events such as the Fall Festival.

While illiteracy isn't as pervasive locally as it is nationally, it's still a problem.

The council estimates that 5 percent of Plymouth and Canton residents are functionally illiterate, compared with 15 percent in Michigan and 20 percent nationwide.

"Being literate opens up all kinds of opportunities, and the more opportunities a person has the more happy a person will be," Blackman said.

Asked about her own favorite books, Blackman mentioned Bryan Burrough's "Barbarians at the Gate" and Tom Wolfe's "Bonfire of the Vanities."

Blackman's 8-year-old twins attend Bird Elementary School. She and her husband recently bought a home in the Deer Creek subdivision.

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St. Mike's is going strong at 50

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

There is something very special about reaching that magical, golden number of 50, whether it is a birthday, anniversary or 50 years of excellence in teaching and learning as was the case for St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia this school year.

Run by the Felician Sisters, the school opened its doors in September 1942, 11 years after the church was built in 1931. During that first week of school, the Rev. John Contway, pastor of St. Mike's at that time, watched the enrollment of his fledgling first through eighth grade school nearly double from 120 to 230 students.

While the school's excellent reputation has remained steadfast, many things have changed since those World War II days.

Sister Mary Providence Potoczny was one of the original teachers in 1942 and was a special guest at the Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Alberto Bondyn, pastor at St. Michael Church, and reception held April 25. She taught 41 second graders that first year without the benefit of an aide.

"Now days you couldn't do it," she admitted. "But at that time the children were very, very good. They were very attentive and obedient and they worked hard."

Transportation was a bit of a problem for the sisters 50 years ago. They commuted from the Felician motherhouse in Detroit to the new school in Livonia. The biggest problem was that they had no car.

"In the beginning, we had par-



DIANE HANSON

Old and new: Celebrating St. Michael's 50th anniversary were former sixth grade teacher Sue Hynes (from left), original second grade teacher Sister Mary Providence Potoczny and current principal Sister Carolyn Ratkowski.

rishioners who were coming for us in the morning and taking us back after school," Potoczny said. "Finally, we had one lady who was coming for us all the time. When it got colder, sometimes she couldn't start her car. We would be late, sometimes 15 or 20 minutes late."

Contway decided that couldn't continue, so he offered his car, if one of the sisters would drive it.

Potoczny volunteered, but there was a slight problem. She didn't have a clue as to how to drive. She was not, however, about to let that get in her way.

"The janitor gave me a few instructions," she said. "I practiced on Schoolcraft. At that time there wasn't much traffic, so I was practicing on Schoolcraft and on the motherhouse grounds. Then the janitor took me to the police sta-

tion (in Plymouth) and I got my driver's license and I drove from that time on. And I'm still driving."

She became the official taxi driver for the six sisters for the five years that she taught at St. Mike's, but driving conditions weren't always the best and often required some ingenuity.

See ST. MIKE'S, 5C

ANNIVERSARIES

James and Margaret Shelton

Former Westland residents James and Margaret Shelton recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by reaffirming their wedding vows. The Sheltons were married on Dec. 25, 1942, in Detroit.

Chaplain John Rasberry officiated the double-ring ceremony at the Community Chapel of Melbourne Beach, Fla.

Following the ceremony, a dinner was held at Sweetwaters in Melbourne, hosted by the couple's daughters, Joanna Feloni of Plano, Texas, and Dianna Gainer of Westland. They also have three grandchildren.

He is high priest of Wayne Chapter 182, R.A.M., and they both are past matron and past pa-



tron of Nankin Chapter 138, O.E.S.

Louis and Yola Milos

A grand celebration was given in honor of Louis and Yola Milos, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 17.

The party was Feb. 20 at Mama Mia's Restaurant and was given by their five children — Louise Gottlieb of Issaquah, Wash., Lois Wludyka of Redford, Laura Kletzka of Howell, Louis Milos of Winona Lake, Ind., and Lorna Ling of Wolverine Lake, Mich.

Some 100 friends and relatives attended the celebration, including the couple's 14 grandchildren, sister Olga Bender and several members of the Parkway Heights Memorial Church.

The Miloses have lived in Redford since 1961.



Baskets from page 1C

Special requests

And with just three months of basket making under her belt, she admits she's already had some special requests. One woman wanted a mug with a horse on it for her husband who loves racing. After some searching, she found what she needed at the gift shop at Ladbroke DRC. And, much to her surprise, she got the goodies cheap; the gift shop was going out of business.

"Once you do one for someone, you have to get enough for several more because you know you'll get more requests like it," she said.

Working from wholesale catalogs and by shopping at the Michigan Association of Gift Sales in Northville, a kind of shopping mall with 180 wholesalers under one roof, Vann has collected the things she needs to make baskets. And with the help of a couple of books, she's even learned how to tie the decorative bows on the finished baskets.

"I thought, 'Lord, how do I do a bow; I don't know how to do a bow,'" she recalled. "But I found the more you do the better you get."

Wayne has been a big help. Before starting his fulltime ministry, he worked for the in sales and worked with small businesses. He has used his experience to put together promotional fliers and come up with marketing strategies.

He understands his wife's hesitancy about the business, recalling the conversations he had with his business clients — "I'd come home and say 'I don't know why they stay in business.' I'll never understand why they stay in business if it's not for profitability."

Together they have gotten gift baskets in the Misty Card Shop and found another store owner that wants Vann to set up a display to sell on consignment. Wayne also is working on thank-you cards to send customers and developing a business listing. He has plans to do a newsletter for his wife, alerting clients to what's new in gift baskets and what holidays are coming up.

"Everyone looks for an easy way to sell a product," Wayne said. "But with my market experience, I've learned that it's not easy; it's all sell, sell, sell."

Which he did at a conference in Ohio in March. He showed a fellow participant a flier and the man "ordered a secretary's mug and Mother's Day basket on the spot." Getting it to him was no problem. Delivery charges are \$4 within Michigan and \$5 out of state and worldwide.

"We use UPS quite a bit," Vann said.

But with the business catching on, Vann faces the decision of how big it should get.

"I think I can do really well," she said, "but my concern is that this is suppose to be something for me to stay at home and be with the kids."

Wayne shares her belief in The Gift Basket's success: "If things keep going as they are, we'll do good."

For more information, on The Gift Basket, call Pam Vann at 522-9007.

Soichiro and Cynthia Hiram

Soichiro and Cynthia Hiram of Livonia will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary May 2.

The Hiramis were married in Denver, Colo., and honeymooned in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is the former Cynthia Monroe. They have lived in Livonia since 1959 and have five children and one grandchild.

He was raised in Los Angeles, Calif., and is a retired social worker. She is a 1947 graduate of St. Alphonus High School and a 1950 graduate of Mt. Carmel Nursing School. A registered nurse, she retired from St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after 22 years.

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Lids recommended for bicycle riders

Young bicyclists can stay safe this spring by keeping their heads up and helmets on when riding, AAA Michigan reports.

Forty bicyclists were killed and 3,129 injured in Michigan in 1991, the latest data available. Of these, 50 percent of those injured and 58 percent of those killed were 14 or younger.

"Parents should caution their children to wear a safety helmet whenever they ride on their bicycles," said Jerry Basch, community safety services manager.

"Statistics show that as many as 75 percent of the bicycle fatalities that occur each year could be avoided by wearing a helmet."

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, fewer than 2 percent of all children between the ages of 5 and 19 wear helmets, but this age group accounts for 65 percent of the bicycle-related deaths in Michigan. Wearing a bicycle helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 percent, and it's not just "hot doggers" who face disastrous consequences.

"Even slow speed falls, under 20 miles per hour, can cause serious injury if you strike your head," said Basch. "A helmet absorbs the shock of a crash and spreads it out — compared to the cost of a head injury, a bike helmet is inexpensive insurance."

Most helmets are constructed of a plastic outer shell and plastic foam lining. They are equipped with an adjustable chin strap. A quality protective helmet can be bought for as little as \$15 or as much as \$100.

Parents can provide a good example and protect their own heads by wearing a bike helmet while riding. In addition, AAA Michigan offers the following safety tips:

- Obey traffic laws, signs and signals.
- Walk your bike across busy streets at corners. Don't dart out from a driveway or between parked cars, where many bicycle accidents occur.
- Stop and look all directions before entering the street from a sidewalk or driveway.
- Avoid riding after dark or in inclement weather.
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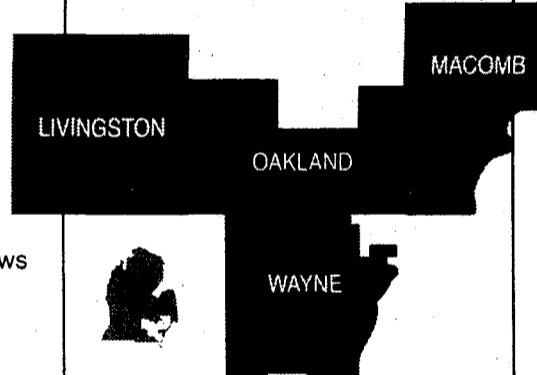
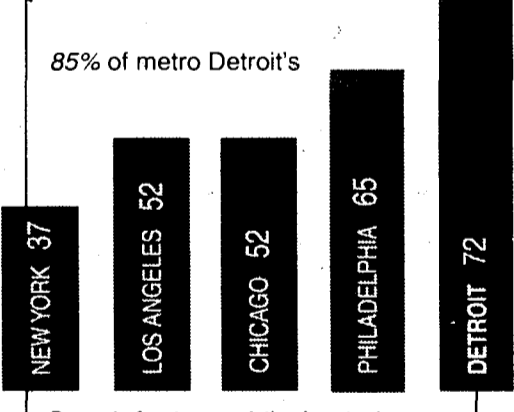
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TIMOTHY NOWICKI

Daily schedules of many people today are so full of activities, it's hard for them to remember what has to be done next. It is this kind of regime that creates stress and prevents us from remembering important, but less immediate issues.

Special events, holidays, days that remember certain people (secretaries, mothers) or any period of time that brings our attention to an issue is necessary in order to remind us of those important or interesting matters.

Earth Day celebrated its 23rd anniversary this year, and the many events surrounding April 22 helped us learn about the issues we face concerning our environment.

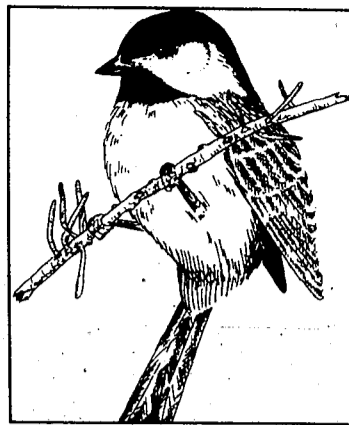
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These special days are just one way to encourage people to become aware of the issues and to learn about the environment. Educating ourselves about the diversity of lifeforms on Earth is a

first step in recognizing their importance in the overall picture. That picture illustrates all forms of life, including humans, are subject to environmental constraints, and the same laws of the universe, as all the other forms of life.

Learning about the many concepts of ecology, the lifestyles of different animals and their relationships to one another, helps to develop a respect and an appreciation for all forms of life. It helps put things in perspective.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message using a touch-tone phone at 953-2047, mailbox 1874.



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VICTORIA DIAZ

Livonia poet earns major writing award

Livonia writer Anne Hutchinson found a letter in her mailbox recently that she almost didn't open. Glancing at the return address, she assumed it was an invitation to an awards ceremony at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, honoring winners of Schoolcraft's 10th annual Poet Hunt.

She had sent poems to the contest, she remembered, but had entered the contest in other years, automatically received the invitation and attended the ceremony — even though she had never won anything.

Sometime later, she finally got around to taking a peek at her "invitation." Not only did she find her name among the winners in the congratulatory letter, but she found it at the top of the list.

Her poem, "Grandma's Noodles," had been awarded first place in the competition, winning out over more than 800 other entries.

The success felt particularly sweet for Hutchinson. Though she had been writing and studying poetry for more than 15 years, and had published in a number of literary journals, the first prize was literally her first prize ever.

"Nobody was more surprised than I was when I read that letter, telling me I'd won first prize," says the 30-year Livonia resident and Iowa-born grandmother.

Although Hutchinson claims she "always wanted to be a writer," she didn't seriously pursue writing until after she had received a degree in English from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and decided to sign up for a creative writing class at Schoolcraft.

"In the class, we could write fiction or non-fiction or poetry," she recalls. "And it just sort of dawned on me that poetry was what I wanted to do. Actually, it seemed easier than having to create characters, then thinking up things for them to do, then moving them around from place to place."

"I didn't read much poetry at the time — just what I'd read in school. You know, poets who were mostly men and mostly dead."

A quick study

Encouraged by the class and instructor, Arthur Lindenberg, it wasn't long before she began immersing herself in poetry — both the reading and the writing of it. Eagerly, she sought out the works of contemporary poets like Denise Levertov, Maxine Kumin, Lucile Clifton, Alice Fulton — women who were, as she puts it, "actually alive and writing poetry."

It would be at least another year before the meticulous writer considered any of her own attempts at poetry even remotely suitable for publication. After writing, re-writing, workshoping, honing, polishing and then re-writing again ("I find writing about as easy as pulling teeth"), she finally sent out a few poems, and eventually found a receptive publisher in Moving Out, a Detroit-based feminist magazine.

Soon after, her work gained her a scholarship to Cranbrook's summer writing conference, where she studied under noted American poet, William Stafford.

Stafford contacted her shortly after the class had ended to ask if he might publish one of her poems as part of a collection he was putting together to showcase the talent of some of his most outstanding students.

"I said, 'Absolutely!'" remembers Hutchinson.

Vivid imagemaker

Though domestic themes run through most of her work, her poems rarely paint the comforting, "pretty" word pictures of traditional hearth-and-home rhyme. Instead, they are often marked by almost disturbingly vivid images, conflict and a kind of subtle, dark regret.

Married for 31 years, and the mother of three (a son, Nathan, died in 1984), she emphasizes she never sits down to write with any express purpose of creating a poem around a domestic theme, though.

"It just happens," she says. "I write a lot about people in my family. With 'Grandma's Noodles,' I had been trying for quite awhile to write a poem around a story my grandmother often told about her childhood in Russia. She very much lived in the present and never talked much about her early life, but she did tell us this story, and I always wanted to make it into a poem."

Hutchinson credits a recent, yearlong stay in California with an important turnaround in her writing life. Taking a leave of absence from a full-time job as an editor for a Livonia public relations firm, her original purpose for the West Coast visit was to help care for her granddaughter, while her daughter finished work on a doctorate at Stanford University.

But a couple of funny things happened. After taking her granddaughter to school in the mornings, she got to "hang out" with herself for extended periods of time — something she'd never done

See POET, 2D

Livonia artist taps his vision of world

Edward Ferguson, self-taught painter and proud of it, exhibits nearly 40 works in the retrospective "29 Months-But Who's Counting?" Inner struggles push him to challenge societal values.

By LINDA ANN CHOMEN
SPECIAL WRITER



Edward Ferguson, a self-taught painter who turned to art full time 29 months ago, exhibits a retrospective of work focusing on

sociopolitical and environmental themes through May 14 at Nelson's Gallery, 16376 Middlebelt in Terrence Corners, Livonia.

"29 Months-But Who's Counting?" gathers together nearly 40 of Ferguson's acrylic and oil paintings from series "Affairs of the Heart and Other Abstract Concepts," "Messages from God: The Habitat Paintings" and other recent work.

"I have a world vision I try to live by. I'm motivated by strong spirituality," Ferguson said. "I try to establish my point of view of a situation to cause the viewer to think. I want to provoke thought, whether literally or abstractly."

Until December, Ferguson had worked in acrylic. Now he works strictly in oil. He uses images like chicken eggs in the sky and green hands coming out of a parched desert as symbols. For special effect, he incorporates turkey feathers and cheesecloth into the pieces.

"I try not to tell people what they mean. They usually see something different than what I'd intended anyway," said the Livonia painter.

"Acid Rain and the Holy Trinity," "Holy Water," "Promises, Promises" and "Cadmium Christ" title the paintings that cover issues such as environmental abuses, the homeless and baby seals.

"One of the things Ed has about his work is that he expresses his feelings for things. The 'Love It or Leave It,' it really makes you think," said Laura Hardy, Nelson's Gallery owner. "It can be stirring emotionally — good or bad."

Ferguson employs trowels, very wide brushes and a squirt bottle filled with India ink to produce some of the larger canvases. He starts most with no particular palette in mind.

"My paintings are an evolution. I normally have a concept I start with. The abstracts are a whole different thing. An abstract doesn't necessarily have a concept," he said. "Color: It's something that looks good to me. I'm motivated by bright color."

Ferguson can be found painting almost any day of the week in his St. Charles Common Ground for the Arts studio in Detroit.

"I'm just experimenting," he added. "I'm still growing. I haven't locked into any one thing yet."

Ferguson became a full-time painter 29 months ago, thanks to his supportive wife, Beverly. At that time, he quit his job after his work was juried into a Detroit Artists Market show. Until then, he had been advertising and public relations director for Sibley's Shoes, where he worked for 12 years.

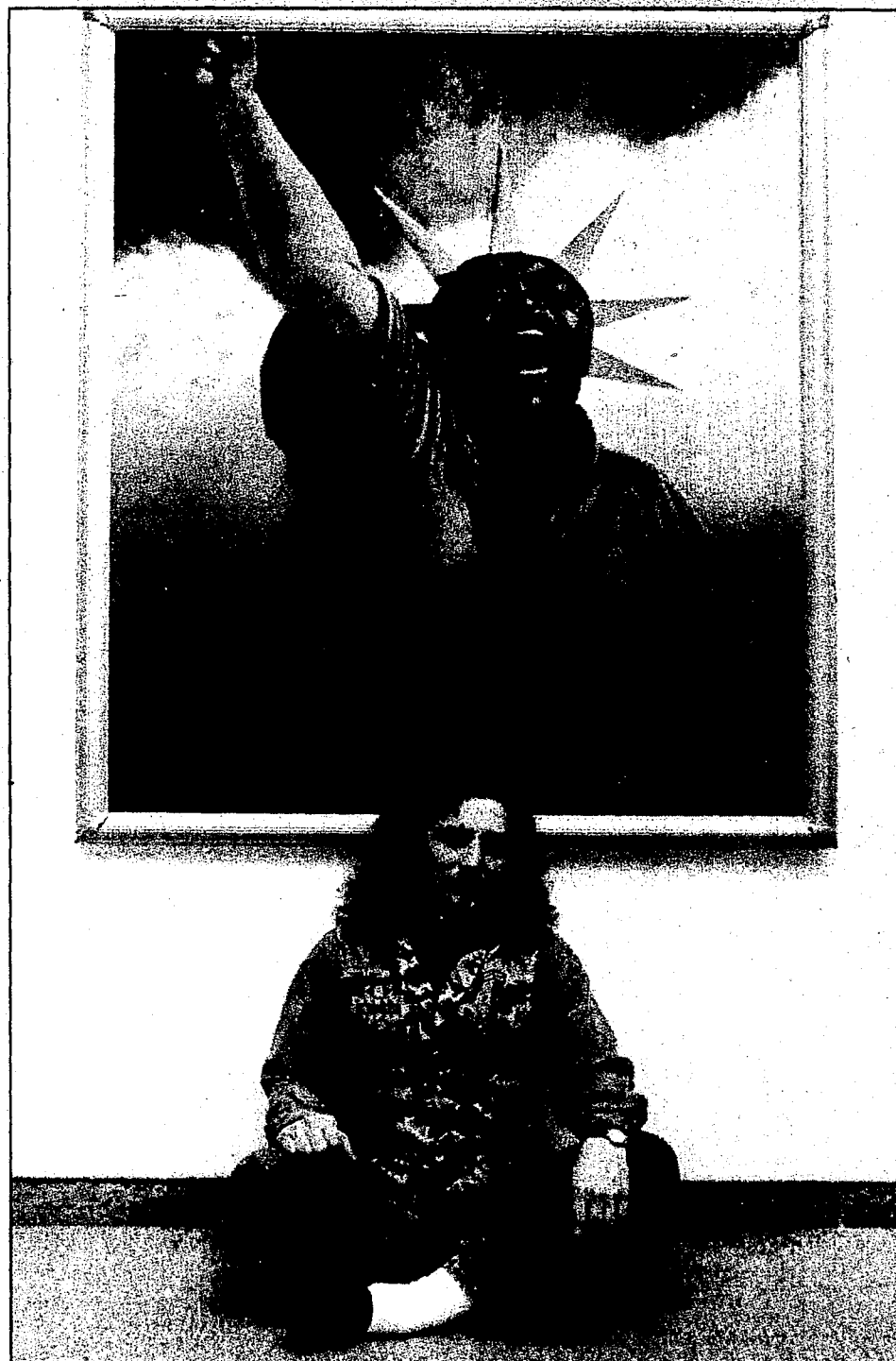
"I thought if I don't try, it will never happen," he said.

Ferguson has exhibited at the Michigan Gallery, Urban Park Art

See FERGUSON, 2D



Varied themes: Above, In an explosion of furious color, Edward Ferguson painted this acrylic, "Rapturous Autobiography," as part of the series, "Affairs of the Heart and Other Abstract Concepts." Left, Ferguson provokes thought on socio-political and environmental issues in his paintings, like this oil with a liberty theme.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland painter teams up

Artwork by Westland John Glenn High graduate Randy Lee Parrish will be on view May 9 to June 14 in the Fine Arts Room on the third floor of the Ann Arbor Public Library, 343 S. Fifth.

The Westland native joins McCabe Ash of Coldwater as featured artists in "One Plus One," an exhibition of their individual work and collaborative pieces. It marks their first public showing outside of school.

A reception for the artists will take place 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 4, during ArtWalk, an annual event spotlight-

ing Ann Arbor art galleries. The University of Michigan Museum of Art sponsors the event.

"We're hoping to develop this kind of collaborative exhibition in an ongoing way."

See PARRISH, 2D

"Rhythm-A-Ning:" Right, This image of a horse, expressionism in pastel, is a collaborative piece by Randy Parrish and McCabe Ash.

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.

FABRIC ART

Friends of the Livonia Library will unveil a fabric sculpture by St. Claire Shores artist James Gilbert 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 10 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

"Nebulas Terraqueous," a three-part sculpture, will hang from the atrium ceiling. The parts vary in length from 10 to 12 feet.

The Friends financed the sculpture, in the

Art Beat

planning for two years under the watchful eye of Friends vice president Jack Olds.

Friends president Mary Fisher will present the artwork to Mayor Robert Bennett, who will accept it for the city. Yvonne Schanz, Livonia Library Commission president, also will speak.

Lights refreshments will be served in the Michigan Room.

ARTSY BACKDROP

The Art Works, a Crofton, Md.-based retailer, opened its newest store in Laurel Park Place, Six

Mile and Newburgh, Livonia. Call 953-1770.

It sells a variety of preframed, ready-to-hang prints to fit any wall space and any decorating theme or individual interest. Print themes include abstracts, novelty, sports, floral and environmental.

Gift certificates and layaways are available.

CERAMIC SHOWCASE

Livonia Arts Commission presents work by Southwest Design Ceramics through May 31 in the second-floor display cases of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Building buyer rapport pays off for sales duo

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Successful real estate agents have no office hours because they're always on call.

Two area real estate professionals, Imelda "Millie" McIntyre Rzeppa of Bloomfield Hills and Mitchell J. Wolf of West Bloomfield, are proof positive of that.

Rzeppa, 73, an agent with Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke in Birmingham, recently was honored by the Sales and Marketing Executives of Detroit as a top producer.

Wolf, 42, co-owner of Cranbrook Associates, has been recognized as a Midwest megabroker by Unique Homes magazine.

"I work all week, five days to keep up with the competition and I work Saturday and Sunday to get ahead of it," Rzeppa said. "Your rewards are comparable to the way you work."

"It's a seven-day a week job," Wolf said. "If you stay home, you can forget it because your phone starts ringing there."

Rzeppa jumped into the real estate business 20 years ago to help

send three sons to college. She had been a teacher and counselor in Detroit, earning a master's degree in psychology.

"It was a great way for a woman to have a great career," she said. "I loves people, love houses. It all went together."

"A home is more than shelter," Rzeppa said. "It's where you should be comfortable, relaxed, be relaxed. I sell more than a roof — a lifestyle."

Rzeppa specializes in high-end houses in Bloomfield and Birmingham, but counts among her clients children and grandchild-

ren of clients she had two decades ago.

"It's not the order that counts, it's the reorder, building a business that will last a lifetime," she said. "After 20 years of being successful, all of my work comes from referrals now."

Wolf, planned to take a year off before starting law school in the early 1970s, walked into Cranbrook offices one day just because he was interested in real estate. He's never left, starting as an agent, then advancing to manager and now owner.

"My main philosophy is I've



Millie Rzeppa



Mitchell J. Wolf

listened to my clients and basically pick up on what they want," he said. "I think a great part of the business is listening."

Wolf also specializes in more expensive houses, but recognizes that business is business regardless of the dollar amount.

"I will sell a home just as easily for \$100,000 as \$2 million," he said. "I've been in business a long time. Almost all of my sales are referrals."

"When someone purchases a house, it's usually their most expensive purchase and highly emotional," Wolf said. "We want it to be right. We want them satisfied with what they've done."

Wolf declined to comment on the volume of his business. He has offices in Franklin, Bloom-

field Hills, Birmingham and West Bloomfield.

His advice to people thinking about careers in real estate?

"They have to be very self-motivated. They have to give time to break in. It's a very cyclical business with ups and downs. The money's not always there. Some years yes, some no."

Time management and a sense of humor are invaluable tools of the trade, said Rzeppa, who pegged her sales volume at several million dollars annually.

She has no plans to retire.

"I enjoy my work, I love my clients, love houses and architecture," Rzeppa said. "I think I'd be lost if I were to retire."

Release of information raises questions

CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I live in a condominium complex where our board receives monthly financial statements. These statements include a list of co-owners behind on their dues and assessments. One board member shares this in-

formation with those who are not on the board. Is this legal or ethical?

You have raised a difficult legal question that has a number of possible interpretations. Members of the association have a right to inspect the books and records under the condominium bylaws and condominium statute, that would presumably give them an opportunity to determine who is delinquent. But there is always the possibility that a board member who unnecessarily discloses

information to co-owners regarding other co-owners' delinquencies may be deemed to have unreasonably invaded the privacy of that co-owner or otherwise defamed the co-owner if the information provided is untrue.

I would suggest that any association considering the publication of a delinquency list consult with its attorney for a legal opinion as to the benefits and potential detriments of such conduct.

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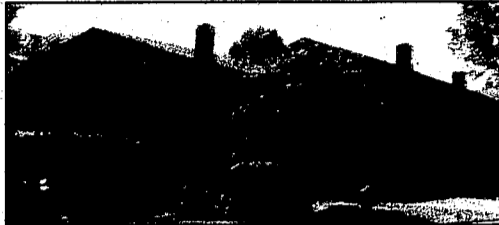
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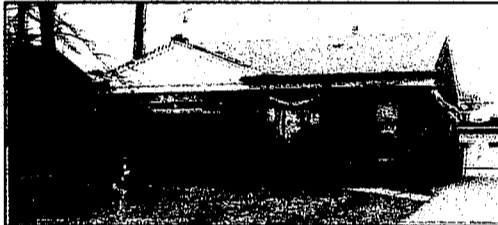
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Artistic Designs specializes in annual and perennial design and installation for apartment communities, shopping centers and office complexes.

Clients include Kaftan Enterprises, Stuart Frankel and Associates, Singh Development, Richter Rosin Construction, Eric Yale Lutz, Lewiston-Smith, and Beznos Co.

Sales honor

Dick Williams of Canton has been elected a member of the Honeywell Ambassadors Club, which recognizes the highest level of achievement by field personnel in the company's home and building control organization.

Hospital tour

ESD's Construction Activities Committee will offer a case study and tour of the VA Hospital on Tuesday. The presentation will be made by James Stevens, director of VA Medical Center; John Holland, senior resident engineer of the VA Medical Center; Don Smith, project director with Bateson/Dailey; and Mike Brennan, project manager with Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates.

The tour and case study follows a luncheon that begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Rackham Memorial Center in the Detroit Cultural Center. Tickets are \$22 for ESD members and \$25 for non-members. For information, call 832-5400.

Architecture lecture

Michael W.R. Davis, formerly of Birmingham and author of "America's Favorite Homes," will address the friends of Baldwin Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in a free program open to all.

His topic will be the national period of American Architecture from 1900 to 1920. The period is typified by three styles of houses: bungalow, craftsman and American four square, many of which were sold by catalogue. Davis will illustrate his presentation with slides, including those of Birmingham houses.

Davis, who teaches architectural history at Eastern Michigan University, is credited with uncovering two previously unnamed periods of American home architecture, the national and the academic (from 1920 to World War II).

For more information, call the library at 647-1700. The library is at 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham.

House building seminar

Miles Homes Services will offer a free seminar that includes information outlining the entire building process, including choosing a lot, obtaining financing, ensuring quality materials, building equity potential and choosing the right house style and floor plan for the right location.

The seminar will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at Sheraton Oaks, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi.

Homearama dates

If the tulips are in bloom, it must be time to get ready for Homearama, the 11th annual showcase of new idea houses, built by members of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

This year's open house tour will be of single-family houses in the Silver Bell Village Subdivision at Silver Bell and Bald Mountain Road, one mile north of The Palace and one-third mile east of Lapeer Road in Orion Township. Houses start at \$169,900 with most priced under \$200,000.

Among the features are: natural oak flooring from the foyer to the kitchen; nine-foot ceilings on the first floor; front porches; a three-sided fireplace, faced with ceramic tile with views from the kitchen, dining room and breakfast nook; and an inverted cathedral ceiling.

Admission is \$6. Discount coupons were mailed to homeowners in their Consumers Power and Detroit Edison bills and Standard Federal Bank statements. The three are co-sponsors along with BASM.

U-M renovation

Redstone Architects, Southfield, is completing construction documents for the renovation of the 70-year-old East Engineering Building, with construction to start in late spring. Thomas Platz is the senior project manager.

The \$25 million renovation will result in a new home for the university's mathematics and psychology departments. The building, originally designed to house the university's engineering department, will include classroom, instructional, laboratory and office spaces.

New facilities include laboratory and research facilities for bio-psychology, a child/family clinic, a 310-seat auditorium, a 150-seat general lecture hall, and a colloquium/meeting area for the psychology department. The building will exceed 300,000 square feet. Its last addition was in 1946.

Information for inclusion in this column should be sent to Marilyn Fitchett, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

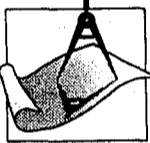
Building new houses with old charm



Housing option: Newer homes with a historic appearance like this Tudor sometimes can be built at a cost comparable to buying an older model, an area builder maintains.

■ In with the old along with the new is the idea of a builder whose aim is to satisfy buyers looking for yesterday's features with today's efficiencies.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER



Why not build old, new?

That's what James Rutkowski, a custom residential builder who lives in Rochester Hills, proposes to do.

Rutkowski, president of James Joseph Enterprises, has constructed many houses with contemporary designs during his eight years in the business. His American model won the Peoples' Choice Award as most popular at last year's Homearama in Oakland Township.

At the same time, he's noticed that some of his clients want touches of old within a modern structure.

"We've done it in pieces," Rutkowski said. "It may be wood on walls like they used to do, wet plaster, special stacked wood trim on the floor, three-panel doors with maybe, crystal knobs . . . hardwood floors, tile in the bath all the way up the wall."

Also, some of Rutkowski's acquaintances started expressing the desire to buy an existing historic house rather than building new, figuring that they could get more of exactly what they want for their money.

Builders don't really like to hear that.

So Rutkowski started thinking and came up with a plan.

"We can do these exact duplications of houses in Royal Oak and Detroit. We can put a person in something like that brand new."

And it doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg, either, Rutkowski maintained. He's building a 2,500-square-foot Tudor with four bedrooms, 2½ baths and two-car garage in northern Oakland County for \$170,000. The lot cost an additional \$40,000.

"People might figure they've got \$150,000 to spend, so they'll settle for this house figuring this is the best we can do," Rutkowski said. "They should be spending \$100,000 or \$300,000 and getting exactly what they want."

"This is really headed for people who would like a new house, but like the feeling of an old house," he said. "Someone who might want modern appliances, engineering of today, modern heating systems, good windows."

"Basically, we can put someone in a new home for the price of a used home."

Reliable, experienced subcontractors plus knowledge of materials and supplies built up over the years in dealing with special touches requested by clients enable him to do just that, Rutkowski said.

Desire is a big key, too.

"Most builders are taking a plan and deciding by themselves what someone wants," he said. "They offer that to the public and whatever comes through, comes through."

"I'm saying the heck with that. Why don't we do something exactly what people want? They can say, 'Jim, I've always loved this house in Grosse Pointe, this is my budget,' and I'm able to do it for them."

Rutkowski can work off photographs clients bring in. He also has access to reproductions that designers around the country make available.

"We've now got an architect (Tom Kurmas of Bloomfield Hills) who can do a 3D drawing of the outside and inside so a person can fit the rooms in however they want," Rutkowski said.

"We're able to color the mortar, color the concrete. Copper is tarnished. Through the years I've kind of collected where this stuff is available," he said. "It's a big load of expertise."

Rutkowski, who has built upwards of a dozen houses annually in recent years, most in a range of \$100,000 to \$275,000, hopes that diversification will bring him more business. But he has no delusions.

"I really feel there's a niche, but not in bulk numbers," he said. "I don't want to become a massive tract builder. What's the population in metro Detroit — 4½ million? I'm only looking for 10 people a year."

"We're not just doing this," Rutkowski said. "We're still going to be building some modern homes."

"I want to build and hold their hands through things on the exact lot, in the exact location exactly how they want it," he said.



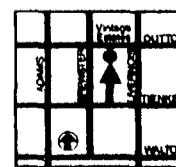
Historic choice: This Federalist model is one of many reproductions that builder James Rutkowski can make available to potential buyers.

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Adhere to flooring instructions

(AP) — The thought of installing sheet-vinyl flooring can be intimidating, especially when you consider that one or two mistakes can ruin the whole sheet. The problem is compounded by the fact that few rooms are truly square, and they have obstacles and offsets to accommodate.

How do professional installers keep from making costly mistakes? When a room is complicated, a pro will make a paper pattern of the room and transfer that pattern onto the vinyl. As such, the paper becomes a one-of-a-kind template and every wobble and bobble, every offset and obstacle is factored in before cutting. As a matter of fact, the Armstrong flooring people have come up with a goof-proof installation kit that allows you to do just that.

The first thing to decide is whether you'll take up the existing flooring. If your floor has suffered water damage and dry rot, or could simply use a layer of underlayment to make it more uniform, then make those corrections before installing new vinyl. Otherwise, you can lay your new vinyl directly on top of your old.

There are two types of vinyl for this kind of installation. One requires gluing the entire floor, the other just the perimeter. If your existing flooring has an embossed surface pattern, you'll need to fill these depressions with embossing leveler. Without it, the old floor's pattern will show through your new flooring.

And because resilient flooring is designed to repel just about everything, you'll also need to degrade and prep the surface with an etching solution and primer.

Highlights of the installation begins with floor preparation. Remove the baseboard shoe molding with a small prybar. If your room is a bathroom, you'll also need to take up the toilet. Any caulk along a tub or cabinet must be sliced away with a razor blade or blade scraper. Next, cut the surface glaze on the old flooring with etching liquid. Rubber gloves must be used because the liquid is very caustic. Once the etching has dried, apply two coats of primer. The second coat should be at right angles to the first.

To make your paper template, lay the paper sheets around the perimeter of the room, then fill in the middle and tape all the sheets together. To hold the paper in place, cut 1-inch triangular slots every couple of feet and lay tape across the slots. To scribe the exact perimeter of the floor, insert the ballpoint pen into the roller disc that comes in the Armstrong kit, and trace around the room.

Once the outline is complete, roll up the paper and lay it over the vinyl. Draw a cutline directly onto the vinyl. Install a hook-shaped blade in the kit's transfer tool and then cut the vinyl by drawing the blade along the cutline. Apply vinyl adhesive to the floor with the kit's notched applicator. Cover only half the room at a time.

Lower the vinyl sheet onto the adhesive, then roll the surface smooth using a flooring roller or kitchen rolling pin. Seal around the entire perimeter of the room — and around any plumbing fixtures with latex tub-and-tile caulk.

When laying vinyl next to carpet, use a metal tack strip. Nail the strip onto the vinyl and

bend it over the carpet. When laying vinyl next to hardwood flooring, buy a hardwood reducing strip and glue or nail it in place.

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Opening doors to fairness

WJBK-TV2's anchor Huel Perkins will lead a panel discussion during a program called "Fair Housing Opens Doors" from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 13, at the Botsford Inn in Farmington.

Representatives of community organizations are invited to join the members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors in association with the Birmingham/Bloomfield Board of Realtors and the Detroit Board of Realtors for the seminar that focuses on what needs to be done to eliminate housing discrimination and consider what more needs to be accomplished.

The federal housing law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap or national origin.

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for members throughout the year," said William Deacon, WWOCAR president.

"This special annual session provides an additional means to update them on the status of national and

state laws and their effectiveness."

Panel members will be Miriam L. Blanks-Smart, South Oakland Chapter NCAA president; Valerie Vintes-Weatherly, equal opportunity specialist at the Detroit office of HUD; John A. Obee, attorney for the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit; and Deborah Taylor, Michigan Association of Realtors Equal Opportunity Committee Chairman.

Topics include a presentation of Michigan fair housing cases with those in attendance as the "jury;" American With Disabilities Act; sexual harassment; testing; and cultural awareness. Audience participation and discussion are the goals of the seminar.

The program is free but reservations are requested by calling any of the three boards: Western Wayne, 478-1700, ext. 251; Birmingham/Bloomfield, 646-8250; or Detroit, 962-1313.

Safety starter kit protects at home

(AP) — Most accidents and fires that occur in the home are preventable. Here are many of the danger spots in the average American home. Note that safety tips in one room may apply in other rooms as well.

■ If you must have a lock on the bathroom door, install a privacy lock with a hole in the outside knob that lets you insert a wire or nail to release the lock. This will prevent children from getting locked inside accidentally.

■ To prevent falls, lay scatter rugs with nonskid backings and provide tubs and showers with suction-backed rubber mats or adhesive decals.

■ Grab bars in the bathtub or shower and next to the toilet are a help for all and a must for the elderly. Fasten the bars securely to wall studs or to the side of the tub.

■ Shower doors should be safety glass or heavy-duty plastic.

■ Keep electrical appliances — hair dryers, shavers, radios, phone, space heaters — away from tub or sink. All outlets should be equipped with ground fault interrupters (GFIs) to prevent fatal shock.

■ Lock up all medicines.

■ In the kitchen, have a multipurpose (rated ABC) fire extinguisher handy for minor fires. Also keep baking soda and a large lid next to the stove to put out grease fires. Don't panic if a fat fire starts in your frying pan. Just turn off the heat, stand back and toss generous handfuls of dry baking soda at the base of the flames.

Don't try this with deep fat as it could spatter the grease and spread the fire. Instead, cover the pan with a large metal lid.

■ Lock household cleaners, matches, lighters, sharp utensils, electrical appliances and cords out of children's reach.

■ Don't store anything attractive to children above or near the stove.

■ Turn pot handles inward. Cover frying pans with frying screens or lids.

■ Always read labels. Never mix bleach with ammonia, lye or oven cleaner.

■ Keep paper items, curtains, dish towels, pot holders, plastic utensils, electrical cords and appliances away from the stove. If there is even a slight shock from an electrical item, throw it away or have it repaired.

■ If you smell gas, you and your family should leave the house immediately. Don't use the phone, flashlight or candles. Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.



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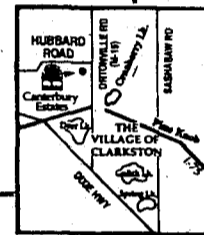
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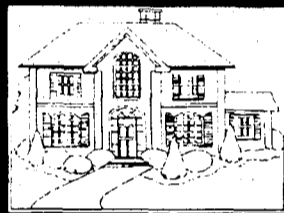
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(AP) — The do-it-all robot that kept the Jetsons' cartoon home tidy and their kids in freshly pressed clothes might be just three years away from reality, says a robot maker who needs \$15 million to do it.

"The technology absolutely is at hand," Gay Engelberger, marketing director for Transitions Research Corp. of Danbury, Conn., said recently at the International Robots and Vision Automation Show in Detroit.

The only problem is cost. A version of "Rosie" the robot that could vacuum carpets, scrub toilets, cook and even put out fires, would cost about \$50,000.

"The harried housewife with middle income will have to wait. It will be the very richest who can afford it," said Engelberger, daughter of TRC founder and owner Joseph Engelberger.

Already, robots are being used to mop floors and serve meals in hospitals. Some room office hall-

ways to detect intruders and smoke.

Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., has three TRC five-foot-tall, box-shaped robots, affectionately named Cookie, Maxwell and Flash by staff and patients. With a computerized hospital floor plan and sensors to avoid walls and objects, the "HelpMate" cleans the hallways effortlessly and maneuvers up and down elevators. Robots with tray tables can be programmed to carry meals and patient records across the hospital.

TRC is also in the midst of a pilot project with the U.S. Postal Service, which is using a "Scrub-Mate" robot to clean bathrooms.

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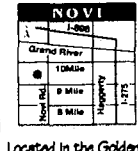
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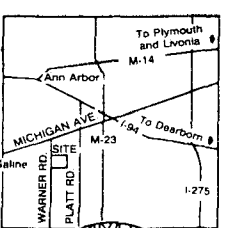
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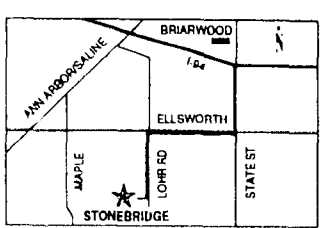


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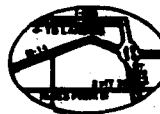
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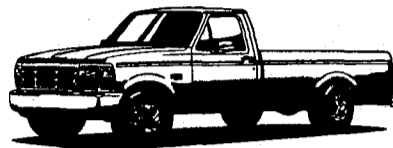
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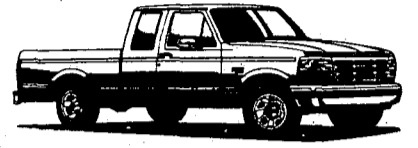


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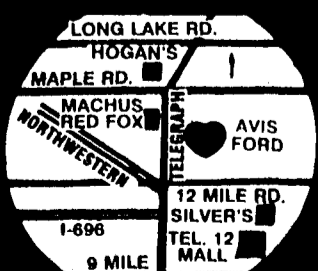
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Students named to all-star team

They prove that balancing academics with activism can be done — high school students who head clubs, hold jobs and still make the grade.

They are the 16 members of the 1993 Observer Academic All-Stars team — recognized for high grade point averages and national test scores.

These students are from public, private and parochial schools throughout the area.

For the next few years, they will be on the campuses, and more likely in the libraries, of colleges across the country.

As they move into "The Real World," many in Michigan will watch to see these All-Stars continue to shine. Remember their names.

Meet this year's Academic All-Stars, in order of finish:



Jinshin Kwak

JINSHIN KWAK
Plymouth Salem High School

Jinshin Kwak of Canton Township has yet to decide where she will go to college. Her choices range from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to the Inteflex program at the University of Michigan. But she knows that she will study medicine.

"When you look at medicine, the whole basis behind it is to help people," she said. "That's something I feel I want to do with the rest of my life — contribute to society in a beneficial way."

Kwak said her academic and church activities have helped shape her decision to pursue medicine.

She is president of the Student Council and business editor of the school newspaper. Her extracurricular activities from grades nine to 12 also include: varsity tennis team, forensics team and National Honor Society. Kwak has won numerous awards for her participation on the debate team.

Kwak has also been active at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Metro Detroit. She has served as secretary and moderator of her church Youth Council, a camp counselor, the parish pianist and a member of the choir.

She has participated in mission trips

to Chicago and Mexico through her church.

"Those experiences have taught me what it's like to help people," she said. "It has helped me expand beyond middle-class America and into a different lifestyle."

A National Merit Finalist, Kwak also won a \$750 scholarship from the Chapel of Four Chaplains. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Kwak credits her parents, Se ro and Young ja Kwak of Canton Township, as having the greatest impact on her academic career.

"Because of their strong work ethic, my parents have been the most influential to me," she said. "They have instilled strong moral and family values within me that have helped me achieve success."



Anjanette Koritnik

ANJANETTE KORITNIK
Stevenson High School, Livonia

Anjanette Koritnik will attend the University of Notre Dame, where she will major in English. She hopes to pursue a career in writing and eventually earn a doctorate.

Her motto is "Carpe Diem" (Seize the Day) and she tries to keep her options open. But realizing the joys of literature and writing has helped Koritnik define her career goals.

She says Ron Quick, an English teacher at Stevenson, has been the greatest influence in her academic career.

"He has helped me realize how much I enjoy English, and he has aided me in developing my intellectual potential," Koritnik said. "As a student in his A.P. English class, I soar to new heights each day because the class interests me more than any other class and demands a great deal of effort and time."

The National Merit Finalist also touts a list of writing awards: regional finalist in the Michigan Women's Commission 1993 Essay Contest; winner of the 1992 National Council of Teachers of English writing award; and school winner in the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" writing contest.

Koritnik serves as president of the National Honor Society and a member of the school choir, the Stevenson High School Student Senate, the student council and the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Her extracurricular activities also include the math club, physics club and environmental club, a mall fashion panel and school pantomime show. Koritnik has also balanced her activities with junior varsity basketball and volleyball, and varsity track and cross-country.

Koritnik also volunteers at Mary Crest Manor in Livonia.

She is the daughter of Anton and Shirley Koritnik.



Scott Lefurgy

SCOTT LEFURGY
Plymouth Canton High School

Scott Lefurgy, the son of Clark and Sarah Lefurgy of Plymouth Township, will not have to choose between his two loves — science and music — when he enters the University of Michigan next fall.

Lefurgy will enroll in a dual program of the U-M School of Music and the U-M College of Literature, Science and Arts. He plans to double major in music and science, and eventually to earn graduate degrees. His career goals range from singing in an opera company to being an ophthalmologist and teaching as a college professor.

Lefurgy is the event captain of the Canton Science Olympiad. He has won numerous awards for his participation in the group. His other activities include: Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, French club, choirs and the Plymouth Park Players.

Lefurgy sings with several Michigan School Vocal Association and Michigan Youth Ensembles choirs, as well as groups at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

The National Merit Finalist has earned a long list of honors. His most recent honors include: medals in Science Bowl, Sounds of Music and Write It/Do It competitions; concerto finalist and operetta principal at the Interlochen Arts Camp High School; regional honorable mention by the National Association of Teachers of Singing Great

Lakes contest; and honorable mention at the National Foundation for the Advancement of Arts Recognition and Talent Search.

Lefurgy has received scholarships from the Ida Norlin Interlochen Arts Camp Operetta Scholarship, the Michigan Youth Ensembles Interlochen Arts Camp, and the University of Michigan School of Music.

He says his brother, Charles, 20, had a special impact on him. When Charles was in the fifth grade, he taught Lefurgy to juggle. Charles also got him interested in singing, tried his second-grade spelling lessons on his kindergarten brother and taught high school algebra to his middle school brother.

"He shared with me things that he was interested in — things I might not have tried on my own," Lefurgy said. "The one thing that stands out in my memory and which is still true today is that he would always try to teach me about what he was learning in school. Today my brother shares bits of college course material with me on visits home. He is my mentor, role model and best friend."



Peter Harwood-Stamper

PETER HARWOOD-STAMPER
Stevenson High School, Livonia

Peter Harwood-Stamper plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan next fall.

He credits his 20-year-old sister, Lisa Harwood-Stamper, as having the greatest influence on his academic career.

"She is an excellent scholar, and has helped me tremendously with my education and other aspects of life," he said.

The senior can boast a 3.8 grade point average and summa cum laude honors during his high school career.

During high school, Harwood-Stamper has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Metro Computer League Team and the Academic Games Club. He is also captain of the Class D basketball team.

Harwood-Stamper has also competed in the Michigan Mathematics Prize

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Competition for the past three years and the American Mathematics Prize Competition for the past two years.

He is also president of the Christian Youth Group and a member of the Youth Alive Bible Study.

For the last year and a half, Harwood-Stamper has balanced academics and extracurricular activities with old-fashioned work: he is a sales associate at Meijer.

Harwood-Stamper is the son of Gordon Harwood-Stamper and Gail Duffy. He has another sister, 10-year-old Jennifer Harwood-Stamper.



Bryant Wu

BRYANT WU
Plymouth Canton High School

Bryant Wu will graduate at the top of his class in June. By next fall, he will be part of the Inteflex pre-med program at the University of Michigan.

Wu selected his college choice because he wants to make use of his science talents. After working as a volunteer in the emergency room of Henry Ford Hospital-Fairlane, he is sure that he can handle a career in medicine.

Besides, he says, he has "always wanted to be a doctor."

At school, Wu is team captain and event captain of the Science Olympiad. He is a member of the varsity Quiz Bowl, but served as the junior varsity captain in 1991. That summer, Wu saw his team make it to the semi-finals of the National Tournament for Academic Excellence in Orlando.

Wu says his Quiz Bowl coach and European history teacher, Scott Beaman, has influenced his academic career.

"He is a role model because of his dedication, commitment, intelligence and persistence," Wu said.

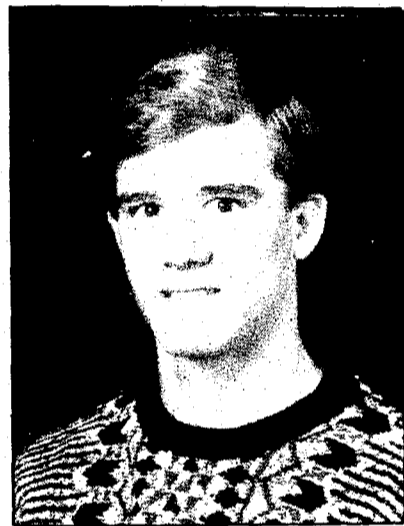
Wu has received honorable mentions in the Michigan Math Prize and the Rensselaer Math and Science Award. Wu is listed with the Who's Who Among American High Schools.

The National Merit finalist participated in the 1991 Michigan State Board of Education Summer Institute for Arts and Sciences.

Since he was 5 years old, Wu has played the violin. He has played with the school orchestra, as well as the now-defunct Livonia Youth Orchestra.

Although Wu no longer plays for the stage, he says he will always play for his personal enjoyment.

"It's a part of my life," he said. "It's like riding a bicycle — You never forget." Wu lives with his father and mother, Yih-Chen and Hsian-Ku Wu, in Plymouth.



Adam Borchert

ADAM BORCHERT
Detroit Catholic Central, Redford

Adam Borchert is not sure where he will go to college. He does not know what he will major in. But as the only junior of this year's All-Stars Team, Borchert still has time to decide.

Borchert said he wants to attend college and eventually earn a graduate degree. And he is considering playing a collegiate sport. His extracurricular experience in varsity soccer, football and lacrosse has prepared him for that path.

Borchert is an honors student with a 4.0 grade point average.

He is chairman of the Canned Food Drive and is a member of the student council and the academic team. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Gabriel Richard Club, a group for high honor roll students.

Rounding out the list is Prep Bowl Scholastic All-Catholic.

During high school, he has participated in various math competitions and earned honorable mention and team second awards.

Last year, Borchert placed second in the 1992 Detroit Science Fair.

He credits his parents, Paul D. and Susan Borchert of Livonia, with having the most influence on his academic career.

"My parents have provided me with a quality education, challenged my abilities and fostered my desire to excel," he said.

ANDREW GARINGER
Harrison High School, Farmington Hills

Andrew Garinger will attend Rice University in the fall. He hopes to one day earn a doctorate degree in



Andrew Garinger

biochemistry and later to work with a genetic research firm.

He says his math and physics teachers, Sue Schultz and Dennis King, have had the most influence in his academic career.

"They taught me how math can be interesting and fun," he said.

The Nation Merit Finalist has received the Academic Award for Excellence in Biology I and Computer I and has been recognized as the Best Male Physics Student in Accelerated Physics. He will also graduate Phi Beta Kappa from his school.

Garinger serves as the vice president of finance for Junior Achievement and is a member of the Quiz Bowl and the Tests in Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science (TEAMS) team.

He is also treasurer of the National Honor Society and the captain of the National Science Bowl.

He is the son of Patrick George and Cynthia Ann Garinger of West Bloomfield.



Jason C. Kirk

JASON C. KIRK
Detroit Catholic Central, Redford

Jason Kirk is deciding between the University of Michigan or the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania. At one of them next fall, he will study economics.

Kirk, however, is already planning for life after college. He wants to earn a graduate degree in economics or business at Stanford University and work in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill as a government economist.

The National Merit Finalist has received awards in Spanish I, Geometry Award, Honors English II, Honors Math III and Honors English III. He is also in the Gabriel Richard Club, a high honor-roll group.

He is president of the marching, symphonic and stage bands at the school. During his sophomore and junior years, Kirk ran track and cross-country. Between his freshman and senior years, Kirk moved from junior varsity to varsity Academic and Quiz Bowl teams.

Kirk is the son of Norma Jeanne and Richard Dean Kirk of Novi.

He says his mother has been a lifelong influence in his academic career.

"She taught me at a very young age to have a love of learning," he said. "By beginning my schooling at home very early, I learned to really enjoy expanding my mind."



Ryan T. Zantow

RYAN T. ZANTOW
John Glenn High School, Westland

Ryan Thomas Zantow says nothing is definite, but so far he has plans to study medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor next fall.

He wants to become a doctor because he believes that combining his love for science and for working with people will make the most of what he can offer to his community.

He said a friend helped shape his academic and career goals.

"A good friend of mine also was going to pursue a medical career through the university, but recently died in a car accident," Zantow said. "She reminds me that I must make the best of the life I have to live."

Zantow is the treasurer of the National Honor Society. His high school activities include the French club, Stu-

Runners up earn top grades too

Twenty-five students from public, parochial and private schools throughout the area received an honorable mention in the 1993 Observer Academic All-Star competition. The runners-up are:

Carrie L. Culler, a senior at Garden City High School, will graduate in the top five of her class. She is looking at Calvin College, Hope College or Grove City College. She plans to study political science. The co-captain of the basketball team earned letters in basketball, volleyball and softball. Culler is editor of the yearbook and secretary of the National Honor Society. She attended Girls' State. She received the Bausch & Lomb Science Award and the Madame Curie Award for science and math. Outside of school, she is active in her church youth group. Culler lives with her mother and stepfather, Ron and Linda Nesmith. Her father is Phil Culler. She says her mother has been the biggest influence on her academic career because "she passed on her motivation to me. I admire her for being able to raise a family, hold a full-time job and earn her master's degree all at the same time."

Megan M. Mueller is a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Driving Drunk and Junior Classical League. Mueller, who volunteers in Appalachian work camps, is a Eucharistic minister, religion teacher and youth group leader. She works part time as a legal secretary and hopes to become a lawyer. She was named to the 10th Annual Catholic All-Scholastic Team and received the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Scholarship and the Catherine Repucci Scholarship. She said her parents, Michael and Kathleen Mueller, have influenced her academic career because "they have taught me how important a good education and doing well are and they have always encouraged me."

Neil W. Duncan, a senior at John Glenn High School in Westland, will attend Michigan Technological University to study chemical engineering with an environmental emphasis. He is Spanish club president, Quiz Bowl captain and senior class publicity manager. He is a member of the marching band, orchestra, tennis team, computer team and National Honor Society. He works part time at Lechters. Duncan, who will graduate second in his class, received academic letters and was named "Student of the Month" in science. Last summer, he participated in the Michigan Summer Institute Program. His parents are Diane and William Duncan. He says Robert Langeneckert, a chemistry teacher at Glenn, influenced his career choices. Duncan said, "He taught me to work hard, accept nothing but your best and that chemistry can be fun."

Tracy C. Winter is a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She is a teacher of Hawaiian, tap, ballet,



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Honor students: *Joan E. Muller and Kristopher M. Wiljanen received an honorable mention in this year's all-star competition. Both are seniors at Farmington High School and headed for college in the fall. Muller will major in foreign languages at Indiana University while Wiljanen will attend the University of Michigan and major in engineering.*

jazz and pointe dancing. Winter works with various dance and theater groups. At school, she is student life editor of the yearbook and a member of the varsity pompon team. The National Merit Finalist is also a member of the Quill & Scroll Society, French Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society. Winter won the "I Dare You!" award. Winter hopes to major in international relations at either Georgetown University or Princeton University. Her parents are Peter and Mary Angela Winters of Northville and she says they've had the most influence on her academic career because "they always encouraged me to go farther without pushing me too hard."

Andrea I. Jakubiak, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School, will major in pre-medicine and minor in quantum physics and Russian at the University of Michigan. She is on the varsity volleyball and tennis teams. She is an officer of the Varsity Club and a member of Students Against Driving Drunk, Scholars Plus, yearbook staff and National Honor Society. Jakubiak is active in the Temple Baptist Church youth group and choir. She received a Scholar-Athlete Award and a Rensselaer Science and Math Medal. Her parents are JoAnne Mallard and John Jakubiak of Plymouth. She singled out John Barno, an elementary science teacher, for having the most influence on her academic career, because "he gave me a curiosity and a love for science."

Joan E. Muller is a senior at Farmington High School. Next fall, she will

major in foreign languages at Indiana University. She hopes to work in education or international business. The National Merit Finalist earned academic letters and forensics-public speaking awards. Muller, an honor roll student, was named to the Academic Hall of Fame. Muller received an honorable mention in the 1992 Observer Academic All-Stars competition. She plays basketball and volleyball, and is senior captain of the cross country team. She is a member of the French club, Spanish club, physics club, the forensics team, Rotary Interact and National Honor Society. Outside of school, Muller volunteers for the Leukemia Society of America and the Salvation Army. She credits her parents, Paul and Donna Muller of Farmington, for having the most impact on her academic career. "My parents have taught me to work to my potential and they support me in all my endeavors. They also encourage me to express my ideas, which has given me confidence."

John W. Bemederfer of Canton Township is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School. After graduating at the top of his class, he will attend the University of Michigan and major in business and engineering. He is vice president of the German club and a member of the forensics team and National Honor Society. Bemederfer has won awards in English, math and German. He earned academic letters and a National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation. His parents are Jeff and Brenda Bemederfer. Bemederfer says his English teacher, Ann Kemezis, influenced his academic ca-

reer the most. "Through her class, I've learned about all kinds of views in the world and how to understand them," he said.

Keri M. Morris, a senior at Lutheran High School-Westland, is captain of the varsity cheerleading team. She serves as senior class secretary and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in drama and choir. Morris received the Valparaiso University Award for Academic Excellence. She will graduate with a 4.0 grade point average, and she devotes time to activities outside of school. "Not all success is measured by money or power. Much success is represented by participation, survival and involvement. I am proud to say that I have been involved in many types of activities. Concert choir, pep club, prom committee, student council and the National Honor Society are among them," said Morris. She volunteers for soup kitchens in Detroit and Habitat for Humanity projects. After college, she wants to work as a high school and then college Spanish teacher. Her parents are Edward and Judith Morris of Belleville.

Aaron E. Andrus, a senior at Franklin High School in Livonia, received academic achievement awards during each of his high school years. He also received a mathematics departmental award. Andrus, who will graduate with a 4.0 grade point average, will study science and mathematics in college. His parents are Robert G. and Kathleen A. Andrus of Livonia. Andrus says his father has been a major influence in his academic achievements. "He has always impressed me with his intelligence, making me want to be as smart as him — if not smarter," Andrus said.

Kristopher M. Wiljanen is a senior at Farmington High School. After graduating first in his class, he will attend the University of Michigan and major in engineering. The National Merit Semi-Finalist received Kalamazoo College's Academic Scholarship and was named to the Farmington High Academic Hall of Fame. He was a finalist in the Michigan Math Prize. He is senior class treasurer, varsity soccer captain and a member of the student council, National Honor Society and French club. He plays basketball and appears in school musicals. Outside of school, Wiljanen volunteers at his church. His parents are David and Lorna Wiljanen of Farmington Hills. He credits his father with having the biggest impact on his academic career. "Along with teaching me the values of diligence and discipline, he has supported me in everything that I have ever done."

Deanne A. Ambrose, a senior at Thurston High School in Redford Township, will study aeronautical engineering and music in college. Ambrose is a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Driving Drunk, science club, Science Olym-

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piad, and varsity volleyball and softball teams. She is a drum major in the marching band. Besides playing with the school orchestra, Ambrose performs with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. Outside of school, she volunteers at soup kitchens and for the March of Dimes. She received various math and science departmental awards; outstanding freshman, sophomore and junior awards; student of the week awards; and honors geometry, algebra, science and chemistry awards; and the Madame Curie Award. Ambrose received honorable mention in the 1992 Observer Academic All-Stars. Her parents are Carol and Thomas Ambrose. She says her family along with her best friend and two teachers have had the biggest impact on her academic career because of their "support . . . sparking interest in school . . . giving a silent push in the right direction."

Nora E. Le Pere is a senior at Thurston High School in Redford Township. After graduation, she plans to attend Wayne State University and study chemical engineering. She received awards in chemistry, science and social studies. In the 1992 Observer Academic All-Stars, she received honorable mention. Le Pere plays with the marching band, orchestra and the varsity soccer team. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Science Olympiad. Le Pere will graduate fifth in her class. She says her parents, Michael and Mary Le Pere, have "influenced me by teaching me that there's not always going to be someone by my side, pushing me to do the best I can."

Jessica A. Sarsozo of Canton Township is a senior at Ladywood High School in Livonia. Sarsozo, who will graduate fifth in her class, will attend either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish club and Philippine-American Family Association. She participated in the Model United Nations. Sarsozo was a National Hispanic Award semifinalist. She says her parents, Desiderio and Mila Sarsozo, had the greatest influence on her academic career. "My parents encouraged me to do my best in everything," she said. "They both taught me to read at an early age and encouraged my interest in books."

Erica L. Schmitt, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, will graduate second in her class this June. She will major in occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University. She received the Madame Curie Award, Princeton Club Book Award, and various awards in German, English, math, social science and music. She is German club president, orchestra council president, National Honor Society treasurer and forensics team co-captain. She is a volunteer at a senior citizens' residence. Schmitt lives with her parents, Ralph and Rose Moore, in Westland.

Amy K. Pruneau of Detroit is a senior at St. Agatha High School in Red-



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Top students: *Classmates Deanne A. Ambrose and Nora LaPere, seniors at Thurston High School in Redford Township, have set high goals for themselves come fall. Ambrose will study aeronautical engineering and music while LaPere plans to attend Wayne State University and study chemical engineering.*

ford Township. Next fall, she will major in psychology at the University of Detroit-Mercy. She hopes to become a social worker. The honor roll student is on the varsity track team and junior varsity volleyball team. Pruneau, senior class treasurer, is a member of the National Honor Society and Students Against Driving Drunk. She is active in drama and often volunteers at the recycling center. She says her mother, Kathleen Pruneau-Hill, has been a major force in her academic career. "She 'pushed' me when I didn't feel like doing something, but not so much," Pruneau said. "If I didn't do well at something, I didn't feel like a failure."

Sheryl D. Zajechowski, a senior at St. Agatha High School in Redford Township, would like to major in English and minor in business administration in college. Zajechowski is president of Students Against Driving Drunk and a member of the National Honor Society, pep club and varsity track team. Outside of school, she is active in her parish youth group. Zajechowski, an honor roll student, has received various department awards and was named to the All-Academic team at the Prep Bowl from 1990 to 1992. Last year, she received honorable mention in the Observer Academic All-Stars. Her parents are Eugene and Dorothy Zajechowski of Detroit. She credits "the many teachers, her mother and her aunt" for having the greatest impact on her academic career.

Adam Brandemihl, a junior at Clarenceville High School in Livonia, is yearbook editor, National Honor Society treasurer-elect and Student Congress representative. He is a member of the Science Olympiad and Students Against Driving Drunk, tutors and par-

ticipates in blood drives. He won various academic awards and the Outstanding Novice Writer Award. Brandemihl ranked highest in the Michigan Math Prize Competition. Currently, Brandemihl, who holds a 4.0 grade point average, wants to attend college after high school and become a doctor. He is the son of Linda and David Brandemihl.

Wendy C. Ollinger, a senior at Lutheran High School-Westland, will major in psychology at college. She is National Honor Society vice president, cheerleading squad co-captain, prom committee chairwoman, homecoming committee co-chairwoman and drama club member. Ollinger, an honor roll student and salutatorian, is also a pitcher for the varsity softball team. She is the daughter of Joan and Frank Ollinger of Canton Township. She credits her parents with having the most influence on her academic career. "They always encouraged me to place school as my first priority. They believe in working hard to achieve and have taught me their values."

Malia M. Dixon is a senior at Ladywood High School in Livonia. Dixon, who will graduate at the top of her class, will attend the University of Michigan and major in biology. Dixon is president of the student council and a member of the track team, cross country team, Spanish club, Students Against Driving Drunk and National Honor Society. She won a U.S. National Mathematics Award, National Merit Award in English, U.S. Student Council Award, U.S. National Government Award, U.S. Social Studies Award and second place for the Madame Curie Award. She credits her parents, Richard and MaryAnn Dixon of Livonia, as having encouraged her throughout her

academic career and as teaching her to face new challenges.

Catherine A. Johnson, a senior at Bishop Borgess High School in Redford Township, will attend Kalamazoo College as an International and Area Studies major. She participates in the National Honor Society, French club, culture club, Close-Up, Model United Nations, yearbook and newspaper activities. She is an usher at her church and holds a part-time job. She received the Rensselaer Award, Madame Curie Award and Bausch & Lomb Award. She was named to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Honor Corps and the All-Academic Team at the Catholic League Prep Bowl. She and her parents, Ronald and Margaret Johnson, live in Detroit. She singled out Judy Bergeski, her world history and global education teacher, as the person who has had the most influence in her academic career. "She opened my eyes to the world in a new perspective."

Steve J. Sordahl is a junior at Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland. He holds a 3.6 grade point average and hopes to become an engineer. At school, he is editor-in-chief of the newspaper. He plays basketball and has appeared in plays. He won the District 2 Voice of Democracy Script Writing Contest. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Myron Sordahl of Westland.

Maryanne P. Rightler, a senior at Clarenceville High School in Livonia, hopes to earn a nursing degree at Michigan State University. For now, Rightler is busy as section editor of her high school yearbook. She is a member of the National Honor Society and choir. She lettered in varsity swimming. She says she owes her academic success to her parents, Ann Louise and Alvin Harris Rightler, for encouraging her to excel in whatever she does.

Timothy P. Barthel of Livonia is a junior at Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland. Barthel, an honor roll student, earned academic letters and plays soccer, basketball and baseball. He is active in church and often participates in regional and national youth rallies. Barthel hopes to attend college and become a pharmacist. He says his parents, Edward and Susan Barthel, have influenced his life the most through "their encouragement and understanding in both academics and spiritual areas."

Stacey Y. Jolly of Detroit, a senior at Bishop Borgess High School in Redford Township, will attend Michigan State University on a 3-M Electrical Engineering Scholarship. After graduation, she hopes to work for 3-M as an engineer. Jolly has acted as co-president of the class of 1993 for four years. She is a member of the Spanish club, culture club, homecoming committee and prom committee. She participated in the Mid-American Model United Nations, Project Graduation, Holiday Bazaar and the Michigan Math League competition. She plays basketball, vol-

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Scientists said it couldn't be done, but an Oakland University chemistry professor proved them wrong. Professor Tadeusz Malinski developed a microsensors so small and accurate that it can count molecules of nitric oxide within a single cell. This is a breakthrough discovery that will help doctors understand the effect the gas nitric oxide has on the body. Scientists from Europe and North America are excited about the possibilities, and more than 250 have already called or come to Malinski's laboratory to see his discovery in action.

And how will the microsensors help scientific inquiry? Researchers are anxious to find out how nitric oxide acts when a person has a stroke, for example, and to learn if it can be used to kill cancer cells.

Thanks to Professor Malinski, the day when those answers are known is closer.



CO-OP STUDENTS LEARNING AND EARNING: \$1.2 MILLION IN TOTAL WAGES

On-the-job training is an important element in many students' education at Oakland University, as Jennifer Middleton has discovered.

During the past academic year, nearly 300 Oakland University students generated \$1.2 million in earned wages by working at businesses and industry throughout southeastern Michigan.

Oakland University coordinates internships and cooperative job placements throughout the tri-county area. While attending Oakland, students who choose to participate gain valuable insights into what is expected of them in their chosen field, and gain important experience that employers like.

Among those who have been a co-op program success is Middleton, whose responsibilities at the Palace of Auburn Hills include editing the employee newsletter and setting up training programs for employees.

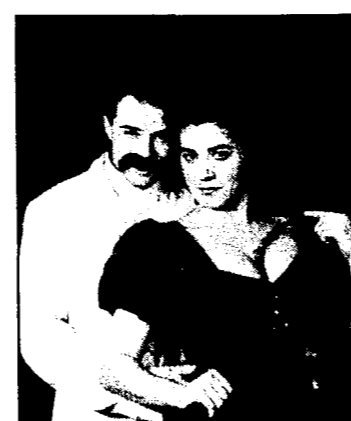


WE'RE NUMBER 1: FOUR TIMES IN A ROW

Oakland University has something that no other school in NCAA Division II history has: four consecutive national championships for its women's swimming and diving team.

The university's reputation for excellent athletic programs was enhanced this March when the women's swimmers swamped the competition by finishing with 609 points, 203 points ahead of the second-place team from Pennsylvania.

Coach Tracy Huth earned Coach of the Year honors for the second straight year and for the third time in the past four.



STUDENT THEATRE EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Students in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance's production of *Cloud Nine* know what it's like to take their show on the road.

The play was among 800 entered nationally in the prestigious American College Theater Festival, and came in first in its region in competition in Illinois. Oakland's production earned the right to head to Washington, D.C., where in April the performers took the stage at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Only six plays were invited to Washington.

This was the second time an Oakland production has been invited to the nation's capital.

THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

■ In 1992, Oakland University was rated among the top 11 Midwest regional colleges and universities and named a "best buy" by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

■ Oakland students benefit from small classes and direct access to professors who care.

■ The next time you fly, you can thank an Oakland University professor for making your takeoff and landing much safer. Professor Michael Hung developed a world-renowned process called shearography that measures structural weaknesses in a variety of load-bearing materials, including aircraft tires and highway bridges.

■ Oakland University's Ford Cooperative Scholars staff a statistical methods office at Ford Motor Company locations and apply statistical methods to problems in manufacturing and engineering.

■ Oakland's School of Education and Human Services is a leader in promoting a new method of teaching mathematics. The Beginning School Mathematics Program originated in New Zealand, and with the help of the Kellogg Foundation, is being incorporated into eight Detroit-area school districts with Oakland's help.

■ The Oakland University Eye Research Institute is a national leader in the study of eye diseases, especially glaucoma. Together with William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, the Eye Research Institute is conducting a study of age-related eye diseases for the National Eye Institute. The study is one of 10 under way nationally.

■ In 1992, Oakland University graduated 32 working engineers with a master's degree in applied statistics, placing the program among the top three in the country.



Top scholars win all-star honors

dents Against Driving Drunk and Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE). He is also a yearbook staff member.

Zantow is captain of the cross-country team, and runs track and field as well.

He has earned the Bausch & Lomb Science Award, letters and pins in academics, first and second place medals in State Science Olympiad competitions, perfect attendance awards and "Student of the Month" in both French and Science departments.

Last year, Zantow participated in the Summer Institute for Arts & Sciences at Alma College.

Zantow will graduate at the top of his class, but he says he is working hard to ensure that he doesn't lose his 4.0 grade point average and his valedictorian ranking.

His parents are Danielle and Thomas Durigon of Westland.



Karen R. Stern

KAREN R. STERN
Harrison High School,

Karen Stern will attend the University of Michigan next fall. She is considering a career in medicine, but she hopes to study a range of subjects in college.

On her list are philosophy, Latin American culture and science. She says if she decides to practice medicine, a well-rounded curricula will make her a better doctor.

"A lot of people who go into pre-professional schools, their regiment of study is so narrow," she said. "Studying a broad range of subjects could only better prepare me for a career as a doctor."

She is a member of the National Honor Society. Stern, who has earned academic letters, has also placed first in the 1992 Junior Varsity Tests Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science (TEAMS) competition and second in the 1993 Science Bowl.

During high school, Stern played on the junior varsity soccer and softball teams and the varsity gymnastics team. The long-time pianist has won eight superior rankings from the National Piano Federation for her perfor-

mances.

She is chair of the United Synagogue Youth.

Last year, she founded the Group for Advancement of the Planet. The club addresses environmental and community issues. Stern, who served as president last year, and the group donated proceeds from a fund-raiser to the Humane Society.

She says her grandfather, Burton Weisbren Sr., influenced her academic career by "being a compassionate, sensitive and inquisitive individual who stresses learning, understanding and challenging oneself."

Stern is the daughter of Myles and Laura Stern of Farmington Hills.



Lawrence J. Birk

LAWRENCE J. BIRK
Franklin High School, Livonia

Lawrence J. Birk says being accepted by the school of engineering at the University of Michigan is the "culmination of a life-long goal."

Birk says that he wants to become an engineer to "make a contribution to society by finding solutions to the problems it faces." The U-M is stepping stone to that life-long dream.

Birk is a National Merit Finalist and an Advanced Placement Scholar with honors. He has won the bronze award in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition and the Moving Upward Award. Birk can also boast being on the honor roll every semester of his high school career.

During high school, Birk has also acted as captain of the Metro Computer League and a member of the Varsity Quiz Bowl team. He has also played on the freshmen and junior varsity basketball teams.

Birk says his parents and grandparents have contributed the most influence to his academic career. His parents are Teresa Ritter and Lawrence Birk. His grandparents are Shirley and Chuck Ritter and Lawrence and Mary Birk.

"Whenever I need anything for school, whether it's money or just help, they are always there for me," Birk said. "They have always encouraged me to do all that I could in school."

He also says many teachers throughout his academic career have "helped keep school interesting and challenging." But having U-M School of Engineering as a goal helped him strive to do well in school.



Jennifer C. Chen

JENNIFER C. CHEN
North Farmington High School

Jennifer Chen plans to attend the University of Michigan next fall. She knows she wants to study medicine and become a physician, but she is toying with the idea of studying Asian languages.

"My most definite goal is to become a physician because it gives you the chance to meet different people every day and to help them," Chen said.

But because of her Chinese heritage, Chen is considering practicing an "east-west medicine" which combines technology of the west, like chemotherapy, with traditions of the east, like acupuncture.

Her goal is to create a more holistic treatment — and in 20 years, to publish a book of essays.

When Chen graduates in the top five of her class this June, her list of achievements will be long: National Merit Finalist; regional finalist of the Michigan Women's History Month essay contest; 1991 Optimist Club essay contest; nominated to Academic All-State; and member of the National Recognition of High School Scholars.

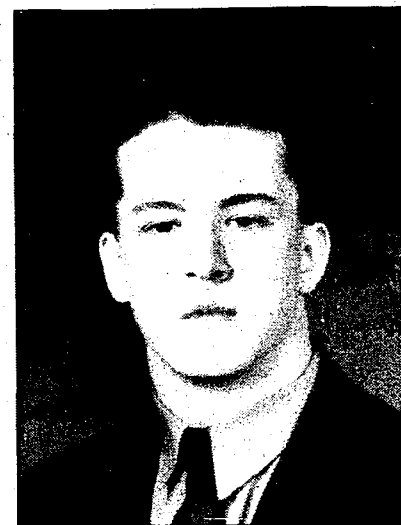
Through her extracurricular activities, Chen has served as section-squad leader of the marching band; first chair-alto saxophone of the jazz band and orchestra; member of the National Honor Society and its senior board; and student council representative.

She is also a member of the Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad and the soccer team.

Last summer, Chen participated in the Michigan Summer Institute for Arts & Sciences at Alma College. She studied women's issues and jazz music.

Chen is the daughter of K. Henry and Sandra Y. Chen of Farmington Hills. She said the "overachieving en-

vironment at NFHS and my classmates who have pushed me to fulfill my potential" have had the greatest influence on her academic career.



Kevin A. Bingham

KEVIN A. BINGHAM
Garden City High School

Kevin A. Bingham wants to soar above the rest — literally. The National Merit Finalist is interested in studying aerospace engineering and physics at either the Air Force Academy or Case-Western Reserve University next fall.

Bingham says he has always had a "knack" for mathematics and sciences. But he decided to combine those knacks with his interest in aeronautics for a career in aerospace design technology.

"I have always loved the idea of flight — how it works, everything about it," he said.

Bingham, who recently earned the Princeton Book Award, is a member of the Air Force Junior ROTC Drill Team and Colorguard. He is also an assistant squad commander.

He is on the varsity swimming and track teams, and works as a manager of the girls' swimming team. He is a member of the Key Club and the National Honor Society.

For several years, Bingham has been active in the Boy Scouts. He has earned the rank of Eagle Scout and is a junior assistant Scoutmaster.

Bingham, who will graduate in the top four of his class, says his parents, Marilyn and Michael Bingham of Garden City, taught him to love learning.

He describes them as encouraging, supportive and non-demanding parents who instilled a love of knowledge in Bingham and his sisters, Lora and Marla, both 19.

"It was part of our basic upbringing," he said. "My mom is a teacher. When we were little, she quit her job to work as a mother full time. Since she had teaching skills already, it was just something that I've had since childhood."

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Nancy C. Cancilla

NANCY C. CANCELLA
Churchill High School, Livonia

Nancy C. Cancilla will major in engineering next fall. But she has not decided which college to attend. Her choices range from Cornell University to the University of Michigan to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Engineering will combine Cancilla's interests and skills in mathematics and science. They are "things I like to do, things I'm good at and don't mind doing," she said.

Cancilla has earned summa cum laude rankings for seven semesters, the Class Scholar Award-Certificate of Excellence and the Advanced Placement Scholar Achievement Award.

She was a finalist in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition and accepted in the Math/Science/Computer Program, an accelerated course for high school students.

Cancilla is listed in the Who's Who

Among American High School Students.

She is the president of the French club, a member of the Metro Computer League and a tutor for Johnson Elementary School students.

Tutoring "made me realize that how hard it has got to be for teachers in elementary school," Cancilla said. "You have to know everything and they expect you to know everything."

Cancilla is the daughter of Eugene and Joyce Cancilla. She has a brother, David, 27, and two sisters, Sharon, 26, and Lori, 24. She said her parents have influenced not only her academic career, but those of her siblings.

"My parents have always expected us to at least try as hard as we can," she said. "Academic excellence has always been strived for and commended. I've always been expected to do well.

"This might be bad to say, but now I don't really have to work at learning. It's easy."



Jonathon S. Stillman

JONATHON S. STILLMAN
North Farmington High School

Jonathon S. Stillman plans to study pre-medicine at the University of Michigan Honors College in the fall.

Stillman, who will graduate at the top of his class, said his family is filled with doctors and dentists. But ever since a freshmen biology course where he first learned about the circulatory system, he has set his heart on becoming a cardiologist.

"I've always wanted to study medicine," he said. "But the first time I studied the circulatory system in my freshmen year, I was surprised that I could find work that I enjoyed and that I was truly interested in."

Stillman is the son of Joel and Renee Stillman. He says his father, who is a dentist, has had the greatest impact on his academic career and personal goals.

"He has displayed to me the benefits of hard work and determination," Stillman said. "He also successfully balances his work with his leisure time."

"Neither of my parents have ever pushed me toward studying or getting high grades. They always cared about me being happy. So the motivation came from within myself."

Stillman is a member of the sophomore and senior Board, the student council, and the math league. He plays intramural basketball and volunteers as an English tutor.

Last year, he was nominated to Boys State and the Michigan Summer Institute. He was nominated to Boys State again this year. Stillman was a runner-up on the 1992 Observer Academic All-Star Team.

Since then, he has received the Spanish Underclassman Award. The National Merit quarter-finalist was nominated to the University of Michi-

gan Regent Alumni Scholarship and the Channel 7 "Best of the Class."

Outside of school and academics, Stillman volunteers at Yad Ezra, a shelter for the indigent.



Michele M. Doughty

MICHELE M. DOUGHTY
Redford Union High School

Michele Doughty considers attending the University of Michigan the first step toward a career in pediatrics. She hopes to save children stricken with AIDS.

"I realize that these areas can be demanding both physically and emotionally," she said. "But I feel that I have the inner fortitude to deal with this difficulty. Someday I hope to share my own strength and courage with my patients, instilling each and every one of them with a love for life, a will to survive and a faith in themselves which will push them to fight for their lives in

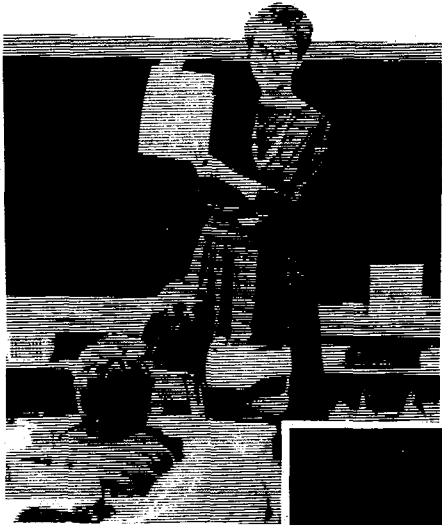
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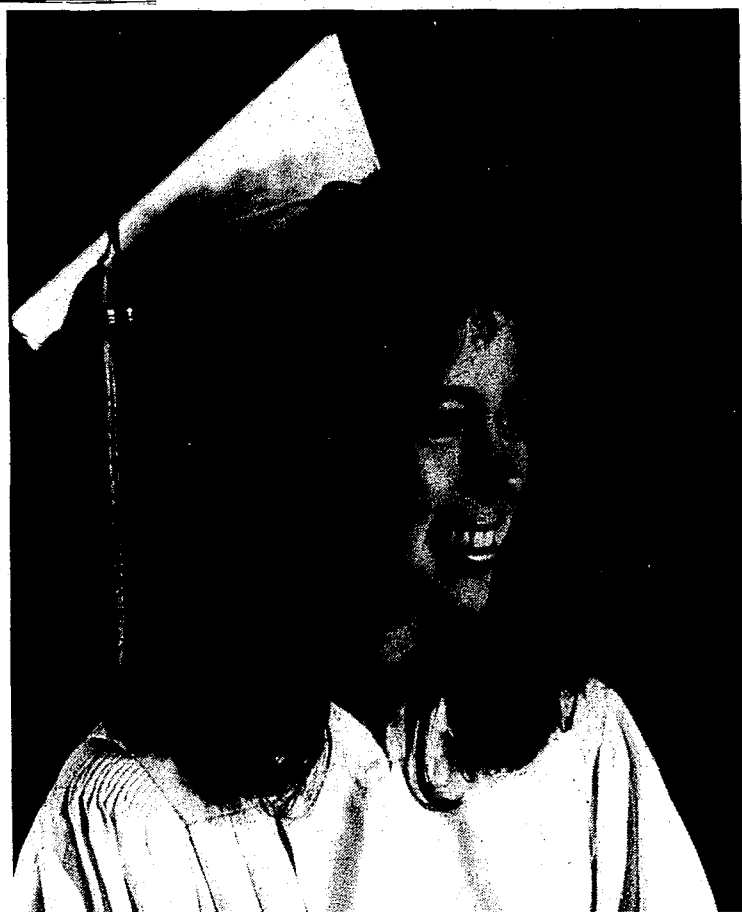


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Top scholars: Members of the 1993 team are (from left): Karen Stern (seated in center), Harrison; Jason Birk, Franklin; Adam Borchert, Catholic Central; Bryant Wu and Scott Lefurgy, Canton High; Peter Harwood-Stamper, Stevenson; Jinshin Kwak, Salem; Ryan Zantow, John Glenn. Also (middle from left): Nancy Cancilla, Churchill; Jonathon Stillman and Jennifer Chen, North Farmington; Andrew Garinger, Harrison; Michele Doughty, Redford Union; and (seated at far right) Anjanette Koritnik, Stevenson. Not pictured are Kevin Bingham, Garden City, and Jason Kirk, Catholic Central.



From grade school to graduation



Can be a tough trip.

We're proud of the outstanding young people who are featured in this special supplement. We know it took a lot of work and dedication to reach this point in their lives.

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possible, it takes a lot of energy and effort to stay on track. Especially these days.

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Selection committee: Principals spent a morning verifying grades, transcripts and test scores. This year's committee was comprised of (from left): Clayton Graham, Harrison High School, Farmington Hills; the Rev. Joseph Moffatt, Catholic Central High School, Redford; Dennis Connolly, John Glenn High School, Westland; David Symington, Lahser High School, Bloomfield Hills; Robert W. Schramke, Redford Union High School, Redford; Gerald Ostoin, Plymouth Salem High School, Canton; Sister Joan Charnley, Bishop Borgess High School, Redford; Dale Collier, Stevenson High School, Livonia; and Larry Boehms, Troy High School, Troy.

Principals select all-star teams

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers presents the ninth annual Academic All-Star team in this special publication. The 16 highest achieving high school students from the communities served by the Observer are featured.

The Observer team features students from schools in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford Township, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton Township and Plymouth Township.

The Eccentric team features honors students from schools in Rochester, Rochester Hills, Troy, West Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Bir-

mingnam and Southeu.

The students will receive the latest edition of Webster's New World Dictionary and a certificate of recognition.

Our thanks to those public and private schools from throughout the western Wayne and Oakland county areas who nominated students.

A special thanks to the committee of Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, chaired by Robert W. Schramke, principal of Redford Union High School, who selected the team.

It was Schramke who came to the O&E in 1984 with the idea of publicly honoring students for academic achievement in the way students

have been honored for sports. Thus, the Academic All-Star Team was born.

Principals serving on this year's committee were: Dale Collier, Stevenson High School; Clayton Graham, Harrison High School; Sister Joan Charnley, Bishop Borgess High School; Larry Boehms, Troy High School; Dennis Connolly, John Glenn High School; Gerald Ostoin, Plymouth Salem High School; the Rev. Joseph Moffatt, Catholic Central High School; and David Symington, Lahser High School.

Team selection is based strictly on academic performance. A single score is achieved by a combination

of highest score earned on either the ACT, SAT or PSAT (for juniors only). Using this total score students are then ranked.

Grade point average along with national test scores are computed by the committee. Transcripts are evaluated and grade point averages are verified. Test scores are then verified along with math calculations by committee members.

In case of a tie, the committee will reach a consensus based on the following criteria:

- Scores are double-checked.
- Course difficulty is considered.
- Student statements are read.
- Extracurricular activities are considered.

All-stars from page 9

any situation which faces them."

Doughty, who will graduate second in her class, has been offered a full-tuition scholarship at U-M. She hopes to enter the Inteflex program.

Doughty has also received about \$4,000 in scholarships for winning such titles as the second runner-up in the Redford's Young Woman of the Year contest, winner of the National Achievement Scholar and the 1987 winner and 1989 first runner-up of the American Legion Award.

At school, she is captain of the pom-pom squad and a member of Students

Against Driving Drunk, the ski club, Quiz Bowl and the National Music Guild. She is active in dance, gymnastics and modeling. She also sings and plays the piano.

Doughty, who lives with her grandparents, James and Betty Doughty of Redford Township, is the daughter of Sandra Doughty Sobotka of Redford Township. Doughty says her family has been the greatest influence in her academic career.

"They have taught me to love learning and strive to become the best I can," she said.

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leyball and softball. Jolly is a member of the National Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa. The honor roll student was named to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Honor Corps. She is the daughter of Diane and Orlandis Jolly. She credits her sister, Lakesha Jolly, as having had the biggest impact on her academic career. "She inspired me to do my best by setting a fine example for me, by being a role model and close friend."

Kim S. Horger is a senior at Redford Union High School. She will attend college and work toward degrees in mu-

sic therapy and pre-medicine. Horger is a drum major for the marching band and a member of the jazz band, orchestra, pep club, Quiz Bowl and swim team. She sings with her church choir. Horger, an honor roll student, placed in the top 5 percent of Michigan Math competitors. She has received awards for her participation in the District Citizen Spelling Bee and various essay competitions. Her parents are Roy and Sharon Horger. She credits her fifth grade teacher, Mildred Haggert, as having the biggest influence in her academic career.

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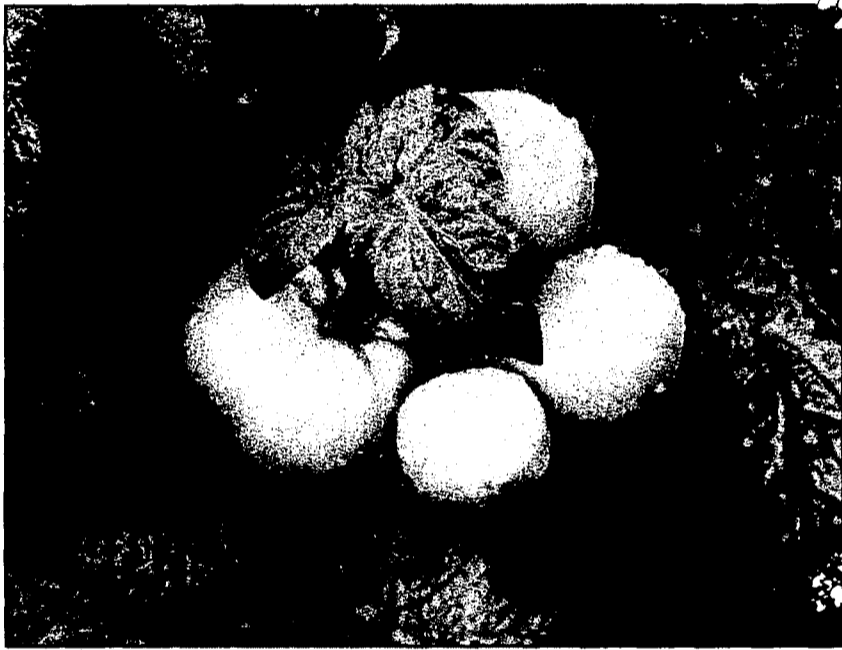
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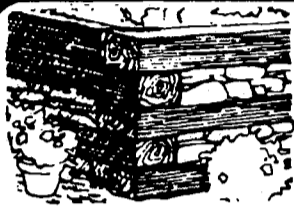


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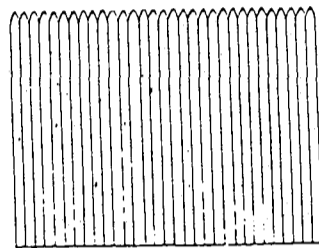
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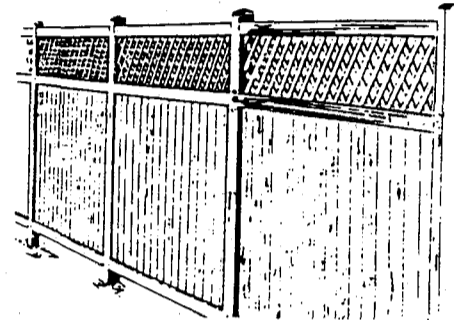
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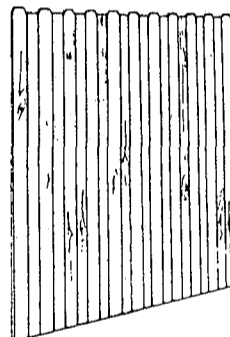
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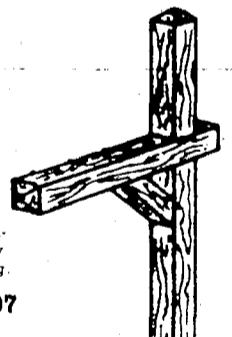
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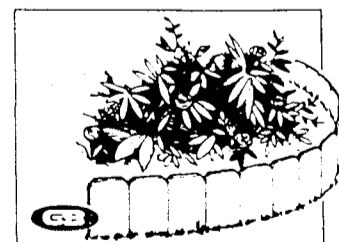
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Dazzling Daffodils

Planning now for your fall planting of these easy-to-grow beauties

by Marty Figley
special writer

The nodding heads of golden daffodils gently swaying in the sunshine are not only a sign that spring has finally arrived, but are also a prelude for much more excitement in the garden. In fact, Mother Nature has arranged it so that, although daffodils bloom in a wide range of colors, the typical golden hue combines well with the blues of scillas and hyacinths and other spring colors.

While it's too late to have daffodils in your garden if you didn't plant your bulbs last season, now is the time to look at daffodil plantings and plan for your 1994 daffodil display. Order your bulbs now so they will be shipped in time for fall plantings and so you won't be disappointed if a new cultivar you have chosen has been sold out.

According to the American Daffodil Society, daffodils are classified into twelve divisions including Trumpet, Small-cupped and Tazetta. These plants, from Europe, North Africa and Asia include thousands of named cultivars and more than 70 species—and the classifications are still being refined. Still, no matter what variety is grown, we can enjoy

their beauty and the smiles they seem to generate whenever and wherever they bloom.

Buying your bulbs

What's in a name? Everything, it seems, when it comes to buying daffodils. Whether you are perusing the varieties of daffodils offered in mail-order catalogs, such as Brecks, or at a local nursery, look for more than the term "daffodil".

The Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center says daffodil is the common name for the genus *Narcissus*, and in English it is appropriate to call all narcissi daffodils and vice versa. But, when choosing daffodils for your garden, be aware the Dutch, who produce many flower bulbs, call only bulbs of the Trumpet varieties 'daffodils'—all others will be marked 'Narcissus' or 'Narcissi' (plural) on the package.

If you purchase bulbs locally, make sure they are firm with no soft spots, clean and have no sprouts and are free of blemishes and mold. The base of the bulb must be firm for that is where the roots will emerge. For mail-order, buy from a reputable source; beware of 'bargain' bulbs because they can often be small and won't flower well for a year or so.



By growing daffodils in a large area of your property and letting them multiply, you can enjoy these beauties for many years.
Photo by Brenda Pesca

Local nurseries which carry many varieties of daffodil bulbs include Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center in Plymouth, Bordine's Better Blooms in Rochester and Clarkston and The Plant Station in Birmingham.

Plant for long-lasting beauty

Daffodils are easy-to-grow flowers that will bloom for many years with little care, among shrubs or in a border. A clump beside a step or a pot beside the door adds a welcoming note. By growing them in a

large area of your property and letting them multiply, you can enjoy these naturalized beauties for many years. There can never be too many daffodils growing in an area and when hundreds are planted to spread over a large space, they will multiply readily and make an unforgettable splash of color. Many times the yellow trumpet daffs are used in this manner, but a few other varieties and cultivars interspersed among them adds an interesting note.

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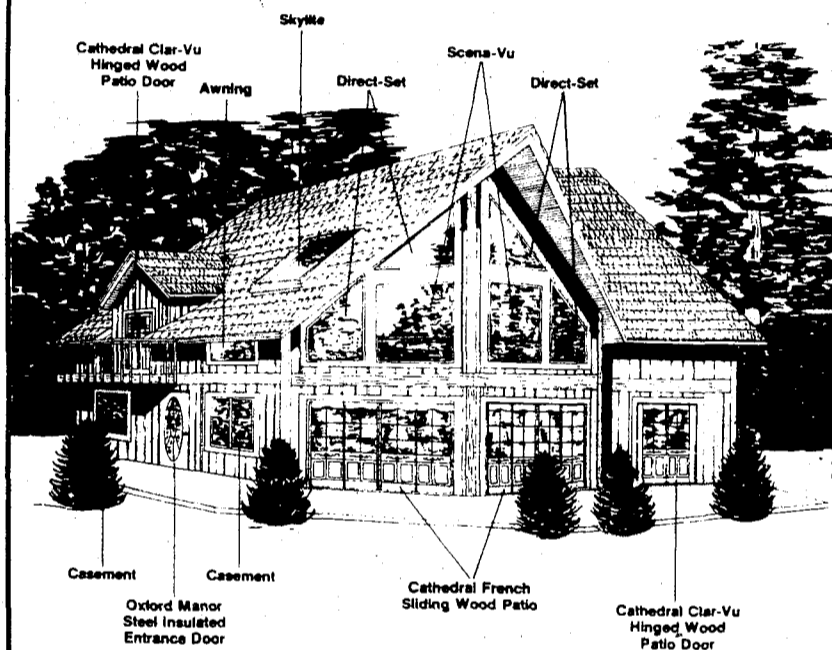
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Spring is a time of inspiration. No doubt, you've been cleaning up around the house and yard. And by now your spring bulbs have sprouted in beauty and your mind is filled with new ideas for next year's garden.

In this issue of Home & Garden II, which appears today, May 6, 1993 in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, there are some unique ways to add ambience to your home and yard. Daffodils are already in bloom, but you can begin planning your 1994 planting of these long-lasting beauties. There are also some interesting plants, such as peppers, which you still have time to grow this season.

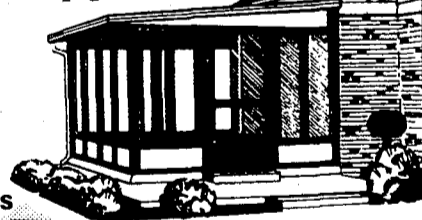
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Kitchen living

With changing lifestyles, today's kitchens are family gathering places

by Corinne Abatt
special writer

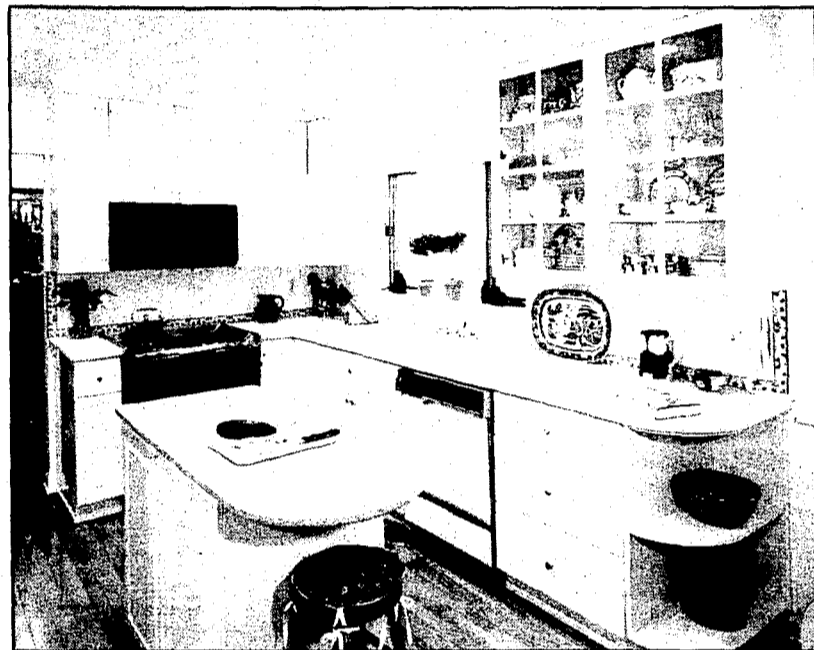
Probably no room ranks higher in importance in a household than the kitchen. Yet, in the past, it was often taken for granted in the overall design. The kitchen was a completely enclosed, sterile-looking room, plunked as far as possible from the living room.

But today's kitchen comes across as a lovable live-in friend as it has undergone major alterations in function and attitude - due as much to changes in lifestyle as the technical revolution in kitchen appliances.

Gary Fried of the Madison Design Group at the Michigan Design Center of Troy, who has been involved in kitchen design for 25 years, says the kitchen is no longer simply a food preparation area, now it's a gathering place - larger and more open to the intervening space.

Bob DeGiulio of DeGiulio Kitchen and Bath of Livonia, has seen kitchens evolve from separated spaces into family gathering centers.

When DeGiulio remodeled a 1960's kitchen in Livonia, the "peninsula", which stood as a kitchen boundary marker, was taken out. He added new cabinets which reach to the crown molding to increase storage space. He then added a center island to establish a better traffic



In this Livonia kitchen, Bob DeGiulio added a center island, a hard wood floor & glass-paned cabinets to bring warmth to the space.

pattern and provide additional counter space. A blue tile border along the back splash, along with a hardwood floor and a set of above-the-counter cabinets with the glass panes, added warmth and interest.

The kitchen metamorphosed from a separated work area to a visually exciting, integral part of the home.

"Our industry has been boring and asleep for a long time," says Fried of the

Madison Design Group. It began to wake up, he says, as consumers became more educated, and demanded better quality, design and function.

European designers were first to respond with innovations and new materials. American companies are following suit.

"The market changed substantially over the years and the influence is strictly European," Fried says. Fried notes the strong comeback of the raised panel door. A style popular in the 30s, it's been upgraded to meet the needs of today's convenience-oriented, knowledgeable consumer.

Of course, bringing the kitchen into full view of family and friends, eliminating the barriers and putting it on display, means more than washing its face and tidying it up. It means rethinking the entire concept.

And that's what's happening today. Out go formula kitchens with cabinets all in a row, stove here, refrigerator there and sink under the window. In come innovative designs tailored to meet the needs of each individual using an exciting mixture of natural and high-tech materials.

Before a kitchen designer puts pencil to paper or fingers to computer keyboard, clients are interviewed about their lifestyle and their needs. The same goes for the bathroom.

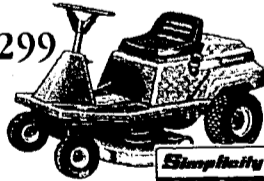
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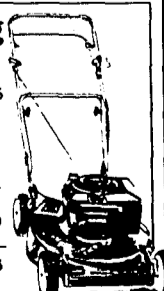
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Blooming bouquets Tips for cultivating a cutting garden

by Cynthia G. La Ferle
special writer

Fresh flowers blooming in vases or glass bowls bring summer's natural beauty indoors. Imagine having bountiful bouquets at your fingertips anytime you want them. Growing a colorful cutting garden is fairly easy, if you choose your plants with care and provide the proper light and soil conditions.

"Start with rich, well-drained soil," advises Mark Arft, a manager at The Plant Station in Birmingham. "We recommend at least a half day of sun; full sun is optimal for a cutting garden."

While annuals are easier and faster to

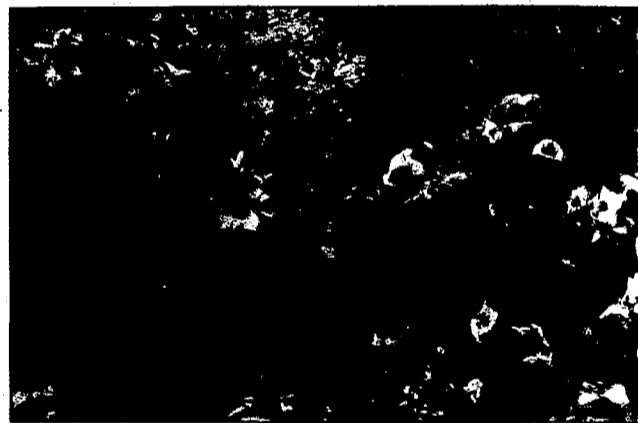
cutting garden by incorporating plants which bloom at various times of the year. Daffodils, for example, trumpet in spring with a haze of yellow, then wither to make way for summer perennials and annuals.

Some gardeners, like Chudick, stick with a color theme. "I prefer the pinks and purples, so I've chosen plants that work with that scheme," she explains.

Chudick says she's had good luck with double hollyhocks ("because it's great for height and keeps flowering"), columbine, Shasta daisy, and delphinium. English lavender is wonderful for its fra-

Plan ahead:
Consider plant
height, color, and
fragrance when
mapping out your
cutting garden

Photo by
La Ferle



grow for the novice, Arft suggests experimenting with a mixture of easy-care perennial, bulbs, and annuals. Each year, as you develop your green thumb, you can add new, more exotic varieties.

"It's a joy to grow your own flowers and bring them into the house — and the children enjoy watching them bloom," notes Laurie Chudick, a Rochester Hills resident who teaches workshops for Sarah's Cake and Candy Supply in Troy. Chudick cultivates several perennials in her backyard garden.

She often uses her fresh-cut blooms, especially richly hued pansies, to decorate cakes and other foods for her business. For this reason, she avoids using chemical fertilizers and pesticides in her garden.

"If you're going to use your flowers in or around food, I recommend using soap and water in a spray bottle, which is safer than chemicals and keeps most insects away," Chudick says. Likewise, Mark Arft suggests organic fertilizers which can be worked into the soil, including cow manure, mulch, or peat moss.

With so many flowing plants available at local garden centers, choosing what to grow isn't always easy. Map out a garden plan before you shop. Consider plant height, color, and fragrance when making your selections. Slender, stalky varieties, for example, add height and interest to flower arrangements.

You can extend the pleasures of your

grance in the garden and in bouquets, she adds. "And everyone who wants a cutting garden should plant peony bushes. They are very fragrant and easy to grow."

Expanding on Chudick's list, Arft recommends gladiolus ("also for height"), carnation, iris, lily, black-eyed Susan, and sweet pea. Two popular annuals, snapdragon and bachelor's button, provide lots of additional color, he notes. Also an annual, delicate white baby's breath is easy to grow and serves as a filler between plants.

Typically grown in beds off to themselves, rose bushes can be part of a mixed, informal cutting garden, too.

For advice on additional varieties suitable for your own garden, consult your local nursery. Good selections of plants and seeds are available at Frank's Nursery and Crafts locations in Wayne and Oakland Counties; Clyde Smith and Sons Farm Market and Greenhouse in Westland; and Bordine's Better Blooms in Rochester.

If you have lots of garden space, install a brick or stone path through your garden plots. Lending old-fashioned charm, paths also offer easy access to your cutting garden and protect other plants from getting trampled.

And don't forget to invest in a good pair of shears and a wicker basket for harvesting your summer blooms. As your mother probably told you, "The more you pick, the more they'll grow."

Peppers are hot stuff this season



by Joan Boram
special writer

Peppers are hot stuff these days, and it's not just Jalapenos. But these are not your grandmother's peppers. Even the traditional favorite, the sweet bell pepper, is available in glistening reds, yellows, purple, orange, chocolate brown, and myriad shades of green.

"Peppers are the up-and-coming thing," says John Gaydos, manager of Bordine's greenhouses in Rochester Hills and Clarkston. "In Bordine's seminar on vegetable growing this spring, my students showed more interest in peppers than in any other vegetable.

"We grow what people want, and in the past couple of years we've started looking at peppers differently because of our customers' requests for new varieties."

One of the most popular new items is a red pepper with a rich, sweet taste, called 'Cardinal,' says Gaydos, who has made contact with pepper growers in Hungary, where they're conducting a lot of pepper research.

"This year, we'll offer a six-pack color assortment - two green peppers, two reds, a purple, and a yellow," he says.

The trend towards hot peppers began about two years ago. "Up until now the Jalapeno was the hottest thing we

stocked. But this year, we decided to carry the very hots, such as Serrano and Cayenne, and Habanera, called the hottest pepper in the world."

But the very hot peppers require a whole new marketing strategy - entice, and warn.

"The very hots can cause extreme discomfort," Gaydos says. "And people will have to be extra cautious about children picking them off the bush - peppers are very tempting to children.

"We're going to sell the very hots from a roped-off area, and warnings will be posted so people will be aware of what they're buying. The plants will be sold in five-inch pots - no other pepper is sold in that size. We'll also offer a six-pack of hot peppers - Hungarian Wax; Cayenne; Jalapeno; Serrano, and two Mexican chilies."

Gaydos gives these hints for growing peppers of any kind:

• Like their relatives, tomatoes and eggplant, peppers require warm soil. If you want to get a jump on spring, use hot caps outdoors, or buy plants at a nursery and plant when garden soil is warm and all danger of frost is past.

• For each plant, dig a hole six inches deep and six inches in diameter. Put in a two-inch layer of compost mixed with one tablespoon of fertilizer, and cover with just enough soil to allow room for the pepper plant. Cover the

roots with more soil, and water well.

• Peppers are not heavy feeders: you shouldn't have to fertilize them again. However, pepper plants require a moist soil for fruit formation, so cover the ground surrounding the plants with a mulch, and water regularly during dry spells.

• Sweet peppers may be eaten at any stage of their growth. Hot peppers should be allowed to achieve full growth and flavor before harvesting. Cut, don't break, peppers off of the bush: cutting reduces the risk of breaking the branch.

• Consider this: If you have a sunny patio or walkway, try using pepper plants as ornamentals. The plants are attractive, and easily cared for in pots.

But what if you don't have a sunny walkway, or yard? What if you live in a condo, and don't even have any soil?

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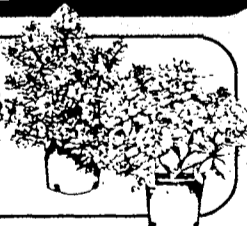
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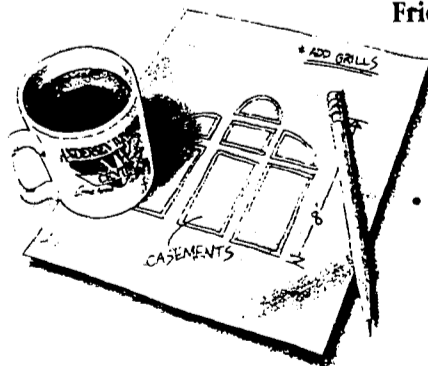
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Pepper is trendy vegetable

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Peppers do extremely well under these conditions. Since all nutrients are provided, the root system doesn't have to use any energy looking for food. The plants can spend 100% of their energy fruiting.

The Days are transplanted Californians, so it's fitting that many of their display plants are hot peppers.

"We have three small Serrano plants, about six months old," Scott says. "And we've harvested over 200 peppers in four months. We've a taste for hot Mexican foods, so we grow only hot peppers. We never eat a meal without one of Bonnie's salsas. She stuffs them and makes hot pepper pickles, also."

Bonnie Day's Easy Salsa

Place 6 tomatoes and 1 or 2 Jalapeno peppers in a saucepan. Cover with water, and simmer for about 10 minutes, or until the skins slip off the tomatoes and peppers. Drain. Put peeled tomatoes and Jalapenos in blender or food processor with 1/2 cup sweet onion, chopped; 3 - 4 cloves garlic; 1 tsp. salt, and 1/2 bunch cilantro leaves.

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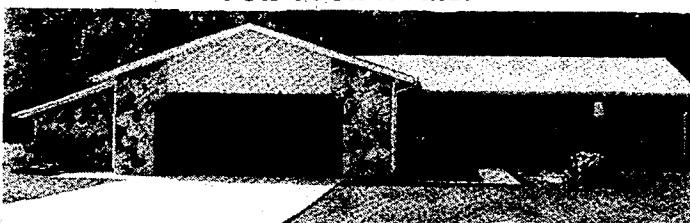
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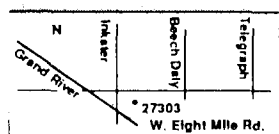
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Light up the night

Outdoor lighting adds a dramatic effect along with security

by Joan Boram
special writer

Lighting the garden at night creates drama, and extends the use of the garden into the late evening hours. Even the most commonplace patio can be transformed into an exciting area by an imaginative use of lighting. Because the eye registers light more easily in darkness, you can produce desired effects with minimal light output.

"Garden lighting is more subtle than other lighting on a property," says Mark Wilkop, owner of Wilkop Landscaping and Garden Center in Troy. "Sometimes it's just a wash of light on walls and walks, or it's used to silhouette trees."

"The interest in outdoor lighting has increased dramatically in the past five years," says Steven Shy, owner of Lakeland Lighting, in Plymouth. "Interestingly, as demand goes up, more manufacturers enter the field, and pricing becomes more competitive, so more people can afford nightscaping."

"Home owners today are taking more of an interest in landscaping, and if they've spent \$20,000 on beautifying their front lawn, they want to show it off," he says. "Many people light up the front yard until midnight, when a timer turns it off."

Instead of an overall lighting design, many people pick out elements of a landscape for highlighting. Uplighting dramatizing a spectacular plant, in-ground lighting, or a spotlight shining through trees are just a few of the ways in which lights can add visual interest to an outdoor area. Path lighting adds both mood

and security. As with stage lighting, the light sources themselves are concealed.

"People who entertain outdoors frequently, and who want an especially striking effect often use 'sparklers' hanging down from trees" says Shy. "The light from sparklers comes through pinholes made in ionized aluminum, sending tiny bursts of light radiating over a 350-degree area. When there's a breeze, the lights sway, and the effect is truly stunning. People tell me that guests are enchanted by these lights."

Safety is also an important factor in garden lighting. Steps are among the most critical garden features to light in terms of safety, as are well-traveled walkways and ponds or swimming pools.

On steps, light sources can be attached to the stairs themselves, to the underside of railings, or to a wall alongside.

In each situation, a deflector is necessary to focus light onto the stairs. For paths and walkways, low lights can be set on 12- to 18-inch posts with caps that deflect light down. This type of lighting strikes the paved surface and the edge of the adjacent planting, thus delineating the dark and light areas.

A spectacular effect is easily produced by edging the pathway with white annuals, such as petunias or nicotiana, or silver-leaved plants, such as Dusty Miller. The plants will sparkle in the half-light, and they tend to be fragrant during the evening hours.

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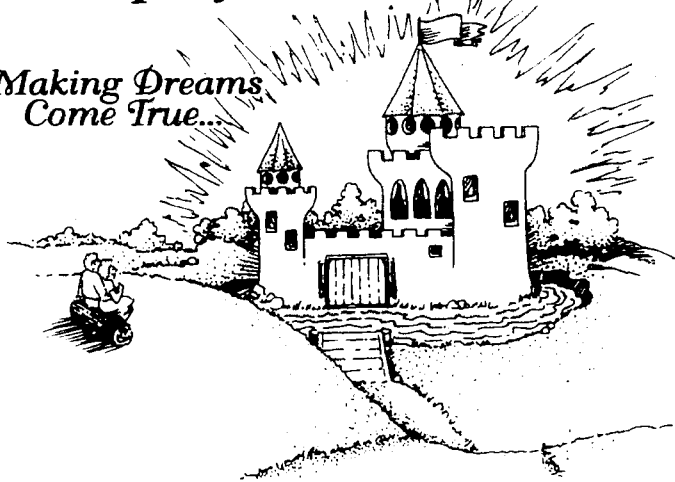
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Continuity is key to today's kitchens

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Manufacturers make it easy, there's so much out there to choose from. It's an eclectic market on all fronts - stone, slate, granite, natural wood finishes, painted-look finishes; and impervious surfaces such as Corian, Formica, high-gloss laminate and color galore for accent.

It makes for continuity if the more open kitchen - the gathering-place kitchen - folds into the look of the rest of the house without a line of demarcation from one area to another.

A polished granite counter top makes a handsome transition as it continues into the intervening space. So do cabinets of bird's eye maple, pine, oak or cherry treated with umpteen coats of clear polyester or polyurethane to give a satin-feel, easy-care finish. European cabinet makers offer more exotic woods such as African mahogany (called amerigre) and English sycamore.

Jeff Scott of Canac Cabinetry in Royal Oak says it makes sense to many clients to use the same cabinetry chosen for the kitchen for entertainment centers and built-ins for adjoining areas.

"This happens when people see all the furniture-quality finishes available," he says. Today's buyers, he says, are opting for lots of washed wood, pine, maple and oak, with limed finishes.

Cabinet designers have responded to the overwhelming demand for convenience and the clean, uncluttered look with built-ins for everything, even two and three part recycling bins.

Conveniently stashed behind gleaming cabinetry are two-tier drawers for cutlery and silverware, pull-out pantry racks, spice tray drawers, appliance garages, cutting boards, ironing boards, wine racks, towel racks and circular lazy susans to make full use of what used to be dead corner space. No inch of space goes unused.

The overhead hood for the stove returns to the scene after being displaced by the downdraft system for a while. But it comes back in sculptural designs that add beauty as well as function. The Europeans get credit for that too, Fried says.

Russell E. Danielson, of Farmington Cabinet Co., Inc. in Farmington, says his clients are after more convenience and more individualized design.

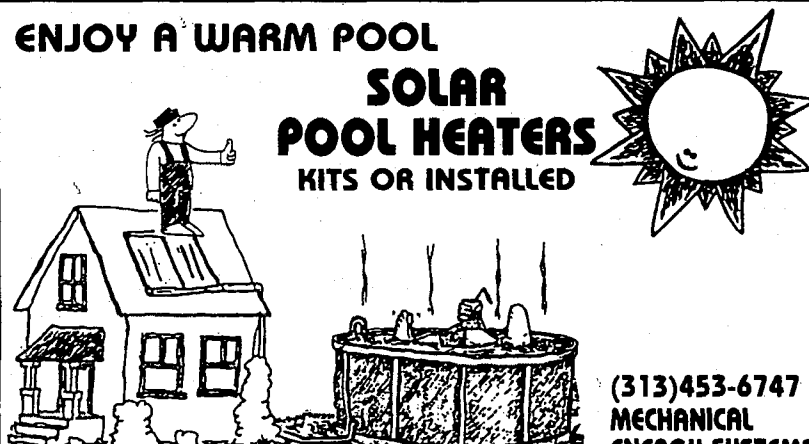
And as for color preferences, he says, anything goes.

"White and black, (classical or modern) is always in fashion," he says. "It never dates itself."

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Daffs create spectacular sight

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When planted in well-drained soil which has been enriched with sphagnum peat or compost, they perform well in full sunlight or partial shade. Daffodils need little care after they have been planted, for unlike other bulbs, they are able to scavenge nutrients from the soil and the organic matter there. On the other hand, some growers apply a balanced fertilizer each year in the spring for good measure.

The depth of the planting hole needs to be three times the diameter of the bulb—space them 6 to 8 inches apart, depending on the bulb size. They will bloom early to mid-spring, depending on the variety and the garden location.

After the blooms have faded, they can be cut off so the energy will not be wasted by forming seeds. The foliage must not be removed until it is complete-

ly wilted, so that the bulbs can grow strong and store up nutrients for healthy large blooms the following season.

When daffs are naturalized and fill in a grassy area, it is wise to cordon off that space and not mow the grass while the foliage matures, and then rake it away.

Whether or not you've made your first planting of daffodils in time for this spring season, there are always opportunities to enjoy their beauty right now. Daffodil Hill in the Golden Glade at our own Cranbrook Gardens in Bloomfield Hills is a spectacular sight of daffs around the middle of May each year. These colorful gardens opened May 1. Spend some time each weekend watching the daffodils bloom into perfection, or call the gardens ahead of time at 645-3149 to find out when they are at their peak.

Fountain lighting adds sparkle

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There are several types of low-voltage lights that can be submerged in water. Water becomes a black surface at night: if the light source is directed through the water, it regains its transparency.

"An underwater spotlight creates a shine on top of the water," says Wilkop. "The homeowner has a choice of colors: red, green, blue, or amber. Fountains also provide a wonderful opportunity to create sparkle on a patio or in a garden. It's a sim-

ple matter to direct light towards the point where the water falls."

Outdoor lighting needn't be permanent - it's much more interesting to change according to the occasion, or the seasons. For example, a small ornamental tree, or even a young deciduous tree, can be spotlighted during the summer to highlight leaf patterns and the texture of the bark. In starker winter conditions, lend magic to the landscape by threading the same tree with strings of tiny clear lights.

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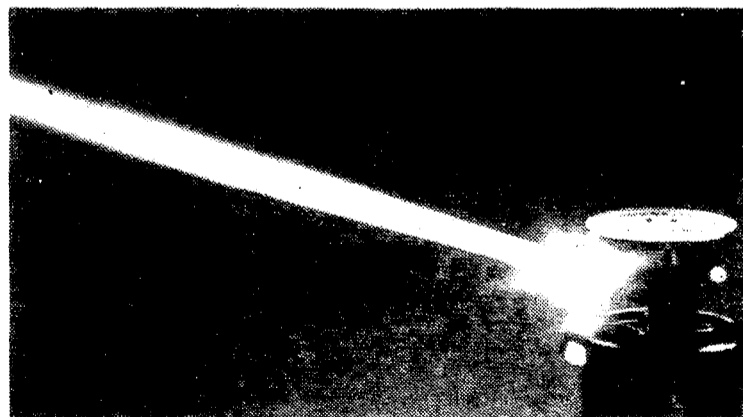
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